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## ‘Ruling would lead to chaos’

### LA LGBTQ advocacy group reacts to attempts to repeal same-sex marriage

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The U.S. Supreme Court’s landmark ruling in *Obergefell vs. Hodges*, decided in 2015, established that the right to marry was a fundamental right guaran-

teed to same-sex couples by the Fourteenth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

Through the years, there have been various attempts to overturn the Supreme Court’s decision, with the most recent effort currently underway. In August, the court received a request from



**Critcher**

former Kentucky country clerk Kim Davis to overturn *Obergefell vs. Hodges*.

While the Supreme Court has not responded to Davis’ request to overturn the ruling, the court will consider the case at the justices’ conference Sept. 29.

The court may choose to decline or accept the case. If it chooses to revisit the case, People Acting for Change and

Equality, Northwest Louisiana’s primary LGBTQ+ advocacy organization, will be paying close attention.

“Such a ruling would lead to chaos and go against the beliefs of a majority of Americans,” PACE founding member Adrienne Critcher said. “The overturning of *Obergefell* would lead to a chaotic situation in which every gay couple, and even possibly interracial couples, could be legally married in some states but not

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## Nine best campsites named in Louisiana

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Each year, Hipcamp compiles data from booking, reviews and ratings across more than 500,000 available sites to find the best campsites, including those in Louisiana.

Within this year’s Hipcamp Awards, the best Hipcamps can be found in each state, with nine campsites said to be the best in Louisiana.

These sites range from primitive campsite locations in secluded areas to properties that offer lodging and amenities.

### 9 best camps in Louisiana

No matter the camping style, whether its tents or RVs, Hipcamp’s picks for the best campgrounds in Louisiana has something for everyone.

### Hart’s Corner Camping

Hart’s Corner Camping in Oil City offers primitive camping on Caddo Lake, which is a naturally formed freshwater lake that spans 25,400 acres and crosses from Louisiana into Texas. The lake is home to one of the largest cypress forest in the world, and the area was once the dwelling place of Caddo Native Americans. While camping, visitors can launch kayaks, canoes and peddle boats from the shore, says Hipcamp. Staying here costs \$30 per night, according to Hipcamp.

### Free Range Humanity Project

Free Range Humanity Project in Plain Dealing encompasses 69 acres of raw land that has remained untouched since 1944, making the landscape full of lush trees and dense foliage. At this campsite, visitors may park RVs, pitch tents or book one of the lodging options. Free Range Humanity Project is a sustainable development ground with a focus on naturalist living and survival techniques. A one night stay costs approximately \$15, according to Hipcamp.

### The Yoga Barn

The Yoga Barn, located at 3458 Hwy

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**Louisiana Gov. Jeff Landry speaks to an audience at Louisiana Tech University on Aug. 25. GREG HILBURN/USA TODAY NETWORK**

## Landry announces \$80M ‘secure’ microchip project

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Radiance Technologies will invest \$80 million to build a secure microchip packaging facility in Ruston in partnership with the city and Louisiana Tech, Gov. Jeff Landry announced Monday on the university campus.

The “secure” microchips are used for U.S. military applications and other sensitive data like financial transactions.

“North Louisiana has answered the call to defend our nation for generations, and today we carry that tradition forward with this landmark investment from Radiance Technologies,” Landry said. “This new secure microchip facility not only strengthens our national security, it also positions North Louisiana as a hub for advanced manufacturing, bringing new jobs and technical expertise that allow us to embrace higher education partnerships and new possibilities.”

Construction on the 40,000-square-foot facility just north of the Ruston

Sports Complex will begin in the spring of 2026 with scheduled completion in the summer of 2027.

Radiance expects to eventually create 150 new jobs with an annual payroll of \$12.7 million when fully operational by 2032.

A collaboration of the city, Louisiana Tech Foundation and Louisiana Economic Development facilitated the project. The foundation will build the facility on land provided by the city, generating lease revenue that will support the foundation.

“This partnership is a win-win opportunity that will benefit Radiance, Louisiana Tech, Ruston and the entire state,” said Radiance Chief Executive Bill Bailey. “We’re honored by the trust being placed in us and recognize what makes this region truly special. We look forward to contributing to this community’s continued growth and success.”

Radiance, which is headquartered in Huntsville, Alabama, already has an operation located on Tech’s Enterprise Campus.

“The manufacturing of secure microchips in Ruston expands this region’s

broad commitment to supporting national security and the Department of Defense,” Tech President Jim Henderson said. “This facility is the manifestation of Louisiana Tech’s longstanding reputation as an innovator in cybersecurity, advanced manufacturing and microelectronics.

“Our faculty will continue to play a significant role in Radiance’s research and development, our students will benefit from more experiential learning opportunities, and our graduates will provide the highly skilled workforce.”

The facility will be located in the city’s Secure Business Park.

“This project is a testament to what can be achieved through strong partnerships between the university, the city and industry,” Mayor Ronny Walker said. “We look forward to the innovation, growth and opportunities that Radiance Technologies will bring to our community.”

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