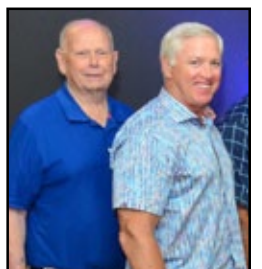




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**Ruston probation Officer Natasha Maryland plays the role of an off-duty officer during an off-duty/on-duty plainclothes survival training. On-duty officer Louisiana Tech Police Corporal Tyler Weatherford arrives at a shots-fired call to find someone in plainclothes, but with a gun drawn, standing over a victim. The training was the first of its kind done in this area.**

## Blue on blue

Officers train for off-duty, plainclothes survival

By Nancy Bergeron  
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You're an off-duty police officer on a weekend outing when a recently fired employee from the store in which you're shopping decides to take revenge with a gun.

Even though you're dressed in plain clothes, you still have your service weapon holstered

unseen in your waistband. The situation is escalating; you decide to get involved in the life-threatening circumstance. You take down the shooter but are still standing there, gun in hand, when uniformed officers come around the corner with their weapons drawn.

They don't know you. All they know is one person is on the ground and another person

is standing there with a gun. "They could mistake you for the bad guy," Curtis Hawkins, reserve training officer with the Louisiana Tech University Police Department, said.

It's happened:  
 • In Oakland, California, a plainclothes officer was shot and killed when two other

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## FEMA nixes homeowner recovery help

By Nancy Bergeron  
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There won't be any federal money coming to Lincoln Parish for individuals impacted by the April 25 tornado.

FEMA, on Thursday, denied Gov. John Bel Edwards' request for individual assistance, saying there wasn't enough residential damage.

"... based on our review of all the information available, including results of the joint Individual Assessment Preliminary Damage Assessments, it has been determined that the impact to the individuals and households from this event is not of such severity and magnitude to warrant the designation of Individual Assistance ... Therefore, your request is denied," Jeff Byard,

associate administrator of FEMA's Office of Response and Recovery, wrote in a letter to Edwards.

The decision means affected residents are basically on their own to deal with storm damage, Kip Franklin, Lincoln Parish director of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, said.

Though the Governor's Office Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness is expected to appeal FEMA's decision, it's unlikely anything will change, Franklin said.

The individual assistance program is designed to provide financial help or direct services to people who have necessary expenses and serious needs

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## Backus won't seek re-election

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Longtime Lincoln Parish Police Juror Jody Backus will not seek re-election this fall.

Backus, who represents District 7, has been a juror for 15 years.

"It is a job I love," he said in statement announcing his decision not to seek a fifth term. "Together, we have tackled many important issues and projects in

our parish, transforming quality of life attractions, finding ways to fund our parish's infrastructure needs, creating jobs and investing in our young people.

"I am proud of this parish and what we as a community have helped shape. I feel blessed to be



Backus

a part of this parish and our many accomplishments. It has been a pleasure to have served alongside with my hardworking colleagues.

"I want to thank all of my many supporters for the faith and confidence you have placed in me. Thank you for the opportunity of serving you and using my God given talents to keep Lincoln Parish first."

Backus is a former jury president. His departure means incumbents will not be running in at least two of the 12 jury seats. District 6 Juror Walter Pullen has announced he's running for parish assessor.

All 12 seats are up for re-election this fall. Qualifying for the Oct. 12 primary is Aug. 6-8.

## Lawmakers add money for LDCC access road

By Nancy Bergeron  
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The Louisiana Legislature has appropriated \$6.3 million for the city of Ruston to build an access road at the new Louisiana Delta Com-

munity College campus here.

The money was added to the state's capital outlay bill Thursday during the final hours of the regular legislative session.

"We had said it would be 2023 before we could start (the road project). With this we can start a lot quicker," Ruston Mayor Ronny Walker said.

Louisiana Delta Community College is getting a new \$8 million campus here that will anchor a city-developed technology park aimed at preparing employees for high-tech industry jobs in the region.

The new campus will replace the existing campus on James Street and will be located on acreage east of Louisiana 33 and south of I-20.

Part of the city's responsibility in the new LDCC partnership is building a road to the campus and technology park.

The road is essential for economic development, Walker said.

The capital outlay money includes \$1 million in Priority 2 for planning and \$5.3 million in Priority 5. Priority 5 is basically a non-cash line of credit.

## Parish taking steps toward ACT Work Ready Community

By Caleb Daniel  
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Representatives of education, government, business and economic development in Lincoln Parish this week joined their counterparts in four other north Louisiana parishes in taking the first steps toward becoming ACT Work Ready Communities.

This designation is assigned by Iowa-based nonprofit ACT, most known for its college preparatory standardized test of the same name. The nationally recognized "Work Ready Community" label centers on a parish or county's number of residents who hold a credential through ACT

WorkKeys and the number of local employers who recognize the credential.

"ACT designed the ACT test to measure your four-year college readiness, and they designed WorkKeys to measure your work readiness," said Angie White, senior vice president of the North Louisiana Economic Partnership. "So these are skills that tell an employer, if an applicant's certificate matches the needs of the occupation, that person is trainable for the job."

Starting in the Shreveport/Bossier metro area and spreading across I-20, White said an initiative called

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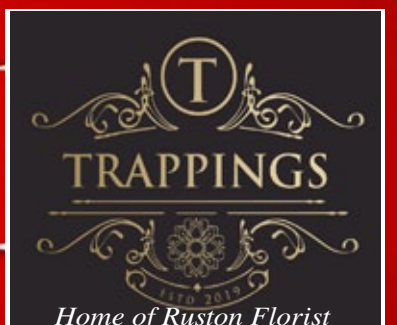
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# Police use of DNA leads to changes in database

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP)—After California detectives used a popular online DNA database to track down a suspect in the decades-old Golden State Killer slayings, other police agencies quickly adopted the same technique.

Since that case was cracked last year, at least 50 other killings and rapes have been solved nationwide by using partial DNA matches to find suspects' relatives, whose identities can lead to arrests. But complaints about invasion of privacy have produced a backlash, leading the

Florida-based database known as GEDmatch to change its policies.

The nonprofit website's previous practice was to permit police to use its database only to solve homicides and sexual assaults. But its operators granted a Utah police department an exception to find the assailant who choked unconscious a 71-year-old woman practicing the organ alone in church. The assailant's DNA profile led detectives to the great-uncle of a 17-year-old boy. The teen's DNA matched the attacker's, and he was arrested.

GEDmatch soon

updated its policy to establish that law enforcement only gets matches from the DNA profiles of users who have given permission. That closed off more than a million profiles. More than 50,000 users agreed to share their information — a figure that the company says is growing.

The 95% reduction in GEDmatch profiles available to police will dramatically reduce the number of hits detectives get and make it more difficult to solve crimes, said David Foran, a forensics biology professor at Michigan State University.



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## Rhodes Realty cuts ribbon

The Ruston-Lincoln Chamber of Commerce recently held a ribbon cutting ceremony for Rhodes Realty. Owned by Justin Rhodes, the office is located at 2304 Commons Ct., Unit 3. The office number is 255-0096.

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officers mistook him for a suspect allegedly holding someone at gunpoint. The officers didn't recognize their plainclothes colleague; they told investigators they were reacting to the gun he was pointing.

In New York City, a detective working an unrelated case responded to a robbery in progress call nearby. When patrol officers arrived and entered the store, they saw a man fitting the description of the suspect come from the back, holding what appeared to be a gun. When the man moved toward them, the officers shot and killed him. The man was the detective.

Hawkins, a retired Ruston city police officer, who trains several law enforcement agencies, doesn't want anything similar to occur in Lincoln Parish. But he knows no agency is immune to "blue-on-blue" shootings.

Blue-on-blue shootings are defined as friendly fire on police by police. Usually they happen when an on-duty officer mistakes a plainclothes or off-duty officer for a suspect, Hawkins said.

Yet in talks with law enforcement agencies across North and Central Louisiana, Hawkins discovered none had any department-wide training for off-duty and plainclothes survival.

That led him to develop the first-of-its-kind program that Louisiana Tech officers, along with several officers from the Ruston probation office, Dubach police,

Bienville Parish Sheriff's Department and Ruston police, have recently completed. The training was offered through Tech's police department.

The aim of the two-day session: to help officers prepare for and overcome natural human reactions so they don't find themselves in a compromising situation.

The two-day training, which included classroom instruction and role-playing, dealt with real-world possibilities: an on-duty officer's response to a person with a weapon and off-duty/plainclothes officers' response to being confronted by on-duty officers.

In the first possibility, the person with the weapon could be an armed suspect, or it could be a legally armed citizen or an officer in street clothes, Hawkins said. To a responding officer, there's little visual difference in any of those, especially in a tense moment and a shots-fired call.

"There could be somebody there who's not a bad guy, but who's not armed," Louisiana Tech Police Chief Randal Hermes said.

That's what makes the training important, especially in split-second decision-making situations, he said.

For instance, when a responding officer yells "drop the gun," do it.

But even in practice, that doesn't always happen — at least not in the first run-through.

Participating officers went through a scenario in which the off-duty officer was

asked to go check on a uniformed colleague who responded to a shots-fired call and then wasn't heard from.

The off-duty officer draws his gun — in this case, a training weapon that "shoots" a laser beam — enters a room and finds his coworker down. That's when the uniformed police arrive with their guns drawn and yelling "drop the gun, police, drop the gun!"

One of the trainees turned and "shot" the uniformed policeman, responding only to the weapon pointed at her.

The stress of a rapidly evolving incident can cause auditory exclusion, where the person being told to drop the gun literally does not hear the command, and tunnel vision, in which an officer focuses only on the threat — like the drawn gun — and not the whole situation.

"It's common in high-stress situations for those to happen," Hawkins said. "The training is to teach them how to overcome those natural reactions so they can make better decisions."

That's what makes the role play a critical part of the course, he said.

Ruston probation Officer Natasha Maryland said the survival training opened her eyes

"to the possibilities of what could happen in plainclothes and how to respond to reduce the changes of a friendly shooting," she said. "It really stuck with me after I did it."

Which for Hawkins is the whole point.

"Once you get that knowledge, to put it in practical application, to be able to do it, is different from just listening to a presentation," he said.

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they are unable to meet through other means, according to FEMA's website.

Preliminary damage estimates done by FEMA and the state showed 82 homes — most in Ruston — were destroyed and 106 majorly damaged by the EF3 storm.

Ruston Mayor Ronny Walker said Friday morning he isn't sure what other options for individual assistance may be available, but the city will look into it.

Though there are built-in thresholds that quality public entities to be eligible to apply

for FEMA imbursement once a presidential disaster declaration is issued, there's no automatic threshold for individual assistance.

On June 3, President Trump declared Lincoln, Union and Morehouse parishes federal disaster areas as a result of the severe weather April 24 and 25.

But the declaration covered only public assistance. At the time, Edwards said he remained optimistic that FEMA, and subsequently Trump, would also approve the request for individual assistance.

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## Bible authority crucial

All men must recognize the need for authority in all things that we do. If you were to take your vehicle to an auto mechanic and instruct him to put in some spark plugs but he also worked on the transmission and gave you a bill for \$2,800.00 because he felt that you needed a new transmission, you know that he did not respect your authority. Since you did not authorize that work to be done, you have no obligation to pay for that transmission.

If you instructed for your living room carpet to be replaced with blue carpeting before you went away for the day and returned to find that not only was the living room carpet replaced but two bedroom carpets were replaced with green carpeting, your authority was once again ignored because carpet was added and color was changed without your authority. If a gasoline station were to guess at what to charge you rather than measure out the gasoline by a definite standard gallon, you would be upset.

All men recognize the need for authority in secular matters. But what about religion? Don't you think God has given man a standard to go by in the realm of religion? The Bible says: "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work" (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

### The Bible Teaches The Need For Authority

Jesus performed many signs, wonders, and miracles, prompting people to come to Jesus and ask Him, "By what authority are you doing these things? And who gave you this authority?" (Matthew 21:23). These people recognized that authority is needed. In Colossians 3:17, the Bible teaches "And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus."

All the things in which we DO in WORD (what we teach) and in DEED (what we practice) must be done in the NAME OF THE LORD (which means by the Lord's authority). To do something in anyone's name means to do it by that person's authority. To go beyond the doctrine of Christ (2 John 9) is to do something without the authority of Jesus Christ (Galatians 1:6-9).

### What Does Religious Division Stem From?

Anytime that two individuals disagree on anything religiously, the religious disagreement stems from: (1) A lack of respect for the authority of Christ or (2) An ignorance of how to establish proper Bible authority. There is no excuse for anyone who disrespects God's authority. In the denominational world today many ex-

amples of "disrespect" for God's Word can be seen. The attitude is, "wear my name," or "have the kind of music that pleases you," and "let the church be any kind of organization which pleases the people."



By Gary Hargis

There have even been others who have gone so far as to say "we don't need Bible authority for everything that we do." However there are some today that do respect God's Word and desire to do all things that are pleasing to him. These are the type of individuals that we need to have fellowship with.

### Respect For Authority

The Old Testament is filled with example after example showing us how we should have a genuine, fearful respect of God's authority. In Leviticus 10:1-2 it says: "Then Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, each took his censer and put fire in it, put incense on it, and offered profane fire before the LORD, which He had not commanded them. So fire went out from the LORD and devoured them, and they died before the LORD."

We can clearly see that these two added to God's Word. They did not respect His authority. We can also see examples of this in Cain and Abel (Genesis 4:2-9), King Uzziah (2 Chronicles 26:9-21), and Uzzah (2 Samuel 6:3-8). All of these examples are for our learning (Romans 15:4) and demonstrate to us that we must have respect for the authority of God in all that we do religiously.

### How Can I Establish Bible Authority?

There are three ways in which to establish Bible authority. The first is command, which is a positive statement or a requirement. An example of a command can be found in Mark 16:16. The second is approved apostolic example. The New Testament example of this type of Bible authority can be found in Acts 20:7 where we are told when to take the Lord's Supper.

The third way to establish Bible authority is necessary inference, which is something that is implied by scripture. An example of this can be found in Matthew 3:16 which says: "When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him." This verse states that Jesus "went up" from the water.

How do we know that He went down into the water? The answer is inference. In Hebrews 10:25, an assembly is commanded. By inference a place to assemble is required. In order to be pleasing to God we must ensure that we are doing all we do religiously based upon His will and not man's traditions.

*Gary Hargis is pastor of the Orleans Circle Church of Christ in Ruston.*

## DEAR ABBY

### Getting out is best first step for introvert seeking friends

DEAR ABBY: Do you have any advice on how I can make friends with people my own age in my hometown? It's a small college town. I recently graduated from the local university and still live at home with my parents. Most of the people I socialized with in school have moved back home after graduating, found work, and seem uninterested in contacting me, or they're still in school and very busy.

I've had some success making friends online, but my internet friends live out of state or abroad. I work as a substitute teacher and would like to make friends with other subs

and teachers, but I don't get many chances to interact with them.

I have always been somewhat of an introvert and homebody and don't get out much. I want to change that before I leave for grad school next year, but I'm not sure where to start.

### HOMEBOODY IN OHIO

DEAR HOMEBOODY: Start making it a priority to get out of your parents' house and meet new people. The first thing to do is figure out where your interests lie. Surely in a college town there are organizations or groups that would interest you.

If you want to be

more physically active, consider joining a gym. If you are political, reach out to the party of your choice and volunteer. I'm sure you will be welcomed with open arms. If you're an animal lover, raise money for a pet rescue organization. While you're doing good, you will be getting to know other like-minded individuals.

And remember that social skills don't always come naturally to people. The more you give yourself a chance to practice, the better you will become at them.

*Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren.*



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## Groups donate to CCA

The Tiger Men Fellowship teamed with Birthday Fellowship on May 31 to donate both fans and clothing to the Lincoln Parish Christian Community Center. Pictured from left to right on the front row are Joseph Capers, Sr., president; Elder L.O. Adams; and Lemon Lewis. On the second row are Charlotte Reed, Stephanie Matthews, Cullen Jackson and Vernesta Adams. On the third row is Tiger Men's Group Chairman Bobby Rabon.

## 'Dr. John,' funky New Orleans 'night-tripper' musician, dies

NEWORLEANS (AP) — Dr. John, the New Orleans singer and piano player who blended black and white musical styles with a hoodoo-infused stage persona and gravelly bayou drawl, died Thursday, his family said. He was 77.

In a statement released through his publicist, the family said Dr. John, who was born Mac Rebennack, died "toward the break of day" of a heart attack. They did not say where he died or give other details. He had not been seen in public much since late 2017, when he canceled several gigs. He had been resting at his New Orleans area home, publicist Karen Beninato said last year in an interview.

"The family thanks all whom have shared his unique musical journey, and requests privacy at this time," the statement said.

"Dr. John was a true Louisiana legend," Louisiana Gov. John Bel Edwards said in a statement. "He showed the world Louisiana's rich musical heritage, and his passion for music has left a mark on the industry unlike any other."

Drummer Ringo Starr was among the first musicians to weigh in on Twitter: "God bless Dr. John peace and love to all his family I love the doctor peace and love," the Beatles legend tweeted.

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Dr. John

singer Irma Thomas said he was loved around the world. "He was just a mystical person," Thomas told WVUE television when asked what made his music special. "He did what he liked best and was very unique with his style."

His spooky 1968 debut "Gris-Gris" combined

rhythm 'n blues with psychedelic rock and startled listeners with its sinister implications of other-worldly magic, employing a piano style both rollicking and haunting. He later had a Top 10 hit with "Right Place, Wrong Time," collaborated with numerous top-tier rockers, won multiple Grammy awards and was inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame.

In his memoir, Rebennack said, he drew inspiration from New Orleans folklore about a root doctor who flourished in the mid-1800s.

Friend and mentor Harold Battiste, in a 2005 interview, recalled, "It was really done sort of tongue-in-cheek."

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## IN OUR OPINION

### Getting ready to work

According to *U.S. News and World Report's* latest state economy rankings, Louisiana came in at 44th in the percentage of state residents age 16 or older who participated in the labor force in 2017, the latest year for which data is available.

Louisiana also ranks 42nd in new business birth rate. It finished at 49th in the overall economy rankings — obviously not a good outlook.

This week, Lincoln Parish took its first steps toward joining 11 other north Louisiana parishes in a united effort to change these realities.

Representatives of Lincoln Parish Schools, the Lincoln Parish Police Jury, the city of Ruston, Louisiana Tech University, Delta Community College, and the Ruston-Lincoln Chamber of Commerce have come together to work toward becoming a certified ACT Work Ready Community in the next two years.

This designation is essentially a nationally recognized “stamp of approval” centered on an ACT WorkKeys credential.

This credential, which the state Department of Education has begun paying for many students to test for, measures the applied math, graphic literacy and workplace documents skills of emerging workforce members and certifies that they're ready for the occupation for which they're applying.

If enough residents of a community have this credential, and enough employers recognize it and adapt their hiring process accordingly, the community becomes an ACT Work Ready Community, which is intended to show incoming businesses that they will have the workforce pipeline they need if they move in.

Lincoln Parish representatives joined Union, Claiborne, Bienville and Jackson parishes at a boot camp Wednesday and Thursday to learn how to further incorporate WorkKeys into their business and education communities, joining up with other parishes along I-20 under the “North Louisiana Ready 2 Work” banner.

*The Leader* recognizes north Louisiana's need to attract more industry and that a competent and marketable workforce is one of the major components in doing that.

We believe this collaborative effort could bear fruit, but it hinges on whether employers in the region will truly buy into the idea and recognize the WorkKeys credential as something worthwhile. That's the piece we'll be eager to see this alliance target moving forward.

The number of Louisiana high school graduates going to higher education has increased by 23% since 2012.



## VIEWS FROM THE BOATHOUSE

### Lots of fun coming up for Lincoln Parish

For those of you brave enough to venture out into the rising summer heat there's plenty of fun to be had in Lincoln Parish in upcoming weeks.

It all began Friday night as Grambling held its annual Juneteenth Pageant. Next weekend will be the big day for Grambling's Juneteenth celebration with the annual parade rolling at 10 a.m. followed by Children's Day Out at 11 a.m. with games, activities, vendors and a Car Show.

Juneteenth is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States.

From its 1865 origin in Galveston, Texas, the observance of June 19 as the African American Emancipation Day has spread across the United States and beyond. And the weeklong celebration Grambling holds in its honor has become a big part of the small north Louisiana town.

So Grambling's Juneteenth celebration will continue through June 19, when things will conclude with there will be a Prayer Meeting held at Legends Square at 10 a.m. followed by a fish fry at Legends Square Parking Lot at 11 a.m.

Then on June 21-22, Ruston will celebrate its 69th annual Louisiana Peach Festival.

Downtown streets will overflow with music, exciting events, over 200 artisans and vendors, and best of all delicious, juicy-sweet peaches. You and your family can enjoy terrific entertainment including: Arts and Crafts Show, 5K Dawg Dash, Tennis Tournament, Kid's Fishing Tournament, Fine Arts Show, Peach Cookery Contest, Peach Eating Contest, Festival Parade, Antique Car Show, Rodeo, and more.

I'm a music fan, so that's always a big part of my Peach Fest celebra-

tion. This year will include the second annual Louisiana Peachstock Battle of the Bands that will run from 5:30 - 10 p.m. on June 21 in Railroad Park. Five bands — June July, Jordan Sheppard and the Cypress Knees, the Joe Haydel Band, Jelly and North Louisiana Gris Gris — will compete for the grand prize of \$1,500 plus the opportunity to open for the 2020 Louisiana Peach Festival.

Then on Saturday, in addition to the annual Lawrence Gibbs & The Russ-Town Band concert at the Dixie Center for the Arts, there will also be a day full of music at Railroad Park with the Carolina Soul Band (11 a.m.), Zach O'Neil (4 p.m.), Bri-

ana Calhoun (5 p.m.) J.A.M. Brass Band (7 p.m.) and the return of Bag of Donuts as Peach Fest headliners to close things out starting at 9 a.m.

But the summer fun doesn't end there. Don't forget about the Ruston Farmers' Market annual Taste of Summer Festival from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. on July 6.

The Taste of Summer Festival will celebrate all the summer produce local growers are harvesting. You can sample recipes and foods featuring the freshest of local produce. Artisans and crafts people will be selling a variety of items. The North Central Louisiana Arts Council will sponsor a children's tent with fun activities.

Some of my best times at the Farmers Market have come just watching children play, or do things like sidewalk chalk drawings. It's a great opportunity to get out and meet members of our community.

For the latest updates and more information on the Ruston Farmers' Market, go online to [www.rustonfarmersmarket.org](http://www.rustonfarmersmarket.org).

June and July are always fun months for Lincoln Parish, and I encourage everyone to get out and join me in having a little summer fun.

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By T. Scott Boatright

## AP SPOTLIGHT

### No budget woes? State lawmakers created other feuds

BATON ROUGE (AP) — Freed from the budget problems of prior years, Louisiana lawmakers found other things to bicker about in their just-ended session: abortion, sports betting, and even cauliflower rice and soy milk.

But after years of angry battles over taxes and spending, even the most heated feuds of the 60-day session that ended Thursday seemed pretty low-key by comparison.

One of the most contentious fights involved whether to legalize sports betting, an effort pushed for two years by term-limited Sen. Danny Martiny, a Kenner Republican who had this one last session to try to win support.

House lawmakers stalled the proposal. Martiny fumed at the microphone about how he was treated by House members. And in retaliation, he helped sink a separate fantasy sports regulation and taxation package sought by the House.

A new abortion ban passed by lawmakers and signed by Gov. John Bel Edwards, which won't take effect unless a federal court upholds a similar Mississippi law, drew more rancorous debates than anti-abortion measures in years past. A handful of Democrats strongly objected to their colleagues' refusal to include exceptions for pregnancies caused by rape

or incest in the ban on abortions as early as six weeks of pregnancy.

Sen. J.P. Morrell, a New Orleans Democrat, grew angry on the final day of session when it became clear his bid to exempt feminine hygiene products and diapers from sales taxes would fail to win final passage. He cited the abortion ban, the Legislature's refusal to ratify an Equal Rights Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, and the failure of equal pay and minimum wage proposals. "Yet again, the Legislature fails women," Morrell said.

Prompting irritation from a number of lawmakers in the waning days of session were proposals targeting cauliflower rice, almond milk and non-meat burgers. The legislation aims to keep veggie products from being marketed as milk, rice and meat.

Ultimately, the House and Senate agreed to the food labeling restrictions that Edwards said he intended to sign into law.

But passage only came after loud debate and mocking over the protectionist measures for farmers. Rep. Raymond Crews, a Bossier Parish Republican, called the legislation "silliness really."

A last-minute feud also erupted between lawmakers who wanted to enact a minimum marriage age in

Louisiana and conservative House members who fought the idea, arguing it could delegitimize children born to teenagers. A bill setting the minimum age to marry at 16 passed in the session's last hour.

Despite the tamer nature of the session, one trend that didn't fail to repeat itself was timing. Lawmakers procrastinated on reaching deals, and the session ended as it nearly always does, in a frenzy of last-minute bill passages that seemed entirely unnecessary to go down to the wire.

A chaotic passing of the spending plans came in the last half-hour before lawmakers had to wrap up with little explanation of what the final negotiated deal contained.

At one point, Senate President John Alario grew frustrated that the House, which had control of the bills, hadn't sent over the final documents for passage.

"We should have had this two or three hours ago," the Westwego Republican lamented. "It's too important to the people of this state."

Still, Republicans and Democrats largely applauded the final budget plan, which pumps new dollars into public colleges, K-12 teacher pay raises, early learning programs, senior centers, foster care, and services for the disabled.

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## U.S. hiring slows amid trade rifts and weaker global economy

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. hiring stumbled in May as employers added just 75,000 jobs, a sign that businesses have become more cautious in the face of weaker global growth, widening trade conflicts and perhaps some difficulty finding enough workers.

Last month's modest job gain followed a much healthier increase of 224,000 in April. The Labor Department said Friday that the unemployment rate remained at a nearly 50-year low of 3.6%.

The tepid job growth, along with rising pressures on the economy, makes it more likely that the Federal Reserve will cut rates in the com-

ing months. Bond yields fell after the jobs data was released, signaling expectations for lower Fed rates. Stock investors, too, signaled their approval, with the Dow Jones Industrial Average up nearly 300 points in late-day trading.

On Friday, the government also revised down the economy's hiring gains for March and April by a combined 75,000. In the first five months of the year, job growth has averaged 164,000 a month, a solid pace that is enough to lower the unemployment rate over time. Still, it's below last year's pace of 225,000.

Last month, President Donald Trump announced an increase in

tariffs on \$200 billion in Chinese imports from 10% to 25%. And last week, he threatened to impose 5% tariffs on all Mexican imports to the United States beginning Monday. Those taxes would rise each month until they reach 25% in October unless the Mexican government cuts off a flow of Central American migrants entering the United States from through Mexico.

The economy is showing signs of sluggishness just as the expansion has reached its 10th anniversary. Next month, it will become the longest period of uninterrupted growth on records dating to 1854. Yet consumers

have turned cautious about spending, and companies are scaling back their investment in high-cost machinery and equipment.

Economists cautioned that May's job figures cover just one month and that broader trends indicate that hiring remains steady. They also noted, though, that May's weaker hiring data preceded Trump's threat last week to impose 5% tariffs on Mexico. So the full impact of the trade fights will likely show up in coming months.

"This looks like an economy that is slowing down, which does not mean that we're necessarily entering a recession," said Martha

Gimbel, director of economic research at the job listings site Indeed. "Coming in the context of tariffs and other economic headwinds makes this number more worrisome."

The economy expanded at a healthy 3.1% annual rate in the January-March quarter. The Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta estimates that annual growth will slump to 1.5% in the April-June quarter.

The deceleration in hiring could mean that some employers are just having trouble finding the workers they need, given that the pool of unemployed is comparatively small. Yet wages should be rising

faster than they are as employers compete for workers.


Average hourly pay rose just 3.1% in May from a year earlier, down slightly from last month's year-over-year gain of 3.2%. That was the smallest such annual increase since September. Smaller raises, combined with slower hiring, could diminish consumers' willingness to spend in the coming months.

Hiring was weak across a broad range of industries in May. Manufacturers added only 3,000 jobs, a fourth straight month of anemic gains. Construction companies hired just 4,000, financial services only 2,000.

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## Lumber company opens modern sawmill

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URANIA — LaSalle Lumber Company hosted Gov. Jon Bel Edwards at a grand opening ceremony May 29 for the first new sawmill built in the state in more than two decades.

"This is a great day for central Louisiana, for the state's timber industry, and for LaSalle Lumber Company, a joint venture between a historic Louisiana forest products company and a major Canadian forestry partner making its first venture into the United States," Edwards said.

"It is also particularly fitting and historic that we are in Urania, Louisiana, today, where the pioneering Henry Hardtner first began the Louisiana forest products industry more than 100 years ago," he said.

The new, highly-automated sawmill took less than one year to build and employs 115 people. At full operation, running two 10-hour shifts, four days per week, the mill will require approximately 850,000 tons of wood annually to produce approximately 200 million board feet of lumber. The mill's first commercial shipment of lumber was made in March.

The mill is a joint venture between Hunt Forest Products of Ruston and Tolko Industries, Ltd., a family-owned Canadian company that produces a wide range of forest products for customers around the world. Tolko, based in Vernon, British Columbia, owns a 50 percent share in the LaSalle Lumber mill.

"With more than 100 years of family his-

tory in the Louisiana forestry industry, we are thrilled to continue that tradition and bring this state-of-the-art sawmill, and more than 100 skilled jobs, to central Louisiana" said Trott Hunt, co-owner and chairman of the Board of Directors of Hunt Forest Products. "There is a massive inventory of southern yellow pine in this region, and we are proud to provide an outlet for local timber suppliers."

Brad Thorlakson, Tolko president and CEO, said his company is excited about entering the U.S. market and playing a role in the Louisiana forestry industry.

"We are proud to be here today with our partners, Hunt Forest Products, to officially welcome this world-class facility to the family," Thorlakson said.



Submitted photo

**Ribbon cutting ceremonies were held May 29 for LaSalle Lumber Company in Urania. The mill is a joint venture between Hunt Forest Products of Ruston and Tolko Industries, Ltd., a family-owned Canadian company. From left are Jimmy Hunt, Hunt Forest Products, LaSalle Lumber Company; Brad Thorlakson, Tolko Industries, LaSalle Lumber Company; Douglas George, Acting General Consul to the US Southwest, Government of Canada; state Rep. Terry Brown; Gov. John Bel Edwards; state Sen. Neil Riser; and Trott Hunt, Hunt Forest Products, LaSalle Lumber Company.**

"We want to thank our employees who have completed a successful start-up of the mill, the people of LaSalle Parish for their gracious welcome and support, and the state of Louisiana for

working with us to make today possible. The Hunt family shares our values and commitment to safety, and we're excited about what we can accomplish together."

LaSalle Lumber is located on approximately 125 acres of the

old 285-acre Louisiana Pacific sawmill site. Drax Biomass occupies the other 160 acres of the site, and the LaSalle Lumber sawmill supplies residuals and wood fiber to Drax for use in manufacturing wood pellets.

### OBITUARIES (Paid Announcements)



**Andrew Harold "Goose" Ferguson**

Funeral services for Mr. Andrew Harold "Goose" Ferguson, age 84, of Ruston will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, June 10, 2019, at Emmanuel Baptist Church with Rev. Paul Watts and Dr. Michael Hawley officiating. Burial will follow at

Greenwood Cemetery under the direction of Owens Memorial Chapel Funeral Home.

Mr. Ferguson was born Nov. 20, 1934 in Ruston, LA.

He died June 6, 2019 in Ruston, LA. He was a lifelong member of Emmanuel Baptist Church and a proud Army Veteran Medic in the Korean War. He loved to hunt, fish and did every chance possible.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Durwood and Sallie Ferguson and sister Betty Jane Thurman; siblings: D.D. Ferguson, Pauline Madden and Buster Ferguson.

Mr. Ferguson is survived by his wife of 59 years: Lynn S. Ferguson of Ruston;

daughters: Renee Ferguson of Ruston, Angela (Marty) Gallagher of Mandeville, Amy (Kurt) Caillouet of Baton Rouge; sons: Chuck (Anita) McGuire of Choudrant, Joe (Janie) Ferguson of Friendship, and daughter, Samantha "Sam" Ferguson of Ruston; grandchildren: Grace Elizabeth "Lizabeth" Gallagher, Olivia "Papaw's Caroline" Gallagher, Andrew "Andy" Gallagher of Mandeville, Jacob Caillouet and James Caillouet of Baton Rouge, Stuart McGuire of Choudrant, Kane McGuire of Ruston, Hope and Michael Grillot of Ruston and Matti and Charli Grillot of Ruston; great-grandchild-

dren: Eli and Josh Ferguson, Bryce and Briley McGuire, Colin and Owen McGuire; numerous nieces and nephews and extended family.

Pallbearers will be Kurt Caillouet, Marty Gallagher, Joe Ferguson, Andrew Gallagher and Stuart and Kane McGuire. Honorary pallbearers will be Billy McElduff, Willie Green, Johnny Maxwell, Pete McNealy, Keith Barnes and Mike Carroll.

Visitation will be held from 5 - 8 p.m., Sunday, June 9, 2019, at Owens Memorial Chapel.

To leave a memorial message for the family, please visit www.owensmemorialfuneralhome.com.

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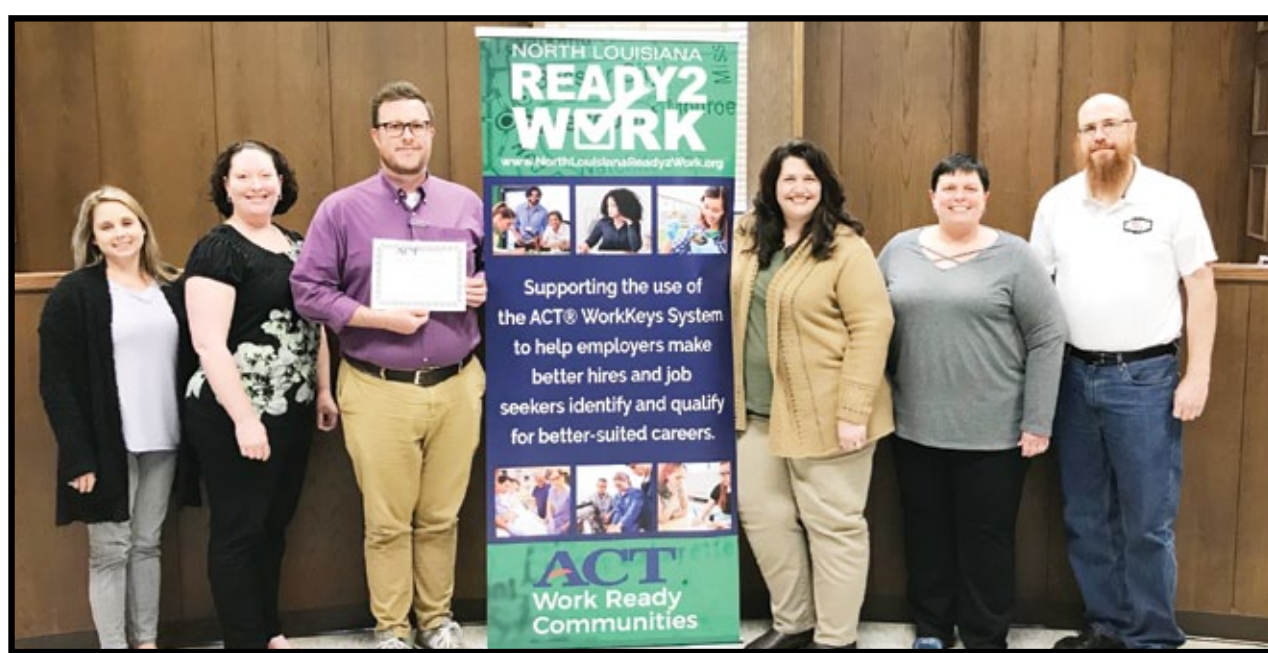
“North Louisiana Ready 2 Work” has formed for all the parishes of the region to collaborate on becoming Work Ready Communities with the goal of improving the local workforce and attracting more employers.

To that end, entities from Lincoln, Union, Jackson, Claiborne and Bienville parishes met with ACT representatives at Ruston City Hall for a two-day boot camp Wednesday and Thursday on how to achieve this designation.

Among those locally involved in the process thus far are several representatives of the Lincoln Parish School District, the Lincoln Parish Police Jury, the city of Ruston, Louisiana Tech University, Louisiana Delta Community College and the Ruston-Lincoln Chamber of Commerce.

Ruston High School’s New Tech Academies Director Dustin Whitlock said the impetus for this program came from mandates recently passed down from the state Department of Education requiring certain students be tested in WorkKeys.

WorkKeys gives assessments in three key areas of work readiness — applied math, graphic literacy and work-



Leader photo by CALEB DANIEL

**Pictured left to right, Amy McGuire (Choudrant High School), Kristi Lumpkin (City of Ruston Economic Development), Dustin Whitlock (New Tech Academies), Sheila Nugent (Simsboro High School), Cathi Cox-Boniol (Lincoln ACHIEVE), and Nicholas Olsen (Program Monitor Division of Workforce Development, Coordinating and Development Corporation) represented Lincoln Parish at the ACT Work Ready Community Boot Camp Wednesday and Thursday.**

place documents—and hands out different certificate levels based on the scores. Complete all three, and you get the National Career Readiness Certificate, which is the focus of the Work Ready Communities initiative.

“Our students were getting these scores and didn’t have anything to really do with them,” Whitlock said. “We needed a real way to incentivize students to want to do better. As we began talking to area business leaders, this initiative came to the forefront. It’s already happening in other

places, and it’s something we can do here.”

The goal behind the NCRC credential and the Work Ready Community moniker is to create a sort of universally recognized trade language that tells employers what skills their applicants possess and tells applicants what skills they need to be hired.

“If I score Gold in WorkKeys, I know I can go to these 10 or 15 employers in the area, and I know they’re going to recognize my credential,” Whitlock said. “I may not automatically get a job, but

I’m now a more qualified applicant if we’re all speaking a common language.”

This “common language” is recognized by more than 24,000 employers nationwide, including 683 in Louisiana.

Once the initiative goes live in Lincoln Parish later this year, they will have two years to meet the criteria of a Work Ready Community. Namely, enough residents in different categories (students, dropouts, unemployed, adults looking for a better job) will need to attain the NCRC creden-

tial, and enough area businesses will have to agree to recognize the NCRC and change their hiring process accordingly.

Lincoln Parish currently has five employers listed as recognizing WorkKeys, including CenturyLink and the Coca-Cola Bottling Company.

Ruston’s Economic Development Administrator Kristi Lumpkin said ensuring employer buy-in could be the greatest challenge in this process, but it’s a challenge she believes the Lincoln Parish team can achieve.

“We’re putting together a list of industries we want to go after: manufacturing, health care, service, automotive, anything,” Lumpkin said. “We’re going to make sure we have representative companies from across the parish in these industries—some employer champions from the start who can come in and say ‘Hey, peer to peer, you need to be on board with this.’”

Whitlock said the benefit of a WorkKeys credential in a Work Ready Community for students and dissatisfied adult workers alike is the opportunity to know what employers are looking for and be able to objectively show that they meet those standards.

Conversely, Lumpkin said the benefit for businesses is the opportunity to decrease employee turnover and training time and move the bottom line by knowing what skills each applicant possesses.

But to be effective, employees, employers and the community at large must understand what WorkKeys is and buy into it, which representatives admitted is no small task.

“Lincoln Parish and beyond, get ready to hear the word ‘WorkKeys’ a lot,” Lumpkin said.

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

**‘Peachy Peach’ ice cream at festival**

The Eta Omicron Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi will sell Blue Bell “Peachy” Peach ice cream at the Louisiana Peach Festival on June 21 and June 22.

Eight ounce cups of ice cream will be available at the Civic Center, Friday from noon to 6 p.m. and on Saturday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and at Railroad Park on Friday from noon to 11 p.m. and on Saturday from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Cost is \$3 per cup.

Proceeds from the sales will be used to support local charities and schools, such as The Methodist Children’s Home, Med Camps of LA, Adopt-A-School, Ruston Relay for Life, Buddy Ball and medical research for kidney cancer, multiple sclerosis, breast cancer, and St. Jude’s research.

**Genealogical group meets**

The Northeast Louisiana Genealogical and Historical Society will meet at 2:30 p.m. Sunday in the Ouachita Parish Library Main Branch in Monroe. The guest speaker will be Kristopher Kelley of the Cooley House. His program is: “The Year of the River: How Steamboats Brought Gardens to the South.” Guests are welcome. For more information call 323-0533.

**Quilt Guild meets June 13**

Piney Hills Quilt Guild of Ruston meets at 9:30 a.m. June 13 at Grace United Methodist Church, located at 3401 North Trenton St. Melissa Ott of Quilteroos will present the program. The guild meets the second Thursday of each

month at the church. For more information call Jean Lowrey at 777-0960.

**Motivational event June 22**

Felecia Alexander-Gray will host a free motivational seminar at 1 p.m. June 22 at the Courtyard Marriott in Ruston, located at 1309 Maxwell Blvd. Guest panelists will be Antwain Brags, Janet Gillespie and Patrick Weaver. For more information about Alexander Ministries visit [www.feleciaalexander.com](http://www.feleciaalexander.com)

**Summer feeding**

The Lincoln Preparatory School is participating in the Summer Food Service Program. Meals will be provided to all eligible children without charge.

Meals will be served until July 25 at Lincoln Preparatory School, located at 407 Central Ave., in Grambling. Breakfast will be served from 7:45 a.m.-8:45 a.m. and lunch from 11 a.m. until 12:15 p.m.

**Poverty Point June events**

EPPS—Poverty Point World Heritage Site will hold weekday activities in June. All ages are welcome to participate. Here’s the schedule:

- June 12, 3 – 4:30 p.m.: Prehistoric pottery demonstration
- June 13, 9:30 a.m.: Ranger guided hike
- June 20, 11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.: Atlatl demonstration
- June 21, 10 – 11:30 a.m.: Sock moccasin making
- June 27, Noon – 2 p.m.: Prehistoric pottery demonstration
- June 28, 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.: Sock moccasin making

Poverty Point World Heritage Site offers visitors the opportunity to experience and learn about the earthworks and those individuals who raised them from the ground between the years of 1700 and 1100 BCE.

The \$4 admission fee provides access to the museum, film theatre, hiking trail, driving tour, seasonal tram tour, and any interpretive events taking place at the site. Children and 3 and under and senior citizens age 62 and over are admitted free of charge.

Poverty Point is located in West Carroll Parish, east of Monroe on La. 577. The park is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For additional information, call 888-926-5292 toll free or follow Poverty Point World Heritage Site on Facebook.

**Union Museum sets WWII exhibit**

FARMERVILLE —A traveling exhibit from the National World War II Museum in New Orleans will be displayed for six weeks in the Union Museum of History and Art in Farmerville beginning June 17.

“The Pelican State Goes To War: Louisiana in World War II” exhibit chronicles the effort of Louisianans to prepare the United States for war through pictures, artifacts and stories. Several associated events will be held and the exhibit will be open during the Louisiana Watermelon Festival July 26-27.

**Chorus conducts open rehearsal**

Piney Hills Harmony Chorus of Sweet Adelines is holding open rehearsals throughout the summer and invites

area women of all ages to come sing with them. The a cappella chorus is learning new songs and dusting off old ones such as “Happy,” “Heartache Tonight,” “Life Is a Highway,” “Dancing in the Street,” “Mama Mia,” “Down to the River to Pray” and “Turn Your Radio On.”

Rehearsals are at 6 p.m. Thursdays at the Presbyterian Church of Ruston, 212 North Bonner, in the fellowship hall. Attendees do not have to read music or have a solo voice.

The award-winning chorus bills itself as friendly, fun-loving and accepting. The current international theme is “Life on a High Note” and encourages chorus guests to “find more than your voice; find a sisterhood that lasts a lifetime.”

For more information call Carol Ogle at 348-2291. Visit the Facebook page Piney Hills Harmony / Sweet Adelines International for possible changes in rehearsal details.

**Weatherization funds available**

Humanitarian Enterprises of Lincoln Parish has begun scheduling appointments for the Weatherization Assistance Program for the CADDCAA to help low-income families in Lincoln Parish to overcome the high cost of energy through conservation.

Weatherization activities may include caulking and sealing cracks and holes in the building’s structure, weatherstripping of doors and windows, repairing and replacing windows and doors, air sealing, incidental repairs necessary to preserve and protect the weatherization material, and other im-

provements to conserve energy. Households will realize a reduction in heating/cooling costs.

Interested persons may schedule an appointment by phone at 251-5136 or in person at 307 North Homer St., second floor, in Ruston. Office hours are 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Applicants must present an 18-month bill consumption electric/gas, proof of ownership, ID & social security cards of everyone 18 and older living at residence, and proof of total monthly household income.

Federal Income guidelines are as follows: for family size of one: \$2,023; two: \$2,723; three: \$3,463; four: \$4,183; five: \$4,903; six: \$5,623; seven: \$6,510; eight: \$7,063; nine: \$7,783; 10: 8,503.

**Energy assistance funds available**

Low-income home energy assistance funds to help families with high utility costs are now available through Humanitarian Enterprises of Lincoln Parish.

H.E.L.P. will schedule appointments only on Friday of each week. Appointments will be scheduled on a first-come-first serve basis until funds are depleted.

Interested persons may schedule an appointment by phone at 251-5136 or in person at 307 North Homer St., second floor. Monday of each week will be designated for elderly and/or disabled applicants only. Office hours are Monday – Friday 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Households may receive regular LIHEAP assistance once within a six-month period and may receive LIHEAP crisis assistance once in a 12-month period. Applicants must pres-

ent a utility bill/stub dated within the last six months including the month of application, proof of total monthly household income, social security cards for all household members and proof of ID. Income Guidelines are as follows:

Annual income based on 60 percent of Estimated Median State Income are as follows: for family size of one: \$1,948; two: \$2,547; three: \$3,146; four: \$3,745; five: \$4,345; six: \$4,944; seven: \$5,056; eight: \$5,169; nine: \$5,281; 10: \$5,393; 11: \$5,506; 12: \$5,618; 13: \$5,730; 14: \$5,843; 15: \$5,955.

For additional information, call 251-5136.

**Jefferson Avenue closure**

Jefferson Avenue is closed to through traffic until further notice for a bridge replacement. The closure is approximately 1.3 miles east of the intersection with West Kentucky Avenue and .5 miles west of the junction with U.S. 167.

**Ball Park Road closed**

Ball Park Road is closed to through traffic until further notice. The closure is immediately east of the intersection with U.S. Highway 167.

This closure is necessary to allow for construction activities associated with the sports complex project.

Existing Ball Park Road facilities and grounds as well as those South Farmerville Street properties lying south of Ball Park Road will be accessed by traveling south on U.S. Highway 167, then east on LA 3061, then north on South Farmerville Street.

For more information call 251-8611.

## Gathering all assets crucial for investment planning

Investment planning is like doing a jigsaw puzzle except the pieces don't always come in one box — often you have to gather them from a variety of sources.

When putting an investment plan together, you have to combine information on assets, debt, insurance, and more to form the full picture of your financial life.

However, people often forget about or lose some of their investment planning puzzle pieces, and then the picture is never really complete.

It's one reason why many people don't have a complete picture of their financial life, says Elizabeth "Liz" Bartley, Sales Advisory Consultant at Wells Fargo Advisors.

### Why the full pic-

### ture really matters

"From an investment standpoint, you don't really have a good gauge of how much risk you could potentially be taking," if you aren't looking at all of your holdings in conjunction with each other, Bartley says.

It's not just investments. Loans, including any student loans, business loans, or mortgages, may impact your overall plan, too.

Without this full picture, individuals and their financial advisors end up doing their investment planning based on what amounts to faulty information.

And that can result in a risk profile or asset mix that doesn't represent your desires or needs.

This is especially

common among people who have assets spread across numerous financial institutions — you may have several 401(k) accounts from different jobs maintained at a variety of institutions, some online investments in another place, and your primary portfolio you maintain with your financial advisor.

"Understanding how much debt you have versus assets is a starting point for making improvements and creating more wealth over time," Bartley adds.

### Putting the pieces together

So how do you collect everything you need?

Financial advisors often start with a checklist of important information, Bartley says. Even when most of your assets are with a single company, there's still information to gather from other sources.

Ask your financial advisor to keep copies of this information, which can function as a backup for your records.

That's especially valuable, Bartley says, in case anything happens to you.

### Your complete financial picture may include:

- Investment accounts with other institutions. This could include qualified employer-spon-

sored retirement plans (QRPs), such as a 401(k), 403(b), or governmental 457(b), still at previous employers, and IRAs.

- Checking and savings accounts.

• Assets you own, such as your primary residence, a second home, rental property, and valuables — antiques, jewelry, or an art collection.

- Debts, including your mortgage, credit card balances, and other loans and lines of credit.

• Other investment vehicles, such as long-term care insurance, annuities, and life insurance policies.

- Trust funds.

• Rental income or other earnings beyond your primary source of income.

- Social Security statements.

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## Evidence suggests women might be better investors

Most of us would probably agree that men and women frequently behave differently, and these differences often show up in professional, family and social situations.

Of course, this certainly doesn't mean either gender has an advantage in these areas. However, here's an interesting question: Do women possess attributes that may make them better investors?

Some evidence suggests this may indeed be the case. Consider the following:

- **Long-term focus** — Women seem to focus more on long-term goals, according to some studies, whereas men may concentrate more on short-term track records of potential invest-

ments. Generally speaking, taking a long-term approach to investing is a good strategy because it can help you maintain discipline and avoid subjecting yourself to the dangers of overreacting to market swings.

One such danger is selling an investment whose price may have dropped but may still have strong fundamentals and good prospects.

• **Less frequent trading** — A well-known study from the University of California found that men traded investments 45% more frequently than women.

Other, more recent studies have produced somewhat different results, but the overall picture does seem to show that women do significantly less buying

and selling than men. This tendency is important because frequent trading can undercut a long-term, cohesive investment strategy.

If you're constantly buying and selling, you won't give some investments a chance to achieve their full growth potential, and you might disrupt the diversification necessary for long-term success.

• **More thoughtful decisions and more receptiveness to professional advice** — Women take more time to make investment decisions than men, and more readily accept invest-

ment recommendations from financial professionals, according to a survey from Investment

News.

And women are more likely to consult a professional financial advisor in the first place, according to a study from the Spectrem Group, a financial research firm. Given the number of factors involved in successful investing — setting long-term goals, evaluating risk tolerance, navigating volatile financial markets, diversifying investment portfolios, and so on — it's important to get solid financial and investment advice from trained, ex-

perienced professionals.

• **Greater risk aversion** — When it comes to savings and investing, women are generally more risk averse than men, according to a large-scale survey by BlackRock, a global investment management firm, and supported by numerous other surveys and studies.

Having a greater risk aversion can help women investors reduce the likelihood of incurring short-term losses from highly volatile or speculative investments. Nonetheless, it's not really possible to avoid all investment risk — and it's probably not even desirable. In fact, there may well be a flip side to women's risk avoidance, in that an overly conservative portfolio won't

produce the growth potential needed to achieve long-term goals.

And this indeed is a danger to which women investors should be alert. Generally speaking, neither excessive risk nor excessive caution will serve investors well.

A long-term perspective, avoidance of excess trading, willingness to take advice from professionals, and careful risk management — these characteristics of women investors can be of value to everyone. Consider putting them to work for yourself.

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## Careful planning can help provide retirement smile

**Question:** My wife is worried about us running out of money in retirement. But I don't see any point in being rich when I'm too old to enjoy it. Where's the balance here?

**Answer:** We need to talk about the retirement smile.

And I'm not talking about that silly grin you daydream about having the day you walk out of your office for the last time. More on that in a moment.

Your wife may be worried for a very good reason — women tend to outlive men. Well, first they take care of us during a long period of illness, spend all the money we both have, then we men have the good sense of timing to die before the money actually runs out.

We thus leave our dear wives to figure out how to live 10 or more years

in "retirement" with no money.

Don't believe me? Ask your wife and she'll give you the names of several women she knows who fit the description above.

But I get your point. Let's don't be completely morbid about this. You want to plan for an enjoyable period of retirement, and we all instinctively know that we'll be in the best physical (and perhaps mental) condition to enjoy those years earlier in our retirement.

Some have described this in general stages: first, there are the "go-go" years. Your health is good, you want to travel and enjoy yourselves, so you tend to spend more.

Then come the go-slow years. You've been there, done that and your energy level may have naturally declined.

Your interest in "going" is less, so you spend less on travel and enter-

tainment.

Finally, the "no-go" years arrive where either our interest or ability to do much more than live simply from day to day declines.

We aren't doing much so we aren't spending much.

Recent studies have adjusted that view to account for medical and long-term care expenses later in life.

As lifestyle expenses decline over time, medical expenses tend to rise. Some wonky, clever types have charted this spending pattern and it looks like a smile, starting higher at the beginning, dipping down in the middle and rising again toward the end.

So what's the best way to maximize your spending capacity in retirement? I believe the

solution lies in a careful balance of accumulation and actuarial solutions.

Accumulation solutions broadly include any sort of account to which you can add money and which (hopefully) grows over time.

This obviously includes bank savings accounts, mutual funds, brokerage accounts and certain types of deferred annuities. IRAs and 401(k)s also fall into this category. Accumulation solutions dominate the retirement planning landscape today.

Actuarial solutions broadly include any sort of insurance or pension benefit that pays out based on age (retirement) or life event (such as a long-term care, chronic illness or

death). The actuarial solutions provide a safety net in the event you or your wife incurs any of expenses that can occur on the backside of the "retirement smile."

Historically, accumulation solutions tend to be the realm of brokerage houses and investment advisors. Actuarial solutions are usually sold by insurance company agents.

Because they often compete for the attention and loyalty of the public, they tend to emphasize the benefits of their solution over those offered by the "other side."

This is unfortunate and their failure to cooperate serves the public poorly.

Because only through the careful and thoughtful balancing of accumulation and actuarial solutions is it possible to keep the retirement smile from putting a frown on your face.



By Bobby Conville



By Andy Halbrook



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## Assembly of God

### First Assembly of God

"Living in the Spirit" class is at 9:45 a.m. Sundays. Children's church is at 10:45 a.m.

Nursery through age 3 is provided at 10:45 a.m. Sundays, by request on Sunday night and at 6 p.m. Wednesday.

## Baptist

### Calvary

Bible study classes begin at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Worship is also held at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Prayer meeting begins at 6:30 a.m. Tuesday. Wednesday prayer services are at 6:30 p.m..

### China Grove, Grambling

China Grove will celebrate its 126th church anniversary at 3 p.m. today.

The guest speaker will be Pastor Edward Scott and the New Hebron Missionary Baptist Church of Arcadia.

### Cook

Morning worship service is at 10:15 a.m. and Connect Groups begin at 9 a.m.

There is also a Sunday service at 6 p.m. and various activities for all ages on Wednesday evening.

### DaySpring Ministry

The church has Bible study at 9:45 a.m. followed by worship service at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. today. Prayer meeting is at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

### Emmanuel

Come join us today as our Bible Study begins at 9 a.m. followed by the morning worship service at 10:15 a.m. We will be observing the ordinance of the Lord's Supper during our morning worship.

Wednesday Night Recharge service happens at 6 p.m. each Wednesday in the Worship Center. Our youth and children each have their own Bible studies at 6 p.m. and our college meets at 7 p.m. We would love to have you come join us each Wednesday night of the summer!

### Fellowship

Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church holds Sunday School from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Worship Service begins at 10:45 a.m. and midweek services are from 6 - 7 p.m.

Fellowship will hold a fourth anniversary celebration honoring Minster of Music Courtney A. Johnson at 3 p.m. today.

The guest pastor and church will be Michael Singleton and Christ Centered Ministries of Farmerville.

The public is cordially invited.

### First Baptist, Choudrant

Be our guests every Sunday for Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. and worship at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday evening, the Loft (student worship) and PBNJ Kids from 6:30 - 8 p.m. Prayer meeting is at 7 p.m.

### First Baptist, Dubach

Bible study begins at 9:30 a.m. today followed by worship at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. There is a full range of youth and adult activities, including meals prior to worship at 5:30 p.m.

### First Baptist, Simsboro

Sunday School for all ages begins at 9:15 a.m. today and a nursery is provided.

Worship in song begins at 10:30 a.m. with the Rev. Ron Cathey leading the worship with praise songs and traditional hymns at 11 a.m.

Children's Minister Melanie Slocum and children age 4 to second grade are dismissed for children's church. Our Youth Minister is Paul Young.

### Friendship, Bernice

Friendship will hold seventh appreciation services for Pastor Fletcher Thomas and Lady Thomas at 3 p.m. June 23.

The guest pastor and church will be Bishop Williams Roberson and the North Star Baptist Church of Powhatan.

### Harmony

Sunday School will begin at 9:30 a.m. Worship will be held at 10:45 a.m. Bible study will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday.

### Hopewell, Dubach

Associate Minister Elroy Warren is interim pastor. Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. Worship begins at 11 a.m. Bible study is held at 6 p.m. every Wednesday.

### Liberty

The church will worship every Sunday starting at 11 a.m. at the Sleep Inn and Suites.

### Liberty Hill, Simsboro

Liberty Hill Missionary Baptist of Simsboro invites all to its 149th Church anniversary today. Holy Communion worship begins at 10 a.m. followed by a noon celebration with the Rev. Brandon Crew and Pilgrim Rest Baptist of Ruston as guests. Lunch will be served.

### Longstraw

Vacation Bible School will be held from 5:30 - 8 p.m. July 7 - 12. Supper will be served for all children and workers at 5:30 p.m. with the Worship Rally beginning at 6 p.m. followed by Bible Study, Crafts, Music, and Missions. All children ages 4 through those who have completed Grade 6 are invited to attend. Call 768-4298 for more information.

### Mt. Harmony

Mt. Harmony Baptist Church, located at 210 Mt. Harmony Rd. in Ruston, will

We will celebrate their Pastor's third anniversary honoring Bro. Quincy D. Knox at 4 p.m. today.

The special guest will be Pastor Mark Lewis of New Iberia with song services being rendered by Pleasant Grove Baptist Church of Clay. The public is invited.

### Mount Zion, Grambling

Mount Zion of Grambling is located at 2586 MLK, Jr. Avenue in Grambling.

Dr. James Lewis Boatner, III, Senior Pastor Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. each Sunday

Worship Service each Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

Bible Study is at noon each Wednesday

Each Wednesday at 6 p.m. is Prayer and Bible Study

### Mt. Olive, Grambling

Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m. Worship service is at 10:45 a.m. Bible study is held at 6 p.m. on Wednesdays.

### Mt. Olive Outreach, Grambling

Mt. Olive Outreach, located at 2817 S. Service Road West in Grambling, holds worship at 8 a.m., followed by Church School at 9:30 a.m. and a service at 10:30 a.m.

### Mr. Sinai, Choudrant

Mt. Sinani, where the Rev. Wayne L. Buggs is presiding pastor, will celebrate its church anniversary at 3 p.m. June 16. Theme scripture will be from Matthew 16:18. The guest speaker and church will be Pastor Darien Brown of Beulah

Baptist Church in Farmer-ville.

### New Land, Bernice

Join New Land Baptist Church at 2 p.m. today for area-wide fellowship under the leadership of Pasoter Charles Coleman.

The guest speaker will be the Rev. Juston Willis, pastor of St. John Baptist Church in Lillie.

### New Prospect

Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. followed by worship at 10:45 a.m. and 5 p.m. today.

Service begins at 6 p.m. Wednesday with a covered dish meal at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

### Pilgrim Rest

Sunday School is at 9 a.m. followed by worship at 10 a.m.

Bible Studies are held at 6 p.m. Wednesdays.

For transportation, call 251-0390 or 255-2885,

### Pleasant Grove

Bible study is at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday. Sunday school begins at 10 a.m. followed by worship at 11 a.m. and worship and Bible study at 6 p.m.

Pleasant Grove will hold its 2019 Church Homecoming today. The service will begin at 11 a.m. followed by lunch at noon. Attendees are asked to bring a favorite dish. At 2 p.m. there will be a musical celebration by the Southern Gospel quartet Chordsmith.

### Pleasant Hill

Pleasant Hill Baptist Church will host Sunday School at 10 a.m. and Sunday worship at 11 a.m. Kid's 4 Christ will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

### Rocky Valley, Simsboro

Rocky Valley Baptist Church of Simsboro, where the Rev. Calvin Young is pastor, will hold its 150th Church Anniversary at 3 p.m. June 23. The Rev. Ail Harris pastor of Abundant Life Church in Natchitoches will be the guest speaker. There will be a Pre-Anniversary Musical at 3 p.m. Jun 16 All are invited to come and celebrate with us on both dates.

### Springhill, Simsboro

Springhill Baptist Church in Simsboro will hold its 123rd anniversary program at 2:30 p.m. today.

The guest speaker will be Pastor Austin Green and the Springhill Baptist Church of Coushatta. The theme scripture is 1:Cor. 3:11.

### St. David, Vienna

St. Davis Missionary Baptist Church of Vienna will celebrate its 146th church anniversary at 3 p.m. today.

Special guests will be Pastor James Lewis Boatner and Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Grambling.

The public is invited.

Vacation Bible School will be held from 6 - 8 p.m. on Monday - Thursday. All are invited.

### Temple

Join us at 9 a.m. for our Blended Worship in the Sanctuary or for our contemporary worship experience, the gathering, in the Gathering Space with a simulcast sermon. At 10:15 a.m. we have Bible Study for all ages.

The gathering with live sermon is held at 11:15 a.m., in the Gathering Space. Our Evening Worship is meeting in the Chapel at 6 p.m.

Visit www.temple.life for more information.

### The Springs

Join us at 5 p.m. today for our Worship Service. Our church is located at 1601 S. Barnett Springs Ave. in Ruston. For more

information please visit thespringse.life or contact george@temple.life.

### True Believers

True Believers Baptist Church has Sunday school at 10 a.m. and worship services at 11 a.m. Bible study is at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

### The Word

Worship service at The Word is at 11 a.m. each Sunday at 504 S. Main St. in Grambling. Sunday School, 6 p.m. and Women's Ministry at 7 p.m. Tuesdays.

Bible study happens at 6 p.m. on Thursdays.

### Zion Traveler

Vacation Bible School will be held from 6 - 8 p.m. on June 17 - 20 at Zion Traveler Baptist Church in Ruston. For more information and transportation call the church office at 318-255-0552.

## Catholic

### St. Thomas Aquinas

The daily mass schedule is 9:30 a.m. Sunday; 7:30 a.m. Tuesday; 7:30 a.m. Thursday; noon on Friday and 5 p.m. Saturday.

Spanish mass is at 1:30 p.m. Sunday.

College mass is at 7 p.m. Sunday September through May.

### St. Benedict, Grambling

Fr. Patrick Madden, will return to St. Benedict Catholic Church in June as Sacramental Pastor and Dcn. Terry Walsworth will be the church Administrator. These changes were announced at St. Benedict Wednesday, May 15 by the Very Rev. Peter B. Mangum, JCL, VG, Diocesan Administrator (Shreveport). Sunday Mass will be at 11 a.m. No weekday masses are scheduled during the summer.

## Episcopal

### Church of the Redeemer

Church of the Redeemer services are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday. Coffee hour is held between the two services. Children's Sunday School is at 10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer is held at 8 a.m. Tuesday - Friday.

If you are interested in learning more about the Episcopal Church or in a First Communion class, call the church office at 255-3925.

The study of N.T. Wright's "The Day the Revolution Began" meets at 5:30 p.m. on Sundays.

Daughter's of the King shut-in visitation will be at 9 a.m. Saturday.

Holy Eucharist is held at 6 p.m. Wednesdays, followed by Canterbury meeting and meal at 6:30 p.m.; Choir Practice is at 7 p.m. Wednesdays and 9:45 a.m. Sundays.

Visit Redeemer's web page at www.rustonredeemer.com.

Redeemer is now on Facebook. Check us out and like us. We are also available for you to follow us on Twitter.

### St. Luke's, Grambling

St. Luke's Chapel is an Episcopal ministry at Grambling State University. Sunday school is held at 9:15 a.m. every Sunday from September through May.

Eucharist service begins at 2 p.m.

An extra fellowship coffee hour follows immediately after the main service. Canterbury Association meets at 6 p.m. every Sunday.

## Methodist

### Douglas

Douglas United Methodist Church holds Sunday

school at 10 a.m., service at 11 a.m. and service at 6 p.m. each Sunday.

### Dubach

Worship is at 11 a.m. today followed by Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m.

Family night fellowship dinner is at 6:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month.

### Grace

Sunday school will start at 9:45 a.m. A Combined Worship Service will begin at 10:45 a.m.

### Harmony Chapel

Harmony Chapel UMC is located at 2010 Louisiana Highway 152 in Dubach.

Sunday worship is held at 11 a.m.

### Lewis Temple

Sunday school begins at 9:15 a.m. and worship begins at 10:30 a.m.

Bible study begins at noon each Wednesday, and will be followed by a light lunch.

### Memorial

Memorial United Methodist Church holds Sunday worship at 9:30 a.m. and Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.

### Salem

Adult Sunday school classes begin at 10 a.m. followed by worship service at 11 a.m.

### Trinity

Trinity United Methodist Church offers three Sunday worship services. In the sanctuary, the traditional services are held at 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

The Refuge contemporary service meets at 10:45 a.m. in the Trinity Center. Sunday school is offered at 9:30 a.m. for adults, youth and children. Trinity offers various Bible studies and small groups for youth through adults.

### Wesley Chapel

The church meets at 9:30 a.m. Sundays for worship followed by Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.

At 6 p.m. each fifth Monday musicians gather to praise God with song and music.

A potluck meal is served in the Fellowship Hall at 6 p.m. followed by music at approximately 6:45 p.m. in the sanctuary.

## Other

### Abundant Grace Tabernacle

Abundant Grace's Sunday services are held at 11 a.m.

Abundant Grace Tabernacle is located at 3092 Louisiana Highway 556 in Choudrant.

### Anchor Tabernacle

Anchor Tabernacle Apostolic/Pentecostal Church has services at 1 p.m. for Sunday school, 2 p.m. for Sunday worship and at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday for Bible study.

### Church of Christ, Ruston

A free Bible correspondence course is available. Contact the church at rustonchurchofchrist@gmail.com. Home Bible studies are also available by appointment.

### Church of Restoration

Church of Restoration services are held at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. today and Bible study meets at 6 p.m. every Thursday.

### Crosspoint

Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m. for senior adults and at 10 a.m. for adults and children.

Services are held starting at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays.

### House of El International

House of El International Ministries is a nondenominational church temporarily worshipping at 901 Martin Luther King Ave.

Sunday service begins at 2 p.m. the first and third Sunday of the month.

Bible study is at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

### Perfecting the Saints Ministry

Bible study is held from 6-7 p.m. Tuesday. Sunday worship service will be held from 3-6 p.m. at Ruston Housing Authority. For a ride, call 278-4002.

### Restoration Family Church

Restoration Family Church invites residents to join us at 10 a.m. for worship service. Join us for restoring Bible study at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

### St. Paul Lutheran

The church will meet for Bible study at 4 p.m. today followed by worship at 5 p.m.

### Victory Life

Victory Life Church will have Sunday service and worship at 11 a.m.

At 7 p.m. each Wednesday the Victory Life holds Adult Life classes, Velocity Youth and G-Force children's church.

## Presbyterian

### Alabama

Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. The Worship/Communion Service will begin at 11:00 with Dr. Allison Moody. The message is entitled, "The Manifestations of God" with scripture readings from 1 Kings and Acts 2. A nursery is provided for 5 years and younger.

Our fourth annual Camp-2-You Day Camp will be held from 9 a.m. - p.m. daily, Monday - Friday.

### John Knox

At John Knox Presbyterian, the scripture readings are Daniel 8:10-21 and Hebrews 9:6-14 and the Gospel reading will be Matthew 22:41-46. The sermon of Dr. Bruce Willson will be "Strife in the Camp." A family lunch will follow today's service. There will be a prayer time and study at 5 p.m. today..

### Ruston

The Young Adult Class and Doug Jenkins Bible class meets at 9:30 a.m. Worship is at 10:45 a.m. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated.

Children will be dismissed for Sunday school at 11 a.m. Coffee fellowship follows the service.

Session meets at 6 p.m. Monday. Prayer group meets at 9:45 a.m. Tuesday.

Lunch on Us continues at 11:30 a.m. on Monday and Wednesday.

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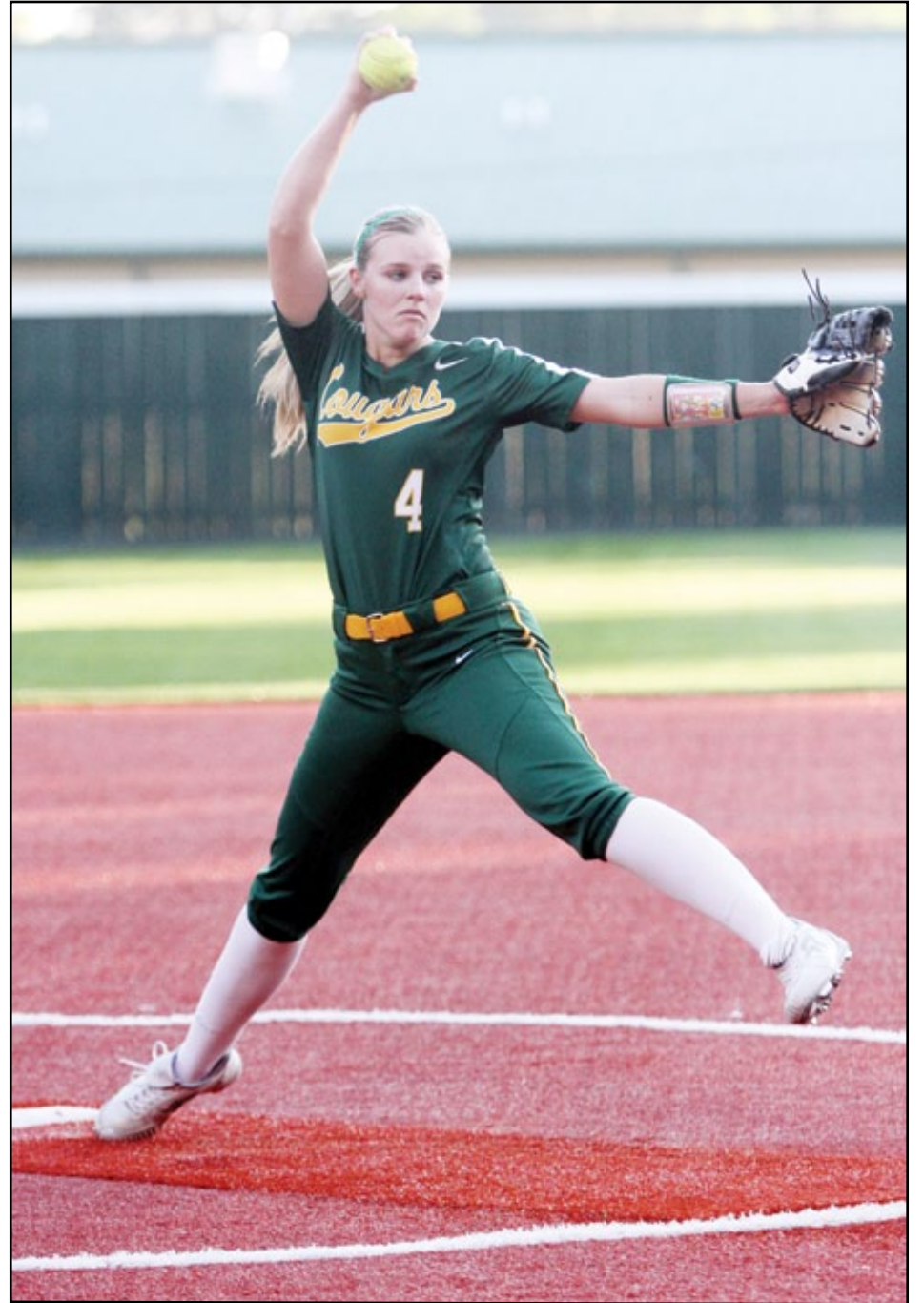
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## Cedar Creek puts 7 on All-State teams



Leader file photos  
Cedar Creek Anna Larr Roberson batted .451 as a senior for the Lady Cougars softball team this season.



Junior Lauren Menzina went 18-10 in the circle for the Cedar Creek softball team during the 2019 season.

## Softball duo, baseball outfielder earn first-team honors

By T. Scott Boatright  
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Seven Cedar Creek athletes are being recognized as the Louisiana Sports Writers Association released its Class 1A All-State Baseball and Softball Teams on Saturday, June 8.

A pair of Lady Cougars returns as Class 1A All-State softball first-teamers as senior Anna Larr Roberson and junior utility player Lauren Menzina return to the 2019 squad.

Roberson, a Louisiana Tech women's basketball signee, batted .451 on the season while Menzina went 18-10 pitching for the Lady Cougars.

Cedar Creek's Alli

Freeman earned All-State Softball honorable mention for a second straight year while fellow Lady Cougar Riley Spradlin also earned honorable mention.

On the Class 1A All-State Baseball squad, Cedar Creek senior outfielder Chandler Hay earned first team honors.

Hay batted .330 on the season for the Cougars.

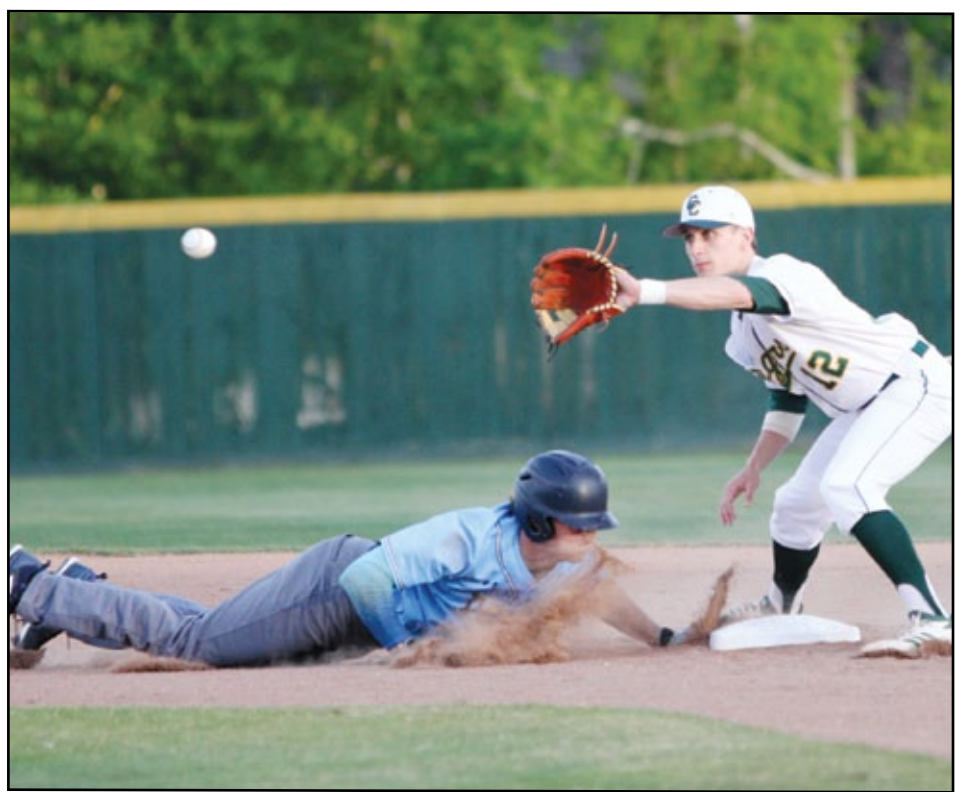
Cedar Creek's Brooks Auger and Luke Black each earned honorable mention on the Class 1-A All-State Baseball Team.

Ouachita Christian catcher Clint Hargrave is the Class 1A baseball Most Valuable Player. Hargrave, a Southeastern Louisiana Univer-

sity signee, batted .404 with 43 runs batted in, five home runs and only struck out just 10 times in 114 at-bats for the Division IV state champions.

Blaire Bizette was voted the Most Valuable Player in softball after pitching Catholic-Pointe Coupee to the Division IV state championship with a 21-3 record, 2.04 ERA, 117 strikeouts and a .627 batting average.

Greg Manuel was named the Class 1A Coach of the Year for baseball after leading Oberlin to the Class 1A baseball state title while Britni Head of OCS was the Class 1A Softball Coach of the Year.



Senior Chandler Hay (12) was named a first-team outfielder on the Class 1A All-State baseball team after batting .330 on the season.

## Saints, Ginn banking on veteran's enduring speed

METAIRIE (AP) — Even as Ted Ginn Jr. enters his 13th NFL season, the 34-year-old Saints receiver still considers his foot speed his most distinguishing asset.

New Orleans hopes the former Ohio State football and track star can live up to the hype he himself has promulgated this offseason — namely by publicly inviting anyone to race him for \$10,000 and by entering the “40 Yards of Gold” competition that purportedly will determine the NFL's fastest player.

“When you think about speed, and you come to the New Orleans Saints, you think about one guy,” Ginn said. “We've all got our labels of who we are. We've all just got to go out and man up to it.”

Whether Ginn's outward confidence is genu-



Ginn

ine or a means of self-motivation is difficult to discern.

He is less than a year removed from arthroscopic knee surgery that wiped out most of his 2018 season. He said the experience caused him at one point to view retirement as a “50-50” proposition.

“Going through the different things I went through and seeing the different doctors made me a little scared,” Ginn said.

The Saints designated Ginn to return from

injured reserve late last season and the move quickly paid dividends when he caught a late, 25-yard pass that helped the Saints defeat the Pittsburgh Steelers in Week 16.

He added six receptions for 102 yards in two playoff games, including a 43-yarder in the NFC title game.

Ginn said he has not been formally timed in a 40-yard dash in “a long time” but suggests that he can still sprint that distance in 4.38 seconds or faster.

He said his training and diet regimens have evolved as he has gotten older. He is less focused on weight training now and spent part of this offseason on what he calls the “Alvin Kamara plan,” working in Miami with the Saints' third-year star running back on drills designed

to optimize agility, balance and explosiveness. He has given up eating meat, opting for more of a fish-focused, “pescatarian” diet.

“I'm just taking different precautions to try and stick in this league,” Ginn said. “When you get to an older age, I pay attention to the young guys around me and their different little things. Weights are great, but they're kind of going out of style right now. When I was young, I'd do weights a lot.”

“Certain stuff works for certain people; that's what I've figured out in this league,” Ginn continued. “You just try to go out and figure out what's good for your body. Once you do that, you try to maintain that.”

Ginn played in only five regular season games last season, catch-

ing 17 passes for 209 yards and two touchdowns.

His first season with the Saints — in 2017 — was among the best of his career: 53 catches, 787 yards and four TDs in 15 regular season games, followed by 12 catches for 187 yards and one TD in two playoff games.

The Saints will be hoping Ginn rediscovers his 2017 form this season. While New Orleans added receiving tight end Jared Cook in free agency, the club stood pat with its receiver corps headlined by Michael Thomas and Ginn.

“They believe in us,” Ginn said. “They believe in what they have.”

Ginn's enduring speed was evident in a 20-yard end around for a touchdown during 11-on-11 drills this week in one of the Saints' last voluntary, unpadding practices

of the offseason.

The pads go back on during minicamp next week. The tournament-style, 40-yard competition featuring Ginn among two dozen NFL players is scheduled June 29. Competitors include Kamara, although Ginn suspects he'd outrun his teammate as easily as Kamara outperforms him during balance beam drills.

“That's what he's good at,” Ginn said with a laugh. “Let's let people stick to what they're good at.”

Ginn said he has not scheduled any one-on-one races for \$10,000. He said his mention of doing so was more of a light-hearted, off-the-cuff public relations ploy to bring attention to his Pop Warner football program in his native Cleveland called Ginn Elite.

## La. Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2019 honored

By Jason Pugh  
Written for the LSWA

**NATCHITOCHES** — Gratitude. Humility. Appreciation.

One listen to the 10 members of the 2019 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame induction class during Thursday afternoon's news conference evoked at least one of those three emotions — if not all three of the triumvirate.

There were stories of gravel roads less traveled from 1,000-win Peabody High School boys basketball coach Charles Smith. There were plenty of “wo-ahs” from a couple of inductees who weren't quite sure they belonged in the company they officially will keep once they are inducted Saturday, June 9 at the Natchitoches Events Center.

Saturday's induction will fold in video tributes for each of the 11 inductees — two-time Super Bowl champion quarterback Peyton Manning arrives in town Friday — but Thursday was a chance for the 10 members of the class to speak about themselves, a feeling more than one said was not among their favorite things to do.

Talking about the ones who helped paved the road to Natchitoches, that was much easier and allowed the praise and thanks to flow effusively.

“This great honor is not because of what Charles Smith has done,” said Smith, who closed out the two-plus hour event that aired live on Cox Sports Television. “It's because of what my mother — bless her soul, she passed away before Christmas at 92 — did. She was my first teacher. It's because of my father, 96 years old, a World War II veteran. Putting that together, I had no choice but to be successful.”

Smith's seven state championships put him in rarified air in state annals as do his 1,000-plus wins. He was in fine company Thursday, joined by the likes of a five-time Olympian (volleyballer Danielle Scott), a national championship college football coach (LSU's Les Miles), a two-time Canadian Football League Grey Cup champion quarterback (Louisiana Tech's Matt Dunigan) and legendary Southern University baseball coach Roger Cador.

It was enough to make more than one inductee's head spin.

“Back in April, we were down here to play Northwestern (State) in baseball, and I asked (Hall of Fame Chairman) Doug (Ireland) to take me through the Hall of Fame,” said Louisiana Tech radio broadcaster Dave Nitz, a recipient of the Louisiana Sports Writers Association's Distinguished Service Award in Sports Journalism. “He showed



Pictured is the 2019 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame Induction Class. From left to right they are Dave Nitz, Matt Dunigan, Charles Smith, Roger Cador, Danielle Scott, Marie Gagnard, Les Miles, T. Berry Porter, Max Flugler and Phillip Timothy.

me the pictures of the people who are in here. I looked at Doug, and I said, “They put me in here with these people? It's unreal.”

Nitz has spent 44 of his 58 years in the broadcasting industry calling Louisiana Tech games. He also spent one season calling Grambling football games when the Tigers were coached by the legendary Eddie Robinson, whom Nitz will join in the Hall on Saturday night.

With a career that encapsulates more than four decades of Louisiana Tech history, Nitz has crossed paths with numerous Louisiana Sports Hall of Famers, but he will be tied to a fellow Class of 2019 member more closely than most.

“It's interesting,” Nitz said. “Matt (Dunigan) and I went into the Louisiana Tech Hall of Fame the same day. Now he and I go into the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame the same day. He's in the Canadian Football Hall of Fame. I don't think I'll be in that one, so he's got one on me.”

While most of the Class of 2019 thanked people who have influenced them, Dunigan repeatedly gave thanks to the game of football for instilling life lessons that took him from his Ohio birthplace to being raised in Dallas to playing — and meeting his wife — at Louisiana Tech and then to a 14-year CFL career that led to a 20-plus-year broadcasting career with TSN.

“E.J. Lewis found me in Dallas, Texas, in 1979, along with Randy Crouch,” Dunigan said. “They brought me to Louisiana Tech. That's where it all started for me, trying to understand the game of football. Four years at Tech, 14 years in Canada, three years as a coach and 20 years as a broadcaster, and I'm still trying to figure it out. It teaches you

so much about yourself, things you have to learn. It teaches you to do the right thing, which isn't always the easy thing. You learn quickly, you've got to play when you're not healthy and still be productive. It separates the men from the boys. If there was an inch to gain in the game, I wanted to get it. It cost me my career in 1996. I've been dealing with post-concussion syndrome for 23 years, and I'm soldiering in that world right now.”

T. Berry Porter can commiserate with Dunigan.

Porter's induction will be a two-for-one in terms of special places in the Hall. The cowboy from Leesville, who collected the 1949 World Champion Roper title in Boston, becomes the first rodeo competitor in the hall and will be the oldest inductee in Hall history at 92.

True to his roots, Porter is a cowboy through and through. While Dunigan lost his career to concussions, Porter lost his right arm to a John Deere tractor that ran him over.

Unabated, Porter continues to work the family farm. In fact, he was on a tractor when Ireland called to let him know of his impending enshrinement.

Echoing Nitz's sentiments, Porter said he had the same goal throughout his life.

“I tell you what, you don't know how proud I am to be a member of the Hall of Fame,” Porter said. “I didn't think they'd ever put a cowboy in here. I've been a cowboy all my life, and I tried to be a good cowboy. You can't give up. You've got to keep going. I'm proud of being from Louisiana. Never once shunned it, and I hope I leave more than I take away.”

Coming from a powerhouse Ferriday High School team that won 54 straight games and playing a key role on



Louisiana Tech play-by-play broadcaster for football, baseball and men's basketball Dave Nitz takes his turn at the microphone.



Former Louisiana Tech quarterback Matt Dunigan played 13 years in the Canadian Football League before becoming a broadcaster for TSN.

LSU's 1958 national championship team, it would be easy for Max Flugler to have stayed less than humble.

Fugler joined a number of his former LSU teammates in the Hall, teammates who fought for his entry. When Ireland spoke of the pressure his former Tigers mates put on sports writers to elect Flugler, he broke down in tears.

“It's the greatest feeling I could have, knowing that,” Flugler said through tears. “It's an honor to be associated with those kind of people. We were not a team. We were a bunch of friends taking care of each other. When one guy got hurt, one filled in. Billy (Cannon) was born to be great. Johnny Robinson, what an athlete he was. He was

an all-state basketball player, drafted by the Cincinnati Reds as a catcher, an eight-time All-Pro as a Kansas City Chief, intercepted more passes than any strongside safety in the history of the NFL. Me beside them? Whoa!”

Fugler's LSU ties made him one of a quartet of inductees with deep ties to Louisiana's capital city.

Fugler shares a tie with Miles as both led LSU to football national championships. While Flugler did it as a hard-hitting defender, Miles was the commander in chief of the Tigers' 2007 national title team.

A tried-and-true “Michigan man” who arrived in Baton Rouge from Oklahoma State, Miles left his quirky mark on the state of LSU while trying to do

so in the image of two of his former coaches — Bill McCartney and Bo Schembechler.

“(McCartney) was not only a great coach, but someone who had a great overview of his program,” said Miles, who enters his first season as the head coach at Kansas this fall. “He was a Christian who mentored me spiritually. He was special.

“Bo could grab you by the throat and knew where he had to get you to play your best football. I'm very fortunate to have been with those two men.”

Miles did it his way in Baton Rouge as did Scott, a five-time Olympic volleyball player who was a four-sport athlete (volleyball, basketball, softball, track and field) at Woodlawn High School.

## Fishing is great on hidden Kepler Lake

I have dipped a lure in the waters of virtually every lake in north Louisiana. As an outdoor writer, I feel it necessary that I familiarize myself with the waters where my readers hang out. However, there is one lake in north Louisiana, Kepler Lake, I'd never laid eyes on until 10 years or so ago. There's a good reason for that; I couldn't have found the lake if my life depended on it.



By Glynn Harris

Sid Havard of Simsboro is my source for information for Kepler Lake. One thing Havard mentioned to me is that good fishing on Kepler is a well-kept secret. I don't wonder since you can't fish what you can't find. Curiosity got the best of me and I arranged for Havard to take me on a tour of Kepler Lake a few years ago and I was not disappointed. This beautiful little gem in the woods of Bienville Parish has all that an angler could want. From bass to bluegills to chinquapins to huge Opelousas catfish, they're all here on Kepler Lake. According to data furnished by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Kepler was created in 1957 when Kepler Creek

was dammed, water spread out over the lowlands surrounding the creek, resulting in a cypress studded and stump infested 2,000 acre lake. "When the lake was new, the only boat you could use was a small one because the brush was so thick. Today, I fish it in my bass boat with a 225 horse-power motor with no problem."

The first-time visitor to the lake, however, would likely encounter problems in the form of submerged stumps and channels that are not well marked.

"When they draw the lake down for aquatic vegetation control, it will scare you. You can almost walk across the lake stump to stump there are so many of them under here," Havard said.

It is these very stumps and scattered cypress trees, though, that hold the magic for Kepler bass fishermen.

"You can pitch a jig or soft plastic lure around the base of the cypresses, or dig a crank bait next to the stumps and catch some good bass in here," said Havard, whose largest Kepler bass weighed around 8 pounds.

One of Havard's fa-

vorite methods of fishing for bass is arrive at the lake around sunset during warm months and fish the lake under the cover of darkness.

"You can head for the north half of the lake and throw a single-spin black spinner bait or a black Ribbit frog and you can be in business. I love to fish these lures on top of the grass at night because big bass will leave the deeper channel and cruise around the grass to feed on bluegills. They're not as cautious at night and you can really have a ball," Havard said.

Any angler planning a night bass fishing trip to Kepler would be advised to come early and tour the lake before dark.

"Unless you know the lake and the location of the channel, your boat will stay hung up on a stump half the night," Havard said.

A Louisiana road map reveals that one way to get to the lake is to take I-20 to Gibsland, exit south on Highway 154. Kepler is hidden there somewhere just southeast of the junction of Highway 154 and Highway 507 not too far from Bienville, Castor and Jamestown. On our return trip, we passed the marker noting Driskill Mountain, the highest point in Louisiana with elevation of a dizzying 535 feet.

Want to give this little jewel of a lake a try this year? You could be in luck with great fishing and you're not likely to have much company because, like me, most folks can't find it.

### FISHING REPORT

**BLACK BAYOU:** Bream are around the trees and biting worms and crickets. Bass are on the edge of the grass and fair on jigs and soft plastics. Crappie are scattered and fair. Contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707 for the latest information.

**OUACHITA RIVER:** The water is still very high but on a slow fall. No fishing reports this week in river. For the latest information, contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

**CHENIERE LAKE:** Bass fishing has been fair on spinners and soft plastics. Bream are on the beds and hitting crickets and worms. Crappie are scattered and slow. Contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707 for the latest information.

**LAKE BRUIN:** Bass fishing has been best fishing crank baits and soft plastics around the piers. Crappie are fair while bream are good. Stripers are good at night around the lights on crank baits. Catfishing is good on noodles and jugs baited with night crawlers. For information, contact Carlos Gray at 318-766-0075.

**CANEY LAKE:** Bass fishing has been best fishing around the edge of the drops on soft plastics, jigs or spinners. A 10-pounder was reported caught this week. Crappie fishing is fair fishing around submerged tops in fairly deep water on shiners or jigs. Bream fishing continues to be fair to good as some have spawned and left the spawning beds. Catfishing has been good using noodles baited with



Photo by GLYNN HARRIS

Sid Havard is a fan of fishing on Kepler Lake, one of his favorite fishing holes.

night crawlers. For latest information contact Bateaux on Caney Lake at 259-6649, Hooks Marina at 249-2347, Terzia Tackle at 278-4498 or the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

**LAKE CLAIBORNE:** The lake is falling and is clearing up with water level near pool stage. Bass fishing has been best around the docks on crank baits and soft plastics. Crappie are hitting jigs and shiners fished 12-15 feet deep in 20-foot water. They are also hitting around the lights at night. Catfishing has been good on stump hooks while the stripers are improving and hitting shad imitations and bucktails. Bream fishing is good on shallow beds. For the latest information, call Tim Loftin at Kel's Cove at 927-2264.

**LAKE D'ARBONNE:** The water is slowly falling but could begin rising again after this week's heavy rains. Crappie are fair to good

fishing below the dam using shiners or jigs. In the lake, the crappie are suspended around 14-18 feet deep around submerged tops. Bass fishing is best fishing the edges of the grass with spinners, crank baits or jigs. Bream are still biting around the beds on worms and crickets while channel catfish are being caught on cold worms. For the latest reports, call Anderson's Sport Center at 368-9669 or Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

**LAKE POVERTY POINT:** Catfishing has been good from pan sized to big ones on chicken livers or cold worms. Bream are fair to good around the beds. Bass to 6 pounds have been reported while the crappie have slowed. For the latest reports, call Poverty Point Marina at 318-878-0101.

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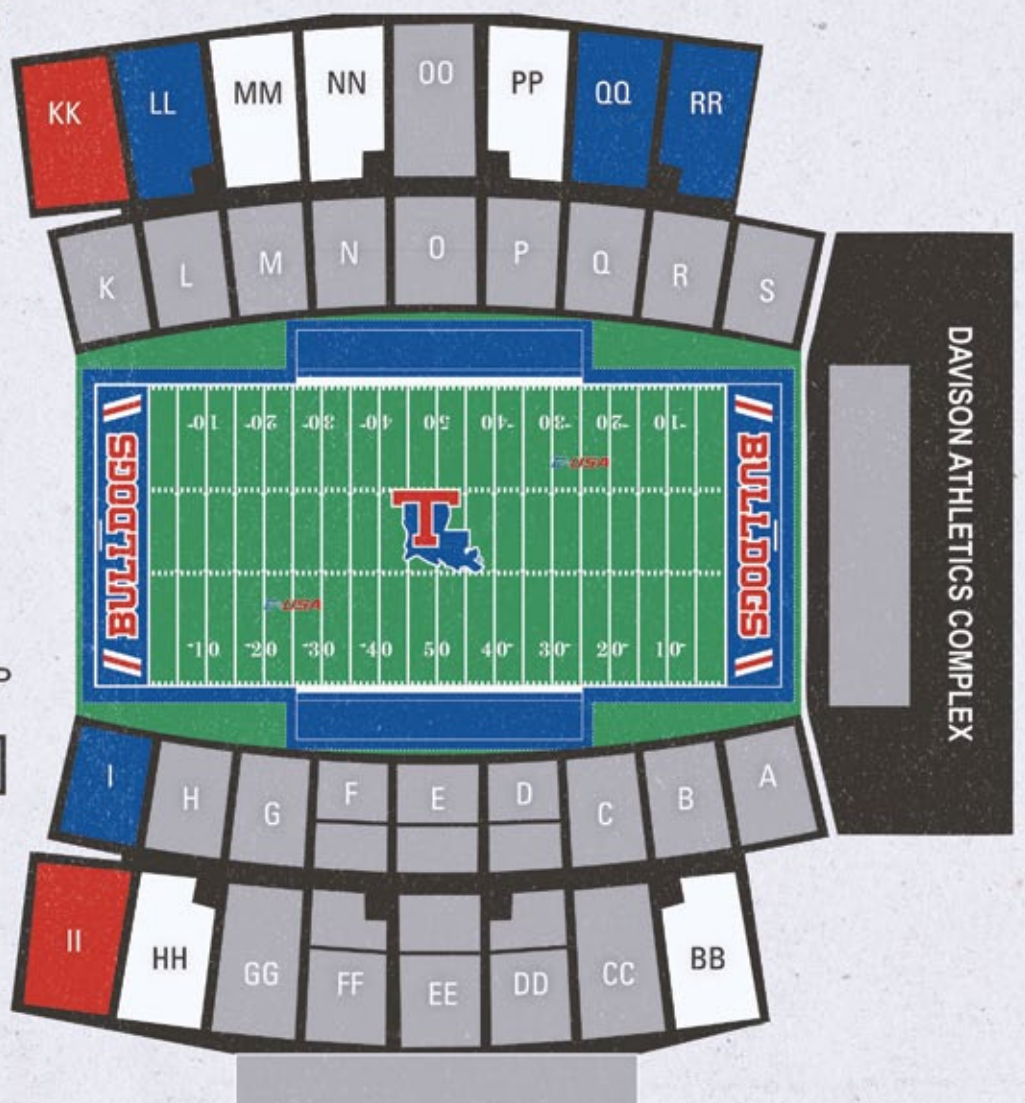
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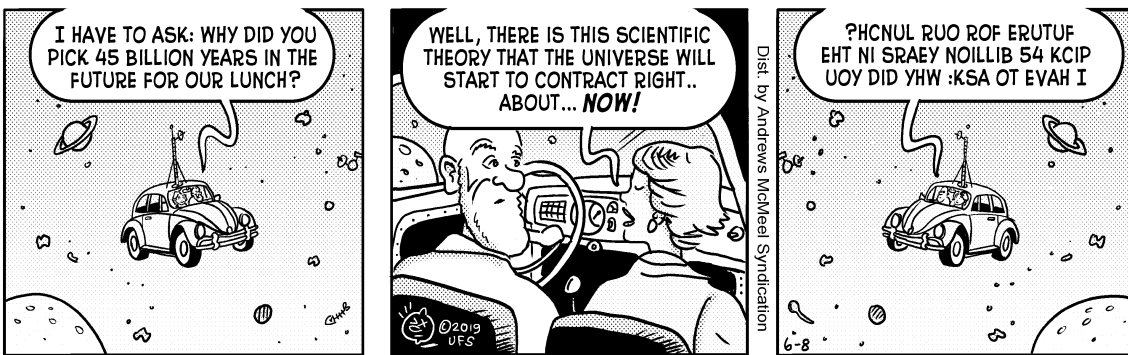
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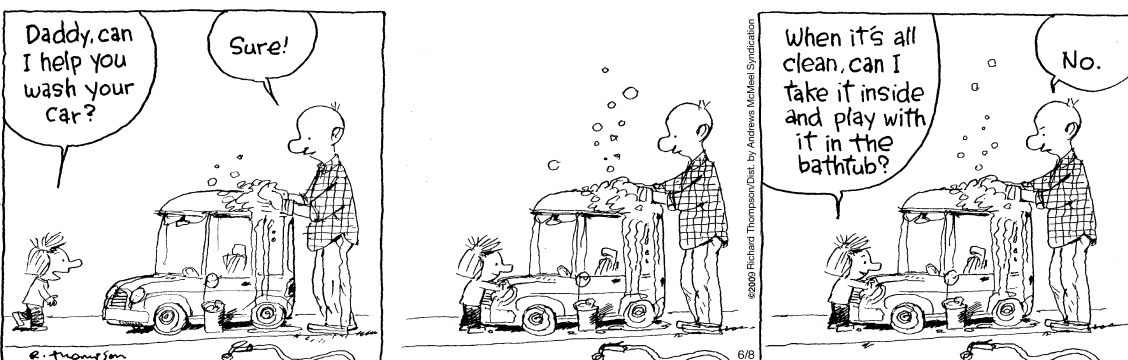
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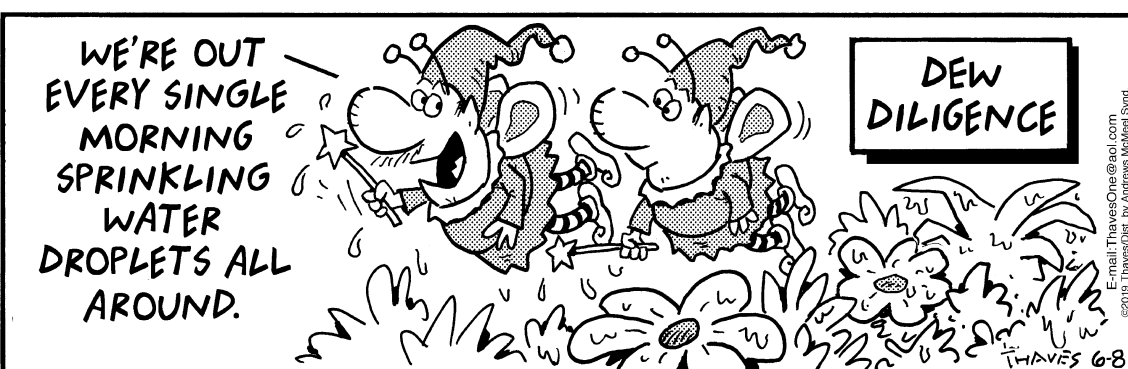
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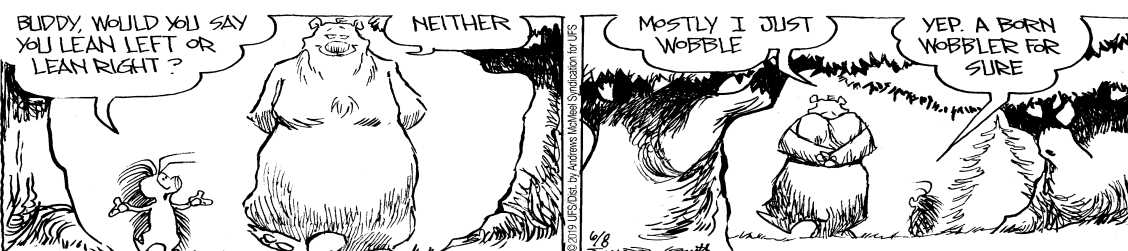
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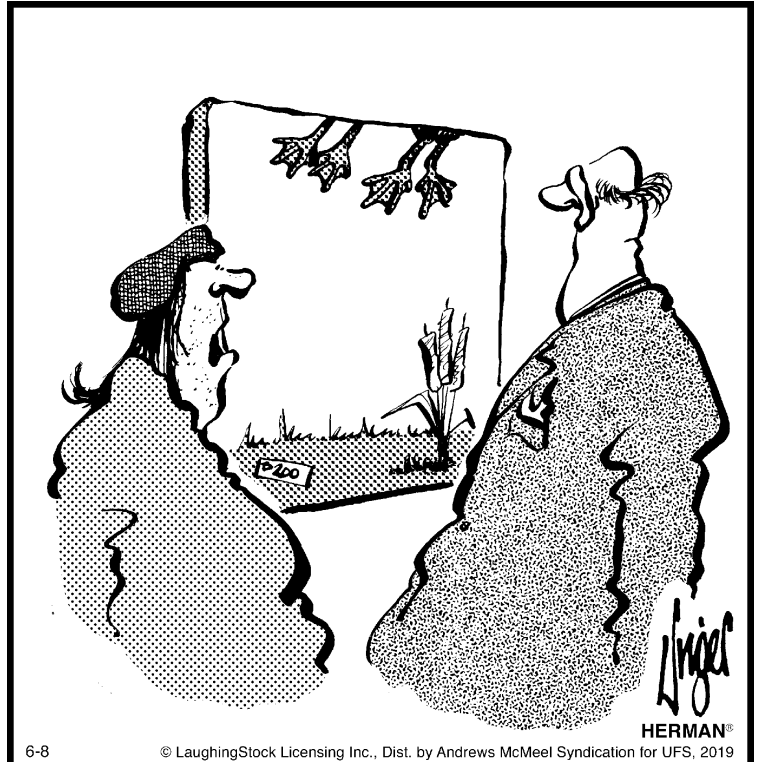
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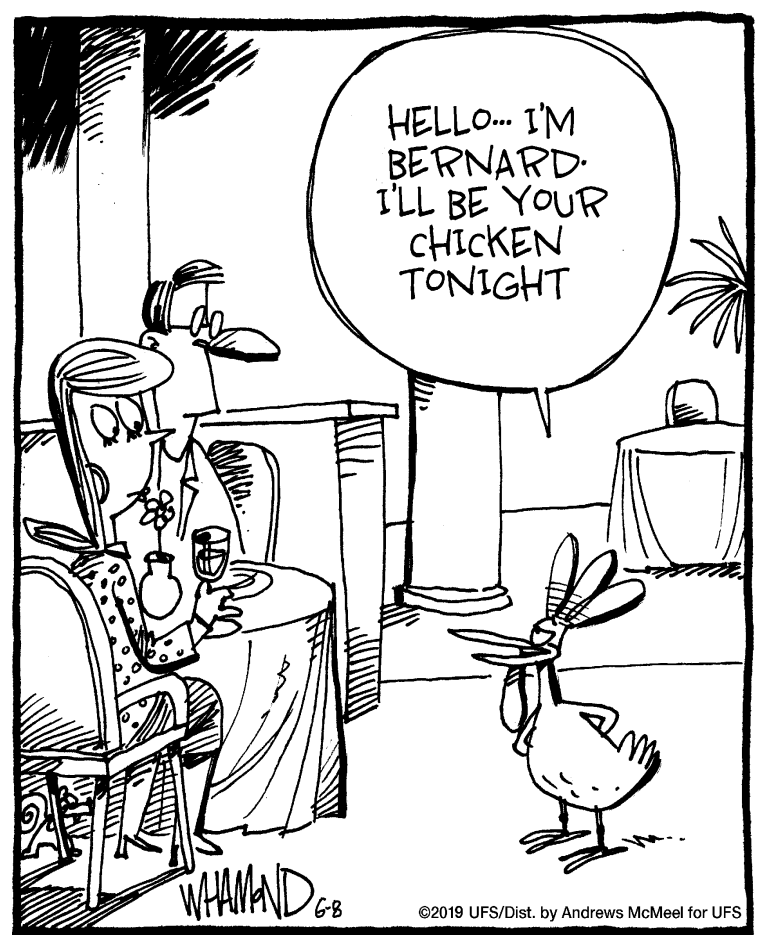
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SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 2019

**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** Natalie Portman, 38; Johnny Depp, 56; Aaron Sorkin, 58; Michael J. Fox, 58.

**Happy Birthday:** A lifestyle change will help you put the past behind you. Moderation is encouraged when it comes to money and health matters. Learn from someone you admire or look to for advice; it will help you make better decisions with regard to who you share personal matters with and who you don't. Trust and respect are earned, not bought. Your numbers are 3, 8, 19, 22, 28, 35, 41.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Be careful how you deal with emotional matters, domestic problems or people who can influence your reputation, status or future. Listen, and be willing to meet people halfway if you want to make progress. Personal improvement is encouraged.★★★

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Make a positive change. Whether it's setting out on a life-altering move or making a new friend, follow your heart. You'll be happy with the way things turn out. A reunion will bring back fond memories and old dreams.★★

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Emotions will be difficult to control. A misunderstanding will lead to poor choices. Go directly to the source if you question what's been said or the demands being made. A personal change should be made for the right reason.★★

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Stop comparing and start enjoying what you have. Life isn't about keeping up with others; it's about feeling good about yourself and the life you live. If there is something you don't like, don't complain; make adjustments. Change begins with you.★★★★

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Take good care of the ones you love and the things that mean the most to you. Don't mix money and emotions. Spending when you shouldn't or getting your due to excessiveness won't help your situation, but taking care of business will.★★★

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Think matters through, and execute your plans with detail and precision. You can accomplish a lot if you are prepared to make a last-minute change in order to get

things done on time. Participation will help you promote your ideas.

★★★  
**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Consider what will make you happy, and head in that direction. Making a physical change or an overdue adjustment to the way you live or to a demanding relationship will get you back on track and ready to conquer your next pursuit.★★★

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Travel mentally, emotionally or physically, and your imagination will push you in a positive direction. Look for unique ways to improve the quality of your life; it will prompt you to try something new. Love is in the stars.★★★

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Listen carefully, and ask questions if something doesn't make sense. It's important to know exactly what's happening and how best to handle matters before you make a commitment. Someone is likely to use emotional tactics to take advantage of you.★★

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** House repairs, investments and money matters should be handled by you. If you leave details or responsibilities to others, you will be disappointed. A positive change at home will improve an important relationship and lower your stress.★★★★★

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Make a decision that will encourage you to start a new hobby or project and follow through. Take physical action to ensure that the way things are set up will be conducive to what you want to see happen.★★★

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Participate because you want to, not because someone is using emotional means or force to twist your arm. Speak up and make it clear what you will do. Run the show instead of letting someone manipulate you.★★★

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- Bad cut
- It has long arms
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- Diet spread
- Just bought
- Yard tool
- Slant
- Yellowstone attraction
- Strike out
- Journal VIPs
- Cotton seeders
- Handbag logo
- Unskilled laborer
- Zeta follower
- Town near Santa Fe
- Foot warmer
- Antony or Chagall
- Muzzle
- Louis XIV, e.g.
- Ardor

**DOWN**

- Loud sound
- Thrust-and-parry sword
- Fresh
- Laughs heartily

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**45 Of ships**  
**46 Masked swordsman**  
**47 Not keep a secret**  
**48 Tore apart**  
**50 "Fernando" band**  
**51 Chocolate-colored dogs**  
**52 Mark with acid**  
**55 Evergreen**

**Celebrity Cipher**

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

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"All I ever did ever since I can remember, was eat, live and breathe singing and playing guitar." — Glen Campbell

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**Sudoku**

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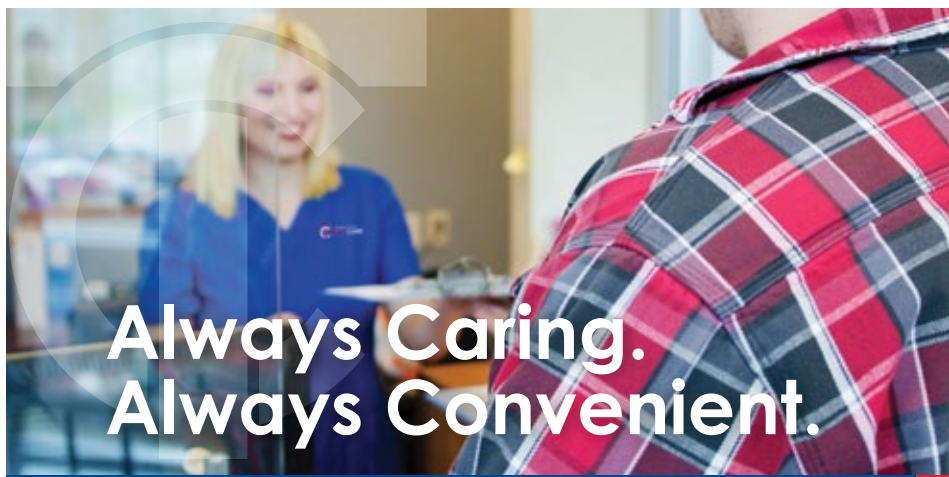
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# Assessor candidate McBride: Ruston strong

It has been said that storms can either bring out the best or worst in a community. I'm here to say that the recent deadly tornado which hit Lincoln Parish shows the resilient character of our people. Our neighbors, churches, business and civic leaders came together and met the worst challenges with the utmost compassion and hard work.

I'm proud to call Lincoln Parish home, and I'm running for Assessor to give back to a community that has blessed me with so many opportunities.

Like most Lincoln Parish residents, I've faced hardships, too. During the 2008 Great Recession, I lost my job and faced uncertainty. Although finding work was slow, the responsibilities of raising a family and paying bills never stopped. I did what every other hardworking Lincoln Parish resident would do—I found a new job and got back on my feet. I was blessed to have an opportunity to work for the Lincoln

Parish Assessor's office. I started off at the bottom and worked my way up to chief deputy. I learned every aspect of the Assessor's office and, more importantly, I learned the name and faces of homeowners and small business owners.

Right now, we are facing uncertainty in the wake of the storm. There are nearly 90 homes that will not be assessed due to destruction. Also, we are still calculating the small businesses that have been destroyed or had operations halted. I have the experience and knowledge to assist this rebuilding process that will continue for many months to follow.

Finally, I promise Lincoln Parish voters this: I will be fair and equitable as Lincoln Parish Assessor. I will also be accessible to all residents. That will never change. I'm always willing to listen first and work to find solutions to problems. I know that Lincoln Parish is on the move. Business leaders want to continue making



capital investments, which will provide more jobs and opportunities for our residents. I want to be a part of this economic growth. It wasn't too long ago that I

was faced with economic uncertainty.

Lincoln Parish embraced me and provided me with an opportunity to move forward. I humbly ask for your

prayers, support and vote. I want to ensure that Lincoln Parish will always be able to provide opportunities—as it did for me—for future generations.



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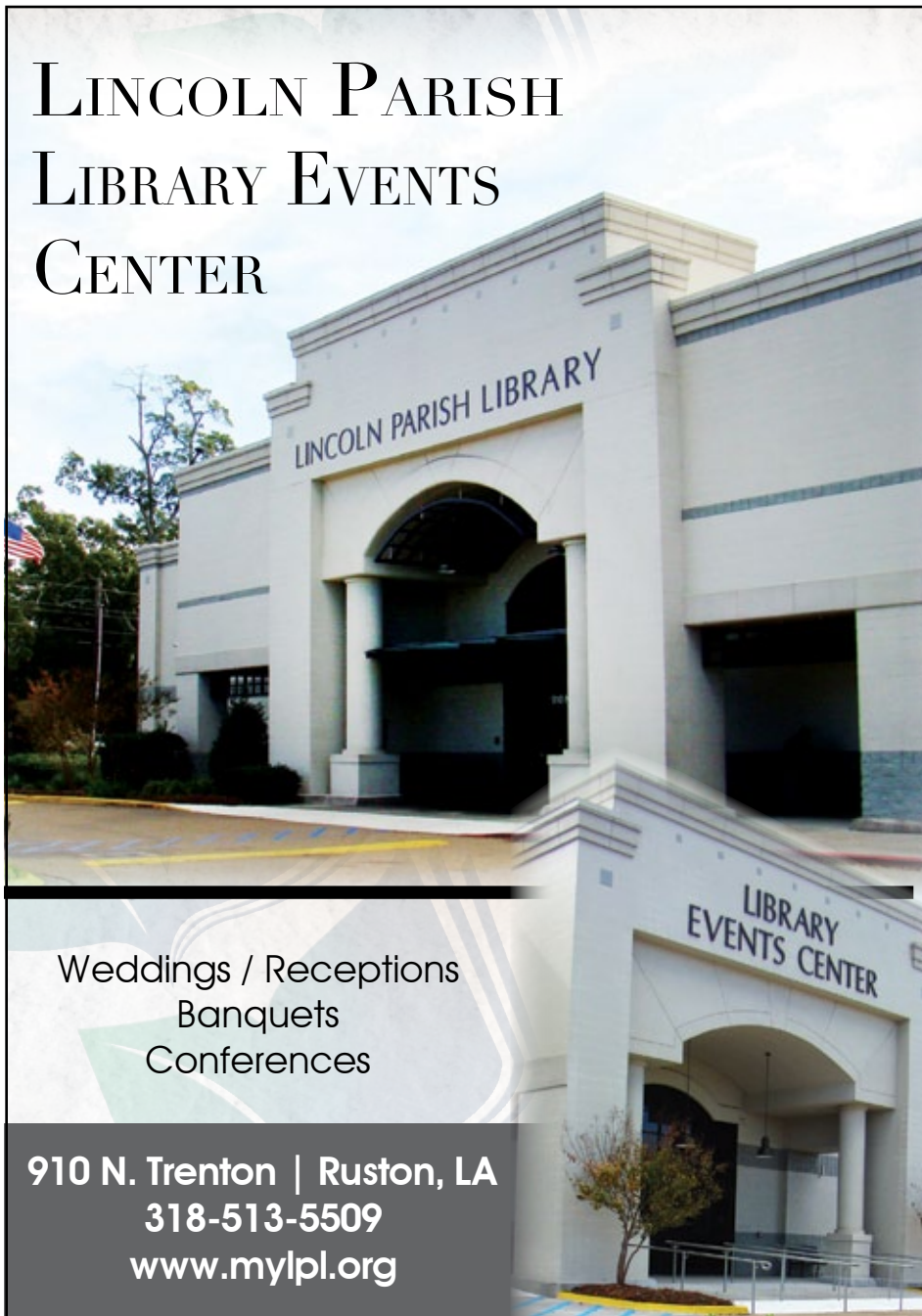
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# STEM Center nearing completion

According to global experts, the state of STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) education is at a crisis point. In reports from the White House as well as leading STEM organizations and leadership, Americans' basic STEM skills continue significantly lagging behind other countries.

Therefore, in an age of advancing technologies and a society more global than ever before, we must do better in preparing our students to contribute and thrive in their world. An estimated 65% of children entering elementary school today will ultimately end up working in completely new job types not yet envisioned.

Consequently, the reliance upon a high-quality, robust, and equitable STEM education system has never been more important, something your local public schools takes very seriously.

The Lincoln Parish School District is taking yet another step toward addressing this need by providing its students equitable access to challenging yet rewarding STEM experiences as it prepares for the opening of its new STEM Center. However, the district has been working toward this end for more than a decade.

"When we began our STEM initiative in 2008, it was all about growing to meet the needs of our students, our district, and our community," ACHIEVE Coordinator Cathi Cox-Bonioli explains. "Our efforts were rooted in a transformative vision that would allow us to cultivate experiences that would equip our students for a successful future, regardless of their pathway. However, while important then, it is even more urgent today that our students be ready for that future."

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opportunities that have evolved over the past eleven years, the new STEM Center will provide a platform for even more students to engage in unparalleled experiences designed to prepare them as productive, responsible, and professional adults ready to create impact within our community and world.

With space customized to accommodate experiential learning within both physical and natural science, engineering design, digital media, innovative and creative maker opportunities, and more, the design of the new facility will provide equitable exploration for all students.

According to STEM Center Director Missy Wooley, the first phase of options for students will include coding, robotics, and engineering design challenges as well as fully integrated STEM experiences that allow for exceptional skills development.

"We want our students to have the opportunity to solve real-world problems and gain the skills needed to be productive in our global society," Wooley shares. "It is our goal to increase STEM interest, positively affect academic achievement, promote skills development, and impact workforce potential and success for all students."


Both Wooley and Cox-Bonioli have been aggressively researching resources that will allow the Center to open with several opportunities available for students and teachers alike.

A visit to STEM Center USA in Claremont, California, plus studying under one of the five Global Master Trainers with LEGO Education affirmed plans thus far. In addition, having the opportunity to learn from Jeff Weld, STEM Education Policy Consultant within the Office of Science and Technology Policy for the White House, fueled the

fire for both while studying during the International Technology and Engineering Educators Association Conference in Kansas City.


Noting that the correlation between childhood creativity and adult accomplishment is three times as strong as IQ and adult accomplishment, Wooley indicates that there will be a heavy emphasis on continuously tapping into the creative potential of each student through collaboration, communication, and critical thinking.

"It is not enough that our students simply be problem solvers," Wooley concludes. "They must be problem finders that possess the skills needed to solve the complex problems they will face. It is our intention that they begin that journey in the STEM Center as we equip and empower them to figure things out on their way to reaching their fullest potential."




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Southern Pines' second dentist is Dr. Mindi Roberson, the niece of Dr. Roberts and native of Winnsboro.

She received her bachelor degree from Louisiana Tech University and her doctorate degree from LSU School of Dentistry. Dr. Mindi enjoys being outdoors and exercising. She also loves to travel both state-side and abroad. Additionally, spending time with her family and her Yorkie,

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# Tech vs. Grambling game tying community together

Louisiana Tech and Grambling are scheduled to face off Sept. 7 at Joe Aillet Stadium in what will be the first ever meeting in Lincoln Parish for the two programs. The Bulldogs and Tigers have met once on the gridiron in the all-time series with Tech defeating Grambling, 20-6, to open the 2010 season at Independence Stadium in Shreveport.

"We are excited to be involved in what will be only the second meeting between Louisiana Tech and Grambling and the first time in Lincoln Parish," said Louisiana Tech head coach Skip Holtz. "I have great respect for (GSU) Coach (Broderick) Fobbs and the history of the Grambling program. This is a great event for bringing the two communities together and I am looking forward to these two programs gathering in the name of sportsmanship and community. We are anticipating a hard-fought, well-respected football game."

On Tuesday, the Bulldogs and Tigers gathered for a community service project to benefit the Boys & Girls Club of North Central Louisiana and MedCamps. Throughout the day, team members from both Grambling and Louisiana Tech united to serve Lincoln Parish and the community.

The on Wednesday,



Members of the Grambling State and Louisiana Tech football teams flanked Boys and Girls Club President/CEO Eldonta Osborne, GSU President Rick Gallot, GSU head coach Broderick Fobbs, Tech head coach Skip Holtz, Tech President Les Guice and MedCamps of Louisiana President/CEO Caleb Seney during a kickoff luncheon on Wednesday at the Ruston Civic Center previewing the Sept. 7 football game that will pit the Bulldogs against the Tigers.

the schools and community joined again for a kickoff luncheon at the Ruston Civic Center. Proceeds from the event, sponsored by Origin Bank, benefited the Boys and Girls Club and MedCamps.

"We are excited to share this opportunity with Louisiana Tech and the community in Lincoln Parish," Fobbs said. "While we look forward to our football game on Sept. 7, we also wanted to share this outstanding community service engagement to help those at the Boys and Girls Club, as well as MedCamps."

Ticket sales for the matchup are now on sale at \$10 in specific sections of Joe Aillet Stadium and gradually increase throughout each month this summer leading up to the game on Sept. 7.

For the month of

June, fans can purchase \$10 tickets to the contest for seats in sections II (West Side) and KK (East Side).

Beginning July 1 and running through the end of the month, tickets will increase to \$15 for sections I, II (West

and sections LL, QQ, RR (East).

In the final month leading up to the Lincoln Parish matchup, tickets will go on sale for \$20 for sections HH, BB (West) and sections MM, NN, PP (East).

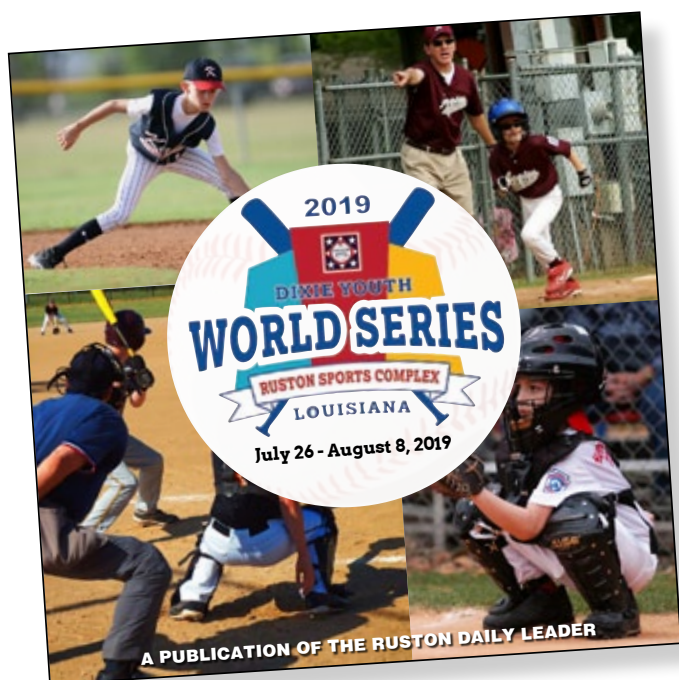
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Fans can purchase the single-game tickets online at LATechSports.com/Tickets or

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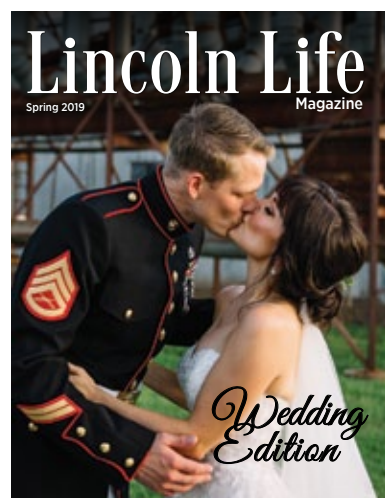
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