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## Bastrop Police Chief Allen Campbell announces retirement

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Pictured is Police Chief Allen Campbell.

After numerous years of service to the city of Bastrop, Police Chief Allen Campbell announced his retirement on Monday, December 21.

Chief Campbell has served over 28 years with the Bastrop Police Department and five and a half years as chief. He worked his way up from patrolman to Police Chief through the years. He announced his retirement Monday in a letter to Mayor Cotton who says he was surprised, though he has been eligible for retirement for some time. "I had not expected his retirement until summer."

Mayor Cotton said of Chief Campbell, "He served the city well. I have always been impressed with his knowledge of the law and police procedures. Bastrop was fortunate to have him."

Mayor Cotton noted that he has known Chief Campbell since his days as a patrolman and stated that something that impressed him the most about the Chief was a goal that he set for himself when he was first working for the department. "One day we were talking, and he told me his goal was to become Police Chief and he achieved that goal."

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## Congressman-elect Luke Letlow dies of COVID complications

By D'Juan Thomas - Bastrop Enterprise



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Congressman Elect, Luke Ledlow during successful campaign run.

Louisiana's 5th District Congressman-elect Luke Letlow, fresh from his runoff win early in December, died Tuesday from complications linked to the novel coronavirus COVID-19.

Letlow, a native of Start, LA in Richland Parish, announced his COVID-19 diagnosis on December 18th and was hospitalized the next day. He continued to keep his followers on social media updated from the intensive care unit at St. Francis Medi-

cal Center.

On December 23rd, Letlow's spokesperson Andrew Bautsch released a statement saying Letlow was in stable condition, but despite being treated with a combination of steroids and Remdesivir, Letlow's condition worsened. At the time of his death, Letlow was a patient at Ochsner LSU Health in Shreveport.

Letlow was 41 years old and set to take the oath of office on January 3rd. He would

have been Louisiana's youngest serving member of Congress. Letlow was elected to the seat previously held by out-going Republican Representative Ralph Abraham. Before running for the seat, Letlow worked as Abraham's chief of staff.

An outpouring of condolences has come from both sides of the political aisle. Democratic Gov. John Bel Edwards said of Letlow, "COVID-19 has taken Congressman-elect

Letlow from us far too soon. I am heartbroken that he will not be able to serve our people as a U.S. Representative, but I am even more devastated for his loving family. Louisiana has lost more than 7,300 people to COVID-19 since March, and each one of them leaves a tremendous hole in our state." The governor has ordered that flags be flown at half staff on the day of Letlow's funeral.

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## MGH Rural Health Clinic holds Meaningful, Merry and Bright event

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Tiffany Tolliver-Battle presents a Hot Wheels set to Fox Johnston.

Morehouse General Hospital Rural Health Clinic were able to spread a little joy for the holidays with their Meaningful, Merry and Bright event held on Wednesday, December 23.

Nurse Practitioner Tiffany Tolliver-Battle stated of the event, "Each year the clinic hosts an event to give back to our community. We know that this year has been very difficult for many families during the pandemic,

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## Bastrop residents see rare alignment of Jupiter and Saturn

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Here the planetary alignment of Jupiter and Saturn can be seen through the trees.

In a rare occurrence, on Monday, December 21, Bastrop residents were able to see the planetary conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn in the night sky at the closest distance they have been from each other in centuries.

According to nasa.gov, the planets of Jupiter and Saturn align with each other every 20 years,

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## District 34 Senior Christmas Giveaway held in Morehouse Parish

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Volunteers distribute ham and gift cards to Morehouse seniors.

A number of officials in District 34 partnered with local organizations to give away free ham and gift cards to seniors during the Christmas holidays.

District 34 officials including Senator Katrina Jackson, Bastrop City Marshall Lisa Chafford, District Attorney Penny Douciere, State Representative Francis Thompson, District Attorney Steve Tew,

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