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'IT'S JUST DEVASTATION'



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A bicyclist rides by a fallen tree in Denham Springs after Hurricane Ida, which struck the state on Aug. 29, 2021.

LIVINGSTON PARISH REELING FROM EFFECTS OF HURRICANE IDA; THOUSANDS REMAIN POWERLESS

BY DAVID GRAY
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Residents of Livingston Parish woke up Monday morning to downed trees, debris-covered streets, flooding, and widespread power outages following the wrath of Hurricane Ida, which many locals are calling one of the most powerful storms to ever hit the area.

Hurricane Ida made landfall in Port Fourchon around noon Sunday, bringing with it sustained

maximum winds of 150 mph and higher gusts.

Ida moved north through the state after making landfall and went directly through the parish, according to the Livingston Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (LOHSEP).

Livingston Parish President Layton Ricks signed an emergency declaration ahead of the storm and has since banned traffic on waterways until further notice. Livingston Parish deputies have

reported flooding in the eastern side of the parish, mostly in Springfield, Albany, and Holden.

Based on forecast maps, the eye of the storm likely passed somewhere between Denham Springs and the Town of Livingston. But its effects were felt across the entire parish, which might not see power restored for several days and possibly weeks. Cell service is also down, making it difficult for people to connect with officials or loved ones.

"It's the whole parish,"

said Brandi Janes, director of LOHSEP. "I have people down south asking for tarps because trees fell on their homes. I have people in Watson and here in Livingston that have damage to their homes.

"It's in every corner."

Based on the National Hurricane Center, Ida was downgraded from a hurricane in its 4 a.m. advisory Monday, when it was 50 miles northeast of Baton Rouge. But by that time, it had already gone through Livingston Parish

with the equivalent of tropical-storm-force winds and some hurricane-force wind gusts.

As of Tuesday morning, more than 55,000 Livingston Parish businesses and homes were without power as workers continued to clear debris from power lines.

"I've never seen anything like it," said Town of Livingston Mayor JT Taylor. "I've talked to some of our guys who have worked here

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WASTE MANAGEMENT TO CONTINUE COLLECTION SUSPENSION DUE TO IMPACTS FROM IDA

BY DAVID GRAY
The Livingston Parish News

Due to the severe weather impacts associated with Hurricane Ida, all collection services for Waste Management's customers in the Greater Baton Rouge area will remain suspended until road conditions allow for safe passage and collection. All customers affected in the area are encouraged to visit <https://www.wm.com/weather-alert/index.jsp> for additional information about impacted service routes.

For information about separating household trash from storm debris, check the News' website.

SCHOOLS TO REMAIN CLOSED THROUGH FRIDAY; ANNOUNCEMENT OF RETURN DATE COMING AFTER DAMAGE ASSESSMENT

BY DAVID GRAY
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Livingston Parish schools will remain closed through Friday, Sept. 3, as leaders continue to assess damage from Hurricane Ida, according to a spokesperson.

All sports and extracurricular activities are also cancelled.

Schools were already closed Monday and Tuesday due to Ida, which ripped through the parish overnight Sunday.

Delia Taylor, spokesperson for the school system, said school leaders will spend Tuesday further as-



sessing damage to campuses before announcing when campuses will reopen.

At this time, all campuses are powerless, Taylor said.

Families are urged to follow the school system's social media feeds to learn when the district will reopen.



LOHSEP: LIVINGSTON PARISH WATERWAYS CLOSED 'UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE'

BY DAVID GRAY
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All Livingston Parish waterways are closed until further notice, according to the Livingston Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (LOHSEP).

The closure went into effect at 5 p.m. Monday.

According to a statement from LOHSEP, the closure is due to rising waters caused by storm surge, high winds, and heavy rainfall from Hurricane Ida, which swept through the parish late Sunday night and early Monday.

LIVINGSTON PARISH TUBING SAGA CONTINUES

COUNCIL MEMBERS TO CONTINUE DISCUSSION OF TUBING SAFETY IN UPCOMING ORDINANCE MEETING

BY DAVID GRAY
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The Livingston Parish Council will continue the discussion of safety regulations regarding tubing on the Amite River, agreeing to come up with a list of safety measures in an upcoming ordinance meeting.

The conversation about tubing safety has gained much attention over the past summer, with the popular water sports park Tiki Tubing, located in Denham Springs, at the front of the debate.

During Thursday's zoom meeting, council members heard testimony from family members of the late Keith Hilliard, a Central man who drowned after launching from Tiki Tubing on Father's Day weekend.

Hilliard was one of two people who drowned on the Amite River this summer. As many as 30 others had to be rescued in separate incidents in July. No representative from

Tiki Tubing spoke during the meeting, and it's unclear if any were on the zoom call.

Council members also heard from Livingston Parish President Layton Ricks, who proposed safety measures he'd like to see put in an ordinance. Those measures include requiring life vests and increasing river patrols and monitoring.

Ricks stressed, however, that he is not interested in shutting down tubing or any other recreational activity on the river.

"This is not about stopping tubing on the waterways at all," Ricks said. "People come from other parishes and beyond to enjoy our waterways. But this has reached a point where I would like to ask you all to consider and look at some things from a safety standpoint that we can put in place in an ordinance."

"It's not about stopping the activity," Ricks said later, "but about putting some measure in place to stop

these tragic things from happening in the future."

Lisa Hilliard, Keith Hilliard's wife, agreed with life vests but said there should be more education. She said customers — especially those from outside Livingston Parish who don't know the river as well as locals — should have more information regarding the river's possible dangers, such as a guide, posted signs, and an instructional video.

Both victims who drowned in the river this summer lived outside of Livingston Parish.

"I just do not think we were given a fair chance to choose on that day," she said. "We were brought into this beautiful fun-filled day of a picture. The business has to be accountable with providing the truth to their consumers."

Kim Hilliard-Bangura, Keith's twin sister, said she has no desire to see Tiki Tubing closed down but agreed with her sister-in-law there should be more education.



"It does not take much for Tiki Tubing to provide some extra education and then require people to sign," she said. "The signing of that waiver in such a blind fashion is concerning to me."

Hilliard-Bangura also took issue with comments on social media claiming that "these people are adults," saying people should be properly instructed of the river dangers before signing a waiver.

"If you educate them when they come and then they sign, then you've done your job," she said.

During an ordinance meeting before the regular meeting, council member Tracy Girlinghouse said he agreed with most of the suggestions from Keith Hilliard's family members, saying there should be "a standard for what kind of tube goes on a river... a vest requirement... some kind of mechanism in place so people signing the waiver

er have an understanding of what they're signing."

"Our job is to make sure people are aware of the dangers," he said, "and if they're going to do that, we've put laws in effect that make it safer. But I don't think we should just stop [tubing]."

Council members said they would discuss tubing safety further in an ordinance meeting scheduled for 6 p.m. Tuesday. It will be the only item on the agenda.

FALL FEST ORGANIZERS ANNOUNCE RETURN OF POPULAR FESTIVAL, SCHEDULED FOR OCT. 2

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After a one-year hiatus, Fall Fest is back.

The Denham Springs Merchants Association is moving forward with plans for one of its biggest shopping days of the year, with organizers announcing the return of the popular Fall Fest.

This year, Fall Fest will be held from 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 2. For now.

Al Bye, president of the Merchants Association, said plans are subject to change if the governor announces any new COVID-19 restrictions over the next month. Currently, Gov. John Bel Edwards has only instituted an indoor mask mandate, which is in effect until Sept. 1.

Bye said he has spoken with Denham Springs Mayor Gerard Landry and that both agree "we're not going to do anything that reflects bad on the city." But Bye said Fall Fest organizers had to get started on preparations if they hoped to have the festival in the first weekend of October.

"We have the green light unless conditions change," Bye said. "We're going to do whatever the governor mandates, and right now, we're being allowed to move forward. So we're moving forward as if we're

having it."

Fall Fest is one of two large-scale events held in the Antique Village each year, along with Spring Fest in the first weekend of April. Each festival features more than 160 vendors, special sales in the stores, free children's activities, food, live music, and more.

In years past, as many as 10,000 people have descended on the historic downtown area for the festivals, which draws visitors from Livingston Parish and beyond for a day of shopping that provides a big boost to the local economy.

But because of restrictions implemented to slow the spread of COVID-19, local leaders were forced to cancel both of the area's annual shopping festivals in 2020. It was no different than what festival organizers from across the state went through as Louisiana became an epicenter for the deadly virus.

"Of course, we weren't alone in this situation," Bye said. "We expected to cancel the festival in April [2020], but we geared up and were almost certain we would have a Fall Fest. Then it got cancelled."

The back-to-back cancellations were a "huge hit" to the business owners, according to Main Street Director Donna Jennings. Jennings described the



FILE PHOTO • THE NEWS
Handmade duck calls were for sale during Fall Fest in the Denham Springs Antique Village on Saturday, Oct. 5.

festivals as the Antique Village's "two big fundraisers," noting that they help pay for advertising all year.

"Without festivals, there's no marketing money. Without marketing money, the businesses suffer," Jennings said. "It's a cycle that they need."

Along with the day of the festival, Jennings said businesses traditionally have extra people visiting their stores in the days after. She noted the day after the festival is "really busy" with people — including many new customers — coming back for bigger items.

That carries on over the next several weeks, especially after Fall Fest, which leads directly to the Christmas shopping season.

To help make up for the loss of the festivals, business leaders held multiple small-scale sidewalk sales in 2020.

don't come, the doors don't stay open."

Jennings and Bye said they are hopeful for a successful Fall Fest given the "stricter" regulations they faced for Spring Fest last April. That event marked the biggest in Denham Springs since the start of the pandemic.

"We had to make sure everyone had hand sanitizer and other safety items on their tables," Jennings said. "We had signs up for people to wear masks. We followed every one of the governor's mandates. As far as we felt, it went very well."

The governor removed nearly all restrictions in May before reimposing the mask mandate earlier this summer for everyone 5 and older, regardless of vaccination status, in response to the state's fourth surge of COVID-19.

Still, Jennings said there will be measures in place to make Fall Fest as safe as possible.

"We're hoping just to have a normal everyday festival, but we'll still take safety precautions," Jennings said. "We'll still have hand sanitizer and things like that. We're hoping to go back to more of an open festival, but then again, we still want to protect everybody."

Along with Fall Fest, Jennings said plans are underway for Christmas in the Village, the Antique's Village month-long celebration of the holiday season. Like Spring Fest and Fall Fest, the yuletide celebration was cancelled in 2020 because of the pandemic.

Jennings said she is still looking for sponsors for Christmas in the Village, which features events such as the Lighting of Old City Hall, the Lighting of the Christmas Tree, Chef's Evening, and the Kiwanis Club's Christmas Parade.

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40 years and have been here their entire life, and they all said this is the worst storm they have ever seen, of any storm that's ever passed through here."

The Village of French Settlement, located at the southern end of the parish, was one of the first areas to feel the effects of *Ida*, which slowed in its track as it moved inland, prolonging its devastating winds.

French Settlement Mayor Taylor Unbehagen and Assistance Police Chief Lawrence Callender said the small village began feeling the effects of *Ida* around 7 p.m. Sunday, when strong winds began tossing down trees and power lines alike.

"At 7, you couldn't keep a vehicle on the road," Callender said. "It was blowing your vehicle around. Trees were falling and power lines were falling."

Unbehagen and Callender on Monday said the entire village was without power — "We had massive damage to our power grid" — as well as water on one well, where a tree fell over a generator. At the time, they said gas service in French Settlement was working and that one grocery store was open, using a generator.

But there wasn't much more good news for the village, which on Monday was only accessible through one roadway as teams worked to remove debris from the streets.

"It's just devastation," Callender said. "It really went right through us."

Janes said the parish's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) lost power around 8:30 p.m. Sunday. Shortly after, the automatic generator fried and wasn't able to be replaced until Monday morning.

Janes said search-and-rescue teams were deployed "at first light" Monday across the parish to begin clearing roadways covered with tree limbs and branches. Those teams consisted of sheriff's deputies, firefighters, and National Guard soldiers.

But communication has been sparse, with phone lines down and people without internet access.

"Communication is tough right now, so we're not getting reports in as fast as normal," Janes said. "We're waiting for crews to come back and then report what they've done and what they've seen."

As of Tuesday, the EOC's phone lines were still down, Janes said. She is urging people with emergencies to call 911.

After returning from assessing damage, Taylor on Monday said he and his town leaders felt certain the eye passed through their area, saying the storm "got real bad around 9:30 p.m."

In a midnight update from the National Hurricane Center, *Ida* was reported as being two miles east of Livingston and four miles east of Holden.

"The northern wall that hit us, it shook the building," Taylor said. "It was rough. You could feel it in everybody's houses."



A tree is atop a house in the Town of Livingston following Hurricane *Ida*, which struck the state on Aug. 29, 2021.

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Taylor said there were "hundreds" of downed trees that resulted in damage to homes and other buildings, including to the baseball and softball fields near Doyle Elementary.

Taylor said the local police and fire departments worked all night and then got busy clearing roadways around 5:30 a.m. Monday. Some had to come later after clearing debris from in front of their own homes.

Volunteers also helped make roadways passable.

"Most of its people with tractors and chainsaws coming out and helping," he said "We wouldn't have been able to do it by ourselves. We had our [town workers], but we had a lot of volunteers. They got out and got it done. That's what happens around here. People do what they have to do."

Taylor said there is much evidence that shingles blew off roofs and that some people's roofs were actually lifted by the strong winds. But considering the amount of trees that were knocked over, he said the situation could've been "way worse."

"We're blessed by the amount of trees that missed houses," Taylor said. "We have a lot of houses that were hit with trees, but we could've had a lot more. We can deal with losing stuff, not lives."

"Now it's getting that power back."

Denham Springs Mayor Gerard Landry said the city was on the west side of the eye wall and that his team could hear "the wind howling through the front doors" of City Hall, where EOC was working.

Landry said clearing roadways was the main goal Monday and that work will soon start soon to replace street signs and other objects that fall under the city's responsibilities. He's hopeful that debris cleanup will start soon, as well.

Parts of Denham Springs are under a boil water advisory.

"I'm old enough to live through [Hurricane] Betsy, but I don't remember it being this bad," Landry said.

The Livingston Parish Sheriff's Office has been fully activated since the day of the storm, with deputies staged across the entire parish. Though communication is limited, the department has been sharing photos and updates of the storm on its Facebook page.

Lori Steele, a spokesperson for the office, said in a radio interview Monday that there haven't been any reported injuries or fatalities in the parish from the storm.

But no part of the parish was spared damage from *Ida*, she said.

"When I ask people if it's one area hit harder than another, they all said, 'It's just everywhere,'" Steele said.

Livingston Parish Sheriff Jason Ard has urged people to stay off roadways if possible as first responders work to clear debris.

Curfews have been in effect for the last two nights in the parish, and there's a chance it continues, especially since the lack of power makes roadways more difficult to

navigate after dark. "I cannot stress enough how dangerous these roads are," Ard said in a video

message Monday evening. "We have high water, we have power lines still down, and a lot of debris in the

road. We have got a lot of stuff done, but there are still power lines everywhere."



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LOUISIANA LEADS NATION IN CREATING ENVIRONMENT OF DRUG-PRICE TRANSPARENCY

While no one disputes the high cost of health care, it seems everyone has an opinion about what would happen to prescription drug costs if pharmacy benefit manager (PBM) middlemen were required to act in the interest of Louisiana employers and our hard-working families.

Despite criticism to the contrary, Louisiana has led the nation in passing laws that promote drug price transparency. Our elected leaders were among the first to pass legislation prohibiting the use of PBM contract “gag clauses” that prevented pharmacists from disclosing to patients whether a lower-priced but therapeutically equivalent drug was available.

Ending the use of gag clauses and other opaque PBM business practices, including steering patients to PBM-owned or affiliated pharmacies, has gone a

long way to protect Louisiana’s hard-working families from paying too much at the pharmacy counter, while also protecting local employers from paying higher-than-necessary premiums each month.

Transparency’s most vocal critic is the PBM trade association, the Pharmaceutical Care Management Association (PCMA), a \$28.5 million lobby representing the 18 largest PBMs in the country. PCMA commissioned the Visante report referenced in a previous op-ed.

PCMA’s three largest members – CVS Caremark, OptumRx and Express Scripts – together hold 80% of the market. That means 80% of all prescriptions processed in the U.S. go through one of the “Big Three” and each of the “Big Three” own or are owned by health insurers ranking fourth, fifth and 13th, respectively, on the Fortune 500. With that kind of market share to



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protect, PBM spokespeople naturally will say transparency will drive up consumer costs at the pharmacy.

Extreme market consolidation allows the largest PBMs to contractually forbid small business pharma-

cies from offering everyday services such as prescription drug delivery. PBMs can and do bar independent pharmacies from dispensing certain “specialty” medications, routing such prescriptions to their own

pharmacies under exclusive rights they’ve given themselves – even though an independent pharmacy meets the qualifications to dispense specialty medications. Like “Big Tech,” in which

you either accept your smart phone’s terms and conditions or you can’t use your phone, “Big PBMs” are a “take-it-or-leave-it” proposition – for everyone. In the end, it’s the consumers who pay the price for the rigid benefit plan rules that prevent them from using the pharmacy provider of their choice.

Louisiana’s independent pharmacies are committed to transparency, and will continue to put the needs of patients and local employer plan payers first as we attempt to work with the opposition. Working together, we’re confident Louisianans will reap the benefits of a fair, equitable and transparent healthcare environment.

Randal Johnson is president and chief executive officer of the Louisiana Independent Pharmacists Association.

TO CONFRONT AMERICA'S CRIME CRISIS, GET BACK TO BASICS

Even before the events of this past week, the United States was already facing a cascading set of challenges this summer, from surging consumer prices to the spiking of COVID-19 cases. Then, when Kabul fell, it became all the more clear that our political class had bungled another task to which it was entrusted.

But then again, should we be surprised? Our politicians cannot even ensure the safety of Philadelphia, Atlanta, and Oakland – let alone a foreign capital nearly 7,000 miles away.

Cities across the United States have experienced a wave of violent crime that has been on the march since last summer and has caused so much needless loss of life. This ongoing crime wave represents a fundamental failure in governance, in addition to the vapidness of the sloganeering that brought about this state of affairs. In the interest, though, of discussing solutions rather than just harping on the extent of the problem, we would like to put forward three concrete points that can help curtail our national revival of violent crime.

First, given federal statistics estimating that upwards of 80% of crime in certain jurisdictions is gang-related, law enforcement and local officeholders must make dismantling these criminal organizations a chief priority. The extent of the gang presence in certain cities can be so dramatic that it deters witnesses from coming forward. For instance, it has been more than a year since the June 2020 shooting in Charlotte that left four dead and 181 rounds fired into a block party, yet there still has not been a single arrest.

In Charlotte during the 1990s, however, the focus was always on arresting the most notorious gang members, which had an outsized impact on reducing crime – a result that was anticipated by decades of scholarship demonstrating that targeted “gang takedowns” can result in dramatic reductions in crime.

Next, we must restore trust between police departments and prosecutors, two component parts of the criminal justice system that should be working together seamlessly. Many police departments, particularly in cities with progressive district attorneys such as Philadelphia, are suffering from low morale as trust erodes between police officers and prosecutors whose focus is on anything but taking criminals off the streets. It is demoralizing for police officers to go through the trouble of arresting suspects only to see them released and reoffending shortly thereafter. This – paired with so much rhetoric hostile to the police – also makes it more difficult to recruit stellar police officer candidates.

Finally, despite the spate of recent think pieces claiming that it is “racist” to enforce laws against loitering and similar lower-level offenses, it is essential to recall that social order is fragile and must be actively maintained. In Charlotte during the 1990s, for instance, people “tolerated no truancy,” and this was part of a broader focus on addressing homelessness, aggressive panhandling, littering and other so-called “quality of life” issues. The only difference this time around is we need a greater focus on alternatives to incarceration for certain drug offenders and those suffering from mental illnesses.



EDITORIAL: REALCLEARWIRE

As much as one might be tempted, at first glance, to dismiss our ongoing crime surge as merely the result of activist district attorneys like Philadelphia’s Larry Krasner or San Francisco’s Chesa Boudin paired with sloganeering (“Defund the Police”), these extreme examples sit within a broader climate of complacency about crime, which paradoxically could only have come

into existence as a result of the relative safety achieved through the tough-on-crime policies championed from the 1990s until recently.

With political leaders on the back foot following recent events in Afghanistan, they would be wise to recenter competence and begin addressing the county’s many compounding difficulties. Crime is the place to start.

Pat McCrory served as the 74th governor of North Carolina from 2013 to 2017 and the 53rd mayor of Charlotte from 1995 to 2009.

Erich Prince co-founded and runs the online magazine Merion West.

AFGHANISTAN WAR LED TO BILLIONS IN WASTED TAXPAYER DOLLARS

The national debt is rapidly nearing \$29 trillion, which is 25% more than our entire economy, and is orders of magnitude higher if you consider unfunded liabilities of Social Security and Medicare. This threatens life as we know it and must be addressed now.

When then-President George Bush invaded Afghanistan in 2001, it was clear that the mission was to get rid of the Taliban and hunt the leaders of al Qaeda responsible for the 9/11 attacks. Few of the troops that led the initial foray into Afghanistan would have guessed that rebuilding the country would take two decades and consume more than \$900 billion in Department of Defense overseas contingency spending. To put that figure in context, the U.S. could’ve withdrawn from Afghanistan in 2005, spent “only” \$100 billion total, and given every American household an annual \$400 tax cut for the next 15 years. Instead, Uncle Sam blew taxpayers’ hard-earned dollars on debacle after debacle in the war-torn country. According to a 2021 report released by the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction (SIGAR), just \$1.2 billion of the \$7.8 billion used to pay for buildings and vehicles was used appropriately. And an even smaller share of that spending (\$343.2 million) resulted in buildings and vehicles being “maintained in good condition.”

Even by usual governmental standards, the spending in Afghanistan was woefully targeted and bore little resemblance to the actual priorities laid out by U.S. and



Afghan leadership. Unfortunately, no one thing, person, or entity is singularly to blame for this spending breakdown. SIGAR notes, “Effective oversight has been weakened by poor documentation, failure to monitor contract compliance and work quality, inattention to holding contractors and grantees accountable for unsatisfactory performance, insufficient control measures to mitigate the effects of corruption, and other issues.”

The U.S. government failed to consider this perfect storm of neglect and perverse incentives when awarding \$85 million in loans for the Marriott Kabul Hotel and

Kabul Grand Residences (right next to the U.S. Embassy in Kabul) via the federal Overseas Private Investment Corporation. Despite all the money given for these projects, “the two buildings sat neglected and abandoned for years” and naturally posed a significant threat for the embassy compound. For all of that money spent (based on “inaccurate and potentially fraudulent information”), the U.S. diplomatic effort was actually compromised, and more money presumably had to be spent safeguarding the embassy compound. And if oversight was this bad right in the Americans’ backyard, taxpayers can only imagine how

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poorly-targeted the funding was in areas that allied forces only nominally controlled. It’s clear that something has gone seriously wrong when the U.S. spends \$8 billion to stop the Taliban from profiting off of the drug trade only for Afghanistan to cement its status as a world leader in opium and heroin production.

And the longer that the U.S. committed to endless funding for the Afghanistan debacle, the longer these boondoggles would have continued. On the eve of the Taliban taking back control of the country, SIGAR noted, “Of the \$120.32 billion (83% of total) appropriated to the eight largest active reconstruction funds, about \$6.68 billion remained for possible disbursement.” These funds will surely be better spent on means-tested programs closer to home, or better yet, directly in the hands of the American people.

Endless spending on endless wars benefits no one while throwing taxpayer dollars into the burn pit.

Ross Marchand is a senior fellow for the Taxpayers Protection Alliance.

OBITUARIES



James Ellis "Jim" Morrison

James Ellis "Jim" Morrison, 85, a native of Denham Springs, Louisiana, and a longtime resident of Slidell, passed away on Saturday, August 21, 2021, in Slidell. Jim was born June 27, 1936, in Denham Springs, Louisiana, to Eddie Ray and Elaine Ellis Morrison. He attended Denham Springs High School where

he played football for the Yellowjackets. He graduated from Southeastern Louisiana College with a Bachelors Degree in Business Administration and was a member of Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity. Mr. Morrison was a member of First Baptist Church of Slidell where he served as a Deacon. He was also a member of the First Bank of Slidell Board of Directors, Slidell Memorial Hospital Advisory Board, a member of the Slidell Jaycee's, President of the Denham Springs Jaycees, as well as serving as a District Nine Police Jurer. Mr. Morrison was a Real Estate Investor, owner of Slidell Refrigeration and Metal Fabrication, Morrison Shop Rite in Slidell, and Morrison Meat Market in Denham Springs. He was a founder and active

member of Western Choc-taw Hunting Club in Butler, Alabama. Jim was an avid hunter, loved golf, travel, fishing, and copper crafting. He is survived by his loving wife of 64 years, Mary Alice Strickland Morrison; three children, Scott (Sadina), Jay (Taffy), and Melanie; five grandchildren, Alesia, Margaret, Ryan, Tyler, and Stephen; six great grandchildren, Madison, Hunter, Addyson, Amelie, Graham, and Julie. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to Savannah Smiles and First Baptist Church Pantry Ministry. Funeral Services will be held at First Baptist Church of Slidell, 4141 Pontchartrain Drive, Slidell 70458, on Thursday, August 26, 2021. Visitation will be held at the church beginning at 9:00am. The funeral service will begin

at 11:00 am. Burial will be in Forest Lawn Cemetery in Slidell. Please visit www.honakerforestlawn.com to sign guestbook. Arrangements by Honaker Funeral Home, Inc., Slidell, LA.



James Harold Lewis

James Harold Lewis, better known as "Jim," "Louie" and "Jimbo," age 63, was

born in Baton Rouge on January 16, 1958. He went home to be with the Lord on Thursday, August 19, 2021. A service to celebrate his life will be held on Saturday, August 28, 2021, at 12:00 pm at Lanier Baptist Church, 4851 Lanier Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70812 with Pastor Mike Ferguson officiating. Visitation will be held at the church from 10:00 am until the service at noon. Jim had a passion for painting beautiful homes. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, landscaping, LSU Tigers, music, family, friends, cooking and most of all Jesus! A "Proud Buccaneer" and graduate of Broadmoor High School class of '77, he was a member of Broadmoor United Methodist Church and Christ's Community Church in Denham Springs. He was preceded

in death by his parents, Genevieve Barousse Lewis and Cecil H. Lewis; sister, Margaret Jane Hinman Culpepper; nephew, James Lane Culpepper Jr; and domestic partner, Jennifer Dawn Huff Davis. He is survived by his two daughters, Robbi Lynette Lewis, 34, and her son Bennett Wayne Little, 5 and Janey Lane Lewis, 24, and her son Trey Lee Richey Jr., 9; special relatives, brother-in-law James L. Culpepper Sr; Kayla B. Wood, life-long friends Sissy & Jeff Wells and his loving canine companion Clara-Belle Lewis. In lieu of flowers, the family request donations be made to assist in the funeral expenses to: <https://www.ilof.com/st-amant/james-harold-lewis>. Church Funeral Services of Walker is in charge of arrangements.

'THIS NEWS IS HEARTBREAKING'

INFANT DIES FROM COVID-19, LDH REPORTS

BY DAVID GRAY
The Livingston Parish News

An infant under the age of 1 has died from COVID-19, according to the Louisiana Department of Health. The child's death is the first COVID-related fatality among children since the fourth surge of the pandemic began earlier this summer, officials said. The death was one of 1110 reported to the state Wednesday and 249 report-

ed over the last two days. That total includes a record of 139 confirmed and suspected COVID-19 deaths on Tuesday. "This news is heart-breaking," said Dr. Joseph Kanter, the state health officer, in a statement. "And it's a tragic reminder that the numbers we report everyday are also our children, friends and neighbors, and that no one is immune to this virus' impact. "The best way we can protect ourselves, our loved

ones and young children who are not eligible to get the vaccine is to get vaccinated ourselves and wear a mask. It's really that simple." A child this young has not died from COVID-19 in Louisiana in more than six months, according to LDH officials. To date, 11 children younger than 18 have died from the virus in Louisiana. On Wednesday, 31 percent of newly reported COVID-19 cases in Louisi-

ana were in children younger than 18. That age group has accounted for 98,190 of the state's total number of confirmed cases, including 6,146 cases this week. In a statement, Gov. John Bel Edwards said there were 63 pediatric cases of COVID-19 admitted to the hospital last week, showing the worsening effect the virus is having on younger people. Edwards reiterated the impact of the Delta variant — which now accounts for

all COVID-19 cases in the state — and said it is "more contagious than previous strains of COVID as our strained hospitals prove." "Right now, we are seeing younger people hospitalized," Edwards said. "They are getting sicker than in the previous surge and, unfortunately some of them may die." Edwards urged those who are eligible to get vaccinated and encouraged all to mask and social distance. He added, "All Louisian-

ans, regardless of their age or health status, are worthy of our care and attention. Every person lost to this virus, young or old, leaves a hole in the fabric of our communities." "Each COVID-19 death in Louisiana has been heart wrenching, but the loss of such a young child, who could not be vaccinated yet, is tragic and a stark reminder of the difficult circumstance we are in throughout Louisiana," Edwards said.

LSU TO REQUIRE PROOF OF VACCINATION OR NEGATIVE COVID-19 TEST FOR ENTRY TO HOME FOOTBALL GAMES

BY DAVID GRAY
The Livingston Parish News

LSU will require proof of vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test taken within 72 hours of kickoff for anyone attending home football games this season, the university announced Tuesday. The new policy applies to anyone 12 years of age and older. It will go into effect for the home-opener against McNeese State on Saturday, Sept. 11. In a statement, the university said it reached the decision after consultation with Gov. John Bel Edwards, LSU President William F. Tate IV, LSU's Board of Supervisors, Tiger Athletic Foundation, and Director of Athletics Scott Woodward. As the state's flagship institution, Tate said LSU has the "foremost responsibility... to ensure the safety of our students,

our supporters, and our community." "While we are aware of the diverse perspectives across the nation regarding masks and vaccinations, we must take all reasonable measures to protect our campus and community, not only on gamedays, but long after guests have left Tiger Stadium," Tate said. "The current threat to our lives, our health, and to our medical systems due to COVID-19 is overburdening our hospitals, and we must do our part to stop the spread." To enter Tiger Stadium this season, visitors 12 years and older must show proof of at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine from any of the three vaccines being administered (Pfizer, Moderna, or Johnson & Johnson). A vaccination card, a photo or photocopy of a vaccination card, or

verified digital proof of vaccination, including LA Wallet or another government-sanctioned mobile app, will be accepted, with entry granted upon visual inspection. Those who have not received a dose of a COVID-19 vaccine must present proof of a negative PCR test taken within 72 hours of kickoff before entering. Though guests younger than 12 — who are not yet eligible for a vaccine — will not have to show a negative test, masks will be required for ages 5-11 and encouraged for children younger than 5. LSU currently has seven games on its home slate, including contests against SEC foes Auburn, Florida, Arkansas, and Texas A&M. "We have the best fans in college football, and we are doing everything we can to ensure their expe-

rience in Tiger Stadium this fall is safe and enjoyable," Woodward said in a statement. "When our fans arrive on Saturdays to cheer on the Tigers, they will have confidence that we have taken measures to mitigate their health risks." The announcement comes in the wake of similar announcements made this summer regarding the university's updated COVID-19 protocols. Earlier this month, Tate said that unvaccinated students will be required to submit a negative test on a monthly basis during the fall semester. He also said mask wearing will be required indoors and within 50 feet of building entrances. Tate later said the university will likely mandate a COVID-19 vaccine once it receives full federal approval. LSU's fall semester be-

gan on Monday, Aug. 23. In a separate announcement on Tuesday, Tate said LSU students have until Oct. 15 to show proof of full vaccination or present the paperwork to formally opt out of the inoculations. In Tuesday's statement regarding entry into Tiger Stadium, Woodward said the football team has reached "99.1 percent vaccination" and urged people to do the same. "We are confident our fans will do the same, and I encourage all Tiger fans to receive vaccinations today," Woodward said.

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BESE: 'NO PLANS' TO HOLD SPECIAL MEETING REGARDING MASKING IN SCHOOLS AFTER PREVIOUS MEETING'S EARLY END

BY DAVID GRAY
The Livingston Parish News

The state's top school board has "no plans" to call a special meeting regarding the governor's masking policy in K-12 schools, a decision that is sure to further increase tensions from parents who claimed their opposition to universal masking went unheard in a recent meeting.

In a statement from Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) President Sandy Holloway, Vice President Kira Orange Jones, and Treasurer Ashley Ellis, the three defended BESE's handling of what was a chaotic meeting on Aug. 18.

During the meeting, discussion on the governor's statewide mask mandate was shelved when BESE members voted to adjourn early due to the lack of mask adherence by members of the crowd.

"The governor's current executive order is in effect until September 1st," the statement from Holloway, Jones, and Ellis said.

"There are no plans to call a special meeting."

In its statement, BESE's leadership team said the "bipartisan decision" to end the meeting early came after protesters "spent hours disrupting the meeting with shouts, outbursts, and refusing to comply with the governor's mask mandate for government buildings."

Parents at the meeting have argued that the mask mandate was not being enforced until discussion of universal masking in schools arose near the end of the meeting.

Ultimately, BESE members voted 8-2 to adjourn prematurely.

Voting to adjourn early were Holly Boffy, Preston Castille, Belinda Davis, Ashley Ellis, Kira Orange Jones, Ronnie Morris, Tommy Roque, and Doris Voitier. Voting against early adjournment were Jim Garvey and Michael Melerine.

Since BESE ended the meeting without discussion on the issue, the governor's executive order, which is in effect until at least Sept. 1, remains in place in schools.

BESE is not scheduled to meet again until October, according to its website.

"As elected officials, we understand our responsibility to listen to those who elect us," the statement said. "We have just as great a responsibility to follow the laws of the State

of Louisiana and to fulfill our duty to make decisions to protect the safety, health, and wellbeing of those who elect us as well.

"When forced to make that decision last week, we were left with no choice but to prioritize the safety and health of those in the room over citizens who were refusing to follow the law, adhere to basic rules of order – all while putting the health of others at risk."

Multiple lawmakers have taken issue with BESE's stance during the meeting and since, including lawmakers who signed a letter urging BESE to allow local school districts to make their own policies regarding mask mandates for K-12 students.

"It was a disgrace!" said Rep. Valarie Hodges, who represents portions of Livingston Parish, via social media the day of the meeting. "You were elected to listen to and serve these people, not ignore them."

"It is disappointing to read that BESE won't take the time to do a public hearing on this matter after abruptly deciding to adjourn their meeting after crowds of concerned parents who traveled in from across the state were blindsided after waiting for hours," said Rep. Blake Miguez Tuesday via social media.

The governor's mask mandate, which he said is based on recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), includes all indoor public spaces and applies to everyone 5 and older, regardless of vaccination status. It pertains to all K-12 schools, colleges, and universities.

Despite support from those in the medical field, including the Louisiana Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, Edwards' mask mandate has drawn backlash from Attorney General Jeff Landry, state lawmakers, and angry parents regarding its effectiveness and constitutionality.

On Aug. 6, Landry issued an opinion saying that BESE — not the governor — has the final say on whether students should be required to wear masks.

In the opinion, Landry



said no entity, other than the Legislature, "may supersede any action of BESE undertaken to supervise or control education in this State."

In response to Landry's opinion, Edwards has said that he has the authority during a public health emergency to issue a mask mandate. The governor, a lawyer, has called Landry's opinion "completely wrong" as well as "irresponsible" and "dangerous."

Edwards continued to defend the masking policy in a press conference last week, saying, "Simply put, we cannot keep our schools open and our kids safe without masks."

Last week, 63 members of the Louisiana House of Representatives asked BESE to allow local school districts to make their own policies regarding mask mandates for K-12 students.

In a letter, lawmakers said BESE "can establish a position that gives direction to each school board based on local health risks."

"Please use your Constitutional authority to protect Louisiana families and give direction to our local school boards and its parents," the letter said.

To read the full statement from BESE, visit the News' website.

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BUSINESS | MAKING YOUR OWN LUCK

BY CAMI MILLER
Business Coach

Whether you think that you are "just lucky" or "not lucky," you don't have to leave your good fortune to chance. There are many things you can do to increase what people typically refer to as "luck."

Establish a strong network of friends and colleagues. Stay in touch with your network. It doesn't take much, and the internet makes it easy to keep up with birthdays and special events. Go beyond your typical Facebook happy birthday wishes and call or send a card or a note to those in your inner circle. Make new connections for yourself and your network.

Often it only takes a few minutes to make a deposit into a relationship. Take the time to introduce two people you know who could collaborate personally or in business. They will remember that you made their lives richer. Relationships = Opportunity.

Create a vision of your success. What will your success look like? Who will you be when you are successful? What sounds will you hear? How will you get there? By creating a clear

vision of what success will look like for you, you make it easier to achieve. Neuro scientists have found that a group of basketball athletes who visualized practice shots improved nearly as much as those who went to the gym and took those practice shots. The brain thinks in pictures, and by visualizing your success, your brain will work to make it a reality. Visualizing the steps you must take to succeed is very much like creating a plan. Make your vision bright, and colorful and add sound and feeling. The more intentional you are in your visualization, the closer your reality will match your desire.

Share your good fortune. Ever hear the saying, what goes around, comes around? When you receive good luck or a blessing, pass some of it on to someone else. I am not suggesting that you give away money unless you just want to, but there are many ways to pass luck on to others. If your tomato plants are yielding lots of fruit, share with your friends and neighbors. If you cook a pot of gumbo, take a container to the elderly couple down the street. Father Mike Collins

used to call that making heaven on earth. When you share your good fortune, your world becomes more attractive.

Be open to new things. Richard Branson said, "If someone offers you a new opportunity but you are not sure you can do it, say yes, then learn to do it later." Just because you've never done something before doesn't mean you shouldn't say yes. You may not do it perfectly, but it may end up being the thing that you are most proud of doing. If you tend to be very uncomfortable with new things, start small. Go someplace different for lunch, or try brushing your teeth with your non-dominant hand. Wear your watch on the opposite wrist than you usually do. You will be very uncomfortable at first, but then it will begin to feel normal. If you are not typically lucky, changing some of your habits could put you on the path to better fortune. The magic happens outside your comfort zone.

Be an attractor of luck. It is not possible to catch luck, but it is possible to attract it. Pay attention to your surroundings. Look for opportunities where luck

is more likely to find you. Listen to your hunches and go for it! I know some of the most incredible experiences of my life came from being in the right place at the right time and being open to luck. Sometimes, when I thought things were not working out because I wasn't getting what I wanted, I ended up getting something better.

Trust your intuition. This may take some practice if you are insecure or tend not to trust yourself. If your quiet inner voice seems to have gone still, it may be because you refused to listen to what was probably good counsel. My intuition has helped me to make some of the biggest decisions in my life. Sometimes it is very clear, other times more subtle, but it is always right. For me it is like a quiet, inner voice that usually asks a question. Decisions about career, where I live, and even a life partner resulted from listening to my intuition. I have made some bad decisions due to ignoring my intuition as well. Some were relationship decisions, but I remember when my inner voice very clearly urged me to take a different route,

and I ignored it. Another car turned right in front of me, causing an accident. Even though I had ignored my intuition about which road to take, I was driving more carefully and what could have been a major accident ended up being less serious.

Work hard, success is just on the other side. Often when people talk about luck, they think of it as being outside their control. The truth is that good things come to those who hustle while they wait. A positive attitude and a bias toward action will put you in the path of good luck more often than a rabbit's foot and a four-leaf clover. Lucky people tend to be more focused on the good things that happen to them than on the bad things. Never stop learning, never stop hustling.

Set your goals high. I am not a person who believes in ridiculous goals. I love that saying shoot for the moon, and even if you miss, you will land among the stars, but I also know that if your mind does not believe that you can reach the goals you set, those goals will not inspire you to strive. I often work with

clients to set goals and am disappointed when a client sets their goal for this year the same as last year. I encourage and challenge them to set stretch goals that are not unrealistic but also not easy. Often it results in them achieving much more than they initially thought reasonable.

Keep an optimistic viewpoint. There is an old story about a Chinese man who had a son. One night wild horses ran in from the valley, and he was able to capture them in a corral he had built. His neighbors all praised his good fortune. "This is wonderful! You are so lucky!" They said. The old man just said, "Maybe." The next day, his son was breaking one of the horses to ride, and the horse threw him. He landed badly and broke his leg. "Oh, this is such bad luck!" The neighbors said. The old man only said, "Maybe." A few days later, the army marched through the town. They took all the men except the very old, the very young, and the young man with the broken leg. The neighbors told the old man, "You are so lucky!"

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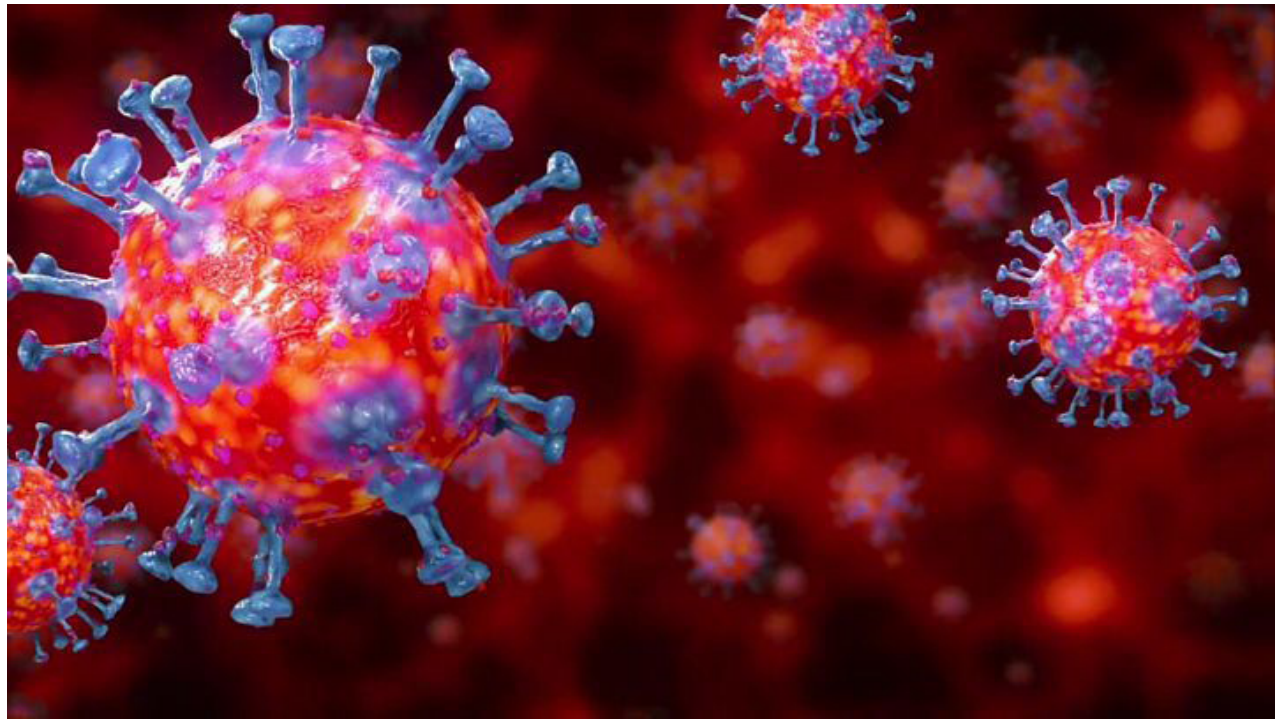
FINANCE | WHEN FACING ILLNESS, TAKE CONTROL OF FINANCES

BY JENNIFER BARRETT
Edward Jones

In light of the coronavirus pandemic, virtually all of us have considered health-related issues. But for people facing a serious, chronic illness, such as Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis, diabetes or cancer, health concerns are an everyday matter. If you're fortunate, you may never be afflicted with such maladies, but the future is unpredictable. Of course, going through these health challenges bring physical and emotional concerns — but also financial ones. How can you prepare for them?

Essentially, you'll need to consider four key areas: investments, insurance, legal arrangements and taxes. Let's take a quick look at each of them:

Investments – You'll likely need to draw on your investments for at least some of the expenses associated with your illness. So, within your portfolio, you may want to establish a special fund devoted entirely to these costs, whether they be health care, modifications to your home, transportation and so on. A financial professional can help you choose investments for this fund, as well as make recommendations for your



tions appropriate for your situation.

Dealing with a chronic illness is never easy. But by considering how your illness will affect all aspects of your life, getting the help you need, and taking the right steps, you may be able to reduce the financial stress on you and your loved ones

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overall investment strategy, including techniques for boosting your income, such as adding investments that can provide an income stream that kicks in when you think your costs will rise.

Insurance – Depending on your health status, you may be able to collect Medicare earlier than the traditional starting point at age 65. Even so, you'll likely need to supplement it with additional coverage. But you may also want to look beyond health insurance. For example, you might be able to purchase

a "chronic illness rider" that allows you to tap into life insurance benefits while you're still alive. Or you might consider adding a "long-term care rider" to a life insurance policy; this rider offers financial benefits if you ever require daily care that you can't provide for yourself. And some foundations, states and drug companies offer programs that can help pay for some costs that your insurance won't cover.

Legal arrangements – If you haven't already done so, you may want to establish the legal documents

most appropriate for your situation, such as a durable power of attorney for finances, which gives someone the authority to manage your financial affairs if you become temporarily incapacitated, possibly due to flare-ups of your chronic disease. Once you've recovered, you regain control of your financial decisions. You might also want to consider a health care proxy, which appoints an individual to make medical decisions for you if you can't. In creating or revising these documents, you'll need to consult with

your legal professional.

Taxes – You might qualify for Social Security disability payments, which, like other Social Security benefits, are taxable, so you'll need to be aware of what you might owe. But you might also be eligible for some tax breaks related to your condition. If you still itemize tax deductions, you may be able to deduct some medical expenses, as well as certain home improvements, such as wheelchair ramps, bathtub grab bars, motorized stairlifts and so on. Your tax advisor may have sugges-

LUCK CANNOT COME UNLESS YOU ARE READY TO GREET IT

FROM 7

"They didn't take your son because his leg was broken." The old man just smiled because he knew that a lot of what seemed like luck depended on your viewpoint.

Stay optimistic. What seems like misfortune may be an opportunity in disguise and it can make us resilient.

Live in the present. We often become unhappy about what happened in the past or anxious about what

might happen in the future. Both can rob us of the luck that the present holds for us. Holding onto negative things past is a recipe for misery. It can be hard to let go, but the sooner we can accept what is, the

quicker we can refocus on enjoying the present. If you find that anxiety steals your joy, practice facing the unknown with curiosity and wonder. Imagine what might be. Luck cannot come to you if you are too

anxious to greet it with an open mind.

Do you have a story about how you created or attracted luck? I'd love to hear it. Please put it in the comments online or send it to me at the email below.

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REFERENCE: ACT 962 NOTIFICATION
Under Act 962 of the 1992 Legislature, I am required to advise you that my name is **KEVIN WITZ** and that I have been convicted of Indecent Behavior with Juveniles and Criminal Knowledge of a Juvenile. My address is as follows: 8532 Clover St, Denham Springs, LA 70726

REFERENCE: ACT 962 NOTIFICATION
Under Act 962 of the 1992 Legislature, I am required to advise you that my name is **VENOLIE WARR** and that I have been convicted of Indecent Behavior with Juveniles. My address is as follows: 26569 LA Highway 1032, Apt 5, Denham Springs, LA 70726

REFERENCE: ACT 962 NOTIFICATION
Under Act 962 of the 1992 Legislature, I am required to advise you that my name is **JERRY JUANICE** and that I have been convicted of Criminal Knowledge of a Juvenile and Failure to Register. Notify as a Sex Offender. My address is as follows: 30651 LA Hwy 16, Denham Springs, LA 70726.

REFERENCE: ACT 962 NOTIFICATION
Under Act 962 of the 1992 Legislature, I am required to advise you that my name is **JEREMY D. HARRIS** and that I have been convicted of Statutory Rape. My address is as follows: 28159 Highway 40 W, Independence, LA 70443

REFERENCE: ACT 962 NOTIFICATION
Under Act 962 of the 1992 Legislature, I am required to advise you that my name is **GARY BROOKS** and that I have been convicted of Disrupting Child Pornography. My address is as follows: 10862 Arlene Drive, Denham Springs, LA 70706.

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HOT DOGS OF SUMMER



Above, pictured is Sheldon, an adorable hound mix. Sheldon's owner is Jordan Roberts, of Livingston.

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LOLLIE AND LILLIE RECEIVE MOST VOTES IN 'HOT DOGS OF SUMMER' PHOTO CONTEST

BY DAVID GRAY
The Livingston Parish News

THE PEOPLE have spoken and selected their favorite "Hot Dog" of summer. Make that "Hot Dogs." Lollie and Lillie were voted winners of The News' "Hot Dog of Summer 2021" photo contest, which ran through the

month of August. The News received several photographs, but the photo capturing Lollie and Lillie taking a boat ride on the Diversion Canal in French Settlement won over the hearts of Livingston Parish voters. Their owner is Sonya Foster Lauderdale. Lollie and Lillie garnered 60 percent of the votes, finishing ahead of second-place

finisher Jolene, a springer spaniel who was pictured kayaking on the Tickfaw River in Killian. Jolene's owner is Ross Kinchen. Others receiving votes were Sir "Archie" Burrow, whose owner is Ashley Armstrong; Faith, an American bulldog whose owner is Misty Williams of Holden; Harley, whose owner is Lisa Staten of Holden; Copper, whose owner is Joanie Veenendaal;

Raymond, a 10-year-old German shepherd whose owner is Jordan Roberts of Livingston; and Sandor, whose owner is Amanda Shaw of Walker. The News would like to thank everyone who submitted a photograph and voted in this year's competition.



Right, pictured are Lollie and Lillie taking a boat ride on the Diversion Canal in French Settlement. Their owner is Sonya Foster Lauderdale.

Left, pictured is Jolene, a springer spaniel, kayaking on the Tickfaw River in Killian. Jolene's owner is Ross Kinchen.



Pictured is Harley, striking a pose and saying cheese! Harley's owner is Lisa Staten, of Holden.



Pictured is Copper, acting as a lifeguard on duty. Copper's owner is Joanie Veenendaal.



Pictured is Raymond, a 10-year-old German shepherd. Raymond's owner is Jordan Roberts, of Livingston.



Pictured is Blackie May. Blackie May's owner is Margot May.



Pictured is Sandor, whose owner is Amanda Shaw, of Walker.



Pictured are Rambo and Pebbles. Their owner is Heather Schaubhut, of Livingston.



Pictured is Nina, a chihuahua. Nina's owner is June Patt, of Denham Springs.



Above, pictured is Sir "Archie" Burrow, whose owner is Ashley Armstrong.



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CITY OF DENHAM SPRINGS, LOUISIANA
THE HONORABLE GERARD LANDRY, MAYOR
AD DATES: 09/02/21 & 09/09/21
PER STATUTE 38:2212.1



City of Denham Springs

TO: THE LIVINGSTON PARISH NEWS
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ATTN: LEGAL DEPARTMENT - PUBLIC BID

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID 21-07
FUEL

Competitive bids will be received by the City of Denham Springs located at:
116 North Range Avenue, Denham Springs, LA 70726 Monday-Thursday 7:00AM-5:30PM
Bid information and full specifications are available for pickup upon request at the same location and times.

THE CITY OF DENHAM SPRINGS RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS.
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Given under my hand and seal of this office this 20th day of August, 2021.
JASON B. HARRIS
Livingston Parish Clerk of Court

Run: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2021
Authorized for Payment
Tonya Hawkins
Deputy Clerk/Jury Coordinator
Livingston Parish Clerk of Court

PUBLIC NOTICE
At 6:00 p.m., on September 14, 2021, in the Court Room of the Municipal Building, 116 N. Range Ave., the Denham Springs City Council will hold a public hearing to consider the adoption of a proposed ordinance and further provide with respect thereto described more specifically as follows:
ORDINANCE
ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 1.02 OF ARTICLE ONE OF THE DENHAM SPRINGS ZONING COMMISSION ORDINANCE OF 1998, AS AMENDED, CITY ORDINANCE NO. 1001 BY ADDING THERETO, PARAGRAPH 189 FOR THE PURPOSE OF REZONING FROM R-1 RESIDENTIAL TO C-3 COMMERCIAL ON LOTS 1, 2 AND 3 SQUARE 21 SHELLEY'S HOMESITES, LOCATED IN SECTION 1, T7S-R2E, G.L.D., CITY OF DENHAM SPRINGS, LIVINGSTON PARISH, LOUISIANA. (RZ-436) (WALNUT ST.)
Gerard Landry, Mayor
City of Denham Springs
Publish: 8/26/21
9/2/21
9/9/21

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION
Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Springfield, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Town of Springfield, State of Louisiana (the "Town"), on August 10, 2021, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held within the Town on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2021, and that at the said election there will be submitted to all registered voters in the Town qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:
PROPOSITION
(SALES TAX REDEDICATION)
Shall the Town of Springfield, State of Louisiana (the "Town"), re-dedicate the one-half of one percent (1/2%) sales and use tax now being levied in perpetuity under the provisions of Article VI, Section 29 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana (the "Tax"), at an election held on September 18, 2024, upon the sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption, and the storage for use or consumption of tangible personal property, and on sales of services within the Town (an estimated \$103,000 expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), such that in addition to acquiring, constructing, extending, improving, maintaining and operating sewerage collection, disposal and treatment facilities and other capital improvements for the Town with the proceeds of the Tax being subject to funding into bonds to pay for such capital improvements, such that the proceeds of the Tax can also be used by the Town for the payment of any lawful purposes and with the term capital improvements including acquiring, constructing, extending, improving, maintaining the Town's waterworks system?
The said special election shall be held at the polling places for the following precinct, which poll will open at seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, to-wit:
PRECINCT
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The polling place for the precinct set forth above is hereby designated as the polling place at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioner-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law.
The estimated cost of this election as determined by the Secretary of State based upon the provisions of Chapter 8-A of Title 18 and actual costs of similar elections is \$3,000.
The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5, Chapter 6-A and Chapter 6-B of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, as provided in this Notice of Special Election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, will make due returns thereof to said Governing Authority, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, the Town Hall, 27378 Hwy. #2, Springfield, Louisiana, on WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2021, at SEVEN O'CLOCK (7:00) P.M., and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election. All registered voters of the Town are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used.
THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Springfield, Louisiana, on this, the 10th day of August, 2021.
ATTEST: /s/ Thomas Abels
Mayor
/s/ Marie Kreutzer
Clerk



CITY OF DENHAM SPRINGS
Office of Planning and Development
116 North Range Ave
Denham Springs, LA 70726
(225) 667-8326
buildings@cityofdenham Springs.com

PUBLIC NOTICE
The following properties are in violation of the Denham Springs Code of Ordinances, Section 42-27, under which property owners are required to cut and remove overgrown weeds, grass, brush and underbrush:
• 208 Hickory Street
These properties must be cut by Monday, September 13, 2021. Failure to do so will result in the City bringing the property into compliance and placing a lien on the property for the associated costs.
Publish: August 26, 2021 & September 2, 2021



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PUBLIC NOTICE
The following properties are in violation of the Denham Springs Code of Ordinances, Section 42-27, under which property owners are required to cut and remove overgrown weeds, grass, brush and underbrush:
• 110 Joan Street
These properties must be cut by Monday September 13, 2021. Failure to do so will result in the City bringing the property into compliance and placing a lien on the property for the associated costs.
Publish: August 26, 2021 & September 2, 2021

ALVIN FAIRBURN & ASSOCIATES, LLC
Job No. A190577
WATER LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT - PHASE 6
TICKFAW BROADMOOR SUBDIVISION
PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
Sealed Bids will be received by the Town of Killian at Killian Town Hall, located at 28284 Highway 22, Springfield, Louisiana until 4:30pm, Tuesday, September 21st, 2021 for the
Town of Killian Water Line Replacement Project - Phase 6
Tickfaw Broadmoor Subdivision

At which time bids will be opened and publicly read aloud. Electronic bids will also be accepted. Please find bid related materials and place your electronic bids at WWW.CENTRALBIDDING.COM. Bids received after the above time will be returned unopened. The project consists of the replacement of a portion of the existing water main in Tickfaw Broadmoor Subdivision located in Killian, LA. Complete bidding documents may be obtained from Alvin Fairburn and Associates, LLC, 1289 Del Este Avenue, Denham Springs Louisiana upon payment of \$25.00 per set. Deposits on first set of documents furnished to general contractors who bid the project will be fully refunded upon return of the documents in good condition no later than ten (10) calendar days after receipt of bids. On other sets of documents one-half (1/2) the deposit will be refunded upon return of the documents in good condition no later than ten (10) calendar days after receipt of bids. An additional non-refundable charge of \$15.00 per set will be charged if plans and specifications are mailed.
A MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING will be held at the office of Alvin Fairburn and Associates, LLC, 1289 Del Este Avenue, Denham Springs, Louisiana on Tuesday, September 14th, 2021 at 2:00pm

Bids will be accepted only from contractors that attend the Pre-Bid Meeting.
The Contract will be awarded to the lowest, responsible, responsive bidder. The successful contractor will be required to enter into contracts with the OWNER and to furnish all the materials, perform all of the work, supervise, coordinate, administrate and be responsible for the work for the entire project. No bids may be withdrawn after the closing time for receipt of bids for at least forty-five (45) calendar days. The bond of the low bidder will be held for forty-five (45) calendar days, or until the contract is signed, whichever is shorter.

PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT BOND: A performance and payment bond for the work will be required upon execution of the contract, equal to one hundred percent (100%) of said contract written by a company licensed to do business in Louisiana and who is currently on the U.S. Department of the Treasury Financial Management Service List with at least an "A" Best rating.
BID REJECTION - Town of Killian (Owner) reserves the right to reject any and all bids for just cause. In accordance with La. R.S. 38:2212 (A) (1) (b), the provisions and requirements of this section, those stated in the advertisement for bids, and those required on the bid form shall not be considered as informalities and shall not be waived by any public entity.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY (EEO) STATEMENT - All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex or national origin.
KILLIAN WATER LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT - PHASE 6
ADVERTISE:
Thursday August 26th, 2021
Thursday September 02nd, 2021
Thursday September 09th, 2021

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION
Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Parish School Board of the Parish of Livingston, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of School District No. 24 of the Parish of Livingston, State of Louisiana (the "District"), on August 5, 2021, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held within the District on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2021, and that at the said election there will be submitted to all registered voters in the District qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:
PROPOSITION
(BOND)
Shall School District No. 24 of the Parish of Livingston, State of Louisiana (the "District"), incur debt and issue bonds to the amount of not exceeding \$6,000,000, in one or more series, to run not exceeding 30 years from date thereof, with interest at a rate or rates not exceeding 6% per annum, for the purpose of financing capital expenditures for school purposes for the District, including constructing, acquiring and/or improving schools and other school related facilities, together with equipment and furnishings therefor, title to which shall be in the public, which bonds will be general obligations of the District and will be payable from ad valorem taxes to be levied and collected in the manner provided by Article VI, Section 33 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974 and statutory authority supplemental thereto, with an estimated 9 mills to be levied in the first year of issue to pay said bonds?

The said special election shall be held at the polling places for the following precincts which polls will open at seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, to-wit:
PRECINCTS
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09(PART)
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13A(PART)
13B(PART)
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The polling places for the precincts set forth above are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law.
The estimated cost of this election as determined by the Secretary of State based upon the provisions of Chapter 8-A of Title 18 and actual costs of similar elections is \$17,000.
Notice is further given that a portion of the monies collected from the tax described in the Proposition shall be remitted to certain state and statewide retirement systems in the manner required by law.

The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, as provided in this Notice of Special Election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, will make due returns thereof to said Governing Authority, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, the School Board Office Conference Room, 13909 Florida Blvd., Livingston, Louisiana, on THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2021, at FIVE O'CLOCK (5:00) P.M., and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election. All registered voters of the District are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used.
THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Livingston, Louisiana, on this, the 5th day of August, 2021.
ATTEST: /s/ David "Bo" Graham
President
/s/ Alan "Joe" Murphy
Secretary

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION
Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Parish School Board of the Parish of Livingston, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the Governing Authority of Sales Tax District No. 24 of the Parish School Board of the Parish of Livingston, State of Louisiana (the "District"), on AUGUST 5, 2021, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held within the District on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2021 and that at the said election there will be submitted to all registered voters in the District qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:
PROPOSITION
(SALES TAX)
Shall Sales Tax District No. 24 of the Parish School Board of the Parish of Livingston, State of Louisiana (the "District"), under the applicable provisions of Louisiana law, be authorized to levy and collect a tax of one-half of one percent (1/2%) (the "Tax"), in perpetuity, beginning January 1, 2022, upon the sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption, and the storage for use or consumption, of tangible personal property and on sales of services in the District (an estimated \$300,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the Tax for an entire year), with the proceeds of the Tax (after paying the reasonable and necessary expenses of collecting and administering the Tax) to be dedicated and used for constructing and improving public school buildings and facilities therein and acquiring land, equipment and furnishings therefor?

The said special election shall be held at the polling places for the following precincts which polls will open at seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, to-wit:
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The estimated cost of this election as determined by the Secretary of State based upon the provisions of Chapter 8-A of Title 18 and actual costs of similar elections is \$17,000.
The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, as provided in this Notice of Special Election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, will make due returns thereof to said Governing Authority, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, the School Board Office Conference Room, 13909 Florida Blvd., Livingston, Louisiana, on THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2021, at FIVE O'CLOCK (5:00) P.M., and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election. All registered voters of the District are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used.
THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Livingston, Louisiana, on this, the 5th day of August, 2021.
ATTEST: /s/ David "Bo" Graham
President
/s/ Alan "Joe" Murphy
Secretary

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION
Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Springfield, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Town of Springfield, State of Louisiana (the "Town"), on August 10, 2021, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held within the Town on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2021, and that at the said election there will be submitted to all registered voters in the Town qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:
PROPOSITION
(SALES TAX REDEDICATION)
Shall the Town of Springfield, State of Louisiana (the "Town"), re-dedicate the one-half of one percent (1/2%) sales and use tax now being levied in perpetuity under the provisions of Article VI, Section 29 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana (the "Tax"), at an election held on September 18, 2024, upon the sale at retail, the use, the lease or rental, the consumption, and the storage for use or consumption of tangible personal property, and on sales of services within the Town (an estimated \$103,000 expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), such that in addition to acquiring, constructing, extending, improving, maintaining and operating sewerage collection, disposal and treatment facilities and other capital improvements for the Town with the proceeds of the Tax being subject to funding into bonds to pay for such capital improvements, such that the proceeds of the Tax can also be used by the Town for the payment of any lawful purposes and with the term capital improvements including acquiring, constructing, extending, improving, maintaining the Town's waterworks system?
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The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5, Chapter 6-A and Chapter 6-B of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, as provided in this Notice of Special Election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, will make due returns thereof to said Governing Authority, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, the Town Hall, 27378 Hwy. #2, Springfield, Louisiana, on WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2021, at SEVEN O'CLOCK (7:00) P.M., and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election. All registered voters of the Town are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used.
THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Springfield, Louisiana, on this, the 10th day of August, 2021.
ATTEST: /s/ Thomas Abels
Mayor
/s/ Marie Kreutzer
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