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Sunshine and a heat advisory for today



High today in the mid to upper 90s. Low tonight in the mid to upper 70s. Heat index expected to be over 110. Sunny on Saturday with a high of 94. Storms on Sunday with a high of 88.

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School district brings back Diversity Committee

Durrett tweaks panel structure, leaves mission open-ended

By Caleb Daniel
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Lincoln Parish Schools Superintendent Ricky Durrett is reviving a dormant Diversity Committee for the school district under a new structure.

When he interviewed for the superintendent's post in the fall of 2020, Durrett pledged to board members

that he would create a Diversity Committee and charge them with examining ways to increase minority representation in the district's teaching staff.

That committee was formed the following school year, 2021-22, and met throughout the year, but Durrett said little headway was made on the topic. He did not extend the group into the

current school term.

Over the past several monthly meetings, District 1 and 2 board members Danielle Williams and David Ferguson, who are both Black, have repeatedly asked about the defunct committee and sought to have it reinstated.

Ferguson chaired the original panel.

At Tuesday's board meeting, Durrett, who is white,

announced he will bring back the committee for the upcoming school year.

This time it won't be charged specifically with increasing minority staff. How the committee tackles "diversity" will be up to its members.

"I may tell them some things we think are weaknesses, but it's up to them what they look into," Durrett

said after the meeting.

This time, he said, no board members or central office staff will be on the panel.

He's appointed art teacher Reggie McLeroy as chairman, adding Glen View Elementary Principal Phaedra Blake and Ruston Elementary Principal Mandy Brown as members.

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Guillory presented national educator of blind award

By Cathi Cox-Boniol
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When Krystal Guillory headed to Houston for the National Federation of the Blind conference, she had one thing on her mind — ace her presentation. So, when her name was called as the recipient of the annual Distinguished Educator of Blind Students Award, she was caught completely off guard.

"I was in shock to say the least," Guillory said. "Never in my wildest dreams did I think I would win a national award for teaching. I pour into my students daily, but I think as teachers we are always thinking what's next,

and there's so much more to do."

A teacher of blind students for over 20 years, Guillory credits her involvement in the National Federation of the Blind with dramatically increasing her effectiveness in inspiring and motivating her students. She also serves as coordinator for NFB BELL academies in the state of Louisiana and is a board member of the Louisiana division of the National Organization of Parents of Blind Children.

"Krystal Guillory has an outstanding track record of raising expectations for blind students and their families in Louisiana, both those whom she instructs directly and

others throughout the state," said Mark Riccobono, President of the National Federation of the Blind. "She is an advocate for Braille literacy, early cane travel, and other critical blindness skills. She was instrumental in helping to create NFB BELL Academy In-Home Edition to serve blind students across the nation during the pandemic, and she enhances that program and other Braille literacy efforts across Louisiana and the United States. These qualities make her an outstanding recipient of our Distinguished Educator of Blind Students award."

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Courtesy Photo

Krystal Guillory (left) accepts the award for National Federation of the Blind 2023 Distinguished Educator of Blind Students as Carla McQuillian, Chairperson of the Awards Committee and President of NFB of Oregon, joins her.

ELECTION



Richard Durrett

Durrett announces reelection bid for LPPJ

Former Lincoln Parish Police Jury Administrator/Engineer Richard Durrett has announced his bid for reelection as the jury's District 3 member. The primary is Oct. 14.

"My experience as a Police Jury member, jury president, and Police Jury administrator/engineer uniquely qualify me to provide professional, parishwide assistance addressing problems arising from roads, bridges, and solid waste," Durrett said.

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Firefighters train on new tower



Leader photos by Nancy Bergeron

Ruston Fire Department Capt. Pat Taylor (above) rappels off the department's new six-story training tower Thursday during the first drills using the structure, while Firefighter Chance Hankins (right) hangs supine in a harness during another rappel drill. The tower, located behind Central Station on East Georgia Avenue, was completed Wednesday afternoon. It will allow firefighters to train day or night on ladder drills, hose drills, and rescue in multi-story structures. The tower was mostly funded through an anonymous \$50,000 bequest to RFD made by a now deceased Ruston resident.



On the Mark

Ruston set to host state outdoor archery championship

By Matt Belinson
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Lincoln Parish Park will be the top destination for archers in north Louisiana this weekend, with Ruston hosting the 2023 Louisiana Field Archery Association (LFAA) State Outdoor Championship Friday through Sunday.

A simultaneous start will begin at 4 p.m. today, while an opening ceremony for the championship begins at 8 a.m. Saturday.

Why Ruston? Well, officials can thank mother nature for that one.

With only a few days before the event was set to take place in central Louisiana, a sow bear and two cubs were spotted near the course. In turn, the event was postponed and in need of a lifeline.

Ruston was the first call.

And after two successful qualifying events held in Lincoln Parish Park in February and June, Louisiana ASA (Archery Shooters Association) Director Spanky Briggs and his north Louisiana representative Dan Lord reached out to see if Lincoln Parish could come through in a pinch.

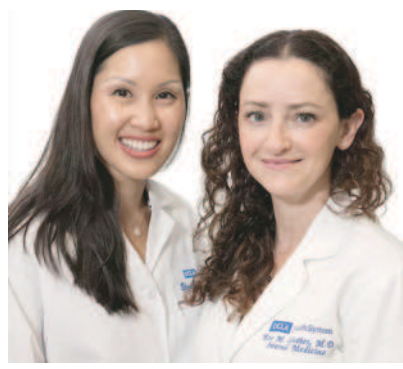
With just two weeks' notice, the park had a second shooting range built and other accommodations made to make the event possible.

"The park is quite beautiful and could have everything we'd need to

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ASK THE DOCTORS

Elizabeth Ko MD & Eve Glazier MD, MBA

Skin tags, while usually harmless, should not be removed at home

Dear Doctors: I turned 46 years old last winter, and all of a sudden I started getting skin tags. I worried it might be a sign of skin cancer, but my sister insists they're harmless. Is that true? There are a few on my neck that keep getting irritated by my clothes and jewelry. Is there any way to get rid of them?

Dear Reader: We'll begin by reassuring you that your sister is correct. Skin tags, which are also known as acrochordons, are not a sign of cancer. Other than looking a bit odd, and potentially getting in the way of clothing or jewelry, they are typically harmless.

For those who aren't familiar, skin tags look like fleshy tubes or bumps that sit on the surface of the skin. They're often around 2 millimeters long, which is about the size of a grain of rice, but they can grow a bit larger.

Skin tags are malleable, with a springy texture. They move around quite easily, and touching them doesn't cause pain or discomfort. They are often the same color as the surrounding skin, but in certain cases can appear slightly darker. Older skin tags may begin to take on a brown or russet hue. Some can be lumpy and uneven, with a rough, warty texture. In those cases, it's a good idea to have a doctor take a look. You want to be sure that it's a skin tag and not a precancerous growth.

Up to two-thirds of all adults will develop skin tags. The condition affects women and men equally, and it becomes more common with age. The cause of these fleshy protrusions remains unknown, but genetics is believed to play a role. When you have family members with the condition, you have an increased likelihood of developing it as well.

Skin tags are seen more often in individuals who are overweight or obese. They often arise in areas where there is rubbing or chafing, such as the creases of the armpits, beneath the breasts, on the eyelids, along the neck and around the groin.

Recent research suggests a possible link between skin tags and metabolic syndrome, high blood pressure and insulin resistance. The connections to those health problems mean it's worth talking with a doctor about a sudden or marked increase in the number of skin tags.

Because they are neither harmful nor dangerous, it is not necessary to have skin tags removed. However, some people choose to do so. This may be for cosmetic reasons, or because, as in your case, their location makes them a nuisance. It's never a good idea to try to remove them yourself. Skin tags are vascular, which means they have a blood source. They sometimes also have nerves. Cutting them off with scissors is not only painful, but it can also lead to uncontrolled bleeding. There is also a risk the area can become infected.

A doctor or dermatologist can safely and easily remove skin tags with minimal pain and scarring. This is done by snipping them off with a sharp, sterile blade, freezing with liquid nitrogen or burning them off with cautery.

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CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

July 18
LaShuanta Kimble
LaQuanta Kimble

July 20
Anthony Hill

July 21
Jayden Oillman

July 22
Craig Dunn

July 24
Dannette W. Brown
Alton "Shorty" Spencer,
71 yrs.

July 28

Shawn Brantley

July 30

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ANNIVERSARY

July 22

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From Your Kitchen

Editor's Note: The Ruston Daily Leader's new feature on our Friday Community page shares recipes from "The Collection," a cookbook developed by the Lincoln Parish Museum and Historical Society.

National Mac and Cheese Day

It's National Mac and Cheese Day and that means digging into some serious comfort food with pasta dishes full of cheese.

Shrimp Fettuccine – Angie Biscomb

1/2 pound fresh, shelled shrimp
1 cup butter
1 clove garlic
1 T dried parsley
1 T fresh parsley
1/2 pint heavy cream
1/2 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese (or Romano)
Fettuccine, cooked

1. In sauce pan, sauté garlic in butter; add shrimp and stir fry until done, about 3 minutes.
2. Add parsley and whipping cream, stirring constantly; reduce to low and cook 10 minutes on low heat.
3. Stir in Parmesan and cook 5 minutes more; pour mixture over fettuccine and serve.

Spinach Sauce w/Ricotta & Ham – Faye Hollingsworth

2 pounds fresh spinach or 2 10-ounce package frozen leaf spinach, thawed
1/4 pound butter
2 ounces unsmoked boiled ham, chopped (can use just a "tad" more)
Salt
1/8 teaspoon whole grated nutmeg
1/2 cup fresh ricotta
1/2 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese
12-16 ounces pasta (Penne or Rigatoni)

1. Gently squeeze moisture from cooked fresh spinach (cook about

5 minutes) or thaw frozen spinach (without cooking); chop it fine and set aside.

2. Put half the butter in pan and when butter foam subsides, add ham, turning it two or three times; add spinach and salt to taste then sauté over lively heat, turning frequently for about 2 minutes.

3. Remove from heat and add nutmeg; toss the cooked and drained pasta with contents of the pan, ricotta, remaining butter and 1/2 cup grated Parmesan. Serve at once.

Chicken and Vegetable Pasta – Leu Wilder, wife of Ruston's Billy Wilder

1 1/2 cups chicken, cooked and chopped
1 1/2 cups broccoli flowerets
1/2 cup sliced carrots
1 red pepper, cut into strips
3 ounces cream cheese, room temperature
1 14.5-ounce can broccoli soup, undiluted
3/4 cup milk
1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
2 T Dijon mustard
1/4 teaspoon Tabasco sauce
1/8 teaspoon pepper
2 1/2 cups uncooked rotini

pasta
1. Cook pasta according to directions on package; steam vegetables until they are limp but not mushy.
2. In a large pan, gradually add soup and milk to softened cream cheese, stirring well; add mustard, Parmesan cheese, Tabasco sauce and pepper.
3. Toss vegetables, chicken and cooked pasta into cream cheese mixture and cook until heated through; more milk may be added for the right consistency. Serve hot.

— Compiled by Cathi Cox-Boniol

3 reasons to replace aging windows

Windows in a home are easy to take for granted. Unless windows are showing signs of wear and tear or so dirty that it's hard to see through them, it's easy for them to go unnoticed. However, replacement windows can add value to a home and even save homeowners a substantial amount of money.

Much of the savings that can be attributed to new windows is related to energy efficiency. The Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy estimates that as much as 30 percent of heating and cooling energy can be lost through heat gain or heat loss, and aging, inefficient windows contribute to such losses. Replacing those windows can save homeowners substantial amounts of money, with one expert at Angi estimating that installation of energy efficient windows can help trim energy bills by as much as 12 percent.

Cost savings are often noted when firms promote replacement windows, but homeowners should know that replacement windows also provide numerous additional benefits. In fact, the following are three great reasons for homeowners to consider upgrading their windows today.

1. **New windows help reduce carbon footprint.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency reports that replacing single-pane windows with ENERGY STAR® certified windows can help to reduce CO2 emissions by a significant margin. The EPA reports that such windows can save the equivalent of as much as 6,200 pounds of



CO2 emissions thanks to reduced energy consumption associated with the new windows.

2. **New windows can brighten a home.** Natural light brightens a room and can make it appear larger. Homeowners who have grown accustomed to old windows may not realize how little light such windows let into their homes. Aging windows can become

foggy over time and prevent natural light from getting into a home. That can create a gloomy feel and force homeowners to turn up the thermostat on cold days. New windows brighten the home and the natural light that pours in on a cold day can help heat the home at the same time.

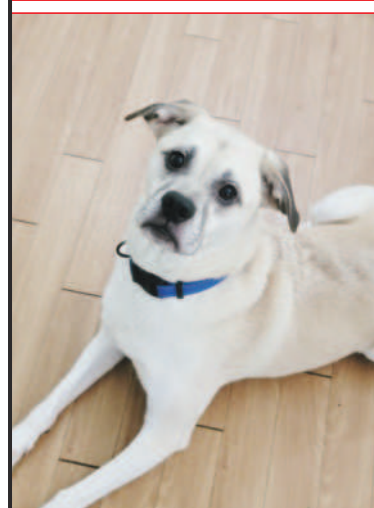
3. **New windows cut down on noise.** Window manufactur-

ers are always on the lookout for ways to produce windows that make homes more comfortable. Noise reduction is one way to accomplish that goal, and Consumer Reports notes that triple-glazed windows can help to dramatically reduce outside noise. Homeowners who currently have single-pane windows may be astonished by the difference in outside noise levels when upgrading to triple-glazed windows, which contain a third layer of glass. That third layer of glass significantly reduces noise levels, making triple-glaze windows ideal for homes on busy streets or those in urban areas with lots of foot traffic.

Replacement windows pay numerous dividends. Homeowners can reap these rewards and others by replacing aging windows.

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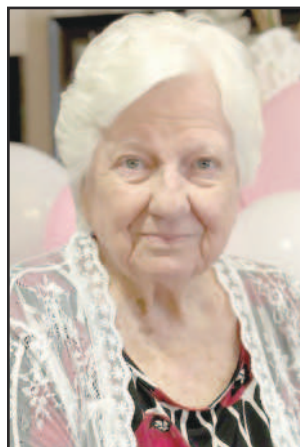
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OBITUARY *(Paid Announcement)*

Mary Lillian Allen Belton

Mary Lillian Allen Belton passed away July 10, 2023, at the age of 90 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.



She was born June 12, 1933, to Mary Lillian Lewis and John Wesley Allen. Mary Lil graduated from Ruston High School in 1951 as valedictorian. She played the flute in the RHS band and prided herself on attending every class reunion through #70.

Mary Lil married Don Belton after church one Sunday night in 1952. They had 62 years together until his death in 2014.

Also preceding Mary Lil in death are her parents and brothers, James Allen and Bruce Allen.

She is survived by the "5Ks": Kim and husband Bill Phillips of Springdale, Arkansas, Keith and wife Maria Longa of Valrico, Florida, Keri and husband Alan Grafton of Moore, Oklahoma, Kevin of Shreveport, and Kirk and wife Jamie of Kingwood, Texas.

Mary Lil was "Mema" to grandchildren, Lee Anne and Ron McDonald of Olive Branch, Mississippi, Robbie and Carissa Phillips of Charlottesville, Virginia, Jon and Pamela Grafton of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Jared and Tiffany Grafton of Moore, Oklahoma, Kelly and Nick Ducote of LaGrange, Oregon, Zach Belton of New York City, Nate Longa-Belton of Valrico, Florida, Kim Hernandez and Maddy of Kingwood, Texas, Cassy Walden of Kingwood Texas and Preston and Amber Johnston of Springdale, Arkansas; great-grandchildren, Annabelle Grafton, Owen Ducote, Alexis Johnston, Ayden Johnston and Averie Johnston; sister-in-law, Martha Hendrix; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Mary Lil loved to garden in her yard in the Antioch Community of Simsboro. She was driving a tractor on the property the day before moving to assisted living at the age of 83. Mary Lil loved people and was often accused of "working the room" at any event.

She never met a stranger and invited everyone she met to come over for a visit over coffee and cake. Mary Lil

enjoyed keeping detailed journals noting everything from the people she met to the groceries she bought.

Mary Lil worked in several departments at Louisiana Tech, including Engineering, Nuclear Engineering and Math before eventually retiring from the Prescott Memorial Library. She made a point of inviting Tech students to church suppers and into our home for home cooked meals.

During retirement, she and Don wrote several new chapters ... RVing all over the U.S. with the Good Sams Club, enjoying music festivals wherever Don and his bands would play, square dancing and raising the 5 Ks furry siblings who were quite often her favorites.

Mary Lil served on multiple committees at her churches. She was a trained CNA and Stephen Minister.

Mary Lil decided to move to Rogers, Arkansas, and entered assisted living where she lived for six and a half years before relocating to a memory care facility in Oklahoma City this past May.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: 4 Paws Rescue, In Memory of Mary Belton, 290 Rodeo Rd., Ruston, LA 71270 or to Antioch Community Church, P.O. Box 143, Simsboro, LA 71275.

Funeral services for Mary Lil will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday, July 15, 2023, at Owens Memorial Chapel in Ruston with Steve Fowler officiating.

Burial will follow in the Antioch Cemetery in Simsboro, under the direction of Owens Memorial Chapel Funeral Home of Ruston. Visitation will be held from noon until 2 p.m., Saturday, July 15, 2023, at the funeral home.



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Ruston fire training tower completed

Ruston Firefighter Chance Hankins, left, and fire department Capt. Dillon Lockwood, right, tighten ropes on the rappelling gear that hoist a rescuer back to the department's new training platform. The approximately 60-foot-tall platform was completed Wednesday and the first training done Thursday. The tower, built by Affordable Drill Towers of Austin, Texas, is located behind Central Station on East Georgia Avenue.



First over-the-counter birth control pill gets FDA approval

WASHINGTON (AP)—Federal regulators on Thursday approved the nation's first over-the-counter birth control pill in a landmark decision that will soon allow American women and girls to obtain contraceptive medication as easily as they buy aspirin and eyedrops.

The Food and Drug Administration cleared once-a-day Opill to be sold without a prescription, making it the first such medication to be moved out from behind the pharmacy counter. The manu-

facturer, Ireland-based Perrigo, won't start shipping the pill until early next year, and there will be no age restrictions on sales.

Hormone-based pills have long been the most common form of birth control in the U.S., used by tens of millions of women since the 1960s. Until now, all of them required a prescription.

Medical societies and women's health groups have pushed for wider access for decades, noting that an estimated 45% of the 6 million annual pregnancies in the

U.S. are unintended. Teens and girls, women of color and those with low incomes report greater hurdles in getting prescriptions and picking them up.

The challenges can include paying for a doctor's visit, getting time off from work and finding child care.

"This is really a transformation in access to contraceptive care," said Kelly Blanchard, president of Ibis Reproductive Health, a nonprofit group that supported the approval.



LSU AgCenter photo by David Boldt

Team Louisiana captures national championship

Team Louisiana, including Paxton Mounts of Ruston, took home the 2023 National 4-H Shooting Sports Championship. The team has placed first in three out of the past four national competitions, including 2019 and 2021, with a second-place finish last year and the 2020 event being canceled due to COVID restrictions. This year's event, held June 25-30 in Grand Island, Nebraska, involved 718 4-H youth between the ages of 14 and 18. Contestants came from 42 states, and Louisiana sent 35 participants and nine coaches to the competition. Mounts is the national champion in the small-bore rifle category.

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THE GRAIN OF SALT

Popping the bubble of public comment

As I've attended hundreds of local government meetings over the last five and a half years or so, I've often enjoyed observing the status of what I'll call "the bubble" for the purpose of this column.

The bubble surrounds the members of whatever board or council is holding the meeting.

It separates the board from everyone else in the room. They make the decisions — the rest of us do not. They are active, we are passive.

At many meetings, this bubble goes entirely unchallenged. Either there's nobody in the crowd, or those of the public who are in attendance simply observe what's going on inside the bubble.

Then there's public comment.

Boards are required by law to open up that bubble and let the public chip in. The law also allows them the power, with some limitations, to control how and when access to the bubble is granted.

Oftentimes that's a simple process with no hiccups. You have your public comment period, someone steps into the bubble, they say their piece, they exit the bubble, and business continues.

Sometimes there's tension along the surface of the bubble. Attendees feel strongly about something and chime in out of turn. They're poking at the bubble, and it's always amusing to watch the officials on the inside struggle with how they want to approach regaining control — whether to stick to the rules or let it slide.

With the right crowd and the right topics at hand, it's all too easy for the bubble to pop entirely. There's no longer any dividing line between board members and public. What was once a methodical system is now a free-for-all. No one is in control. It might as well be a back-porch discussion instead of an official meeting.

Boards have a right to conduct the business they were elected to conduct. And they have a right to do so in a systematic way.

But sometimes it can be easy to forget that the real power lies with the people. We're the ones who built the bubble and put elected officials in it. What happens inside the bubble is our business.

Balancing those two truths, especially when the public is deeply involved in an issue, can be difficult.

I believe that's what the Lincoln Parish School Board is realizing after experiencing a massive upswing in attendance and participation in

their meetings over the past several months.

After proposing what ballots showed was a largely unpopular reconfiguration of schools, the board drew the attention of a group of citizens that clearly do not trust them an inch.

Like the vast majority of the public at large, much of this group either doesn't know or doesn't care about the bubble. They don't wait for the kosher times that the bubble is supposed to open. They're poking at the edges ceaselessly.

Meanwhile, the board hasn't been very aggressive with enforcing the bubble's perimeter. This perfect storm has allowed several meetings to come knocking on the door of free-for-all status lately.

So it seems school board officials took a step back and asked, how can we get back on track?

The solution: a proposed policy change that would transition school board meetings to a comment-card system.

Instead of asking for public input before every vote, now the board would require attendees to fill out a card before the meeting starts, indicating what agenda items they'd like to talk about.

Officials see this as a way to streamline the process, make sure everyone has a turn, and get the meeting moving along.

Some in the crowd at Tuesday's meeting saw it as an attempt to restrict their ability to make their voices heard.

I feel strongly about public engagement in the civic process, and I feel like I have enough experience at this point to weigh in on the merits and potential drawbacks of this proposal.

It seems I don't have space to do that right now, though, so I'll save it for next week.

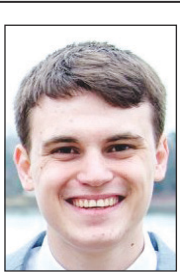
I spent a lot of time talking about the bubble because I think that concept is important to establish.

We need the bubble. Boards have to get stuff done. There has to be a system in place.

But the public still has a right to not only contribute their opinions, but also to be given the chance to properly inform themselves before they do so.

I'll puzzle through how that might best be accomplished, next time.

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By Caleb Daniel



Don't crash U.S. auto market by forcing us to buy EVs

About 20 years ago, the belief that commercial-significant quantities of fuel blends containing organic materials would soon be available led to the passage of alternative fuel requirements. Yet, because science failed to deliver on its promise, America ended up becoming more dependent on ethanol.

That growing dependence affects the price of fuel and feedstocks adversely, making each trip to the grocery store more costly than the last. The bureaucrats responsible for the idea, flush with taxpayer dollars as the result of congressional green-energy largess, made a bad bet.

It's going to happen again. Just look at the billions Ford Motor Company just announced its shift to an all-electric fleet has cost it. Bad news for corporate management, bad news for stockholders, and bad news for The Ford Foundation, which ironically enough has been using its holdings to promote the global green energy transition.

There's nothing inherently wrong about wanting to use clean, renewable energy to power the economy. In the abstract, it's a grand idea that, when fully implemented, should lead to a global reduction in prices that would be a boon to consumers.

The problem isn't "green energy." It's that the government bureaucrats who make policies we all have to follow are operating off a timetable that's divorced from technological realities.

Earlier this year the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency released two rules proposing to regulate the tailpipe emissions of light-

medium- and heavy-duty vehicles as part of its promotion of President Joe Biden's anti-climate change agenda.

The proposal is pretty strict, on purpose. The only way vehicle manufacturers can meet the targets set by the agency is to move most or all of their fleet off the internal-combustion platform onto an electric one. That's the objective, and the Biden administration is being fairly ruthless in its attempt to get us all there.

If this were a small thing, the U.S. might withstand it but it's not. America is a mobile nation. Cars and trucks are essential to the nation's economy and, for the moment, absent something better, gasoline is its

lifblood. Never mind that carbon emissions coming from motor vehicles are down from what they were when our moms drove station wagons the size of battle tanks, the policymakers driving this agenda won't be happy until they reach zero.

If all new vehicles sold must be powered by electricity, a change the EPA's proposed rule will force on everyone, the options available to working families will be significantly limited. At around \$64,000 a pop for an EV, most of them will see themselves priced out of the new car market.

This isn't hard to predict. A poll conducted by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research and the Energy Policy Institute at the University of Chicago makes it obvious. Only 19% of U.S. adults said it's "very" or "extremely" likely they would purchase an electric vehicle the next time they buy a car.

That means more people

shopping in the used car market, leaving older cars on the road longer, producing the same emissions they did when they were new.

The market handles this by redesigning vehicles and power trains and producing greater fuel economy and fewer emissions — yes, all because of government mandates — but because the transition is gradual, vehicles remain affordable. That means older cars with outmoded technologies are swapped for newer ones that produce fewer emissions.

This shouldn't be hard to understand, but the bureaucrats who wrote these new rules for the EPA can't see that. They can't see what they've put on the table runs counter to the achievement of their ultimate goal.

No car company is going to stay in business manufacturing cars no one wants. The American auto industry learned that in the 1970s when the Japanese and the Germans moved into the U.S. market with more fuel-efficient, affordable vehicles that were cheaper to operate and maintain and lasted longer than what Detroit was still putting out.

It took us a long time to learn the lessons of that experience. Yet those mistakes are about to be repeated in the government-driven rush to make every car sold in America an EV by the beginning of the next decade.

It's a bad idea, commercially, technologically, and financially. Someone needs to put the brakes on it before the American auto market crashes and takes the rest of the economy with it.

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TODAY AT A GLANCE

Today is the 195th day of 2023 and the 24th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: In 1789, the French Revolution began with the storming of the Bastille in Paris.
In 1881, infamous outlaw Billy the Kid was shot to death by Sheriff Pat Garrett near Fort Sumner in New Mexico.
In 1965, NASA's Mariner 4 began its flyby of Mars, taking the first close-up photos of the planet.
In 2016, a truck was driven into a crowd celebrating Bastille Day in Nice, France, killing 86 people.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Gustav Klimt (1862-1918), painter; Woody Guthrie (1912-1967), singer-songwriter/musician; Gerald Ford (1913-2006), 38th U.S. president; Ingmar Bergman (1918-2007), screenwriter/director; Harry Dean Stanton (1926-2017), actor; Rosey Grier (1932-), football player/actor; Jane Lynch (1960-), actress; Matthew Fox (1966-), actor; Brian Selznick (1966-), writer/illustrator; Darrelle Revis (1985-), football player.

TODAY'S FACT: NASA's New Horizons probe is currently nearly 5 billion miles from Earth, traveling at 32,000 mph through the Kuiper Belt.

TODAY'S SPORTS: In 1999, the Western Conference defeated the Eastern Conference 79-61 to win the first WNBA All-Star Game.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "It's a folk singer's job to comfort disturbed people and to disturb comfortable people." — Woody Guthrie

TODAY'S NUMBER: \$192.7 million — total price fetched for four paintings by Gustav Klimt at a Christie's auction in 2006.

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter moon (July 9) and new moon (July 17).

Stock Market Today



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Wall Street on the rise again as inflation declines

NEW YORK (AP) — Wall Street's winning streak barreled into a fourth day following the latest signal that inflation is easing its chokehold on the economy. The S&P 500 rose 0.8% Thursday for its highest close since April 2020.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 0.1%, and the Nasdaq composite rallied 1.6% as Big Tech stocks led the way. Treasury yields tumbled further in the bond market after a report

showed inflation at the wholesale level cooled by more in June than expected.

That has traders increasingly betting the Federal Reserve may end its blistering run of hikes to interest rates very soon.

High inflation has been the main reason investors have been fearing a possible recession, because of how high the Federal Reserve has cranked interest rates to get prices under control. High rates undercut inflation by

bluntly slowing the entire economy and hurting prices for investments. They also can cause unanticipated parts of the economy to break.

Traders remain nearly convinced the Fed will raise the federal funds rate at its next meeting in two weeks to its highest level since 2001. But this week's inflation data has also pushed traders to build bets for that to be the final rate increase of this cycle.

A report on Wednesday showed that

prices consumers paid in June were 3% higher than a year earlier, down from inflation of more than 9% last summer. It's been a "cool summer breeze," as Deutsche Bank economists describe it.


Treasury yields fell further in the bond market as traders pared bets for Fed rate hikes later this year.

The 10-year Treasury yield fell to 3.75% from 3.86% late Wednesday and from 3.98% late Tuesday.

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host this," Briggs said. "I've shot there myself for ASA qualifiers before. I've enjoyed it there."

Briggs said close to 75% of shooters in Louisiana are within the central and northern region, making Ruston an easy choice to bring the highly competitive shooters together for the grand finale of the season.

Officials expect well over 200 shooters total over the three-day championship.

District 6 Lincoln Parish Police Juror Glenn Scriber headed up the

construction of the new range and coordination for the championship.

After detailing the news to fellow jurors at Tuesday's meeting, Scriber said he expects Ruston will make good on its promise and host an exciting weekend of archery.

"We got asked in an emergency situation to host this state tournament," Scriber said Tuesday. "We were on track for next year, and they were supposed to have it in the central part of the state. But it's going to look re-

ally good, and I think it'll make a great impression on the state."

The original range, completed in September of 2021, is located on 10 acres of land and is ASA certified with 20 life-sized animal targets such as deer, hogs, turkeys, and more.

Scriber and his team spent the two-week window building a new range nearby, working to make as close to a duplicate as possible.

The work will be worth it, according to Scriber. Like any other attrac-

tion in the parish, Scriber is banking that it won't just be the competitors who come to town.

"It's going to have a big impact because of the people come in and spend the night or stay all day," Scriber said. "They go out to eat and leave with gas and visit local stores and things like that. Let's say we have 100 shooters; they bring families with them and, heck, some whole families shoot together. It's going to be a big impact."

Lincoln Parish Park Director James Ramsaur

thanked Scriber and his team for taking on the bulk of the work required to put the event on, given the short notice.

Ramsaur, who's spent 28 years working at the park, is always welcoming to major events to the parish for the stage it presents for Ruston and the parish at large.

"It honestly has required very little from our staff. Glenn has done pretty much everything

with that. We mowed and trimmed and did all that, but he set things up," Ramsaur said. "I'm not an archer, but from what I gather, feedback has been that's always been a really good course, and it's very important and we can have the facilities like this in the parish."

For any patrons looking to watch the championship this weekend, admission is \$3 to enter the park.

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The Distinguished Educator of Blind Students award carries with it a \$1,000 cash prize and an opportunity to address hundreds of parents of blind students and network with other blind individuals and teachers of blind students. Pam Allen, Executive Director for the Louisiana Center for the Blind, said the recognition was well deserved.

"Krystal serves as the treasurer for the NFB of Louisiana, is a loving and devoted wife, mother, and leader in church," Allen said. "She always goes the extra mile and has incredibly high expectations. Because of her creativity, commitment, leadership and dedicated service, the lives of blind children and their families have been truly transformed."

In addition to Allen's

submission, Guillory was nominated by several individuals including parents of students she has served, students, and colleagues. Because she wasn't involved in the nomination process, the honor came as a complete surprise.

"My colleagues and husband were all in cahoots on the nomination and I did not know about it until I was at the conference and prepared to speak about a braille book fair that I help to coordinate," Guillory said. "I think that I am the first teacher that they have ever surprised as normally the recipients prepare a speech."

Guillory also gives credit where credit is due. Noting the support of her husband Eric and the encouragement of Ruby Ryles, who championed

the push for braille for students regardless of their functional vision, she also offers gratitude for the immense support at the local level.

Sharing that Lincoln Parish benefits from supportive administrators, colleagues and paraeducators that believe in blind children, she sees the award as a recognition for a superb team.

"Pam Allen has been a huge support for me, my students, and families throughout our state," Guillory added. "She has never told me no about any need when it comes to our students. She has helped us secure teaching materials and equipment, supported families to come to conventions, provided a means for us to have weekend events, and other things. And while I am so blessed to

have received the Distinguished Educator of Blind Students award, I have only been successful because I work with phenomenal teams filled with hardworking teachers and blind mentors."

In reflecting on how the award might impact her ongoing commitment and work, Guillory is notably moved.

"As teachers, there usually aren't many accolades received. We receive intangible gifts — a student reading for the first time, a student graduating with honors — but this tangible plaque is something I can have in my classroom reminding me even in the long, hard days that I am making a difference and touching lives. This award has rejuvenated and inspired me to dream bigger for my students and the future."

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McLeroy and Blake are Black. Brown is white.

The rest of the 15-member group will be appointed by the board, one by each member within his or her district.

"They'll meet quarterly, discuss whatever they would like to, and then report back to the board when they feel necessary with any recommendations," Durrett said.

District 11 member George Mack, Jr., who is Black, questioned the panel's status as a superintendent's committee, rather than a board committee, and asked why no board members would serve on it.

As an advisory committee of the superintendent, the group won't be subject to the Open Meetings Law, and they'll have no direct

power over school district policy or personnel.

Board committees must come with all the trappings of open meetings, and only board members can vote in them.

The board's legal counsel explained those differences to board members at Tuesday's meeting.

The original committee was also a superintendent's committee, despite a handful of board members making up a minority of its membership.

But Durrett said this time he wanted a citizens' committee with no direct influence from the board or central office.

"It gets a little confusing when you've got board members in there," he told the *Leader* after the

meeting. "I think it's just cleaner if we're out of it, and it allows more community people to be on the committee, along with two principals and a teacher."

The move comes on the heels of the school district's failed proposal to absorb two elementary schools on the south side of Ruston into two elementary schools on the north side, which was defeated at the polls in late April.

That effort spurred a group of mostly Black residents to turn out at board meetings in force, saying the consolidation would adversely affect Black and low-income communities.

And it was amidst these meetings that Williams began asking for the Diversity Committee to return.

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Photo courtesy of Utah State Athletics

Louisiana Tech softball picked up former Utah State third baseman Claire Raley in the transfer portal Wednesday, giving the Techsters an on-base threat.

Techsters add to roster with addition of Raley

Louisiana Tech Sports

The Louisiana Tech Softball team strengthened its roster on Wednesday with the addition of third baseman Claire Raley, who transferred from Utah State.

A native of Clovis, California, Raley arrives in Ruston after spending her freshman and sophomore seasons at Utah State, where she ranked in the Aggie Softball record books in career stolen bases (29, 7th) and single-season stolen bases (18, 10th).

"We are excited to welcome Claire to the LA Tech Softball family," Head Coach Josh Taylor said. "She is a tremendous competitor, who brings a combination of speed, gap to gap power and is a dynamic infielder. Claire is an exciting addition that will contribute immediately to bringing another CUSA championship back to Ruston."

As a sophomore in 2023, Raley started all 41 games and posted a team-best .328 batting average with 44 hits, six walks, and 20 RBIs in 134 at bats. She also led the team with three triples while adding six doubles and four home runs.

During the season, she logged a career-high three hits on three occasions. Defensively, she recorded 33 putouts and 77 assists while posting a .948 fielding percentage. Raley made an immediate impact as a freshman, appearing in 33 games while making 26 starts.

She tallied 13 hits, nine walks, seven RBIs, 11 stolen bases and 20 runs scored. Defensively, she recorded 34 putouts and 32 assists with a .971 fielding percentage. In the classroom, she was a two-time Academic All-Mountain West honoree.

"I chose Louisiana Tech because the community in Ruston is unmatched and I want to compete at a high level with this team and coaching staff," Raley said.

Raley prepped at Buchanan High School in Clovis, Calif., where she earned first-team all-league honors as a sophomore and senior while being named Offensive Player of the Year in 2019.

She still holds the Buchanan High School record for most stolen bases in a single game with five.

For all the latest in Tech Softball, follow us on Twitter (@LATechSB), Instagram (@LATechSB), and Facebook (LATechSoftball).

GSU legends named semifinalists for Pro Football Hall of Fame

By Matt Belinson
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Two of the best Grambling State defensive players in program history moved one step closer to reaching football immortality Wednesday, with the Pro Football Hall of Fame announcing 60 total semifinalists for the Class of 2024.

Former GSU cornerbacks Everson Walls and Albert Lewis were included in the semifinalists among 31 players, along with former coaches and contributors.

Each semifinalist played his last game in professional football no later than the 1998 season.

The duo will be moved on to the next round of consideration where 12 players and 12 coach/contributors move through to the next stage. The results of the next round of cuts will be announced July 27.

Everson Walls

Walls played at Grambling from 1977 to 1980 and led the nation in interceptions (11) as a senior, eventually named to the Kodak I-AA All American team and Black College All-American team.

The SWAC Hall of Fame and 2011 Grambling Legends Hall of Fame inductee signed with the Dallas Cowboys as an undrafted free agent in 1981 and played for America's Team until 1989.

Walls was a three-time first team All-Pro selection and four-time Pro Bowl



Photos by Getty Images

Former Grambling State football defensive stars Albert Willis (left) and Everson Walls (right) were named semifinalists for the Pro Football Hall of Fame Class of 2024 on Wednesday.

selection while with the Cowboys. To this day, Walls ranks second in Cowboys history with 44 career interceptions.

He led the NFL in interceptions for three seasons and finished with 57 in his career, tied for 13th most in NFL history — more than Deion Sanders and Ty Law.

After leaving the Cowboys, Walls went to division rival New York Giants from 1990 to 1992 and won Super Bowl XXV over the Buffalo Bills.

Walls wrapped up his career with the Cleveland Browns from 1992-93.

Albert Lewis

Lewis played at Grambling State from 1979 to 1982, amassing 11 inter-

ceptions over his final two seasons and earning All-SWAC honors as well.

The former cornerback grew up in Mansfield and attended DeSoto High School, where he was named an All-District selection as a senior in 1978 before joining Eddie Robinson and the G-Men.

Lewis was the 61st overall pick in the 1983 NFL Draft by the Kansas City Chiefs, where he played from 1983 to 1993. He went on to play in 150 games for the AFC West squad, accumulating 555 tackles (450 solo), 38 interceptions, 11 fumble recoveries and 4.5 sacks. Lewis also blocked 11 kicks in 11 seasons with the Chiefs.

Lewis was added to the

Chiefs Hall of Fame in 2007.

His career spanned 16 seasons in which he recorded 42 interceptions, 12.5 sacks, 13 forced fumbles, 13 fumble recoveries and 2 touchdowns from his time in Kansas City and Los Angeles/Oakland (1994-98).

Lewis retired from the NFL in 1998, but not before he was named a two-time first team All-Pro (1989, 1990) and a four-time Pro Bowl selection (1987-1990).

Grambling State has had four players inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame: Willie Davis, (Class of 1981), Willie Brown (Class of 1984), Junious 'Buck' Buchanan (Class of 1990), and Charlie Joiner (Class of 1996).

Ruston freshman travels to Mexico for annual international games

By Jalon Grant
Special to the Leader

Football can be a sport that offers the opportunity to travel the world, and Ruston's Ethan Russell seized his.

During the week of June 20-24, Russell participated in the annual USA vs. Mexico elite prospect games in Monterrey, Mexico. Hard work does not go unnoticed, and when you put the work in, you reap the reward, which got Russell an invite to the games.

"I received an invite through email to attend this year's games," said Russell. "From playing in All-Star tournament games and for the True Talent team, that put my skills on display and got me noticed by others, so that's how I ended up in Mexico this year."

The only way to get better is to go up against the best, and Russell felt like having players from all 50 states helped raise his level of competition.

"There were players from all states, which brought good competition," said Russell. "The competition helped my game a lot; it is always someone better. You have to go out and work hard every day, and I feel like I played the way I wanted to and could play during the games. Also, we played a game every day, which also helped."

On the green turf between the white lines, Team Mexico was the enemy, but when the games were over and the dust settled, Russell made great bonds with his opponents.



Courtesy photo

Ruston High incoming freshman Ethan Russell put on the red, white and blue uniform in Mexico to participate in the international games.

"I made great connections with players and coaches from Mexico," said Russell. "After the games, we talked and even took jersey swap pictures as they do in the National Football League. Overall, I had a good time."

Football was most definitely the focus during the week, but having downtime, viewing Monterrey, and seeing things you usually do not see in the U.S. was a highlight of Russell's.

"Me and my mom had a chance to try different foods, and we also saw a lot of mountains, that's some-

thing you don't see a lot of in Louisiana. It was just neat seeing a whole culture of different things," he said.

The grind never stops as Russell's focus has shifted back with his teammates leaving Mexico, as they are going through summer workouts preparing for the fall season.

Standing 5-9 and 240 pounds, the incoming freshman plans to be one of the key pieces on this year's Ruston Bearcats on the defensive line, playing defensive tackle.

"Workouts are tough

right now; it's way different than junior high football. I'll get through it, though," said Russell with a chuckle.

Playing high school football can elevate your game to the next level. Even though he's a freshman, he and some classmates could be thrown into the fire early for one of the best teams in Louisiana.

"We have a great freshman class coming in. Eight of us will play varsity this year, and I feel like we are going to play well," Russell added.

While he plans to don the red and white for four years, he has lofty expectations for himself in his freshman season.

"My goal this year is to earn a few college offers, get better every day, and build my body to play on the high school level," he said.

Last year, the Bearcats returned to the state championship game for the first time in 24 years. Getting back there is now the standard, which adds fuel to the fire, with most of the team back from last year and the new pieces in the mix. This is why Russell believes the Ruston community should come out and support the team this year.

"I feel like we can make it back to the Dome and win it this time," said Russell. "I'm not saying we have a better team than last year, but we have many new guys coming in, and we believe if we all come together as a group, we can go back to the Superdome and win it this time."

No fingerprints, leads from cocaine at the White House, Secret Service claims

WASHINGTON (AP) — No fingerprints or DNA turned up on the baggie of cocaine found in a lobby at the White House last week despite a sophisticated FBI crime lab analysis, and surveillance footage of the area didn't identify a suspect, according to a summary of the Secret Service investigation obtained by The Associated Press. There are no leads on who brought the drugs into the building.

U.S. Secret Service agents found the white powder during a routine White House sweep on July 2, in a heavily trafficked West Wing lobby where staff go in and out, and tour groups gather to drop their phones and other belongings.

"Without physical evidence, the investigation will not be able to single out a person of interest from the hundreds of individuals who passed through the vestibule where the cocaine was discovered," Secret Service officials said in the summary.

It's most likely the bag was left behind by one of the hundreds of visitors who traveled in and out of the building over the weekend, according to a person familiar with the investigation who was not authorized to talk about an ongoing probe and spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

The presence of cocaine at the White House prompted a flurry of criticism and questions from Republicans, who received a closed briefing Thursday on the results of the investigation.

"There is no equal justice," House Speaker Kevin McCarthy said Thursday. "Anything revolving around 'Biden, Inc.' gets treated different than any other American and that's got to stop."

White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre said President Joe Biden believed it was "incredibly important" for the Secret Service to get to the bottom of



The White House is seen, July 30, 2022, in Washington. No fingerprints or DNA turned up on the baggie of cocaine found in the West Wing lobby last week despite a sophisticated FBI crime lab analysis, and surveillance footage of the area didn't identify a suspect, according to a summary of the Secret Service investigation obtained by The Associated Press. There are no leads on who brought the drugs into the White House.

how the drugs ended up in the White House. The Secret Service is responsible for securing the White House and led the investigation.

Biden wasn't there at the time of the discovery. He was at Camp David with members of his family for the holiday weekend.

The complex was briefly evacuated as a

precaution when the white powder was found. The fire department was called in to test the substance on the spot to determine whether it was hazardous, and the initial test came back negative for a biohazard but positive for cocaine.

The bag was sent for a secondary, more sensitive lab analysis. Homeland Security's National

Biodefense Analysis and Countermeasures Center analyzed the item for any biothreats. Tests conducted at the facility came back negative.

The cocaine and packaging underwent further forensics testing, including advanced fingerprint and DNA work at the FBI's crime laboratory, according to the summary. The FBI also

did chemical testing.

Meanwhile, Secret Service investigators put together a list of several hundred individuals who may have accessed the area where the drugs were found.

Anyone who comes through the White House must give identifying information and pass through security before entering.

LINCOLN PARISH ARRESTS

Name: Vincent Cardell Elmore II
Age: 27
Address: 401 South Barnett Springs, Ruston
Arrested for: Hit and run, license plate switched, expired MVI
Date of arrest: July 4
Time of arrest: 11:09 p.m.
Place of arrest: Eagle Drive at Celebrity Drive
Arresting agency: RPD
Bond amount: None listed

Name: Vincent Cardell Elmore II
Age: 27
Address: 401 South Barnett Springs, Ruston
Arrested for: DWI 1st
Date of arrest: July 4
Time of arrest: 11:09 p.m.
Place of arrest: Eagle Drive at Celebrity Drive
Arresting agency: LSP
Bond amount: None listed

Name: Matthew J. Bell
Age: 41
Address: 501 Mill Creek Dr., Farmerville
Arrested for: Execution of sentence – possession of Schedule III and intro of contraband to jail; execution of sentence – possession of Schedule IV
Date of arrest: July 5
Time of arrest: 10:30 a.m.
Place of arrest: Lincoln Parish 3rd Judicial District Courthouse Annex
Arresting agency: LPSO
Bond amount: Hard labor DOC

Name: Ricktavious Reed
Age: 22
Address: 1900 Park Ridge Lane, Ruston
Arrested for: Criminal trespass, disturbing the peace by fighting, simple criminal damage to property
Date of arrest: July 5
Time of arrest: 2:59 p.m.
Place of arrest: 1900 Park Ridge Lane
Arresting agency: RPD
Bond amount: ROR, ROR, ROR

Name: Heather N. Roton
Age: 32
Address: 186 Pecan St., Choudrant
Arrested for: Bench warrant – 3rd Judicial – simple criminal damage to property over \$1,000; bench warrant – 3rd Judicial – simple criminal damage to property under \$1,000
Date of arrest: July 5
Time of arrest: 4 p.m.

Place of arrest: 170 Road Camp Road
Arresting agency: LPSO
Bond amount: None listed

Name: Desiree Monique Thomas
Age: 19
Address: 300 BT Woodard Apt. 50, Grambling
Arrested for: FTA bench warrant – careless operation, FTA bench warrant – driver license – none issued
Date of arrest: July 5
Time of arrest: 7:07 p.m.
Place of arrest: 818 at Tarbuton Road
Arresting agency: RPD
Bond amount: None listed

Name: Anthony Charles Evans
Age: 60
Address: 1307 Lewis St., Ruston
Arrested for: Execution of sentence – possession of cocaine
Date of arrest: July 5
Time of arrest: 7:15 p.m.
Place of arrest: Lincoln Parish Courthouse Annex
Arresting agency: LPSO
Bond amount: None listed

Name: Tiara Brooks
Age: 27
Address: 570 College Ave., Grambling
Arrested for: RPD warrant entering or remaining after being forbidden, RPD warrant resisting an officer by violence
Date of arrest: July 7
Time of arrest: 7:43 p.m.
Place of arrest: 600 block Bond Street
Arresting agency: RPD
Bond amount: None listed

Name: Jimmy Ray Turner
Age: 41
Address: 109 Turner St., Ruston
Arrested for: Resisting an officer by flight, driver's license suspended
Date of arrest: July 5
Time of arrest: 8:20 p.m.
Place of arrest: Shoppers Value
Arresting agency: RPD
Bond amount: None listed

Name: Jimmy Ray Turner
Age: 41
Address: 109 Turner St., Ruston
Arrested for: Criminal arrest warrant – simple burglary – theft from a motor vehicle
Date of arrest: July 5
Time of arrest: 9:45 p.m.
Place of arrest: Lincoln Parish Detention Center

Arresting agency: RPD
Bond amount: None listed

Name: Brittany Evans
Age: 26
Address: 713 McDonald Ave., #K54, Ruston
Arrested for: 3rd Judicial warrant – second degree battery
Date of arrest: July 6
Time of arrest: 4:29 a.m.
Place of arrest: Sports complex
Arresting agency: RPD
Bond amount: None listed

Name: Kendra Shuntal Ford
Age: 32
Address: 3023 Courtney Ave., Ruston
Arrested for: City Court of Ruston bench warrant – theft less than \$1,000, City Court of Ruston bench warrant – theft less than \$300, illegal transmission of monetary funds
Date of arrest: July 6
Time of arrest: 9:41 a.m.
Place of arrest: 3023 Courtney Ave.
Arresting agency: RPD
Bond amount: \$10,00, \$5,000, TBS

Name: Taylor Mason Williams
Age: 35
Address: 224 Ragan St., Ruston
Arrested for: Violation of a protective order
Date of arrest: July 6
Time of arrest: 6:32 p.m.
Place of arrest: 3504 Janice Drive
Arresting agency: LPSO
Bond amount: None listed

Name: Lazerick Mardis
Age: 44
Address: 109 Turner St., Ruston
Arrested for: Lincoln Parish bench warrants – ran red light and fail to register vehicle, possession of Schedule II CDS more than 2, possession of Schedule II, possession of a firearm by; possession of Schedule II (Ecstasy) with the intent to distribute, possession of Schedule II (crack cocaine), possession of Schedule I (synthetic marijuana)
Date of arrest: July 6
Time of arrest: 8:17 p.m.
Place of arrest: 502 Martin L. King Blvd.
Arresting agency: RPD
Bond amount: None listed

Name: Meagan Thompson

Age: 33
Address: 3537 Hwy. 167, Ruston
Arrested for: Contempt of court
Date of arrest: July 5
Time of arrest: 12:33 p.m.
Place of arrest: 100 West Texas Ave.
Arresting agency: LPSO
Bond amount: 15-day sentence

Name: Shaquille D. Williams
Age: 29
Address: 1609 W. California Ave., Lot. 8, Ruston
Arrested for: Illegal window tint, driving under suspension, possession of Schedule I (marijuana) – 3rd offense, possession of Schedule I (Ecstasy), possession of drug paraphernalia, simple possession of marijuana, driver's license – none issued
Date of arrest: July 7
Time of arrest: 12:03 a.m.
Place of arrest: US 167 ay Simmons
Arresting agency: LPSO
Bond amount: \$10,000

Name: Devasquez Payton
Age: 34
Address: 407 Fountain Dr., Apt. 2, Ruston
Arrested for: Ruston city arrest warrant – aggravated second-degree battery, resisting an officer by flight
Date of arrest: July 7
Time of arrest: 2 a.m.
Place of arrest: Ruston public library
Arresting agency: RPD
Bond amount: None listed

Name: Donald Daniels
Age: 55
Address: 140 4th St., Ruston
Arrested for: RPD bench warrants – driver's license suspension/revocation (2), RPD bench warrant – expired MVI, resisting by false information
Date of arrest: July 7
Time of arrest: 9:59 p.m.
Place of arrest: Hwy. 146 at Hwy. 563
Arresting agency: LPSO
Bond amount: None listed

Name: Kaden Blaze Walker Tharpe
Age: 23
Address: 11463 Trails End Road, Oak Ridge
Arrested for: Ruston city warrant – possession of stolen things
Date of arrest: July 8

Time of arrest: 3:15 a.m.
Place of arrest: Union Parish Detention Center
Arresting agency: RPD
Bond amount: \$1,500

Name: Dorissa Reynolds
Age: Not listed
Address: 104 Calvin St. (homeless)
Arrested for: Entry and remaining when forbidden
Date of arrest: July 8
Time of arrest: 3:02 p.m.
Place of arrest: 105 Calvin St.
Arresting agency: RPD
Bond amount: ROR

Name: Kyle Armstrong, Jr.
Age: 21
Address: 5338 Cameron Blvd.
Arrested for: Ruston city court warrants expired license plate, driver's license-non issued
Date of arrest: July 8
Time of arrest: 10:46 p.m.
Place of arrest: South Trenton Street at Railroad Avenue
Arresting agency: RPD
Bond amount: None listed

Name: Sylvonnia Hornsby
Age: 20
Address: 612 Spice Dr., Ruston
Arrested for: Ruston City Court warrants – driver's license – none issued; improper turn
Date of arrest: July 9
Time of arrest: 12:46 a.m.
Place of arrest: West Alabama at Western Ave.
Arresting agency: RPD
Bond amount: \$4,000

Name: Malik Hornsby
Age: 24
Address: 309 Dan Reneau Drive, Ruston
Arrested for: Home invasion, aggravated assault with a firearm (5 counts), felon in presence of firearm
Date of arrest: July 9
Time of arrest: 12:33 p.m.
Place of arrest: 501 North Trenton St.
Arresting agency: RPD
Bond amount: None listed

Name: Courvoisie Hill
Age: 36
Address: 1701 W. California Ave., Ruston
Arrested for: Aggravated battery
Date of arrest: July 10
Time of arrest: 9 a.m.
Place of arrest: Lincoln Parish Detention Center
Arresting agency: LPSO
Bond amount: No bond

Name: Darus Crawford
Age: 42
Address: 709 Hwy. 3074, Ruston
Arrested for: Domestic abuse battery
Date of arrest: July 10
Time of arrest: 6:01 p.m.
Place of arrest: 611 S. Bonner St.
Arresting agency: RPD
Bond amount: TBS

Name: Dorrissa Reynolds
Age: 37
Address: 108 Calvin St., Ruston
Arrested for: Public intimidation and retaliation, simple obstruction of a highway of commerce, criminal trespass, resisting an officer (2 counts), battery of a police officer, criminal mischief
Date of arrest: July 10
Time of arrest: 7 p.m.
Place of arrest: 1500 S. Vienna St.
Arresting agency: RPD
Bond amount: TBS, TBS, ROR, TBS, TBS, ROR

Name: Megan Hobson
Age: 31
Address: 1067 Hwy. 563, Dubach
Arrested for: Ruston City bench warrant-disobey flashing red signal
Date of arrest: July 10
Time of arrest: 9:37 p.m.
Place of arrest: Farmerville Hwy. at Celebrity Drive
Arresting agency: RPD
Bond amount: \$2,000

Name: Bayron Hernandez-Rodriguez
Age: 19
Address: 1701 Goodwin Road #118, Ruston
Arrested for: DWI 1st offense, hit and run, no driver's license
Date of arrest: July 11
Time of arrest: 8:48 p.m.
Place of arrest: 1200 Celebrity Drive
Arresting agency: RPD
Bond amount: \$1,500, TBE, ROR

Name: Latasha Murphy
Age: 41
Address: 1331 Robinette, Ruston
Arrested for: Ruston city warrant FTA-headlight-driving without during dark hours
Date of arrest: July 11
Time of arrest: 10:57 p.m.
Place of arrest: 925 Tech Drive
Arresting agency: RPD
Bond amount: \$2,000



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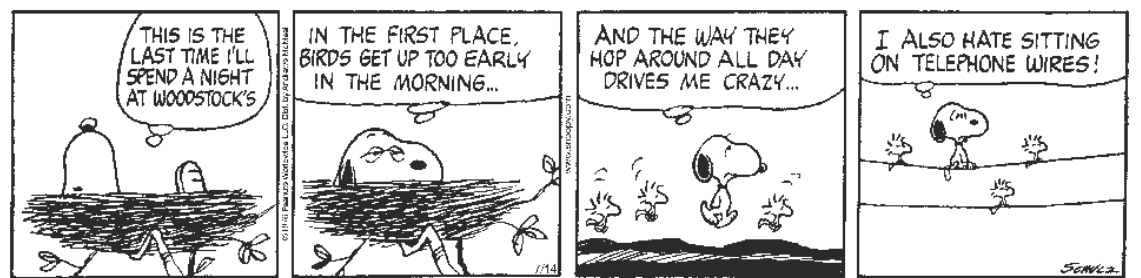
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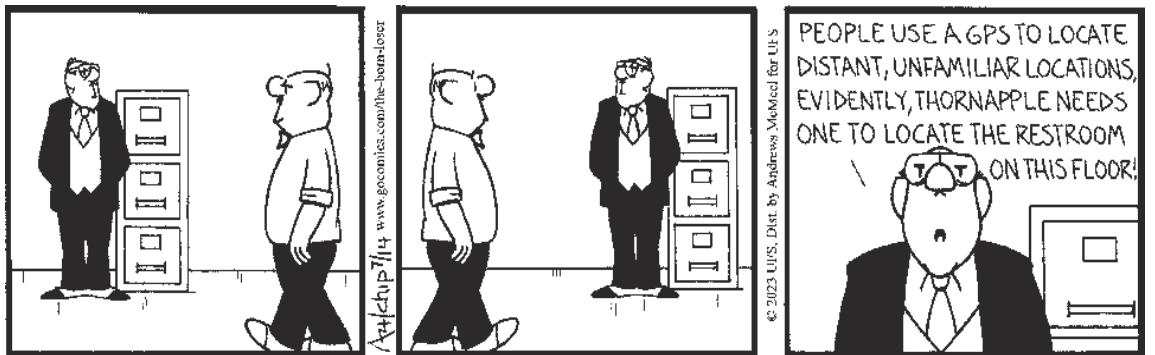
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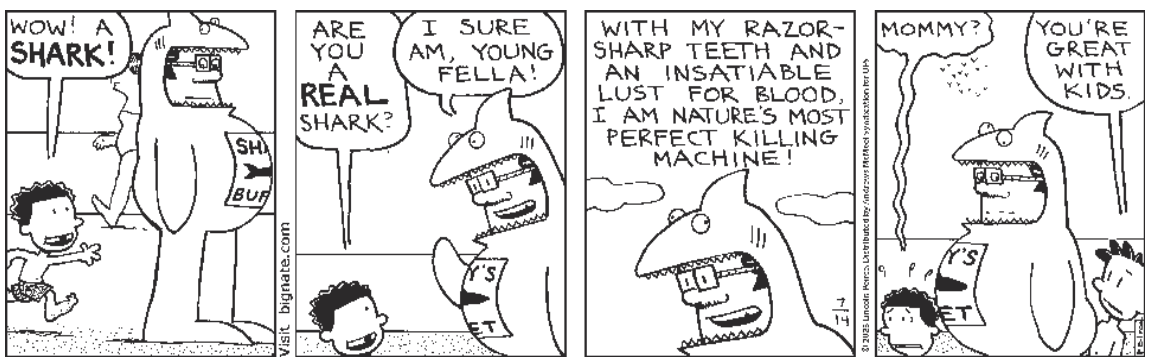
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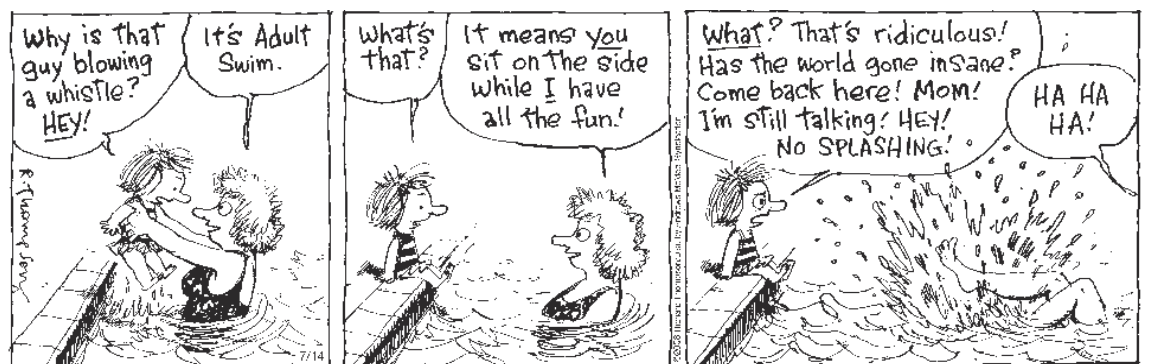
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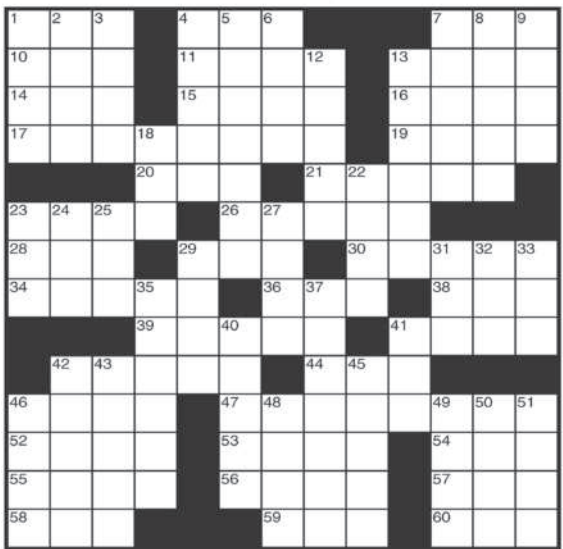
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Sort
 - 4 Old TV hookup
 - 7 Country addr.
 - 10 Roomy vehicle
 - 11 Flapjack franchise
 - 13 Unalloyed
 - 14 Gladiator's hello
 - 15 Card enclosure
 - 16 Androcles' pal
 - 17 Bouquet tosser
 - 19 Tennis star Murray
 - 20 Stale
 - 21 Beatles drummer
 - 23 Karachi language
 - 26 Overact
 - 28 Corral
 - 29 Pay dirt
 - 30 Some hermits
- DOWN**
- 1 — the Terrible
 - 2 Wash
 - 3 Had down pat

TODAY'S ANSWERS



- 34 Rattle
 - 36 Radar-gun info
 - 38 Daily record
 - 39 Google rival
 - 41 Penny
 - 42 Tripoli's country
 - 44 Slugger's stat
 - 46 Orchid-loving Wolfe
 - 47 Places
 - 52 Horror-film servant
 - 53 Industry, plus
 - 54 Bark or yelp
 - 55 Sonar's sound
 - 56 "Ick!"
 - 57 Debate side
 - 58 Shoat's home
 - 59 Tofu base
 - 60 Choose
- 4 Upholstery choice
 - 5 Thick soup
 - 6 Habitual
 - 7 Feeling remorse
 - 8 Tolkien hero
 - 9 Refute
 - 12 Guerrero of baseball
 - 13 Shop tool
 - 18 Mr. Gehrig
 - 22 Problem with hives
 - 23 Mdse. bars
 - 24 Fam. member
 - 25 Spiral molecule
 - 27 Brief message
 - 29 Not super
 - 31 Draft order
 - 32 — Jovi
 - 33 Police dept. rank
 - 35 The Terminator, for one
 - 37 Stoa
 - 40 Impulsive
 - 41 KGB counterpart
 - 42 Authentic
 - 43 Biting wit
 - 45 Cumbersome
 - 46 Barely beats
 - 48 Poker players' markers
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SATURDAY, JULY 15, 2023

Do what you can to help others this year, but not at the expense of falling behind or giving up on your dreams. Changing how you do things will improve how others treat you. Building a solid reputation will stop those trying to take advantage of you. Pay attention to details, and put your energy where it counts.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Stretch your imagination and see what you discover. Take advantage of your resources and call on those who never disappoint you. An offer that sounds too good to be true will have hidden costs.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Stick to the facts. Giving others a truthful picture of what's happening in your life will be the way to go. Criticizing others will cause friction. Romance is favored.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Stop talking and start getting things done. It's hard to please everyone, but first and foremost, you must satisfy yourself. Follow your heart and be a trailblazer.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- You'll get back what you dish out. Make strategic moves that complement your plans and bring you closer to that picture-perfect life in your dreams. Draw on your intelligence. Good deeds will pay off.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Keep moving forward. Overthinking a situation will lead to uncertainty. Pay attention to where your money goes, and you'll devise a plan that encourages you to save money and spend less.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-

Dec. 21) -- Make decisions before someone makes them for you. Hiding from the truth won't solve problems. Discipline will be necessary if you want to make your life better. Choose peace over discord.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Breathe deeply, count your blessings and be grateful for what you have. Investments look promising, and building equity is favored. Make a positive change to your living arrangements.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Sit tight and wait for things to settle down. If you act in haste, something will backfire, leaving you vulnerable. Focus on yourself, your responsibilities and getting along with the people you love.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Focus on what you want to achieve, and you'll meet your objective with time to relax and enjoy the company of a loved one. Hosting an event or starting a creative endeavor will lead to new opportunities.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Look for alternatives if you are facing property, family or legal issues. Act on your own behalf instead of trusting someone else to do your work. Change begins with you, so start the ball rolling.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Be realistic when making decisions. Research and practicality will guide you to victory. Stay on course and refuse to let someone with pie-in-the-sky ideas dictate what you do next.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Stop dreaming and start acting. What you do will affect how you feel about yourself and how others treat you. Live within your means and honor your promises. Home improvements will set the mood for romance.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The following application will be considered at a meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Ruston, Monday, July 17th, 2023, at 5:30 P.M. in the Court Room, City Hall, and 401 North Trenton Street.
Case No. 1579: Public Hearing to Consider Changes to the Zoning Code
Any person interested in these matters may attend these public hearings and voice that interest. Accommodations will be made for the hearing impaired and non-English speaking individuals provided that notice is received by the City no later than noon on Wednesday, July 12th, 2023. Requests for accommodations should be made to Angie Robinson, Ruston, Louisiana (318-251-8654).
Emily Allement
Planning & Zoning
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Case No. 1580: Application for Zoning Amendment from R-10, One-Family Residential to PUD, Planned Unit Development
Application for Preliminary Plat of Planned Unit Development (Greenwood Crossing Subdivision)
Owner/Applicant: City of Ruston/Ruston Housing Authority
Location: Property located west of Clay Street, north of Cornell Avenue, and south of Martin Luther King Drive; Lincoln Parish Assessor's Parcel Numbers 30182034479 and a portion of Parcel 30182146146 located on the south side of Martin Luther King Drive/Highway 146.
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Case No. 1585: Application for Conditional Use - Townhouses
Owner/Applicant: Grayson Properties, L.L.C.
Location: Adjoining parcels along James Street, Spencer Street, and Cootkoon Road; Lincoln Parish Assessor's Parcel Numbers 23183000131, 23183000008, 23183000007
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LINCOLN TOTAL COMMUNITY ACTION, INC.

BID NOTICE
Lincoln Total Community Action, Inc. will receive bids on food items listed on or before July 21, 2023 - 3:00 PM.
Food items include: Milk and Milk Products
Bids will be opened and read on Tuesday, July 25, 2023 - 1:00 PM at the Lincoln Head Start Center, 421 West Vaughn Street, Ruston, LA 71270.
The Agency reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids and to waive any informalities.
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s/Clotill Smith
Executive Director
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MINUTES. CITY OF GRAMBLING, GRAMBLING, LOUISIANA.

Monthly Meeting
June 1, 2023
Mayor Alvin Bradley, Sr. opened the regular session of the Grambling City Council on Thursday, June 6, 2023, at 6:00 pm. at Grambling City Hall. Mayor Alvin Bradley offered the invocation and led the council and others into the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were the following Council Members: John Brown, Jr., Cathy H. Giles, Jerry Lewis, DeVaria H. Ponton, and Delores W. Smith. Absent: None. A quorum was present. Attorney Ronald F. Lattier was present. It was moved by Council member Delores W. Smith and seconded by Council Member Cathy H. Giles to adopt the agenda dated June 1, 2023. Roll call or yea/nay was as follows:

	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Council Member John Brown, Jr.	X			
Council Member Cathy H. Giles	X			
Council Member Jerry Lewis	X			
Council Member DeVaria H. Ponton	X			
Council Member Delores W. Smith	X			

o It was moved by Council Member John Brown, Jr. and seconded by Council Member Cathy H. Giles to adopt the minutes of the Monthly Meeting for May 4, 2023.
Roll call or yea/nay was as follows:

	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Council Member John Brown, Jr.	X			
Council Member Cathy H. Giles	X			
Council Member Jerry Lewis	X			
Council Member DeVaria H. Ponton	X			
Council Member Delores W. Smith	X			

Part II.

Public Comments - The City will announce any public comments received prior to the meeting and will allow five minutes for anyone to call in to make public comments.
Ms. Theresa Wyatt announced her intentions to run for Police Jury.
Dr. Danielle Williams and Mr. David Ferguson (Lincoln Parish School Board) spoke about their intentions for transparency and test scores of all students. The administration suggested closing some schools to open an alternative school. The idea was put to a vote amongst the voters of Lincoln parish and was voted down seventy percent to thirty percent, with 70 percent not in favor of the closing of schools. Mr. Ferguson also spoke about a coalition that has been formed to help students and parents with resources to succeed in school. Sign-up for the coalition will immediately follow the meeting.
PART III Old Business
PART IV New Business
o It was moved by Council member Cathy H. Giles and seconded by Council member Jerry Lewis to adopt 2023/2024 budget for the Lincoln Parish Sales and Use Tax Commission.
Roll call or yea/nay was as follows:

	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Council Member John Brown, Jr.	X			
Council Member Cathy H. Giles	X			
Council Member Jerry Lewis	X			
Council Member DeVaria H. Ponton	X			
Council Member Delores W. Smith	X			

o It was moved by Council member Jerry Lewis and seconded by Council members Delores W. Smith and John Brown, Jr. to adopt the following resolution:
RESOLUTION TO SELL SURPLUS PROPERTY
The City of Grambling has in its possession the following: a 1993 GMC/ Dump Truck: Vin #1GDJ6H1PJ500662, 1998 Dodge PU: VIN #1B7FL26P-3WS564417, 2000 Chevy PU: VIN #1GCEK14T3YZ102300, 2008 Ford C-Vic: VIN #2FAFP74V98X123139, 2008 Dodge PU: Vin#3D7KS28D78G161934, & 2009 Dodge Charger: Vin#2B3KA43VX9H642272, which the Mayor and the Board of Alderman have determined is no longer needed by the City of Grambling and is hereby deemed surplus property.
Roll call or yea/nay was as follows:

	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Council Member John Brown, Jr.	X			
Council Member Cathy H. Giles	X			
Council Member Jerry Lewis	X			
Council Member DeVaria H. Ponton	X			
Council Member Delores W. Smith	X			

o It was moved by Council member DeVaria H. Ponton and seconded by Council member Cathy Giles to introduce an ordinance to amend the simple possession of marijuana ordinance.
ORDINANCE NO. 0703023-1
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 13-03-01013-2, CITY OF GRAMBLING CRIMINAL CODE, TO IMPLEMENT A REDUCED MUNICIPAL PENALTY FOR MISDEMEANOR POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA, TETRAHYDROCANNABINOL, OR CHEMICAL DERIVATIVES THEREOF, AND TO

	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Council Member John Brown, Jr.	X			
Council Member Cathy H. Giles	X			
Council Member Jerry Lewis	X			
Council Member DeVaria H. Ponton	X			
Council Member Delores W. Smith	X			

Mayor Bradley introduced a resolution to introduce amendment to the ordinance for simple possession of marijuana. The current ordinance does not coincide with what the state of Louisiana defines as simple possession of marijuana. Attorney Lattier stated that in 2021 the legislature amended Title 4066 to implement a fine of \$100 if the person was found in possession of less than 14 grams of marijuana. The ordinance that is currently in effect fines a person \$1000, the ordinance needs to be consistent with state law. Doesn't matter how many times they are caught with less than 14 grams they're still going to be subject to a fine and/or community service. Arrest is no longer a viable option if it's less than 14 grams a summons will be issued to come to court and pay a fine. The amendment to the ordinance will put us in compliance with Louisiana law.
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OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO, CONSISTENT WITH 2021 La. HB 652 (amending La. R.S. 40:966)
The Grambling City Council will hold a Public Hearing, Thursday, July 6, 2023, at 5:45 p.m. at Grambling City Hall & Community Center, 127 King Street, Grambling, Louisiana for the purpose of amending the Ordinance #0703023-1. Roll call or yea/nay was as follows:

	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Absent
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Council Member Cathy H. Giles	X			
Council Member Jerry Lewis	X			
Council Member DeVaria H. Ponton	X			
Council Member Delores W. Smith	X			

o Mrs. Christina Anderson for Amtrak gave an update on the plans for I-20 corridor. The plan for the I-20 corridor is to connect the Dallas/Ft. Worth area with Atlanta through northern Louisiana. The plan is to connect the railway between Marshall, Tx and Meridan, MS totaling 345 miles. This will allow for an East-West connection between Dallas/Ft. Worth and Atlanta. The plan is now in the last phase of implementing this railway.
o Councilmember John Brown, Jr. announced that he is currently working on implementing a mass communication system called Civic Ready. This system will ensure the capacity to communicate with citizens of Grambling. It will be used to quickly and effectively alert citizens of emergencies and routine information that applies to their area. There are multiple ways for all citizens to sign-up i.e., website, text-to-join, or mobile app. They can opt in to receive notifications from specific groups. Residents can select preferred delivery method of messages.
Council member DeVaria Ponton gave an update on the Community Garden. Mr. Samuel Spearman is local farmer here that has been helping with the garden. Plants have gone into the ground. The water system was fixed from the previous garden. There are about twenty-eight rows in the garden that are about seventy feet long. There were over one hundred and twenty- five crops planted. May see some growth in about forty days.
Deidre Dunbar gave an update on the activities for Juneteenth. The event dates are June 9th- June 19th. There are several events throughout the week starting with a Gospel concert on Sunday, June 11th. Greater Grambling Commerce will host an "Under the Tent" with Mrs. Thelma S. Williams. The "Then and Now" of Grambling will be discussed. There will also be a "Most Beautiful Yard" contest. Free t-shirts for the winner.
Announcements:
o Mayor Bradley announced giving back the auditorium to the citizens of Grambling. It will be used by the elderly of the community.
o Celebration of life for Mrs. Victoria Pruitt, mother of Dr. Rhonda Pruitt, will be at the Memorial Funeral Home. Viewing will be Saturday, June 3rd 2023 1-5 pm. The celebration of life will be at Mr. Calm Baptist Church Sunday, June 4th 2023 @ 2pm.
o New Rocky Valley Baptist will host Vacation Bible School for one week starting Monday, June 5th 2023 @ 5pm.
It was moved by Council member Jerry Lewis and seconded by Council member Delores W. Smith to adjourn this meeting @ 7:20pm.
Alvin Bradley, Sr., Mayor
Angela Harper, Asst. Clerk
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Greater Ward One Waterworks District Minutes
July 10, 2023
This Institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.
The Board of Commissioners for the Greater Ward One Waterworks District held their meeting Monday, July 10, 2023 at the water office on Haddox Road. Those present were: F.J. Armond, President; Commissioners: Don Hogan, Paula Griswold, Patrick Ryan and Secretary Kathy Farris. Absent: Kyle Warner
The meeting was opened with prayer.
The Secretary read the minutes from the May meeting. Don Hogan made a motion to accept the minutes as printed and Patrick Ryan seconded the motion. All in favor; none opposed.
Rate Study Report by LRWA: David Ryals with Louisiana Rural Water Association was unable to attend.
Collins Well Update: F.J. Armond reported Engineer, Bob Myers has spoken with Continental Well Drilling. Continental is waiting on a screen which should arrive by next week. Work will resume once this is received.
AT&T Fiber Optic Update: F.J. Armond reported all hardware has been installed and final activation is scheduled for Monday, July 24, 2023.
Lead and Copper Test Schedule: Selected customer testing is scheduled for July 2024. This fall, Engineer, Bob Myers will address the Lead Service Line Inventory regulation.
The board reviewed the latest Financial Reports which included Balance Sheet, YTD Profit & Loss, and YTD Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual.
Commissioners Paula Griswold and Patrick Ryan reviewed and approved invoices.
Our next regular meeting will be announced.
There was no further business. Paula Griswold made a motion to adjourn and Don Hogan seconded the motion. All in favor; none opposed.
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Application for Variance: 0.21 Acre - Gum Street
To build a small house on less than _ acre of land.
Parcel: 191830511911
Assessment #: 37714
COMM. AT A 1 IRON PIPE ON THE SWC OF LOT 10, BLK. J. OF CORNWELL, READ AND BECK SURVEY, RUN W. 40', TO THE W. BDRY OF GUM ST., TH. N. 160' ALONG ST. R/W FOR A ST. PT. FROM ST. PT. RUN N. 85', W. 110', S. 85', E. 110' BACK TO POB. (FROM ROY B. MOSS, ET UX) (339-39) (20770200) (From Wyatt Carter, et ux) (1211-507) Sold for 2007 City Taxes to North LA Dev. Co. (1261-455) Redemption Certificate from North La. Dev. Co. (1303-630) (From Succn. of August P. Butler) (F177884)(Donation from Gloria Butler) (F179749) (From Stephen Butler) (204176)
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To build a small house on less than _ acre of land.
Parcel: 191830511911
Assessment #: 37714
COMM. AT A 1 IRON PIPE ON THE SWC OF LOT 10, BLK. J. OF CORNWELL, READ AND BECK SURVEY, RUN W. 40', TO THE W. BDRY OF GUM ST., TH. N. 160' ALONG ST. R/W FOR A ST. PT. FROM ST. PT. RUN N. 85', W. 110', S. 85', E. 110' BACK TO POB. (FROM ROY B. MOSS, ET UX) (339-39) (20770200) (From Wyatt Carter, et ux) (1211-507) Sold for 2007 City Taxes to North LA Dev. Co. (1261-455) Redemption Certificate from North La. Dev. Co. (1303-630) (From Succn. of August P. Butler) (F177884)(Donation from Gloria Butler) (F179749) (From Stephen Butler) (204176)
Any person interested in these matters may attend these public hearings and voice their interest. Accommodations will be made for the hearing impaired and non-English speaking individuals provided that notice is received by the City

no later than noon on Monday, August 16, 2023. Requests for accommodations should be made to, Mary Gipson, Grambling, Louisiana (318-247-6120 or 318-243-8494.
Published in the Ruston Daily Leader, Ruston, LA, on July 14, 19, 26 2023

JACKSON PARISH

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Jackson Parish Police Jury is hiring for the following open position. Please submit all applications to: Jackson Parish Police Jury Administrative Building, 160 Industrial Drive, Jonesboro, LA 71251. Applications will be received until 4:30 pm on Wednesday, July 19, 2023. To request a detailed job description, please contact our office at (318) 259-2361 or by email: egibbs@ppj.org.
POSITION: Custodian
DEPARTMENT: Jackson Parish Maintenance Department
Description:
Under close supervision, the Maintenance Department General Laborer - Custodian works to make sure that all types of buildings and offices are neat, clean, free from clutter, and safe. This position requires no special training or experience, and performs related work as required by the Supervisor. Laborers in this position class may also be responsible for the operation of a variety of construction and maintenance equipment and for performing manual labor activities as needed and/or required by the Maintenance Department. Job class may oversee in the instruction of inmate trustees assigned to the Maintenance Department General Laborer - Custodian.

Minimum Qualifications:
o Must be 18 years of age.
o High school diploma, or equivalent, required.
o Class E Louisiana driver's license required.
o Must be able to lift up to 100 pounds frequently.
o Ability to work safely in all weather conditions, including adverse conditions.
o Can understand and follow oral and written instructions.
o Able to work in elevated areas, confined spaces, and on and off ladders.
o Must be able to sit and stand for extended periods of time.

Basic Responsibilities:
o The General Laborer - Custodian is responsible for housekeeping and maintenance services at the assigned facilities; i.e., Courthouse, Community Center, Blake Building, Fain Building, Health Unit, Annex Buildings, etc. following the instructions from their Supervisor.
o Uses cleaning supplies and equipment to keep the interior of the office buildings looking clean and professional.
o Washes walls and equipment; using ladders when required.
o Cleans and sanitizes restrooms/bathrooms using established practices and procedure.
o Cleans, dusts, and wipes furniture, wood work, windowsills, and stair rails; sweeps, mops, or vacuums floors; empties/cleans wastebaskets and trash containers; empties and cleans cigarette urns; replaces light bulbs; checks and cleans all air handling units and filters, replacing filters as needed; refills restroom dispensers, etc.
o Assists with the setup of facilities for meetings, conferences, events, etc.
o Mops, vacuums, strips, clean, buffs and applies floor sealer and floor finish to hard surface floors; vacuums and shampoos carpets.
o Uses and maintains assigned power equipment and hand tools; buffers, auto scrubbers, high pressure washers, high speed buffers and vacuums, brooms, mops, and squeegees for the cleaning and general maintenance of floors, walls, carpets, furniture, etc.
o Responds to repair or custodial requests quickly and with a professional manner.

o Follows instructions regarding the use of chemicals and supplies; uses as directed.
o Moves furniture, equipment, supplies, and tools on an incidental basis.
o Washes accessible interior and exterior windows, clean blinds, launders cleaning rags and dust mops.
o Attends to emergencies when necessary.
o Loads and unloads materials from trucks.
o Ready to learn from on-the-job training when necessary.
o Follows safety procedures and practices as required, as well as wearing required safety equipment.
o Performs other job-related duties as assigned.
Detailed Job Description available upon request.
Published in the Ruston Daily Leader, Ruston, LA, on July 7, 14, 2023

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POSITION: Mechanic I
DEPARTMENT: Jackson Parish Road Department
Description:
Under close supervision, the Road Department Mechanic I is a skilled position responsible for performing minor and major repairs on automobiles, trucks, heavy trucks, tractors, heavy equipment, and related departmental equipment. Assignments are made orally or in the form of written work orders.
Minimum Qualifications:
o Must be 18 years of age.
o High school diploma, or equivalent, required.
o Class A Commercial Driver's License preferred.
o ASE certified or two (2) years' experience at the journey level, working with diesel engines, heavy trucks, and equipment or three (3) years' experience as an auto mechanic.
o Must be able to lift up to 100 pounds frequently.
o Ability to work safely in all weather conditions, including adverse conditions.
o Can understand and follow oral and written instructions.
o Able to work in elevated areas, confined spaces, and on and off ladders.
o Must be able to sit and stand for extended periods of time.

Basic Responsibilities:
o The Mechanic is responsible for performing all types of routine maintenance and service duties on equipment, including repair work on engines, transmissions, differentials, electrical systems, front ends and minor tune-ups. Arc welding, Mig Welding, and Acetylene Cutting with torch and plasma cutting.
o Road tests vehicles and confirms complaints, checks malfunctions, and determines necessary repair needs using experience and the use of various testing equipment and tools.
o Changes oil and oil filters, air filters, hydraulic filters, etc. on gas and diesel equipment.
o Greases truck chassis, wheel bearings, end equipment moving parts.
o Performs repair work on small gasoline engines. Able to operate chain saw and weed eater.
o Repairs and adjusts brakes and clutches; replaces brake linings and cylinders.
o Performs hydraulic systems repairs on trucks and equipment.
o Repairs flat tires and performs all related tasks incumbent to this endeavor.
o Uses manual and power equipment for breaking down and balancing of tires.
o Operates service/lube truck and performs maintenance duties on equipment.
o Performs routine maintenance work of vehicle air conditioning systems.
o Inspects and repairs suspension systems on automobiles and trucks.
o Tracks all warranty work available for equipment.
o Maintains all shop records, work orders, purchase orders, shop inventory, and shop work scheduling.
o Performs proper pre-start and daily maintenance and service of equipment including lubrication, changing tires, making minor adjustments and repairs, and cleaning.
o Requires a thorough knowledge of general maintenance requirements of various pieces of light to heavy motorized equipment.
o Services, changes tires and cutting blades, cleans machine including trucks, and makes minor adjustments.
o Recognizes and diagnoses equipment malfunctions or complicated services needs and reports to Supervisor.
o May be required to lift equipment, tools, or any combination in excess of 100 pounds.

o Skilled in use of tools and the operation of machines and equipment used in automobile repair and maintenance.
o Adheres to all traffic laws, applicable Federal and State health and safety rules, local ordinances, and Jackson Parish Police Jury rules and regulations and policies and procedures.
o Ability to drive various pieces of equipment used by the Police Jury.
o Follows safety procedures and practices as required, as well as wearing required safety equipment.
o Performs other job-related duties, as assigned.
Detailed Job Description available upon request.
Published in the Ruston Daily Leader, Ruston, LA, on July 7, 14 2023

Public Notice
The Jackson Parish School Board met in regular session at 9:30 a.m. on July 11, 2023 at Jackson Parish School Board, 315 Pershing Highway, Jonesboro, La. The following were present for roll call: Dennis Clary, Calvin Waggoner, Paulette Belton, Gerry Mims, Mary Saulters and Wade McBride
Absent: Rick Barlow
Dennis Clary gave the Invocation.
Wade McBride led in the Pledge of Allegiance.
The meeting was called to order by Calvin Waggoner.
Motion was made by Mary Saulters, seconded by Wade McBride and carried to approve the minutes as presented from the Regular Scheduled Meeting and the Special Called Meeting held on June 12, 2023.
Motion was made by Wade McBride, seconded by Dennis Clary and carried to approve the minutes as presented from the Special Called Meeting held on June 28, 2023.
A motion was made by Dennis Clary, seconded by Paulette Belton and carried to approve the 2023-2024 Pupil Progression Plan.
A motion was made by Mary Saulters, seconded by Gerry Mims and carried to name Robertson Produce as the supplier of Produce and Eggs for the 2023-



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Food Service, Sales Tax, Special Education, District Maintenance bills. A motion was made by Gerry Mims, seconded by Paulette Belton and carried to approve the agreement with New Directions Educational Solutions in the amount of \$27,000.00 for fourteen (14) days of Math Coaching and four (4) days of Professional Development at Jonesboro Hodge Elementary School and Jonesboro Hodge Middle School, to be paid from Redesign funds. (Pending LDOE approval)

A motion was made by Wade McBride, seconded by Dennis Clary and carried to approve the agreement with New Directions Educational Solutions in the amount of \$21,000.00 for fourteen (14) days of ELA Coaching (7 days per school) at Jonesboro Hodge Elementary School and Jonesboro Hodge Middle School, to be paid from Redesign funds. (Pending LDOE approval)

A motion was made by Mary Saulters, seconded by Wade McBride and carried accepting low quote of \$13,819.27 from Quill to purchase supplies for Weston High School, to be paid from Title I School Based funds.

A motion was made by Paulette Belton, seconded by Gerry Mims and carried approving payment to Amplify in the amount of \$96,000.00 to provide Core Knowledge Language Arts coaching for teachers in Grades K-2 at Jonesboro Hodge Elementary School, to be paid out of ESSER III Incentive funds.

A motion was made by Mary Saulters, seconded by Wade McBride and carried approving the renewal contract with Career Compass of Louisiana in the amount of \$16,750.00 for 12th grade students at Jonesboro Hodge High School, Quitman High School and Weston High School, to be paid as follows: \$15,000.00 from ESSER III Incentive funds, \$1,750.00 from 2023-2024 Career and Technical funds.

A motion was made by Dennis Clary, seconded by Paulette Belton and carried approving the

subscription renewal with Renaissance in the amount of \$29,117.21 for Accelerated Reader and Star Reading at all schools, to be paid from 2023-2024 General Fund.

A motion was made by Wade McBride, seconded by Mary Saulters and carried to approve the payment of \$25,201.00 to The Charlie Edwards Company, LLC for the renewal of the MTM unlimited data plan to support the communication devices for bus drivers, to be paid from Parish Wide District funds.

A motion was made by Wade McBride and carried to approve accepting low quote of \$13,956.00 from Contract Paper Group, Inc. to purchase 400 cases of copy paper for all schools, to be paid from 2023-2024 General Fund.

A motion was made by Dennis Clary, seconded by Mary Saulters and carried approving payment of \$16,468.72 to La. Secretary of State for cost and expenses of Tax Renewal election, to be paid from General Fund. Presentation of Monthly Financial Report by Kristi Bass, Business Manager.

Trane Manufacturing presented information on Solar Panels.

A motion was made by Dennis Clary, seconded by Mary Saulters and carried to adjourn at 11:00 a.m. President Secretary Published in the Ruston Daily Leader, Ruston, LA, on July 14, 2023

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9	6	7	2	1	8	5	1	9
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 - Card enclosure
 - Androcles' pal
 - Bouquet tosser
 - Tennis star Murray
 - Stale
 - Beatles drummer
 - Karachi language
 - Overact
 - Corral
 - Pay dirt
 - Some hermits
- DOWN**
- the Terrible
 - Wash
 - Had down pat

TODAY'S ANSWERS



- Upholstery choice
- Thick soup
- Habitual
- Feeling remorse
- Tolkien hero
- Refute
- Guerrero of baseball
- Shop tool
- Mr. Gehrig
- Problem with hives
- Mdse. bars
- Fam. member
- Spiral molecule
- Brief message
- Not super
- Draft order
- Jovi
- Police dept. rank
- The Terminator, for one
- Stoa
- Impulsive
- KGB counterpart
- Authentic
- Biting wit
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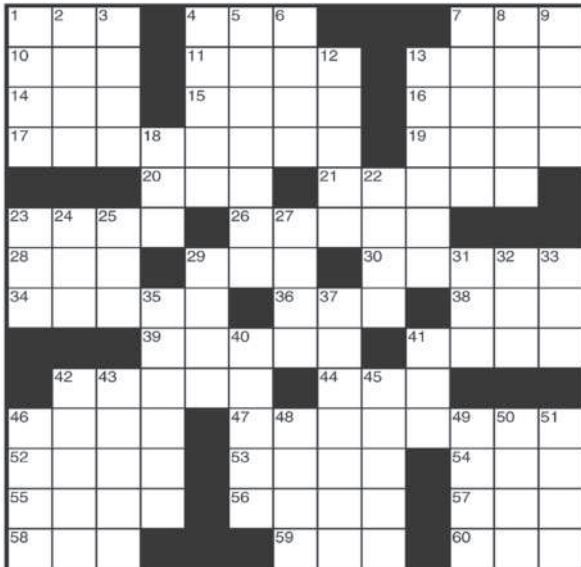
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