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#### **ELECTION RESULTS**

### BOSSIER CITY VOTERS APPROVE RETROACTIVE TERM LIMITS FOR MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

Bossier City voters returned to the polls on Saturday, May 3, to decide two propositions regarding retroactive term limits for the mayor and city council. Proposition No. 1 asked

the following: "Shall Section 3.01(b) of the City Charter for Bossier City be amended to read as follows: Members of the City Council shall be eligible for re-election. No person who has been elected or appointed to serve as at-large and/or district council member for three (3) terms shall be eligible to be appointed or elected to an additional term or portion thereof. For the purposes of this section, all terms, or portions thereof, to which a person has been elected or appointed pri-or to Jan. 1, 2024, will be counted toward the limitation provided for herein?" The measure was ap-

proved by a margin of 83% to 17%.

Proposition No. 2 asked: "Shall Section 4.01 of the City Charter for Bossier City be amended to read as follows:

(a) The mayor shall be elected according to the laws of the state and serve a term of four (4) years. The term of office shall begin on July 1 of the year in which he or she was elected.





Aaron Stevens speaks about his late wife, Lynn Nelson-Stevens, during Get Involved Day events hosted by Plant A Seed In Our Youth Foundation Inc. on Saturday, April 26.

## Plant A Seed Foundation Honors Lynn Nelson-Stevens During Annual Get Involved Day

#### **STACEY TINSLEY**

Bossier Press-Tribune

Hundreds of community members gathered in Bossier City on Saturday, April 26, for Get Involved Day, hosted by Plant A Seed in Our Youth Foundation Inc.—a day dedicated to youth empowerment, community service, and, this year, a poignant celebration of the life and legacy of Lynn Nelson-Stevens.

The annual event took on deeper meaning as it honored Nelson-Stevens, a trailblazer in nonprofit leadership, a passionate advocate for youth and disability rights, and a beloved mentor to many—including Albert Dyer, the foundation's executive director and event organizer.

"Lynn wasn't just involved—she was invested," Dyer said during his opening remarks. "She mentored me. She inspired countless others. And through every initiative, every conversation, she made people feel seen and valued. That's the legacy we're continuing today."

Among those in attendance was Aaron Stevens, Nelson-Stevens' husband, who offered moving reflec-

tions on her life and enduring impact.

"Lynn believed deeply in the community," he said. "Her life was about lifting others. And seeing so many people come together in her name ... it's a powerful reminder that her work continues."

Nelson-Stevens quickly became a cornerstone of our region after relocating nearly two decades ago. Her involvement spanned numerous civic and nonprofit organizations, including Norwela Boy Scout Troop 64, the SUSLA Roy Griggs School of Business Advisory Board, the Mayor's ADA Advisory Council, the Bossier Chamber of Commerce Youth Leadership Committee, The Renesting Project, Hope for the Homeless, Step Forward North LA, and the Rotary Club of Bossier City.

Professionally, her leadership was transformative. Her roles with Providence House, United Way of Northwest Louisiana, and Goodwill Industries of North Louisiana helped secure more than \$55 million in funding for critical services. She was instrumental

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POWER OUTAGE

BOSSIER PARISH HIT HARD BY UNPLANNED POWER OUTAGE, OFFICIALS DEMAND ANSWERS

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A widespread and unannounced power outage that plunged parts of Bossier and Caddo parishes into darkness late in the afternoon on Saturday April 26 drew sharp criticism from state officials during a tense news conference held Tuesday morning April 29 at Public Service Commissioner Foster Campbell's Shreveport office.

The emergency blackout left approximately 30,000 residents without electricity for hours, hitting Bossier Parish especially hard. Officials from both the Southwest Power Pool (SPP) and SWEPCO—the power provider for northwestern Louisiana—admitted misjudgments in power forecasting and transmission readiness, pointing to maintenance-related generation gaps and unexpectedly high demand.

"This was a failure. Full stop," said Commissioner Campbell, flanked by SPP President and CEO Lanny Nickell and SWEPCO President Brett Mattison. "People's businesses suffered. Families suffered. I'm not here to defend these guys— I'm here to make sure they clean up their mess and prevent the next one."

According to Mattison,

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# **KBB Yard of the Quarter Honors Local Businesses**



Lynn Bryan, executive director of Keep Bossier Beautiful, and board member Randy Brown presented the Keep Bossier Beautiful Yard of the Quarter Awards on April 9 and 10.

This quarter's beautification contest winners are:

First Place: Dairy Queen, East Texas Street, Bossier City (Award presented Wednesday, April 9, 2025)

Runner-up: Gibsland Bank & Trust (GBT), Villaggio, East Texas Street, Bossier City (Award presented Thursday, April 10, 2025) Keep Bossier Beautiful presents these awards quarterly to Bossier Parish businesses that excel in maintaining clean, attractive properties—making them valuable partners in keeping the parish a great place to live, work and play. A panel from the Northwest

Louisiana Master Gardeners serves as judges for the beautification awards.

Award sponsors and partners include Tubbs Hardware and Cajun Gifts, the Northwest Louisiana Master Gardeners and the Bossier Press-Tribune.

(Courtesy Photos)





#### Stacey Tinsley, Bossier Press-Tribune

Progressive Bank team members participate in United Way of Northwest Louisiana's (UWNWLA) Day of Caring, working on landscaping and updating spring freshness at the Northwest Louisiana Family Justice Center (1513 Doctors Drive, Bldg. 1, Bossier City) on Thursday, May 1. (SEE STORY ON PAGE 2)



Stacev Tinsley, Bossier Press-Tribur

Louisiana Downs President Kevin Preston speaks during a May 1 news conference held at Louisiana Downs in Bossier City.

### Louisiana Downs Launches 2025 Live Racing Season

#### **STAFF REPORT**

Louisiana Downs, the premier horse racing destination in the region since 1974, kicked off its 2025 thoroughbred racing season on Saturday May 3. Post time for the first race was 2:35 p.m.

Louisiana Downs Horse

Racing Ambassador Roxy is already traveling around the area with wallets that could contain up to a \$500 mystery wager. To find Roxy, look for daily clues on Louisiana Downs' social media pages to locate her mystery location and claim your wallet.

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Bossier Parish School Board Celebrates STEM Scholars, Reach University Graduates

#### STACEY TINSLEY

Bossier Press-Tribune

It was standing room only Thursday evening as the Bossier Parish School Board held its final meeting before the end of the academic year. The night was one of celebration and recognition, spotlighting exceptional students, academic milestones, and future-focused initiatives that reflect the parish's commitment to excellence in education.

Two standout seniors, Isabella Vincent of Benton High School and Hannah Frentress of Airline High School, were honored with \$1,000 STEM scholarships awarded by Calumet Specialty Products Partners. The ceremony, held at the

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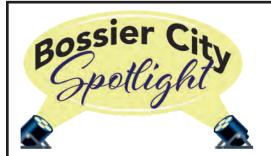
Local graduates of Reach University receive their diplomas during the Bossier Parish School Board meeting on Thursday, May 1, 2025.



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elcome back to the Spotlight. It is now graduation season and Mayor Tommy Chandler and the Spotlight says Congratulations to all of our local students that are graduating especially graduat-ing Seniors from High School. Mayor Chandler is a little partial and especially proud because his daughter Shelby will be graduating from Providence Academy. We congratulate our Srs. and encourage them to continue their educational journey and goals. It has been said that "Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today." Bossier Parish Schools will be graduating on May 17th at the Brookshires Arena, contact your schools for their times. On Thursday of last week Pastor Randy Harper and the Bellaire Baptist Church Family opened it's doors to our Community to recognize and celebrate the "National Day of Prayer." Pastor Harper said that we live in perilous times and our City, State and Nation needs to honor the Lordship of Jesus and we need to Pray. Members from throughout the community came together to read scriptures and offer prayer for our Community. Pastor Harper expressed his gratitude to all that attended. Also last week KSLA hosted a great Job Expo providing many employment opportunities for serious job seekers in our area, it was held at the Bossier City Civic Center. Many local companies took part in the job fair and some applicants were hired on the spot. We Thank KSLA for being such a great community partner. May is Motorcycle Awareness and Safety Month. Mayor Chandler encourages citizens to always practice motorcycle safety month... "Look Twice and Save a Life." Bossier City Police Dept. took part in a Regional Task Force Operation called "Operation Curveball." This was a very successful operation with the goal being of taking illegal guns and drugs off the street and the Task Force accomplished that. Shreveport Police Chief Wayne Smith called a Press Conference and displayed the numerous drugs and weapons that had been seized during the Operation. Chief Smith Thanked Bossier City Police Dept. for the role that they played, other Agencies involved were the State Police, Local DA's and the State DA's, FBI, ATF, Cad-do and Bossier Sheriff's Offices and other local agencies. David Raines Commu-

Bossier City Spotlight is a weekly article that gives updates and insights to the most current events at City Hall and in Bossier City.

nity Centers opened a clinic at Rusheon Middle school and it will be a great benefit to the school and community. Superintendent Rowland and David Raines CAO Willie White along with Staff were on hand for the opening. This center will provide much needed medical access to students that might not receive it otherwise. The clinics are new and State of the Art. Representative Mike Johnson recognized Leaders and Community Servants from throughout his District. Bossier Fire Chief Brad Zagone was recognized and honored for his 30 years of service to the Fire Dept. and to Bossier City... Congrats Chief Zagone. Local Law Enforcement showed up in a big way as they took part in the Annual Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics. This torch run begin in Bossier City and various members of local Depts. joined in to carry the torch along with a few Special Olympians to the ceremony which took place on the steps of the Caddo Parish Court House. Mayor Chandler and Mayor Arceneaux joined in a Proclamation to honor the occasion. The event w a s well attended and local sponsors were instrumental in making this event happen. Margaritaville was a Title Sponsor of this year's run. Wed. May 14th Bossier City and local Law Enforcement will have a ceremony at Bossier Police Headquarters Liberty Gardens to honor Fallen Law Enforcement. This is a solemn ceremony that shows respect and appreciation for those that lost their lives in the line of duty. Law Enforcement Agencies from throughout our area will attend to honor their fallen. The issue of Term Limits has made its way to the ballot and the Citizens of Bossier had their voices heard on which version of Term Limits will be law. The NBA Playoffs are now well into the second rounds and Basketball fans are excited. Good Luck to all of our local college teams

as they enter the playoffs for baseball. We want to remind everyone that the swimming pools and splash pads are open at Bossier City local recreation centers... if vou want to stav cool go take a dip in a pool. Have a nice week and we

Public Information Officer Bossier City

## **United Way Celebrates 40th Day of Caring With Hundreds of Volunteers Across Shreveport-Bossier**

#### **STACEY TINSLEY** Bossier Press-Tribune

United Way of Northwest Louisiana (UWNWLA) reached a significant milestone on Thursday, May 1, as it celebrated the 40th annual Day of Caring-the region's largest single-day, community-wide volun-teer event. The landmark occasion brought together approximately 350 volun-teers from local businesses and organizations, united in their mission to complete high-impact projects for area nonprofits.

Sponsored in part by Live! Casino & Hotel Louisiana, this year's event combined meaningful service with renewed energy. The day began with a lively, pep rally-style breakfast at the casino's ballroom, where attendees were welcomed with music by DJ Smiley, surprise raffle prizes, and a spirited group dance to "Boots on the Ground" by 803Fresh. The kickoff also aligned with United Way's national brand refresh, United is the Way, signaling a vibrant new era for the long-standing tradition.

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#### "Day of Caring reminds us that the heart of Northwest Louisiana is its people," said Kimberly Williams, UWNWLA interim director of community impact. "When we come together to serve, we're not just helping others-we're building a stronger, more connected community."

Following the breakfast program, volunteers fanned out to project sites across Shreveport and Bossier City, beginning their service work promptly at 10 a.m. Teams of five to 15 volunteers tackled tasks such as landscaping, painting, organizing donations, and facility improvements—projects many nonprofits could not afford without outside help.

Notable project locations included:

United Way's Essential Needs Kit Packing Project (805 Brook Hollow Drive, Shreveport)

Northwest Louisiana Family Justice Cen-ter (1513 Doctors Drive, Building 1, Bossier City)

Food Bank of Northwest Louisiana (277 Mt.

vided for herein?"

This measure passed by a margin of 84% to 16%. Unofficial voter turnout

for the May 3 election was 9.1%.

The outcome of the May 3 vote follows a previous election held March 29, during which non-retroactive term limits were approved by Bossier City voters. The new propositions approved Saturday will supersede those approved in March. As a result, current officeholders who have already served three terms in the same seat will not be eligible for re-election to

Headquartered in Indianapolis, Calumet operates 12 facilities across North America, including several in Louisiana, where it manufactures and markets specialty-branded products for industrial and consumer applications, including lubricating oils, solvents, waxes, packaged and synthetic specialty products, fuels, and fuel-related products. The company's recent efforts to invest in education mark a growing commitment to community development and workforce readiness. Thursday's school board meeting also featured a commencement celebration for local graduates of Reach University, a pioneering institution focused on addressing labor shortages through its Apprenticeship Degree model – an innovative, job-embedded path to higher education designed especially for working adults. Graduates were applauded for completing rigorous academic programs while continuing to serve in their communities, many of them as paraprofessionals and aspiring educators. The ceremony reflected the success of Reach's mission to build regional talent pipelines and expand access to affordable, Zion Road, Shreveport)

Thanks to overwhelming enthusiasm from the community, Day of Caring 2025 reached full capacity weeks ahead of time, with all volunteer spots and nonprofit project submissions quickly filled. The event's popularity is a testament to its impact and the commitment of local citizens to give back.

Throughout the day, participants and community members shared behindthe-scenes photos and stories on social media using the hashtag #DOC2025, showcasing the collective effort and pride that have become hallmarks of the event.

This 40th edition of Day of Caring not only honored a rich legacy of service but also reinforced its importance as a unifying force in Northwest Louisiana. As volunteers packed kits, painted classrooms, and stocked food pantries, they didn't just meet needsthey built lasting connections and demonstrated what's possible when a community rallies together.

that seat. The Bossier City Term Limits Coalition, which formed in 2022, has strongly advocated for stricter

term limits. Now that retroactive term limits have been approved, no person elected as mayor or to a seat on the Bossier City Council can serve more than three terms in office. The retroactive threeterm limit includes all terms served prior to Jan. 1, 2024.

The measures take effect immediately and are expected to significantly alter the political landscape in Bossier City.

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LOUIS JOHNSON

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the outage hit hardest in Bossier Parish because of "low voltage problems" specific to that region-an outcome of inadequate local generation and transmission limitations. SWEPCO followed emergency directives from SPP to shed 140 megawatts of load-roughly 30,000 customers—in an effort to prevent a larger, cascading grid failure.

"Had we not acted, we could have seen up to 300,000 people affected," Mattison explained, defending the last-resort "rolling load shed" action that rotated outages in areas where grid strain was greatest.

But Bossier residents and business owners are demanding answers-and restitution. Local restaurants and shops took to social media in the days following the outage with complaints of spoiled food, lost sales, and frustrated customers.

Campbell echoed their outrage: "Bossier Parish didn't cause this problem, but they paid the highest price. I believe those affected deserve compensation."

Nickell acknowledged that SPP's forecasting fell short. Long-term weather projections made months in advance had suggested cooler, rainier conditionsforecasts used by SWEPCO

to schedule plant maintenance. Instead, Saturday saw temperatures near 90°F. driving up air conditioning use and stressing an already limited power grid.

"It was hotter than expected, and we weren't ready," said Nickell. "I deeply regret the outage. It should not have happened, and we take full responsibility.'

SPP had also approved maintenance for critical generating units based on those mild forecasts. With multiple plants offline, and demand spiking, SPP determined that shedding load in northwest Louisiana was the only way to stabilize the grid-a "localized problem," Nickell emphasized, that wouldn't have been helped by cutting power elsewhere in the 14-state SPP territory.

The bigger question on many minds: What happens this summer?

With forecasts of 100+ degree heat and growing power demand-especially with major data centers like Meta's Ruston facility soon to come online-both officials warned of continued vulnerability.

"We're not making promises," Mattison said. "We're making prepara-tions. If we have 60 or more days over 100°, we'll be issuing conservation alerts."

Nickell added that generators offline now are expected back in service within weeks, and that new

generation projects are in development-though maior additions, including a natural gas plant planned by SWEPCO, won't come online until 2027.

Campbell, a longtime advocate for renewable energy, pointed to new developments like a 1,000-acre solar farm in north Caddo Parish but acknowledged that grid stability remains a challenge in the face of increasing demand and slow infrastructure growth.

Campbell called for a public explanation and demanded that SWEPCO and SPP appear at a May 19 Public Service Commission meeting in Lafayette. He made it clear that utility regulators would not hesitate to take punitive action if improvements aren't made.

"I don't work for SWEP-CO or SPP," Campbell said. "I grade their papers. And Saturday? That was an 'F.' If this happens again, we can-and will-fine the hell out of them."

Mattison encouraged customers to sign up for alerts and keep their contact information up to date. But residents like those in Bossier Parish want more notifications-they than want assurances that their lights will stay on when the heat bears down again.

"We can't fix this overnight," said Nickell. "But we're committed to doing better."

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On opening day, Louisiana Downs gave all Club 74 members a \$5 free bet. To claim the free bet, Club 74 members simply swiped their membership card at the racing promotion kiosks between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Opening day was filled with fun and excitement for the entire family. There was official Kentucky Der-

by merchandise available alongside the track's signature swag. Families were encouraged to join in the festivities, with entertainment for all ages. A free Kids Zone was set up on the trackside apron, featuring bounce houses and local food trucks from some of Shreveport-Bossier's favorite restaurants.

"Louisiana Downs is all about excitement. From our racetrack to our casino, we want our guests to have a great time," said Louisiana Downs President Kevin Preston. "The opening of our thoroughbred racing season, the Kentucky Derby, and everything the racetrack and casino have to offer brings us to a new level of fun for the entire family."

The Louisiana Downs thoroughbred racing season runs through Sept. 23, with races held primarily Monday through Wednesday, along with select Saturdays. Louisiana Cup Day will be held Aug. 30, and the biggest race of the year - the Super Derby - is scheduled for Sept. 6.

Bossier Instructional Center on Airline Drive, recognized the students' academic achievements and leadership in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

"Calumet is committed to supporting our schools and our students, especially when it comes to STEM education," said Mike Achacoso, Senior Vice President of Operations at Calumet. "These students have shown exceptional promise both in the classroom and in their communities, and we are proud to contribute to their futures.'

The scholarships are part of Calumet's new initiative to encourage local students to pursue STEM-related careers, viewed as crucial to the future of Louisiana's workforce. Alongside the Bossier Parish recipients, Calumet will recognize two seniors in neighboring Caddo Parish — Ārjun Desai of Caddo Parish Magnet High School and Shelby Owens of Captain Shreve High School — at an upcoming school board meeting later this month.

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in restoring 2-1-1 services in Northwest Louisiana, establishing shelters for domestic violence survivors, and launching reentry programs for formerly incarcerated individuals.

Despite living with FSH muscular dystrophy-a condition that eventually confined her to a wheelchair-Nelson-Stevens remained a powerful force for progress. She broke barriers in advocacy and accessibility, earning honors including the Governor's Gold Award for Disability Advocacy, KTAL's Remarkable Woman finalist, **AFP** Fundraising Executive of the Year, and North Webster Chamber of Commerce

#### Person of the Year.

"She changed lives because she believed people could change. And she lived every day with purpose," Aaron Števens shared.

The event brought together a broad network of community partners, including Bossier High School coaches, Goodwill, Volunteers for Youth Justice, Bossier Missionary Outreach, Word of Faith Christian Fellowship, Job Corps, Spud Eilson the Ice Cream Man, newly elected City Council member Debra Ross, and Bossier Parks & Recreation. Special thanks were extended to Sabrina Jackson for sponsoring the community meal.

As volunteers worked. shared stories, and poured into local youth, Plant A

resents the next frontier in how we train and empower our workforce," said a representative from the university. "These graduates have demonstrated that it's possible to earn a degree while working full-time and making a daily impact in our schools. They're proof that learning doesn't have to mean leaving your community — it can start right where you are."

Reach University currently works with more than 2,600 candidates across 400+ communities nationwide. Its model prioritizes job-embedded learning, regional collaboration, and replication of best practices through the newly launched National Center for the Apprenticeship Degree (NCAD), helping scale its success across the country.

As the school board meeting drew to a close, the atmosphere was one of hope, pride, and momentum. The evening underscored the school district's commitment to nurturing future leaders and strengthening the pipeline between education and workforce development.

Seed staff reminded everyone in attendance that the work of building stronger communities doesn't end in a day-it begins there.

"Today, we planted more than seeds," Dyer said. "We honored a woman whose roots still run deep in this community. And we recommitted ourselves to growing something even greater.'

In honoring Lynn Nelson-Stevens, the 2025 Get Involved Day wasn't just a day of service. It was a living tribute—proof that one life, lived boldly and selflessly, can inspire a movement that carries on for generations.

For more information on Plant A Seed in Our Youth Foundation or to get involved, visit https://www. pasyf.org/ or follow the organization on social media.

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#### OPINION

# **FLOOD CONTROL HINDERED BY LEVEE BOARDS**

Legislation is working its way through the Louisiana legislature that would strip levee districts of their autonomy. A Board members of several large levee boards are crying foul, and charge that flood protection will suffer and emergency responses will slow down. Louisiana has twenty-three levee boards that cover the state's waterways from the Arkansas border to the Gulf of Mexico. But here's the question. Why have any levee boards at all?

For well over the first 200 years of Louisiana's existence, all flood control efforts were constructed and initially paid for by the riverfront landowner, then by parishes adjoining the river, and then by funds raised by local levee boards. Federal involvement came about in 1917 with the passage of the Ransdell-Humphreys Flood Control Act, a flood control program designed to give pro-

tection up and down the Mississippi Valley. There was no requirement in this, and federal legislation that followed, that states seeking flood protection from levee boards. Few other states have levee boards or levee districts. Mississippi has two. A number of states



bordering the Mississippi River have none. Louisiana spends hundreds of millions of dollars a year on various other construction projects without the oversight of any appointed board. In this fiscal year, there is some \$124 million in public building construction projects taking place in Louisiana. The state budget for highway construction this year will top \$794 million. No Governor appointed board is in place to oversee any of this construction.

The simple fact is that having non-professionals appointed to boards that are given direct authority and control over basic protection to our public safety makes no sense in the 21st century. Professionals within the Louisiana State Department of Public Works and the U.S. Corps of Engineers would seem much better qualified to design the necessary flood protection plan, and oversee both the construction and maintenance of such important projects. If the Corps of Engineers, as was alleged following Hurricane Katrina, made some serious errors in design and construction of our levy protection system, then certainly they should be held accountable. But do we continue to allow untrained, average citizens with no professional background to make decisions that, as we have tragically seen, can lead to serious of consequences including the loss of human life?

#### **OPINION**

#### Sunday, May 11, is Mother's Day. This will be my fifth Mother's Day without my mom. Since her passing, the second Sunday in May has been a difficult one. No, it's not easy-but it's all in God's hands, and I know everything will be OK.

This year, Mother's Day will be even harder for our family, as we lost my mother-in-

law this past Saturday night. Over six weeks ago, she suffered a fall and broke her hip. Af-RANDY BROWN ter surgery,

she began

rehabilitation. While there was initial progress, her condition began to deteriorate. A dementia diagnosis from three years ago further complicated her recovery. As her health declined, my mind has been filled with memories of our time together.

As I've written before, although my wife and I didn't marry until April 2023, we've been together since I was 17 and she was 14. So I've known my mother-in-law since I was a

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teenager. Through the years, we were close in a special way. She often relied on me to help with her projects, like float decorating and maintenance during her many years as a float lieutenant for the Krewe of Gemini. The projects she got me involved in were most always a lot of workbut also a lot of fun.

Last Monday night, when we walked into her room at the rehabilitation center, she looked straight at me and, in a moment of complete clarity, called me by my full name. I've mentioned in past columns that when I hear my full name, it usually means I'm in trouble—because that's how my mom would call me when I was a kid. It was a brief but powerful moment, one I won't forget, as that was pretty much the last thing that she ever said to me.

I know there are many people like me who find themselves without a mother or mother-in-law to honor on Mother's Day. If your mother or mother-in-law is still here, I sincerely hope you get to spend time with her. For some, distance may make that hard, but in this digital age, we're fortunate

to have so many ways to stay connected.

If your mom is still with you, never miss an opportunity to talk with her or spend time together. And if, like me, your mother is no longer here, please know she is still with you—in spirit and in love. We must never forget the lessons our mothers taught us. These lessons endure, and as we pass them on to others, our mothers live on in meaningful ways.

From a young age, I was always so appreciative of how my mother was there for me. As an only childspoiled? Maybe, though I might not be the most objective judge—I had her full attention. My wife is also an only child, as is her father. Additionally, my father and her mother were also only children. So, we're wellversed in the "only child" experience. In our humble opinion, we're definitely not spoiled...LOL.

What I remember most about my mother is how present she was. She drove me to every band practice, music lesson, football, basketball and baseball practice. Without her, I wouldn't have been able to participate in any of those activities. My wife could say the same about her mother. Like so many moms, mine was thrilled when I finally learned to drive.

Mom also cared for me through various injuriesmost of which were the result of my own bad decisions. Thank you, Mom, for everything.

Lately, my wife and I have spent a lot of time talking about what I call the "four C's" we experience as our parents age: Concern, Care, Comfort and Compassion. Our parents did so much for us as we grew up—and even as adults. As the roles shift and they become more dependent on us, it becomes our duty to do for them what they once did for us. We can never truly repay them, but we can make sure they know how grateful we are for their sacrifices and for their love.

This Mother's Day, whether you are able to hug your mom or simply hold her in your heart, take a moment to reflect, to say "thank you," and to pass on the love she gave you.

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# The First 100 Days

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simultaneously attacked weapon." I do believe Trump will end the Russia-Ukraine war. I also believe he will do everything he can to extract valuable commodities from Ukraine to offset the \$350 billion (stupidly unsecured by the Biden Administration) America has given Ukraine. Perhaps most importantly, Trump is bringing to a head out-of-control federal judges. Who tells the Judicial Branchnothing more than a co-equal branch—that it has exceeded its authority? Constitutional law expert, Jonathan Turley, asserts that "federal judges have overextended themselves, they have intruded into areas of Article II, which is presidential authority ..." Trump has now forced the U.S. Supreme Court to address these rogue judges and, in particular, the nationwide injunctions blocking the president from exercising his core powers. With this dizzying number and pace of accomplishments, the nation waits with great hope and promise for the next 100 days. All patriotic Americans should continue to support and pray for President Trump-for his success and physical safety from additional assassination attempts—as he leads our nation and the world away from the brink of economic and military disaster.

Merely scaling down the present 23 levee boards to a handful doesn't really address the problem. Levee boards are outdated. They are a thing of the past.

The Dutch do not turn over the protection of their entire nation, a country that rests primarily below sea level, to a board of non-professionals. Neither do the Italians in their efforts to defend their city on the sea, Venice. We live in the richest, most powerful and technologically advanced nation on earth. Surely the Governor, the Legislature, and the federal government can get together and work out a better administrative system than what we now have in place. There's too much at stake.

Is electing levee boards the answer, as has been suggested by former U.S. Senator Mary Landrieu? That makes about as much sense as electing firemen and policemen.

The 23 levy boards that are scattered throughout Louisiana are, for the most part, made up of decent, hardworking people who hold a variety of jobs, and they all have one thing in common: they know nothing about building and maintaining levees.

In the levee district debate presently before the legislature, there is an opportunity to end the parochialism that pits one parish or district against another. Statewide oversight would allow decisions to be made that are for the good of the state as a whole instead of drawing lines that shouldn't exist.

Simply put, these times call for changes in the age-old system of political fiefdoms in the Bayou State. Take the politics out of levee engineering. That's the way it works all over the world. Why should Louisiana be any different?

#### Peace and Justice,

Jim Brown

Jim Brown Jim Brown's syndicated column appears each week in numerous newspapers throughout the nation and on websites worldwide. You can read all his past columns and see continuing updates at http://www. jimbrownusa.com.

"The Golden Age of America begins right now, during every single day of the Trump administration, I will very simply put America first ... And our top priority will be to create a nation that is proud, prosperous, and free." Trump Inaugural Address

I would be remiss not to observe the first 100 days of the second Trump Ad-

ROYAL ALEXANDER ministration. They have

been outstanding, one of the most consequential starts to a presidential term in our history. We may not fully recognize for years the fundamental restructuring that is occurring in our country, and the world.

While there is simply not space to list all the Trump 2.0 accomplishments, let me attempt to list the major ones. He has secured the border—there are virtually no illegals coming in; he has pushed back forcefully against China, with both rhetoric and onerous tariffs, and he has completely unleashed American domestic energy production.

Regarding illegals, Trump has not only dramatically curbed the flow on both our southern and northern borders, he is also fighting back hard against the drug trade (including enormous

human trafficking, and terrorists, as well. He declared a national emergency to stem the illegal invasion, directed military troops to the border, reinstated the highly effective Remain-in-Mexico policy, completely ended "catch-and-release," revved border wall construction back up, designated criminal drug cartels as "foreign terrorist organizations," and ended birthright citizenship. However, although a stunning amount of progress, illegal immigration, China and unleashing American energy barely scratch the surface.

Trump has also broadly imposed a tariff regime that will, finally, stop America from being taken advantage of by every other country that trades with us. He also engaged Elon Musk and his Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) to uncover more corruption and fraud than we could have ever imagined was occurring with American taxpayer dollars. All these actions taken together are driving down the inflation rate after four years of the highest inflation in 45 years, if not our nation's history. (See the price of eggs and the cost of a gallon of gasoline.)

Still further, President Trump has attacked the transgender delusion by blocking males from competing against women in sports. (See the state of Maine). He has

so-called Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) initiatives across the federal government and in any American institution that receives federal funds, by threatening to block those federal funds.

In addition, he is dismantling the Department of Education which has done less to teach-and more to indoctrinate-students than can be imagined. Those education funds will now be—in a fashion that is both targeted and smart-block-granted to the states who know far more about their specific education needs than the federal bureaucracy in D.C.

Trump has also directly attacked antisemitism on college campuses by, again, demanding that if college campuses don't reform their blatant bigotry and viewpoint discrimination, they won't receive federal funds. (See Harvard). Trump is also vastly improving the morale of our military men and women, see the dramatic increase in military enlistments and individuals wanting to serve in border enforcement. He has returned our military to its one core and critical mission: lethality.

Globally, Trump has our enemies back on their heels. China has halted for now its imperialist designs and Iran is back at the negotiating table, well aware of Trump's demand that Iran will "never possess a nuclear

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# **BEAUFORT SCALE DAY IS CELEBRATED ON MAY 7TH**

As I write this week's article, the wind gusts outside and clouds gather, threatening an impending storm which gives me the perfect ambiance for writing about Beaufort Scale Day, which is celebrated on May 7th.

The Beaufort Wind Force Scale is "an empirical measure that relates wind speed to observed conditions at sea or on land", according to the Royal Meteorological Society's website (link below). It was designed by Sir Francis Beaufort, an Irish hydrographer and Rear Admiral in the British Royal Navy, in an effort to establish a simple but consistent method for estimating wind speeds and the effect that would have on both sea and land conditions. The scale starts with zero (0) and climbs up to a force of 12.

If conditions are at level 0, wind speeds are between 0-1 mile per hour (mph) or 0-1 knots and the sea is mirror-like and on land smoke would rise vertically into the sky. As the scale increases, so too do the wind speeds and the sea becomes rougher. A level 6 is a strong breeze, indicating wind levels around 25-31 mph or 22-27 knots, large waves are beginning to form and foam crests are everywhere and on land large tree branches are moving and it's difficult to use umbrellas; this level seems to fit the weather conditions I see outside at the moment, with a chance of moving up to a level

7 or higher later today. Thankfully, I don't believe our weather conditions will reach a level 12, which would be a hurricane. Wind levels range between 72-83 mph, knots 64-71, or higher and at sea the air is filled with foam and spray and the sea itself is completely white. From this level we are directed to the Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Scale.

Beaufort finished defining his scale in 1805, and by 1830 his scale was officially adopted by the Royal Navy. In 2006 Beaufort Scale Day was established. In celebration, look up the complete Beaufort Scale and then see if you can accurately estimate the level and wind speeds; you can even double check your prediction with whichever weather app you have on your phone or by checking out the weather channel. Have fun, and may we all enjoy a nice level 2-3 (light or gentle breeze).

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# **"PHOTOBOMBING" IN EUROPE:** The John D. Collins Jr. Collection

Did you know...tomorrow (May 8, 2025) is the 80th anniversary of World War II's Victory in Europe (VE) Day?! Memorial Day approaches on May 26th. This is the perfect month to highlight an exceptional collection in the History Center's archives, the photographs from the World War II-era scrapbooks of Colonel John Duty Collins Jr. The photographs preserved in this collection are special because they contain images of subjects that range from delightfully quotidian to emotionally charged.

John Duty Collins Jr. flew combat missions in Europe during World War II as a B-17 pilot and Operations Officer of the 305th Bomb Group, 8th Air Force of the Army Air Corps. He was stationed at the heavy bomber airfield near Chelveston, England, for 2 1/2 years (April, 1942-Oct, 1945). During his time in Chelveston, he accumulated photographs which chronicled the daily life of the airmen, including time spent in the briefing room, preparing for and returning from missions.

Mixed among Collins' humorous photos that show the soldiers in high jinks and high spirits, such as the crew known as "the Cocktail Kids" grinning in front of their plane, the "Dry Martini," which was named for its pilot Allen V. Martini, are somber reminders of the cost of war. The photos of burial services in 1944 at a newly-opened American battlefield cemetery, the American Military Cemetery in Margraten, Holland (now known as the Netherlands American Cemetery) are hauntingly beautiful. American flagdraped coffins are visible along with row upon row of white wooden crosses or stars of David, with lines of soldiers paying their respects.

On V-E day, May 8, 1945, when Germany unconditionally surrendered to the Allies, John Duty Collins took a photographer with him to fly over European cities and capture on film the way they looked on that day in history. The group's B-17's were known as low-time bombers, able to perform low-altitude operations, and the aerial yet close-up views of parades and processions in European town squares make that capability astonishingly apparent.

The 305th Bombardment Group stayed at Chelveston until July 1945, when it relocated to Army Air Field A-92, St. Trond, Belgium,



Photo of funeral services for American military personnel in the American Military Cemetery, Margraten Holland. C. 1944. Photo from the John Duty Collins Collection at the Bossier Parish Libraries History Center



American military standing at attention. Photo is believed to have been taken just after VE-Day in France in 1945. Photo from the John Duty Collins Collection at the Bossier Parish Libraries History Center

as a part of the "Casey Jones Project," the name given to the US Army Air Corps' "post-hostilities" aerial mapping project for Iceland, Europe, and North Africa from June 1945 to December 1946. The 305th (also known as the "Can-Do") Bomb Group was specially chosen to be part of this mission, along with the 306th Bomb Group, because of its reputation for grit and innovation. In 1943 and 1944, it had earned Distinguished Unit Citations in Paris and Halberstadt. Under Colonel Curtis LeMay the 305th Bomb Group had introduced flying formations and bombing procedures that became standard operating procedures for the Eighth Air Force. The 305th also had more B-17s, with their proven low-altitude capabilities, assigned to them than any other bomb group.

The 305th stayed in St. Trond until December 1945, when it moved to Lechfeld, Germany, its last move until it was inactivated in December 1946. The photos John Duty Collins had taken or collected during this time, both from the air as part of the mapping project and on the ground documenting the group's post-war life in Europe, add to the remarkable collection. The photos highlight both the architectural treasures of Europe that steadfastly remained, as well as the tremendous losses in the heaps of rubble that comprised formerly grand cities.

John Duty Collins, Jr. served 33 years as a career officer in the Air Force, retiring in 1973 after service in the Pentagon. He passed away in Arlington,



PAM CARLISLE

VA in 2003.

If you are interested in World War topics, please attend one of our monthly World War Tuesdays coffee and conversation programs at the Bossier Central Library Complex every second Tuesday of the month at 10:30 AM. The program on Tuesday, May 13th will feature slides of photos from the Col. John Duty Collins, Jr. Collection and more information about the history of the 305th Bomb Group of the 8th Air Force and its birds eye view of VE Day and its aftermath.

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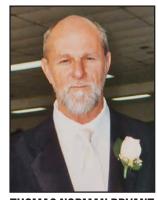
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Two unidentified soldiers smiling while boating for recreation. They are likely from the 305th Bomb Group, 8th Air Force of the Army Air Corps, which was stationed at the heavy bomber airfield near Chelveston, England during WWII. Photo from the John Duty Collins Collection at the Bossier Parish Libraries History Center



#### OBITUARY



THOMAS NORMAN BRYANT

Services for Thomas "Tommy" Norman Bryant, 73, will be held on Monday, May 5, 2025, at noon at Rose-Neath Funeral Home, 2201 Airline Dr., Bossier City, Louisiana. A visitation will be held from 11:00 a.m. until the time of service. Officiating the service will be Gene Perriraz.

Tommy was born on October 29, 1951, to Sydney and Ruth Bryant in McComb, Mississippi, and passed away on Sunday, April 27, 2025, in Bossier City, Louisiana. Tommy was someone you couldn't help but like-a genuinely nice guy with a big heart who left an impression on everyone he met.

After graduating from high school, he spent over 15 years working as a mechanic at Louisiana Machinery, where he put his skills to good use and earned the respect of his coworkers.

Tommy loved being out-doors-it was where he felt most at home. Whether he was hiking, riding 4-wheelers, kayaking, or just spending time with his family,

those were the moments that brought him the most joy.

He had a passion for anything with wheels, especially hot rods, motorcycles, and classic cars. And if you knew him well, you knew he also had a thing for dragons and eagles, which just seemed to fit his personality-a little bit bold, a little bit free-spirited. Tommy also had a favorite

spot to enjoy a good meal-Sue's Country Kitchen, a place that brought him comfort and familiarity. At his core, Tommy was

about connection. He had a knack for making people laugh and always knew how to bring a smile to your face. More than anything, he loved his family and cherished the time he spent with them.

Tommy will be remembered as a hardworking man who loved life, loved his family, and brought kindness and laughter wherever he went. Tommy was preceded in

death by his parents, Sydney and Ruth Bryant. He is survived by his children, Thomas Wayne, Kimberly

West, William Bryant, and Michelle Pippenger; grand-children, Tymonee Lucio, Ariel Parker and husband, Dylan, Shea Rogers, Levi Frederick, Sydney Bryant, Matthew Frederick, Tim-othy Frederick, and Silas Mace; great-grandchildren, Bentley LeBlanc, Hassan Musallam, Weston Rogers, and Oaklynn Parker; sisters, Teresa and husband, Gary Perriraz, and Gloria (Peanut) and David Moak, along with numerous nieces and nephews.

#### GARDENING PLANTS TO **DURING THE HEAT OF SUM** USE

#### JOE W. WHITE. PH.D. Extension Horticulturist, (ret) LSU AgCenter May 2025

The kind of weather we've had so far this year has caused several gardeners to delay their planting of some of the plants suited to hot weather although now it appears that there may be somewhat of a return to more normal conditions. However, it's probable that many gardeners went ahead and planted some of their warm season vegetables and flowers anyway and likely some were successful. While that's well and good, do understand that warm season plants get a faster start and begin to thrive sooner when planted in a warm soil accompanied by warm nights and relatively hot days.

So now we're in the month of May and condi-

tions for warm season plants have finally arrived. But already it may be a bit late to put out transplants of tomatoes and bell peppers as there is a risk they will not fruit well if temperatures soar before they are old enough to flower. Probably most gardeners will go ahead and plant these two favorites anyway and likely will be able to enjoy some fruits from each before they stop setting fruit.

that Vegetables are well-adapted to hot temperatures should be what you are planting now if you have not already taken care of this process. Crops to consider include eggplants, hot peppers, okra, Southern peas, sweet potatoes, watermelons, squash, cantaloupes and sweet corn. Heat-tolerant cultivars of tomatoes will probably work, but the main crop tomatoes will usually be a disappointment. A few crops like Southern

peas and sweet corn should be planted at two-week intervals into late July and early August to give a succession of harvests and prevent a glut of produce all at one time. Unfortunately, late corn is often the target of corn ear worms.

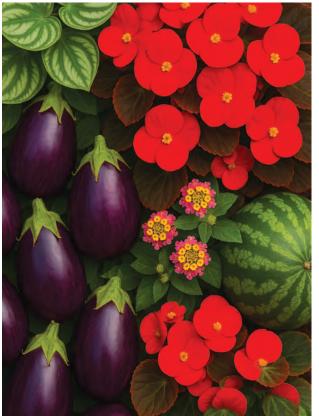
So, what flowers should you be planting now? There are several warm season annuals that would be good choices and among them are a few cultivars that are Louisiana Super Plants. Consideration should be given to angelonias, pentas, begonias, cleomes, alternantheras, lantanas, wishbone flowers, coleus and verbenas. All should do well. One flower that I didn't mention is the lisianthus. While not popular, it has especially high heat tolerance along with other desirable qualities. Plant breeders have added other colors to the native light blue flower. Now, it's available in pink, pur-

ple, white, violet-to-blue and yellow. Other improvements include double blossoms on some cultivars that look like a rose and other cultivars that resemble a poppy at maturity. The foliage is usually a gray to gray-green in color. Stem height typically ranges from a foot and a half to two feet, but dwarf forms do exist. While it thrives in hot, dry conditions, it can handle a lot of rain with little or no damage.

Another feature that many will like is that it is long lasting as a cut flower.



JOE W. WHITE, Ph.D.



# Optimists Honor Rising Stars Schools Public Relations Liaison



### **Bossier Council on Aging** in **Celebration of**



May 16, 2025 9:00am to 12:00pm 706 Bearkat Dr. Bossier City, LA 71111

### **Fish Fry & Health Fair**

Must pre-purchase tickets & have ticket for plate pick-up To go's between 10:00-11:30 Site served @ 11:30

Special thanks to our chefs for this event Bossier City Marshall Jim Whitman and Vicky Whitman

Some of them had rocky starts in middle and high school, but despite how they started, that is not how 30 Bossier Parish students ended the year and why they were recognized recently as Optimist Rising Stars.

Two students from every Bossier Parish middle and high school were celebrated at an awards ceremony for making positive life choices and turning around their grades, behavior and attendance.

Retired Student Services Director Bettye McCauley explained it was in 2001 that Optimist Club member Cecil Strickland suggested the creation of an awards program that recognized students who showed great improvement. The **Opti**mists have honored Rising Stars every year since.

"It's to inspire students to go higher and higher," Mc-Cauley told the audience.

This year's class of Rising Stars from Bossier Parish middle schools are: Issabella Jones and Victor Blas, Benton Middle; Gabriel Lopez and Aubre "Jade" Wileman, Cope; Ayden Truelove and McKenzie O'Nishea, Elm Grove; Mawada Naser and Juan Moreno, Greenacres; Aiden Pevy and Ivyanna Taylor, Haughton; Xavier Wells-Braggs and Kamiia Ford, Plain Dealing; Jason Wallace and Demareya Bates, Rusheon; and Troy Bryant and Aaliyah Clark, Butler Educational Complex.

High School honorees are: Ja'kayla Smart and Kyrin Marshall, Airline; Alexander Hodges and Ar'Miracle Mathews, Benton; Tay'Eiona Jackson and Jaylen Bass, Bossier; Gabriel Broadway and Alexis Morrison, Haughton; Trinity Williams and Damian Ernest, Parkway; Trinton Thompson and Nicole Adoremos, Plain Dealing; and Jakayla Douglas and Micah Walker, Butler Educational Complex.

It was a moment of pride for the Rising Stars as their assistant principals spoke about the strides they had made and read aloud the nominations submitted by administrators and teachers. The students clearly basked in the positive praise.

The words of affirmation were inspirational. One presenter explained how a student "knew if he wanted to play football he needed to be on his best behavior, both on and off the field." He added, "His discipline, mindset, maturity and thoughtful decision making have truly stood out this year.'

Another said, "She figured out on her own she needed to go down a different path. She joined the powerlifting team this year and has become much more outgoing on campus."

Benton Middle School Principal Fran Sprankle added, "It's not about where you start, but the steps you take along the way," citing how one of her honorees has become more intentional about academics and meeting challenges head on.

And yet another testimonial given was, "When she saw something that was wrong or thought something wasn't fair or didn't agree with how you handled something - young or old - she'd blow up. Now, she doesn't sweat the small stuff and when she does disagree, she's not disagreeable." And one student self-professed that she was "a little messy' her sixth grade year. It was her desire to be on the track team that led to her turnaround.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, Bossier Schools Assistant Superintendent Andrea Spinney praised the Rising Stars for the personal growth they had shown and offered some advice.

"We strive to win the day, but not everyday is going to be a win; but when it's not a win, it's a lesson, not a loss."

Congratulations and best wishes to these Rising Stars on their continued track for success. Bossier Schools would also like to extend a special thanks to the Bossier Optimist Club for recognizing them and for consistently living up to the organization's motto "Friend of Youth."

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#### HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL



The Benton Tigers celebrate a home run by Griffin Sibley during a 4-3 victory over Sulphur in Game 2 of their quarterfinal series.

# **Benton advances to semifinals**

#### **By Russell Hedges** rhedges@bossierpress.com

With their season on the line, the No. 5 seed Benton Tigers won a pair of nailbiters against No. 20 Sulphur last Saturday at Benton to advance to the non-select Division I semifinals for the second straight year.

Benton won the first game 4-3 and the second 1-0, taking the best-of-3 series two games to one.

Benton (35-4) will visit No. 1 seed Live Oak (30-6) for a best-of-3 semifinal series next week. The Ea-gles defeated No. 8 Northshore two games to one in the quarterfinals, winning Game 3 3-2 Saturday.

Last year, Benton fell to No. 1 seed Barbe 4-1 in the semifinals at the state tour nament in Sulphur. With the semifinals and finals being best-of-3 series for the first time this year, only the championship series will be played at the state

the playoffs 16-18 and upset two higher seeded teams, closed its season

21-19. Benton got outstanding pitching performances in both games.

Webb came Tanner close to pitching a perfect game in the finale. He took a no-hitter into the seventh. The Tors got a single with one out, but the Tigers sealed the deal with a double play.

An error with two outs in the top of the fourth resulted in a Sulphur batter reaching base.

Webb faced 21 batters. He struck out five. He threw only 67 pitches, 52 of which were strikes.

Sulphur also got a strong performance from Carter Wilson. He allowed four hits, struck out five and walked two.

The Tigers scored the game's only run in the bottom of the first.

Case Jorden drew a walk and advanced to third on two wild pitches. He Sulphur, which entered scored on a sacrifice fly by

Hayden Millen.

Jordan, Millen, Cole Snell and Kade Bryant had Benton's hit, all singles.

In the opener, Griffin Sibley went 3-for-4 with a home run double and three RBI. Colton Birdsong went 2-for-4 with a triple and double. Jorden also went 2-for-4.

Jackson Jones had an RBI-double. Millen, Snell and Turnipseed also had singles. The Tigers outhit the

Tors 11-3 but had trouble turning the hits into runs after a four-run first inning.

However, the four runs proved to be enough behind the pitching of Bryant and Jax Prewitt.

Bryant started and went three innings. He allowed two hits and two runs with two strikeouts and two walks. Prewitt pitched the final four innings. He allowed one hit, struck out three and walked one.

Bryant got out of a jam

**HIGH SCHOOL TRACK AND FIELD** 

# Large group of parish athletes bound for state meet

#### **By Russell Hedges** rhedges@bossierpress.com

A large contingent of parish athletes are heading to LSU for the LHSAA Outdoor Track and Field State Meet.

The Class 1A meet is Thursday and the Class 4A and 5A meets are Saturday.

Athletes qualified for the state meet by finishing in the top three in individual events and relays in regional meets last week. Fourth-place finishers serve as alternates.

#### **Region I-5A**

Parish athletes qualified in 13 boys and six girls events at Northwestern State.

They took regional titles in seven boys events and one girls.

Parkway finished runner-up in the boys division with 64 points. Ruston won with 84. Airline was fifth with 42 and Haughton sixth with 36.

Airline and Benton finished seventh and eighth, respectively, in the girls division with 30 and 27 points. Barbe won with 110.

The meet was held in

Haughton's John Brown and Parkway's Brennan Robin were double winners in the boys division.

Brown and Airline's Lathan Woodland finished 1-2 in the 400. Brown's time was 47.60 seconds. Woodland's was 47.99.

Brown ran a 21.09 in

hurdles in 14.47. Daux also finished second in the

300 hurdles in 44.09. Airline's Jaycie Wallace finished second in the girls 100 in 11.94 and 200 in 24.50. Ouachita Par-ish's Gabriella Glover won both events, taking the 100 in 11.70 and 200 in 24.11.

Haughton's Joseph Encinas was second in the boys 300 hurdles in 39.93. Stewart won in 39.71.

Parkway's Lauren Taylor finished second in the girls 1,600 in 5:34.71. Ruston's Sydney Owens won in 5:32.93.

Airline's Shelby Ledet was second in the girls was second in the girls high jump with a leap of 5-2. Barbe's Taylor Ben-nett won with a 5-4. Parkway finished sec-ond in the boys 4X800 relay in 8:18.68. Ruston

won in 8:12.44. Airline qualified with a third-place finish in the boys 4X100 relay in 47.82.

Benton's Malachi Zeigler took third in the boys javelin with a throw of 183-5.

Benton's Claire Al-len finished fourth in the girls 1,600 and 3,200. She came very close to qualifying in the 3,200 with a 12:06.05. Byrd's Emmy Banker was third in 12:06.02.

Parkway's Zaniyah Carter finished fourth in the girls discus.

#### **Region I-4A**

Bossier's Kaylyn Godfrey won the 100 and Zamarion Carter qualified for the 4A state meet in three events at Tioga High School.

Godfrey ran a 13.82, defeating runner-up Taylor Clark by .05 seconds. Carter finished second in the 100 hurdles and third in the 300 hurdles and triple jump. She ran a 17.33 in the 100 hurdles and a 47.32 in the 300. Iowa's Karalee Cormier won the 100 in 17.30. West Ouachita's Macy Hattaway took the 300 in 45.30. Carter went 34 feet, 1 inch in the triple jump. Tioga's Shawniya Dishmon won with a 38-0.5. Bossier also qualified with a third-place finish in the 4X100 relay in 49.97. Woodlawn won in 49.24. Quinton Hodge qualified with a third-place finish in the boys 800 in 2:02.90. Leesviille's Keeton Johnson won in 1:54.90.

duced a groundout to end Prewitt entered the game at the start of the fourth. The Tors scored a run on an error, a single by Brodie DePriest and a sacrifice fly by Jay Michael

Stelly. Prewitt ended the half-inning with a strikeout, but the run cut what had been a 4-0 Benton lead to 4-3.

home team, loaded the

bases with two outs thanks

to a walk and two hit-by-

pitches. But Bryant in-

the threat.

Prewitt then proceeded to sit down the next nine batters in order.

Jorden led off Benton's four-run first with a single. Snell singled with one out. Jones brought Jorden home with his double.

Sibley then smacked three-run home run. The Tigers had plenty of chances to put more on the board. Sulphur pitcher Slade Shove-Knox got some clutch outs.

But in the end the Ti-

tournament.

ROBERT SUMMERI IN/PRESS-TRIBUNE Benton's Tanner Webb pitched a one-hitter in the Tigers' 1-0 victory over Sulphur in Game 3 of their quarterfinal playoff series.

in the bottom of the third. gers did enough, which Sulphur, the designated turned out to be plenty.

pitcher Dixie Williams, sophomore infielder Clara

Shaffer, sophomore utility

Charlee Prothro and utility

selections were junior

catcher Madison Menard and senior infielder Dakota

Benton's second-team selections were junior

catcher Lainey Lafitte,

sophomore infielder Emma Holmes and sophomore

utility Maggie Landman. Airline's were senior pitcher Aleena Duran, ju-nior infielder Taneciya

Thomas, sophomore out-

fielder Maddy Shortridge and sophomore utility

infielder Kylie Small, se-

nior outfielder Carsyn Kiz-

zia and sophomore utility

McCall, senior outfielder

Mikayla West and junior

utility Macee Thompson.

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Parkway's



ROBERT SUMMERLIN/PRESS-TRIBUNE Benton's Griffin Sibley reacts after hitting a home run in Game 2 of the Tigers' quarterfinal playoff series last week at Benton.

#### **HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL**

# **Benton freshman Moniz** named District 1-5A MVP

#### **By Russell Hedges** rhedges@bossierpress.com

Champion Benton took three of the four individual awards on the All-District 1-5A team selected by the district's coaches.

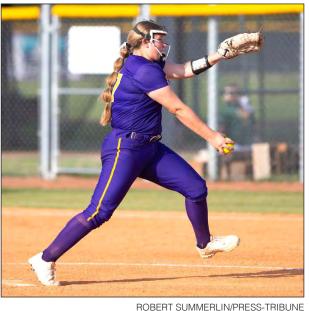
Freshman pitcher Bayleigh Moniz was named MVP. Senior outfielder Dylan Defee was named Offensive MVP. Kelsey Baker was named Coach of the Year.

Haughton sophomore catcher Brianna Benecke was named Defensive Player of the Year.

Moniz and Defee helped Benton go 8-0 in district play. The Lady Tigers went 27-6 and reached the quarterfinals of the non-select Division I playoffs.

Other Lady Tigers making the first-team were junior infielder Olivia Livers, senior infielder Ashlev Promes and senior outfielder Emersyn Disotell.

District runner-up



Benton freshman Bayleigh Moniz has been named the MVP on the All-District 1-5A team

Airline placed six players on the first team – junior pitcher Taylor Smith, senior catcher Ryan Hutchinson, senior infielder Lindsav Marcinkus, senior outfielder Kemora Guidry, senior utility Emily Rachal and junior utility Haley Whiteside.

Haughton's other firstteam selections were senior the 200.

Robin and teammate Ben Ruliffson finished 1-2 in the 1,600 and 3,200. Robin ran a 4:23.60 in the 1,600 and Ruliffson ran a 4:28.00.

Robin ran a 9:21.44 in the 3,200. Ruliffson ran a 9:42.19.

Airline's Jayden Williams took the 800 in 1:51.7

Airline's Zion Smith easily won the 110 hurdles in 13.84.

Benton's Miller Malley, the reigning Division I indoor and Class 5A outdoor state champion, won the pole vault with a vault of 14 feet. Malley recently signed with ULM.

Parkway's Devon Oliver won the shot put with a throw of 55 feet, 9.25 inches. Alexandria's Joseph Carter Rivet was second with a 51-8.

Oliver also qualified in the discus with a thirdplace throw of 165-3. Rivet won with a 173-10.

Benton's Kyla Daux was the only winner from a parish school in the girls division. She took the 100

#### **Region I-1A**

Plain Dealing's Brianna Newton swept the shot put and discus at Lakeside.

Newton threw 41 feet, 3.75 inches in the shot put and 108-4 in the discus.

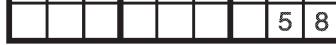


ROBERT SUMMERLIN/PRESS-TRIBUNE Parkway's Brennan Robin won the 1,600 and 3,200 in the Region I-5A meet last week at Northwestern State.

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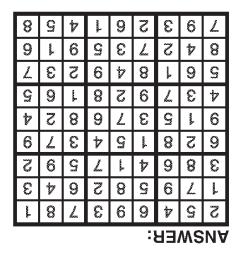




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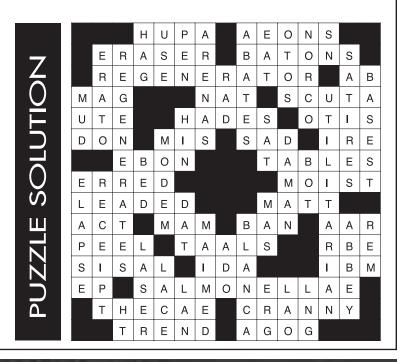
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# **First Bossier's Celebrate Recovery Program Transforms Lives Through Faith**

**STACEY TINSLEY Bossier Press-Tribune** 

Every Monday night at First Baptist Church in Bossier City, something powerful happens. Behind the walls of worship halls and classrooms, stories of brokenness begin to turn into testimonies of hope. Through Celebrate Re-covery, a Christ-centered, biblically based recovery program, lives are being restored—one heart at a time.

Rooted in the teachings of Jesus—specifically the Beatitudes from the Sermon on the Mount-Celebrate Recovery is not just a 12-step program. It's a spiritual journey that acknowledges human brokenness and the healing power of God's grace. Each step is tied to a biblical truth, such as "Blessed are the poor in spirit" (Matthew 5:3) and "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted" (Matthew 5:4).

"We're here to share the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ with everyone who walks through our doors," said Donna Johnson, receptionist and parishioner at First Bossier. "Our goal is for every person to receive healing,

joy and peace from the hurts, habits and hang-ups that keep us stuck in cycles of pain.'

Celebrate Recovery at First Bossier is more than a ministry-it's a family.

From the moment participants arrive at 5:30 p.m., they are welcomed with a name badge and a warm meal. After dinner, a largegroup gathering begins. The service includes heartfelt testimonies, recovery lessons and opportunities for prayer and spiritual guidance.

And if someone is ready to make the most important decision of their life-Christ-they accepting are invited to do so on the spot. Those seeking baptism don't have to wait; the church is prepared with warm water, scrubs and towels to celebrate new life in Christ immediately.

"Everyone is loved and accepted here," Johnson said. "We're like one big family you never knew existed. We pray together, walk beside one another and celebrate victories big and small."

While many know Celebrate Recovery as a program for overcoming



addiction, First Bossier's group supports people facing a wide range of struggles: codependency, grief, anxiety, pornography, trauma and more. As Johnson puts it, "If you're breathing, there's a place for you here."

Small groups, divided by gender and issue, provide a safe and confidential space to share, process and grow. Leaders-many of whom are graduates of the program-guide participants through honest conversations and deep healing. Step studies on Wednesday nights offer a deeper dive into the recovery process in a tight-knit, consistent group.

The fruit of Celebrate Recovery is best seen in its people. Johnson is one of them. Twelve years ago, she was deep in addiction, broken and alone. She had lost custody of her children, her parents had passed away, and she was consumed with shame.

But then came recov-

ery-and Jesus. 'I am not the same girl who walked into Celebrate Recovery 12 years ago," she said. "Today, I love the Lord, I hold my head high and I walk in freedom.

Christ has healed relationships with my children and given me strength I never thought I had."

The ministry is filled with stories like hers:

• Jennie, once incarcerated, is now a hospital counselor, married and raising two children with her husband, Dwayne-also a Celebrate Recovery graduate.

• D'Anna rose from homelessness and jail to stability, employment and a promising future in the music industry.

· Sabrina, initially unable to join due to drug use, stayed connected through weekly testing and eventually became a leader in the church's children's ministry. She's now an assistant manager and newly married.

• Joseph, once bound by addiction and anger, stood strong in faith as he walked through the loss of his father-now celebrating marriage and fatherhood while building a successful

Celebrate Recovery fits perfectly into First Bossier's mission to reach hurting people with the healing love of Jesus Christ. It's a place where faith meets action, and where the broken

find belonging. "This program is for ev-eryone," Johnson empha-sized. "Churches need to be a place where people can bring their real struggles. Celebrate Recovery gives them the steps, the community and the Savior to find real freedom."

Celebrate Recovery at First Bossier runs on volunteer support. From cooking meals to helping with child care to leading small groups, there are countless ways to serve. And for those nervous about attending for the first time?

"Just try it," Johnson said with a smile. "You can sit with me."

For more information, contact First Bossier or attend a Celebrate Recovery meeting at the church on Monday nights beginning at 5:30 p.m. Child care is available, and everyone is welcome-because everyone is in recovery from something, and healing begins with Jesus.

**Dollar General Market Now Open in Benton** 

#### **STACEY TINSLEY Bossier Press-Tribune**

Dollar General has officially opened its new DG Market location at 6404 Highway 3 in Benton, offering residents expanded access to fresh groceries and everyday essentials. The new DG Market

format features a broader selection of fresh meats, fruits, and vegetables, in addition to the trusted brands and products customers expect from Dollar General. To celebrate the opening, the company held a grand opening event on Saturday, May 3, at 8 a.m. The first 50 adult customers received a complimentary \$10 Dollar General gift card, and the first 100 customers received DG tote bags. We are excited to provide Benton residents with our new DG Market format and look forward to welcoming customers to our new location," said Matthew Simonsen, Dollar General's senior vice president of real estate and store development. "At Dollar General, we believe the addition of our new Benton store provides positive economic growth for the community through the creation of new jobs and



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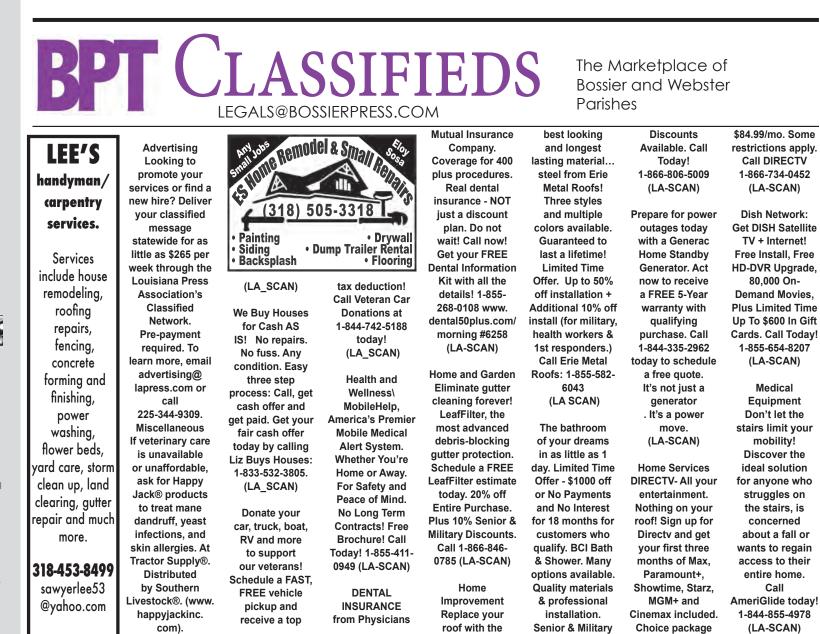
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#### CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF SERVICE IN BOSSIER PARISH

As we celebrate our 50th anniversary of serving seniors in our community, we reflect on the incredible journey of supporting older adults through changing seasons—both literal and figurative. From hot summers to unexpected cold snaps, the Bossier Council on Aging remains committed to keeping our seniors active, connected, and prepared for whatever comes their way.

**LEGISLATION UPDATE – HB 126** In Baton Rouge, the legislative session is underway! One key bill—HB 126 would increase annual funding for each Parish Council on Aging from \$100,000 to \$150,000. This additional funding could help us expand transportation, provide more home-delivered meals, offer more activities and health programming, and better support isolated seniors. Please contact your legislators and show your support for HB 126—it truly makes a difference!

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Pursuant to LA R.S. § 33:4761 et seq., the Bossier City Council has scheduled a public hearing to be held at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 3, 2025, in the Bossier City Council Chambers, which is located in the Bossier City Municipal Complex at 620 Benton Road in Bossier City, Louisiana, to consider approval of the condemnation and demolition of the following residential property: 1401 Burchett Street, Bossier City, LA 71112 Anyone who believes that he or she is the owner of the aforementioned dilapidated property is urged to attend the Bossier City Council meeting with proof of ownership.		Notice is hereby given that the Purchasing Department of the City of Bossier City, Mu- nicipal Complex, 620 Benton Road, Bossier City, Louisiana, will receive sealed bids until 2:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 20, 2025, for P25-04 Riverview Lift Station Generator Bids will then be publicly opened and read aloud in the Council Chambers at 3:00 p.m. In accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid RS:38:2212 Act No. 590-2008, Contrac- tors shall be provided the option to submit bids for Public Works projects through either a secure electronic interactive system or by submitting a paper bid. Use www.bidnetdi- rect.com to submit an electronic bid. Specifications, Plans, and Contract Documents shall be obtained from Waggoner Engineering, Inc., 700 Ogilvie Street, Suite A, Bossier City, Louisiana 71111, for \$50.00, made out to Waggoner Engineering, Inc.		Sealed bids will be received by the Receptionist in the Bossier Parish Police Jury Office, 204 Burt Boulevard, Benton, LA, until the hour of 2:00 P.M., May 29, 2025, at which time bids will be opened and read aloud by the Purchasing Agent or his designated representative in the Bossier Parish Police Jury Meeting Room. BOSSIER PARISH LIBRARIES ADMINISTRATION BUILIDING RENOVATION BOSSIER CITY, LOUISIANA Project No. 2025-117 In accordance with Act No. 590 of the 2008 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, bids may be submitted electronically at https://www.bidexpress.com Vendors/Contractors who decide to submit electronic bids will also have to pay an annual fee for digital signatures as required by state law. Prime bidders shall obtain an original set of electronic or paper bidding docu- ments either from the public entity or the design professional who prepared	
NOTICE Pursuant to LA R.S. § 33:4761 et seq., he Bossier City Council has scheduled a put nearing to be held at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, Jun et he Decret City Council Chardman		A non-mandatory Pre-Bid Conference is sch 2025, at the Municipal Public Works Comple City, LA 71111. Bids must be submitted on the official bid		such documents. Bid Documents are availat Contact Sara George at Prevot Design Servi EXT 105 or sgeorge@prevotdesign.com). Bi April 30, 2025.	ble in electronic form free of charge. ces to obtain these files (318-227-924
n the Bossier City Council Chambers, hich is located in the Bossier City Municipal t 620 Benton Road in Bossier City, Louisian o consider approval of the condemnation and a following residential property:	a,	amount of the bid, made payable to the City	amount not less than five percent (5%) of the of Bossier City.	All inquiries shall be directed to: Sara George Prevot Design Services, APAC 601 Spring Street, Suite A	
ne following residential property: 13 Edgar Street, Bossier City, LA 71112 Inyone who believes that he or she is the wner of the aforementioned dilapidated prop extract the Desire Computing the second		24-Month 10% Maintenance Bond will be re On any bids submitted in the amount of s that he is licensed under Louisiana Revised	\$50,000 or more, the Contractor shall certify Statutes 37:2150-2163 and show his	601 Spring Street, Suite A Shreveport, Louisiana, 71101 (318) 227-9244 phone sgeorge@prevotdesign.com	
attend the Bossier City Council meeting wi	tn proot ot ownership.	license number on the bid and on the envelo The City of Bossier City reserves the righ		NOTE: Bids shall only be accepted from con	ntractors who are licensed under

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Denna Beauchemin Purchasing Agent City of Bossier City, Louisiana

April 16th, 2025 April 23rd 2025 April 30th,2025 May 7th, 2025 Bossier Press Tribune NOTE: Bids shall only be accepted from contractors who are licensed under Louisiana contractors licensing law. Contractors required for this project shall be major classification as general contractors only. An acceptable Bid Bond, cashier's check, or certified check payable to Bossier Parish Police Jury in an amount not less than five-percent (5%) of the bid must accompany the bid. The successful bidder will be required to furnish a Performance Bond and Payment Bond equal to One Hundred Percent (100%) of the contract amount. Any surety bond written for a public works project shall be written by a surety or insurance company on the U.S. Department of the Treasury Financial Management Service list of approved bonding companies which is published annually in the Federal Register, or by a Louisiana domiciled insurance company with at least an A-rating in the latest printing of the A.M. Best's Key Rat-

Wednesday, May 21, 2025, in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana to consider adoption of an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 514, to reduce the speed limit on Jesse Jones Drive from 35 miles per hour to 30 miles per hour, Police Jury District 8. Megan C. Ramos, Parish Secretary Glenn Benton, President Bossier Parish Police Jury

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#### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids will be received by the Receptionist in the Bossier Parish Police Jury Office, 204 Burt Boulevard, Benton, LA, until the hour of 2:00 P.M., May 20, 2025, at which time bids will be opened and read aloud by the Purchasing Agent or his designated representative in the Bossier Parish Police Jury Meeting Room BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY

#### FOREST GROVE LANE AND SUNNYBROOK LANE IMPROVEMENTS - PHASE 1 Project No. 2025-126

In accordance with Act No. 590 of the 2008 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, bids may be submitted electronically at https://www.bidexpress.com. Vendors/ Contractors who decide to submit electronic bids will also have to pay an annual fee for digital signatures as required by state law. Prime bidders shall obtain an original set of electronic or paper bidding documents

either from the public entity or the design professional who prepared such documents. Bid Documents may be obtained from CIVIL DESIGN GROUP, LLC upon receipt of a deposit in the amount of \$100.00 for each set of documents. Deposit for the first set is fully refundable, to all bona fide prime bidders who submit a bid, upon return of the documents in good condition no later than 10 days following receipt of bids. The deposit of all other sets of documents will be refunded 50% upon return of documents as stated above. General Contractors not submitting a bid on the project will be refunded 50% of plan deposit upon return of bid documents within 10 days after receipt of bids. Bidding documents will be available at the address shown below on April 23, 2025. All inquiries shall be directed to:

CIVIL DESIGN GROUP, LLC 1125 HAWN AVENUE SHREVEPORT, LA 71107 (318) 674-9616 phone glcark@cdg-apec.com

The attention of bidders is called particularly to the requirements for conditions of semployment to be observed and minimum wage rates to be paid under the Contract, Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 as amended, Certification of non-Segregated Facilities, Section 109 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, Executive Order 11246, and all applicable laws and regulations of the Federal government and State of Louisiana and bonding and insurance requirements All small and minority-owned firms and women's business enterprises are encouraged to apply.

An acceptable Bid Bond, cashier's check, or certified check payable to Bossier Parish Police Jury in an amount not less than five-percent (5%) of the bid must accompany the bid. The successful bidder will be required to furnish a Performance Bond and Payment Bond equal to One Hundred Percent (100%) of the contract amount. Any surety bond written for a public works project shall be written by a surety or insurance company on the U.S. Department of the Treasury Financial Management Service list of approved bonding companies which is published annually in the Federal Register, or by a Louisiana domiciled insurance company with at least an A-rating in the latest printing of the A.M. Best's Key Rating Guide to write individual bonds up to ten percent of policy holders' surplus as shown in the A.M. Best's Key Rating Guide or by an insurance company that is either domiciled in Louisiana or owned by Louisiana residents and is

Licensed to write surety bonds. BID GUARANTEE: No bid may be withdrawn for a period of forty-five (45) days after receipt of bids. All applicable local, state, federal laws and regulations shall apply. Bids shall be submitted on the Louisiana Uniform Public Works Bid Form furnished by the Engineers with the bid package. Those submitted otherwise may not be considered or accepted. Bid shall be submitted in a sealed envelope and shall be plainly marked as "BOSSIER PARISH POLICE JURY – FOREST GROVE LANE AND SUNNYBROOK LANE IMPROVEMENTS – PHASE 1 - PROJECT NO. 2025-126". Contractor's License Number shall also be clearly shown on the outside of the bid envelope.

The successful Bidder must submit executed copies of the Non-Collusion Declaration, Felony Conviction / E-Verify Affidavit within ten (10) days of the bid opening. These items may be submitted with the bid.

A non-mandatory pre-bid conference will be held on May 13, 2025, at 10:00 AM. Pre-bid will be located at the following Location:

Bossier Parish Police Jury Office

204 Burt Blvd.

Benton, Louisiana 71006

The Bossier Parish Police Jury reserves the right to reject any or all bids, as provided for in LA R.S. 38:2214(B).

Any person with disabilities requiring special accommodations must contact the Bossier Police Jury no later than seven (7) days prior to the bid opening. MEGAN RAMOS, PARISH SECRETARY

GLENN BENTON, PRESIDENT

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The receptionist at the Office of the Bossier Parish Police Jury, 204 Burt Boulevard, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana, will receive sealed bids until the hour of 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 4, 2025, at which time bids will be opened and read aloud In the Police Jury Meeting Room for the following: Official Journal for the Bossier Parish Police Jury for the period of one (1) year from July

1, 2025, through June 30, 2026. All details on specifications may be obtained from the Office of the Bossier Parish Police Jury, Bossier Parish Courthouse, Benton, Louisiana. The Bossier Parish Police Jury reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids and to waive any informalities

Megan C. Ramos, Parish Secretary Glenn Benton, President Bossier Parish Police Jury

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Date:

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	F'S SALE
SHERIFF	'S OFFICE
No: (08) 174886 Friday, March 14, 2025 DATA MORTGAGE INC., DBA ESSEX MORTGAGE VS BRYAN O. MCKINSEY	JULIAN C. WHITTINGTON, SHERIFF P.O.Box 850 BENTON, LA 71000 Parish of Bossier 26th Judicial District Court State of Louisiana

By virtue of a Writ of SEIZURE AND SALE issued in the above numbered and entitled By virtue of a Writ of SEL2URE AND SeXEE issues in the above holinoblect antibude cause and to me directed, I have sexee and will proceed to sell at public auction, to the last and highest bidder, for cash, WITHOUT the benefit of appraisement, and according to law, at the principal front door of the court house, in the town of Benton, LA, on WEDNESDAY, MAY 14. 2025, between the hours of 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM the following described property, situated in parish of BOSSIER, Louisiana, to-wit: PLAINTIFF'S MORTGAGE AND/OR PRIVILEGE AFFECTS THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY TO, WIT:

DESCRIBED PROPERTY, TO-WIT: LOT TWENTY-SEVEN (27), STOCKWELL PLACE, UNIT SEVEN (7), A SUBDIVISION OF BOSSIER CITY, BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA, AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN BOOK 1207, PAGE 100, UNDER REGISTRY NO. 713349 AND CORRECTION IN BOOK 1207, PAGE 105, UNDER REGISTRY NO. 713349 AND CORRECTION IN BOOK 1228, PAGE 105, UNDER REGISTRY NO. 717573 OF THE CONVEYANCE RECORDS OF BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA; SUBJECT TO DESTICTIONS EQUIVIDER DIGUTS OF WAND OUTSTANDING TO RESTRICTIONS, SERVITUDES, RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND OUTSTANDING MINERAL RIGHTS OF RECORD AFFECTING THE PROPERTY.

And from the proceeds of said sale to pay petitioners claims of: TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY-THREE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED SEVENTY-TWO AND 37 / 100 (\$273,572.37) DOLLARS, along with interest, attorney's fees and all other costs of

JULIAN C. WHITTINGTON, SHERIFF & EX-OFFICIO AUCTIONEER BOSSIER Parish

PUBLISH ON: March 26, 2025 May 07, 2025

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF: Candace A. Courteau 1505 North 18th Street Monroe, LA 71201

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ing Guide to write individual bonds up to ten percent of policy holders' surplus as shown in the A.M. Best's Key Rating Guide or by an insurance company that any that is either domiciled in Louisiana or owned by Louisiana residents and is Licensed to write surety bonds

The Contract Time shall be two hundred forty (240) calendar days. Liquidated Damages are Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00), as provided for in the Contract Docu-ments. Liquidated Damages will apply for each consecutive calendar day that the Work is not completed beyond two hundred forty (240) calendar days after the date of commencement of the Work fixed in the Notice to Proceed, subject to such adjustments of the Contract Time as may be made according to the terms of the Contract Documents. Said sums shall in no event be construed to be a

BID GUARANTEE: No bid may be withdrawn for a period of forty-five (45) days after receipt of bids. All applicable local, state, federal laws and regulations shall apply.

Bids shall be submitted on the Louisiana Uniform Public Works Bid Form furnished by the Architect with the bid package. Those submitted otherwise may not be considered or accepted. Bid shall be submitted in a sealed envelope and shall be plainly marked as "BOSSIER PARISH LIBRARIES – ADMINISTRATION BUILDING RENOVATION – BOSSIER CITY, LOUISIANA – PROJECT NO. 2025-117". Contractor's License Number shall also be clearly shown on the outside of the bid envelope. The successful Bidder must submit executed copies of the Non-Collusion

Declaration, Felony Conviction / E-Verify Affidavit within ten (10) days of the bid opening. These items may be submitted with the bid. A MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE will be held on May 15, 2025, at 10:00

A.M. (CST) at the following location: Bossier Parish Libraries Central Library

7204 Hutchinson Drive

Bossier City, Louisiana 71111

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Bossier Police Jury no later than seven (7) days prior to the bid opening. MEGAN RAMOS, PARISH SECRETARY PHILIP RODGERS, PRESIDENT

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#### LEGAL NOTICE TO BIDDERS BID # P25-02

Notice is hereby given that the Purchasing Department of the City of Bossier City, Municipal Complex, 620 Benton Road, Bossier City, Louisiana, will receive sealed bids will be publicly opened and read aloud in the Council Chambers at 3:00 p.m. In accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid RS:38:2212 Act No. 590-2008, Contractors shall be provided the option to submit bids for Public Works projects through either a se-

cure electronic interactive system or by submitting a paper bid. Use www.bidnetdirect. com to submit an electronic bid. Specifications, Plans, and Contract Documents may be obtained from the Bossier City Purchasing Office, 620 Benton Road, Bossier City, LA 71111 for \$100.00 payable to the City of Bossier City. This is not mandatory and is optional to the contractor. The plans

may also be obtained electronically at www.bidnetdirect.com. There will be a Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting held Thursday, May 22, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. in the Bossier City Engineer's Conference Room, 620 Benton Road, 2nd Floor, Bossier

City, LA 7111. All prospective bidders shall be present at the beginning of the pre-bid conference and shall remain in attendance for the duration of the pre-bid conference. Any prospective bidder who fails to attend the conference or remain for the duration Shall be prohibited from submitting a bid for the project. Bids must be submitted on the official bid form furnished with bid package and those

submitted otherwise will not be considered. Each proposal must be An acceptable performance/payment bond equal to 100% of the

contract price along with a maintenance bond equal to 10% of the contract price will be required of the successful bidder. On any bids submitted in the amount of \$50,000 or more, the Contractor shall certify

that he is licensed under Louisiana Revised Statutes 37:2150-2163 and show his license number on the bid and on the envelope in which it is submitted. Any Subs being Electrical, Mechanical, or Plumbing (plumbers bidding Mechanical work) shall be licensed under Louisiana Revised Statute 37:2156 for bids submitted in the amount of \$10,000 or more

The City of Bossier City reserves the right to reject any/or all bids in accordance with R.S. 38:2214.

Angela Williamson, Director of Finance City of Bossier City, Louisiana

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SHERIFF'S SALE		SHERIFF'S SALE		NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC	
Suit No: (08) 175247- Date: Thursday, March 13, 2025 PLANET HOME LENDING, LLC VS THISTAN WILKERSON AKKA TRISTAN TORE2 WILKERSON	JULIAN C. WHITTINGTON, SHERIFF P. O.Box 850 BENTON, LA 71006	ShiEkirr S Suit No: (08) 173587- Date: Thursday, March 13, 2025 CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES LLC VS THE UNOPENED SUCCESSION OF AND UNKNOWN HEIRS OF BETTY LOU WEGNER ARKA BETTY LOU WEGNER AKKA BETTY L WEGNER AKKA BETTY UWEGNER	JULIAN C. WHITTINGTON, SHERIFF P.O.Box 850 BENTON, LA 71008 Parish of Bossier 26th Judicial District Court State of Louisiana	NOTICE is hereby given that the Benton Board of Adjustments will hold a public hearing on Thursday, May 15, 2025 at 7:00pm at Benton Town Hall for the purpose of consider- ing the following application: The application of Robbi Caskey and Susan Gebhardt, Legendary Cheer and Tumbling requesting a Variance for a tract of land being 1.681 acres, for the use of aggregate/ gravel for parking lot surfacing for the proposed business Legendary Cheer and Tumbling to be located at 608 5th Street, also being located in Section 29, Township 20 North, Range 13 West, Benton, Louisiana. (Town Council District 2) (Police Jury District	
By virtue of a Writ of SEIZURE AND SALE i cause and to me directed, I have selzed ar the fast and highest bidder, for cash, Wi according to law, at the principal front door LA, on WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 2025, beth the following described property, situated in PLAINTIFF'S MORTGAGE AND/OR PRIV DESCRIBED PROPERTY, TO-WIT: LOT 13, GOLDEN MEADOWS SUBDIVISI	nd will proceed to sell at public auction, to THOUT the benefit of appraisement, and of the court house, in the town of Benton, ween the hours of 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM parish of BOSSIER, Louisiana, to-wit: ILEGE AFFECTS THE FOLLOWING	By virtue of a Writ of AMENDED SEIZURE A and entitled cause and to me directed, I have auction, to the last and highest bidder, appraisement, and according to law, at the p the town of Benton, LA, on WEDNESDAY, 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM the following de: BOSSIER, Louisiana, to-witt: THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE ACT FOLLOWS:	seized and will proceed to sell at public for cash. WITHOUT the benefit of inicipal front door of the court house, in MAY 14, 2025, between the hours of scribed property, situated in parish of	4) Michael Acurio - Chairman Benton Board of Adjustments May 7th, 2025 Bossier Press Tribune	
LOT 13, GOLDEN MEADOWS SUBDIVISION, UNIT NO. 21, A SUBDIVISION OF BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA, AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN BOOK 1207, PAGES 619-620 OF THE CONVEYANCE RECORDS OF BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA, TOGETHER WITH ALL BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS LOCATED THEREON; SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS, SERVITUDES, RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND OUTSTANDING MINERAL RIGHTS OF RECORD AFFECTING THE PROPERTY.		A 0.360 ACRE TRACT LOCATED IN SEC. 5, T-18N, R-13W, BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: FROM THE SW CORNER OF LOT 1, NORTHLAND ESTATES SUBD., UNIT 2, BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA, AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN BOOK 339, PAGES 582-583 OF THE RECORDS OF BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA, SAID CORNER BEING A POINT ON THE N R/W OF BENOIST CIRCLE; THENCE RUN N 0 DEGREES 18' E ALONG SAID R/W LINE 12.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE CONTINUE ALONG SAID R/W LINE N 89 DEGREES 42' W 119.70 FEET, THENCE RUN N 0 DEGREES 46' W 130 FEET, THENCE RUN S 89 DEGREES 42' E 122.08 FEET, THENCE S 0 DEGREES 18' W 130 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING TOGETHER WITH ALL BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS SITUATED THEREON.		Notice to the Public LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT: Bossier Federal Credit Union v. Quin ton Anderson; Docket No. C-105741, Bossier City Court, Bossier Parish, Louisiana.Please notice that QUINTON ANDERSON has been named as a defendant in the above-styled action. Anyone knowing the whereabouts or having information on <b>QUINTON</b> <b>ANDERSON</b> is asked to contact Atty Taunton Melville at (318) 200-0897, or by email at TMelville@MelvilleLawFirm.com.	
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				REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS	
And from the proceeds of said sale to pay petitioners claims of: TWO HUNDRED SIXTY-SEVEN THOUSAND THIRTY-THREE AND 73 / 100 (\$267,033.73) DOLLARS, along with interest, attorney's fees and all other costs of suit.		And from the proceeds of said sale to pay petitioners claims of. ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-SEVEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FOUR AND 52 / 100 (\$167,304.52) DOLLARS, along with interest, attorney's fees and all other costs of suit.		Sealed proposals will be received at the Purchasing Office located in The Ole Gym at Central Office, 110 Kelly Street, Benton, LA 71006 by a committee of the Bossier Parish School Board until 10:00 a.m. on Friday, May 23, 2025 for:	
				2025-2026 Fiscal Agent (BPSB #25-98)	
PUBLISH ON: March 26, 2025 May 07, 2025	JULIAN C. WHITTINGTON, SHERIFF & EX-OFFICIO AUCTIONEER	PUBLISH ON: March 26, 2025 May 07, 2025	JULIAN C. WHITTINGTON, SHERIFF & EX-OFFICIO AUCTIONEER	Specifications may be obtained for from BidExpress.com.	
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF:	BOSSIER Parish	ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	BOSSIER Parish	Award will not be made at the date and time bids are due but at a future regular sessio of the Board.	
ASHLEY E MORRIS 1505 N. 19TH STREET MONROE, LA 71207 318-388-1440		COREY J GIROIR 13541 TIGER BEND ROAD BATON ROUCE, LA 70817 225-756-0373		The Bossier Parish School Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waiv any informalities.	
/larch 26th, 2025 /lay 7th, 2025 3ossier Press Tribune		March 26th, 2025 May 7th, 2025 Bossier Press Tribune		Kerry Douglas Chief Procurement Officer purchasing@bossierschools.og	
SHERIFF'S SALE		Notice to the Public April 14, 2025 The Bossier Parish Communications District One Board convened in a regular		May 7th, 2025 May 14th, 2025 May 21st, 2025 Bossier Press Tribune	
Suit No. (08) 175158-	JULIAN C. WHITTINGTON, SHERIFF	and legal session on April 14, 2025, at 5:30 pm at the Bossier Parish Communications District One Board Room, located at 4601 Palmetto Road, Benton, Louisiana.		REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS	
Date: Wednesday, March 12, 2025 WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.	P.O.Box 850 BENTON, LA 71005 Parish of Bossler 28th Judicial District Court	Chairman Rogers called the meeting to order.		Sealed proposals will be received at the Purchasing Office located in The Ole Gym at	
VS REBECCA PRICE		Opening Prayer: Mr. McAnn Mrs. Durbin called the roll with members present as follows: Chairman Rogers, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Holley, Mr. Barattini, and Mr. O'Neal.		Central Office, 110 Kelly Street, Benton, LA 71006 by a committee of the Bossier Parish School Board until 10:00 a.m. on Friday, May 23, 2025 for:	
	State of Louisiana			2025-2026 Legal Journal (BPSB #25-99)	
By virtue of a Writ of SEIZURE AND SALE in cause and to me directed, I have seized an	ssued in the above numbered and entitled	Absent: Mr. Jordan and Mr. Allen		Specifications may be obtained for from BidExpress.com.	
the last and highest bidder, for cash, A according to law, at the principal front door	WITH the benefit of appraisement, and of the court house, in the town of Benton,	Chairman Rogers introduced the March 10, 20 Holley made the motion, seconded by Mr. Bara	attini, to dispense with the reading and	Award will not be made at the date and time bids are due but at a future regular session of the Board.	
LA, on WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 2025, between the hours of 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM the following described property, situated in parish of BOSSIER, Louisiana, to-wit:: THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE ACT OF MORTGAGE IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: LOT 45, DOGWOOD PARK, UNIT 17, A SUBDIVISION OF THE CITY OF HAUGHTON, BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA, AS PER PLAN THEREOP RECORDED IN CONVEYANCE BOOK 583, PAGE 491 OF THE OFFICIAL RECORDS OF BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA, TOGETHER WITH ALL. BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS LOCATED THEREON WITH GEO # 117185.		approve the minutes as presented. Upon a unanimous vote, the motion carried. Mr. McAnn presented the Board with financial reports reflecting year-to-date balances and up-to-date income and expense reports for review. Mr. O'Neal made a motion, seconded by Mr. Holley, to approve the financial report. Upon a unanimous vote, the motion carried. Director Report:		The Bossier Parish School Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waiv any informalities.	
				Kerry Douglas Chief Procurement Officer purchasing@bossierschools.org	
				May 7th, 2025	
		Mr. McAnn informed the board that our annual on June 6th. Mr. McAnn advised the Board tha a probationary Communications Officer. Mr. Mc Air Force Base airshow and the district's involv 29th and 30th. Mr. McAnn informed the board 1	t Ms. Sara Jones will start on May 1st as cAnn briefed the board on the Barksdale rement; the airshow occurred on March	May 14th, 2025 Bossier Press Tribune 	
		ficers would attend the State APCO/NENA Syn 2025. He advised the board that the district wo	nposium in Lake Charles on April 21-23,	Notice to the Public	
		conference. Mr. McAnn briefed the board on th municator Week, April 14-19. Mr. McAnn stated in Lafayette on April 29 and 30th. Mr. McAnn g discussions on a collocated (consolidated comments)	e planned events for National Telecom- d he would attend a state ESINet meeting provided an update on the ongoing	Any person claiming to be, knowing the whereabouts of, or related to, Linda Ann Beckham, please contact Attorney Felicia M. Hamilton. 3304 Lakeshore Dr. Shreveport. LA 71109. (318)	

And from the proceeds of said sale to pay petitioners claims of: EIGHTY-SEVEN THOUSAND EIGHTY-SIX AND 60 / 100 (\$87,086.60) DOLLARS, along with interest. ey's fees and all other costs of suit.

JULIAN C. WHITTINGTON, SHERIFF & EX-OFFICIO AUCTIONEER

Old: None

Doug Rogers

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New: Mr. McAnn brought to the board a request to surplus and donate two repeaters, two duplexers, and two radio racks. Benton Fire and South Bossier Fire have expressed an interest in the items and have made a formal request. Mr. Barattini motioned to approve the surplus and donation of the items, seconded by Mr. Holley. Upon a una

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424-9424 or law@feliciahamilton.com.

#### Notice to the Public

M. Hamilton, 3304 Lakeshore Dr. Shreveport, LA 71109. (318)

Anyone with any knowledge of the whereabouts of Brian

**BOSSIER** Parish

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF: DENNIS F. WIGGINS 13541 TIGER BEND RD. BATON ROUGE, LA 70817 2257560373

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#### SHERIFF'S SALE SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Sult No: (08) 175289- Date: Thursday, March 13, 2025	JULIAN C. WHITTINGTON, SHERIFF P.O.Box 850 BENTON, LA 71005		
SELENE FINANCE LP VS TERRY ERLINGER AKA TERRY WAYNE ERLINGER AND WANDA ERLINGER AKA WANDA DIANE CAMERON ERLINGER	Parish of Bossler 26th Judicial District Court State of Louislana		

By virtue of a Writ of SEIZURE AND SALE issued in the above numbered and entitled cause and to me directed, I have seized and will proceed to sell at public auction, to the last and highest bidder, for cash, WITHOUT the benefit of appraisement, and according to law, at the principal front door of the court house, in the town of Bentón, LA, on WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 2025, between the hours of 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM the following described property, situated in parish of BOSSIER, Louisiana, to-wit:: PLAINTIFF'S MORTGAGE AND/OR PRIVILEGE AFFECTS THE FOLLOWING DESCRIPTED PROPERTY TO WIT:

PLAINTIFF'S MORIGAGE AND/OR PRIVILEGE AFFECTS THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY, TO-WIT: LOT SIXTEEN (16), SEVEN PINES ROAD ESTATES, A SUBDIVISION OF BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA, AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDS OF BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA; SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS, SERVITUDES, RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND OUTSTANDING MINERAL RIGHTS OF RECORD AEEECTING THE PORPERTY

AFFECTING THE PROPERTY. THAT CERTAIN MANUFACTURED HOME/MOBILE SITUATED ON THE ABOVE THAT CERTAIN MANUFACTORED HOME/MOBILE SITUATED ON THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY, BEING A 2007 SOUTHERN HOMES-SS SERIES-DW. MODEL NO. SS6805, SERIAL NO. DSD4AL48182A/B, WHICH SAID MANUFACTURED HOME/MOBILE HOME WAS IMMOBILIZED PURSUANT TO AFFIDAVIT TO IMMOBILIZE MANUFACTURED HOME DATED MAY 24, 2007 AND FILED FOR RECORD AS INSTRUMENT NO. 899433 OF THE RECORDS OF BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA

And from the proceeds of said sale to pay pelitioners claims of: SIXTY-SIX THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-THREE AND 04 / 100 (\$66,153.04) DOLLARS. along with interest, attorney's fees and all other costs of suit.

JULIAN C. WHITTINGTON, SHERIFF & EX-OFFICIO AUCTIONEER

**BOSSIER** Parish

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ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF: Candace A Courteau 1505 North 19th St. P.O. Box 2867 Monroe, LA 71207-2867 (318) 388-1440 March 26th, 2025 May 7th, 2025 **Bossier Press Tribune** 

#### Notice to the Public

Any person claiming to be, knowing the whereabouts of, or related to, Heirs of Bernard James Mathias, please contact Attorney Felicia M. Hamilton, 3304 Lakeshore Dr. Shreveport, LA 71109. (318)424-9424 or law@feliciahamilton.com.

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transitioning to the consoles.

With no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Holley moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. O'Neal. Upon a unanimous vote, the motion carried

discussions on a collocated/consolidated communications center. Mr. McAnn informed the board that our firewalls have been received and are set to be installed in early May.

Mr. McAnn updated the board on the status of the AT&T call handling equipment lease Mr. McAnn stated that we have received the statement of work regarding the lease from AT&T, and the document is being reviewed. McAnn informed the board that training on

the new radio consoles has been completed. Only one issue is left to resolve before

Minutes are subject to approval at the next stated Board Meeting

Andy Holley Secretary

#### LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT:

Bossier Federal Credit Union v. Sarah Kristin Lamar; Docket No. C-105739, Bossier City Court, Bossier Parish, Louisiana. Please notice that SARAH KRISTIN LAMAR has been named as a defendant in the above-styled action. Anyone knowing the whereabouts or having information on SARAH KRISTIN LAMAR is asked to contact Atty Taunton Melville at (318) 200-0897, or by email at TMelville@MelvilleLawFirm.com.

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SLIGO FIELD 25-131 thru 25-133

#### LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF LOUISIANA, OFFICE OF CONSERVATION, BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA. In accordance with the laws of the State of Louisiana, and with purticular reference to the provisions of Title 30 of Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, a public hearing will be held in the Hearing Room, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, LaSalle Building, 617 orth 3rd Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at 9:00 a.m. on TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 2025, upon the application of AETHON ENERGY OPERATING LLC.

At such hearing the Commissioner of Conservation will consider evidence relative to the issuance of Orders netraining to the following matters relating to the **Haynesville Zone**, **Reservoir A**, in the Sligo Field, Bossier Parish, Louisiana

- 1. To authorize applicant to drill, designate and utilize three cross unit horizontal wells to serve as alternate unit wells for uthorize applicant to drill, designate and unite three cross unit horizontal wells to see a neutral value wells of HA RA SU83. HA RA SUII and HA RA SUKK, at the locations and in the general mamer shown on the plat submitted with the application, or at any other legal locations within such units, and to approve exceptions to the spacing provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 8-N, effective September 30, 2008, as to the common boundaries of the units which will be served by the cross unit horizontal wells, provided that there will be no the to 20 the units which will be served by the cross unit horizontal wells, provided that there will be no the to the to 20 the units when the other horizontal wells, provided that there will be no the server of the top of t
- pounaaries of the units which will be served by the cross unit horizontai wells, provided that there will be no perforations in a wellbore closer than 330° to any unit boundary other than the common unit boundaries between the units to be served by the wells.
  2. To find that each of the proposed horizontal wells is necessary to efficiently and economically drain a portion of the Haynesville Zone underlying the units on which it is proposed to be drilled which cannot be efficiently and economically drained by any existing well on such units, will prevent waste, avoid the drilling of unnecessary wells, protect correlative rights and promote the full and efficient development of the natural resources of this state.
- 3. To provide that if the horizontal portion of a well is cased and cemented back above the top of the Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A, the distance to any unit boundary and offset well(s) will be calculated based on the distance to the mearest perforation in the well and not on the penetration point or terminas of the well in the Haynesville Zone. Reservoir A.
- Reservoir A.
   Except insofar as set forth above, to confirm and continue in full force and effect the provisions of Order No. 8-N, effective September 30, 2008, as amended and supplemented by the 8-N Series of Orders, the units created thereby, and of all applicable Statewide Orders.
   To provide that the unit allowables for the units to be served by the proposed wells may be produced from the unit well.
- from any alternate unit well, or from any combination of such wells serving the unit, at the discretion of the operator
- 6. To provide that production from a cross unit horizontal well shall be allocated to each unit penetrated by the well in the 6. To provide that production from a cross min natronal web start to exact on each time productions of your methods and the performance of the
- http://dnr.louisiana.gov/corshearings

All parties having interest therein shall take notice thereof

BY ORDER OF:

### STEVEN M. GIAMBRONE COMMISSIONER OF CONSERVATION

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IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE OF CONSERVATION-ENGINEERING DIVISION AT P.O. BOX 94275, BATON ROUGE, LA 708804-9275 IN WRITING WITHIN TEN (10) WORKING DAYS OF THE HEARING DATE.

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**Elkeseth**, please contact Walter Gernardt at 318-869 1221. A lawsuit is pending in Bossier Parish, Louisiana, against him on an open account, and a hearing is set on a motion for summary judgment on June 24, 2025, at 9:30 a.m

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