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Registration deadline draws near for Nov. 3

Secretary of State Kyle Ardoin is joining registrars of voters across the state Sept. 21-25 to host Voter Registration Week activities aimed at registering eligible citizens to vote.

The deadline to register to vote in person or by mail is Oct. 5. The deadline to register to vote online Oct. 13.

“Registering to vote is the critical first step in making your voice heard at the ballot box,” Ardoin said. “This fall, voters will select leaders at all levels of government and I encourage all unregistered voters to register to vote. Check your registration status at GeauxVote.com or on the [GeauxVote app](http://GeauxVote.app).”

Louisiana was one of the first states in the nation to implement an easy, convenient online voter registration portal. Citizens with a valid Louisiana driver’s license or Louisiana Special ID card can register online 24 hours a day, seven days a week from the convenience of their home or office by visiting <https://voterportal.sos.la.gov>.

Residents of Louisiana can also register in person at their parish Registrar of Voters Office, when they apply for or renew their driver’s license at any Office of Motor Vehicles or when obtaining services at public assistance agencies and Armed Forces recruitment offices. Citizens wishing to register by mail

can download and print the application from GeauxVote.com or complete an application found at public libraries or through registration drives.

To register and vote in Louisiana individuals must:

- be a U.S. citizen;
- be at least 17 years old (16 years old if registering in person at the Registrar of Voters Office

or at the Louisiana Office of Motor Vehicles) to register and 18 years old prior to the next election 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

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Off to a great start

The 2020-2021 Louisiana Havok 11U baseball team has started off its new season with a bang. The boys traveled to Pineville and competed in the USSSA Fall Ball Opener where they placed second in the tournament. Team members are, back, from left, Todd Hough, Head Coach Nathan Medlin, Lyle Bennett, Jared Twiner and Jason Hurley; middle, Nolan Gandy, Layton Hough, Tyler Gix, Branten Twiner, Ty Wilcher, Aiden Twiner and Kade Gibson; and, front, Jordan Clark, Tripp Bennett, Camryn Medlin, Jackson Thornton and Jenson Hurley.

Children’s Coalition helping with local childcare

The Children’s Coalition is making childcare openings available in Richland Parish for children ages birth to three whose families meet eligibility requirements.

Parents are faced with count-

less challenges because of the current pandemic, accessing quality child care should not be one of them.

Parents must meet an income requirement as well as provide required documentation when ap-

plying, and can apply directly to Little Feathers Daycare in Rayville or Tender Touch Nursery II in Mangham.

According to the Louisiana Policy Institute for Children, two out of three children ages birth to

five in Louisiana have both parents or their single parent in the workforce. Increased access to reliable, quality early care and education is necessary to ensure long term economic recovery and the Children’s Coalition is here to help.

To have questions answered or gain assistance in applying, please contact the Children’s Coalition office at 318-323-8775, visit childrenscoalition.org or email Theresa at tlawson@childrenscoalition.org.

Main Street Recovery grants help businesses

State Treasurer John M. Schroder today announced the Main Street Recovery Program reached its goal of awarding \$40 million to businesses owned by minorities, women and veterans a week ahead of schedule.

The legislation creating the Main Street Recovery Program set a deadline of Sept. 25 for awarding \$40 million to minority-owned, women-owned and veteran-owned businesses. The

Main Street Recovery Program reached the goal on Sept. 18.

“This was an important goal for us to reach, and it’s only a fraction of the grants we’re awarding. We’re less than halfway into the program, and we already have more than \$100 million that’s been awarded or is in the pipeline for businesses,” said Treasurer Schroder. “The pandemic crippled small businesses across Louisiana. We need to help these busi-

nesses survive and thrive. Main Street is delivering financial relief to businesses, and it’s doing it ahead of schedule.”

The Legislature set aside \$275 million for the Main Street Recovery Program. More than 29,000 applications have been submitted since the program began on July 28.

Small businesses can visit www.louisiana-mainstreet.com to apply for a grant or gain more information.

Schools seek students with learning disabilities

The Richland Parish School System would like residents to take advantage of the Child Find program.

Richland Parish School System Supervisor of Special Education Angie Snuggs said Child Find is a component of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act which requires states to locate, identify and evaluate all children with disabilities, aged birth through 21, who are in need of early intervention or special education services.

“Do you know a child or a student between the ages of birth to 21, who shows signs of developmental delays, on-going learning problems, behavioral or medical problems that interfere with learning?” she asked. “Do you suspect the presence of a disability?”

Snuggs said the school system is looking for children ages 3-21, who may have a special need in one or more of the following areas:

- Vision or hearing;
- Physical or orthopedic;
- Emotional development;
- Social development;
- Learning development;
- Intellectual development.

If you know of any individuals in Richland Parish who have disabilities, are between the ages of 3-21 years, and who are not receiving special education services, please contact Snuggs at 318-728-5964 ext. 235.

Some stimulus checks still available in state

Nearly 160,000 Louisiana residents could be eligible for unclaimed federal COVID-19 Economic Impact Payments.

The deadline to register a claim on the Internal Revenue Service website is Oct. 15.

The IRS is mailing letters to more than 8.8 million Americans who could be eligible for unclaimed stimulus payments that the federal government began distributing in March to relieve the financial stress

on families affected by the coronavirus pandemic. The payments are \$1,200 for individuals and \$2,400 for married couples, with an additional \$500 per dependent.

According to the IRS, 159,575 Louisiana residents will receive letters encouraging them to register by Oct. 15. The majority are people who are not required to file federal income tax returns due to low incomes based on data reported to the IRS.

Eligible residents are U.S. citizens, permanent residents and qualifying resident aliens who meet the income requirements, have a valid Social Security Number and cannot be claimed as a dependent by another taxpayer. Taxpayers not registering by the Oct. 15 deadline will have to wait until 2021 to claim their stimulus payment as a refund on their 2020 tax return.

Visit IRS.gov/coronavirus for more information.



Care and Share

Whether you’re trying to replace items lost during the recent storms, help out a worthy cause or just satisfy your urge to shop for bargains, the volunteers at Care

and Share in Rayville would like to help. The local ministry, located at 1214 Rosa St., is open Tuesday and Friday mornings.

Community Calendar

- 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.

- Community Cal-

endar events can be e-mailed to driser@bellsouth.net, called in at 728-2250, faxed to 318-728-2250 or brought by the office at 603 Louisiana St., Rayville.

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



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Think pink during breast cancer awareness month

By Heather Kirk-Ballard
AgCenter Horticulturist

October is all about pink in support of breast cancer awareness. According to the National Breast Cancer Foundation, one in eight women in the United States will develop breast cancer in her lifetime. In 2020, hundreds of thousands of cases will be reported.

Are you asking yourself, what does this have to do with gardening and why are we talking about it in September? Here's what I'm thinking: our landscapes are an extension of our homes and a statement to those around us. Why not honor breast cancer patients and survivors by going pink in your flower beds and getting a head start this month? You can show your support and bring awareness to this devastating disease. It's not just public landscapes, hospitals and cancer centers that can

make an impact. So can you.

Luckily, when it comes to pink, we have many options to choose from. If you are not keen on flowers in general, you can use plants with pink foliage. I think many of us have some shade of pink in the landscape, whether it be a very delicate, light pink or a vibrant, hot pink. Go with what you like.

If you don't want to make the long commitment, plant in small containers or try planting annuals that can be changed out in the summertime. Many Louisiana Super Plant selections have shades of pink to choose from.

Both Amazon and Jolt dianthus are excellent Louisiana Super Plant selections for fall that come in an array of pink colors. Amazon comes in Amazon Rose Magic and Amazon Neon Cherry, and Jolt comes in various shades of pink with Cherry, Pink and Pink Magic. Ranging from delicate

pink to hot pink, both can make quite a statement.

They both also have excellent dark green foliage, perform best in full to part sun and are great for attracting butterflies in late fall and early spring. They make great cut flowers that you can share with friends or family members fighting the disease and to help celebrate survivors.

Do you want to go all in and show your support? Try a real impactful choice — another Louisiana Super Plant with bright, prolific, pink flowers called Super-tunia Vista Bubblegum. This mighty petunia is known for its long-lasting flower bloom in the landscape.

It has a mounding, spreading habit that can grow up to 3 feet in all directions, with a height of 16 to 24 inches. It prefers full sun to produce the maximum amount of blooms.

If you want something

more permanent, try shrubs. Three fall-blooming Louisiana Super Plants with pink flowers are Conversation Piece azalea, Aphrodite althea (rose of Sharon) and Luna hibiscus. All three make excellent shrubs for sunny areas in the lawn and will bloom in the fall, year after year.

Dream roses and Belinda's Dream roses are both Louisiana Super Plant selections that have pink blooms that are open in the fall. The Belinda's Dream can be another superb cut flower choice to share with family and friends.

Penny Mac hydrangea is another Louisiana Super Plant. It's a repeat-blooming hydrangea that can produce large flower clusters of pink or blue beginning in late spring and will continue to bloom on new growth into the summer and fall.

To influence flower color, you can treat the soil around

the bushes with lime and superphosphate in March and again in October each year. Your soil should be a pH of 7-8.5 to help achieve the pink color. It may take years for the shift to pink to occur if your plant typically blooms blue.

Many warm-season flowers planted in late spring and during the summer are still blooming and going strong in October. Some Louisiana Super Plants that come in shades of pink are Lucky Star and Butterfly pentas, Intenz Classic celosia, Baby Wing begonias, Senorita Rosalita cleome, Sunpatiens, Bandana lantanas and Kauai torenia. Nearly every Louisiana Super Plant selection comes in some shade of pink.

Other cool-season flowers displaying various shades of pink include pansies, violas, dianthus, snapdragons, garden mums, calendula, ornamental kale and

cabbage. Perennial flowers like gaillardia, verbena, Mexican petunias, cuppeas, guara, salvias, coneflowers and rudbeckias can also be found in various shades of pink. They establish well when planted in fall and will perform better next year if they're planted now.

One plant that really gives back to help breast cancer research is called the Invincibelle Spirit II hydrangea II. One dollar from each Invincibelle Spirit II sold is donated to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation. Although it's difficult to find in Louisiana, some nurseries may carry this hydrangea. Plants can also be purchased online. More than \$1 million has been donated from sales of this plant.

Whether it's delicate pink, hot pink or any shade in between, show your support for breast cancer awareness this October with plants.

Obituary



STEVE E. LOCKWOOD

Funeral services for Steve E. Lockwood, 60, of Start, will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, September 24, 2020 at Brown-Holley Funeral Chapel, Rayville, with Bro. Bennie Jones officiating under the direction of Brown-Holley Fu-

neral Home, Rayville.

Steve was born February 16, 1960 in Rayville, and passed away Sunday, September 20, 2020 in Start.

Steve attended the Vision Revival Center in Start. He is preceded in death by his father, E.E. Lockwood and his fiancée, Cindy Williams.

Survivors include his

mother, Dorothy Lockwood of Rayville; children, Shae Lockwood and (Janet) of El Dorado, AR, Amanda Lockwood and (Kody Jackson) of El Dorado, AR, Emily Wilhite and (Davon) of Start, and Dylan Lockwood of Start; grandchildren, Makayla Lockwood, Bryce Lockwood, and Nash Wilhite; sister, Dianne Huff and

husband, Perry; and nephew, Joshua Huff and wife, Jessica.

Honorary pallbearers are Junior Parker, Don Cox and Steven Clark.

The family request donations be made to the Pilots for Patients, 3127 Mer-

cedes Drive, Monroe, LA 71201.

Visitation is 5-8 p.m. Wednesday, September 23, 2020 at Brown-Holley Funeral Chapel, Rayville.

Condolences may be left at brownholleyfuneralhomes.com.

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Riverfield Raiders stand at 4-1 at mid season

By Jimmy Pelley
Special Report

The Riverfield Raiders posted another win this past Friday night as they battled the St. Aloysius Flashes in Vicksburg.

The win puts the Raiders at 4-1 in a season that just as everything else in 2020 has been different.

The Raiders basically dominated the game that ended in a 44-9 victory for them. They tabbed up 372 yards of offense on the night and all of it was with the rushing attack. They scored seven touchdowns in the contest but were successful with only one PAT (a two pointer) to give them their 44 points. The Flashes gained their nine points on a second quarter field goal and a late fourth quarter touchdown.

Raider rushing stats for the game included Hudson Brakefield rushing for 245 yards on 20 carries. Brakefield scored three touchdowns. Brakefield also ran the ball in on the successful two-point PAT.

Trent Ginn rushed for 97 yards on 16 carries. Ginn scored two touch downs. He also had one 56-yard touchdown run called back due to a penalty. Ginn had two punt returns for a total of 74 yards.

Britt Whorton carried the ball once and added 10 yards to the total. Colton Williams scored a Raider touchdown on a three-yard run. Addison Shelton carried the ball four times for 17 yards, scoring one touchdown on a one-yard run. The Raiders gained 12 first downs in the game.

Once again, penalties

were a factor as the Raiders were penalized seven times for 80 yards.

The Raiders didn't pass the ball but three times in the contest. There were no completions, but there was an interception which was the only turnover the Raiders had in the game.

Defensively, the Raiders played good solid football, holding St. Al to 67 yards of offense all night. Ty Skeldon intercepted a St. Al pass for the Raiders.

The Raiders have some tough contests coming up in the second half of their regular season. Of the five games left to play, three of them will be on the road.

They will be in action tomorrow night as they match up against Cathedral in Natchez. The game is slated for a 7 p.m. opening kick off.



Beacon-News/Brandy Wilson Photography

Raiders Running Back Hudson Brakefield (#4) rolls past the Flashes' defensive front and through their secondary.



Beacon-News/Brandy Wilson Photography

Riverfield Academy's defensive end Brier Williamson (#80) leads the hunt, pushing St. Al's quarterback out of the pocket. Also shown, Samuel Hoychick (#60).

Police Report

The Rayville Police Department made the following arrests for the week of Sept. 13-20.

• **Ladarius Dean**, 31, 108 A South Circle Drive, Rayville; interference with a police officer.

• **Eric Murphy**, 26, 142 A North Circle, Rayville; two counts careless operation, two counts counts resisting arrest and no driver's license.

• **Joshua Lowery**, 35, 1207 Hwy 134, Rayville; driving under suspension.

• **Malik Williams**, 38, 205 Chatham, Delhi; leaving the scene of an accident.

• **Lexi Ponidexter**, 22, 90 Ponidexter Road, Mangham; careless operation with an accident, leaving the scene of an accident, open container and running a stop sign.

• **Robert Gray**, 48, 176 Ringle Road, Delhi, shoplifting.

• **Antonio Williams**, 20, 404 Foster St., Rayville; disturbing the peace - general.

• **Emanuel Johnson**, 22, 415 Gulpha Drive, West Monroe; failure to appear on no proof of insurance; failure to appear on no seat belt.

• **Kansas Shepherd**, 28, 31 Parish Road, Swartz; disturbing the peace by simple drunk and indecent exposure.

• **Christopher Jones**, 47, 606 Brown St., Rayville; unauthorized use of a moveable, resisting arrest by flight, and two counts disobedience to a police officer.

• **Brown Peller**, 54, 512 Martin Luther King Drive, Rayville; criminal mischief.

• **Roderick Williams**, 42, 409 Linda Street, Rayville; damage to property less than \$100, two counts disobedience to a police officer and public intoxication.

• **Jerrett Johnson**, 19, 1606 50 12th St., Monroe; no driver's license and speeding.

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The Rayville Police Department issued a total of 34 traffic citations this week. That number includes 16 for speeding, three each for no driver's license, two each for driving under suspension and one each for careless operation, headlights (two required), exhaust, no registration, failure to carry registration, failure to secure registration, failure to yield with an accident, no insurance, no driver's license, no license plate, running a red light, disturbing the peace by loud music and running a stop sign.

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Rayville Police Chief Willie Robinson would

like to address the State of Louisiana going into Phase 3.

Chief Robinson is very excited with this news and wants to see our community and out state get back to normal. Chief Robinson wants to see everyone back at work, everyone being able to attend their religious services and everyone being able to get back to a somewhat normal life.

At this time, even a normal life, will definitely be falling under the term, "the new normal," he said.

While the state is in Phase 3, there is still a statewide mask mandate in place.

Chief Robinson would like to remind everyone that when you are out please remember to wear your mask. Gov. John Bel Edwards advised that the State of Louisiana will be under Phase 3 until at least Oct. 9 and, at that time, the decision will be made to remain at Phase 3 or proceed further.

Chief Robinson would also like to advise that everyone needs to be mindful of all posted traffic laws. He advised that if you are speeding, you will be ticketed.

Chief Robinson would like to remind the community that school is back in

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NOTICE

The Richland Parish School Board is currently accepting applications for:

SCHOOL CLERK

Applicant must have at minimum:

- High School Diploma or GED/HiSET diploma
- Typing Proficiency Test

Classified applications can be requested by calling (318)728-5964

from the school district website www.richland.k12.la.us

or by visiting the central office complex.

Application should be directed by mail to

Director of Personnel
Richland Parish School Board
411 Foster Street, PO Box 599
Rayville, LA 71269

by email to personnel@richland.k12.la.us, or by visiting the central office complex.

Applications must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on Monday, September 28, 2020.

Attention Candidates

seeking office in the November 3, 2020 Primary Election

The Richland Beacon-News

will publish announcements for candidates in the Nov. 3 Primary Election at no charge when accompanied by payment for advertising. A candidate's commitment to run \$250 of advertising (Constables and Justices of the Peace - \$100) must be paid in advance before an announcement is published; however, the advertising can run at any time during the campaign.

Political announcements for the Nov. 3 election must be submitted to The Richland Beacon-News by Oct. 5. Announcements submitted after that date will be considered advertising.

The announcements are biographical only and limited to 400 words. They will contain no campaign promises, pledges or references to other candidates. That material should be included in paid political advertising.

The announcements are used on a first-come basis and publication date depends on space available. A photo of the candidate is used if provided.

Email delivery of the statement and photo is preferred. Include a phone number. Statements and jpg photos should be e-mailed to: driser@bellsouth.net

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.

It is expected that the Public Works Director will be available on a 24/7 basis to perform the above duties.

Voices

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Of all the economic systems that have developed over the last two centuries, none has created so much wealth as Capitalism. With



Steve Gardes

that wealth has come the lengthening of the life span, the increased possibility of eliminating poverty and famine, and the expansion of the range of human choices. However, despite all the significant benefits of Capitalism, it has been a system that has been greatly misunderstood and frowned upon by many economists, political and religious leaders because it was deemed too materialistic and corrupt. That significantly changed in 1991 when Pope John Paul II issued his encyclical "Centesimus Annus" which professed that when Capitalism is properly applied by a religious and moral society, it generates the liberty and creativeness of man to produce the wealth necessary to improve the world and take care of the poor, just as God intended. A good example of this was World War II; Capitalism gave America the wealth to defeat Nazi Germany and Japan—and afterwards, help rebuild a war destroyed Europe and pay off its own war debt.

John Paul II had developed a new religious approach to initiative, enterprise, profit, free markets, a limited state with constraints upon welfare rights, democratic checks and balances, and Capitalism itself. In addressing poverty, he urged inclusion in property ownership, and the spread of knowledge and

skill. However, he had serious concerns about the decline in morality and culture and stated, "solving serious national or international problems is not just a matter of economic production or social organization—most problems call for specific ethical and religious values." He also criticized rather harshly the present excesses of the welfare state in economically advanced countries—and this was in 1991.

So, is America moral, religious and properly applying Capitalism today? Should we be concerned that our political leaders have used capitalism to bail out their cronies on Wall Street as they created significant income inequality, to fund universities promoting socialism with government controlled student loans, to fund public school systems which graduate disadvantaged youth who are not proficient in reading, writing, and math, and to assist themselves in annual deficit spending on a gigantic welfare system that pays its citizens in a manner that promotes having children out of wedlock, not working, and buying opioids? We would do well to remember the warnings of Ben 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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LSU football and race relations

Ah, the wisdom found in the New York Times. America's newspaper (at least according to them) seems to find a reason every week to denigrate the backwards homefolks that populate Louisiana. Certainly some debasement is justified, particularly when it comes to disparaging the state's political establishment. But there's one area that is sacrosanct and off limits to even the least well-informed news editor. Whatever you do or write, don't mess with LSU football.



Jim Brown

Tiger fans were plummeted sometime back by the Times in an editorial page column, accusing Tiger fans of looking on football players as little more than mascots. The author is particularly chagrined over LSU aficionados merely wanting to be entertained without any concern for the player as a person. "Mascots may have occasion feelings of affection, but they aren't part of the

community they serve. No one is inviting Tigers into their home, no matter how much they like the idea of their ferocity on the football field," said the Times. So if you don't have some of the black players over for dinner, you must be racist, or so the article concludes. I guess I must plead guilty, since I've never had a player over for a meal. But I've never had an LSU or Southern professor, black or white, over either. Or for that matter, I guess I'm remorseful in not inviting my preacher, my CPA, my legislator, my barber, or my doctor. I would invite LeBron James or Shaquille O'Neal, both NBA superstars, if I thought they would come. No white basketball players on my list though because, what's the movie called: White guys Can't Jump?

The Times article is chagrined over the fact that university football players are exploited. "College players are uncompensated." But that's not

so. Players at LSU receive full scholarships including room and board, medical care, plus on average an additional \$4000 a year to cover incidentals. And then the top players get a shot at the big bucks of professional football.

The commentary goes on to reference a convoluted 12-year-old study that concludes judges who are LSU graduates are overcome with racial disparities when it comes to sentencing during football season. When LSU is nationally ranked, so the article concludes, and loses a game it was favored to win, Louisiana judges often suffer "emotional trauma generated by the upset loss that seems to fall on black defendants." These sentence disparities are caused, now get this, because judges "are working through their own negative feelings" over the LSU loss. That's what the article says, I kid you not.

These spurious conclusions from the Times article are by Erin C. Tarver an assistant professor of philosophy at Oxford College of Emory University,

and titled: College Football Is Here. But What Are We Really Cheering? Ms. Tarver has determined that it is us vs. them, and that football players are merely gladiators put on the field to amuse the university's alumni.

Sure, college football has its share of problems. The financial costs have grown way out of proportion, and only the big-time college football programs are profitable. All players, black and white, place a major physical toll on their bodies with scars and injuries that can last a lifetime. Academic standards are often compromised for college athletes. The University of North Carolina, my alma mater, is currently being investigated over a major cheating scandal. But these problems affect black and white athletes alike.

It's disingenuous to blame the fans and judges for perceived problems that affect every player out on the field as well as the sport as a whole. We can only wish that changing the rules of football could

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Wray is wrong as FBI director

In May of 2017, President Trump did the right thing and fired FBI Director James Comey, the individual at the center of the attempt to overturn the 2016 election results. Comey orchestrated the spying efforts on President Trump and his campaign, which included the FBI improperly applying for four separate Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court warrants to eavesdrop on campaign aide Carter Page. He also authorized a politically motivated investigation into Lt. General Michael Flynn and encouraged the entrapment of Flynn by his FBI agents in an infamous White House interview.



Jeff Crouere

Clearly, Comey was a disastrous FBI Director; however, the President made a terrible choice when he replaced him with Christopher Wray, a bureaucrat who has not reformed the agency in any meaningful way. He also seems to be incapable of identifying the real threats that are facing the country.

In testimony on Thursday before the House Homeland Security Committee, Wray made a series of remarkable claims. He stated that Antifa is not a group but is more of "an ideology or maybe a movement." He also refused to identify Chinese efforts to interrupt the 2020 election and again focused attention on activities from Russia. With these remarks, Wray is doing the bidding of the Democrats and following their talking points. Regarding Antifa violence, House Judiciary Committee Chairman Jerry Nadler (D-NY), claimed it was a "myth."

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Nadler has been in his congressional cocoon for too long. Antifa has been active for several years, but since the death of George Floyd on May 25, it has intensified its activities around the country. Millions of Americans have seen the frequent and disturbing video footage of rioting and looting throughout the country. According

to U.S. Congressman Dan Crenshaw (R-TX), "there have been more than 550 declared riots, many stoked by extremists, Antifa and the BLM (Black Lives Matter) organization."

In his comments to Wray at the committee meeting, Crenshaw also noted the rioters have done an extensive amount of damage. He stated that "between one and two billion dollars of insurance claims will be paid out. That doesn't come close to measuring the actual and true damage to people's lives, not even close."

Crenshaw is right as many of our urban areas, such as New York, Washington D.C., Minneapolis, Seattle, Portland among others have been devastated by a series of violent protests. In the past few months, scores of monuments have been destroyed, and significant damage has been done to businesses and public buildings. The group has also attacked innocent civilians and targeted police officers. As Crenshaw asserted in this rebuttal to Wray, Antifa matches the definition of a

domestic terrorist organization.

Incredibly, Wray does not believe there is an organization that is directing these numerous riots across the country. He was unwilling to acknowledge the obvious. As Crenshaw explained to the misguided FBI Director, Antifa, "coordinates regionally and nationally, wears a standardized uniform. It collects funds to buy high powered lasers to blind federal officers, build homemade explosive devices, feed their rioters since they clearly aren't working, and then bail out those who've been arrested. This is an ideology that has trained its members, makes shield wall phalanxes to attack federal officers. It formed an autonomous zone in an American city and besieged a federal courthouse in another. So, I mean, it just seems to be more than an ideology."

Of course, it is much more than a philosophical movement and the FBI should be arresting the primary contributors and

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organizers of Antifa, but, instead, most of the charges that have been brought against the rioters have been for minor offenses. America is still waiting for the FBI to treat Antifa as a domestic terrorist organization, which is what President Trump has declared many times.

While the President may view Antifa as our major domestic threat, FBI Director Wray declared that white supremacists comprise the largest share of racially motivated terrorism in our country. He also warned the committee about the involvement of Russia in the 2020 election. Wray maintained that "we certainly have seen very active, very active efforts by the Russians to influence our election in 2020...to both sow divisiveness and discord and...to denigrate Vice President Biden."

Wray's testimony seemed tailor-made for an upcoming commercial for former Vice President Joe Biden. President Trump was clearly upset at Wray's comments. Regarding Wray's view of Antifa, the President said, "The fact is Antifa is a bad group. They're bad, and when a man doesn't say that that bothers me. I wonder why he's not saying that?"

The President was also troubled by Wray's focus on Russian electoral in-

terference instead of the numerous activities being conducted by the dictatorial communist Chinese regime. According to the President, "the big problem is China, and why he doesn't want to say that that certainly bothers me."

The President should not be perplexed by FBI Director Wray's performance. He is a bureaucrat who is not a reformer. Wray has not made the personnel or policy changes that should have been forthcoming after Comey's firing. He seems more concerned about maintaining his standing with Democrats in Congress and the media, so he will never validate the President's viewpoint. On issue after issue, Wray has been a total disappointment.

In his comments to the media, the President noted that he was "looking at a lot of different things" regarding the future of Wray as FBI Director. There should be only one move to consider, firing this FBI Director as soon as possible.

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be the only barrier to releasing racial tension. In the meantime, I'm inviting Coach O and the whole Tiger team, both black and white players, over for Sunday dinner. Geaux Tigers.

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>.

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session. Please remember to observe all school zones.

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Also, speeding tickets will have a direct impact

on your insurance rates. Remember, slow down and watch your surroundings. Chief Robinson advises that he knows that everyone is always in a hurry, but asks they remember an accident can cost a life.

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Alligator season extended 60 days

The 2020 Louisiana alligator hunting season has been extended to 60 days this year and will end in late October in both east and west zones, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries said.

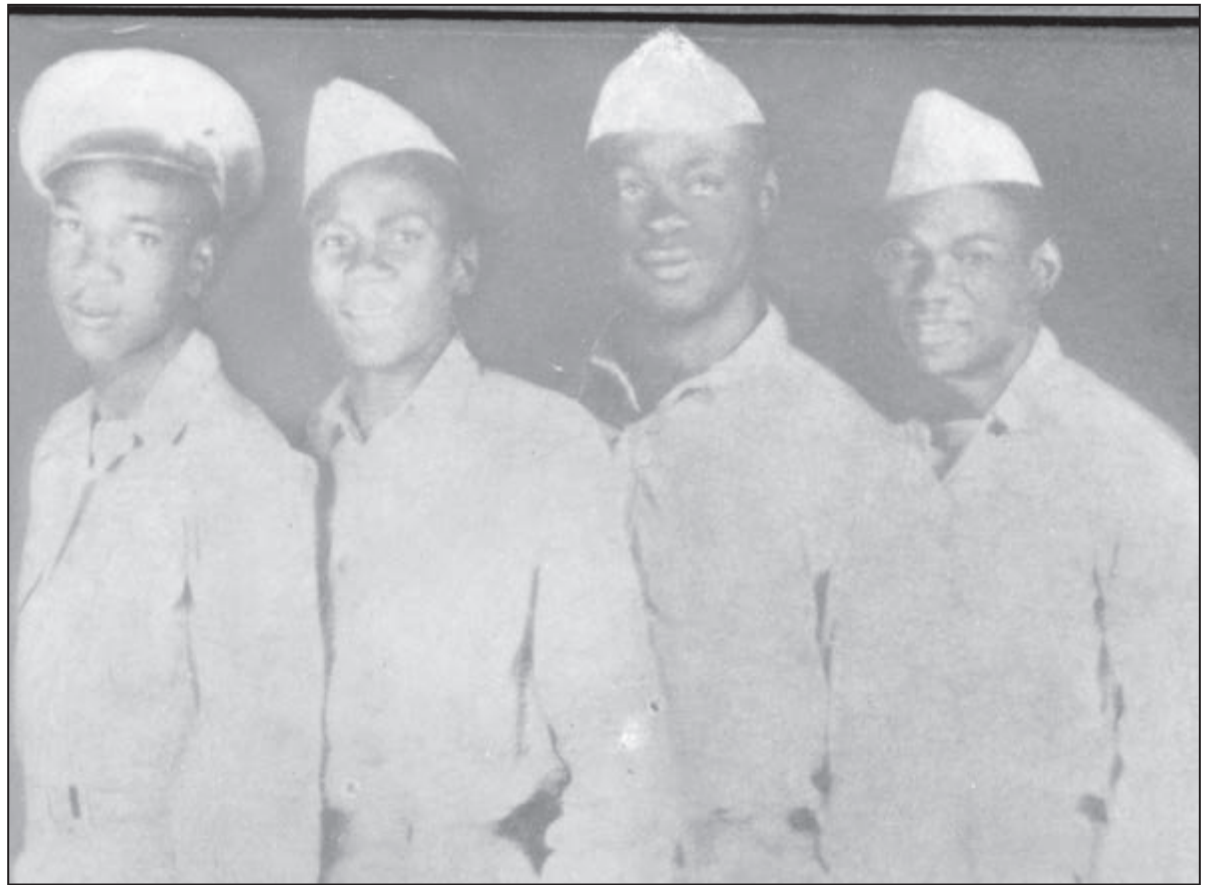
Hunting in the east zone will conclude Oct. 24 and on Oct. 31 in the west zone.

Baited hooks and lines must be removed no later

than sunset of the last day of the open season for each zone.

For more information on alligator hunting in Louisiana, go to <https://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/page/alligator-hunting> or call 337-735-8672. To see zone boundaries, go to https://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/assets/Hunting/Alligator/Files/wild_alligator_zones.pdf.

Remembering our past...



Veterans

From left, Army Corporal John L. Williams and Army Privates First Class William Clark, Ernest Marshall and R.B. Jackson, all of Delhi, are shown in 1945 during WWII in Germany. They were part of the 2054 Trucking Battalion. John L. Williams, who is the only surviving member of the group, was also the first black deputy of Richland Parish under the administration of former sheriff Earl Hill who served from 1969-1975.

If you have a photograph you'd like to share, bring it by the Beacon-News, e-mail it to driser@bellsouth.net or give us a call at 728-2250.



Holly Ridge Happenings

Coming Soon

You don't want to miss this once in a lifetime event. Jesus Christ. Date of Arrival: in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump, for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. 1 Corinthians 15:52. Who can take part in this event? "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord, shall be saved." Romans 10:13.

Thanks to Facebook, I was reunited with a cousin. She found me. It had been 20 years, Ginger Jarvis



Shirley Thompson

Young. Ginger and her husband, Rusty, who now lives in Center, Texas, came to see me last Thursday and did we enjoy our visit. She says she will be back so I'm looking forward to that.

Carol and Dan Little from West Monroe came over to check on me on Sunday afternoon. Of course, we all enjoyed their visit.

Vanessa and Kelsie did a mom and daughter road trip, leaving on Monday and returning on Sunday. They had a great time. Some of the places they went were Charleston,

S.C., Folley Beach S.C., Columbia, S.C., Savannah, Ga. and Tybee Island, Ga., where Kelsie took surfing lessons and she thinks she is a pro now, with bruised knees and broken toe, but she loves it. Saturday, they stopped in Macon, Ga., and visited with Linda Nelson of Vanessa's classmates at Holly Ridge. I'm sure they didn't catch up on the gossip. Ha.

Carter Cheek is doing great after his brace on his teeth and the surgery.

Happy Birthday this week to: Ralph Cheek and Lizzie McCormick on September 24th, Jennifer Walters, Jed Dixon, Charlene Mercer, Buddy McCartney on September 25th,

Rebeckah Jo Herrington Gwin, Kimberly Walker, Clean Mercer, Lana McKenzie Pyles on September 26th, Avery Lane Elkins on September 27th, Mike Silk on September 29th, Terry Thompson, Will Vaughan, On September 30th. May all of these celebrate many more happy ones!

Anniversary wishes to: Kim and Randy Gilley on September 25th. I wish for them to share many more years of happiness!

Have a great week! Thanks to you who have sent your donations to the cemetery fund. May God bless you.

Remember: The safest place in all the world is in the Arms of Almighty God.

Local singers invited to open house

One of the world's largest singing organizations for women will host a Virtual Global Open House during October, and Ruston's a cappella chorus is inviting area female singers to take part.

Piney Hills Harmony Chorus, a chapter of Sweet Adelines International, will sponsor a local open house at 6 p.m. Oct. 1 on Zoom. Participants will be able to meet chorus members, sing, and learn helpful vocal techniques from both the local music team and an internationally known guest instructor.

Later in the month, participants will be able to attend a virtual regional meeting so that they can interact with other Sweet Adelines across Texas,

Louisiana and Alabama.

Guests can also attend the free 75th Sweet Adelines Anniversary Virtual Convention from Oct. 15-17 and special champion quartet performances during

The Coronet Club's

"First You Dream" show Oct. 24.

"We're inviting all regional women who love to sing to take part," Piney Hills Harmony President Lynette Murphy, of Choudrant, said. "We want prospective members to ex-

perience the breadth and depth of our worldwide a cappella organization and to be awed and inspired by all that Sweet Adelines has to offer."

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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 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**

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.

WE NEED YOUR LISTINGS PLEASE CALL!
CALL US FOR APPRAISALS! GIVE US A CHANCE TO HELP YOU!

Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF LOUISIANA ~ PARISH OF RICHLAND
 FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

IN RE: COLEEN LYNN DWIRE
 (MONITION) FILED: September 11, 2020
 DOCKET NO. 47862-B s/April Aymond
 DEPUTY CLERK OF COURT

NOTICE

Pursuant to an order of the Fifth District Court for the Parish of Richland in the matter of COLEEN LYNN DWIRE, Docket No. 47862, Division B, Fifth Judicial District Court, Parish of Richland, State of Louisiana, dated September 11, 2020, it was ordered as follows:
 WHEREAS Hazel Eubanks, by act passed before Carol Lobrano and Jean McLendon, witnesses, recorded on May 19, 2004, in Conveyance Book 440, Page 4, under Register No. 326046 of the official records of Richland Parish, Louisiana, purchased the property at tax sale from Charles McDonald, Sheriff and Ex-Officio Tax Collector, in and for the Parish of Richland, State of Louisiana, adjudicated for unpaid property taxes;
 WHEREAS COLEEN LYNN DWIRE acquired the property by Quitclaim Deed from Hazel Eubanks dated June 27, 2019 and recorded under document number 0381774, records of Richland Parish, Louisiana;
 WHEREAS COLEEN LYNN DWIRE has applied to this Court for a monition or advertisement, in conformity with R.S. 47:2271 et seq. THEREFORE, in the name of the State of Louisiana and the Fifth Judicial District Court for the Parish of Richland, all interested persons are cited and admonished to show cause within sixty (60) days from the date on which this monition is first advertised, why grounds exist for a nullity under the provisions of Chapter 5 of Subtitle III of Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.

The property affected by this monition is:
**167 Pony Greer Road, Rayville, LA 71269:
 NE¼ of NW¼ of Section 29, Township 17 North, Range 8 East,
 Richland Parish, Louisiana, containing 40 acres, more or less,
 together with all and singular improvements thereon.**

Stacie Williamson
 Clerk of Court, Richland Parish
 P.O. Box 119
 Rayville, LA 71269
 David P. Doughty, Bar No. 18871
 Cotton, Bolton, Hoychick & Doughty, LLP
 607 Madeline Street, P.O. Box 857
 Rayville, LA 71269
 Telephone (318) 728-2051
 Facsimile (318) 728-5293
 Attorneys for Coleen Lynn Dwire
 9-24-20,10-15-20

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Parish School Board of the Parish Richland, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of School District No. 1 of the Parish of Richland, State of Louisiana (the "District"), on August 13, 2020, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held within the District on SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2020, and that at the said election there will be submitted to all registered voters in the District qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution

and Laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION (BOND)

Shall School District No. 1 of the Parish of Richland, State of Louisiana (the "District"), incur debt and issue bonds to the amount of not exceeding \$12,000,000, in one or more series, to run not exceeding 10 years from date thereof, with interest at a rate or rates not exceeding 8% per annum, for the purpose of acquiring and/or improving lands for building sites and playgrounds, including construction of necessary sidewalks and streets adjacent thereto; purchasing, erecting and/or improving school buildings and other school related facilities within and for the District and acquiring the necessary equipment and furnishings therefor, title to which shall be in the public; which bonds will be general obligations of the District and will be payable from ad valorem taxes to be levied and collected in the manner provided by Article VI, Section 33 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974 and statutory authority supplemental thereto, with an estimated increase of 10 mills to be levied in the first year of issue above the 6 mills currently being levied to pay General Obligation Bonds of the District?

The said special election shall be held at the polling places for the following precincts which polls will open at seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, to-wit:

- PRECINCTS
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The polling places for the precincts set forth above are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law.

The estimated cost of this election as determined by the Secretary of State based upon the provisions of Chapter 8-A of Title 18 and actual costs of similar elections is \$3,250.

Notice is further given that a portion of the monies collected from the tax described in the Proposition shall be remitted to certain state and state-wide retirement systems in the manner required by law.

The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, as provided in this Notice of Special Election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, will make due returns thereof to said Governing Authority, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, the Parish School Board Office, 411 Foster Street, Rayville, Louisiana, on TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2021, at SIX O'CLOCK (6:00) P.M., and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election. All registered voters of the District are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Rayville, Louisiana, on this, the 13th day of August, 2020.

ATTEST:
 /s/ Kevin Eppinette
 President
 /s/ Sheldon Jones
 Secretary
 9-24-20,10-1-20,10-8-20,10-15-20

PUBLIC NOTICE

Town of Rayville Council Minutes
 Mayor- Board of Aldermen
 Monday, September 14, 2020

The Town of Rayville held a Regular Council Meeting with Mayor - Board of Aldermen, Town of Rayville State of Louisiana, taken Monday, September 11, 2020, at the Rayville Civic Center, 827 Louisa St. Rayville LA 71269 at 6:00 PM. With a quorum present, Board received agenda, public notice posted on Friday, September 14, 2020, the meeting was called to order by Mayor Harry Lewis at 6:00 p.m. Prayer was led by Mayor Pro Tem Timothy Tennant and Pledge was led by Alderman Jerry Gordon.
 Present: Mayor Harry Lewis, Town Attorney: Damon Kervin, Mayor Pro Tem, Timothy Tennant, Town Clerk: Deborah T. Nealon, Aldermen: Valerie Allen, Paula Cumpston, Alderman: Jerry Gordon, Chief Willie Robinson, Sr. Absent: Alderwoman Debra James

Approval of the Minutes & Bills
 Upon a motion by Alderman Tennant, seconded by Alderman Gordon, the Board agreed to approve last month minutes and bills from regular Council meeting.
 Yeas: Allen, Cumpston, Gordon, Tennant
 Nays: None
 Absent: James
 With a unanimous vote and consent from the Board, Mayor Harry Lewis declared the motion carried.

Financial Reports
 Upon a motion by Alderman Tennant, seconded by Alderman Gordon, the Board agreed to accept the Financial Expenditures & Revenue reports.
 Yeas: Allen, Cumpston, Gordon, Tennant
 Nays: None
 Absent: James

With a unanimous vote and consent from the Board, Mayor Harry Lewis declared the motion carried.

Chief of Police Report
 Chief Robinson stated fines collected for the month of August \$11,383.50
 Upon a motion by Alderwoman Allen, seconded by Alderman Tennant, the Board agreed upon the approval of John Sepulvado to be hired as a fulltime Police Officer at the Rayville Police Department effective September 24, 2020.
 Yeas: Allen, Cumpston, Gordon, Tennant
 Nays: None
 Absent: James

With a unanimous vote and consent from the Board, Mayor Harry Lewis declared the motion carried.

Upon a motion by Alderman Gordon, seconded by Alderman Tennant, the Board agreed upon the approval of Alcohol permit for Club Xscape.
 Yeas: Allen, Cumpston, Gordon, Tennant
 Nays: None
 Absent: James

With a unanimous vote and consent from the Board, Mayor Harry Lewis declared the motion carried.

Attorney's Report
 Clerk's Report
 Town Clerk, Deborah T. Nealon stated that Sales Tax Collections for June \$149,174.01

Upon a motion by Alderman Tennant, seconded by Alderwoman Cumpston, the Board agreed upon the approval of Norman "Preacher" Wilson Day to be set for November 7, 2020.
 Yeas: Allen, Cumpston, Gordon, Tennant
 Nays: None
 Absent: James

With a unanimous vote and consent from the Board, Mayor Harry Lewis declared the motion carried.

Mayor's Report
 For the safety of employees and citizens of the Town of Rayville; the following facilities still remain closed due to the COVID-19 until state of Louisiana move to Phase 4 100% capacity: Civic Center, Eugene Center, and Recreation Center. Mayor discussed updates on the roundabout.

•Each Ordinance and resolution was read aloud separately by the clerk Deborah T. Nealon with a request for any comments from the public; the following were discussed and passed.

Adjournment
 Upon a motion by Alderman Tennant seconded by Alderwoman Cumpston the Board agreed to adjourn regular council meeting.
 Yeas: Allen, Cumpston, Gordon, Tennant
 Nays: None
 Absent: James

With a unanimous vote and consent from the Board, Mayor Harry Lewis declared the motion carried.

Harry Lewis, Mayor
 Deborah T. Nealon, Clerk
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 9-24-20

PUBLIC NOTICE

Please be advised that the Parish Board of Election Supervisors will meet on Tuesday, at 10:00 a.m., to draw the Commissioners who will serve in the Presidential Election to be held on November 3, 2020 and the General Election to be held on December 5, 2020. The meeting will take place in the office of the Registrar of Voters, located in the basement of the Richland Parish Courthouse.
 Stacie S. Williamson, Clerk Of Court
 Secretary for the Parish Board Of Election Supervisors
 9-24-20

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF MANGHAM
 MANGHAM COMMUNITY CENTER
 REGULAR MEETING – 6:00PM
 SEPTEMBER 14, 2020

Mangham Town Council Regular Meeting September 14, 2020.
 The Mangham Town Council met in Regular session at the Mangham Community Center, Mangham, Louisiana, on September 14 2020.

Invocation led by Mr. Anthony Killian
 Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Johnny Natt.
 Meeting was called to order by Mayor Johnny Natt.
 Roll call of the Alderman was performed by Mayor Johnny Natt.

Present: Johnny Natt, Zona McKay, Anthony Killian, Leslie Mizell
 Absent: Perry Ellington, Lenette Romero
 Motion by Mrs. McKay, seconded by Mr. Killan to approve minutes of August 10, 2020.
 Yeas: McKay, Killian, Mizell
 Nays: None

Absent: Ellington, Romero
 MOTION CARRIED. UNANIMOUSLY.
 Mr. Terry Rainbolt with S. E. Huey Engineering explained our options for the construction of the new Recreation Complex in Mangham. Mr. Terry Rainbolt gave in detail our options of Plan A, Plan B, and Plan C for construction. Motion by Mrs. Mizell to go through with Plan B of the ballpark failed for lack of second.

MOTION FAILED.
 Motion by Mr. Killan to go through with Plan A of the ballpark failed for lack of second.
 MOTION FAILED.

Motion by Mrs. McKay, seconded by Mrs. Mizell to place ballpark under advisement.
 Yeas: McKay, Killian, Mizell
 Nays: None

Absent: Ellington, Romero
 MOTION CARRIED. UNANIMOUSLY.
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MOTION FAILED.
 Motion by Mrs. McKay, seconded by Mrs. Mizell to place ballpark under advisement.
 Yeas: McKay, Killian, Mizell
 Nays: None

Absent: Ellington, Romero
 MOTION CARRIED. UNANIMOUSLY.
 Motion by Mrs. Mizell, Seconded by Mr. Killan to add Police Department to the application for new Town Hall through capital outlay.
 Yeas: McKay, Killian, Mizell
 Nays: None

Absent: Ellington, Romero
 MOTION CARRIED. UNANIMOUSLY.
 Motion by Mrs. McKay, Seconded by Mrs. Mizell to request a red light or caution light for the Town of Mangham.
 Yeas: McKay, Killian, Mizell
 Nays: None

Absent: Ellington, Romero
 MOTION CARRIED. UNANIMOUSLY.
 Motion by Mr. Killian, Seconded by Mrs. McKay to approve the Police Report.
 Yeas: McKay, Killian, Mizell
 Nays: None

Absent: Ellington, Romero
 MOTION CARRIED. UNANIMOUSLY.
 Motion by Mr. Killan, seconded by Mrs. McKay to approve the financial report.
 Yeas: McKay, Killian, Mizell
 Nays: None

Absent: Ellington, Romero
 MOTION CARRIED. UNANIMOUSLY.
 Motion by Mr. Killian, Seconded by Mrs. Mizell to approve paying bills.
 Yeas: McKay, Killian, Mizell
 Nays: None

Absent: Ellington, Romero
 MOTION CARRIED. UNANIMOUSLY.
 Motion by Mrs. McKay, Seconded by Mrs. Mizell to adjourn.
 Yeas: McKay, Killian, Mizell
 Nays: None

Absent: Ellington, Romero
 MOTION CARRIED. UNANIMOUSLY.
 Johnny Natt
 Mayor
 9-24-20

Kristi Fleming
 Town Clerk

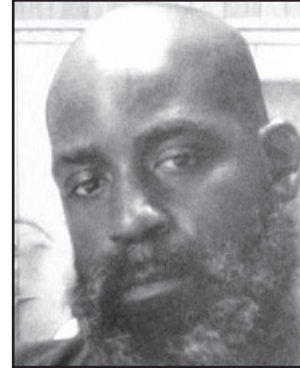
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 318-728-2250
 or email:
 Beaconphotos@bellsouth.net**



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



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 Rogers have been convicted of Lewd or Lascivious on a Child under 16 yoa. My address is: 113 Tweddle St. Delhi La.. 71232. 9-24-20, 10-1-20



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

Waller promoted at WSB branch

Winnsboro State Bank has announced the promotion of Laura Waller to the position of Mangham branch manager and assistant vice president.



Laura Waller

Waller joined WSB in 1999 as a teller, later working in the loan department, and most recently as a loan assistant.

“Laura has great charisma and a can-do attitude that helped her rise through the ranks of the bank,” said Howard Dee Smith, President of WSB. “She has won the trust of many of our customers and the admiration of her co-workers during her career at WSB.”

Waller and her husband, Darrell, live in Baskin

and have four children. A graduate of Crowville High School, Waller and her family are members of Life Church in Winnsboro.

Founded in 1902, WSB is headquartered Winnsboro with branches at Gilbert, Mangham and Rayville.

Singers

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-cognized singer who will teach during the Oct. 1 rehearsal is Lindsay Chartier-Holdeman, bass in the quartet Titanium. Among the foursome's honors are being Sweet Adelines International's Silver Medalist Quartet for 2020 and also SAI's Most Entertaining Quartet. Chartier-Holdeman directs SouthWest Sound, the Fort Worth chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society.

Murphy said that even though the Zoom experience doesn't allow chorus members to actually sing together, attendees do get to sing along with learning aids and four-part harmony recordings.

“We're a very welcom-

ing group,” she said. “We seek to make everyone feel at home from the moment they walk in the virtual door.” The ability to read music isn't necessary, she added - just the joy of singing.

In this trying time for musical groups throughout the world while they are unable to meet in person, Murphy said, “Even with the constraints we currently have, it's my hope and belief that the music is still very liberating.”

Singers who would like to participate should RSVP to Assistant Director Sallie Rose Hollis, of Ruston, at sallierose@mail.com for Zoom meeting information.

Notices

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NOTICE

Proposed Constitutional Amendments to be voted on at the Open Primary/Presidential/Congressional Election November 3, 2020

CODING: Words which are struck through are deletions from existing law; words in **boldface type** and/or **underlined** are additions.

Proposed Amendment No. 1
Regular Session, 2019

ACT No. 447

HOUSE BILL NO. 425
BY REPRESENTATIVES JACKSON, ABRAHAM, ADAMS, AMEDEE, ARMES, BACALA, BAGLEY, BAGNERIS, BARRAS, BERTHELOT, BISHOP, BOURRIQUE, TERRY BROWN, CARMODY, STEVE CARTER, CHANEY, COVICK, COUSSAN, COX, CREWS, DAVIS, DWIGHT, EDMONDS, EMERSON, FALCONER, GAROFALO, GISCLAIR, LANCE HARRIS, HILFERTY, HILL, HODGES, HOFFMANN, HOLLIS, HORTON, HOWARD, HUVAL, JORDAN, LACOMBE, NANCY LANDRY, LEBAS, MACK, MAGEE, MCFARLAND, MCMAHEN, MIGUEZ, GREGORY MILLER, MOORE, JAY MORRIS, MOSS, PUGH, RICHARD, SCHEKNAYDER, SEABAUGH, STAGNI, ANDERS, THOMAS, TURNER, WHITE, WRIGHT, AND ZERINGUE AND SENATOR THOMPSON AND REPRESENTATIVES CHAD BROWN, GUINN, ANDERS, BILLIOT, DUBUISSON, IVEY, MIKE JOHNSON, ROBERT JOHNSON, LARVADAIN, LEOPOLD, PEARSON, POPE, SIMON, STOKES, TALBOT, DEVILLIER, ABRAMSON, AND BOUIE AND SENATORS ALARIO, ALLAIN, APPEL, BARKOW, CHABERT, COLOMB, CORTEZ, ERDEY, FANNIN, GATTI, HENSGENS, HEWITT, JOHNS, LEBERT, LONG, MARTINY, MILKOVICH, MILLS, MIZELL, PEACOCK, RISER, GARY SMITH, JOHN SMITH, TARVER, WALSWORTH, WARD, AND WHITE

manner provided by law, a proposal to amend Article VII, Section 4(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

§4. Income Tax; Severance Tax; Political Subdivisions
Section 4. ***

(B) Severance Tax. (1) Taxes may be levied on natural resources severed from the soil or water, to be paid proportionately by the owners thereof at the time of severance. Natural resources may be classified for the purpose of taxation. Such taxes may be predicated upon either the quantity or value of the products at the time and place of severance. No further or additional tax or license shall be levied or imposed upon oil, gas, or sulphur leases or rights. No additional value shall be added to the assessment of land by reason of the presence of oil, gas, or sulphur therein or their production therefrom. However, sulphur in place shall be assessed for ad valorem taxation to the person, firm, or corporation having the right to mine or produce the same in the parish where located, at no more than twice the total assessed value of the physical property subject to taxation, excluding the assessed value of sulphur above ground, as is used in sulphur operations in such parish. Likewise, the severance tax shall be the only tax on timber; however, standing timber shall be liable equally with the land on which it stands for ad valorem taxes levied on the land.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subparagraph (1) of this Paragraph, the presence of oil or gas or the production thereof, may be included in the methodology to determine the fair market value of an oil or gas well for ad valorem taxes. ***

Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 3, 2020.

Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at the election, there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted to vote YES or NO, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as follows:

Do you support an amendment to permit the presence or production of oil or gas to be included in the methodology used to determine the fair market value of an oil or gas well for the purpose of property assessment? (Amends Article VII, Section 4(B))

Proposed Amendment No. 3
Regular Session, 2020

ACT No. 367

HOUSE BILL NO. 267
BY REPRESENTATIVE GARY CARTER
A JOINT RESOLUTION
Proposing to amend Article VII, Section 10.3(C)(3) and (4) of the Constitution of Louisiana and to add Article VII, Section 10.3(A)(5) and (C)(5) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to provide for deposits into and the uses of the Budget Stabilization Fund; to authorize the use of the fund for state costs associated with a disaster declared by the federal government; to provide for deposit into the fund of certain money received by the state from the federal government for the reimbursement of costs associated with such a disaster; to provide for certain limitations and requirements; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to amend Article VII, Section 10.3(C)(3) and (4) of the Constitution of Louisiana and to add Article VII, Section 10.3(A)(5) and (C)(5) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

§10.3. Budget Stabilization Fund
Section 10.3(A) There is hereby established in the state treasury a Budget Stabilization Fund hereinafter referred to as the fund. Money shall be deposited in the fund as follows: ***

(5) An amount equivalent to the money received by the state from the federal government for the reimbursement of costs associated with a federally declared disaster, not to exceed the amount of costs appropriated out of the fund for the same disaster pursuant to Subparagraph (C)(3) of this Section. ***

(C) The money in the fund shall not be available for appropriation or use except under the following conditions: ***

(3) If there is a federally declared disaster in the state, up to one-third of the fund, not to exceed the state costs associated with the disaster, may be appropriated after the consent of two-thirds of the elected members of each house of the legislature. Between sessions of the legislature, the appropriation may be made only with written consent of two-thirds of the elected members of each house of the legislature.

(4) In no event shall the amount included in the official forecast for the next fiscal year pursuant to Subparagraph (1) of this Paragraph, plus the amount appropriated in the current fiscal year pursuant to Subparagraph (2) of this Paragraph, plus the amount appropriated pursuant to Subparagraph (3) of this Paragraph exceed one-third of the fund balance at the beginning of the current fiscal year.

(4) (5) No appropriation or deposit to the fund shall be made if such appropriation or deposit would cause the balance in the fund to exceed four percent of total state revenue receipts for the previous fiscal year.

Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 3, 2020.

Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at the election, there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted to vote YES or NO, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as follows:

Do you support an amendment to allow for the use of the Budget Stabilization Fund, also known as the Rainy Day Fund, for state costs associated with a disaster declared by the federal government? (Amends Article VII, Section 10.3(C)(3) and (4); Adds Article VII, Section 10.3(A)(5) and (C)(5))

Proposed Amendment No. 4
Regular Session, 2020

ACT No. 366

HOUSE BILL NO. 464
BY REPRESENTATIVES BEAULLIEU, AMEDEE, BACALA, BRYANT, CARRIER, CORMIER, CREWS, DESHOTEL, DEVILLIER, EDMONDS, EMERSON, FARNUM, FIRMENT, FONTENOT, FRIEMAN, GAROFALO, HARRIS, TRAVIS JOHNSON, MCCORMICK, MCKNIGHT, MIGUEZ, PRESSLY, SCHAMERHORN, SEABAUGH, THOMAS, AND WRIGHT
A JOINT RESOLUTION
Proposing to amend Article VII, Section 10(C)(1) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to the expenditure limit; to provide for the method of determining the expenditure limit; to limit the growth of the expenditure limit; to provide for effectiveness; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to amend Article VII, Section 10(C)(1) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

§10. Expenditure of State Funds
Section 10. ***

(C) Expenditure Limit. (1) The legislature shall provide for the determination of an expenditure limit for each fiscal year to be established during the first quarter of the calendar year for the next fiscal year. However, the expenditure limit for the 1991-1992 Fiscal Year shall be the actual appropriations from the state general fund and dedicated funds for that year except funds allocated by Article VII, Section 4, Paragraphs (D) and (E). For subsequent fiscal years, the limit shall not exceed the expenditure limit for the current fiscal year plus an amount equal to that limit times a positive growth factor as provided for by law. The growth factor is the average annual percentage rate of change of personal income for Louisiana as defined and reported by the United States Department of Commerce for the three calendar years prior to the fiscal year for which the limit is calculated. The legislature shall establish by law a procedure to determine the expenditure limit. The procedure shall not provide for growth in the expenditure limit of more than five percent in any year. Once established by law, the procedure to determine the expenditure limit shall not be changed except by a law enacted by two-thirds of the elected members of each house of the legislature. ***

Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the

statewide election to be held on November 3, 2020.

Section 3. Be it further resolved that the provisions of the amendment contained in this Joint Resolution shall become effective on June 30, 2022.

Section 4. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at the election, there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted to vote YES or NO, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as follows:

Do you support an amendment to limit the growth of the expenditure limit for the state general fund and dedicated funds and to remove the calculation of its growth factor from the Constitution? (Effective June 30, 2022) (Amends Article VII, Section 10(C)(1))

Proposed Amendment No. 5
Regular Session, 2020

ACT No. 370

SENATE BILL NO. 272
BY SENATOR ABRAHAM AND REPRESENTATIVES AMEDEE, FARNUM, HARRIS, MCCORMICK, MINCEY AND SEABAUGH
A JOINT RESOLUTION
Proposing to add Article VII, Section 21(O) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to provide for ad valorem property tax exemptions; to establish an exemption for certain property subject to a cooperative endeavor agreement requiring payments in lieu of taxes; to provide for requirements and limitations; and to specify an election for submission of the proposition to electors and provide a ballot proposition.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to add Article VII, Section 21(O) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

§21. Other Property Exemptions
Section 21. In addition to the homestead exemption provided for in Section 20 of this Article, the following property and no other shall be exempt from ad valorem taxation: ***

(O) Property that is subject to a cooperative endeavor agreement as provided by law and this Constitution, between the owner and one or more taxing authorities which agreement requires the property owner to make payments in lieu of taxes as provided by law. Property eligible for this exemption shall be limited to property of a new manufacturing establishment or an addition to an existing manufacturing establishment.

(1) The exemption authorized under this Paragraph shall be to the extent agreed to and provided for in the cooperative endeavor agreement. All property exempted shall be listed on the assessment rolls and submitted to the Louisiana Tax Commission.

(2) Enactment of any law to implement this Paragraph and any amendment to that law shall require a two-thirds vote of the elected members of each house of the legislature.

Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 3, 2020.

Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at said election there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted to vote YES or NO, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as follows:

Do you support an amendment to authorize local governments to enter into cooperative endeavor ad valorem tax exemption agreements with new or expanding manufacturing establishments for payments in lieu of taxes? (Adds Article VII, Section 21(O))

Proposed Amendment No. 6
Regular Session, 2020

ACT No. 369

HOUSE BILL NO. 525
BY REPRESENTATIVE HILFERTY
A JOINT RESOLUTION
Proposing to amend Article VII, Section 18(G)(1)(a)(ii) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to the requirement that a person's income not exceed a certain amount in order to receive the special assessment level for residential property receiving the homestead exemption; to increase the amount of income allowed in order to qualify for the special assessment level;

to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to amend Article VII, Section 18(G)(1)(a)(ii) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

§18. Ad Valorem Taxes
Section 18. ***

(G) Special Assessment Level.
(1)(a) ***

(ii) Any person or persons shall be prohibited from receiving the special assessment as provided in this Section if such person's or persons' adjusted gross income, as reported in the federal tax return for the year prior to the application for the special assessment, exceeds fifty one hundred thousand dollars. For persons applying for the special assessment whose filing status is married filing separately, the adjusted gross income for purposes of this Section shall be determined by combining the adjusted gross income on both federal tax returns. Beginning for the tax year 2004 2026, and for each tax year thereafter, the fifty one hundred thousand dollar limit shall be adjusted annually by the Consumer Price Index as reported by the United States Government. ***

Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 3, 2020.

Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at the election, there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted to vote YES or NO, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as follows:

Do you support an amendment to increase the maximum amount of income a person may receive and still qualify for the special assessment level for residential property receiving the homestead exemption? (Amends Article VII, Section 18(G)(1)(a)(ii))

Proposed Amendment No. 7
First Extraordinary Session, 2020

ACT No. 38

SENATE BILL NO. 12
BY SENATOR FESI
A JOINT RESOLUTION
Proposing to add Article VII, Section 10(F)(4)(i) and Part V of Article VII, Section 10(F)(4)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to unclaimed property funds; to provide for the creation of a special trust fund; to provide for the dedication and credit of unclaimed property monies; to provide for the investment, administration, and use of the monies in the special trust fund; to exempt the monies in the fund from reduction in certain circumstances; to provide for certain reporting requirements; to provide for appropriation of monies in the special trust fund; to provide for an effective date; and to specify an election for submission of the proposition to electors and provide a ballot proposition.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to add Article VII, Section 10(F)(4)(i) and Part V of Article VII, Section 10(F)(4)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

§10. Expenditure of State Funds

(F) ***

(4) The provisions of Subparagraphs (1) and (2) of this Paragraph shall not be applicable to, nor affect: ***

(i) The Louisiana Unclaimed Property Permanent Trust Fund, as provided in Article VII, Section 28 of this constitution. ***

PART V. UNCLAIMED PROPERTY
§28. Louisiana Unclaimed Property Permanent Trust Fund
Section 28(A) Creation of Fund.
(1) Effective July 1, 2021, there shall be established in the state treasury as a special permanent trust fund, the Louisiana Unclaimed Property Permanent Trust Fund, referred to as the "UCP Permanent Trust Fund". No appropriation shall be made from the UCP Permanent Trust Fund.

(2) The purpose of the UCP Permanent

Trust Fund is to ensure a source of payment for claims made by owners of unclaimed property. After allocation of money to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund as provided in Article VII, Section 9(B) of this constitution, after the payment of all administrative fees, costs, and expenses as provided by law, and after the deposit of monies into the Unclaimed Property Leverage Fund, the treasurer shall annually deposit in and credit to the UCP Permanent Trust Fund the net amount of all monies received as a result of the Uniform Unclaimed Property Act of 1997 or its successor.

(3) Realized capital gains, dividend income, and interest income, earned on the investments in the UCP Permanent Trust Fund, net of trust fund investment and administrative expenses, shall be deposited into the State General Fund.

(4) All monies shall be credited to the fund as provided in Subparagraph (2) of this Paragraph until the balance in the UCP Permanent Trust Fund equals the amount of the state's potential liability to unclaimed property claimants as reported in the previous fiscal year pursuant to Paragraph (C) of this Section. All money received above the state's potential liability to unclaimed property claimants as reported by the state treasurer shall be deposited into the State General Fund.

(B) Investment and Administration.
The money credited to the UCP Permanent Trust Fund pursuant to Paragraph (A) of this Section shall be permanently credited to the UCP Permanent Trust Fund and shall be invested by the treasurer. Notwithstanding any provision of this constitution to the contrary, a portion of money in the UCP Permanent Trust Fund, not to exceed fifty percent of the money in the UCP Permanent Trust Fund, may be invested in equities. The legislature shall establish by law procedures for the investment of such monies. The treasurer may contract, subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission, for the management of such investments. Investment earnings shall be available for appropriation to pay expenses incurred in the investment and management of the UCP Permanent Trust Fund.

(C) Reports; Allocation. (1) Not less than sixty days prior to the beginning of each regular session of the legislature, the state treasurer shall submit to the legislature and the governor a report of the following:
(a) The balance of the UCP Permanent Trust Fund as of the close of the prior fiscal year.

(b) The state's potential liability to unclaimed property claimants as of the close of the prior fiscal year.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subparagraph (1) of this Paragraph, not less than sixty days prior to the beginning of the 2022 Regular Session of the legislature, the state treasurer shall submit to the legislature and the governor a report of the following:
(a) The balance of the UCP Permanent Trust Fund as of January 1, 2022.

(b) The state's potential liability to unclaimed property claimants as of the close of the prior fiscal year.

(3) If unclaimed property claims exceed receipts, the state treasurer shall certify the amount needed to pay received claims and shall allocate sufficient funds from the UCP Permanent Trust Fund to pay that amount. The state treasurer shall also immediately notify the legislature and governor of the amount transferred from the UCP Permanent Trust Fund and amount remaining in the UCP Permanent Trust Fund.

(D) Private Property. Property received by the state pursuant to the Uniform Unclaimed Property Act of 1997 or its successor and deposited into the UCP Permanent Trust Fund is private property held in trust until a claim is made for it by the owner.

Section 2. Be it further resolved that the provisions of the amendment contained in this Joint Resolution shall become effective on July 1, 2021.

Section 3. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 3, 2020.

Section 4. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at said election there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted to vote YES or NO, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as follows:

Do you support an amendment to create the Louisiana Unclaimed Property Permanent Trust Fund to preserve the money that remains unclaimed by its owner or owners? (July 1, 2021) (Adds Article VII, Sections 10(F)(4)(i) and 28)

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