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Court dismisses defamation lawsuit

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A defamation lawsuit filed against a Caddo Parish Commissioner over remarks made about a Hosson truck shop was dismissed, ending a months-long

legal dispute.

The lawsuit against Commissioner Chris Kracman by owners of a Hosston, Louisiana TSA Express truck stop was dismissed October 13. The owners alleged commercial disparagement due to comments that Kracman made in a KEEL Radio interview and on his social

media following the commission's vote to approve a 2 percent sales tax at the truck stop.

The truck stop owners first filed the suit on July 22. Their attorney Jerald R. Harper filed a joint motion to dismiss the case with prejudice with the motion being read, signed and filed as of Oct. 21,

according to court documents.

When a case is dismissed prejudice, it signifies that the court is concluded and the plaintiff cannot file another lawsuit based on the same claim.

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Shreveport Times Reporter Emily Enfinger and Account Executive Sarrah Walton walk through the NecroManor Haunted House at the Louisiana Boardwalk in Bossier City. HENRIETTA WILDSMITH/SHREVEPORT TIMES VIA IMAGN CONTENT SERVICES, LLC

Haunted attractions to hit up across LA

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During the Halloween season, a popular tradition is to embark on a treacherous journey through a haunted house or attraction.

The origins of haunted houses begin with 19th-century European attractions like Marie Tussaud's "Chamber of Horrors" and was further popularized during the Great Depression.

Now, haunted attractions are more elaborate than ever, with the most extreme and immersive exhibitions making visitors sign waivers.

The 7 scariest haunted attractions in Louisiana according to HauntWorld

All throughout Louisiana, you're sure to find spooky events perfect for

Halloween, however, these are said to be the best haunted attractions in the state, according to HauntWorld.

1. RISE Haunted House in Tickfaw, Louisiana

RISE Haunted House in Tickfaw, located at 10342 LA-442, features three top-tier attractions that will "scare you senseless," including a haunted abandoned best & breakfast, an asylum and a haunted hayride. RISE Haunted House is open each weekend of October, from 7 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. on Fridays, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. on Saturdays and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Sundays.

2. The Mortuary in New Orleans, Louisiana

The Mortuary in New Orleans, located at 4800 Canal St., is a mansion that was originally built in 1872 and

operated for around 80 years as a mortuary. The mansion's doors were reopened in 2007, with the building serving as a haunted attraction. The building's haunted house theme changes every year and, while most popular during the Halloween season, it's open year-round, says Explore Louisiana.

3. Dark Woods Haunted House in Natchitoches, Louisiana

Dark Woods Haunted House, located at Dark Woods Adventure Park in Natchitoches at 4343 University Pkwy., offers plenty of potential frights, including its Dead Fall Trail, Alice's Madhouse in 3D and a living nightmare. This attractions is open each weekend of October from 7 p.m. until 11 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

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SNAP benefits to stop in Nov.

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Louisiana residents who receive food stamps through the Supplemental Food Assistance Program won't receive their benefits in November because of the federal government shutdown, Gov. Jeff Landy confirmed Oct. 22.

That means at least 800,000 Louisianans will face some level of food insecurity as the Thanksgiving holiday approaches unless Congress reaches a deal to fund government.

Landy, a Republican who is a staunch ally of President Trump,

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Johnson sued over refusal to swear in Democrat

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Speaker Mike Johnson responded Tuesday to the filing of an Arizona lawsuit against him over the elected

Democratic congresswoman that he's refused to seat.

Arizona Attorney General Kris Mayes filed the lawsuit to force Johnson to swear in Democratic Representative-elect Adelita Grijalva who won her late father's seat in a special September 26 election.

The lawsuit argues that the U.S. Constitution does not restrict who can

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