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Voter registration week gets underway in state

Richland Parish Registrar of voters wants to remind residents of the importance of participating in Voter Registration Week Sept. 21-25.

No cost is associated with registering to vote, Morgan said. It is a right afforded to you as a United States citizen by the U.S. Constitution.

To register to vote you must:

- be a U.S. citizen;
- be 17 years old (16 years old if registering in person at the Registrar of Voters Office or at the Louisiana Office of Motor Vehicles), but must be 18 years old to vote;
- not be under an order of imprisonment for conviction of a felony or, if under such an order not have been incarcerated pursuant to the order within the last five years and not be under an order of imprisonment related to a felony conviction for election fraud or any other election offense pursuant to La. R.S. 18:1461.2;
- not be under a judgment of full interdiction for mental incompetence or partial interdiction with suspension of voting rights;
- reside in the state and parish in which you seek to register; and
- must be registered at least 20 days prior to an election if registering through our GeauxVote Online Registration System with a Louisiana driver's license or Louisiana special ID card or 30 days prior to an election if registering in person or by mail to be eligible to vote in that particular election. If mailing in an application, the application or envelope must be postmarked 30 days prior to the first election in which you seek to vote.

You may register to vote online at <https://voterportal.sos.la.gov/voterregistration>.

You may also register to vote in person at any registrar of voters office, the Louisiana Office of Motor Vehicles,

the Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services, WIC offices, food stamp offices, Medicaid offices, offices serving persons with disabilities such as the Deaf Action Centers and Independent Living Offices or Armed Forces recruitment offices.

You may also apply to register by mail by downloading the Louisiana Voter Registration Application, completing it and mailing it to your local Registrar of Voters Office.

You must qualify to register with a residence address in the parish with a street or rural route address. Post office box addresses and mail center boxes do not qualify. The registrar of voters must know where you live so you are assigned to the proper voting precinct for Election Day. If you have multiple residences and claim a homestead exemption, you must register to vote using your homestead exemption address; however, if you do not claim homestead exemption and reside at more than one place in the state with an intention to reside there indefinitely, you may choose to register only at one of the places at which you reside. However, there is an exception in the law for a person who resides in a nursing home or in a veterans' home. They may register and vote at the address where the nursing home or veterans' home is located, even though they have a homestead exemption on their residence.

If you were involuntarily displaced to a new parish or state due to a gubernatorially declared emergency, but want to remain registered to vote at your pre-emergency address, you may remain registered there if you have not changed your registration address or filed a homestead exemption on a different residence. You should provide a mailing address, if different from your pre-emergency

residence address, to your registrar of voters to remain an active voter.

If you have changed residence inside your parish after registering to vote, you should notify the registrar of voters in your parish of any changes to your registration or make changes online.

If you have changed residence outside your parish after registering to vote, you are only eligible to remain registered and to vote in that parish for three months prior to an election. You must register in your new parish.

Once you are registered in your parish, you will remain registered as an active voter. If you move and your residence address is not able to be verified through the U.S. Postal Service during the annual canvass or you do not return the address confirmation card issued during the annual canvass to all voters who have moved or whose address cannot be verified, you will be placed on inactive status. You can activate your status by verifying your residence address online with a change of address or in person either on Election Day before voting or at the Registrar of Voters Office by completing an address confirmation card. If you do not verify your address and do not vote in two federal general elections, you may be canceled. You may also be suspended or canceled if you lose your civil rights or register to vote in another state. Your registration cannot be canceled between primary and general elections unless the registration was fraudulently placed on the registration records or if you are canceled pursuant to the annual canvass conducted by the registrar of voters. A person whose registration has been canceled is not permitted to vote until they submit a new registration to the registrar of voters.



Supporting the Delhi Bears

The Delhi High School Alumni Club president, Edward Parks (left) presents Principal of Delhi High School, Ramona Drungo (middle) and Head Football Coach Ramon Lusk (right) with a \$2500 donation to assist in the purchase of a new football score clock. The Bears are scheduled to kick off the 2020-2021 football season in a couple of weeks. The Delhi High School Alumni Club will continue to show its support for Delhi High School.



Emily Stansbury with her sons Will, left, and Nate, both medical students.

Local reserve officer aids COVID reponse

Rayville resident U.S. Army Reserve Capt. Emily Stansbury has dreamed of being in the Army since the fifth grade.

"I dreamed of being in the Army since fifth grade," Stansbury said. "Years later

when an Army recruiter came to my nurse practitioner graduating class and told us the benefits and need for nurse practitioners, I joined that day."

An alumna of the University of Mississippi Medi-

cal Center nurse practitioner program in Jackson, Stansbury is one of more than 1,000 Army Reserve medical professionals that have answered the nation's call for

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Company offers help during disasters

Cooking for and serving hot meals to first responders in times of disaster and crises is what Jerry Walley, representing Ergon, Inc., does very well.

Walley, a long time employee of Ergon, Inc., a family-owned and operated petroleum company operating world-wide, has been a part of serving home-cooked meals across the southeastern portion of the United States for many years including Louisiana,

Mississippi, Florida, Texas and the Carolina's.

Most recently, Walley and his Ergon team which included the LA Department of Transportation and Development's Monroe Unit lead by Manager Marshall Hill, prepared and packaged meals and then traveled to Southwest, Central, and North Louisiana, where they cooked and served meals to over 2,000 linemen and first responders working during the aftermath of Hurricane

Laura. They plan to leave again this week for another week of serving over 2,000 in the Lake Charles region.

In all, Ergon's disaster food service team has fed first responders for 14 years. Most noted of those years was their work after Hurricane Katrina.

Those who were there stated that they were so thankful for what the Ergon team did.

There were no restaurants and the meals were

at best, makeshift. When Ergon and Walley's team came down with their giant mobile cooking trailers, serving pork tenderloins and other great meals, it was a large morale booster to everyone there working to rebuild the New Orleans area. When a storm hits, Walley's team starts making plans to arrive approximately 3 days later with a goal of feeding three hot meals per day for several days.

The heart of the opera-

tion comes from Ergon's founder, Leslie Lampton Sr. (1925-2018), who was best known as a man of honor and integrity who put his family and his employees and his faith above all else. His commitment to serving others was evident as well as his work ethic, which continues today with the employees in our region, which certainly includes Jerry Walley.

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Community Calendar

- **Hunters for the Hungry** will host a clean out your freezer day Sept. 19. All food donations should be properly packaged, labeled and dated. Items may be dropped off from 1-4 p.m. Sept. 19 at Delhi Pentecoste Tabernacle, 6045 Highway 17, Delhi.
- **New Beginnings Christian Ministry**, will celebrate its 13 anniversary with a ribbon cutting at its new location at 1211 Martin Luther King St., Rayville, at 9 a.m. Sept. 20.
- **Richland Parish Schools** will host a parent/teacher conference day Oct. 9. Report cards will be given to all parents at the conference. Check with your child's school for the specific time.

See inside for important information available from Vantage Health Plan about Medicare options.

E-mail events for the community calendar to: driser@bellsouth.net, fax them to 728-5991, call 728-2250 or bring them by our office on Louisa St. in Rayville.

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Obituaries



MARGARET CASWELL ELLIS BRIAN

Margaret Caswell "Peggy" Ellis Brian passed away on September 4, 2020, in Houston, Texas, with her devoted daughters by her side.

Peggy was born in Brevard, North Carolina on September 17, 1925. She grew up in picturesque Rayville, Louisiana with her older siblings, brother Carey, and sister Innes. Her parents, Judge Carey J. Ellis (Louisiana's Fifth Judicial District) and Innes Morris Ellis, were active in civic, arts, and educational endeavors. Peggy lost her mother to cancer at the age of 10. Her father remarried, and her step-mother, Margaret Fenet Ellis, shepherded her through her teenage years and beyond. She may have grown up in a small town, but her heart and her mind were open to the world from an early age.

When the U.S. entered WWII, Peggy was anxious to do her part for the war effort. She wanted to join the WASPs (Women Airforce Service Pilots), but at 15 years old, she was too young. By the time she turned 18, they were not accepting additional volunteers. Undaunted, Peggy dropped out of Tulane University and went to Sacramento, California, where she trained to be an instrument panel mechanic for airplanes and got her pilot's license. Then she headed to Hawaii, where she worked as an instrument panel mechanic at Hickham Field in Honolulu

until the end of the war. She also volunteered at the USO, including at dances for servicemen. Friends from the time would describe her as someone who could "dance your socks off." In her off-duty time, she and her friends took hula lessons.

After the War, Peggy returned to the US. She spent her post-war recovery at the University of Miami, where she was a proud member of the Synchronized Swimming Club, and at the University of North Carolina. She eventually completed her bachelor's degree at LSU, where she was one of the Purple Jackets. Her college sorority affiliation was with Alpha Omicron Pi. In 1949, Peggy joined a group with the Experiment in International Living and traveled to Czechoslovakia. She and her group of young Americans worked with Czech host families doing railroad reconstruction work behind Communist lines. Their first-hand experience of life in war-torn Europe marked them all, and they remained close throughout their lives. Years later, Peggy led an Experiment group to Spain.

A child of the Depression, Peggy was marked by a sensitivity to waste, and by a sensitivity to people in need. Her generosity of spirit and self never wavered. She made her way to New York City in late 1949. There she earned her Master's Degree at the prestigious Columbia School of Social Work. Peggy fell in love with The Big Apple and remained there for a decade. She worked in Harlem helping single mothers and at-risk teens, and did pioneering work with heroin addicts, who until that time were deemed lost causes.

She filled her spare time soaking up life in the city that never sleeps in the heyday of the 1950s. She caught every play she could, and frequented museums and

concert halls. She taught ballroom dancing classes at Arthur Murray, and began working with clay. She loved doing ceramics, throwing pots on a wheel, and sculpting. A potter's wheel and kiln were part of her household for many years. Peggy was an enthusiastic and talented artist.

The only thing that could lure Peggy away from New York turned out to be Harry Brian. They were introduced by Peggy's childhood friend, Richard "Jit" Morris, and courted for nearly 10 years. Harry won her heart and convinced her to marry him and move back to Louisiana. They married June 24, 1960, in Rayville.

They established themselves in Alexandria, Louisiana and designed a fabulous mid-century modern home in the Garden District. Based loosely on a New Orleans shotgun house, their house was just the right fit for the long, narrow lot they had purchased in Alexandria's Garden District. It was filled with light, open to nature, and had excellent acoustics. It was also full of art and music, much of it produced by its occupants. Harry was musician, a painter, and did needlework. Peggy was a sculptor and potter, and created in many other media. They raised their two daughters, Phoebe and Mimi, in this loving and enriching home.

Peggy and Harry were a wonderful match. Their love of the arts and education guided their energetic involvement and leadership in many organizations in Central Louisiana over the next 30 years. They were instrumental in the establishment and longevity of the Rapides Symphony Orchestra. Harry played cello, and Peggy, a superb hostess, kept the musicians happy and well-fed. They supported new and established musicians and artists, hosting art shows and

visiting musicians in their gracious home.

Peggy's drive to contribute to her community never wavered. She volunteered with social service projects, worked at Pinecrest and Central State Hospital, and taught at Peabody High School (history) and at Louisiana State University – Alexandria (psychology). She worked on the Bi-Racial Committee from its difficult early days, and remained committed to its work despite threats to herself and her family. She helped bring the Collaborative Divorce model to Louisiana in her later years. She believed deeply in the importance of equal opportunity and equal protection under the law, principles she learned early in life from both her parents.

Energetic and dedicated, Peggy worked throughout her life. She didn't slow down even after the death of Harry in 1989. She continued to work as a Social Worker with the Family Counseling Agency until she retired at the age of 80. Her therapeutic work counseling individuals, families, and especially near to her heart, court-ordered Men's Anger Control Groups was appreciated by many, and was a great source of fulfillment for her. She translated her own struggles with depression into a dedication to help others. Mental health was her career and her calling.

Known for her kindness, infectious smile and sparkling eyes, Peggy never met a stranger. There was never a party she didn't like, and she always had the most fun! She loved to throw parties, and as an accomplished hostess and cook, was always trying new and unusual recipes and techniques. She loved to dance and she and Harry were wonderful dancers.

An exceptional lifelong swimmer, she spent many hours in the water at the Ellis family camp on Lake St.

John in northeast Louisiana teaching several generations of family and friends how to water ski. She kept up her regular lap swimming into her 90s.

Peggy had an undying sense of curiosity, never shied away from adventure, and was always ready to travel. She never lost her love of NYC, would always light up at the mention of it, and would jump at a chance to visit. She loved the arts and music.

She delighted in her role as grandmother, saying "If anyone had told me being a grandmother would be so much fun, I would've done that first!" Her deep love of family and tradition kept her close to friends and family near and far her whole life.

Peggy was ever the optimist. She believed in possibility, and that, given the opportunity, people will do the right thing. She was inclusive and understanding. She was a notorious encourager of people to follow their dreams - people she knew well, and any and all who came into her path. There was no problem too big, and none that couldn't benefit from talking it out.

Her strong commitment to giving back to the world will live on: her final act of generosity was to donate her brain to Alzheimer's research at Dr. Huda Zoghbi's Lab at Baylor College of Medicine – a part of the Jan and Dan Duncan Neurologi-

cal Institute in Houston.

She leaves behind her daughters, Phoebe and her husband Bobby Tudor, Mimi and her husband Harold Vance, and five grandchildren, Caroline (fiance Corey Kelly), Margaret, and Harry Tudor, and Ellis and Molly Vance.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harry Meryl Brian, her brother Carey J. Ellis, Jr., and her sister Innes Ellis Green. She was the much-loved matriarch to four generations of nieces and nephews.

Her family wishes to express their deepest thanks to so many who helped make her final years especially beautiful: Her wonderful doctor and nephew, Greg Brian, and her caretakers with Family Tree Care - Audrey Winders, Dafra Sanon, Tyreesha Victor, Brittany White, Taiwo Agbomire, Hannah Parrish, and Hurai Kalgbo.

Deepest thanks also to Tina Bomar, Kahle Naves, Monica Santos, Trey Gilen, Sara Fuhrer, the late Pate Gremillion, Dr. Gary Dewitt, Christine Head, Dr. Stuart Head, and so many family members and friends.

She will be cremated and interred next to her beloved Harry in Greenwood Cemetery in Pineville, Louisiana.

A memorial celebration will be held at a later date in Alexandria, Louisiana.

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Samuel Hoychick (#60) leads a band of Raiders in a strong defensive stand against the Oak Forest Yellow Jackets.



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Riverfield Academy Safety Kayden Giesbrecht (#20) makes a diving tackle to stop an Oak Forest Academy touchdown.

Riverfield Raiders win big on a Saturday night

By Jimmy Pelley
Special Report

The Riverfield Raiders were in action this past week but had to move outside their regular scheduled game to play.

What would have been the first real home game for the Raiders hosting the Hillcrest Academy Cougars on Sept. 11 took a turn of events and left them without a game about mid afternoon on Friday.

Head Coach Kyle Stra-

cenor immediately went to work to find them another opponent. He did find one but the game would have to be played on Saturday instead of Friday. So, on Sept. 12, the Raiders hosted the Oak Forest Yellow Jackets, a MAIS-6A school from Amite. The game was actually a better match up for the Raiders than the game with Hillcrest would have been.

The Yellow Jackets received the opening kick off and scored first with just

under two minutes gone off the first quarter clock. Their 7-0 lead would be the only points scored in the first half. So the Raiders went into the half time scoreless but only trailing by a touchdown.

The Raiders came out of half time and quickly took control of the contest. Receiving the opening kickoff of the second half, the Raiders put up 18 unanswered points in the third quarter and dominated the time possession of the foot-

ball.

Their normal powerhouse rushing attack of Hudson Brakefield and Trent Ginn was more than the Jackets could contain. Brakefield scored twice in the quarter of runs of 14 and four yards while Ginn added six points on a 34-yard run. The Raiders took a commanding lead of 18-7 into the fourth quarter.

Brakefield put the icing on the cake for the Raiders with his fourth-quarter touchdown run of 27 yards.

Ginn added one on the PAT and the Raiders took a lead of 25-7, a score that held until the final horn sounded.

Raiders defense played tough all night, keeping the Yellow Jackets at 206 yards of total offense on the night. They also forced four Jacket turnovers. Recovering fumbles for the Raiders were Brett Whorten, Drew Gannett and Samuel Hoychick. Ty Skeldon hauled in a pass interception.

The Raiders tallied out at 327 yards of total offense, 270 of them rushing while 57 came from the pass.

The victory on a Saturday night was sweet for the Raiders, especially after the very abrupt cancellation of Friday's game.

The Raiders will be in action in Vicksburg Friday night in a match up against the St. Aloysius Flashes.

It is a regularly scheduled away game for the Raiders.

Obituaries

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GARY ALLEN

Funeral services for Gary Allen, 68, of Rayville, were held Thursday, September 10, 2020 at the First Baptist Church of Archibald with Bro. Larry Emory and Bro. Brandon Penton officiating.

Interment followed at the Hewitt Cemetery under the direction of Brown-Holley Funeral Home,

Rayville

Mr. Allen was born June 18, 1952 in Jones and passed away at his home Monday, September 7, 2020 in Rayville.

Gary was a retired deputy sheriff with the Richland Parish Sheriff's Office. He loved deer hunting, fishing and spending time with his family. He was an avid LSU football fan and enjoyed playing cards with his friends.

Mr. Allen is preceded in death by his parents, Rev. J.W. and Lola Allen; brothers, Kenneth Allen and Charles Allen; and his sisters, Johnnie Mae Carter and Melba Sebren.

Survivors include his wife of 18 years, Linda Allen of Rayville; son,

Richard Allen and wife, Angela of Winnsboro; step-children, Mark Gammill and wife, Sherrill of Oak Grove; Sarah Wyatt and husband, Justin of Mangham; Tonya Phillips of Rayville; six grandchildren; two great grandchildren; brother, Jack Allen of Ruston; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to St. Joseph Hospice.

In Lieu of flowers, memorial donation may be made to First Baptist Church of Archibald.

Pallbearers were the Richland Parish Sheriff's Deputies.

Condolences may be left at brownholleyfuneral-homes.com.



QUINN DELRIO

Funeral services for Quinn "Q.T." DelRio, 84, of Start, were held Saturday, September 12, 2020 at the Start Baptist Church, Start, with Bro. Johnny Pat Cox officiating.

Interment followed in the Start Cemetery, Start, under the direction of Brown-Holley Funeral

Home, Rayville.

Mr. Quinn was born December 9, 1935 in Kilbourne and passed away Thursday, September 10, 2020 in West Monroe.

Mr. Quinn was a veteran with the U.S. Navy. Mr. Quinn is preceded in death by his parents, David DelRio and Ovilla Bolin; and his brothers, Gene Arden DelRio, Frisco Eddie DelRio, and Don DelRio.

Survivors include his wife 61 years, Rosie DelRio of Start; son, Samuel David DelRio and wife, Misti; grandchildren, Alissa DelRio and Kelsey DelRio; his brothers, Johnny Barbo and Larry DelRio; his sister, Teresa Kennedy; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Johnny Barbo, Jay Spillers, Harold Telano, Casey Richardson and Todd Telano.

Visitation was Saturday, September 12, 2020 at the Start Baptist Church, Start.

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KEVIN BRENT GILMORE

Kevin Brent Gilmore, 66, of Rayville, was born April 8, 1954 in Rayville and passed away Wednesday, September 9, 2020 in Alexandria.

Condolences may be left at brownholleyfuneral-homes.com.

Police Report

The Rayville Police Department made the following arrests for the week of Sept. 8-13.

• **Holli Worley**, 30; 9924 Hwy. 143, Farmerville; criminal mischief and resisting arrest.

• **Makiaya Wilson**, 18; 102 Third St., Rayville; no driver's license.

• **Christopher Jones**, 47; 606 Brown St., Rayville; six counts of failure to appear and speeding.

• **Jamie Moore**, 39; 12 McManus Road, Rayville; shoplifting (second offense).

The Rayville Police Department issued a total of nine traffic citations this week. That number includes four for speeding and one each for improper lane usage, disturbing the peace by loud music, no seat belt, exhaust system violation and no driver's license.

Rayville Police Chief Willie Robinson would like to remind our commu-

nity to be mindful of hurricane season.

"Richland Parish took a big hit with Hurricane Laura, but we, as a community have come together and put the prices back together," he said.

Chief Robinson advises to make sure that you have a hurricane plan in order. There is a popular belief that just because we live in north Louisiana, we will be out of harm's way with a hurricane. Hurricane Laura

proved that is not the case. If you go to <https://checklist.com/hurricane-checklist/>, this list will give you a breakdown what you need to do to plan for a hurricane.

Chief Robinson would also like to address that the Town of Rayville has an ordinance against loud music.

In the town limits of Rayville, you can and will be arrested for loud music. Loud music will not be tolerated. If the Rayville Police Department receives

a noise complaint and it is determined that you are in violation of the town ordinance you will be arrested. If you are driving a vehicle and an officer conducts a

traffic stop for loud music you will be arrested. Loud music is a nuisance for the entire community. Chief Robinson asks that everyone respect your neighbors

and other community members.

"It only takes a second to lower the volume," he said. "If you fail to do that, you will be arrested."

Town of Delhi – Public Works Department 169 SAPA Drive Delhi, LA 71232

Role Description – Town of Delhi

Public Works Director:

- Manage the operations of the Water, Wastewater, Streets, Parks and Buildings and the Mosquito Control Departments of the Town of Delhi;
- Ensure that the departments of the town operate safely, efficiently and effectively;
- Ensure that governmental needs are met in all departments;
- Assist the mayor in developing and controlling the town budget(s);
- Develop and execute plans that will ensure that all employees are improving in their ability to meet the ongoing needs of the town;
- Develop, establish and execute plans to sustain a highly qualified workforce;
- Develop and maintain a good working relationship with the citizens of the town by meeting their legitimate needs;
- Work with the town engineering firm to execute improvement projects;
- Must have good computer skills;
- Must be able to follow directions;
- Must have good supervisory skills and be able to hold employees accountable for their work responsibilities;
- Must be able to complete reports in a timely manner;
- Must have experience working with utility meters;
- Performs other duties as necessary for efficient operation of the town;
- Neat in appearance; leads by example.

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Voices

The Constitution and religion

American was founded based on religion and morality as the essential pillars. John Adams stated, "Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people." George Washington said that he hoped the new nation "would acknowledge the providence of the Almighty God and obey his will." We can see these truths "to be self-evident" in both of America's founding documents.



Steve Gardes

powers among the following:

- National and State governments.
- National government separated by the legislative, executive, and judicial branches.
- State Legislatures retained the power of ratification of any proposed amendments to the Constitution.
- We the People retained the power to elect political officials.

Although the Constitution rests on a firm moral foundation, it cannot be self-enforcing. Man being man, there is always the risk of power and money leading political officials to attempt to undue the "checks and balances" supposedly in the name of modernization of the Constitution for the common good. It is therefore up to each generation of "We the People" to preserve and protect the Constitution for it "will only live if it is alive in the hearts and minds of the American people."

So where are the hearts and minds of America today? Should we be concerned that our political leaders have removed God from our schools and marketplaces, or that our children are being taught that America is an evil place? We would do well to remember the warnings of Benjamin Franklin in 1790 about political leaders: "When man can be placed into a position of honor that is also a position of wealth and power, he will move heaven and earth to obtain it."

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Declaration of Independence – 1776

In the Declaration the Founders outlined their moral vision and the government it implied, as the Truths invoked that there is a "Higher Law" of right and wrong. It is moral reasoning that is the foundation of our political system, and the moral truths are as follows:

- All men are created equal, and they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights—Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness.

- To secure these Rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the Consent of the Governed.

The Constitution -- 1787

In drafting the Constitution, the Founders drew upon the Principles they had outlined in the Declaration. Their primary objective was to devise a government strong enough to secure our rights against Domestic and Foreign oppression, yet not so powerful as to be oppressive itself. Accordingly, the document had a series of extraordinary checks and balances which included separated



Our lives were changed by 9/11

I have watched through a window a world that has fallen.

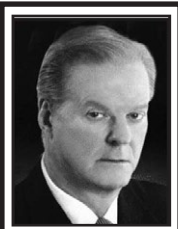
W. H. Auden

The date, 9/11, turned into the frantic dialing of 911

nineteen years ago. A surreal feeling of shock and helplessness enveloped all Americans as we watched that day's events unfold. In hindsight, we should ask many questions. Is America a safer place today? Maybe. But we also have witnessed a fundamental shift in our culture, where liberty and freedom have been compromised so that we supposedly feel "more safe."

I was home on that horrific day when a family friend called a little after 8 a.m. to tell me about the first plane's crashing into the World Trade Center. Like millions of Americans, I turned on my television just in time to see the second plane hit the second tower.

I was home alone, so I immediately felt the need



Jim Brown

to call the people closest to me. I was able to reach my mother, my brother Jack, and two of my daughters. I told them all to turn on their TV sets. I reached my son on his cell phone as he was entering the LSU Lab School. But, what about my oldest daughter Campbell? I knew she had flown back to Washington late the night before, from California, where she was reporting a story for NBC news on the retirement of the president's plane, a former Air Force One. Perhaps she was still home. I called her apartment but got no answer. Then the third plane hit the Pentagon in Washington. Thoughts raced through my head. Was there a fourth plane — or more? Wasn't the White House a likely target? Was my oldest daughter sitting in her NBC office in the White House?

She didn't answer her cell phone. I called the White House switchboard, which is noted for being efficient. There was a brief

recording saying to hold on for an operator, then the line went dead. For a moment I feared the worst: a plane crashing into the White House, my daughter inside. Then I heard Matt Lauer on the "Today Show" say, "Now let's go to Campbell Brown for an update across the street from the White House." Campbell told a national audience that the White House had been evacuated and that she was broadcasting from a nearby hotel. She gave hourly reports throughout the day and late into the evening.

Like millions of Americans, I stayed glued to the TV all day. That night, my wife and I kept a long-standing dinner date with friends at Chris's steakhouse, close to our home in Baton Rouge. Halfway through dinner, around 9 o'clock, my cell phone rang. It was my son James. "Dad, I'm still watching everything on television," he said. "I just need to do something. Do we have an American flag here at home?" I told him we had one stored in our "flag box," where we keep ban-

ners for the various seasons, as well as holiday flags for Christmas, Halloween, and Easter. When we drove into our driveway that night, a large American flag was hanging from the front porch, waving in the wind.

Ten years later, we have a lot of questions to ask, and a lot of consoling to do. How is it possible that there is still such intense hatred for our country? Who is our enemy, and how do we do battle with them? Before 9/11, life was so normal and ordinary. Now we live under the so-called Patriot Act that has stripped all Americans of basic constitutional freedoms. We live with body scanners, "enhanced" pat-downs and "fusion" centers. For all of us, life will never be the same.

Peace and Justice

Jim Brown

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>.

Trump deserves higher honor than Nobel

For over one hundred years, the Nobel Peace Prize has been awarded. In that time, this honor has been viewed as the ultimate prize for any political leader. Re-



Jeff Crouere

ipients are supposed to be great diplomats who have brokered historic peace agreements. In contrast, the recipients are often left-wing politicians who have a suitable political agenda for the five person Nobel Peace Prize committee.

Despite their efforts to end the plague of communism in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, neither Pope John Paul II nor Ronald Reagan received the Nobel Peace Prize. Instead, it was awarded to Mikhail Gorbachev, a communist dictator who was pushed into reform by the military buildup of the United States and the moral courage of President Reagan, Pope John Paul II, and others.

The Nobel Peace Prize has also been awarded to a Palestinian terrorist leader, Yasser Arafat, and a corrupt U.N. Secretary General, Kofi Annan. Former liberal Democrat President Jimmy Carter received the

award, as did former Democratic presidential candidate, Al Gore. Even though he has gained tremendous financial benefits for promoting the issue of "global warming" and made a slew of inaccurate predictions, the committee bestowed the honor on Gore for "efforts to build up and disseminate greater knowledge about man-made climate change."

The worst decision ever made by the Nobel Peace Prize committee was to give the award to President Barack Obama in 2009. The honor was presented to Obama just a few months into his administration before he had accomplished anything of significance. As his tenure continued, Obama proved to be a total failure in foreign policy, brokered no peace deals and created tremendous division and racial conflict in his own country.

Obama took advantage of the "Arab Spring" movement to help install a Muslim Brotherhood leader in Egypt, Mohammed Morsi, who was later convicted for inciting violence and arresting and torturing protesters. Obama also cre-

ated tremendous instability in Libya by advocating the toppling of Muammar Gaddafi, who was cooperating with Western nations and had forsaken nuclear weapons. Since his overthrow, Libya has been a cesspool of terrorism and attacks like the one on our consulate in Benghazi have occurred with frequency.

Fortunately, Barack Obama is no longer the President of the United States and the country has a leader, Donald Trump, who has achieved tremendous foreign policy accomplishments. President Trump has lessened hostilities with an outlaw regime, North Korea, and conducted several summits with their unhinged dictator. While no peace agreement has been achieved, North Korea is no longer sending missiles over Japan or other neighboring countries.

The President is working feverishly to end the war in Afghanistan and is bringing home troops from Iraq and Syria. He does not believe in "endless wars" and wants to focus on the needs of the United States of America and not nation building.

In recent weeks, the President has achieved historic peace agreements. First, a pact was signed

normalizing relations between Israel and the United Arab Emirates (UAE). This is the first peace deal involving Israel in 25 years. This agreement was followed by another peace agreement between Israel and Bahrain. It is hoped that other Arab nations will soon follow and recognize the state of Israel.

The President also brokered an economic agreement between Serbia and Kosovo, ending 21 years of conflict between those nations. In addition, Serbia agreed to move their embassy to Jerusalem and Kosovo officially recognized Israel.

In the span of a few weeks, the Trump administration has convinced three Muslim majority nations to officially recognize Israel. It seems peace is breaking out over all the region, which is exactly the opposite of what occurred during the Obama years.

For these significant achievements, President Trump has been nominated twice for the Nobel Peace Prize. One nomination was submitted by Christian Tybring-Gjedde, a four-term member of the Norwegian Parliament. He cited the Trump administration's

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role in brokering peace between the UAE and Israel. In his nomination letter, Tybring-Gjedde noted "this agreement could be a game-changer that will turn the Middle East into a region of cooperation and prosperity."

For his work in securing an agreement between Serbia and Kosovo, the President was also nominated by Magnus Jacobsson, a member of the Swedish Parliament. Both leaders recognize the historic nature of what President Trump and his administration has achieved.

Not surprisingly, the far-left wing media in our country is either ignoring the nominations or calling for the elimination of the Nobel Peace Prize. A staff writer for The Atlantic, the liberal magazine that just finished trashing the President in a piece filled with anonymous sources, claimed the Trump nominations were "wacky" and it was time for the Nobel Peace Prize committee to "shut it down." This writer wants to end the prize before, heaven forbid, the President receives international recognition for his accomplishments.

Of course, no one on the left needs to worry because there is no way the Nobel Peace Prize will be awarded to President Trump.

He is not a globalist, believes in national sovereignty, wants strong borders and is not a proponent of international climate change agreements. Trump is a conservative who is pursuing the Reagan doc-

trine of "peace through strength" by rebuilding our military while bringing home our troops from wars that have been raging for 19 years.

Despite his real foreign policy triumphs, President Trump will not win the Nobel Peace Prize. He does not share the liberal ideology of the five-person prize committee.

Thus, it is time for a new award to be created that recognizes true achievements and not virtue signaling. This award should be called the Reagan Peace Prize, named after another conservative Republican President, who was ignored by the Nobel Peace Prize Committee. Reagan brought peace to millions of people after the collapse of the "evil empire." He truly helped the cause of freedom and promoted peace throughout the world. Trump is doing the same thing; it is time he is credited.

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Remembering our past...



Modernizing

Richland State Bank, now known as B1B Bank, modernized its headquarters and reopened to a great deal of community approval in 1979. Here, Lasley Downes and Sheriff Earl Hill congratulate bank president James Craig on the handsome new facility.



Holly Ridge Happenings

I can't brag about my love for God because I fail Him daily. But I can brag about His love for me because it NEVER FAILS.

Yes, I'm a Christian. Yes, I can be the biggest hypocrite ever. I backslide, I stumble, I fall, I stray onto the wrong path. But God is working in me. I may be a mess, but I'm His mess. And He is slowly straightening me out. And



Shirley Thompson

the day will come when I will be by His side, His work in me completed. And until that day I will take His hand, and let Him do in me whatever needs to be done, no matter how painful it will be for me. When He is finished, it will be worth it.

Recent visitors with Naman and Jeanette Barrier were his daughter, Barbara Bates, grandchildren, Justin Long and Zack Long

from Philadelphia, Miss.

The Dove's were here from Shreveport last weekend with Connie and Charles Dove to go dove hunting. Ha! (Not good.) They were Mike and Brenda Dove and two grands and Thomas Dove and a friend, Mark Adams. Always good to see the Dove boys!

My unexpected visitors, but happy to see them, were Dawn and Mitchell Jordan, granddaughters, Chloe and Carleigh from West Monroe. Also Jeff Barton and

daughter, Drew, from West Monroe. It had been several years since last I saw some of them.

Here for Aiden's birthday on the 10th was his Aunt Kelsie from Lafayette. It was his special day and he let everyone know it.

Joe and Maxine Quimby Griffin from Maddison, Ala. were here for the burial of her brother, Max, and they came by the store for a visit with me. She and I went to school together, yes, many years ago. Ha!

Happy Birthday this

week to: Chris Patrick and James Werner Hamm on September 17th, Sherman Williams, Gene Seniff and Bebbie Futch Watson on September 18th, Felicia Brock Floyd, Jacob Stokes, Ruby G. Smith on September 19th, Bro. Keith Evans on September 20th, Melva Thompson Summers, Tate Nix, Wayne Winstead on September 21st, Corrine Stokes, Linda R. Nix, Lillian Reems on September 22nd, May Greg Thompson, Patricia Thompson, Jo Ellen Gewinn, Becky

Herrington Johnson on September 23rd. May all of these celebrate many more happy ones!!

Anniversary wishes to: Cassie and Trent Livingston, Sarah and Menko Thompson on September 17th. I wish for these a lot more happy years together!!

Have a Great week. Please Call 728-2604 and share!

Remember: Morality may keep you of jail but it takes the Blood of Jesus Christ to keep you out of hell.

Walley

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Representative Francis Thompson (Dist. 19), a long-time friend of Walley describes him well.

"Walley's heart for serving others and his talent in the culinary arts is second

to none," Thompson said. "The time and energy he spends planning, cooking and traveling is a model for service for us all. We are extremely grateful to Walley and the Ergon family

for their investment to our communities across Louisiana for over a decade."

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storms roll in, Ergon employees wouldn't have opportunities to help so many people in their greatest time

of need. There really is love in the Ergon family. You just don't find that every day."

Stansbury

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assistance with COVID-19 since March. The Soldiers are part of the Department of Defense support to the Federal Emergency Management Agency's whole-of-America response to the pandemic.

Stansbury is mobilized with Urban Augmentation Medical Task Force -7452 to support DHR Health in Edinburg, Texas, as part of the Department of Defense support to COVID-19. U.S. Northern Command, through U.S. Army North, remains committed to providing flexible Department of Defense support to the Federal Emergency Management Agency in support of the whole-of America COVID-19 response.

She says it is an honor to be part of the 1,000 Army Reserve medical professionals who have bravely served during COVID-19.

Stansbury is part of an 85 person team who help broaden the capacity of care

in local civilian medical facilities. She serves as a surgery nurse practitioner at Richardson Medical Center.

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Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF RICHLAND

I, Stacie S. Williamson, Clerk, Fifth District Court and Jury Commissioner do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct list of the PETIT JURY VENIRE drawn by the Jury Commission to serve during the term of Court beginning SEPTEMBER 21, 2020.

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2. Alderman, Myra Brown
3. Allen, Dustin Neal
4. Bailey, Rosa Hudson
5. Barmore, Myrl Blackmon
6. Bass Sr, Jessie Lee
7. Bates, Marjorie Watkins
8. Beever, Ramona Phillely
9. Bell II, Randall Joseph
10. Bendily, Geraldine Cook
11. Bias, Elenra Unshay
12. Boyd, Christa Nicole
13. Brice, Joe L
14. Brignac, Sky Le'bleu
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16. Brown Jr, Allen
17. Brown, James E
18. Brown, Shquita Shanta
19. Bryan, Matthew Allen
20. Bunch, Deborah Box
21. Burgess, Constance
22. Bush, Neva Rae
23. Carroll, Deandre Letrevious
24. Carstarphen, Michole Michele
25. Chapman, Ken M
26. Chisholm, Jennifer Erin
27. Clack, Charles Murry
28. Clark, Shannon Beauboe
29. Clay, Lee Otis
30. Colson, Joshua Todd
31. Cooper, Loretta Denise S
32. Cutler, Stephenie Lynne
33. Davis Jr, Jimmy R
34. Dickens, Lucion W
35. Dorsey, Colleen Derella
36. Franks, Connie M
37. Franks, George H
38. Frey, Heath
39. Funderburk, Michael W
40. Gable, Chelsey Leann Eppinette
41. Garcia, Melita Quainta
42. Gibson, William
43. Godard, Dawn Michele
44. Goodwin, Lou Ann
45. Gordon, Hubert G
46. Graham, John D
47. Gray, Robert Lee
48. Griffin, Ashley Danielle
49. Hamm, Sophia Dianne
50. Hardy, Char'main Lashundra
51. Hatten, Kurt Russell
52. Helams, Azar Charlene
53. Hill III, Grover Cleveland
54. Hill, Thelma Jean
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60. Hughes, Robert Lee
61. Jackson, Edward Ray
62. Johnson, Emily
63. Johnson, Joshua James
64. Johnson, Sandra Denise
65. Johnson, Tyeisha Vashon
66. Jones, John Wesley
67. Jones, Rikki Michelle
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78. Marble, Ola Sheree Berry
79. Martin, Meloney
80. Martin, Robert Dewain
81. May, Mitchell A
82. May, Qiana Anquentta
83. Mclemore, Hope Ann
84. Mercado, Daniel D
85. Mills, Courtney Vanessa
86. Minnieweather, Harvey Lee
87. Mock, Dewayne
88. Moore, Erica A
89. Moore, Matthew Kyle
90. Moseley, Whitney Le'ann
91. Neal, Raymond Allen
92. Nichols, James Herman
93. Owen, Annie T
94. Parker Jr, James Edward
95. Parker, Brenda Joyce
96. Parker, Gulaski
97. Parker, Herbert Craig
98. Patterson, Brian Daniel
99. Payne, Christine
100. Pennebaker, Alice Lynanne Strong
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141. Washington, Terrence Carl
142. Watson, Anna Crawford
143. Watts, Dennis Edward
144. Wesley, Robert June
145. Westbrook, Timika Shelane
146. Wiggins, Thomas Roy
147. Williams, Justin Artez
148. Windom, Freda L
149. Yelverton Jr, Jacob Preston
150. Yelverton, Aaron Dane

IN FAITH WHEREOF, Witness my Signature and Official Seal of Office on this 11th day of AUGUST, 2020.

Stacie S. Williamson
Clerk, Fifth District Court, Richland Parish, Louisiana
9-10-20, 9-17-20

PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF LOUISIANA * PARISH OF RICHLAND * 5TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUCCESSION OF P-9422B X.V. HALES AND MARGARETTE LUCILLE TUCKER HALES
FILE: September 4th, 2020
BY: LISA R. HAMPTON

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO SELL IMMOVABLE AND MOVABLE PROPERTY IN PRIVATE SALE

Notice if Given that the administrator of this succession has petitioned this Court for authority to sell immovable and movable property belonging to the deceased at private sale in accordance with the provisions of Article 3281 of the Code of Civil Procedure for EIGHTY-FIVE THOUSAND (\$85,000.00) DOLLARS for the immovable property and TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED (\$2,500.00) DOLLARS for a , with the succession to pay all encumbrances of the estate. The immovable and movable property proposed to be sold at private sale is described as follows:

A Certain tract or parcel of land containing one (1) acre, more or less, situated in the NE 1/4 of SE 1/4, Section 21 T 16 N, R 8E, Richland Parish, Louisiana, more particularly described as follows. Commencing at the Southeast corner of the NE 1/4 of SE 1/4 as the Point of Beginning; from said point of beginning go thence North along the East Line of said Quarter section a distance of 208 feet; thence South along a line parallel to the East line of said quarter section a distance of 208 feet to the South line of said quarter section; thence East along the south line of said quarter section a distance of 208 feet more or less to the point of beginning. AND

2000 Buick LaSabre, VIN 1G4HP54K7Y4186966
Any heir or creditor who opposes the proposed sale must file his opposition within seven (7) days from the day on which the last publication of this notice appears.
BY ORDER OF THE COURT
LISA R. HAMPTON
DEPUTY CLERK
FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
RICHLAND PARISH, LOUISIANA
Publish September 17, 2020 and September 24,2020

PUBLIC NOTICE

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE RICHLAND PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
Regular Session

The Richland Parish School Board met at its offices in Rayville, Louisiana, on Tuesday, August 11, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.
Agenda Item 1. Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance;
Agenda Item 2. Members present: Rev. Eugene Young, Jr., Mr. Joe Chapman, Dr. Georgia Ineichen, Ms. Marie Lewis, Mr. Chris Pruitt, Mr. James Hough, Mr. Kevin Eppinette
Members absent: Mr. Moses Wilkins, Mr. Billy Calvert
Agenda Item 3. Rev. Young moved, seconded by Mr. Chapman to approve the July 14, 2020 Regular Session Minutes and the July 23, 2020 Special Session Minutes before publishing in the Official Journal:
VOTE: Yeas: All Nays: None Absent: Mr. Moses Wilkins, Mr. Billy Calvert.

Motion Carried
Agenda Item 4. The Board received the following new and revised policies:

- EBBI COVID-19 Public Health Emergency
- GAAA-20 Equal Opportunity Employment
- GAE-20 Non-Title IX Complaints and Grievances
- GAEAA-20 Title VII Employee Sexual and Gender Harassment
- GAMC-20 Investigations
- JAAA-20 Title IX Sexual Harassment
- JCEA-20 Sexually Related Student Misconduct

Agenda Item 5. Ms. Lewis moved, seconded by Dr. Ineichen to approve the rescheduling or cancellation of Richland Parish School Board Executive Sessions scheduled for the duration of Proclamation Number 41 JBE 2020 (Extension of Emergency);
VOTE: Yeas: All Nays: None Absent: Mr. Moses Wilkins, Mr. Billy Calvert.

Motion Carried
Agenda Item 6. Mr. Pruitt moved, seconded by Mr. Hough to approve the revisions to the 2020-2021 Richland Parish School Board School Calendar and 12 Month Calendar;
VOTE: Yeas: All Nays: None Absent: Mr. Moses Wilkins, Mr. Billy Calvert.

Motion Carried
Agenda Item 7. Mr. Hough moved, seconded by Rev. Young to table the consideration declaring a portion of the property located in Holly Ridge at Lots 2 and 3 Sections 10 and 11 T17N R8E as Surplus property;
VOTE: Yeas: All Nays: None Absent: Mr. Moses Wilkins, Mr. Billy Calvert.

Motion Carried
Agenda Item 8. Mr. Hough moved, seconded by Rev. Young to table the consideration of authorizing Superintendent Sheldon Jones to enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with River Road Waterworks regarding the transfer of surplus property located at Lots 2 and 3 Sections 10 and 11 T17N R8E;
VOTE: Yeas: All Nays: None Absent: Mr. Moses Wilkins, Mr. Billy Calvert.

Motion Carried
Agenda Item 9. Dr. Ineichen moved, seconded by Ms. Lewis declaring the following buses as surplus property:
#27 2004 Bluebird VIN# 1BAKGCKA14F218764 Mileage 152,878
#37 1995 Chevrolet Bluebird VIN # 1GBLT71J3SJ108423 Mileage 136,534.
#38 1995 Chevrolet Bluebird VIN# 1GBLT71J5SJ108455 Mileage 186,724.
#39 1995 Chevrolet Bluebird VIN# 1GBLT71J7SJ105895 Mileage 151,400.
VOTE: Yeas: All Nays: None Absent: Mr. Moses Wilkins, Mr. Billy Calvert.

Motion Carried
Agenda Item 10. Ms. Lewis approved, seconded by Rev. Young approving the General Fund Consolidated Budget Revision #1 for the 2019-2020 fiscal year;
VOTE: Yeas: All Nays: None Absent: Mr. Moses Wilkins, Mr. Billy Calvert.

Motion Carried
Agenda Item 11. Mr. Chapman approved, seconded by Mr. Pruitt approving the resolution to set millage Rates for the 2020 Tax Roll;
ROLL CALL VOTE:
Yeas: Mr. Chris Pruitt, Dr. Georgia Ineichen, Mr. James Hough
Mr. Joe Chapman, Mr. Kevin Eppinette, Rev. Eugene Young Ms. Marie Lewis
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Mr. Moses Wilkins, Mr. Billy Calvert

Motion Carried
Agenda Item 12. The school board received the following monthly reports:
a) Personnel Chart
b) School Lunch
c) Sales Tax Monthly Receipts
d) Financial - General Fund

Agenda Item 13. The Board received information on upcoming district events;
Agenda Item 14. The Board received an update on Richland Parish School Board 2020-2021 School Reopening Plan;
Agenda Item 15. Ms. Lewis moved, seconded by Rev. Young to adjourn.
VOTE: Yeas: All Nays: None Absent: Mr. Moses Wilkins, Mr. Kevin Eppinette

Motion Carried
SHELDON JONES, SECRETARY
KEVIN EPPINETTE, PRESIDENT
RICHLAND PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
9-17-20

PUBLIC NOTICE

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE RICHLAND PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
Special Session Meeting

The Richland Parish School Board met at its offices in Rayville, Louisiana, on Thursday, August 13, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.

Agenda Item 1. Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance;
Agenda Item 2. Members present: Rev. Eugene Young, Jr., Mr. Joe Chapman, Dr. Georgia Ineichen, Ms. Marie Lewis, Mr. Chris Pruitt, Mr. James Hough, Mr. Kevin Eppinette, Mr. Moses Wilkins, Mr. Billy Calvert
Members absent: None

Agenda Item 3. Rev. Young moved, seconded by Dr. Hough to approve the resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in School District No. 1 of the Parish of Richland, State of Louisiana, to authorize the incurring of debt and issuance of bonds therein; making application to the State Bond Commission in connection therewith; and providing for other matters in connection therewith;

ROLL CALL VOTE:
Yeas: Mr. Chris Pruitt, Dr. Georgia Ineichen, Mr. Joe Chapman, Rev. Eugene Young, Ms. Marie Lewis, Mr. Billy Calvert
Nays: Mr. Kevin Eppinette
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Motion Carried
Agenda Item 5. Mr. Hough moved, seconded by Dr. Ineichen to approve the revised RPSB 2020-2021 Reopening Plan;
Dr. Ineichen made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Hough to add the following words: "School Aged Children" to the revised RPSB 2020-2021 Reopening Plan;
ROLL CALL VOTE:
Yeas: Mr. Chris Pruitt, Dr. Georgia Ineichen, Mr. Joe Chapman, Rev. Eugene Young, Mr. Billy Calvert.

Nays: Mr. Kevin Eppinette, Ms. Marie Lewis
Abstain: None
Absent: None
Motion Carried

Agenda Item 6. Ms. Lewis moved, seconded by Dr. Ineichen to adjourn.
VOTE: Yeas: All Nays: None Absent: None Motion Carried
SHELDON JONES, SECRETARY
KEVIN EPPINETTE, PRESIDENT
RICHLAND PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
9-17-20

PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF LOUISIANA * PARISH OF RICHLAND FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
INVESTMENT BY CBL, INC. FILED: SEPTEMBER 9, 2020
VS NO. 47855 BY: MELISSA MORRIS

RUTH TOSE ANDERSON DEPUTY CLERK OF COURT
MONITION

WHEREAS, Investments By CBL, INC. purchased the property described below at public sale, as evidence by act recorded on the 6th day of May, 2015 from the Ex-Officio Tax Collector in and for the PARISH OF RICHLAND, Rayville, Louisiana, for non-payment of taxes, and has applied to this Court for a Monition, in the Conformity with R.S. 13:4951 Therefore, in the name of State of Louisiana and the 5th Judicial District Court for Richland Parish, Louisiana, all interested person who can establish any right, title, or claim in and to the property described below, in consequence of any informality, irregularity in advertisement, time or manner of sale, or for any other defect whatsoever, are cited and admonished to show cause, within thirty (30) days from the date this Monition is first advertised, why the sale should not be confirmed and homologated.

The property affected by this Monition is described as follows, to-wit: Tax debtor RUTH TOSE ANDERSON property described as follows: LOT 11 BLOCK 1 MENGEL'S 1ST ADDN. TO RAYVILLE, BK 336/396 THIS DONE AND SIGNED AT Richland Parish, Rayville, Louisiana on this 9th day of Septmeber, 2020.

Debra Morris
Deputy Clerk of Court
9-17-20,10-15-20

PUBLIC NOTICE

Richland Parish Police Jury
Public Hearing – 5:45 P.M.
September 8, 2020

The President called the meeting to order with the invocation given by Mr. Smith.
Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call revealed the following:
Present: Messrs.: Smith, Lofton, Wiggins, Russell, Craig and Lively
Absent: Ms. Carroll, Mr. Colvin and Mr. Stubblefield
A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Wiggins to approve the agenda.

Motion passed with no opposition.
There were no comments from the floor concerning bringing Oakmont Drive into the parish system. A motion was made by Mr. Wiggins, seconded by Mr. Smith to adjourn.

Motion passed with no opposition.
/s/ Laura Mulhern /s/ James Lofton
Secretary-Treasurer President
9-17-20

PUBLIC NOTICE

Richland Parish Police Jury
Regular Meeting – 6:00 P.M.
September 8, 2020

The President called the meeting to order.
Roll call revealed the following:
Present: Ms. Carroll, Messrs.: Smith, Lofton, Wiggins, Russell, Lively, and Craig
Absent: Mr. Colvin and Mr. Stubblefield

Committee Report – None.
A Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Wiggins to amend the agenda to include 11a to re-appoint Mr. Oliver Holland to the Richardson Medical Center Hospital Service District 1-B board for a six-year term.
Motion Passed with no opposition
Motion was made by Mr. Wiggins, seconded by Mr. Craig to approve the amended agenda.

Motion Passed with no opposition
A motion was made by Mr. Wiggins, seconded by Mr. Smith to approve the minutes of the Richland Parish Police Jury Meeting of August 3, 2020 as presented to the official journal - The Richland Beacon News.
Motion passed with no opposition.

The president recognized visitors.
A motion was made by Mr. Russell, seconded by Mr. Lively to bring Oakmont Drive into the parish system.
Motion passed with no opposition.
Mr. Stubblefield arrived at 6:15.
Mr. Lively made a motion to rescind the previous motion that was made in the August meeting to advertise for bid for the purchase a patching truck.
The motion was seconded by Mr. Smith.
Motion passed with no opposition.

A motion was made by Mr. Russell, seconded by Mr. Smith to approve the Equipment Committee (along with the Parish Manger) to look for a used patching truck and make the purchase if it is under \$30,000.
Motion passed with no opposition.

After discussion about the security at the courthouse, a motion was made by Mr. Wiggins, seconded by Mr. Russell to share the cost of a deputy with the Sheriff's Office beginning January 1, 2021.
Motion passed with no opposition.

Motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Stubblefield to Sit as A Board of Review.
Motion passed with no opposition.

The President opened the floor for comments. No one came forth to speak during this time.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-09-08-01

WHEREAS, in the accordance with the laws of the state of Louisiana, and the Constitution, the Richland Parish Assessor, Emmett "Lee" Brown, III, did give the public notice that the Richland Parish Police Jury was open to receive written oral complaints from taxpayers for a period of 15 days, and that on September 8, 2020, the said jury would sit as a board of Review to consider any complaints received or heard during the above mentioned 15 day period;

WHEREAS, no complaints were received, either written or oral;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Richland Parish Police Jury in Regular Session convened on this 8th day of September, with a quorum present and voting for the adoption of this resolution that the recommendations and assessments as made by the Richland Parish Tax Assessor for the year 2020 be and they are hereby approved by this board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the said Police Jury of Richland Parish, Louisiana, does hereby authorize and direct the Secretary-Treasurer to prepare and present to the Richland Parish Tax Assessor and the Louisiana Tax Commission a certified copy of this resolution as adopted on the 8th day of September 2020, and recorded in the minutes of said meeting.

UPON MOTION BY Mr. Althan Smith seconded by Mr. Roy Wiggins, Jr. the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Richland Parish Police Jury convened in the Regular Meeting this 8th day of September 2020 at which a quorum was present and voting.
/s/ James S. Lofton /s/ Laura Mulhern
James S. Lofton, President Laura Mulhern, Sec-Treas

RESOLUTION NO. 20-09-08-02

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Richland Parish Police Jury of the Parish of Richland, Louisiana, in a public meeting held on September 8, 2020 which meeting was conducted in accordance with the opening meetings law and the additional requirements of Article VIII, Section 23 (C) of the Constitution, that the following adjusted millage rate (s) be and they are hereby levied upon the dollar of the assessed valuation of all property subject to ad valorem taxation within said Parish for the year 2020, for the purpose of raising revenue:

SECTION 1
There be and there is hereby levied 5.92 ad valorem tax on the dollar on all property in the parish of Richland for the year 2019 and there be levied 2.96 mill ad valorem tax on the dollar on all property within territorial limits of the Town of Rayville and Town of Delhi, for 2020 and subject to state taxation for GENERAL FUND purposes and expenses.

SECTION 2
There be and there is hereby levied a special parish-wide 1.17 mill ad valorem tax on all property in the Parish of Richland subject to state taxation for the year 2020 for the purpose of maintaining and operating the PARISH HEALTH CENTER.

SECTION 3
There be and there is hereby levied a special parish-wide 4.52 mill tax on all property in the Parish of Richland subject to state taxation for the year 2020 for the purpose of maintaining and operating the PARISH LIBRARY.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Assessor of the Parish of Richland shall extend upon the assessment roll for the year 2020 the taxes herein levied, and the tax collector of said Parish shall collect and remit the same to said taxing authority in accordance with law.

UPON MOTION BY Mr. Althan Smith, seconded by Mr. Roy Wiggins, Jr. the foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and resolution was adopted by the following votes:
YEAS: Ms. Barbara Carroll, Messrs: Clay Russell, Jessie Lively, Althan Smith, Roy Wiggins, Jr.,
Patrick Stubblefield, James Lofton, and Doug Craig
NAYS: NONE ABSTAINED: NONE ABSENT: Mr. Elliot Colvin
CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true and exact copy of the resolution adopted at the board meeting held on September 8th, 2020 at which a quorum was present and voting.
Rayville, Louisiana, this 8th day of September, 2020
/s/ James S. Lofton
President of Richland Parish Police Jury

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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 beautiful 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 house 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**

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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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Laura causes half billion dollars damage to farmers

Hurricane Laura caused \$525.4 million in damage to Louisiana farmers and \$1.1 billion to the Louisiana timber industry, according to preliminary estimates by the LSU AgCenter.

Laura devastated 757,538 acres of timber from the southwest to northeast parts of the state, according to a

report by AgCenter economist Kurt Guidry and AgCenter forestry specialist Michael Blazier.

In comparison, agricultural losses — including forestry, crops and fisheries — from hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005 totaled \$1.5 billion.

Laura's \$1.6 billion total

in losses for Louisiana agriculture will likely increase when damage estimates for the fisheries industry are completed by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

The damage in 2005 and this year are different, Guidry said. Laura was more of a wind event, while

Katrina and Rita brought flooding along coastal Louisiana. Infrastructure damaged by wind was the big factor this year, and crops were not as affected this year as in 2005.

So was Laura the costliest storm for Louisiana agriculture?

"It's going to be up there

as one of the highest we've ever had," Guidry said. "Based on the amount of infrastructure damage that occurred and the losses associated with timber, the total economic impact to the food and fiber sector from Hurricane Laura will be as large as or larger than any storm that I have developed

estimates for since my time with the AgCenter."

But the storm's impact on crop production and farm revenues across all commodities has been surpassed by other storms or weather events like droughts that have resulted in more widespread and larger production impacts.

Notices

RESOLUTION NO. 19-09-08-03
QUIETUS

WHEREAS, Mr. Gary Gilley, Tax Collector of Richland Parish, Louisiana, has exhibited satisfactory evidence that all taxes due to the parish governing authority shown on the ad valorem tax rolls of Richland Parish, Louisiana for the year 2019 have been paid or accounted for:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Richland Parish Police Jury convened in Regular Session this 8th day of September, 2020 does hereby issue this quietus on behalf of the governing authority of Richland Parish, Louisiana in favor of said Mr. Gary Gilley, Ex-Officio Tax Collector, and against any claim on the part of the governing authority of the Parish of Richland, State of Louisiana for the ad valorem for the year as stated above.

Upon motion by Mr. Roy Wiggins, Jr., seconded by Mr. Althan Smith the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Richland Parish Police Jury convened in Regular Session on this 8th day of September, 2020 with a quorum present and voting.

YEAS: Ms. Barbara Carroll, Messrs: Althan Smith, Clay Russell, Patrick Stubblefield, Doug Craig, James Lofton, Jessie Lively and Roy Wiggins, Jr.

NAYS: NONE ABSTAINED: NONE ABSENT: Mr. Elliot Colvin
/s/ Laura Mulhern /s/ James S. Lofton
Secretary-Treasurer President

A motion was made by Mr. Stubblefield, seconded by Mr. Smith to appoint Mr. Sherman Gray to serve on the Richland Parish Communications District Board, effective September 1, 2020 for a four-year term.

Motion passed with no opposition.

The evaluation committee previously met to review the RFP's that were submitted for the grant position. The chairman of the committee recommended the jury award the bid to the highest score, which was Hunt, Guillot & Associates, LLC. A motion was made by Mr. Stubblefield, seconded by Mr. Lively to accept Hunt, Guillot & Associates, LLC for the Request for Proposal for the Richland Parish Police Jury.

Motion passed with no opposition.

A motion was made by Mr. Stubblefield, seconded by Mr. Craig to establish a speed limit of 15 MPH on Hilton Road.

Motion passed with no opposition.

A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Lively to reappoint Mrs. Anita Rubin to the Library Board for a five-year term beginning August 6, 2020.

Motion passed with no opposition.

A motion was made by Mr. Lively, seconded by Mr. Russell to place 35 MPH speed limit signs on Pipes Greer Road.

Motion passed with no opposition.

A motion was made by Mr. Lively, seconded by Mr. Craig to rebid the purchase of a side boom cutter for the Rayville barn.

Motion passed with no opposition.

A motion was made by Mr. Craig, seconded by Mr. Lively to have a Public Hearing at 5:45 P.M. on October 5th to bring Point Drive into the parish system.

Motion passed with no opposition.

After discussion of the LGAP grant that was awarded to the parish for this year, a motion was made by Mr. Russell, seconded by Mr. Stubblefield to award the \$70,700 proportionately between the entities based on their original requests.

Motion passed with no opposition.

A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Ms. Carroll to reappoint Mr. Oliver Holland to the Richardson Medical Center Hospital Board Service District 1-B for a six-year term beginning January 10,

2020.

Motion passed with no opposition.

A motion was made by Mr. Stubblefield, seconded by Mr. Smith to amend the agenda to include discussion of the Clerk of Court Office in the courthouse.

Motion passed with no opposition.

After installing new windows in the Clerk of Court office, there is a need for air conditioning which was removed when the windows were replaced. The Parish Manager stated that he had been discussing installing mini splits in the offices but would get the existing window units installed on the west side of the building.

Secretary-Treasurer handed out the Revenue and Expenditures report, bank balances and interest report for the month of August 2020. No action taken.

There were no bids received for the K370 cab over chassis patching truck.

A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Wiggins to adjourn.

Motion passed with no opposition.

/s/ Laura Mulhern /s/ Steve Lofton
Secretary-Treasurer President
9-17-20

PUBLIC NOTICE

RICHLAND PARISH POLICE JURY
PUBLIC HEARING ON

BRINGING POINT DRIVE INTO THE PARISH SYSTEM
MONDAY 5:45 P.M. OCTOBER 5, 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., October 5, 2020:

ITEM # 1. BRINGING POINT DRIVE INTO THE PARISH SYSTEM

BY ORDER OF RICHLAND PARISH POLICE JURY

SEPTEMBER 17, 2020

SEPTEMBER 24, 2020

OCTOBER 1, 2020

PUBLIC NOTICE

ADVERTISEMENTS FOR BIDS
ON EQUIPMENT
RICHLAND PARISH POLICE JURY

SEALED bids will be received by the Richland Parish Police Jury, Secretary-Treasurer, at P.O. Box 668 or 35 Lynn Gale Robertson Road, Courthouse Annex Building, Rayville, LA, 71269, until 4:30 P.M., (local time) Thursday, October 22, 2020. Bids will be open, read aloud at Richland Parish Courthouse Annex Building located at 35 Lynn Gale Robertson Road, Rayville, 71269, at 10:00 A.M. on Monday October 26, 2020. Bid will be awarded November 2, 2020, at the Regular Meeting at 6:00 PM, as the item is listed on the agenda. Please mail bids (no fax bids) to Richland Parish Police Jury, P.O. Box 668, or you may hand deliver

bids to Secretary-Treasurer's office at 35 Lynn Gale Robertson Road, Rayville, Louisiana, 71269.

ITEM#1 New John Deere 610SE Cab Tractor with a 22 Foot Rear Cradle Boom and 50" Boom Rotary (or Equivalent)

SEE JOEY EVANS, PARISH MANAGER CONCERNING SPECIFICATIONS:

318-728- 2061-0453

BY ORDER OF RICHLAND PARISH POLICE JURY

Laura Mulhern

Secretary-Treasurer

September 17, 2020

September 24, 2020

October 1, 2020

October 8, 2020



I, Larry Broussard Jr. have been convicted of Sexual Battery. My address is: 202 Rhymes St. Rayville, La 71269. 9-17-20,9-24-20



I, Christopher Garsee have been convicted of Carnal knowledge of a juvenile. My address is: 6491 Hwy 133 Rayville, La 71269 9-17-20,9-24-20

THE PUBLIC NOTICE DEADLINE IS MONDAY AT 4:00 PM



I, Jeanette Jordan have been convicted of Molestation of Juveniles. My address is: 313 Alabama St. Delhi La., 71232. 9-17-20,9-24-20



"The COVID crisis, the violent riots, and Hurricane Laura give us additional reasons to be in prayer for our communities, our state, and our nation. Scripture reminds us that 'God has not given us a spirit of fear but of power, love and judgment' (2 Tim 1:7)." Judge Jay McCallum

Judge McCallum from Farmerville and his wife Deanna Dunham McCallum, a Franklin Parish native, have two children.

Their daughter Sarah Katherine, a sophomore at LSU, was Miss Louisiana's Outstanding Teen 2016.

Their son John, a Harvard graduate, and his wife Brooke live in Seattle, Washington. On Sept. 6, 2020, they had their first child, a son, Cato Theodore McCallum, making Deanna and Jay very happy grandparents.

As a State Representative for Lincoln and Union parishes, McCallum, who is a life member of the NRA, co-authored NRA legislation that Charlton Heston and Wayne LaPierre came to the Louisiana Legislature to support. And the bills passed.

Conservative Judge Jay McCallum is

the only candidate for Supreme Court who has experience as a Prosecutor, a State Representative, a District Court Judge, and a Court of Appeal Judge.

Judge McCallum is the only candidate who has presided over civil and criminal trials as a judge.

Judge McCallum has the most judicial experience with 18 years as a judge and the most legal experience with 35 years as an attorney.

Judge McCallum has the law enforcement endorsement from 15 of the 20 parishes that comprise the Supreme Court district.

He has also been endorsed by the Associated General Contractors, Louisiana Association of Business and Industry, Louisiana Oil and Gas Association and the Associated Builders and Contractors.

