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Snowmageddon 2021

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As the roads froze over last week given the snow, sleet, and freezing temperatures, so too did life in Minden freeze with citizens being asked to stay indoors and off the roadways. However, in order to ensure that the citizens could stay inside their home safely, various departments throughout the City of Minden stayed open and continued their important work, ensuring that the water kept running, the heat stayed on, and ensuring that citizens were taken care of.

With the snow coming in on Monday and consistent below freezing temperatures making it stick throughout the week, Webster parish and it's citizens had to quite literally adapt to this new climate.

Mayor Terry Gardner took the time to clue citizens in on how the city has been weathering the storm.

"City Hall has been open from seven to four all week. All of our departments are working together to keep everybody's water turned," said Gardner from an interview a few days into the severe weather.

"The Street Department is out salting the roads and putting sand out at all the major intersections, on top of clearing roadways of trees. The fire departments are out turning off different water lines that have busted. But as far as the city's water, our water plants are working to one hundred percent capacity."

Luckily, Minden has been able to avoid the blackouts other nearby cities have had to face. "We have had very few power outages. This is due to our tree trimming program we have in place," said Gardner.

Speaking of damages caused by the storm, Gardner only noted one major water line breaking, which City Employees fixed promptly. "We've had one major water line break on Park Highway which we got fixed Wednesday night," said Gardner.



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The winter season is finishing strong with Webster Parish and many other states in the southern USA receiving a winter storm unlike many have experienced in the past, leaving residents in homes and businesses closed for the better part of last week.

While Minden hasn't seen water shortages and power outages like some other areas in the south hit by the storm, the roadways being iced over has provided its own set of challenges for city employees getting to work. As

a token of appreciation for their hard work to keep the City of Minden up and operational through this emergency, Gardner has been providing them with lunch throughout the week.

"We have all been picking up employees and bringing them to work and taking them home in the evenings, so we could take care of all our citizen's in the city. I've been preparing lunch for all the city employees every day for them to pick up. I am blessed as Mayor to have very dedicated department heads and city employees. They have all come together and worked wherever we need them to," said Gardner.

"But today I couldn't go to Walmart and get anything because it

closed. So I called Jimmy Hall of Grace Estates, and he stepped up and they fixed lunch for all the city employees today."

From a different department with an equally vital job to do during the storm, Webster parish Sheriff Jason Parker spoke of what he and his deputies had experienced while working in the severe winter weather.

"I've never seen anything like this in my lifetime, and, you know, it's been a challenge for us to be able to access some of the Parish. I've got some deputies in their personal vehicles answering calls, because that's the only way we can get to some of the citizens in the winter storm," said Sheriff Jason Parker.

"It's one of those tough deals to authorize the use of personal vehicles to go out and do our job, but, you know, it's this kind of the moment. We had to make that decision to do that because that's not what we would like to do, but we were able to access some folks."

While the office has been taking care of the wrecks caused by

people who have disregarded warnings to avoid the roadways except in the case of emergency, Sheriff Parker says it takes time and resources away from their main goal, which is ensuring the safety of the citizens of the parish.

"Most of our calls have been just welfare checks on our senior citizens, some that have been called in, some that we're just going out and checking on throughout the parish," said Parker. Through their welfare checks, the Sheriff's office was able to identify an area where citizens were left without power, and helped to tend to their needs.

"We had several senior citizens down in the southwest part of the parish that we were checking on, and they had been without power since five-thirty Wednesday. One is on oxygen and her generator didn't work. So we were able to get her another generator so she could at least have some heat, and that's what it's all about, taking care of our senior citizens," said Parker.

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State Superintendent Releases Statement On Vaccine Access For Educators

BATON ROUGE, La. -- Governor John Bel Edwards announced today that Louisiana will begin vaccinating early childhood center workers and K-12 educators and support staff Monday. State Superintendent of Education Dr. Cade Brumley released the following statement in support of the Governor's decision.

"I'm grateful and relieved to know our early childhood workers, as well as k-12 educators and school staff, now have access to this vaccine. This signifies the value of our



BRUMLEY

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Dates Drive Thru Vaccine Rescheduled due to Weather

STAFF REPORT

Minden Press-Herald

The Minden Drive-Thru Vaccine Clinic is taking place Tuesday, Feb. 23 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m at the Minden fairgrounds. Those that have pre-registered can go to the fairgrounds and receive their COVID Vaccine. Vaccines are in limited supply, so those who did not pre-register will be turned away.

When arriving at the fairgrounds enter from Clerk Street onto Council Street and go to the livestock building (green building past the main fair entrance). The exit will be via Goodwill Street to Clerk Street. This clinic is for persons 65 years old and older. Everyone will receive the Moderna vaccine and will have

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SECOND FRONT

Vaccine: Brumley's request dates back to early December

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essential employees and will enable even more Louisiana centers and schools to be fully open to serve students, families and communities. I extend my thanks to Governor Edwards, the Louisiana Department of Health and our state's medical professionals for working alongside us throughout this pandemic and for making our educational community a priority. Although not perfect, Louisiana has managed to maintain an early childcare system and a k-12 educational program throughout this pandemic."

Dr. Brumley first requested priority vaccine access for educators and staff in a December 12, 2020 letter to LDH Secretary Dr. Courtney Phillips, copied to Governor Edwards. This request drew national attention being one of the first official requests of its kind as it included priority

access not just for k-12 teachers and staff but for early childcare center workers as well. This letter was followed by similar requests from advocates across the state. According to the latest data available on the Department's School Reopening Dashboard, 67 percent of students are participating in fully in-person instruction, 20 percent are fully virtual and around 13 percent are in a hybrid setting.

For over a month, the Department has been working with local systems to develop vaccine distribution plans to help ensure equitable access to these voluntary vaccines and vaccine information. This guidance included identifying the total number of vaccinations needed for their school system as well as recommending that systems coordinate with vaccine partners such as a hospital, clinic, pharmacy, Public Health Office or other entity.

Schedule: Second doses offered

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to return four (4) weeks later on Tuesday, March 16th from 10:00am-12:00pm to receive their second dose at the same location. This is a collaboration between several agencies including LSU

Health Shreveport, Louisiana National Guard, Louisiana Department of Health, the City of Minden, Minden Medical Center, the Webster Parish Library, and the Webster Parish Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness.

GAS

Analyst Predicts Extreme Cold Will Heat Up Gas Prices, With Nearly 20% of Total U.S. Refinery Capacity Offline

GAS BUDDY
Special to the Minden Press-Herald

Motorists should brace themselves for even higher gas prices in the days ahead, enhanced by the extreme cold weather that hit much of the country. According to GasBuddy, the national average price of gasoline may jump 10-20 cents per gallon from its current price of \$2.54 per gallon over the next two weeks as millions of barrels of refining capacity had gone offline due to the extreme cold in the South, with little relief on the horizon as overall gasoline demand contin-

ues to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Such an increase in prices could lead the national average to rise to \$2.65-\$2.75 per gallon, resulting in the highest prices since 2019 and the highest seasonal prices in over five years.

"The quicker the affected refineries are able to come back online, the better, and perhaps less painful for motorists than if they remain out of service for even longer," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy. "Oil prices have continued to rally as global oil demand re-

covers from the worst of the COVID-19 pandemic, and now the extreme cold weather shutting refineries down, us motorists just can't seem to catch a break. We probably won't see much, if any relief, anytime soon."

According to GasBuddy's analysis, 11 refineries in Texas and one in Kansas have at least partially shut due to the extremely cold weather. Refineries are exposed to the elements, and unlike facilities in the northern U.S. which are prepared for cold weather, few refineries in the south have protection from these histor-

ically low temperatures. GasBuddy calculations show 3.48 million barrels of refining capacity were offline as of midday Tuesday, or nearly 20% of total U.S. refining capacity, just under the amount shut down due to Hurricane Harvey in 2017. Every day that these refineries are not operating the country is consuming more gasoline than it produces, swiftly impacting inventories.

"Expect gas prices to rise more closer to the markets these refineries serve, primarily Texas, Louisiana, Alabama, Mississippi, Florida, Georgia,

the Carolinas, and potentially even up the coast, as the Colonial pipeline carries refined products from the affected refineries as far as New Jersey. While other regions are also likely to see impacts to gas prices, the amount may be slightly less," De Haan said. "Even after this event is over, it may take refineries days or even a week or two to fully return to service, and with gasoline demand likely to accelerate as we approach March and April, the price increases may not quickly fade."

GasBuddy expects the national average could

rise closer to \$3 per gallon closer to Memorial Day weekend as refineries eventually begin to switch over to EPA-mandated cleaner summer fuels. While a \$3/gal national average is far from guaranteed, the odds are certainly rising. The market could get doused in cold water, however, should OPEC, which controls a third of global oil production, raise production in the weeks or months ahead.

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"And you know, that's what we're here for. That's what our focus is right now. Certainly we have to answer our calls for service, the vehicles stuck in the ditch, but it is not a priority for us. We need to get out and take care of our senior citizens and our elderly and we have to respond to these calls of domestic violence, but while we're taking care of that, we're being tied up with vehicles stuck in a ditch because they wanted to run to the store and get an ICEE."

Despite a week that has truly been like no other most Webster Parish citizens have experienced in



LYNN BALDREE/COURTESY PHOTO

Accumulation of if on metal roofs/buildings has cause major collapses throughout the parish.

their lifetime, the snow has again safe to drive on, and ging off the cold and getting melted, roadways are one life in the parish is shrug- back to business.

INDUSTRY

Louisiana officials: U.S. can fight climate change, still drill for oil

(The Center Square) - Offshore oil exploration can go hand-in-hand with President Joe Biden's stated goals of reducing carbon emissions and fighting climate change, Louisiana officials argued Wednesday.

State government and business leaders said they are deeply concerned about the federal government's current 60-day moratorium on oil production on federal land and water, and about what regulations will be imposed on the industry after the moratorium ends. For Louisiana, the main concerns have to do with offshore drilling in the Gulf of Mexico.

U.S. Rep. Garret Graves, a Baton Rouge Republican, was one of several speakers at Wednesday's joint meeting of the state House and Senate natural resources

committees who said offshore oil production in U.S. waters has a small effect on overall carbon emissions compared with other sources, especially oil and gas from other countries with different environmental standards. He said he did not think the Biden administration would attempt to ban offshore drilling but said it may push excessive regulation of the industry.

"It is going to be death by a thousand cuts," Graves said.

The moratorium has immediate effects on the state's economy and creates uncertainty about the future for an industry that makes huge investments, said David Dismukes, executive director of the LSU Center for Energy Studies.

"Capital-intensive industries abhor uncertainty," he said.

Wednesday's meeting, which lasted about four hours, did not include any speakers who favored the administration's actions.

Several speakers noted oil-and-gas employment has been declining for years. Some state residents argue state leaders should put more focus on diversifying the state's economy than on trying to recapture the glory days of oil.

"It's time to focus our investments on clean industries, instead of doubling down on declining markets that leave us more vulnerable to climate disasters," Camille Manning-Broome, president of the Baton Rouge-based Center for Planning Excellence, argues in a recent column. "We have more to gain than we have to lose by joining the global energy transition."

Republican U.S. Sen. Bill



Cassidy in a video statement said Louisiana suffers from climate change because rising seas threaten the state's coastline. He suggested the administration's agenda to reduce carbon emissions could be turned to the state's advantage, mentioning carbon capture, whereby industrial carbon emissions are captured and used for other purposes, as a possible opportunity.

Democratic Gov. John Bel Edwards has set a goal to make Louisiana net carbon neutral by 2050, and carbon capture has been discussed as one of the tools to work toward that goal. Industry representatives are included on the governor's climate task force, and the Edwards administration has emphasized working with the industry to reduce emissions.

WEBSTER & MORE

3 DAY PLANNING FORECAST


FIRST ALERT WEATHER



JESSICA MOORE

Sunny and warm temperatures continue for Tuesday and Wednesday with mostly sunny skies! Clouds move back in Wednesday as a front brings more rain on Thursday. Temperatures take a slight drop but overall not too cold.

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Mabel Greenard Jackson (100)

FEBRUARY 16, 2021

Dorothy Gilbert

Ossie B Houston

FEBRUARY 17, 2021

Lou Ethel Wright

Colin Moore

FEBRUARY 18, 2021

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OBITUARIES



Cheri J. Greer

Visitation for Cheri Greer will be held Saturday, February 27, 2021 from 2:00 until 3:00 p.m. with a private memorial service for her family at 3:00 p.m. Officiating will be Greg Winget and Tracy Winget.

Cheri was born May 24, 1965 in Minden, Louisiana and entered into rest February 19, 2021 in Bossier City, Louisiana.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Steve Culver; father, Larry Jordan; stepfather, Earl Coe; and special uncle Clovis Winget.

She is survived by the love of her life, Bill Greer; mother, Barbara Coe; son, Casey Culver and wife Lauren; daughter, Courtney Ehrenzweig and husband Shaun; sister, Hayley Hannesson; brother, Will Jordan; grandchildren, Hayden, Baylor, and Liam; her puppy, Pippa Louise; and a host of friends and extended family.

Cheri was a loving wife, mother, daughter, Honey, and a force to be reckoned with. She was the head of Industrial Instrumentation at Northwest Louisiana Technical Community College where she was deemed the Empress of Instrumentation. Cheri loved to refinish furniture and would frequently convince Bill to spend Saturdays hunting for furniture that needed a little love. Her other great love was landscaping, and her yard was constantly evolving to fulfill her latest vision.

Cheri's kindness, laughter, creativity, and zest for life made the world a brighter place. Her passion and drive came through in everything she did and she made everyone believe that they could accomplish anything they put their minds to. She was an inspiration to us all and her absence will be felt by everyone who knew and loved her.

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James Benjamin Calhoun, Sr.

James Benjamin Calhoun, Sr. was born September 16, 1928 in Minden, Louisiana and entered into rest February 18, 2021 in Minden, Louisiana.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Willie Croft and Bessie Leola Nix Calhoun; wife Nancy Mathews Calhoun; infant son, James Benjamin Calhoun, Jr; daughter, Kayla Calhoun Gorham; sisters, Gladys Calhoun Milner and Marcilene Calhoun Vedross; and brother, W.C. (Bill) Calhoun.

He is survived by his daughters, Monnie Heard and

husband Tony and Susan Vess and husband Denny; grandchildren, Peyton Gorham and Pete Gorham; great-grandchildren, Samantha Gorham and Kaleb Gorham; sister, Artemis Calhoun Busby, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Monnie and Susan would like to thank daddy's niece and nephew, Bessie and Billy Don Mangrum for all they have done to help daddy over the years.

A memorial will be held at a later date due to Covid.

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MARTHA LOUISE DUBARD

Martha Louise Tatom DuBard, age 94, of Bossier City, Louisiana, passed away on February 16, 2021, after a three-year battle with dementia.

A graveside service will be held on Sunday, February 28, 2021 at 2 pm at the Minden Cemetery, with the Rev. Bill Crider officiating. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Minden.

Louise is preceded in death by her parents Carl and Marie Byrnes Tatom and her beloved husband of 61 years, Silas DuBard.

Louise was born in Minden on January 15, 1927. She graduated from Minden High School and shortly after began working at the Louisiana Army Ammunition Plant. She also worked at First Baptist Minden in various capacities but her main vocation was as a homemaker.

Louise loved the Lord and always looked forward

to attending Sunday School and church each week. While she was not a member of the church choir, she loved to sing and was always humming or singing a hymn as she cleaned house. She was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. Other interests included reading and calligraphy.

Louise is survived by her daughter Debbie Crafts and husband Norbert of Bossier City and one granddaughter, Lily Grace Crafts; one sister, Doris Kelley of Minden, and nieces Nancy Chafin and husband H. Rhea of El Paso, Texas, Jan Kelley of Orlando, Florida, Lynn McGough of Summit, New Jersey and Michele Brou of Atlanta, Georgia.

The family wishes to thank the staff of Brookdale Bossier, in particular Miranda Gipson, Amanda Foster, and Sheila Nevitt for their care and compassionate treatment of Louise during her final months. They would also like to acknowledge St. Joseph Hospice of Shreveport who assisted with Louise's care.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to First Baptist Minden or to the donor's charity of choice.

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OTHER OPINION

Malkin: Pregnant Women: Beware of COVID Shots

Twenty years ago, when I was pregnant with my first child, I transformed into a total health nut. A lifelong couch potato, I started exercising, enrolled in Lamaze classes and even took vitamins for the first time. I halted my consumption of caffeine, Doritos, Spam and sushi. After decades of obliviousness to food labels, I began scrutinizing every additive and preservative listed in the teeny-tiny font on each item of my grocery list.

Now, imagine if our culture encouraged women of childbearing age to be as vigilant about the effects of Big Pharma's experimental drugs on themselves and their unborn babies as they are about our diets. We know all about gluten and carbs, trans-fats and Omega-3 fatty acids, mercury in fish and heavy metals in baby food. But do you know what's in the COVID-19 vaccines that an estimated 100 million Americans are expected to inject into their bodies by this spring?

In December, I flagged concerns raised by Dr. Michael Yeadon, former vice president and chief scientific officer at Pfizer Global, regarding two additives in the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine: polyethylene glycol and mNeonGreen. Yeadon and his colleagues warned of potential fertility-specific risks involving antibodies against "spike proteins" that could disrupt the development of placenta in vaccinated women. It is "unclear," they warned, "what if any instructions/information" that clinical trial subjects received regarding those risks.

Bear in mind that none of the

clinical trials conducted by the vaccine-makers to win emergency use authorization from the federal government included pregnant women. That has been historically true of drug trials because, as Dr. Simone Gold of America's Frontline Doctors explained to me in an interview last week, the "cascade of events that has to go one in the human body to get pregnant and maintain a pregnancy is incredibly complicated" and "we don't know all



MICHELLE MALKIN

"would be advocating" taking "anything experimental."

Yes, let's be clear and accurate in our description of the COVID-19 vaccines. They are wholly experimental treatments manufactured and marketed by multinational corporations that are immune from liability for their products being tested, approved and distributed at warp speed. An important white paper by America's Frontline Doctors reminds citizens that COVID-19 vaccines manufactured by Pfizer, Moderna and AstraZeneca are considered "investigational" in status and fall under legal standards for experimental medications. The trials are ongoing

and enrollees are tracked for at least the next two years. "We do not know the effect on the pregnant or soon to be pregnant," Gold and her colleagues report. "There is no actual data at all for an enormous percentage of the population, probably more than half."

On top of all that uncertainty and lack of data, the "mechanism of action of the experimental mRNA vaccines includes a possible autoimmune rejection of the placenta. In layman's terms, the vaccine may permanently interfere with a woman's ability to maintain a pregnancy." In fact, as the labeling on COVID-19 vaccine vials itself acknowledges: "(I)t is unknown whether COVID-19 mRNA VaccineBNT162b2 has an impact on fertility. And women of childbearing age are advised to avoid pregnancy for at least two months after their second dose."

Nevertheless, Dr. Anthony Fauci is now downplaying the risks of COVID-19 jab complications in pregnant women and claims there are "no red flags," while the World Health Organization has warned that "very little data are available to assess vaccine safety in pregnancy."

Let me give you the bottom line on the "expert" consensus about whether the COVID-19 vaccines are safe for pregnant women: They just don't know. Yet, those who dare dissent from Big Pharma orthodoxy have been branded "conspiracy theorists" and are being pushed off social media. Merely noting that the experts don't know what they don't know is smeared as "misinformation"

or "disinformation." (You may remember I first warned you about this global censorship of vaccine dissidents in March 2019.)

The National Vaccine Information Center's VAERS database tracker has identified 23 cases involving COVID-19 vaccines and reported miscarriages, fetal death, premature delivery or stillbirth. The background miscarriage rate is about 10-15%, so you would expect some miscarriages to happen regardless of the vaccine. But extreme caution is still advised. Alex Berenson, former New York Times reporter and COVID-19 watchdog, asks: "Where's the safety data?" He reports that animal studies on COVID jabs have shown "much higher rates of lost fetuses" — and to date, the only such trials have been conducted on pregnant rats.

In the meantime, federal Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System data on human COVID-19 vaccine recipients have disclosed "multiple cases of apparently healthy late-term fetuses lost days after vaccinations," Berenson adds. "Healthy pregnant women are at next to no risk from #Covid; why on earth would anyone try to shame them into getting this vaccine?"

For moms and moms-to-be, we must always follow the oath that so many COVID Inc. experts have abandoned: First, do no harm.

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OTHER OPINION

McHugh David: Corporate tax increases? Let's prove functionality first

As much of the nation weather's (pardon the pun) Winter Storm Uri, an announcement emerged from the White House that President Joe Biden's tax plan to increase revenue includes an increase for the corporate rate from 21% to 28%.

Some statistics on the change, per Alex Hendrie of RealClearPolitics:

The Biden tax hike calls for raising the corporate rate from 21% to 28%, proposes a new global minimum tax on American businesses, and creates a 15% tax on "book income." These tax hikes would be devastating to American businesses and would see U.S. businesses pay a 32% rate after state taxes, one of the highest rates in the developed world.

For instance, the U.S. rate would be higher than key competitors such as the United Kingdom (19%), China (25%), Canada (26.5%), Ireland (12.5%), Germany (29.9%) and Japan (29.74%), according to data compiled by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

It would also impose new taxes on American businesses at a time the U.S. is lagging behind foreign competitors when it comes to promoting innovation. In fact, according to a Manufacturing Leadership Council study, the U.S. ranks

26th in research and development tax incentives when ranking the 36 developed countries in the OECD.

Not only will these tax increases result in businesses creating jobs overseas instead of America, they will also cause a return of corporate inversions.



MCHUGH DAVID

Inversions came to prominence during the Obama administration, when concern grew that the uncompetitive tax code was causing U.S. businesses to merge with, or acquire, a foreign business with the intent of incorporating the new, combined entity overseas. In 2014 alone, American businesses with combined assets of \$319 billion announced plans to invert, according to the Congressional Budget Office.

The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) signed into law in 2017 solved this problem and caused businesses to begin coming back to America. This is not the only problem solved by the TCJA that will return if Biden's tax hikes are signed into law —

the U.S. will also see a surge of foreign businesses acquiring American businesses.

The TCJA changed much of the tax code to reduce individual and corporate tax rates. The idea was to provide more 'grease' so-to-speak for the economic wheels, by providing lower expenditures so increase job creation and incentivize companies to repatriate dollars.

This seemed to work, at least for a time, as GDP continued to grow. It is worth mentioning, however, that this doesn't mean wealth gaps or a 'rebuilding of the middle class' occurred, just that the overall, national economy appeared to be moving with more rapidity.

The COVID hit, and put the economy in a free-fall. Compared to most countries, the United States was unable to provide the same level of stimulus and sustainability as other places in the world.

Why? Because we were broke.

Why were we broke? Because the country continued to spend well above its means and borrow up to the debt limit, 'hoping' that the economy would eventually outrun the debt.

Of course, it never did.

As discussed last week, if taxes are to increase perhaps we should find a better method for managing finances at a

federal level first? Why not divert some of this unnecessary spending on defense toward local infrastructure projects that create jobs? Or even disaster mitigation, which technically falls under the definition of 'defense' for this country?

Defense isn't the only budget that is over what would be considered 'responsible' spending, but it's the most glaring number.

Investing in America to create jobs and push recovery from COVID-19 should be the goal of any administration at present, not messing with the tax code. The constant pendulum swinging from one economic mantra to the other causes nothing but problems with no long term consistency.

Finding a better way to manage and spend tax revenues will provide more faith to the American people. If the federal government was operating at even 80% efficiency, citizenry would be more likely to agree to a tax hike.

But until that happens, it's time for government to spend more wisely, taking bites out of the debt and investing in local projects that will simulate the economy, protect infrastructure, and create jobs.

MCHUGH DAVID IS PUBLISHER OF THE LIVINGSTON PARISH NEWS.

INSPIRATION

Sunshine is on the way

We can't say we weren't warned.

We knew days in advance this horrific cold spell was coming, we just didn't know to what extent. We had never experienced anything like this, although we have faced similar cold events.

We had time to prepare and we tried to do so. We cooked up some food ahead and tried to get all our meds filled to take us through the worst of it. But, I don't remember it ever getting this cold. So far, (at time of writing) we haven't lost power, although the ice storm coming in could change that. That is the part that

can play havoc with everything. The beautiful snow that covered the ground measured 5 inches in our yard and was a sight to behold. One could enjoy it from inside, looking out.

This storm reminded me of a winter storm we went through several years ago, maybe in the '80s. There was ice and snow on the roof, ice-coated trees and roads, then the power went out, also lost access to water. We had run some water for drinking, cooking and coffee and had several containers on hand. Hub-

by went to the pond and hauled water up for the bathrooms and placed empty buckets under the eaves to catch the melting ice as it ran off.

We had gas logs in our living room fireplace, a gas range and everything else was electric.

Our son and his family were all electric, so they came to stay with us. Her grandmother was also all electric and lived alone, so we invited her to join us. In all, there were eight of us, in three bedroom house, with a sleeper sofa to accommodate us.



FANNIE MOORE

We were able to keep everyone fairly warm, fed and bedded down for about three days. It was quite an experience, but the Good Lord looked out for us. The minute we used up the last of the water caught for the bathroom, the power and water came back on.

I can't say we were that prepared this time even though we were warned.

I, like so many of you, cooked up a huge pot of vegetable-beef soup. (Lasted several meals, with a pan of corn bread to go with it.)

Thanks to a friend, I learned of hams being on sale so I grabbed one of

the last ones available, and cooked it ahead. It's amazing what you can do with a ham. It makes great breakfasts, good sandwiches and is good served with a meal of vegetables.

Since Valentine Day came in there, I had cooked a beautiful and delicious cake, but since there was no one else to eat any, we have been enjoying cake for several days.

Now comes the bad news as the weathermen are predicting several more inches of snow, along with sleet and freezing rain to top the roads that are already covered in ice and snow. With the

freezing rain and cold temperatures, the most obvious outcome will be downed trees and power lines, thereby cutting our supply of heat,

The first days of snow and sub-zero temperatures were just a forewarning of what was to come.

Prayers for everyone's safety through the next ordeal and hoping by the time you read this, we'll be on our way to warmer, sunnier days.

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INSPIRATION

Why Do We Have To Wait For Random Act of Kindness Day To commit a random act of kindness?

As a random act of kindness we can touch lives, produce change, bestow a present, make a contribution, become a benefactor by giving the greatest gift we can give to another by breathing that simple phrase "I believe in you."

This simple phrase, this bit of praise, this affirmation of someone's worth, we may perform wonders in removing self-doubt, moving mountains and promoting growth that will

create a sense of self, of well-being, quickening steps, putting a sparkle in the eye, making someone feel cherished, alive, nurtured more than any other act of kindness that we might give to one in need of self-esteem.

When we take the time to look within the eye, the heart, offer opportunities for growth, whether as teachers offering field trips, hosting contests or simply time spent with the one in need, we may find we unlock doors, loosen triggers, turn on someone's brain, release creativity, ignite that feeling of "I can do it."

Encouraging someone to do that which produces tremendous fear will do more to erase timidity, cause exhilaration, a racing of the spirit -- producing a tremendous high that makes someone want to feel the sensation of a

growth experience again and again -- which is why I think people love to compete in all types of competitions!

Having spent a number of years as a motivational speaker, I thrived in reaching

out, searching for those whom I could impact, motivate, strive to bring them up sometimes out of the same sad situation I found myself in as a painfully shy child in an orphanage, struggling with my grief, devoid of the spontaneity found in children. I never knew who might hear my words and take a tiny step toward finding the same joy I experienced when I was encouraged as a teenager by my speech teacher so many years ago.

It takes a special person, sometimes a teacher to do what parents cannot do alone. It usually takes

joint efforts to motivate, to encourage one's own to be the best that he or she can be, to drive, to somehow light that spark, to make the child say in his heart "I want to be, I want to do the very best that I can do!"

I shall never forget the ones who made that difference within my life, who turned on the light, the phosphorescence in my spirit that is still burning, as I endeavor to make my own contribution, encouraging others to find a niche, a creative talent that will lead to a brighter day.

We never know what people need but one thing for sure is that we were all put here for a reason and every experience we share may be just what another needs most to grow, to become what they would like to be!


We must look within, search inside ourselves, to find that special, latent talent, that gift, as we inspire someone to begin the journey of becoming who they were meant to be!

We all need encouragement!

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INSPIRATION

So Long Jim Pumphrey

It was the fall of 1974. I was a freshman at LSU and worked as a maintenance man at an apartment complex. My brother managed – the Alaskan Arms. Pumphrey also lived there with a roommate named Angelo “Toogie” Spinato. The day I introduced myself to Jim, I said: I’m from North Louisiana, Dubach. He said, “Really? My mother – who he called “Red” – is from Dubach. When she was a young girl, she said she waited tables at a place called the Star Café. Heard of it?”



RANDY ROGERS

Well, as Bogie once said in Casablanca, “of all the gin joints in all the world” Jim had to walk into a small-town memory of mine. When I was young, my family would take me after church for Sunday dinner, that’s lunch to you Yankee types, at the Star Café. In fact, my next-door neighbors once owned the Star Café. Jim had recently gotten out of the service and was going to school on the G.I. Bill. In 1974, the Vietnam war was coming to an end. The day he got

his draft notice, to get out of going to Vietnam, Jim went to the local recruiting office in New Orleans to join the Navy. Only the Navy recruiter was out to lunch. So, he went across the hall to talk to the Air Force. One oath to preserve and protect later, he was a Corpsman stationed in the Netherlands training to be a dental technician. When Jim enrolled at LSU, he was 24 and I was 18. Looking back now, it’s funny how I jokingly called him an old man. While not that much older than me, Jim had done and seen more things than me. After all, he had lived in a foreign country. He

would strum all 3 chords on his acoustic guitar. I’d play my harmonica while he sang America’s “Sandman” and Arlo Guthrie’s “Mr. Customs Man.” Not a day went by when we weren’t playing chess, poker, pinball, basketball, racquetball, etc. – all the things college kids do. I always said, that if I had one day left on earth and just wanted to have a good time – not worry about anything – that I would look up Jim Pumphrey. He had perfected the art of just hanging out and could entertain a lamp post. One day I had the chance to drive Jim up to Dubach – where me and

his mom grew up – introduced him to my neighbor “MaMaw” Davidson. I remember how Jim smiled as MaMaw spoke fondly of Red and her years working for them at the Blue Star Café. I think everybody likes hearing good things about their mama. After I left LSU, Jim and I lost touch. I moved to Ruston. He moved back to New Orleans. I wanted to look him up, find out what he was up to these days, maybe see if we could get together and talk over old times – see if and how time had changed us. I tried to find him on Facebook and searched

for him on Google many times but had no luck. A couple of months back, I came across his short obit in a Little Rock newspaper. It read that he died in 2010 in Little Rock hospital after a short illness. I wish I hadn’t waited so long to reconnect with the old man. We could have gotten back together and sat around and sung some of the old songs, laughed, and reminisced. You know, do nothing important or stressful. Just like we used to...

WRITTEN BY COLUMNIST RANDY ROGERS

ROLLING THROUGH LIFE

Northwest Louisiana Master Gardeners class now open for registration

Ever dreamed of becoming a Master Gardener? Now is your chance. The LSU AgCenter is accepting applications for the next Northwest Louisiana Master Gardeners class, scheduled for July through September. Membership is open to all adults in Northwest Louisiana. Master Gardeners are the volunteer arm of the LSU AgCenter. They are trained in horticulture in exchange for 40 hours of volunteer service, sharing what they have learned with other gardeners.

spring Plant Sale, teaching children about gardening, creating, and maintaining demonstration gardens and assisting in local parish extension offices. So, what will you learn? Topics include insects, plant health, vegetables, fruits, turf, ornamentals and more. Classes, both lecture and hands-on, are taught by Louisiana Cooperative Extension specialists, university professors and other horticulture experts. Classes will be held from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. every Thursday for 10 weeks, starting July 1, 2021. Attendance at all classes is required for certification. There is

a \$150 registration fee, which covers the cost of training manuals, publications and supplies for the class. If you register by May 1, 2021, you will receive a \$25 discount. Class size is limited, and the registration deadline is June 1, 2021. Call 318-927-3110 or 318-371-1371, to request an application, or download one at www.phlmg.com (Programs and follow the links). Applications may also be picked up at either Claiborne and Webster Extension Offices.

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LOCAL PHILANTHROPY

Louisiana challenges California ban on alligator products

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — In the Trump administration’s last days, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service proposed a change to rules protecting alligators – a change that opponents consider an end run around the chance that Louisiana might lose a federal court challenge to California’s ban on alligator products. The government is taking comments until March 22 on the proposal to remove 12 words that let states regulate sales or transfers of “any American alligator specimen” within their boundaries. The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries supports the change and credits the great armored lizard’s comeback largely to private conservation prompted by commerce. The proposed rule goes beyond a request by state Attorney General Jeff Landry to have gator hides exempted from control of states where sales take place. But opponents say the proposal is an effort to boost the chances of lawsuits filed by state of Louisiana and companies in California, Florida and Texas against the state of California over its decision to ban the import and sale of alligator products. Louisiana had no comment on that allegation. Brendan Cummings, conservation director for the Center for Biological Diversity, said that while the proposed rule would “technically” affect only alligators, it could set a much broader precedent on the boundaries of state and federal wildlife management. The center is a nonprofit organization supporting California’s side of the case. Under the present rule,

“the feds set the floor but not the ceiling on protection,” Cummings said. In Louisiana, landowners can charge alligator farmers who want to collect eggs from their land. That gives them a reason to keep marshes and swampland in good shape, helping a large number of species that are still endangered, threatened or being considered for listing under the Endangered Species Act, the state says. Louisiana is arguing, however, that private landowners’ conservation efforts are largely responsible for the rebound of the American alligator and its removal from the endangered species list. “California’s law will hinder these proven conservation methods and, in our view, violates federal law and the constitution,” the state Wildlife and Fisheries Department said in an emailed statement. After generations of unregulated hunting, alligator numbers had dropped precipitously in the mid-1900s. Alabama barred hunting them in 1941. Florida followed in 1961 and Louisiana in 1962. Federal protection began in 1967. Louisiana estimates there are now 2 million wild alligators in the state and another 900,000 on alligator farms, which collect eggs from the wild and return 10% of the captive-raised reptiles once they’re big enough to have no wild predators. The program has been so successful that about 1,000 “nuisance alligators” — gators that are more than 4 feet long and threaten people, livestock or pets — are removed each year in the state. Gators also show up on golf

links during New Orleans’ PGA tournament. American alligators are still listed as threatened to ensure regulation of products that could easily be mistaken for those from endangered Chinese alligators — the only other alligator species — or from crocodiles that also are endangered or threatened. After years of exempting alligators from its ban on dealing in endangered or threatened species, California lawmakers in 2019 voted to ban importing or possessing “the dead body, or a part or product thereof, of a crocodile or alligator.” It was to take effect at the start of 2020. Companies in California, Florida and Texas sued California. Louisiana — joined by a large landowner and a landowners’ association — filed a second suit, saying the ban could hurt alligator and crocodile populations by disrupting support for well-functioning conservation and regulatory programs that depend on sales of alligator products. Chief District Judge Kimberly J. Mueller combined the two lawsuits and has halted enforcement of California’s law while the case is in court. The current schedule calls for a motion requesting a decision without a full trial to be filed by April 30, with the last of several additional briefs due by July 30.

STRANGER FROM A STRANGE LAND

The World of Maddox

Maddox is the oldest of my five grandchildren. He claims the distinction by mere minutes over his sibling triplets. Hospital clock hands monitored carefully reveal multiple births are not

delivered simultaneously. Maddox Walker Hart was born first. He sometimes regrets his middle name. He doesn't enjoy walking and quotes the adage,

"The Great Outdoors are not so great." Like many people, he is tethered to games and screens. Unlike many people, he has an unusual arsenal of idioms. He doesn't seem to talk and think and process information in lock-step with others. Because of my hours wasted watching television, I often wonder how different a creature I would've been born a century earlier. I wonder that about Maddox too. A kid inextricably linked to technology. I can't picture Maddox at a barn raising or shoeing a horse or firing a musket. He's only possible in this or perhaps a future century.

Maddox is a boy marching to the beat of a different drum. We're not blood relatives but some have noted our similarities. That's code for strange rangers. Odd ducks. As I've pointed out repeatedly, the south seems less appreciative of divergent thought. Strict societal norms seem to have created a land of homogenized people. Many were crestfallen by the Louisiana State University Tigers following a national college football championship with a season of abject disappointment. Many lamented another New Orleans Saints de-

feat in the professional football playoffs. Life went on for Maddox. I'm not sure whether grid-iron apathy is regarded a venial or cardinal sin, but it won't win friends in the Pelican State.

I fear deviation from groupthink here will become less cute the older Maddox grows. He is usually regarded the most

peculiar of the triplets although he seems perfectly normal to me. The firstborn was lowest in the womb, an embryonic catbird seat affording Maddox the best position for gathering nutrients in utero. He was the largest of the babies. I called him Big Man. But as they progressed from babies to toddlers to kids, the other two lapped him in height and weight. Maddox is a very selective eater. He won't eat fruit despite my warnings of scurvy in his future. I stopped eating red meat a year before I moved here, miscalculating how such a dietary renovation might endear me to locals in my process of southern assimilation. Food is important and those who turn their noses up at dishes do not make new friends for being picky.

Foods textures have concerned him all his life. The baby triplets had a large table with a hole cut for each and mounted plastic chairs underneath. You could feed them assembly line style. Maddox sat on the left and made careful selections from his perch.

I visited the summer after their November births and Maddox awoke early. The playroom in their tiny Buchanan house had a swinging chair. I sat Maddox

in it before 5 a.m. and cranked the handle to swing and soothe him. He quit crying but insisted I watch him. He would not let me break eye contact and rest on the floor. I carried him outside for a look at the Minden sunrise. It was a moment of connection he has likely forgot but I never will. Just the two of us. Each preparing for immersion in a culture neither of us quite fit.

He visited Kansas City as a toddler and we went to the zoo. A small train offered visitors a ride around the animal exhibits and Maddox wandered too near the tracks. The miniature train was heading his way. I sprinted to the rescue as I could in the days of two good legs. I can no longer run but I can still lift Maddox. Unlike most aging Americans, he hasn't put on a lot of pounds.

He's not only lighter in weight but also hair and complexion. The blonde boy stands out. I was a towheaded toddler once I finally sprouted hair. But I turned brunette when I transitioned to adulthood. Now I'm graying, returning to the lighter shade of my youth. Will Maddox hair ever darken? Will his skin tone? Not if he keeps staying inside and avoiding those dangerous sun rays.

Triplet photos suggest Maddox is not the oldest but rather the little brother. His stronger sister might pick him up and mother him. Some cite her as being bossy. I say she's just trying to keep him on track. He's easily distracted. Assigned tasks might interest him less than the dialogue in his head. I identify with this.

His brother is tall, dark, and

handsome. He is soft-spoken with an authentic accent and polite manners sure to win the attention of every woman his age and older. He challenges no traditions. Life will be easier for him. A prospective Stepford Rebel with better features. Girls will love him. Employers will seek him. He will warm a pew and shoot a deer and cheer the right teams.

Maddox is easily riled and his brother and sister know how to push his buttons. They even take sadistic glee at his torment as siblings often do. Maddox is then sorrowful for outbursts of temper. A truly sweet little fellow utterly bereft of artifice. Trustworthy. Always honest. It's not an ethical choice Maddox makes. Truth is the only way he can express himself. He doesn't lie because he can't, at least not yet. Maybe it'll never happen because he hasn't adopted lying yet and he is a full decade old. If you want an accurate account, go to Maddox.

Maddox once told me his only three interests were superheroes, dinosaurs, and space. These are each a riveting topic but rarely come up here in adult conversation. Except perhaps discussing the latest movie based on Marvel Comics. When I told Maddox I'd yet to see Avengers: Endgame, he surprised me with a scolding, "You need to catch up." Once I did, I knew he was right. The Captain America coda seeking a different life path was as moving as any storyline I read in the comic books of my childhood.

Maddox ambush utterances and muscular vocabulary elic-

it reaction. Sometimes laughter. Sometimes puzzling stares. I guess we're all protective of family members perceived weaker. But eccentricity troubles me less than it does others. We had so many weird kids in Missouri that none seemed terribly peculiar. We were more accepting of varied dress, haircuts, thought, and expression. Oftentimes we learned from those different from us. Let Maddox challenge you and stretch your thinking. There is no underestimating the value of meeting interesting people who make you laugh. If you shun Maddox, it's going to be your loss.

Maddox is no daredevil. He has less adventures than his brother and sister because he's more risk averse. I don't see him riding a bike, let alone the motorized go-cart. I tell him even though he's the oldest triplet, he might live the longest because of his cautious nature. The backyard deer who flee when I bring them corn might live longer than those that bravely stare me down until I'm a few feet away. They're safe. I'm only carrying food. But I could just as likely be a human with a rifle.

Maddox won't feed the deer. He fears they'll charge him and he'll get the antlers. I tell him they're more afraid of us than we are of them. He's not convinced. Why take that risky chance? As many adults can attest, you often lose arguments with Maddox Hart.

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Keep local newspapers alive, your athletes deserve it

JJ MARSHALL
Minden Press-Herald

Approaching three years as the sports editor at the Minden Press-Herald, I've seen the best of what Webster Parish has to offer. Being the voice that brings the best of the best to the public has been an honor and a high point in my career. This column will be my last as editor of the sports section.

My introduction to MPH came in the form of a column that expressed my excitement for being a part of a new community. The piece centered around the idea of a flourishing community and what it meant to me to take on a position as the sports editor at a local newspaper. Looking back, it still rings true. I have had so much help getting the stories out. From photography to statistics, the community has risen to the occasion.

Many times, the job seemed impossible. Journalism wasn't at its peak when I entered this role, but it has changed even more these past few years. As sports editor at a small-town paper, I've been tasked with writing the stories, taking the pictures, editing and layout, all by myself. This wasn't what we were taught in school

or at the Tech Talk, but we adapt.

Still, we got the job done. The pinnacle came this summer when MPH and I won five awards at the Louisiana Sports Writers Association's annual Writing Contest. Being awarded by my peers was a highlight of my career.

Through it all, I'm still reminded every day of a quote that sticks in my mind, if only because it applies to so many situations and scenarios across the spectrum from media, education, health and more: "You get what you pay for."

As a journalist, I cringe a bit at leaving a preposition at the end of a sentence, but I digress. You get what you pay for everywhere, whether you buy it with your money, your time, your patience or your care. When we have marginally lower taxes, but our roads in Shreveport are littered with potholes and I pay thousands in car repairs and for new tires ... When I don't study and get a D on my midterm ... When someone backs into my car, but I didn't get the most comprehensive insurance ...

I mention this quote because it's what has stayed

on my mind throughout my entire tenure as sports editor at the Press-Herald. So many parents, coaches and players have expressed what our work at the paper means when their kids and teammates are celebrated in print. Despite the changing times, kids still cut out newspaper clips and put them on their fridge. Celebrating the accomplishments of our athletes, especially in Minden, is a time-honored tradition that is paramount to a thriving scene. If no one is there to see the game, recount the victory, or celebrate the feat, it may not be completely hollow, but it certainly loses a bit of its shine.

Newspapers are not part of the government. It's no guarantee for every city and town to have a newspaper. I've seen countless sports editors have their entire shop folded up just during my time as editor here. Minden is lucky to have one during times where nothing is certain.

Yet, we treat our newspapers like trash. We balk when asked to pay even a fee that lines up with inflation rates, or when we're asked to pony up a measly quarter to read an online

edition.

The only way to have a thriving newspaper and source for truth is by paying for it. Many Minden citizens have found ways to contribute, even if it's not financially. Whether it's Douglas Blow using his expensive cameras and lenses to provide free photography for the Press-Herald, or people like Coach Feaster and Coach Brown calling in stats, quotes and scores after every game. I got to attend hundreds of area games, but being the only member of the sports department, I relied on help as I couldn't be in four places at once. Without volunteers like Christine Lee and Jackie Lockett, the sports department would not have flourished whatsoever in my time here.

This is what I mean by paying for it: if not with a dollar, with your time, with putting the word out, with supporting the people who make the newspaper happen. We all want to complain when the story isn't perfect, but how many are willing to pony up to make sure we have the resources to do it right? This isn't a lucrative business, but it is a must-have for a community.

I leave you with this thought because I think it is incredibly important for

Minden to have a thriving newspaper. Your athletes deserve it. I've seen state championships from Glenbrook softball to Doyline basketball. We've just seen a Webster Super Bowl featuring JJ Sneed of Minden High and Devin White from North Webster. This place breeds stars. Stars who deserve to be celebrated. But if there are no sports reporters, they won't get the attention they deserve.

I've seen this lack of coverage take its toll in other areas. In my free time, I have leveraged my experience as a Division-1 basketball player at Louisiana Tech to build a scouting network in Louisiana to help high school basketball players get recruited (NorthLAScout.wordpress.com). Despite being a hub for exceptional athletes, Louisiana lacks a recruiting portal or any framework for helping young athletes get noticed. Because there is no infrastructure for such a thing in Louisiana, extraordinarily talented athletes continue to get overlooked and miss opportunities to sign at big colleges. There is more talent in our state than any other, I'm convinced. Yet, because there aren't enough people, websites, apps and journalists writing about them, taking their pictures, building web

sites to show them off, these kids miss out. In neighboring Texas, such a scene exists. And those players get offers from Duke, Kansas, Texas. Hell, they can barely open all the offer letters they receive.

This situation mirrors the battle we're facing in Minden. Building and maintaining a solid media outlet is essential to a thriving scene. If you want your Dixie All-Star to have a chance to play at LSU, if you want your hooper who spends all day shooting at the Rec Center to have a chance at a scholarship one day, we all have to accept that the newspaper is the backbone, the foundation, of a community's ability to help spread the word.

I tried for three years to do it by myself. It was never easy. I could never tell each and every parent that I couldn't make this game because I had to go to that game. But I did my best, and received so much help from parents and coaches to fill in the gaps.

Webster has so much talent, it's undeniable. If you want the same opportunities that other communities with similar talent-bases have, the answer is simple: pony up.

With your time, attention, care or money, whatever you can offer.

NBA Pelicans rally from 24 down, top Celtics 120-115 in overtime

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Brandon Ingram and Zion Williamson took what they hope will be meaningful steps in turning the New Orleans Pelicans' season around, combining decisively to produce pivotal plays during a memorable comeback.

Ingram highlighted a 33-point performance by hitting a go-ahead 3-pointer with 33.3 seconds left in overtime, and New Orleans held on for 120-115 victory over the Boston Celtics on Sunday after rallying from 24 points down in the third quarter.

"Today was a day of encouragement," Ingram said. "We just stayed together and everybody did things that they do well."

Zion Williamson scored 24 of his 28 points after halftime and had 10 rebounds, four assists and a block for the Pelicans, who narrowly avoided losing for the sixth time in seven games. Josh Hart, who was instrumental in the comeback, had 17 points, 10 rebounds, three blocks and a steal.

"We stayed true to who we were. We rallied back," Williamson said. "Every-

body — coaches, players, ball boys — everybody was just engaged."

Jayson Tatum had 32 points and nine rebounds, and Jaylen Brown scored 25 for the Celtics, who appeared to be cruising to their third victory in four games when Tristan Thompson's free throws gave Boston a 79-55 lead in the middle of the third quarter.

"We kind of got away from what got us the lead, not moving the ball, guarding, and they stormed back," Brown said. "This one definitely hurts. It's tough. Just a tough loss — a game we 100 percent should have won."

Added Tatum, "If we want to be a really good team, we've got to put teams away early, especially being up 20-some points."

The Pelicans finished the third period on a 19-8 run, capped by Williamson's layup after he drove nearly the length of the court to score with less than 2 seconds on the clock.

The momentum carried into the fourth.

Williamson's put-back dunk ignited a 10-2 run during which Hart scored

eight. The spurt included his driving layup as he was fouled, a 3 and a reverse put-back after Lonzo Ball's fast-break layup had been blocked by Daniel Theis.

New Orleans pulled even when Ingram's transition 3 made it 98-all with 4:10 left, setting up a riveting finish to what had looked like a laugh.

The lead changed hands twice in the last 11 seconds of regulation, with Tatum draining a fall-away to make it 106-105 and Williamson hitting a layup as he was fouled to put the Pelicans up 108-106 with 6.9 seconds to go. Tatum then sank a driving floater in the final second to force overtime.

The game was tied at 112 when Ingram's 3, set up by Williamson's pass, put the Pelicans in front to stay.

The Celtics controlled most of the first half, scoring 19 points off of 10 New Orleans turnovers.

Tatum exploded for 17 points in the second quarter, when Boston led by as many as 19 before taking a 63-47 lead into halftime.

"We played exceptionally well for a large part of the time," Brown said. "We just

got to mature and grow up."

TIP-INS

Celtics: Coach Brad Stevens said Marcus Smart, who has not played since injuring his calf during a Jan. 30 loss to the Lakers, is traveling with the team. But while Stevens said Smart has been "going at a decent rate the last few days," he stressed that it remains uncertain when Smart will be ready to play. ... Thompson and Kemba Walker each scored 14 points and Aaron Nesmith scored 10. ... Robert Williams III grabbed 13 rebounds, blocked four shots and scored eight points.

Pelicans: Ball scored 16 points and Willy Hernangomez grabbed 13 rebounds. ... JJ Redick was ejected after committing a pair of technical fouls within the first minute of the fourth quarter. His first technical came while arguing, the second after he hastily bounce-passed the ball to an official after Boston's Nesmith was called for fouling him on a drive. Coach Stan Van Gundy said he told Redick, "I don't remember too many guys getting ejected on a call that went their way."

LEARNING EXPERI-

ENCE

Van Gundy was gratified to see his club rally from a big second-half hole just one game after seeing an 11-point fourth-quarter lead turn into an 18-point loss during a dreadful final 12 minutes against Phoenix on Friday.

"The last two games — right there — are about all the lessons that our team needs," Van Gundy said. "You've just got to play through everything and keep fighting, play posses-

sion by possession by possession from night to night and from minute to minute. ... Things change very, very quickly in this league, in games and in seasons. Just keep fighting."

UP NEXT

Celtics: Visit Dallas on Tuesday night in the second game of a three-game trip that ends in Atlanta.

Pelicans: Host Detroit on Wednesday night before starting a two-game trip.



OUTDOORS

WIGGINS RELIVES A MAGIC MOMENT IN LANDING STATE RECORD BASS

GLYNN HARRIS

Special to the Minden Press-Herald

It was a cold 27 degree morning, February 12, 1994, when 40 year old Greg Wiggins and fishing partner Mark Smith launched Wiggins’ boat into the chilly waters of Caney Lake. The duo had to have been thinking about the trophy bass that Caney had been producing, including a monster 15.54 pounder caught a year earlier by Tommy Foster.

We visited with Wiggins last week and asked him to relive and share the special moments that took place just before noon that morning.

“I liked to fish a jig and Mark wanted me to show him how the jig worked and how to fish it,” said Wiggins. “We went to a spot I thought might be good and fished there for several hours without getting a bump. We took a break, went to get us a bite to eat and returned to try again.

“Soon after we got back

on the lake, Mark hooked and landed a nice 4 pounder. We weighed it, made a few more casts when Mark tied into a really big bass, one that weighed over 8 pounds. We took it to what was then Brown’s Landing, weighed it and headed back to the lake,” Wiggins continued.

Wiggins was still sitting in the driver’s seat when Smith made a cast and the fight was on. A monster of a bass had taken Smith’s jig but before Wiggins could net it, the fish broke off; Smith had neglected to re-tie his jig after landing the 8 pounder.

“I made a cast and turned around to help Mark find the bait he was looking for in a tackle box. When I looked back I saw my line ‘wobble’. I set the hook and assumed I was hooked on a stump but then the fish started moving,” he continued.

Wiggins was afraid the fish would turn and go into the stump field where Mark

had hooked his big fish for fortunately, the fish Wiggins had on the line headed for deep water.

“The fish was stripping my drag and I got on the trolling motor and followed her out into the deeper water. She finally came to the top and appeared tired and worn out so I started reeling hard and brought her to the side of the boat. Thankfully,” Wiggins said, “Mark was able to get her in the net and in the boat on the first try.”

Wiggins said he was shaking so bad and was so rattled he stuffed the bass into the smaller of the two live wells with plans to head for Brown’s to weigh it. He was so nervous he had to ask Smith to start the engine.

“When we got to Brown’s I tried to lift her out of the small live well, knocking off several scales before being successful. We weighed her on Brown’s official scales at 15.97 pounds. I really believe if I hadn’t



COURTESY PHOTO

Greg Wiggins stands proudly next to the mount of his state record 15.97 pound bass he caught 27 years ago.

knocked those scales loose, she might have made 16 pounds,” he laughed.

Today, the 67 year old Wiggins enjoys starting back to bass fishing with his son-in-law. He had given up bass fishing for several years and had switched to fishing for crappie but his son-in-law talked him into getting back to bass fishing.

Wiggins turned the bass

over to the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries for samples to learn what strain of bass she was with confirmation she was a Florida strain largemouth bass. Interestingly, samples were also taken on two other Caney bass weighing over 15 pounds and both were native largemouths.

Today, Wiggins enjoys

retirement from his work in maintenance in a plant in Winnfield and spends his spare time fishing with his son-in-law. There’s a good chance, though, that when he leaves home to head for the lake, he pauses to glance at the mount of his state record bass hanging on the wall, one that has maintained the top spot for 27 years.

Bulldogs Provide Dominant Showing in 18-1 Victory on Opening Day

BATON ROUGE, La. – In a game 348 days in the making, Louisiana Tech’s baseball team jumped all over Air Force to score its second most runs in a season opener in program history in an 18-1 win at Alex Box Stadium on Sunday.

The Bulldogs (1-0) scored at least one run in five straight innings spanning from the second frame to the top half of the sixth, tallying 15 runs during the stretch to hold a 15-1 lead after six. Cole McConnell’s opposite-field, two-run homer helped ignite Tech’s offense in the third inning, marking the first of Tech’s four home runs in a usually pitcher’s friendly Alex Box Stadium.

On the mound, left-hander Jonathan Fincher struck out 10 Falcons and allowed just two hits in five innings of work. The Shreveport native’s 10 punchouts added to a team total of 16, making it the first time since a game against Northwestern State on Feb. 28, 2018, that the Diamond Dogs sat down 15 or more opposing batters on strikes. LA Tech pitchers also allowed just two free passes in an all-around dominant performance.

“I thought Fincher was great,” head coach Lane Burroughs said. “He ran

into a little trouble in one inning, but he buckled down. That’s what aces do.

“Anytime you go 16 strikeouts over two walks, you have a good chance to win the ballgame. I’m very proud of him and all the relievers that came in. I’m very proud of our hitters. We had a great night hitting, but more importantly, the most impressive thing was that we didn’t make any errors. We talk about dominating the average plays, and we did tonight. That’s the first time all year we’ve played on regular grass and dirt, and I couldn’t be more pleased. It wasn’t just the doubles and homers tonight, we had quality at-bat after quality at-bat and really grinded their pitching staff down.”

LA Tech’s biggest offensive output came in a seven-run seventh inning, which included home runs from Taylor Young and Steele Netterville. Young’s two-run shot made it 6-1 Bulldogs before Netterville’s homer to left center extended Tech’s advantage to 9-1. Jorge Corona knocked in a run with an RBI groundout and Ben Brantley belted an RBI double over the left fielder’s head to push the lead to 11-1.

The ‘Dogs kept their

foot on the gas in the fifth and sixth, which saw Taylor Young become the first Diamond Dog to tally a home run in back-to-back innings since Will Alvis accomplished the feat against Hawai’i on April 24, 2010. Young’s rocket over the left field wall extended Tech’s lead to 12-1.

Corona, Young and Parker Bates each registered an RBI single apiece in the sixth to make it 15-1 Bulldogs after the sixth. McConnell and Young each crossed home plate in the inning, finishing the game tied with a team-high four runs scored each.

With a healthy cushion, bullpen arms Cade Hodges, Landon Tomkins and Tanner Knight all made their LA Tech debuts in style, recording a hitless innings in the sixth, seventh and eighth innings, respectively. Senior Bryce Fagan tallied the final three outs with a pair of strikeouts in the ninth.

LA Tech scored its final three runs of the ballgame in the eighth. After an error at shortstop left runners on first and second, Bates punished the Falcons (1-2) with an RBI double to right center. Tech’s Shemar Page drove in Kyle Crigger with a sacrifice fly for the 17th run before Philip Matulia sin-



gled to left field after working a seven-pitch at-bat to score Bates from second. Page, Crigger and Matulia all entered tonight’s game later in the contest as the Bulldogs had all but one position player make an appearance in tonight’s game.

Five Bulldogs recorded a multi-hit game – Young and McConnell with three and Bates, Netterville and Matulia with two. Young’s two home runs helped him lead Tech in RBI with four. He, Hunter Wells and Alex

Ray each recorded two walks apiece to help the Bulldogs earn 11 free passes in Sunday’s contest.

Bates also notched Tech’s sole hit-by-pitch, moving him just one HBP shy of tying the program record at 31.

Air Force knocked in their only run of the game in the third when Christian Gambale tallied an RBI double down the left field line. The Bulldogs limited the Falcons to just three hits in Sunday’s runaway

triumph.

LA Tech will return to Alex Box Stadium with a game against No. 7 LSU on Monday. First pitch for Monday night’s matchup is slated for 5 p.m. Bulldog Ryan Jennings will make his first start in a Louisiana Tech uniform after missing the 2020 season due to injury.

For all of the latest in Bulldog Baseball, follow @LATechBSB on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.

SUDOKU

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	9	5	1					2
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Level: Beginner

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

1	9	6	2	3	7	8	4	5
7	3	8	5	1	9	6	4	2
9	4	6	5	2	8	7	1	3
6	1	9	4	7	8	2	5	3
5	7	2	4	6	3	9	8	1
8	2	3	8	2	6	5	1	9
4	5	7	1	9	3	6	8	2
3	8	2	6	5	1	4	8	7
8	4	1	3	2	6	5	7	9

ANSWER:

Fun By The Numbers

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Monday's unlisted clue: TANKER

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Tuesday's unlisted clue hint: YOUR MOM'S MOM

Eagle	Lancer	Passkey	Searchlight
Evergreen	Lock Master	Rawhide	Timberwolf
General	Mogul	Renegade	Volunteer
Lace	Muse	Scorecard	

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HISTORY

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The radioactive element plays an important role as nuclear fuel or in nuclear weapons.

1917 - The February Revolution begins in Russia. The demonstrations and armed clashes ultimately resulted in the demise of the Russian Empire.

1455 - The Gutenberg Bible is published. Johannes Gutenberg's Bible edition was the first book ever printed in movable type, heralding the age of the printed book in the West.

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BLONDIE | DEAN YOUNG AND JOHN MARSHALL



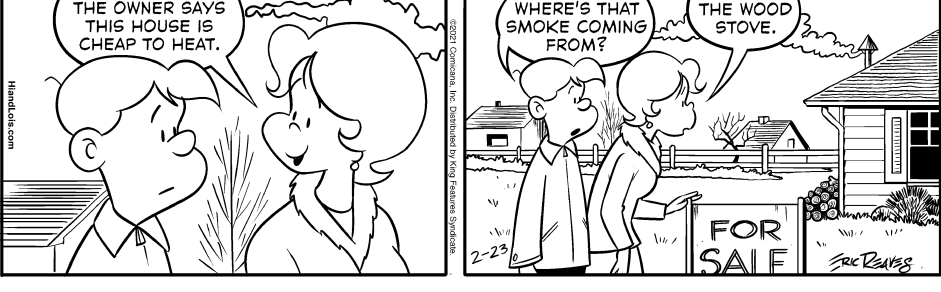
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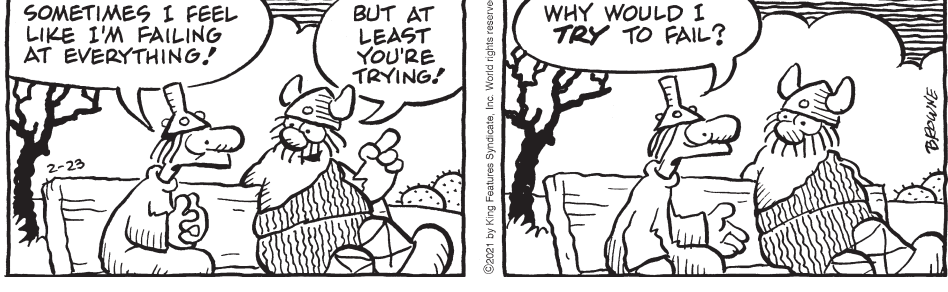
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MIDFIRST BANK VS.
DANY JOSEPH MARC TURGEON AND LINDA MARIE JOHNSON A/K/A LINDA MARIE JOHNSON TURGEON

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 78422.
By virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued out of the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, in the above styled and numbered suit and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder for cash WITHOUT the benefit of appraisalment and according to law at the principal front door of the Courthouse in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana on **WEDNESDAY, February 24, 2021,** During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:
A 0.09 ACRE, MORE OR LESS, TRACT OF LAND IN THE SOUTH-EAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTH-WEST QUARTER OF SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 17 NORTH, RANGE 10 WEST, WEBSTER PARISH, LOUISIANA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
C O M M E N C - I N G AT A NOW SET RAILROAD SPIKE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF GOVERNMENT LOT 3, WHICH IS THE INTERSECTION OF THE WEBSTER-BOSSIER PARISH LINE WITH THE MEANDER LINE OF LAKE BISTINEAU, RUN NORTH 208.70 FEET TO A FOUND 3/4 INCH IRON PIPE; THENCE RUN WEST 192.50 FEET TO A SET 1/2 INCH IRON PIPE AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING:

THENCE RUN SOUTH 04° 32' 33" EAST A DISTANCE OF 52.93 FEET TO A SET 1/2 INCH IRON PIPE; THENCE RUN SOUTH 86° 33' 35" WEST A DISTANCE OF 17.97 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 01° 33' 52" EAST A DISTANCE OF 0.90 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 85° 15' 35" WEST A DISTANCE OF 4.46 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 07° 26' 45" WEST A DISTANCE OF 1.00 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 86°33' 36" WEST A DISTANCE OF 48.47 FEET TO A SET 1/2 INCH IRON PIPE; THENCE RUN NORTH 03° 25' 28" WEST A DISTANCE OF 57.02 FEET TO A FOUND 3/4 INCH IRON PIPE; THENCE RUN NORTH 89° 31'00" EAST A DISTANCE OF 12.91 FEET TO A FOUND 3/4 INCH IRON PIPE; THENCE RUN EAST A DISTANCE OF 57.18 FEET TO A SET 1/2 INCH IRON PIPE AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING; TOGETHER WITH ALL RIGHTS APPURTENANT THERETO AND T O G E T H E R WITH ALL BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS L O C A T E D THEREON; subject to restrictions, servitudes, rights-of-way and outstanding mineral rights of record affecting the property.
SOLD SUBJECT TO ANY SUPERIOR LIENS, MORTGAGES OR PRIVILEGES THERETO.
Said property seized is that of the defendant and will be sold to satisfy a judgment rendered in our Honorable Court.
JASON R. PARKER
Sheriff & Ex-Officio Auctioneer
Webster Parish, Louisiana
Linda Vaughan - Deputy
January 22, 2021
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Minden Press-Herald

SHERIFF'S SALE

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, F/K/A THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR REGISTERED

HOLDERS OF CWABS, INC., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-12 VS.
CLAUDE HENRY YOUNT, JR., A/K/A CLAUDE H. YOUNT, JR., CLAUDE HENRY YOUNT AND THE OPENED SUCCESSION OF MARGARET RYAN YOUNT, A/K/A MARGARET RYAN, MARGARET R. YOUNT AND TEDDY ROSS TODD AND DAWN TODD ARMSTRONG A/K/A DAWN TODD, DAWN ARMSTRONG, DAWN R. ARMSTRONG AND TRACY O. TODD AIKA TRACY O'NEAL TODD AND CLAUDE H. YOUNT, III AND CLAUDE H. YOUNT, IV AND JESSICA DAWN YOUNT

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 79001.
By virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued out of the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, in the above styled and numbered suit and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder for cash WITH the benefit of appraisalment and according to law at the principal front door of the Courthouse in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana on **WEDNESDAY, March 24, 2021** During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:
A tract of land located in the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NE/4 of SW/4), Section 23, Township 19 North, Range 9 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana, more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Northeast corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NE/4 of SW/4), said Section 23 and run South 89 degrees 20' 00" West a

distance of 780 feet to an existing iron pin, thence run South 02 degrees 27' 30" East a distance of 20 feet to the point of Beginning:
Thence continue South 02 degrees 27' 30" East a distance of 75 feet; thence run North 89 degrees 20' 00" East a distance of 200 feet; thence run North 02 degrees 27' 30" West a distance of 75 feet; thence run South 89 degrees 20' 00" West a distance of 200 feet to the Point of Beginning; together with all rights appurtenant thereto and together with all : buildings and improvements located thereon.
Which has the address of 100 Yount Road, Minden, LA 71055.
SOLD SUBJECT TO ANY SUPERIOR LIENS, MORTGAGES OR PRIVILEGES THERETO.
Said property seized is that of the defendant and will be sold to satisfy a judgment rendered in our Honorable Court.
JASON R. PARKER
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February 23, 2021
March 19, 2021
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ADVERTISE-MENT FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals will be received by the Webster Parish School Board, Attn: Johnny Rowland, Jr., by hand-delivery, at 1442 Sheppard Street, Minden, Louisiana, by mail to the Webster Parish School Board, ATTN: Johnny Rowland, P. O. Box 520, Minden, Louisiana 71058, Or electronically at www.central-bidding.com until 2:00 p.m. on Monday, March 08, 2021 for the sale of the following property:
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February 12, 2021
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Village of Dixie Inn Regular Session February 9, 2021

NOTICE: THESE MINUTES HAVE NOT BEEN FORMALLY APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL.
The Mayor and Board of Aldermen for the Village of Dixie Inn met in regular session on February 9, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, Dixie Inn, Louisiana with the following members present: Mayor Kay Hallmark-Stratton, Aldermen Donna Hoffoss and Judy McKenzie; absent: Alderman Nell Finlay.
The meeting was called to order and the invocation and pledge of allegiance were given.
There were no public comments.
Mayor Kay Hallmark-Stratton asked to remove the verbiage of 'intergovernmental agreement' and add "donate to" on Item 8b. A motion was made

by Donna Hoffoss and seconded by Judy McKenzie to delete 'intergovernmental agreement' and add "donate to" on Item 8b. Vote on the motion was unanimous and having 2 Yeas, 0 Nays, 1 Absence, and 0 Abstains.
Mayor Kay Hallmark-Stratton welcomed guests. A motion was made by Donna Hoffoss and seconded by Judy McKenzie to adopt the minutes of the regular session of January 12, 2021 and January 20, 2021 special called meeting. Vote on the motion was unanimous.
Financial statements of all funds, including a current budget vs. actual, were presented. A motion was made by Donna Hoffoss and seconded by Judy McKenzie to adopt all financial statements for January 2021. Vote on the motion was unanimous.
Department Reports:
Mike Chreene reported all is well with the water department.
Chief Jim Edwards reported that the police department has been highly active the last couple of months.
Alderman, Donna Hoffoss thanked the maintenance department for taking care of the Village and keeping the area nice.
Mayor Kay Hallmark – Stratton reported there will be a virtual LMA midwinter conference on February 23, 24, 2021.
Mayor Stratton reminded the Aldermen to view the February 24, 2021 virtual LMA Campaign Finance Disclosure Act training.
Mayor Stratton watched an informative class this day on the MPERS program and costs.
New Business:
Mayor Kay Hallmark-Stratton read aloud Resolution No. 01-02092021.
Donna Hoffoss made a motion to adopt Resolution #01-02092021 approving the request from the Webster Parish Police Jury for striping dedicated streets (namely Front St., Mason

St., McArthur St., Shell St., Osborn St., McClanahan St., Hallmark St., and Stanley St.), and replace some regulatory signs, all located in Dixie Inn, Louisiana. The motion was seconded by Judy McKenzie. The vote on the motion was unanimous and having 2 Yeas, 0 Nays, 1 Absence, and 0 Abstains.
The Village mosquito sprayer had previously been approved by Council as surplus. With no interest of being purchased and the Village no longer having a use, a motion was made by Donna Hoffoss and seconded by Judy McKenzie to donate the sprayer to the Town of Sarepta. The vote on the motion was unanimous and having 2 Yeas, 0 Nays, 1 Absence, and 0 Abstains.
Old Business:
Discussion of the Village Hall security system revamp was tabled until the March council meeting.
There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Donna Hoffoss and seconded by Judy McKenzie. Vote on the motion was unanimous.
ATTEST:
Kay Hallmark-Stratton
Mayor
February 23, 2021
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STATE OF LOUISIANA PARISH OF WEBSTER VILLAGE OF DIXIE INN RESOLUTION #01-02092021

WHEREAS, the Village of Dixie Inn, Louisiana requests assistance from the Webster Parish Police Jury for striping dedicated streets (namely Front St., Mason St., McArthur St., Shell Street., Osborn St., McClanahan St., Hallmark St., and Stanley St., and replace some regulatory signs, all located in Dixie Inn, Louisiana, and
WHEREAS the total project cost will be deducted from allotted annual municipal-ity funding, and costs over the allotted annual municipal-ity funding will be billed to the municipality, and
WHEREAS, the

total project cost is unknown, and NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, this resolution be adopted and sent to the Webster Parish Police Jury to be placed on the agenda prior to the Jury's regular meeting in March 2020.

THUS DONE UPON MOTION by Donna Hoffoss, duly seconded by Judy McKenzie and carried, the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Village of Dixie Inn in regular session convened on February 9, 2021.

YEAS: 2 (Donna Hoffoss, Judy McKenzie) ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 1 (Nell Finlay)

Kay Hallmark-Stratton, Mayor

I, Dana James, Clerk of the Village of Dixie Inn, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Village of Dixie Inn in regular session convened on February 9, 2021.

Given under my official signature and seal of office on this the 9th day of February 2021.

Dana James, Clerk

Village of Dixie Inn

February 23, 2021

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Lost Note: Anyone knowing the whereabouts or having possession of one certain Retail Installment Contract dated January 24, 2001, in the principal amount of \$40,841.60 made and executed by Sally R. Beck and Kenneth L. Beck, payable to the order of Greenpoint Credit, LLC, please contact Cris Jackson, Attorney at Law, ph (504) 581-9444.

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