



Walking for Governor

(Because no one is running)

Attorney General **Jeff Landry's** annual alligator hunt fundraiser always causes a stir on social media.

Donald Trump Jr. typically gets some attention, basically for just showing up. One year, Congressman **Clay Higgins also** caused a minor stir by jamming a knife through the head of an already-dead gator for a photo.

So what happened last week? Well, there was a bunch of noise on Twitter, and eventually in mainstream media coverage, about hats and shirts surfacing at the fundraiser to promote Landry's possible gubernatorial run.

But did the availability of "Landry for governor" swag equate to an actual announcement? Reporters want to know, but Team Landry is staying quiet.

"No comment," a campaign spokesperson told *The Tracker*.

Trump Jr., however, had plenty of comments to offer during last week's fundraiser. During a speech at a VIP event, Trump told those in

attendance that Landry would make a fine governor and the attorney general had the family's support.

"When Jeff spoke after that, he didn't directly say anything about running for governor," said one attendee. "But by then, he really didn't have to."

Treasurer **John Schroder**, of course, also made a soft announcement to donors earlier this year, but hasn't made it official. Like Landry, Schroder and Lt. Gov. **Billy Nungesser** and a host of others are running (or rather walking) for governor with a wink and a smile.

So we will continue to wait...

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Event Itinerary

GOLF TOURNAMENT DAY 1

Tuesday, September 20, 2022

Koasati Pines at Coushatta Golf Course

8:30am
Continental Breakfast
Registration & Tournament Check-In

10:00am
Shotgun Start
Food & Drink on the Course
Refreshments Following Play

TOURNAMENT EVENT

Tuesday, September 20, 2022
The Dream Pool at Coushatta

7:00pm-10:30pm
Reception with Door Prizes, Cocktails & Hors d'Oeuvres

GOLF TOURNAMENT DAY 2

Wednesday, September 21, 2022
Koasati Pines at Coushatta Golf Course

8:30am
Continental Breakfast
Registration & Tournament Check-In

10:00am
Shotgun Start
Food & Drink on the Course
Refreshments Following Play

GOLF TOURNAMENT DAY 3

Thursday, September 22, 2022
Koasati Pines at Coushatta Golf Course

8:30am
Continental Breakfast
Registration & Tournament Check-In

10:00am
Shotgun Start
Food & Drink on the Course
Awards Ceremony & Refreshments Following Play

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POLITICAL CHATTER

- **ON LOAN:** Lt. Gov. **Billy Nungesser** is sending Peanut, his gigantic prop elephant that has to be hauled by truck, to NFL standout **Herschel Walker**, who's running for the U.S. Senate in Georgia.
- **HIRED:** Marking the beginning of new era in federal underwriting for local governments, **Leslie Durham** of the Delta Regional Authority has been hired as the first executive director of the Louisiana Infrastructure Technical Assistance Corporation. The new organization was jointly created by the Louisiana Municipal Association and the Louisiana Police Jury Association. The LITAC is charged with helping local governments secure funding for important infrastructure projects.
- **APPOINTED:** Gov. John Bel Edwards has appointed lobbyist and EBR School Board President **David Tatman** to the Louisiana Educational Television Authority.
- **MOVED:** The Louisiana Municipal Association has moved into its new headquarters at 6767 Perkins Road.
- **JNK & THE PRESS:** Via the Louisiana Press Association: "We appreciate Senator **John Kennedy's** continued support of the Journalism Competition and Preservation Act. We agree that, 'For a small amount of time... this bill will help those broadcasters and small newspapers compete' and stop large social media companies from taking stories from local papers, generating revenue for themselves and taking revenue away from our state's newspapers and people.'" ([More](#))
- **THIS AFTERNOON:** The Senate campaign of Rep. **Jeremy LaCombe** has a 5:30 p.m. fundraiser this afternoon at Bridgeview.
- **THURSDAY EVENTS:** The judicial campaign of Speaker Pro Tem **Tanner Magee** has a 5 p.m. event tomorrow in Baton Rouge at the City Club... 3rd District candidate **Holden Hoggatt** has a 5:30 p.m. event at Masala's in Lafayette...

- **FRIDAY FUNDRAISER:** There's a joint fundraiser Friday for Reps. **Rhonda Butler, Paula Davis, Debbie Villio** and **Laurie Schlegel** at noon on Friday at the Jimmie Davis House.
- **ICYMI/BOURBON WITH TROY:** Food nerds who also happen to be political nerds will be interested to learn that James Beard Foundation award winner **Neal Bodenheimer** will curate a special bourbon tasting for Congressman **Troy Carter** and (Yes) y'all are invited. It is, however, a fundraiser — slated for Sept. 24 at Cane & Table. (RSVP: kea@keashermanlaw.com)
- **TREASURY PR:** "Louisiana State Treasurer **John M. Schroder** and Legislative Auditor **Michael J. 'Mike' Waguespack** are encouraging public entities to consider certain criteria to determine whether debt is incurred when executing Cooperative Endeavor Agreements (CEAs) or other mechanisms for funding capital and operating projects. The two co-signed a letter as a reminder that if so, state law requires State Bond Commission approval."
- **CRT PR:** "Following a request by Lieutenant Governor **Billy Nungesser** and the Louisiana Seafood Promotion and Marketing Board, New Orleans Chef **Amy Sins** and the non-profit Fill the Needs has started a [fundraiser](#) for a Lafourche Parish shrimper in response to news reports thieves targeted his stranded boat."

HEADLINES & BYLINES

- [The Advocate](#): Louisiana lawmakers consider eliminating state income tax, 'Build a better mousetrap'
- [WVLA](#): Louisiana lawmakers search for ways to do away with state income tax
- [The Advertiser](#): Louisiana lawmakers take first step toward path to eliminate income tax
- [KSLA](#): Voting deadlines coming up for Louisiana
- [LRN](#): Governor **John Bel Edwards** and state health leaders receive COVID booster and flu shots

- The Advocate: **Cade Brumley's** report card: How Louisiana's schools leader has done over last 2 years
 - Illuminator: Louisiana cut its homeless numbers during the pandemic; they're back up again
 - The Advocate: **Joe Giarrusso**: In memory of my father, a renewed focus on mental health
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WHAT YOU MISSED IN *LW*

Here's what you missed in the latest issue of LaPolitics Weekly, published last week...

- **UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES**: A proposed constitutional amendment that was meant to protect Louisiana citizens from forms of slavery and involuntary servitude may actually do just the opposite if passed into law...
- **LaPOLITICS Q&A**: "I have been encouraged to run for governor. I am committed to run for re-election for commissioner of agriculture and forestry," said Agriculture and Forestry Commissioner **Mike Strain**. "Although much has been accomplished, there is still much more to do. Ag, forestry, aquaculture, rural development, weights and measures — all of these things are changing rapidly and have a tremendous impact on our farmers, our families and our state and nation. I have always said that I will go where I can best serve. I am going to focus my full attention and energy to this office."
- **OTHERWISE QUIET AMENDMENTS**: Groups like the Louisiana Chemical Association, Fraternal Order of Police, ACLU and State Civil Service — to mention just a few — all took strong stances on amendments during the legislative process, but few are planning to put significant resources behind flashy voter education campaigns...
- **TWO MORE RECALLS**: If the recall petition against New Orleans Mayor **LaToya Cantrell** wasn't enough for you, two more were filled this week, including one that was immediately invalidated because the name of the targeted elected official was misspelled...

- **REC MEETING:** The Revenue Estimating Conference meets next week to review the fiscal impact of bills adopted during the...
- **HISTORY: William Wright Heard** was the first Louisiana governor elected in the 20th Century, serving from May 8, 1900, to May 10, 1904. Heard was also the person responsible for choosing our state seal and motto...
- **THEY SAID IT:** "I love them, man. They ain't got no shame." — *President **Joe Biden**, on the lawmakers who voted against his infrastructure bill and are now taking credit for bridges and other construction, on CNN*

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About the Archives

Created by the Legislature in 1956 as the official repository for the state's historical records, the Archives has called many places home since its conception.

The first site of our Archives was located in Peabody Hall at Louisiana State University, a dilapidated structure that was eventually slated for demolition by the State Fire Marshal's office.

That was home for the state's official records until 1966, when the State Archives relocated to a former warehouse on Choctaw Boulevard in the industrial section of Baton Rouge.

The warehouse, however, was not suitable for the proper preservation of the state's documentary heritage.

So in the early 1980s, following an extensive lobbying campaign, the Legislature funded construction of a new State Archives building not too far away, on Essen Lane.

In August 1987, this state of the art facility was officially opened. Designed by architect **John Desmond**, the building was hailed as one of the foremost archival facilities in the nation.

The five-panel facade on the Archives building is worth checking out.

The five panels, sculpted by noted Baton Rouge artist **Al Lavergne**, offer a panoramic "study in stone" of Louisiana's unique history both as a colony and as a state.

[Read more about the historical panels here.](#)

This history feature was made possible by the office of Secretary of State Kyle Ardoin.

SOCIALLY YOURS

ANNIVERSARIES & WEDDING BELLS

Lisa DeVillier and Rep. **Phillip DeVillier** toasted to 22 years of marriage last week... **Morgan Reese** and Sen. **Mike Reese** celebrated 15 years at the turn of the month...

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, TRACKERS!

- Tuesday, Sept. 13: Former Rep. **Ebony Woodruff**, **Eddie Stewart**, **Rosy Bromell**, **Jillian Renard** and **Jeff Angers**
- Wednesday, Sept. 14: Rep. **Royce Duplessis**, **Ellen Davis** and **Keith Crews**
- Thursday, Sept. 15: Former Senate President **John Alario**, **Henry Mouton**, **Ira Wray** and **Russel Honore**
- Friday, Sept. 16: Gov. **John Bel Edwards**, Sen. **Gerald Boudreaux**, former Congressman **Ralph Abraham**, former Rep. **Melissa Flournoy**, **Kristine Breithaupt** and **Roger Hamilton Jr.**

- Saturday, Sept. 17: Late U.S. Sen. **John Overton** (1875), **Sherra Fertita** and **Troy Broussard**
- Sunday, Sept. 18: Former Congressman **Jim McCrery**, **John Tobler**, **Alton Ashy**, **Carrie Hebert** and **Cade Cole**
- Monday, Sept. 19: **Mike Edmonson**, **Wes Hataway**, **Bruce Alpert**, **Travers Mackel** and **Michael Tisserand**
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