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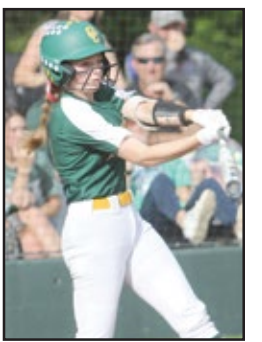
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Meeting heats up over Sarah's Kitchen

By Nancy Bergeron
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The fate of the building that housed the once-popular Sarah's Kitchen soul food restaurant could be decided next month by Ruston's Board of Aldermen.

The restaurant, located at 609 Lee Avenue, has been closed since 1999 and is on the city's list of substandard structures to be considered for demolition.

Aldermen were poised

to make a decision Monday until one of the heirs said the family doesn't want the building torn down, nor do they want to change its look, even after 22 years of idleness.

The board doesn't meet again until July 12. In the meantime, city officials are researching issues that came to light during an almost half-hour, sometimes intense exchange between Daphne Albritton Large and city authorities Monday night.

Sarah's Kitchen was

owned and operated by Large's parents, the late Sarah and Robert Albritton.

At one point, Large accused city Building Official Bill Sanderson of not making "a true inspection" of the property.

"I feel offended, personally," Large said. "I know this is standard business for you all, but my mother only closed her eyes six months ago. And we have this particular ordinance being

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Leader photo by CALEB DANIEL

This building that once housed the soul food restaurant Sarah's Kitchen is being reviewed by Ruston's Board of Aldermen for possible demolition.

Trooper linked to Greene death terminated over unrelated investigation

By Nancy Bergeron
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One of the Louisiana state troopers involved in a chase that ended in the death of Ronald Greene has been fired, but not for the incident in which Greene died.

LSP spokesperson Capt. Nick Manale confirmed Thursday that Trooper Dakota DeMoss was terminated June 4 a result of disciplinary actions in a separate use-of-force investigation involving the May 2020 arrest of Antonio Harris in Richland Parish.

According to the Associated Press, Harris led officers on a 29-mile high-speed chase before his car was finally stopped with a spike that caused Harris to drive into a ditch.

Harris was reportedly beaten by DeMoss and yanked to his feet by his hair, the AP reported late Wednesday. Trooper George Harper, who was also involved in the Harris arrest, was also fired because of that incident.

Harper was not involved in the Ronald Greene arrest. The Greene episode happened a year earlier, in May 2019 on a rural Union Parish road.

Greene, a barber from West Monroe, reportedly was speeding and ran a traffic signal in Ouachita Parish near the University of Monroe around midnight on May 10, 2019. That's when DeMoss began chasing Green's SUV at speeds of over 100 mph for about 25 miles and into Union Parish.

Body camera videos first obtained by the AP and later released by state police show troopers hitting, tasing and then dragging the handcuffed and shackled Greene face-down on the pavement.

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CEDAR CREEK'S COWBOY

Will Harris captures state title in steer wrestling

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Cedar Creek High School is known for its excellent mix of academics and athletics on the north end of Ruston. One thing it may not be known for is rodeo. Will Harris might change that.

The soon-to-be senior may be putting Cedar Creek on the rodeo map after capturing the state championship in steer wrestling at last weekend's Louisiana High School Finals Rodeo held at the West Cal Arena in Sulphur.

Now he'll be heading to Lincoln, Neb., July 18-24, to compete in the National High Schools Finals Rodeo.

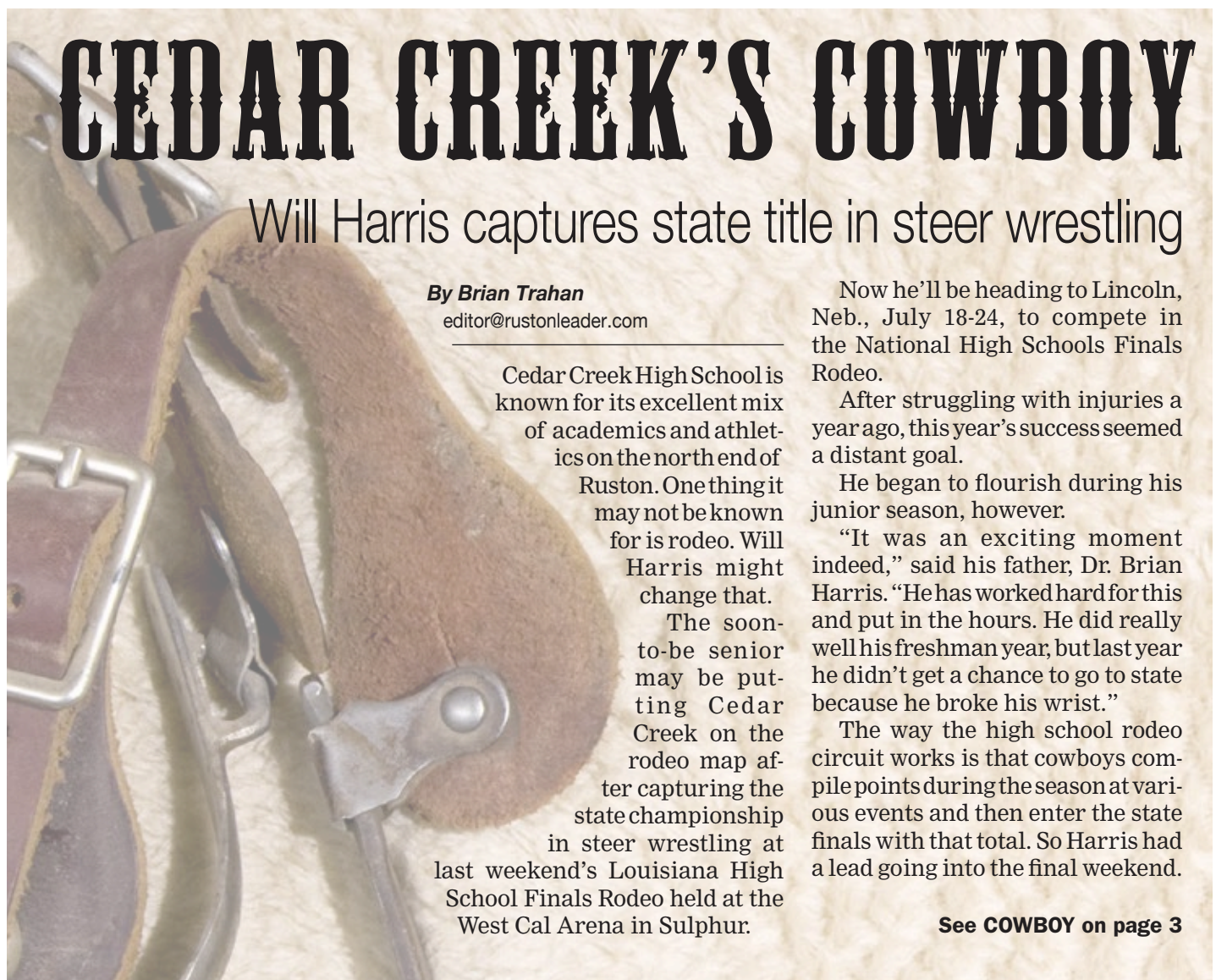
After struggling with injuries a year ago, this year's success seemed a distant goal.

He began to flourish during his junior season, however.

"It was an exciting moment indeed," said his father, Dr. Brian Harris. "He has worked hard for this and put in the hours. He did really well his freshman year, but last year he didn't get a chance to go to state because he broke his wrist."

The way the high school rodeo circuit works is that cowboys compile points during the season at various events and then enter the state finals with that total. So Harris had a lead going into the final weekend.

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Cedar Creek junior Will Harris competes in the steer wrestling event at West Cal Arena in Sulphur last weekend. Harris captured the state championship and will compete at nationals in July.

Photo by RODRICK ANDERSON



POLICE JURY

Blighted Simsboro service station could be sold off

By Caleb Daniel
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The dilapidated former gas station in Simsboro that has local officials concerned for residents' safety may soon be auctioned off to a new private owner.

Located at the corner of Martha Street

and U.S. Highway 80 in downtown Simsboro, the building is an adjudicated property under the Lincoln Parish Police Jury's jurisdiction. The canopy of the building is falling apart and appears ready to crumble.

On Tuesday the jury introduced an ordi-

nance to sell the property following a public auction on July 12.

Properties can become adjudicated after the owner fails to pay property taxes. This one was adjudicated to the parish in 2004, meaning the five-year period allowed for owners to rectify the situation and

redeem their property expired in 2009.

After the redemption period, the parish can declare the property surplus and sell it any time they like, so long as there's an interested party.

Someone expressing interest in buying is usually what prompts

the process to begin. But it still has to go to public auction.

Simsboro Mayor Sybil Smalling-Foster asked the jury to take the building down in May, but parish officials were uncertain if they could do work to a property that is in the jury's possession but

not technically owned by them.

If the property is sold, it'll be the new

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NAMI NOTES

NAMI Ruston provides support, emergency numbers

The coronavirus outbreak, and the social distancing measures in place to prevent its spread, have turned all our lives upside down.

But, if you have a mental illness, the pervasive climate of anxiety, stress, and isolation may be especially harmful to your well-being.

Steps

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) offers steps you can take to prevent this difficult time from derailing your mental health:

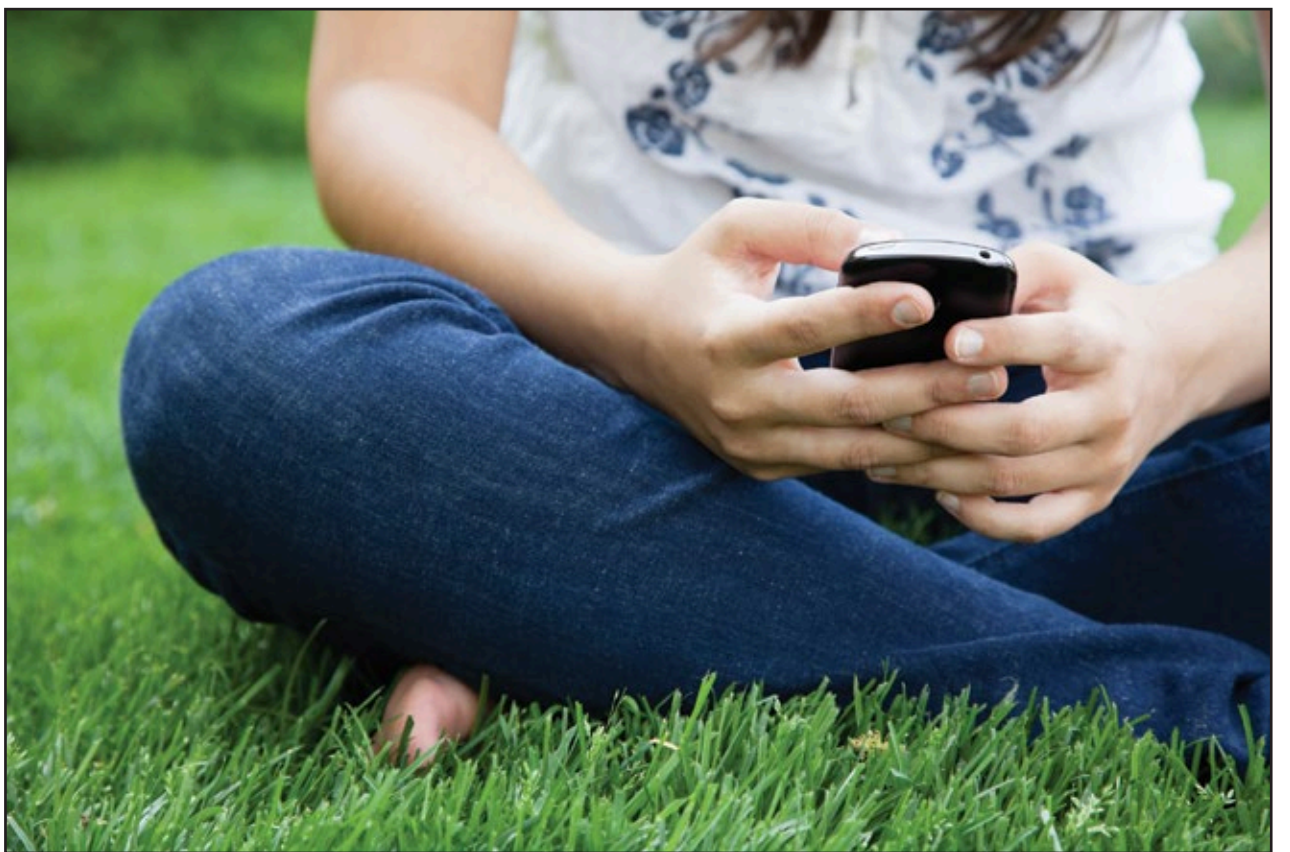
- Maintain a routine. Take reasonable precautions, but do not go overboard. Find ways to “get going.” Try not to fixate on sleep.

- Stick to consistent meal-times. Follow your regular mental health treatment plan. Practice mindfulness and acceptance techniques, like yoga or meditation.

- Be kind to yourself. Continue to communicate with others. This time is challenging for everyone. But you do not need to compound the difficulties by neglecting your mental health.



By Jerrilene Washington



Mental health facts

Mental health is essential to everyone's health and well-being. Mental illnesses are common and treatable. Approximately 599,000 adults in Louisiana have a mental health condition. That is more than three times the population of Baton Rouge.

Only about 4 in 10 people in Louisiana with a mental health condition received any treatment in the past year. Mental illnesses are medical conditions that can disrupt a person's thinking, feelings, moods, ability to relate to others, and daily functioning. Mental illnesses affect nearly 60 million Americans each year.

Regardless of race, age, religion or economic status, mental illnesses impact the lives of at least one in five adults and one in six youth aged 6-17 in America. Half of all lifetime mental health conditions begin by age 14 and 75 percent by age 24, and 90% of those who die by suicide have an underlying mental illness.

Between 70% and 90% of individuals have significant reduction of symptoms and improved quality of life with the right treatments and supports. However, less than one-third of adults and one-half of children with diagnosed mental health issues receive treatment every year. Stigma, fear, and lack of awareness are some reasons.

During these times, where do you turn for help? Listed below are crisis helplines and other local emergency numbers, along with local mental health and other complementary service providers. Many of these providers offer tele-medicine or tele-therapy.

Helplines

- Police and Emergency (Fire, Police, and Ambulance) 911 or check local listing.
- Coroner's Office (318) 251-8801.
- Domestic Abuse Resistance Team (888) 411-1333/ (318) 251-2255.
- Grambling Police Department (318) 247-3771.
- Lincoln Parish Sheriff (318) 251-5111.
- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (800) 273-8255.
- Pafford Emergency Medical Services, Ruston (318) 255-9114.
- Ruston Police Department (318) 255-4141.

Service Providers

- NAMI Ruston, Louisiana (318) 247-3982.
- Information and Referral Services 211.
- Elisha Ministries Supportive Housing of Northeast Louisiana, Ruston (318) 251-1233.
- Family Counseling Center, Louisiana Methodist Children's Home, Ruston (318) 255-5753.
- Family Solutions Counseling Center, Ruston (318) 255-2922, Monroe (318) 322-6500.
- Grambling State University Student Counseling and Wellness Resource Center (318) 274-3277.
- Green Clinic, Ruston (318) 255-3690.
- The Health Hut, Ruston (318) 513-1212.
- Health Paradigm, Ruston (318) 251-2322.
- Lincoln Community Health Center, Ruston (318) 224-7190.
- Lincoln Nova Vital Recovery - Inpatient and Outpatient Services, Ruston (318) 251-4659.

- Louisiana Tech University Counseling Services (for students), Ruston (318) 257-2488.
- NEDHSA Ruston Behavioral Health Clinic (318) 251-4125.
- Northern Louisiana Medical Center, Ruston (318) 254-2100.
- Pecan Villa, Ruston (318) 251-9960.
- Princeton Place Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center – Inpatient Services, Ruston (318) 255-4400.
- Rain to Rainbow Counseling and Consulting, Ruston (318) 232-2797.
- Ruston Regional Specialty Hospital – Inpatient Services (318) 251-3126.
- Ruston Nursing and Rehabilitation Center – Inpatient Services, (318) 255-5001.
- Serenity Springs Specialty Hospital – Inpatient Services, Ruston (318) 202-3860.
- Serenity Springs Specialty Hospital – Outpatient Services, Ruston (318) 251-9904.
- Volunteers of America/Independence Meadows, Ruston (318) 254-2800.

Tips

Save this article and keep it handy. Refer to it whenever you need a helpline or service provider.

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SENSE & SENSITIVITY

Late grad wants to support classmates

DEAR HARRIETTE: It doesn't look like I'm going to graduate on time. I'm a few credits short, and my graduation is next week. I can take the classes over the summer and be finished by fall, but I will miss the ceremony and will not be able to walk across the stage with my friends.

Of course, I'm sad and a little bit embarrassed. I want to avoid the ceremony altogether since I won't be able to participate in it, but I know that it's important for me to show up in support of all my friends who are graduating. I am afraid that when I get there I'm going to be really emotional and bitter. How can I put the bitterness aside and show up for my friends?

Resentful

DEAR HARRIETTE: My boyfriend keeps loaning people money and not getting it back. I don't understand why he keeps doing it, knowing that the outcome usually isn't the best. He's a very thoughtful person and tries to be as helpful as he can, but I feel like I'm watching him get walked all over.

I don't want to tell him what he can and cannot do with his money, but I feel like it's just common sense at this point. What can I say to him to convince him to stop basically giving his money away?

Say No



By Harriette Cole

DEAR RESENTFUL: You must first deal with your reality. You have known for a while that you weren't going to be able to graduate this year. You need to accept that and decide on your plan for the future. When the path forward is clear, it will make it easier to face your friends.

Putting on your friend hat, if you can muster up the courage, you should go to their graduation and the subsequent festivities. Honor them by showing up where you can. You probably won't have to talk about yourself much. They will be excited about their big day, as will their families.

Let them talk about themselves. If you are asked about your plans, be prepared to share them — you intend to finish your final credits over the summer and...? Figure out what you plan to do next so that you can say it out loud.

wealth and help others. Since your boyfriend is naturally generous, mention some organizations that help people or other causes that he cares about. He may want to consider donating a certain amount of money each year to a charity that matches his interests.

Also, research financial advisers and suggest he get a consultation with one to talk about his money and the future. Start creating wealth-building strategies now that will pay off later on.

By tying up key dollars today, your boyfriend will have less liquid money to bail people out, and he will probably begin to be more confident in his ability to support causes that he deems worthy, particularly those with a potentially robust return on investment.



Courtesy photo

The Goff & Goff team that donated to Wiggin'Out is composed of (from left) Brandy Cox, Erin McDonald, Melisa Rudd, Shelley Goff and Addison Goff. The team donated 90 care packages in celebrating 90 years in service.

Goff & Goff team donates to Wiggin'Out

On May 11, the Goff & Goff Attorney team met with Wiggin'Out President Vicki Caskey. Add & Shelley Goff shared that their firm is celebrating 90 years of service this year.

In discussing how to acknowledge this monumental milestone it was important for them to pour back into the community and people of this area. A donation to Wiggin'Out recipients was one of the ways chosen to give back.

“Cancer-related support is important to all of us here at Goff & Goff as we have a couple of cancer survivors among our team,” said Add Goff, Elder Law Attorney. Senior paralegal Melisa Rudd spearheaded the initiative for the team.

Goff & Goff donated 90 care packages consisting of things such

as a travel pouches, lip balm, hand sanitizers and cards with a message of hope. The gifts will be given to Wiggin'Out recipients throughout

the year. All of these will come in handy for those going through cancer treatment. The pouches have already started being distributed.

Happy Heavenly Birthday Mom

Pearlaine G. Washington

We love and miss you!

From your children and grandchildren.

WEEKENDS WITH DART

Local elementary friends of DART attending summer camps

Ah, Summer. For a kid, it's the season to spend time in the pool, at the park, and hopefully ... at a summer camp.

Here is a shout out to four groups that are making the summer of 2021 full of adventures: The Bridge Community Church in Ruston, The Well, North Central Louisiana Arts Council and Pine Forest Baptist Church in Meridian, Miss.

The Bridge and the Well made it possible for a klatch of DART elementary friends to attend a week-long adventure "Camp in the City" held in Ruston. Created by Christ-centered Pine Cove Camp in Tyler, Camp in the City is an excellent experience to Ruston each year for children who cannot get to their overnight camps in East Texas.

Each summer, small groups of about 10 campers are led by an individual counselor while they play water sports, camp games and learn about God. Our kids were thrilled with invitations and scholarships to participate in this adventure.

Pine Cove is an amazing resource for this region as they have decades of experience and host over 30,000 kids each summer through their many Tyler programs. So successful with their Tyler camps that they now send their teams out to interested churches to reach even more "campers."

A youth group from Pine Forest Baptist Church from Meridian invited DART kids to attend a "Mini Summer Camp" they held in Ruston. The three-day event featured water games, crafts, indoor games and the older boys and girls played a lot of basketball.

Each year, I work with a national organization called YM360, who present youth enrichment camps at 11 locations around the United States for youth groups and their leaders. To get a clearer picture of

the camp (called Generate), I called Residential Life at Louisiana Tech University and spoke with a representative that told me that the week of Generate, over 800 campers will be on Tech Campus using the dorms, apartments and dining facilities. We are so thrilled that Pine Forest uses their "community outreach" time to present our kids with a fun, summer activities.

The North Central Louisiana Arts Council also provides an Art Camp for kids in two forms: in-person and at-home. What a great opportunity for kids in our area — our kids included — that want to express themselves artistically.

So why am I so excited about summer camp provisions for the DART kids?

Research shows that kids who have endured trauma benefit from:

- a consistent schedule (eating three times a day, wake up and bed times, etc.)

- appropriate nurturing;
- appropriate discipline;
- new experiences with safe adults;

It is important to teach traumatized children that adults can be safe and life can be fun.

Thank you to our community for providing for these children fun, exciting and safe summer camp experiences.

Donna Bernard is the Child Advocate for Domestic Abuse Resistance Team headquartered in Ruston and works with children who have been exposed to or a victim of physical, sexual, verbal, emotional abuse or neglect. She also helps children and teens remain safe in the face of bullying and teen dating violence as well as staying safe online. Contact her at 318.513.9373 or donna.bernard65@yahoo. A copy of this article and other resources to help keep children safe may be found at dartkids.org.

Jury picks Jones for library board seat

By **Caleb Daniel**
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Bill Jones is now officially a member of the Lincoln Parish Library Board of Control.

The Lincoln Parish Police Jury on Tuesday followed the recommendation of the library board and appointed Jones to the board over fellow applicant Edward Richmond.

The jury's Personnel and Benefits Committee voted for Jones,

a local attorney and former state senator, to fill Debbie Hollimon's vacated seat by a 4-1 margin, with committee Chairman Joe Henderson preferring Richmond.

The full jury then accepted the committee's recommendation unanimously during the regular meeting.

Jones and Richmond appeared before the library board on May 27 to be interviewed for the open seat. The board, by a 6-1 vote, preferred Jones' history with

election campaigns since the library has a tax election coming up in October to secure renewed funding for operations.

The jury committee didn't interview the applicants but allowed them to speak briefly before voting.

Aside from the tax election, other tasks the library board will soon be facing include the hiring of a permanent library director and the continued relaunch of the recently underused Library Events Center.

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He had 87 points to 68 for Sulphur High School's Gatlin Martin.

Harris' average of 4.8 points in the three go-rounds was enough to hold the lead and win the championship, 102.3 to 97.

It was a little precarious when Harris missed the steer completely in the short go-round. The zero-point total brought Gatlin closer, but it wasn't enough to overcome the lead.

"He hadn't missed a steer all year until that last go-round," Dr. Harris said. "We knew he would have enough

points, though, to hold on."

Harris placed third in the first go-round (4.79 seconds), fourth in the second go-round (5.88 seconds) and then had the no-time in the short go-round.

Harris placed sixth last year at state with no-time in all three rounds, so his victory was a vast year-over-year improvement. Again, that was due to not competing with the broken wrist. His totals last year were all prior to the finals.

Harris' success on the circuit developed rather swiftly, in terms of the typical road to rodeo competition. He only began the sport in the eighth grade while in junior high, starting with Little Britches events. After he expressed to his parents he wanted to pursue being a cowboy, Harris began working in Bernice with known steer wrestling trainer

Tom Carney, who became his coach. "Tom has been training professional steer wrestlers for years, and we wouldn't be in this position without him," Dr. Harris said.

If you happen upon the Harris household just outside of Ruston near Dubach, you may find Will Harris practicing his craft. His father said he gets in about 8 to 10 hours of training a week to prepare for the events that area held around the state.

Inside the home you would see the accolades Will Harris has brought home. His haul from the state finals? A souvenir belt buckle and a saddle declaring his championship.

The hours in which he will toil to hone his skills just may increase between now and July 18. Should he excel in Nebraska, Cedar Creek just may become known for producing cowboys.

Tax swap plans win final passage to reach ballot

BATON ROUGE (AP) — A long-recommended proposal to untie Louisiana's income tax collections from federal tax payments won passage Thursday from lawmakers on the legislative session's last day, sending the concept to voters for a decision on the October ballot.

The proposal would get rid of personal income tax and corporate tax deductions for federal income taxes paid in exchange for lowering the state's income tax rates. Louisiana also would permanently eliminate the corporate franchise tax for small businesses and lower the tax rate for others. Franklin Republican Sen. Bret Allain, who led the Senate tax debate, hailed passage as a critical "tax reform."

Gov. John Bel Edwards could scuttle the overhaul if he vetoes individual pieces of a package that requires all measures to pass before it can take effect. Republican legislative leaders said they've been working with the Democratic governor on the bills, and



Edwards has broadly supported the tax swap concept for years. But he hasn't announced a public position on the specific package of bills that passed.

Louisiana allows taxpayers to deduct the federal income taxes they pay from the computation of their state income taxes. When federal income taxes go up, Louisiana collects less in state taxes. When federal income taxes go down, state tax collections rise.

That leaves Louisiana's treasury harmed or helped by decisions out of state control — a situation that tax experts, economists and government watchdog

groups have lamented for years.

The conservative Pelican Institute for Public Policy praised the tax package as starting "the process of simplifying our overly complex and burdensome tax code that has sent jobs and opportunity to other states and hurt Louisiana's families for far too long."

In exchange for losing the tax break for federal taxes paid, taxpayers would receive a 1.85% personal income tax rate on the first \$12,500 of net income, down from 2%. The tax rate for the next \$37,500 of income would fall from 4% to 3.5%, and the rate for income above \$50,000 would drop from

6% to 4.25%.

The constitutional change also would cap the maximum allowable rate of personal income tax in Louisiana at 4.75%, so lawmakers could never increase the rate above that percentage unless returning to voters for another decision.

On the corporate side, the proposal would scrap current rates that range from 4% to 8% and companies would lose the ability to deduct federal taxes paid from their state taxes. In exchange, the state would charge companies a 3.5% tax rate on the first \$50,000 of earnings; 5.5% on earnings above \$50,000 and up to \$150,000; and 7.5% on earnings above \$150,000.

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CORRECTION OF MEETING LOCATION: NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Article 7, Section 23 (C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B) that a public hearing of the Lincoln Parish Police Jury will be held at its regular meeting place, the Lincoln Parish Courthouse Building, 3rd Floor, 100 W. Texas Ave., Ruston, Louisiana on Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at 7:00pm where it intends to consider levying additional or increased millage rates without further voter approval or adopting the adjusted millage rates after reassessment and rolling forward to rates not to exceed the prior year's maximum. The estimated amount of tax revenues to be collected in the next year from the increased millage is as follows:

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IN OUR OPINION

We cannot let our civic clubs fade away

For many decades, communities around the United States, and the world for that matter, could depend on civic clubs to have a profound presence and impact on every day life.

Business and community leaders have gathered weekly for the past 100 years in every town and city across the country with the purpose of giving back to their own to enhance lives.

Whether it's Rotary International, Kiwanis International, the Lions Club or various other organizations, the intent was to give of yourself as a group.

Is the interest in civic organizations dwindling? Is it a generational issue?

In recent years, the numbers involved in civic clubs have indeed dwindled. Some clubs struggle to stay active. Here in Ruston, the Sunrise Kiwanis Club held its last meeting in early May after being in existence for more than 45 years.

Part of the reason for the sunrise club's extinction can be attributed to the pandemic. The restrictions made meeting on a weekly basis nearly impossible for a year, and the club couldn't quite recover.

That saddens us. There is so much good done in our community by civic organizations — Rotary, Kiwanis and Junior Auxiliary just to name a few. It's not like meetings are a barren wasteland. Our civic-minded people are indeed still giving back. We wonder, however, what this business and community niche will look like in 10 to 20 years.

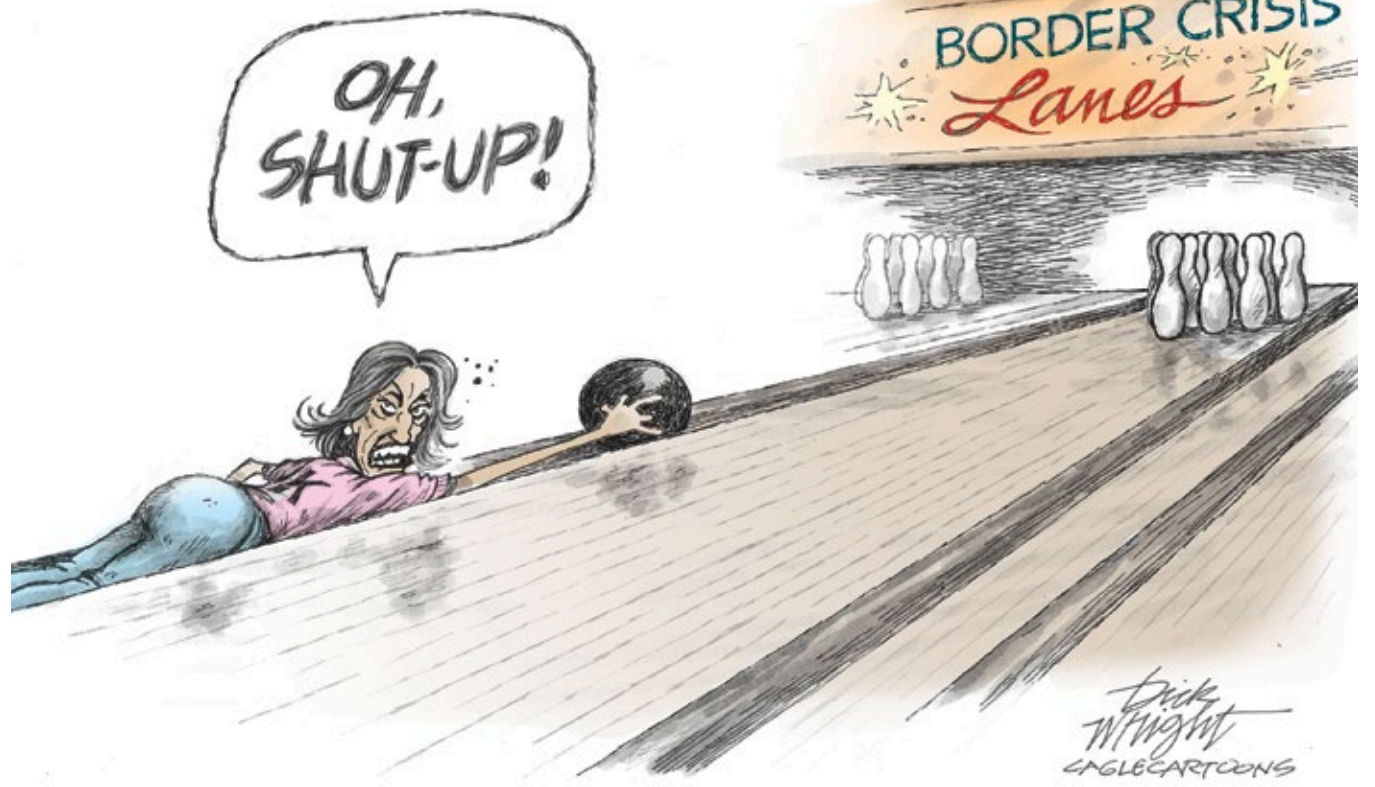
Will the business leaders stepping up into society now be able to give the time and devotion it takes? Because that's exactly what it takes. There is an inherent unselfish nature attached to belonging to such an organization.

We understand lives are busy, and in today's society, there is so much going on. It takes more than just attending a meeting for an hour a week to make a successful civic club. There are weekends giving time to fundraisers. There are evenings of planning. You give financially, personally or professionally, because you can and because it's needed.

Rotary International for the longest time made polio eradication its main project. They accomplished that worldwide. They have turned to providing clean water in third world countries as well as giving back to education domestically.

Kiwanis does the same with its focus on education and local projects. The Louisiana Lions Club donates its time and money to children's vision issues and the Louisiana Children's Camp for those with disabilities. Junior Auxiliary in Ruston also gives back to the community with projects that involve children.

The crux is ... we need to keep this going. We implore young business people around the community to invest time in civic clubs. Explore the different options here in Ruston and find one that fits you. It's such a profound way to give back to our community. We need you.



THE GRAIN OF SALT

Police accountability trickling down to Louisiana

An increase in scrutiny and accountability for law enforcement agencies, particularly as it pertains to use of force, has swept the nation over the past several years, escalating to new heights in the past year.

But those winds of change haven't blown quite as hard here in the Deep South. You're more likely to hear pushback in the other direction among the majority of folk down here.

While calls go out in other areas of the country for reforms in policing transparency, instead in Louisiana you see reactionary moves to play tug-of-war with the very notion of those ideas, such as a major push in the Legislature last year to prohibit municipalities across the state from even considering cuts to their law enforcement budgets.

I don't believe there's anything wrong at all with expressing appreciation for police officers who take on a dangerous job to keep the rest of us safe.

But a blind, ubiquitous defense of all things law enforcement, adopted as some kind of reactionary political statement to those on the other extreme, is a dangerous attitude to have.

It's an attitude that allows Louisiana state troopers to get away with what appears to amount to beating a man to death on a rural Union Parish road and then lying about the cause of death and covering up body camera footage of the incident for two years.

The case of Ronald Greene, who was beaten, repeatedly tased and dragged along the ground long after he could have possibly presented any

threat, hits close to home.

Not just because the deadly arrest occurred in our neighboring parish, and not just because one of the troopers who watched it all go down and appears to have lied about his body cam footage is from Ruston.

It hits close to home because it makes it that much harder for us to view police brutality as a far-off, occasional problem that's just one or two bad apples in a bunch.

We may have viewed the George Floyd footage and thought it was terrible, but surely that doesn't happen here.

It seems it does.

Ronald Greene was wrong to flee from a simple traffic stop and lead officers on a high-speed chase that could have put others in danger. But his fate was supposed to be in the judicial system's hands.

He didn't deserve to be killed for his offense. If he hadn't died, that's still not police officers' job. Watch the footage — there was no "protect and serve" happening there.

What's even more troubling is the news from the Associated Press this week that these officers, along with the entirety of the 66-man Troop F that's assigned to our area, are under investigation for a number of other, similar beatings of unarmed, usually Black men who appear to offer no resistance.

In Greene's and other cases, there are text message and recordings of officers bragging and laughing about how badly they beat people they arrested.

If this were an isolated incident involving just a handful of troopers, it would be all too easy to respond

to the scrutiny by simply cordoning those guys off as "the bad ones" and calling it a fluke.

But evidence is mounting that this is the prevailing culture in at least Troop F, if not elsewhere in the state police.

When those of us who aren't on an extreme pole of the opinion spectrum see cases of severe brutality, it's only natural to want to treat them as exceptions.

It's easier to process that way and requires less consideration of overall change.

Even the thousand-strong "protest" march organized by Louisiana Tech students in the wake of George Floyd's murder last year was carried out hand-in-hand with local law enforcement, with all the thunderous ire being directed at the more nebulous "system" across the country while local officials were thanked for their support.

The same District Attorney who was an honored speaker at this rally has been attempting to lay the onus for investigation of the Greene case on federal officials after two years of silence on the matter.

As more and more stories come out, it's becoming apparent that Greene's death is the tip of the iceberg for the state police. Officials here at home and across the state are going to have to reckon with the wave of scrutiny coming their way, one way or another.

Delayed as it may be, accountability is coming to Louisiana, whether we're ready or not.

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By Caleb Daniel

WEEKLY MUDDLE

A story about the birds and the bees

At our local golf course, there is a cordoned-off area for a bird which annually nests on the grounds underneath the towering pine trees.

Even within the ropes, a person must look very closely to find this bird. With variegated plumage in gray and black, she looks like a pinecone, or simply a furrow in the earth upon which she sits.

In 100-degree heat. Never moving, while golf carts buzz around her.

Never deserting her duty although the wind blows, the rain falls, golf balls zoom by and lawnmowers kick up dust.

She sits.

The bird is a night hawk, or as some prefer to call her, a bull bat. Apparently the second name comes from her "bat-like" flight, and the "bull-like" boom made by her wings during a dive.

I, however, have never seen her move. According to People Who Know, she will only leave the nest unattended during the evening in order to feed. When she does so, the male she loves will roost in a neighboring tree (the spot he chooses may change daily). In her absence, he guards the nest by diving, hissing, wing-beating or booming at the site. No wonder she loves him so much.

Those same People Who Know

also suggest that recent research proves these night hawks are monogamous.

And dedicated.

And loyal.

And protective.

You don't have to read many newspapers or listen to many television broadcasts to hear that a parent has

abandoned a child, or mistreated a child, or refused to feed or care for a child.

Then you find that nighthawk, sitting in the broiling heat, refusing to desert her nest.

In our world, wives are killing their husbands, and husbands are killing their wives. But on our golf course, you find two birds exhibiting a monogamous relationship as they both care for their baby.

Are we sure we are the higher species?

That thought was swirling around in my heat-stroked head as I returned from playing a round of golf at said golf course. My score was not impressive, but that bird was. I wanted to take her a little parasol, or spritz her with cool mist, or put an O2Cool battery-operated fan nearby.

I collapsed on the couch to listen to the news of the day, and learned about parents abandoning children and husbands killing their wives. So

I found my way to a Georgia Public Television broadcast on honey bees.

Okay, so I'm old and I watch public television. Surely you had figured as much. Next, I'll be feeding the pigeons or knitting, surrounded by cats.

But did you know honey bees are so committed to their queen that they will use their wings to fan her? Further, they groom her.

And most phenomenal of all: they are capable of collective decision-making. That means their colonies make our federal government look like Rome-on-fire while Nero was fiddling.

A honey bee has a grass-seed sized brain that is able to calculate foraging distances and energy expenditure and find out the shortest route to the flowers he wants, a complex mathematical problem that can keep computers busy for days.

I find all of this — and more — astonishing.

Georgia's bees — and probably Florida's too — are actually being rented to states like Washington for the pollination of apple orchards, and to California for the fertilization of almond plants.

We've got an unemployment rate of 5-10% in this country but we're renting our hard-working bees?

Sometimes, the more I learn about people, the more inclined I am to admire the birds and the bees.



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Stocks move higher, erasing weekly loss for S&P 500

The Associated Press

Stocks moved broadly higher Thursday, bringing the S&P 500 index out of the red for the week. Health care and technology companies were among the biggest gainers.

The S&P 500 was up 0.6% as of 1:03 p.m. Eastern. The benchmark index is on track to close above its last all-time high set May 7th. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 146 points, or 0.4%, to 34,593, and the Nasdaq Composite rose 0.7%. Bond yields were steady.

The Labor Department said consumer prices jumped 5% in May, the biggest year-over-year increase since 2008. The figure was higher

than the 4.6% rise that economists had expected.

While investors have been concerned about inflation for weeks, the May report seemed to reinforce the growing consensus that any increase in inflation will be temporary. A significant portion of the rise in consumer prices was tied to the sale of used cars, for example, which is largely attributed to the fact that many rental car companies are buying vehicles to beef up their fleets as people return to traveling.

“Keep in mind that as we start to make our way back to a full economic recovery, there is pent up demand and supply constraints from raw material and labor shortages,” said Mike

Loewengart, a managing director at E-Trade Financial. “This creates the type of inflation that the Fed believes is transitory, meaning it too shall pass. Whether or not they are correct remains to be seen.”

The bond market was steady after the inflation data. The yield of the 10-year U.S. Treasury note slipped to 1.48% from 1.49% late Wednesday.


Organon jumped 8.6% and Biogen gained 4.3% as health care stocks led the market higher. Technology and communication stocks also rose. Microsoft gained 1.5% and Charter Communications added 1.6%. Banks and industrial companies were the only laggards. Wells Fargo slid 1.1%, while Caterpillar dropped 1.8% lower.

Investors also reacted positively to more data that showed continued improvement in the labor market. The number of Americans who filed for unemployment benefits last week fell by 9,000 to 376,000, another pandemic low.

Stocks have been meandering all week as investors looked ahead to another inflation snapshot. The worry is that if signs of inflation are more than transitory, as the Federal Reserve has suggested, it could prompt central banks to withdraw stimulus from the economy to combat rising prices.

Markets are also watching for developments from a summit of the Group of Seven in Britain.

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Warning signs were posted on a tree outside of the former site of Sarah's Kitchen to keep intruders off the property. The once-popular restaurant has been closed for 22 years.

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discussed by you all. So it's very difficult to have to stand here and have to defend Sarah's Kitchen as it is known. To ask that it not be demolished. Sarah's Kitchen was part of the history of this town. It's brought notoriety to this town.”

Sarah Albritton died in November of 2020 at age 84. The restaurant was in operation from 1987 to 1999.

Large acknowledged that the family does not have a plan for the building and is using it only for storage. They've had a fallen tree removed this week. Large said Thursday morning that the family plans to do additional cleanup.

Though Lee Street is residential, the restaurant was allowed to locate there under zoning regulations in place at the time. The building is actually a mobile home that's had a shack-like facade built around it and a tin roof placed over it. Large said the facade was intentionally done to give the structure the look of an old-time restaurant.

Now, one of the questions is whether a vacated facility can be used as a storage building in a residential area.

The city's zoning code appears to say no. Storage units are allowed if there is a residence on a lot. But Large told aldermen, and reiterated in a follow-up interview, that nobody plans to live in the old restaurant.

“We're not occupying the building — ever,” she said.

Large, who lives in Trussville, Ala., said the family had considered turning the structure

into a museum, but that wouldn't happen in the short term.

“So, it's a vacant building,” Ruston Mayor Ronny Walker said.

“It's a vacant building,” Large said.

According to the Lincoln Parish Assessor's website, Robert and Sarah Albritton bought the property in 1986. The report says the original structure was built in 1950. Its condition is listed as “Poor.”

The property has been on the city's radar for almost a year as part of a plan to demolish blighted housing using funds from a Louisiana Community Development Block Grant. The grant allows for demolition at no cost to the property owner.

“Does this house meet a standard condition?” City Attorney Bill Carter asked Sanderson during Monday's hearing.

“Yes,” Sanderson said. Ruston has a lengthy process for declaring structures substandard before aldermen are asked to start the condemnation clock. Property owners are given the opportunity to repair buildings — typically within a 30- to 90-day period — if they wish to do so and if aldermen agree.

It's the Board of Aldermen's decision as to what to do with structures deemed substandard. Sanderson's official inspection report on the Lee Street property is dated April 19, 2021, and lists 14 deficiencies ranging from general dilapidation to structural hazards, fire hazards, sanitation issues and

electrical problems.

He said the Albritton heirs were sent a letter dated April 22 notifying them that a recommendation had been made by the inspections office asking aldermen for permission to start the condemnation process on the building and that the request would be on aldermen's May 3 agenda.

“This is simply the permission for the city council to set a hearing date,” Sanderson said.

That hearing was Monday. Until then, no one from the family had talked with Sanderson.

“Our first conversation with anybody with the family occurred at the June 7 meeting,” Sanderson said.

Large said the family received the notification but thought their property was going to be removed from the list as a result of a conversation with Alderwoman Angela Mayfield, who represents the Lee Street area.

“We knew it was going to go in front of the city council last month,” Large said. “But we had talked with the alderwoman, and we kind of thought it would be taken off the list.”

Large said Mayfield told the family all they needed to do was clean up the site, and they did.

Then they received the notice about Monday's meeting “and we're like, ‘They're going to tear it down if we don't interject,’” Large said.

Mayfield said some of the deficiencies noted on the April 19 report seem to be in error, and she thought further inspec-

tion would bear that out. She said she knew the building's facade was intended to make it look run down.

Large also questions some of Sanderson's finding, particularly one dealing with lighting. According to the report, the building lacks required electrical lighting. But Large points to motion lights that have been added to the old building.

Large acknowledged the property needed some cleanup. She said she's willing to do the minimum that's acceptable.

“We don't mind doing some basic cleanliness around the kitchen,” she told aldermen. “We don't want to change the way the building appears.”

“It's just being used for storage,” Large said in a follow-up interview on Wednesday. “Why do I have to spend a small fortune for storage?”

She said family members “very rarely” go in the structure.

“I would like to work with the city to try to come to a more reasonable approach rather than checking every box — and that's what they did,” Large said. “I'm not trying to make a fuss. I'm just trying to protect what our parents established.”

Meantime, Sanderson praised aldermen for putting off a decision until their July 12 meeting.

“I think the council did an excellent job to postpone to give time to do adequate research, because the first and foremost thing is to treat the property owner with all fairness,” he said.

Lawmakers OK sports betting rules

BATON ROUGE (AP) — Months after most Louisiana voters agreed to legalize sports betting, lawmakers Thursday gave final passage to rules that will allow the wagering through sports book sites, mobile apps and kiosk locations in parishes where voters supported the activity.

A 33-3 Senate vote sent the regulatory bill by Republican Senate President Page Cortez to the governor's desk. The House earlier had voted 78-15 for the legislation. Democratic Gov. John Bel Edwards is expected to sign the measure into law, paving the way for betting on sports events to begin as early as the fall.

Voters in 55 of Louisiana's 64 parishes agreed to allow sports betting on live-action games, but lawmakers had to set the rules and the tax rates before the gambling can begin. The tax bill received final legislative passage earlier in the session. Lawmakers are creating 20 licenses for sports book operators, with Louisiana's casinos and racetracks given first chance to get those licenses. If those casinos and racetracks don't seek all 20 licenses by Jan. 1, fantasy sports betting operators and video poker establishments in the parishes where sports wagering is legal will be eligible to apply.

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owners' responsibility to fix it up.

Smalling-Foster and members of the village's Board of Aldermen have said their primary concern is that local children sometimes play around the

structure, which poses an obvious safety risk. Additionally, it's just an eyesore for the village.

The property, bearing the address 2696 Martha Street, is only about a quarter of an acre, officials say.

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In the wake of the Greene incident, DeMoss received a letter of counseling and letter of reprimand. Last month, LSP Superintendent Col. Lamar Davis said during a press conference that he intended to fire DeMoss, who was suspended as a result of the 2020 incident.

Two other troopers on scene in the Greene incident, Trooper Kory York and Lt. John Clary, of Ruston, remain on active duty.

It was York who dragged Greene on the pavement even though

Greene was not resisting at that point. Clary, who body camera footage shows arrived after Greene had been handcuffed and manhandled, was the ranking officer on the scene.

York received a 50-hour suspension.

Chris Hollingsworth, another trooper involved in the use of force against Greene, was scheduled to be fired last year, but died from injuries sustained in a single vehicle crash on I-20 that happened shortly after he learned of his pending termination.

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Three Nanosystems Engineering students earn REU spots

Leader News Service

Three Nanosystems Engineering students at Louisiana Tech University have earned spots in the National Science Foundation REU (research experiences for undergraduates) program.

Senior Brandon Hubbs (Baton Rouge), sophomore Gabriel Peterman (Alexandria), and freshman Nicholas Jones (Monroe) have earned spots in the program at Louisiana Tech, the University of Nebraska — Lincoln, and the University of Arkansas, respectively.

The three students will work in a variety of fields within nanosystems engineering and technology over the summer.

Hubbs will work with Dr. Adarsh Radadia, Associate Professor of Chemical Engineering with the Louisiana

Tech Institute for Micro-manufacturing and Center for Biomedical Engineering and Rehabilitation Sciences, to devise a code to simulate the resistance between any two points on a 3D-printed part. Because the code will measure the resistance before printing, the resulting work will save researchers money as they develop parts.

Hubbs' work is in the same area that he and his College of Engineering and Science Senior Projects Conference team worked on with Radadia over the last academic year. During the 2020-21 year, Hubbs and his team refined the annealing process designed by the previous Nanosystems Engineering Senior Projects team.

At the University of Nebraska, Peterman will research treating traumatic brain in-

jury (TBI) with nanoparticles that act as super antioxidants under the mentorship of Dr. Forrest Kievit, a biomedical engineering professor at the university.

His Louisiana Tech research advisor, Dr. Yuri Voziyanov, Professor of Biological Sciences, says that he is impressed by Peterman's work ethic and intellectual curiosity.

"Gabriel is an intelligent and highly motivated individual," Voziyanov said. "Last fall, he took the initiative to join my laboratory to get experience in molecular biology techniques. Gabe demonstrated great interest in working in a laboratory environment. His performance in the lab as an undergraduate student is always exemplary. His lab experience includes, among other techniques, PCR [polymerase chain reaction],

plasmid DNA digestion and ligation, the transformation of bacteria, and isolation of plasmid DNA from bacteria."

"I enjoy nanosystems engineering," Peterman said, "and I enjoy working with Dr. Voziyanov on biological and genetics research. In his lab, I see a lot of products that are designed based on nanotech, and from my perspective, editing DNA is working with a nanomolecule. I'm grateful for the proper lab experience I've gotten with Dr. Voziyanov and to have the opportunity to use chemistry, physics, and nanosystems labs at Tech, where I've learned manufacturing techniques. I'm looking forward to working with Dr. Kievit and getting the new experience."

Jones will carry what he's learned working with Dr.

Shawn Chen, Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engineering at the Institute for Micromanufacturing at the University into his research with the University of Arkansas — Fayetteville.

Chen says that she expects Jones will do excellent research during his REU.

"Nicholas is working in our group on atomistic simulations of battery materials. He is a detail-oriented problem solver; even as a freshman, he is highly motivated in doing research and has shown exceptional leadership skills."

The NSF REU program provides undergraduate students with the opportunities to expand their research experiences outside of their home universities, providing participants with exposure to new ideas and methods for research.

ARRESTS

Bank robbery, molestation keep officials busy

Name: Karlterion Lamar Williams
Age: 22
Address: 1421 Davis Blvd., Ruston
Arrested for: Simple Robbery, Resisting an Officer (three counts), Simple Battery on a Police Officer (three counts)
Date of arrest: June 7
Time of arrest: 6:15 p.m.
Place of arrest: 501 N. Trenton St., Ruston
Arresting agency: RPD
Bond amount: \$100,000, TBS, TBS, TBS, TBS, TBS, TBS



Williams

Arrested for: No Driver's License (Three Counts, Execution of Sent.), No Insurance (Execution of Sent.), Displaying Invalid Registration (Execution of Sent.), Driving Left of Center (Execution of Sent.)
Date of arrest: June 2
Time of arrest: 2:27 p.m.
Place of arrest: Lincoln Parish Annex, Ruston
Arresting agency: LPSO
Bond amount: No Bond, No Bond, No Bond, No Bond, No Bond, No Bond



Mitchell

Address: 3962 Hwy. 556, Choudrant
Arrested for: Drug Court Sanction
Date of arrest: June 3
Time of arrest: 3:00 p.m.
Place of arrest: 170 Road Camp Rd., Ruston
Arresting agency: LPSO
Bond amount: No Bond



Spruell

Name: Marcus G. Slaughter
Age: 19
Address: 371 Hancock Haven Rd., Chatham
Arrested for: Home Invasion, Second Degree Battery, Simple Criminal Damage to Property, Simple Battery
Date of arrest: June 3
Time of arrest: 3:08 p.m.
Place of arrest: 170 Road Camp Rd., Ruston
Arresting agency: LPSO
Bond amount: \$50,000, \$40,000, \$1,500, \$3,500



Slaughter

Name: Malik Latrelle Hicks
Age: 24
Address: 643 Apple Dr., Ruston
Arrested for: Domestic Abuse Battery
Date of arrest: June 3
Time of arrest: 11:46 p.m.
Place of arrest: 1408 N. Trenton St., Ruston
Arresting agency: RPD
Bond amount: TBS



Hicks

Name: Roytavious Ke-Shun Drake
Age: 18
Address: 283 Lewis Way Ln., Homer
Arrested for: Improper Lane Usage, No Driver's License, Possession of Schedule I Drug (Marijuana) with Intent to Distribute, Illegal Possession of Schedule II (Oxycodone), Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Illegal Carrying of a Firearm in the Presence of a Controlled Dangerous Substance
Date of arrest: June 3
Time of arrest: 11:32 p.m.
Place of arrest: Intersection of Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr., at Lewis St., Ruston
Arresting agency: LPSO
Bond amount: ROR, ROR, TBS, TBS, ROR, TBS



Drake

Name: Ashley Nicole Terry
Age: 31
Address: 1011 Highway 563, Dubach
Arrested for: Drug Court Sanction
Date of arrest: June 3
Time of arrest: 3:00 p.m.
Place of arrest: 170 Road Camp Rd., Ruston
Arresting agency: LPSO
Bond amount: No Bond



Terry

Name: Tykierra S. Drake
Age: 20
Address: 283 Lewis Way Ln., Homer
Arrested for: Possession of Schedule I Drug (Marijuana) with Intent to Distribute, Possession of Oxycodone, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Illegal Carrying of Firearm in the Presence of a Controlled



Drake

Name: Michael Duane Ausburn
Age: 25
Address: 1212 Dubach Ave., Ruston
Arrested for: Molestation of a Juvenile
Date of arrest: June 2
Time of arrest: 3:11 p.m.
Place of arrest: 1212 Dubach Ave., Ruston
Arresting agency: RPD
Bond amount: \$200,000



Ausburn

Name: Elber Perez
Age: 18
Address: 409 E. Colorado Ave., Ruston
Arrested for: Unauthorized Entry of an Inhabited Dwelling
Date of arrest: June 2
Time of arrest: 10:06 a.m.
Place of arrest: 408 Kirkland Ave., Ruston
Arresting agency: RPD
Bond amount: TBS



Perez

Name: Amonda Mi'Quin Millage
Age: 25
Address: 1105 Larson St., Ruston
Arrested for: Attempted Murder — Second Degree, Probation & Parole Violation
Date of arrest: June 2
Time of arrest: 2:00 p.m.
Place of arrest: 170 Road Camp Rd., Ruston
Arresting agency: RPD
Bond amount: \$500,000, No Bond



Millage

Name: Logan Tyler Hickman
Age: 27
Address: 416 East Line Ave. #29, Ruston
Arrested for: Aggravated Assault, Probation & Parole Hold Violation, Probation & Parole Hold Violation
Date of arrest: June 3
Time of arrest: 2:06 p.m.
Place of arrest: 416 East Line Ave., Ruston
Arresting agency: RPD
Bond amount: TBS, No Bond, No Bond



Hickman

Name: Anthony Dwight Williams, Jr.
Age: 25
Address: 217 Cotton St., Ruston
Arrested for: Illegal Carrying of Weapon in Possession of Controlled Dangerous Substance, Possession of Schedule II Drug (Cocaine) with Intent to Distribute, Possession of Schedule IV Drug (Alprazolam or Xanax), Possession of Schedule I Drug (Synthetic Marijuana), Possession of Schedule I Drug (Marijuana), Disobeying Stop Sign, Open Container, Bench Warrant — No Driver's License, Bench Warrant — No Seatbelt
Date of arrest: June 3
Time of arrest: 11:04 p.m.
Place of arrest: 1006 Arlington St., Ruston
Arresting agency: RPD
Bond amount: TBS, TBS, TBS, ROR, ROR, \$2,000, \$2,000



Williams, Jr.

Name: Donnie O'Brien Holloway
Age: 26
Address: 846 Madden Rd., Ruston
Arrested for: Warrant - Possession of Schedule IV Drug (Xanax)
Date of arrest: June 3
Time of arrest: 11:25 a.m.
Place of arrest: 170 Road Camp Rd., Ruston
Arresting agency: LPSO
Bond amount: \$2,500



Holloway

Name: Xavier D'Louis Mitchell
Age: 33
Address: 500 E. Colorado Ave., Ruston

Name: Alaina Kay Spruell
Age: 30

Dangerous Substance
Date of arrest: June 3
Time of arrest: 11:32 p.m.
Place of arrest: Intersection of Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr., at Lewis St., Ruston
Arresting agency: LPSO
Bond amount: TBS, TBS, ROR, TBS



Dupre

Name: Georrein Demoine Lee Dupre
Age: 22
Address: 3006 Zachary Ave., Ruston
Arrested for: Carrying Firearm/Weapon on School Property
Date of arrest: June 3
Time of arrest: 2:12 p.m.
Place of arrest: Fraternity Plot, 403 Main St., Grambling
Arresting agency: GSU
Bond amount: TBS

Name: David Touchet
Age: 41
Address: 2984 Hwy. 80, West Monroe
Arrested for: Introduction of Contraband into a Penal Institution, Bench Warrant — DWI, 2nd
Date of arrest: June 6
Time of arrest: 4:13 p.m.
Place of arrest: 106 Bayou Rd., Monroe
Arresting agency: LPSO
Bond amount: TBS, \$4,000



Touchet

Name: Bobby Morgan
Age: 22
Address: 4401 Bundy Rd., Grambling
Arrested for: Possession of a Firearm in a Firearm Free Zone
Date of arrest: June 9
Time of arrest: 9:48 p.m.
Place of arrest: 464 Founders Ave., Grambling
Arresting agency: RPD
Bond amount: TBS



Johnson

Name: Amanda Catherine Hudson
Age: 36
Address: 2647 Hwy. 828, Farmerville
Arrested for: Possession of Schedule II Drug (Methamphetamine) with Intent to Distribute, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Possession of Schedule IV Drug (Xanax), Possession of Schedule II Drugs
Date of arrest: June 5
Time of arrest: 12:24 a.m.
Place of arrest: 904 E. Georgia Ave., Ruston
Arresting agency: RPD
Bond amount: TBS, ROR, TBS, TBS



Hudson

Name: Karon D. Patten
Age: 24
Address: 1020 Patton Rd., Lorman, Miss.

Arrested for: False Personation of a Peace Officer, Resisting Arrest by Flight, Resisting an Officer, Impeding Flow of Traffic
Date of arrest: June 6
Time of arrest: 1:07 a.m.
Place of arrest: 100 Water Tank Rd., Ruston
Arresting agency: LPSO
Bond amount: TBS, TBS, TBS, TBS



Patten

Name: Demetrius Deshun Carr
Age: 29
Address: 696 Burgersville Rd., Ruston
Arrested for: Possession of Schedule I Drug (Marijuana) with Intent to Distribute, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Headlights Required After Dark
Date of arrest: June 6
Time of arrest: 12:52 a.m.
Place of arrest: Intersection of Pecan St. At Second St., Ruston
Arresting agency: LPSO
Bond amount: TBS, ROR, ROR



Carr

Name: Thomas Demon Funchess
Age: 29
Address: 634 Claiborne Ave., Jackson, Miss.
Arrested for: Resisting by Flight — Aggravated Flight, Reckless Operation, Speeding — Excess of 100 Miles per Hour, Improper Lane Usage, Improper Lane Usage, Failure to Use Turn Signal, No Driver's License, Fugitive Other Jurisdiction
Date of arrest: June 6
Time of arrest: 9:46 a.m.
Place of arrest: Interstate 20 East Bound, Mile Marker #98
Arresting agency: LSP
Bond amount: \$50,000, \$1,000, \$2,500, \$1,000, \$1,000, ROR



Funchess

Name: Jeremy Hardway
Age: 25
Address: 433 Fountain Dr. #2, Ruston
Arrested for: Simple Criminal Damage to Property, Resisting an Officer (two counts), Disturbing the Peace, RPD Warrant — Theft Less than \$1,000, RPD Warrant — Disturbing the Peace/Intoxication, RPD Warrant — Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
Date of arrest: June 7
Time of arrest: 11:23 p.m.
Place of arrest: 170 Road Camp Rd., Ruston
Arresting agency: RPD
Bond amount: ROR, TBS, TBS, TBS, \$3,000, \$3,000, \$3,000



Hardway

Name: Daniel Burgess Jumper
Age: 21
Address: 1022 Hwy. 167, Dubach
Arrested for: Speeding 21-30 Miles per Hour over Limit, No Driver's License, Bench Warrant — Fugitive from Another Jurisdiction (two counts), Possession of Stolen Property, Probation & Parole Hold Violation
Date of arrest: June 7
Time of arrest: 7:17 a.m.
Place of arrest: Intersection of N. Trenton St. At Frazier St., Ruston
Arresting agency: RPD
Bond amount: ROR, ROR, \$25,000, \$25,000, \$10,000, No Bond



Jumper

Name: Isaiah Bridges
Age: 24
Address: 280 Central Ave., Grambling
Arrested for: Aggravated Assault with a Firearm
Date of arrest: June 8
Time of arrest: 4:11 p.m.
Place of arrest: 501 N. Trenton St., Ruston
Arresting agency: RPD
Bond amount: \$175,000



Bridges

Name: Tyran Montel Johnson
Age: 22
Address: 185 Graham St., Dubach
Arrested for: Aggravated Assault with a Firearm, Probation & Parole Hold Violation — Aggravated Battery and Second Degree Robbery
Date of arrest: June 8
Time of arrest: 3:42 p.m.
Place of arrest: 170 Road Camp Rd., Ruston
Arresting agency: RPD
Bond amount: \$50,000, No Bond



Johnson

Name: Erica Renee Richardson
Age: 38
Address: 200 Old Minden Rd. #213, Bossier City
Arrested for: Grambling Warrant — Simple Criminal Damage to Property (two counts), Grambling Warrant — Simple Theft
Date of arrest: June 8
Time of arrest: 6:26 p.m.
Place of arrest: Intersection of Dunn Rd. At Garr Rd., Grambling
Arresting agency: GPD
Bond amount: \$5,000, \$5,000



Richardson

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Cedar Creek's Adams named to Class 1A All-State team

Written for the LSWA

Chad Ashburn led Oak Grove on a dominant run to a Class 1A title. Blaire Bizette willed Catholic-Pointe Coupee back to the Division IV title game.

The duo received the top individual honors on the Louisiana Sports Writers Association's Class 1A All-State teams for baseball and softball.

Ashburn went 8-3 on the mound with a 1.97 ERA and 86 strikeouts in 60.1 innings pitched. The MVP of the Class 1A final threw a no-hitter against Grand Lake to seal Oak Grove's first state championship since 2001.

Bizette, a Southeastern Louisiana University signee, was 16-4 with 142 strikeouts and a 1.29 ERA. She also batted .500, collecting 38 RBIs and 10 extra-base hits.

Cedar Creek is also represented on the Class 1A softball squad by slugger Sarah Adams. The junior was named to the infield as part of the All-State squad after hitting

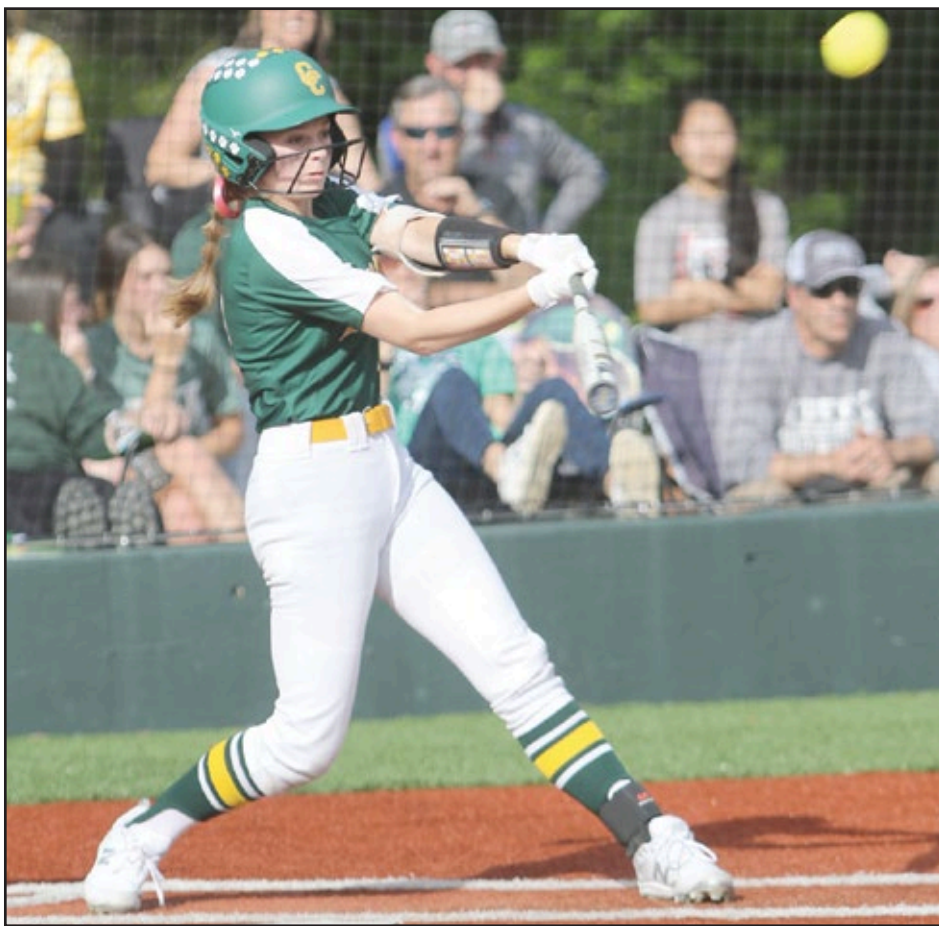


Photo by Darrell James

Cedar Creek junior slugger Sarah Adams, shown here hitting a home run in a playoff game, was named Class 1A All-State.

.500 this past season. The highlight of her year was a three-homer ballgame in the first round of the playoffs against St. Edmund in April. Teammate Riley Spradlin was

named honorable mention on the team.

Oak Grove's Ty Rollinson was named the baseball coach of the year. The Tigers won four combined playoff games

by a score of 61-2.

Calvary Baptist's Tiffany Wood received softball coach of the year honors after the Lady Cavs beat Catholic-PC for the Division IV title.

LSWA CLASS 1A ALL-STATE SOFTBALL TEAM

Name	School	Class	Stats
Lila Ostrowski	Oak Grove	Sr.	15-7
Blaire Bizette	Catholic-PC	Sr.	16-4
Landri Campbell	LaSalle	Jr.	24-6
Riley Walker	Calvary	Sr.	17-3
Sarah Adams	Cedar Creek	Jr.	.500
Ramsey Walker	Calvary	Fr.	.538
Alyssa Duncan	Merryville	Sr.	.517
Madison Crowe	Oak Grove	Sr.	.392
Jamie Fielder	Calvary	Sr.	.549
Raelen Gongre	Montgomery	Sr.	.398
Sarah Grace Loftin	St. Frederick	Sr.	.425
DJ Lynch	Calvary	Fr.	.468
Hannah Dugas	Catholic-PC	Sr.	.467
Taylor Bonaventure	Catholic-PC	Sr.	.484
Riley Dyson	Merryville	Sr.	.507

OUTSTANDING PLAYER — Blaire Bizette, Catholic-PC
COACH OF THE YEAR — Tiffany Wood, Calvary

HONORABLE MENTION — Trinitee Bruno, Calvary; Jamie Fielder, Calvary; Madison Cory, Calvary; Katie Paul Woods, Logansport; Annabelle Fontenot, St. Edmund; Blaire Gerald, Opelousas Catholic; Chloe Miller, Montgomery; Savannah Valentine, LaSalle; Stormy Street, LaSalle; Abigail Creighton, St. Frederick; Brighley Crayon, Montgomery; Haile Crappell, Central Catholic; Madison Cory, Calvary; Hallie Dupre, Ascension Christian; Kelli LeDoux, Grand Lake; Riley Spradlin, Cedar Creek; McKenzie Myers, Montgomery; Kiaya Brown, Covenant Christian; Charlotte Lottinger, Covenant Christian; Ali Mancuso, St. John; Camryn Loving, Riverside; Mia Daigle, Grand Lake; Piper Yarbrough, St. Frederick; Ramsey Bradford, Oak Grove; McKenzie Myers, Montgomery; Karleigh Soileau, St. Edmund.



Photo by Tom Morris

Louisiana Tech junior offensive lineman Abraham Delfin (right) has received an academic honor by the Sports Information Directors of America.

Bulldogs' OL Delfin honored for success in the classroom

Leader Sports Service

Louisiana Tech junior offensive lineman Abraham Delfin was voted First Team Academic All-District 6 as announced by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) on Thursday.

Delfin graduated summa cum laude with a degree in construction engineering technology in May and is currently pursuing a master's degree in engineering and technology management.

Delfin registered a 3.91 cumulative GPA and has been named to the AD Honor Roll 12 times, Dean's List 12 times, President's List seven times and the Conference USA Commissioner's Honor Roll four times. He is a four-time C-USA Academic Medalist and earned a spot on the C-USA Football All-Academic Team in 2020.

On the field, Delfin was named an All-Conference USA honorable mention for his work in the 2020 season.

The Plaquemine native started in all 10 games at right guard in the 2020 campaign where he was part of an offensive front that ranked first in C-USA and second in the FBS in fourth down conversions at 88.9 percent (16-of-18). Delfin helped the offense rank fourth in C-USA and 53rd in the FBS in red zone offense at 84.6 percent (33-of-39).

He assisted the offense in averaging 315.8 yards of total offense, including a 216.6 passing yard average and a 99.2 rushing yard average.

First-team Academic All-District® honorees advance to the CoSIDA Academic All-America® ballot. First- and second-team Academic All-America® honorees will be announced in early July.

Season tickets for the 2021 Louisiana Tech football season are on sale now. Fans can purchase season tickets online at LATechSports.com/tickets or by calling the Tech Ticket Office at (318) 257-3631.

Tech announces 2021 Hall of Fame class

By Malcolm Butler

Louisiana Tech Communications

Louisiana Tech announced its 2021 Hall of Fame Class this week which includes two-time Ray Guy Award winner Ryan Allen, two-time Southland Conference Pitcher of the Year Richie LeBlanc, three-time Gulf States Conference champion golfer Roy Pace, five-time All-American jumper Bryant Wesco, Kodak All-American Debra Williams and Super Bowl Champion cornerback Tramon Williams.

The six-person class will be enshrined into the Louisiana Tech Athletics Hall of Fame this fall. More details on the exact time and location of the event will be released soon.

"I want to commend the Hall of Fame Committee for their efforts in selecting such a diverse and deserving class," said Louisiana Tech VP and Director of Athletics Eric Wood. "This group is a representation of a wide variety of our programs and so many eras of Louisiana Tech Athletics. It is a group full of competitors. I want to congratulate each individual within this class, and we look forward to celebrating their accomplishments in the fall."

Allen (Football, 2010-12) made history during his Bulldog career, becoming the first player to win back-to-back Ray Guy Awards as the nation's top punter. A member of the 2011 Western Athletic Conference champions and the 2011 Poinsettia Bowl team, Allen was a two-time All-American and a 2-time all-conference performer.

He holds the record for the longest career punt and the highest career punting average in program history. The eight-year NFL veteran won three Super Bowls (XLIX, LI, LIII) with the New

England Patriots and was selected as a member of the 50 Greatest Players in Joe Aillet Stadium History in 2018.

LeBlanc (Baseball, 1985-87) led the Bulldogs to the 1986 and 1987 NCAA Regionals while being named the Southland Conference Pitcher of the Year both seasons. During his Bulldog career, he recorded a mark of 29-8 in the circle while registering 18 complete games in 38 career starts.

His 12 wins in 1987 is tied for the program record for most wins in a season. The 10th round draft choice by the Kansas City Royals in the 1987 MLB Draft etched his name in Bulldog lore after tossing 10 innings in a 5-4 extra inning win over LSU at J.C. Love Field in 1987.

Pace (Men's Golf, 1959-62) will become the first Bulldog golfer to be enshrined into the Louisiana Tech Athletics Hall of Fame. He captured the Gulf States Conference individual title in 1960, 1961 and 1962. He still holds the school record (tied) with the lowest single round of 62 at the 1962 Louisiana Tech Invitational.

Pace played for more than a decade on the PGA Tour and recorded 10 Top 15 finishes, including winning the 1971 Magnolia Classic in Hattiesburg. He is a member of the Connecticut Golf Hall of Fame for "Distinguished Golf Achievement" and named the 1987 Metropolitan PGA Golf Professional of the Year.

Wesco (Track and Field, 1996-2000) becomes the fifth track and field athlete to enter the Hall of Fame. He was a five-time All-American for the Bulldogs in the triple jump and an 11-time Sun Belt Conference champion in the long jump and triple jump.

He owns the Louisiana Tech record in the indoor triple jump, including seven of the top 10 marks

in school history. Wesco also hold the program record in the outdoor triple jump, and six of the top ten marks in school history. He led the Bulldogs to the 1999 Sun Belt Conference Indoor Championship, and he was the national runner-up in the triple jump in 2000.

Debra Williams (Women's Basketball, 1992-96) was one of the top scorers in Lady Techster history. The 1996 Kodak All-American and three-time all-Sun Belt Conference honoree still ranks No. 13 in career scoring (1,749 points) and No. 6 in career three-pointers made (136). She was named to the all-Sun Belt Conference Tournament team all four years of her career, including being named MVP in 1994.

Williams helped lead the Lady Techsters to four straight league titles and NCAA Tournament appearances, including the 1994 NCAA National Championship game. She was selected in the third round of the 1997 WNBA Draft by the Charlotte Sting.

Tramon Williams (Football, 2002-05) began his career as a walk-on for the Bulldog football team after coming to Tech from Assumption High School, but he quickly made a name for himself on both the college and NFL levels. After earning a scholarship at Tech, Williams earned first team all-Western Athletic Conference honors while leading the team in interceptions in each of his final two years in Ruston, including the game-clinching interception in the memorable win over No. 18 Fresno State in 2004. He has spent 15 years in the NFL and recorded 34 career interceptions. He was a member of the Green Bay Packers Super Bowl XLV team.

With the addition of these selections, the Louisiana Tech Athletics Hall of Fame will be at 115 members.

Fobbs adds Ross to GSU staff as offensive line coach

By Evan Murry

Grambling State Sports

GRAMBLING — Grambling State University head football coach Broderick Fobbs added another valuable hire to his coaching staff with the addition of Bryant Ross as the new offensive line coach.

Ross is a native of Atlanta, and he transitions to Grambling from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette where he served as the assistant offensive line coach

under head coach Billy Napier for the past two years.

"Coach Ross is a very energetic and detailed individual," Fobbs said. "He was very impressive in the interview process and I look forward to working with him."

During his tenure with the Ragin' Cajuns, the offense set school records in rushing. In 2020, four out of the five offensive linemen received Sun Belt postseason honors and also were finalist for the

Joe Moore Award given to the nation's top offensive line over the three years he was on staff.

Ross was also a part of a program that made the Sunbelt Conference Championships since his arrival finishing with a record of 28-11 in three years and 21-4 in the last two years. He was a part of a unit that ranked in the top 10 in college football rushing in the last two years and set a school record winning more than ten games in the last two years.

Prior to the ULL,

Ross was an offensive line graduate assistant at Mississippi State under head coach Dan Mullen in 2017. From 2014-16 he also served as the run game coordinator and offensive lineman coach at Central State University.

Ross played high school football at Booker T. Washington. After graduation, he attended West Hills Community College for two years and transferred to Alabama A&M University to finish his collegiate career.

Ruston residents graduate from Louisiana Tech during spring commencement

Hayden Garrett Aldridge - Bachelor of Science - Mechanical Engineering
 Austin Lane Alexander - Bachelor of Science
 Abdulkarim Abdulaziz Alghumayz - Master of Science Computer Science
 Abdulah Abdulaziz Alzayer - Bachelor of Science
 Biomedical Engineering
 Rija F. Andriamboavonjy - Bachelor of Science
 Ricardo Alberto Arana - Bachelor of Science - Computer Science
 Tetchi Ange Assamoi - Bachelor of Science - Computer Science
 Kaitlyn Paige Babineaux - Master of Arts Counseling And Guidance
 Noura Mostapha Bader - Bachelor of Science - Architectural Studies
 Nathaniel Batiste - Bachelor of Arts
 Nina Run Bergsdottir - Bachelor of Arts
 Molly Nicole Bertrand - Bachelor of Arts
 Rachel E. Bertrand - Bachelor of Science
 Sai Nethra Betgeri - Master of Science Computer Science
 James David Black - Bachelor of Science
 Blasien Fletcher Bond - Bachelor of Science
 Stetson Ray Bosecker - Master of Science Computer Science
 Royale R. Bougere - Bachelor of Science
 Jacob Cole Boyt - Bachelor of Science
 Jacob Anthony Brousard - Bachelor of Fine Arts Studio
 Alaina Adaisia Brown - Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies
 Garrison D. Bundy - Bachelor of Science
 Alivia Lauren Burke - Bachelor of Fine Arts - Graphic Design
 Quang Nguyen Cao - Bachelor of Science
 Adam Lee Carlisle - Bachelor of Science - Electrical Engineering
 Sarah E. Carmouche - Bachelor of Science - Architectural Studies

Jenna Lee Carrier - Bachelor of Arts
 Edward E. Chappell - Bachelor of Science - Electrical Engineering
 Amanda Clark - Master of Science
 Joshua Chase Colvin - Bachelor of Science - Architectural Studies
 Anna Claire Cook - Bachelor of Arts
 Nathanael J. Cook - Bachelor of Science - Mechanical Engineering
 Olivia Dalton Copeland - Bachelor of Arts
 Beverly Coronel Postigo - Bachelor of Science - Computer Science
 Klesha Rosa Darroux - Bachelor of Arts
 Reid Andrews Davis - Bachelor of Science
 Bradley L. Dearing - Bachelor of Science - Construction Engineering Technology
 Julianna Edith Demaree - Bachelor of Science - Civil Engineering
 Sumnima Dhami - Bachelor of Science
 Jamahd Jontez Dias - Bachelor of Science
 Esther Dokmakangakodmo - Master of Business Administration
 Brittany Chanel Dunn - Bachelor of Arts
 Ethan Taylor Dupree - Bachelor of Science
 Andrew S. Ebeyer - Bachelor of Arts
 Emily Marie Erickson - Master of Education
 Ciara Cherron Felton - Bachelor of Arts
 Benjamin Neil Finch - Bachelor of Science - Electrical Engineering
 Willem G. Flowers - Bachelor of Arts
 Lauren N. Fogg - Bachelor of Science - Mechanical Engineering
 Cecile Jennings Foster - Bachelor of Fine Arts - Graphic Design
 Kerry Orlando Fuselier Jr. - Bachelor of Science
 Caden Michael Gibson - Bachelor of Arts
 Mallory Dawn Ginn - Bachelor of Science Early/elementary Education

Grades Pk-3
 Kara Goff - Bachelor of Arts
 Mandi Elizabeth Gresham - Associate of Science - Nursing
 Allissa Taylor Gros - Bachelor of Science
 Devin C. Gros - Bachelor of Science
 Raizel Guinto - Bachelor of Science
 Leah Christine Gurie - Bachelor of Interior Design
 Joseph Alexander Ham - Bachelor of Arts
 Brandon S. Hearn - Associate of Science - Nursing
 Nathan Henry Hegab - Bachelor of Science - Computer Science
 Breanna Haley Hernandez - Bachelor of Arts
 Joseph Norman Hogg - Bachelor of Science - Forestry
 Brody Garrett Holloway - Bachelor of Science
 Ashley Nicole Hughes - Bachelor of Science
 Hunter Craig Hull - Bachelor of Science
 Onyekachi Chinelo Idigo - Master of Science
 Prabal Jaki Banjar - Bachelor of Science
 Brittney M. Jeansonne - Bachelor of Arts
 John Mason Jinks - Bachelor of Arts
 John Jaydan Juneau - Bachelor of Science
 Digba Cedric Katchia - Bachelor of Science - Architectural Studies
 Anna Claire Kelley - Graduate Certificate
 Jonathan Kelly - Master of Arts In Teaching
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 Dinesha Malky Kurupparachchi - Doctor of Philosophy
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 William Thomas Lee - Bachelor of Science - Electrical Engineering
 Yu-shan Lin - Doctor of Philosophy
 Hao Liu - Master of Science Computer Science
 Katelyn Marie Mall - Bachelor of Science
 Jared S. Marcantel -

Bachelor of Science
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 Thomas Clayton Stre-

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 Madison Olivia Thomas - Associate of Science - Nursing
 Dalton Cain Trammell - Bachelor of Arts
 Brandy Tyler - Master of Education
 Ryan James Vedros - Bachelor of Arts
 Oriana Vega - Bachelor of Science - Architectural Studies
 Marie-helene Verlinden - Bachelor of Science
 Cameron Jules Vidos - Bachelor of Arts
 Tiffany P. Vogle - Bachelor of Arts
 Matthew Tucker Wann - Bachelor of Science - Mechanical Engineering
 Allison Claire Ware - Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies
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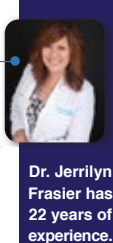
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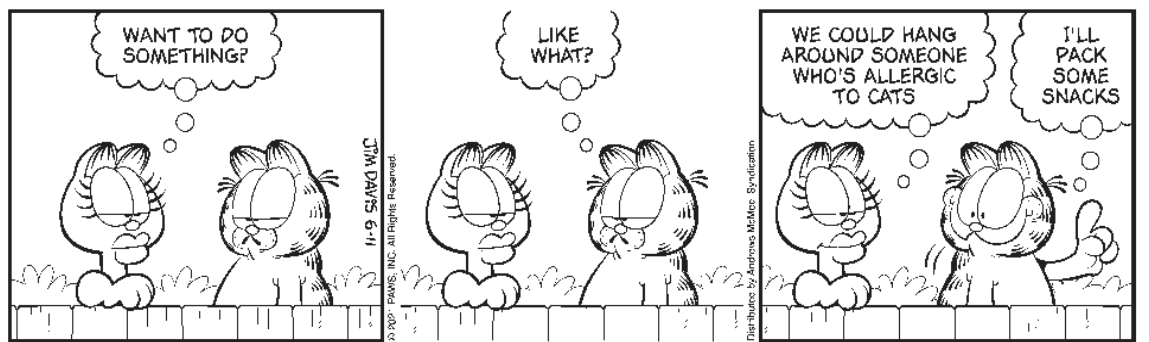
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 - Primate
 - Vegetable sponge
 - Downy fruit
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 - Cravat
 - Furrow
 - Digress
 - Klutz
 - Psyche components
 - Ginza money
 - Greenhouse purchase

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- Tune from an opera
- Nail containers
- Half a dozen
- Decides
- Make copies
- Simply
- Solar deity
- Toothpaste choice
- TV fare
- Low point
- Italian writer
- "Carpe —"
- Widespread
- Egg on
- Ancient tale
- Allot
- Nautical position
- Manhattan river
- Really bad
- Skidded
- Longest arm bone
- Big hairdo
- Clumps of grass
- Try for a job
- High note
- Time traveler — McFly
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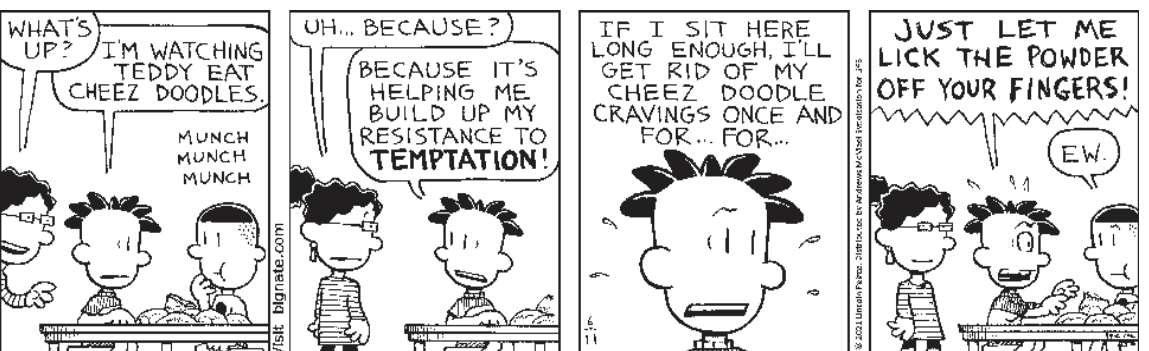
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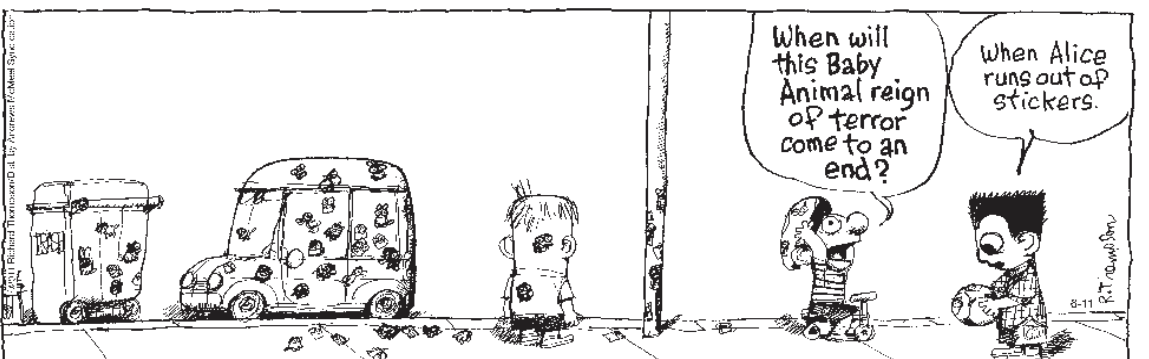
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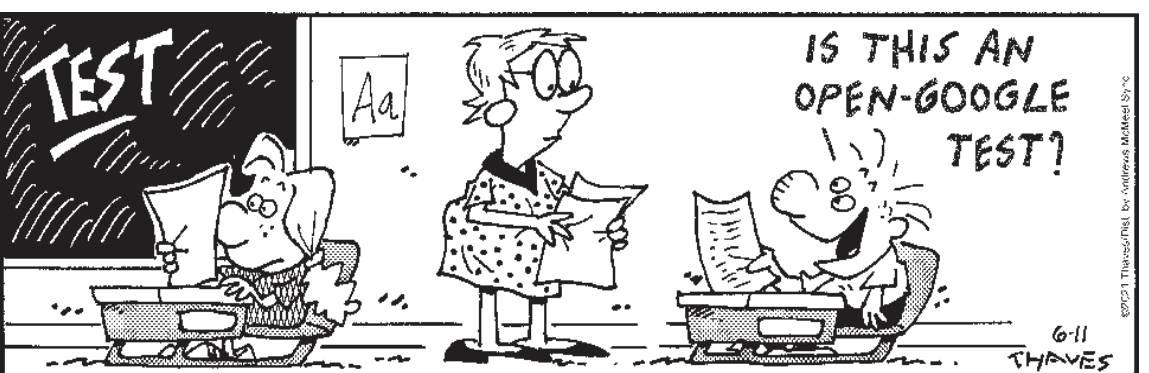
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Look for new and exciting ways to use your knowledge and skills to excel. Branch out and implement effective ways to incorporate something you love to do into your everyday routine. Keeping active and maintaining good health are mandatory this year. Rethink how you socialize. Pick up knowledge and skills.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) - Reconsider your work ethic and strategy. Don't hesitate to make a change to the way you look or how you do things. Groom yourself for success. You can achieve great things!

CANCER (June 21-July 22) - A change of plans will restrict you if you buy into what someone is doing instead of taking the path that offers you peace of mind and personal control. Rely on your intelligence.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) - Focus on what you can do to improve your health and overall well-being. Look for a unique way to spend time that will bring you peace of mind and increased physical endurance.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - You'll accomplish what you set out to do if you get physical and take action. Less talk will help you avoid interference. Listen to your heart and let your emotions carry you in the right direction.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - Pay attention to what others are offering. Verify the information provided, then proceed in a direction that puts your mind at ease. Protect against health risks by socializing safely.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov.

22) - Learn the lessons of the past to avoid making a financial mistake. Look at your assets and consider the best way to use what you have to improve your lifestyle. Focus on what's important to you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) - Don't be fooled by what others do or say when what's important is to satisfy your needs. Show discipline when dealing with money, health and situations that are dependent on group unity.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - You'll flock to people who are fast-paced and live life to the fullest. Reconnect with old friends to discover a new way to achieve satisfaction and gratitude. Focus on enlightenment.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) - Look around you, and you'll come up with ideas that will add to your home's comfort and convenience. Put things in order and set up designated spaces for the projects you want to pursue.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) - Take your mind off what troubles you. Engage in pastimes with people you enjoy. Safe socializing will lift your spirits and encourage you to make some healthy lifestyle decisions.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) - Concentrate on personal changes that make you feel and look your best. Start a routine geared toward fitness and a proper diet. Build your strength and confidence by starting a healthy new routine.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) - A change of plans will turn in your favor. Broaden your horizons. Get involved in something that will make you feel good about the contribution you make in your community.

ART TALK

Female-owned art business thrives in Ruston

Meet the owners and operators of Artemis Tattoo Collective, Leanna Patterson and Whitney Caskey. Both started on a traditional studio art path and veered off to find their own paths in the art of tattooing.

After completing her marketing degree at Louisiana Tech, Leanna began apprenticing at University Ink Tattoo shop in downtown Ruston. That led her to cosmetic tattooing such as eyebrows, eyeliner, and inked-on lipstick. Whitney graduated with a Studio Art degree in 2011 from Tech and a degree in Photography from Tech in 2014, but quickly knew that the structure and limitations of traditional studio art didn't fit her personality.

Driven by their own passions and creative practices, the two young female artists teamed up in November of 2020 to create a business that uses art to help others express themselves and feel good about their bodies. Leanna said, "I was always told that you can't make money doing art — and that is totally wrong."

She knew early on that she wanted to make her art, make it good, and do it everyday. Both women, in their mid 20s, met at University Ink and grew their friendship into an art business. "It almost seemed like a joke and then it became real," Whitney said, when remembering how the idea of opening a shop came to be.

Whitney's path to being a tattoo artist came out of leaving college without a strong plan for her artistic career. She began to get tattoos and felt welcomed into the culture. Her line drawings of sharpie and pin started to lend themselves to her now recognizable illustrative style. Both artists have seen an uptick in bookings for tattoos since they opened their doors over a year ago. A recent article in the



Submitted photo

Whitney Caskey, left, Leanna Patterson are the owners of the Artemis Tattoo Collective.

Washington Post explained, "Tattoo businesses are in the midst of a revival after the coronavirus recession and pandemic-fueled closures. Bookings and revenue are surging as Americans look for expressive and therapeutic outlets in a year marked by isolation and loss."

Whitney and Leanna both have noticed clients looking for something new to focus on after spending a lot of time alone, looking within. Leanna added, "Globally last year everyone went through so much, it's fitting that

people are looking for an outlet."

Both artists have also noticed a recent desire for more original artwork. The age of choosing a stock design off the wall from the 1980s and 90s is becoming ill-favored. What is more preferable now is artists creating one-of-a-kind designs for clients to choose from.

Leanna commented on there being a "shift in the tattoo world where artists are reclaiming the art aspect of tattooing and injecting more original art into their offerings instead of repeating the same images." Both artists

offer customized tattoos, but mostly stay within their own stylistic voice as artists.

Going from being told that they wouldn't get jobs having lots of tattoos to running their own business, Leanna and Whitney notice a fading away of the rigid regulations employers set for tattoos in the workplace.

Artemis Tattoo Collective has clients of all types and all professions. Clients travel hours from Dallas, Baton Rouge, New Orleans, and Arkansas for new artwork because they connect with Leanna and Whitney's style and the environment the two have created.

When creating Artemis Tattoo Collective it was important for Whitney and Leanna to create a place where everyone would feel comfortable. "We have walked into other tattoo shops that feel scary and uninviting to women," Leanna said.

Whitney added, "We looked at a lot of other female-run shops on Instagram and took notes on what worked and didn't work for our space."

The shop's soft pink walls are filled with paintings and drawings from other artists they have collected for inspiration.

Their laid-back personalities and upbeat music makes the space feel inspiring. The hardest part of what they do, besides confidently inscribing original designs on clients' skin, is the business side of things with the paperwork, permits, and necessary components of running a business. When asked, however, both artists said that they loved what they did and wouldn't do it if they didn't.

Art Talk is submitted to the Ruston Daily Leader by the North Central Louisiana Arts Council and Executive Director Madeline Marak.

Local students graduate from Louisiana Tech

Bernice
Cameron Nicole Brown — Associate of Science — Nursing
Shelby L. Flowers — Master of Arts
Alicia Dawn Kimbell — Master of Arts Counseling And Guidance
Quin McDonald — Master of Science
Lyndsay Marie Nutt — Bachelor of Arts

Choudrant
Heather Louise Brackin — Bachelor of Arts
Suanne Hammons — Master of Accountancy

Ashtyn Claire Harrell — Bachelor of Arts
Tanner Blaine Norred — Bachelor of Arts

Dubach
Hope E. Colvin — Bachelor of Arts
Hunter J. Freeman — Bachelor of Science — Forestry
Allison T. Lowery — Bachelor of Science
Eva Danielle Martin — Bachelor of Science
Ka'lee Marie Richardson — Bachelor of Science
Carley Strickland — Bachelor of Science
Destiny Elania Thompson

— Bachelor of Arts
Sarah Elizabeth Truett — Bachelor of Science
Kimberly Lanigan Tumey — Associate of Science - Nursing
Dylan Machal White v Bachelor of Science
Sarah Elisabeth White — Bach of Sci Elem Ed Spec Ed M/m Gr 1-5

Farmerville
Benjamin Avery Armstrong — Bachelor of Science — Forestry
Kathryn L. Craighead — Associate of Science — Nursing

Kaitlynn Eliane Ezell — Bachelor of Arts
Allison Elise Roan — Bachelor of Science
Mary Elizabeth Terral — Bachelor of Science

Grambling
Olveny Nicole Jacko — Master of Arts
Lauren Washington — Bachelor of Arts

Simsboro
Ambrecia Sha Cockerham - Bach of Sci Hlth Informatics & Info Mgt
Madison Anne Jones - Bachelor of Arts

Meeting for 527th

There will be a meeting Saturday involving a planning of a reunion of Company D/527th out of Ruston.

The meeting will be held at 333 Cardinal Hill Road in Dubach from 5 p.m. until. The group is part of the planning process for a reunion of soldiers who served Company D/527th.

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Louisiana Peach Festival Baby Photo Contest Winners

(Pictures courtesy of Barnes Portraiture)



Most Photogenic 0-6m
Bennett, 6 mo.

Parents:
Tim and Kennedy Miguez



Most Photogenic 7-12m
Lennox, 12 mo.

Parent:
Jaila Jones



Most Photogenic 1-2y
Riggins, 2 yrs.

Parents:
Dustin and April Taylor



Most Photogenic 3-4y
Avery Jane, 4 yrs.

Parents:
Josh and Kelsey Stanley



Most Photogenic 5-6y
Natalie, 5 yrs.

Parents:
Kyle and Julia Parker



Most Photogenic Twins
Layla & Macy, 5 yrs.

Parents:
Lane McGaha Annie McGaha



Funniest 0-1y
Everly, 1 yr.

Parent:
Ashley Morrow



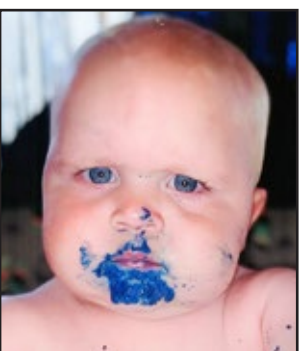
Funniest 2-3y
Kollyns, 2 yrs.

Parents:
Ben and Laura Willis



Funniest 4-6y
Beaux, 5 yrs.

Parents:
John and Kirsty Gandy



Most Serious 0-1y
Maddox, 1 yr.

Parents:
Devin and Megan Sweitzer



Most Serious 2-3y
Harper, 2 yrs.

Parents:
John and Kirsty Gandy

