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THE MIDTERM ELECTIONS - ARE YOU INFORMED?
-LINDSEY BROWN

As Election Day for the Midterms approaches, Shreveport-Bossier residents are in a unique position. Current Speaker of the House, Mike Johnson, is up for re-election in Louisiana's 4th Congressional District. Also on the ballot for the upcoming Midterms in Louisiana are a Senate position and 10 proposed amendments to the Louisiana Constitution.

For the open House position in the 4th Congressional District, there are four other candidates challenging incumbent Mike Johnson. He is being opposed by Conrad Cable (D), Matt Gromlich (D), Gordon Heslop (R), and Mike Nichols (R).

The race for Senate in Louisiana is drawn up between Democratic candidate Jamie Davis and Republican candidate Julia Letlow. Republicans seek to maintain their majorities in Congress, while Democrats aim to recover seats and potentially shift the balance in power.

The 10 proposed amendments to the Louisiana Constitution range from tax exemptions to revisions of governor's term limits.

Election Day for the Louisiana Midterms is on November 3rd. Election day polls open at 6am and close at 8pm, and you can find your polling location on the Louisiana Voter Portal.

Before heading to the polls on November 3rd, voters should look into the candidates and proposed amendments and validate their polling location.

TICKETWORTHY
CAMERON PIERCE



WILDWOOD – 2026 – 132 MINUTES – RATED PG-13
4.5/5

With care and love pouring out of every meticulous detail, Wildwood is the very definition of an instant classic. The art design and setting are stunning, the story and characters are great, and the tone perfectly walks the line between whimsical and darkly intense. This is an unquestionable accomplishment that is going to get a ton of praise. It deserves every bit of it.



TICKETWORTHY
PETER FENTRESS

YOUR MOTHER YOUR MOTHER YOUR MOTHER - 2026 - 112 MINUTES - RATED R
4.5/5

In an astonishing result of religious filmmaking, Your Mother Your Mother Your Mother beautifully addresses the highly intricate nature of grief, guilt, and religion through its dynamics and action. The combat feeling incredibly purposeful in its messaging, the variety of personalities, as well as the coinciding one of a kind acting performances allow for this film to be a heterogeneous motion picture unlike anything this year.

NO 9TH RANKED LSUS MEN'S BASKETBALL RALLY BACK AND DEFEAT EAST TEXAS BAPTIST UNIVERSITY IN OVERTIME OPENING NIGHT

- SYLAS JOHNS



The Pilots trailed 43-27 by the end of the first half before outscoring the Tigers 44-28 in the second half to force overtime at 71-71. In the extra regulation, it would be all Pilots outscoring the Tigers 14-7 to secure the season-opening victory.

Returning Pilot, Alexzaye Johnson led the Pilots with 28 points, seven rebounds, eight assists, and added 2 steals to his defensive resume. The newest transfer from New College of Florida, Diego Eslava, made his presence felt by adding 19 points, including four clutch 3 pointers, while Doreante Tucker finished with 16 points and four 3 pointers to his stat sheet. ETBU controlled much of the first half, building their 16-point advantage by halftime. LSUS faced an uphill battle coming off the break, but slowly started to get more comfortable as the momentum started to shift.

Johnson's all around performance anchored the Pilots with this comeback, earning himself Whataburger's player of the game for the night.

With the first win of the 2026-2027 season in the books, the reigning RRAC champions started their campaign at a perfect 1-0.

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SMOKE, FLAVOR, AND COMMUNITY
- VICTORIA TILLIS



What happens when you combine celebrity barbecue, talented local chefs, beautiful fall weather, and a crowd of hungry festivalgoers? A Friday afternoon lunch worth remembering in downtown Shreveport!

On October 16, my mom and I attended Prize Fest's Celebrity Chef BBQ at Prize Island. The event was held from 11 am to 2 pm and brought together barbecue enthusiasts and curious foodies for a lunchtime experience featuring creative takes on southern classics like baked beans, mac and cheese, and the finest meats a pit can smoke.

The atmosphere was welcoming from the moment we arrived. Music filled the space as guests moved between food stations where smiling faces greeted us, and chefs prepared our plates.

This year's featured pitmaster was Lewis "Sweet Lew" Donald, owner of Sweet Lew's BBQ in Charlotte, North Carolina. Joining Donald were five local culinary talents, each contributing their own perspective to the barbecue experience.

Our Verdict? My mom rated her food experience as a 7/10. My personal favorites were the mach chow cornbread, baked beans, and burnt ends. I give my experience a rating of 8/10! The combination of familiar barbecue staples with creative twists was exactly what I hoped to experience.

Beyond the plates, what makes Prize Fest such an exciting community event is its ability to bring people together through creativity. Good food, good company, and the opportunity to experience something new right in your own backyard is exactly what makes a community event like this worth attending.

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A NEW CHAPTER FOR THE ALMAGEST
- VICTORIA TILLIS



There's new energy building at The Almagest, and as the newly elected president, I'm excited to be part of what's ahead.

As we settle into the academic year, our team is working to breathe new life into LSUS's student news publication. From refreshing our newsroom to introducing new features and expanding our presence in the community, we're making changes that we hope will create a more engaging experience for both our staff and readers.

A Fresh Start Behind the Scenes

One of our first priorities has been creating an environment where creativity and collaboration can thrive. We're reorganizing and refreshing our newsroom and transforming our existing meeting and work areas into spaces designed for brainstorming, collaboration, and content creation.

Taking the Almagest Beyond Campus

We're also making a greater effort to connect with the Shreveport-Bossier community by getting out of the newsroom and into the action. From campus activities to some of the region's most anticipated events, we want The Almagest to become a familiar presence both on and off campus.

Free Headshots? All year long.

We're introducing free headshot sessions this academic year, available to LSUS students, faculty, and staff. Stop by The Almagest office on Tuesdays between 1-2pm, where Gabbi will be able to capture your next great headshot.

Calling All Movie Lovers!

We're adding some consistent entertainment to mix with Movie Mondays. This is a monthly feature from our movie critics, Cameron and Peter. Each month they share their perspectives on some of the latest and most talked about films, giving readers the inside scoop on what might deserve a spot on their new movie-night lineup.

This is a new chapter for The Almagest, and we're looking forward to continuing to write it together.

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