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City-Wide Clean-Up Feels Like Home!



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The Clean Up Minden campaign is back once again this year. In the spring-cleaning spirit, this campaign's goal is to keep Minden looking as good as it possibly can. Local citizens can pitch in their time and effort such as the one pictured above, in order to achieve the overarching goal of keeping Minden beautiful.

STAFF REPORT

Minden Press-Herald
The City of Minden is organizing a "City-Wide Clean-Up - Feels Like Home!" campaign which will run in the month of April. "We are encouraging and soliciting the help of our city churches, schools/school organizations, civic groups and citizens by "adopting" a street or section of town to help clean. A clean city makes a positive first impression on families looking to relocate and potential new business owners," a statement from the City of

Minden read.
The first organizational meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 16, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. in Minden Civic Center located at Minden City Hall, 520 Broadway Street. They will be adhering to Covid precautions. Please wear your mask and practice social distancing. Temperatures will be checked upon entering. "I hope you and/or your organization will make plans to attend. The more volunteers we have, the cleaner our city will be. Let's help make Minden shine!," the statement read.

Being behind the scenes for the main event

WILL PHILLIPS

Minden Press-Herald
Dr. John Fleming has had quite the extensive career in Washington D.C. After representing Louisiana's 4th district as a Member of the U.S. House of Representatives, he went on to serve for two years as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health Information Technology Reform and then served as Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development from March 2019 to 2020. Recently Dr. Fleming received a medal from Christopher Miller, the Secretary of Defense under the Trump administration, for his distinguished public service. In early 2020, before the pandemic had fully struck, Mark Meadows was selected to be Chief of Staff in the Trump administration. Being former col-



FLEMING

leagues, Meadows extended an offer to Dr. Fleming to take up a position with him in the West Wing of the White House in order to lend a hand in maintaining the responsibilities of the department. "A good friend and colleague of mine, Mark Meadows, was brought in as the President's Chief of Staff in March of 2020. And so he asked the President to bring me in as his Deputy Chief of Staff. My official title was Assistant to the President for Planning and Implementation. But basically my function was deputy chief of staff," said Fleming. Shortly after accepting, the United States was coordinating most of its efforts to try and combat the virus, and in turn Fleming found himself with a spot on the Coronavirus Task

Force led by former Vice President Michael Pence. It's been a full year now since he United States shut down, and given his first hand experience on the task force, Dr. Fleming shared some of his experiences, during those first few volatile months, as well as how the United States has adapted in order to better fend off future pandemics. "When I got there on March 23, the whole issue was obviously getting very, very important. The task force started out as a small little group that was supposed to be led by the head of HHS, but by the time I got there, within a week or so before I arrived, everybody had determined this far too important," said Fleming. "So then the President appointed the Vice President, Pence, to head the task force. And he brought in the heads of different departments, ev-



erybody from Ben Carson at HUD to the head of FEMA, the head of Homeland Security, the Head of Agriculture, and obviously, Health and Human Services and the agencies within that. So by the time I got there, they were meeting at least three or four times a week, sometimes on the weekends." Fleming was also on a team tasked with doing a lookback

analysis on the pandemic and seeing the areas where the U.S. could improve in order to ensure it can better combat the next one. Fleming went on to detail some of the issues they had early on when dealing with the then new and unknown virus, and how they worked to improve the U.S.'s capabilities See, TASK FORCE, Page 2

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SECOND FRONT

Task Force: decisions to fund companies to produce vaccines earlier on top of the large amount of human subjects for testing were the two key factors in a speedy development of the vaccine

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in handling future pandemics. In particular he noted the early struggles obtaining accurate testing, the supply chain for PPE, and the ability to transfer data quickly and efficiently.

"At the very beginning, we really had no way to test for the infection. That was left to go to the CDC, and they failed on that. They wasted about six weeks and finally, finally came up with something. But until we asked the private laboratories to develop you, we were really flying blind when it came to testing," said Fleming.

On top of the tests, the amount of available PPE was also lower than what they would have liked given the oncoming pandemic.

"So here was our situation. Virtually all of that stuff is made overseas. Much of it, particularly the masks, are all made in China, and China had the same problem as us. So there were literally ships on their way to us already which were ordered pre pandemic that China turned around in mid-ocean and sent back because they knew they needed them more than

us," said Fleming.

So number one, we learned that we need to reassure our capabilities so that in the next pandemic, we can source those from us and our friends or be positioned where we can ramp up quickly. And that's true both of the shielding, the protective devices, the gloves, the masks, the gowns and all that, but also the ventilators.

"Number two, that we go to a dynamic stockpile so that we have slack in the system where we have excess inventory, but the inventory is continuously being turned over through normal use. That way, if we have to call upon, you know, a billion face masks, we can do it and respond to it quickly. Not going to a warehouse necessarily, but in the sort of usual supply chain," said Fleming.

"That would be difficult for the private sector to do by itself. But the government is saying, look, you know, 20 percent of your inventory, we're just going to flat out pay for it and keep turning it over. But on the other hand, when we need it, we're going to call upon it. We'll take that 20 percent, and in the meantime, you can ramp up your production

and we'll pay for that, too. So that's the sort of the modern stockpile and supply chain that we're hoping to develop."

Fleming went on to talk about the problems early on with data collection. When trying to keep up to date with infection rates that change on the daily, it is important that information comes in quickly so the people making decisions have the best and most up to date information to make the best possible decisions.

Fleming stated that at the time, the methods used to get information delivered was out of date.

The main thing that's important is we found that our ability to provide data, both at the state level and the federal level for decision making was very, very poor, very archaic. Snail mail, faxing, phone calls. You would think in this day and time we'd be electronically connected so that a doctor's office here in Minden might report directly to the CDC or to Baton Rouge or maybe even to the local health unit. And then it goes on from there," said Fleming.

"That capability just was extremely poor, very limited and virtually non-existent and very

slow. So Dr. Birx who's an epidemiologist whose job was to track everything that was happening around the country, she didn't have any real solid methodology to do that. So they had to build that on the fly and got really good at it."

"So that one of the things that came out is how we need to totally rebuild and create a system of communication where this data can be collected and reported in real time immediately. So that day by day, we know exactly what those numbers are."

While there was come catch-up to be played, Fleming also noted how the U.S. was able to accomplish the feat of getting safe and effective vaccines in under a year.

"That's the true miracle about the vaccines. As far as I know, we've never developed vaccines in less than a year for distribution," said Fleming.

"Some people question that, because if we've never done it before or what corners are we cutting to do this? The truth is that normally when a vaccine is developed, you have two things that make it very slow. Number one is the cost. It's a risk for a company to develop a vaccine. It may or

may not work, and they have to plow millions of dollars into that, and so they're going to do it slowly and carefully."

"Then when they do get to the stage of testing it on human subjects, it's not how long you test it, it's how many people you test. And with many infections, you have a limited number of people, whereas with covid you have millions of people with it simultaneously."

How the U.S. counteracted these roadblocks to a speedy vaccine was by fronting the bill, incentivising companies to start producing a vaccine if it looked promising, that way if it was effective and approved, they could immediately start shipping out doses.

"So what we did that was unique was, number one, once we had the candidates for testing, the drug companies began to produce them immediately. They were able to do that because we provided them the front line for billions of dollars. So they didn't have to take the financial risk as they would ordinarily," said Fleming.

"We figured one or two of them are going to prove out to be good, but we're going to put money

behind anything that's promising and produce it. Because we could take months to produce it after we have a good candidate."

"So you had all of these candidates being tested first on lab animals and then on a few subjects and more, but then it was being produced in the factories simultaneously. Then we went to the next phase where you go to human subjects and you typically for something like this, you would maybe have five or ten thousand subjects. For most of them, we had 20 to 30 thousand subjects and they were pretty easy to find, obviously, because the infection is spreading all over the world."

So the decisions to fund companies to produce vaccines earlier on top of the large amount of human subjects for testing were the two key factors in a speedy development of the vaccine.

Dr. Fleming's time in the West Wing included more than just managing aspects of the pandemic through the Task Force. A continuation of this interview covering the other aspects of his time in the White House will be published at a later date.

MEDICAL

Louisiana expands COVID-19 vaccine eligibility to 16 or older with qualifying condition

(The Center Square) - Any Louisiana resident who is at least 16 years old and has at least one health condition that makes them more vulnerable to COVID-19 is eligible to get vaccinated against the disease, Gov. John Bel Edwards announced Tuesday.

Edwards made the announcement exactly one year after the first case of COVID-19 was confirmed in Louisiana. Sunday will be the one-year anniversary of the first confirmed COVID-19 death, he said.

Qualifying health conditions as defined by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention include asthma, cancer, chronic kidney or liver disease, various heart conditions, high blood pressure, obesity, Down syndrome, being a current or former smoker,

sickle cell disease, diabetes, cystic fibrosis and dementia. The full list is available online.

People who work at facilities where many people live together, such as prisons, also are eligible. All previously eligible groups still can get vaccinated, including anyone age 65 or older.

Only the Pfizer vaccine is cleared for use in 16- and 17-year-olds. The Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines are only approved for adults.

Edwards said he made the change because demand for vaccination appointments has eased, and federal officials have promised states a stable vaccine supply. Dr. Joseph Kanter with the Louisiana Department of Health said he expects Louisiana to get 102,330 doses next week, which

would be about the same number as this week.

"If you have just become eligible, don't pass up the opportunity," Kanter said.

Louisiana residents who are eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine can schedule an appointment with one of 618 providers this week, in addition to community vaccination events being held around the state. The list of providers and events are listed at the Louisiana Department of Health's website. Residents also can call 211 to find a nearby provider.

More than 1.2 million doses have been administered in Louisiana, and almost 449,000 state residents are fully vaccinated, according to the health department's most-recent count.

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OBITUARY



Elie Cole

Graveside services for Elie Cole will be held Saturday, March 13, 2021, 11:00 a.m. at Gardens of Memory in Minden, Louisiana under the direction of Benevolent Funeral Home. Officiating will be Reverend Alvin Shelton, of Union Grove Baptist Church. Visitation to be held Friday, March 12, 2021; 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Elie was born December 02, 1936 in Minden, Louisiana, to the late Gladys and Rosie Anderson Cole and was the baby of 5 children. Elie went to his heavenly home on March 08, 2021. Elie worked for the City of Minden, in the Sanitation Department for 25 years. In March of 1983, Elie was recognized by the City of Minden for being an outstanding employee. Noted in the

recognition award; "The only complaint voiced concerning his route is when he is taking his vacation; people called in and wanted to know how long he would be away from the job".

Elie was preceded in death by his parents, Gladys and Rosie Anderson Cole, Daisy Matthews and his four siblings.

Left to cherish his memory are his 6 children: Gloria Matthews Seamster, Samuel Matthews and Jimmy Matthews of Minden, Louisiana. Doris Winzer of Terrell Texas, Milton Matthews of Odessa Texas and Tytiana Matthews of Kansas City Missouri. Nieces: Mary A Cole, Rosemary Cole and Iselow Jackson of Minden Louisiana, Willie J. Cole and Jesse Cole of Dallas Texas, Louise Bell of Shreveport. He also has a host of nieces, nephews, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.



Maria "DeeAnn" Gray Beshea

Funeral services for Maria "DeeAnn" Gray Beshea will be held Saturday, March 13, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. at City On A Hill Pentecostal Church in Minden, Louisiana with Rev. Jeff Ramsey and Rev. Shane DeVille officiating. Interment will follow at Gray Cemetery in Sibley, Louisiana under the direction of Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Minden, Louisiana. The family will receive friends at 10:00 a.m. Saturday at the church prior to funeral services.

DeeAnn was born November 22, 1963 in Ringgold,

Louisiana and went to her heavenly home March 10, 2021 in Heflin, Louisiana.

She is survived by her husband, Steven Beshea of Heflin; parents, Wayne and Betty Sue Gray of Sibley; sons, Cody Allen and Kelsey Moore of Heflin and Steven Keith and Nicole Beshea of Elko, Nevada; sisters, Tina Gray of Sibley, Cindy and Jeff Ramsey of Minden, and Lisa and J.R. Thrash of Sibley; brothers, Teddy and Ginger Gray of Sibley, Joe and Sharollyn Gray of Heflin, Roger and Margo Gray of Sibley and Robert Stachowicz of Heflin; and grandchildren, Allison Beshea, Henrick Beshea, Presley, Titus, Matteo, and Ariell Limosnero.

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EDUCATION

BESE approves teacher pay raises, increase to school aid in 2021-2022 state education funding formula

STAFF REPORT

Minden Press-Herald

Wednesday the Louisiana Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) unanimously approved the Minimum Foundation Program (MFP) formula for the 2021-22 school year, increasing state education funding by an estimated \$80 million. The formula allocates approximately \$40 million to fund an annual pay raise of \$400 for teachers and \$200 for support staff, in addition to a 1.375 percent increase to the statewide base per pupil amount, boosting state aid to public school systems by \$40 million.

BESE President Sandy Holloway said, "As we initiate the funding process for K-12 education and the state budget picture comes into clearer focus, it remains important to continue moving the salaries of our dedicated Louisiana teachers toward the regional average, and ensure increased funding support for our schools and school systems as they continue to meet the challenge of educating students amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

"The approved MFP formula, developed with broad stakeholder input, represents a strong starting point in the process. We look forward to working with our partners in the Legislature in the weeks ahead to equitably and effectively meet the funding needs of all students, educators and schools."

The MFP defines the cost of educating all public school students in Louisiana. The state's constitution requires BESE to develop a formula for distributing state funds to public schools and submit it to the Lou-

isiana Legislature each year. The final resolution outlining the formula approved by BESE today will be sent to the Legislature for consideration during the 2021 Regular Session. The Board added a request to the MFP transmittal letter that should additional funds be realized during the budgeting process, the Legislature will return the MFP formula to the Board so that appropriate adjustments can be made.

BESE's resolution aligns with the recommendations of the MFP Task Force, a diverse group of Louisiana education stakeholders that advises the Board annually on the development of the MFP formula. The formula's \$40 million education pay raise provision also mirrors the proposed allocation in Governor John Bel Edwards' 2021-2022 Executive Budget.

The approved formula for 2021-2022 specifically provides for:

an increase of 1.375 percent in the base per pupil rate of revenue in Level 1 of the formula, from \$4,015 to \$4,070, yielding a projected \$40 million increase for local schools and school systems;

a pay raise of \$400 for certificated staff and \$200 for non-certificated support staff with retirements in Level 4 of the formula; and

a funding allocation in Level 4 of the formula for annual stipends to certified mentor teachers in the amount of \$2,000 per mentor teacher.

The Board authorized the Louisiana Department of Education to submit the MFP resolution to the Legislature by its March 15, 2021 deadline.

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OTHER OPINION

Amazon Kicks Justice Thomas off of platform

The bias against and efforts to suppress and censor conservative speech, including conservative history, never ends. Early in February during Black History Month, Amazon deleted from its streaming service a documentary film regarding U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas.

The documentary, entitled 'Created Equal: Clarence Thomas in His Own Words,' was taken from some 30 hours of interviews with Thomas and presented a wide range of his life story. However, presented with a golden opportunity to highlight and showcase the richly inspiring life of a remarkable man who rose to great heights from abject poverty and scarce opportunity while living in a segregated state, Amazon chose to stifle and suppress the story. When questioned about this Amazon never responded. The director of the film noted that the documentary was doing well and selling so it certainly wasn't deleted because no one wanted to see it.

Justice Thomas is one of the most prominent and well-known black leaders in the world today. He had a very difficult childhood and upbringing, the success of which he unfailingly attributes to his beloved maternal grandfather, Myers Anderson, who raised him as well as the nuns who taught him in Catholic school.



ROYAL ALEXANDER

Remarkably, it was when he was sent to live with his grandfather that he experienced luxuries like indoor plumbing and regular meals for the first time. From age ten, he worked at a farm from sunrise to sunset. His grandfather imparted ethics of discipline, self-reliance and hard work to Thomas and his younger brother.

Further, while his grandfather had little formal educa-

tion, he built a successful oil, coal, firewood, and ice business. He was also insistent that Thomas receive a solid education. Thomas, who spoke Gullah as a child, sought to polish his speech and graduated from Holy Cross in 1971 with an A.B. cum laude in English Literature. (Gullah is a term used to describe the creole dialect of English spoken by Gullah and Geechee people). He also briefly attended seminary and then went on to and graduated from Yale Law School.

However, notwithstanding his moral and educational formation, Thomas, for a while, rejected all of that and became a radical who supported the Black Panthers. However, over time he politically and intellectually returned to the basic, traditional conservatism of his youth and later worked for President Reagan.

Needless to say, the story of Clarence Thomas is far more meaningful and powerfully-compelling than much of the often trite and superficial products Amazon offers.

Amazon's decision is tragic but not surprising. I thought "diversity of thought" was important to the Left? It will likely never admit the truth but I think we all know why this work regarding Clarence Thomas—as well as documentaries regarding other black conservative historical figures—was purged from the offerings. The Left simply cannot afford to have brilliant and accomplished black leaders in high profile positions who, by the firm and loving guidance of those around them and the sweat of their own brow, have succeeded enormously and now utterly reject the government-centric, nanny-state view of life.

A description of another historical figure applies equally to Clarence Thomas. "One such example is worth more to earth than all the stained triumphs of 10,000 Caesars." May that example be widely known and embraced.

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OTHER OPINION

The emerging existential crisis at the border

During a Democratic debate in 2020, the candidates were asked if their health care plans would cover "undocumented immigrants."

Each raised his or her hand, including front-runner Joe Biden.

From that stage, the message went forth: If the Democrats win this election, then it is amnesty for all and open borders in America.

The message was reinforced by repeated Democratic praise for sanctuary cities, by calls to "abolish ICE" and end deportations, by pledges to stop work on Donald Trump's wall, if not to tear it down.

Message sent to Mexico, Central America and the Third World:

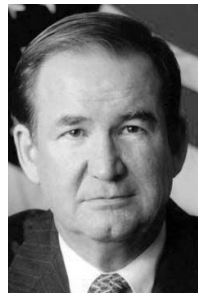
If the Democrats win and you make it across the border into the United States, under President Joe Biden, you will not be sent back. After only a brief hassle, the economic opportunities and social welfare benefits of the richest country on earth will be open to you and yours.

Hence, when Biden won, a new and potentially historic surge to the Southern border began, and the number of illegal arrivals and crossings are in the growing thousands every day.

According to a White House domestic policy council document, the number of children who, without a parent or guardian, will arrive at the border in 2021 will be about 117,000 — 50% higher than the record number of children who

arrived in the 2019 humanitarian crisis.

In February, some 100,000 immigrants were apprehended by the Border Patrol for illegal border crossing. "I actually think that's an undercount," says Victor Manjarrez Jr., ex-Border Patrol agent who teaches at Texas University.



PATRICK BUCHANAN

The pre-trump policy of "catch-and-release" has been reinstated. Children and families who cross illegally from Mexico cannot now be held for more than 72 hours. They are being released into the U.S. to await a court date — potentially years off — to hear their claim to a right to be here. Most never show up.

"We are weeks, maybe even days, away from a crisis on the southern border," says Rep. Henry Cuellar, a Democrat whose Texas district abuts Mexico. "Our country is currently unprepared to handle a surge in migrants in the middle of the pandemic."

Congressional Democrats, following Biden's lead, have proposed a new citizenship act. "Dreamers," brought here by their parents as children, would be put on a three-year fast-track to U.S. citizenship.

The 11 million to 22 million illegal migrants already in the

country — the exact number is unknown — would be put on an eight-year track to citizenship.

The Democratic Party is signing on to the largest mass amnesty for illegal immigrants in history — which would produce millions of new voters for the party.

Among the recent border-crossers, who are transported by bus to detention centers, where they remain for 72 hours and then are released to travel where they wish, many are carrying the coronavirus.

Thus, what's shaping up on the border is not only a national security crisis but a national survival crisis. For it is impossible to see, given the Biden administration policies adopted, how the invasion of America can be halted. And if 2 million or 3 million migrants reach the U.S. border and cross over each year, and we do not send them back, what stops the invasion and remaking America?

What would blanket amnesty and a renewed invasion portend?

In a decade, Texas, the Southwest and much of the South would take on the political aspect of California where the GOP has become a permanent minority party.

As many illegal migrants do not read, write or speak English, and do not bring a unique set of skills, their immense and growing presence can only deepen our national disunity.

Almost all of these folks are poor or working-class people who would have to rely

on government subsidies for their health care, food support, housing and the schooling of their children.

With the unemployment rate rising again in the Black community, which has sustained the heaviest collective hit from the pandemic and economic collapse, the migrants would be competing with them for jobs.

And as the illegal migrants are disproportionately young and male, they would add to the surging crime rates in America's major cities.

America is headed, seemingly inexorably, to a future where a majority in this country traces its ancestry to Asia, Africa and Latin America, a future where this already fractionated nation is even more multiracial, multi-ethnic, multilingual and multi-cultural than today.

With racial conflict as sharp as it has been in decades, with our political parties at swords point, with the culture war raging unabated, as mobs tears down statues and monuments to America's founders, exactly what national problem will be solved by an unstoppable and unrelenting wave of migrants illegally crossing the border into our country year after year?

One wonders: Is this how the Republic ends?

PATRICK J. BUCHANAN IS THE AUTHOR OF "NIXON'S WHITE HOUSE WARS: THE BATTLES THAT MADE AND BROKE A PRESIDENT AND DIVIDED AMERICA FOREVER."

AROUND TOWN

UCAP Needs for Week of March 8:

Clothing: men's socks
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Louisiana Master Gardener Enrollment Begins

The Louisiana Master Gardener class for 2021 is enrolling now. Classes begin July 1 ending September 16 with a graduation program. Classes are weekly on Thursday evenings from 6-9pm. Classes will be taught at the Webster Parish extension office.

The class cost \$150. If you enroll by May 1st, you will receive a \$25 discount.

Enrollment ends June 1st. For more information please contact John Monzingero 318-92703110 or 318-371-1371.

Early Childhood Extravaganza Virtual Enrollment Event

Families are invited to attend one of the virtual enrollment events hosted by the Webster Parish Ready Start Network available on March 15th, 16th, and 17th via ZOOM to gain more information about the enrollment process. The meeting dates and times are March 15th at 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., March 16th at 12:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., and March 17th at 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. More information including access to the ZOOM link for the virtual enrollment event is available at websterreadystart.com For additional information contact Casey Fields at 318-377-3099

Apache Princess Pageant

Glenbrook School's annual Apache Princess Pageant will take place on Friday, March 12 at 7 p.m. at First Assembly of God Church in Minden. Due to capacity restrictions, a ticket must be purchased from a contestant prior to the pageant to attend. Tickets will not be available for purchase at the time of the event; however, the event will be live-streamed through the Glenbrook Apache Princess Facebook page. We invite everyone to watch with us as we choose our next Apache Princess.

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INSPIRATION

A homebound year has meant rethinking our rooms, belongings

In normal times, new trends in home design and home decorating bubble up simply because it's time for something different. A few years of bold color and homeowners start painting things gray. After enough minimalism, a hunger for plaids and florals comes roaring back.

But this time last year, a cultural experiment began that changed our relationships with houses and condos and apartments around the world.

Suddenly, constantly, we were inside them.

So much of public life - work, school, exercise, shopping, dining and (virtually) socializing - began happening entirely within the walls of home, at least for those able to do so.

Architects and interior designers say that after 12 months of varying degrees of lockdown, people are discovering what does and doesn't work in their homes, and becoming more confident about acting on it. They're realizing how familiar spaces can serve them better.

"Out of frustration comes brilliant ideas," says Lisa Cini, founder and president of Mosaic Design Studio.

REPURPOSING ROOMS

Amhad Freeman, founder of the Nashville, Tennessee-based Amhad Freeman Interiors, says clients now have time to really think about what they need from a room.

He recently helped convert an upstairs room into a multipurpose space where kids are "not afraid to jump around on the furniture." The room has desks for schoolwork, but "it's more of a lounge now, so that they can do a lot of different things instead of just focusing on the computer," he says.

Another client hired Freeman to redesign an unused home office into an elegant, in-house cocktail bar.

Hafsa Burt, founder of hb+a Architects in California, has helped convert garages into gyms, and storage space into home offices or playrooms.

Cini recently helped a family in Florida transform their garage into a gaming room by adding LCD screens, track lighting, rugs and a row of gaming chairs spaced safely apart. With the garage door open and a screen door added, there's enough air circulation and space to safely

invite friends over, she says.

SEEKING SEPARATE SPACE

Homes with open plans and sprawling "great rooms" became popular in recent decades as welcome communal gathering spaces. But that preference for open layouts may be waning.

Now that whole families are working and schooling at home together (and might, to some degree, for years to come), "you have to have the kind of boundaries where you can step away," Cini says.

A home divided into separate spaces "helps a family to be able to de-centralize and not be on top of each other," she says. This becomes even more important when elderly relatives join a household.

As an expert in multi-generational living, Cini has been "getting calls nonstop" from people wanting to safely welcome an elderly parent into their home.

One way that people are making this happen, Burt says: Rather than building an addition onto their home, they're getting a permit to build a

backyard ADU (additional dwelling unit). These tiny houses give extended family members their own space and yet everyone has easy access to one another.

FRESH AIR, FRESH FOOD

In commercial spaces, air quality has been a top priority since the pandemic began. It's also becoming important to people at home, Burt says, as is water quality: At this year's virtual Kitchen & Bath Industry Show, panelists spoke about the growing interest in built-in water purification systems for kitchens.

People are also cooking more than ever before, Freeman says, and many of his clients are using money they're not spending on travel and restaurant meals to invest in serious kitchen renovations.

"Budgets of kitchens for me have almost doubled," he says, with clients swapping out 30-inch cooking ranges for 60-inch models and adding luxuries like built-in coffee stations.

CONSUMING CONSCIOUSLY

Those working and

schooling at home on Wi-Fi-dependent devices are noticing that they're consuming more energy, so energy efficiency is becoming a priority.

"People are driven by what they see on their energy bills," Burt says.

Adding insulation and swapping out inefficient appliances saves money, but it also has the added benefit of helping the environment, she says: "People are thinking about their habits and wondering how it's contributing to the greater good for the planet."

Beyond that, with plenty of time to sort through attics and closets, we're clearing out things we don't need, Cini says, and thinking more carefully about what we want to own.

We're consciously filling our homes with things that make us happy, Freeman says. Rather than hurrying to decorate a room, his clients "want to actually take time to buy things that are beautiful, that are well made."

They're going to be spending a lot of time looking at their surroundings, he says, so "they want to be able to appreciate that furniture."

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INSPIRATION

Mimi isn't in charge

A few years ago the flu had been rampant across our country and reports were that it was the worst it had been in many years. Officials were asking people to stay home away from crowds, (sound familiar) even suggesting that it would be best not to go to the hospital. That sounded kind of ominous to me.

When there began to be reports of deaths from the flu, I really began to worry and fret. I didn't want to go anywhere or do anything that required me to leave the house. About two weeks of this will give one a bad case of cabin fever, but that's better than flu.

Then, not long afterwards, we received word that two of our great grands had the flu, then their mother also took it. As badly as I wanted to avoid the flu, this made me want to go and help out with them. However, as they live in Tennessee, it wasn't feasible, so I remained home and prayed even harder than I had been doing.

It seems that women have an innate mothering gene that makes them want to take care of their little ones - to pro-

tect them and keep them safe from all the bad things in this world. It hurts us when we realize we can do only so much and after that we have to turn it over to someone with more power than we have. That's why the prayers kept going up to the Higher Power.

As the days passed, they began to recuperate and finally, they were well enough to be up and about their regular routines.

Then, just a few days later as we were watching TV, a weather alert scrolled across the top of the screen. It was alerting residents in some Texas counties of possible tornadoes

in the area. There was a tornado watch in the county where our grandson and family live so naturally this "mama" got alarmed.

I wasn't sure they were watching and I wanted to be sure they knew about the situation. I sent them a text message about the watch and suggested they be alert and stay safe. Then, to lighten the mood of the problem, I added, "This is just the old mother hen watching after her chicks."

His message in return

noted they had just seen the scroll, but then assured me it was okay for the old mother hen to be concerned.

I often find myself offering suggestions that might not be so easily accepted. That is one of the problems (among many) that I need to work on. There is no way these grands can understand how important it is for us keep mothering, even after they have families of their own. And they think they can handle anything that comes their way.

I'm just hoping that I can always lighten my concern so they can accept it for what it is, caring, but not controlling.

Without my physical presence, the children got over the flu; without Mimi's help (although I still think I could have helped out had I been closer) and the ones in Texas were safe from the bad weather without my help.

That is just evidence of who is really in charge. And it isn't Mimi.

It is that Higher Power we always go to in times of need. And I hope I never fail to thank Him for His mighty power and love.

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FANNIE MOORE

SCHOOL LIFE

State Superintendent Brumley looks back on past year, handling covid and education

Dear Colleagues,

meeting Saturday morning. I still have a picture of that meeting, as I feel it represents what was happening in schools and school systems across our state. Teachers and leaders were coming together, operationalizing, to find a way for children.



BRUMLEY

What we first thought would be a two-week, maybe one month, closure ended up being the last time we would have students in our buildings for 2019-2020. In Jefferson and in many school systems across the state, we stood up virtual

offerings, printed learning packets, established homework help lines in multiple languages, provided meals, loaned technology, checked-in on families, offered mental health support and created new avenues to celebrate teachers and students.

Louisians are resilient and know how to respond in a crisis. We spent the summer laser-focused on being ready for the first day of school. Early on, we developed mitigation efforts that were employed at schools

across the state. No matter what day one looked like, we would be there for our children.

Today, nearly 70 percent of our students benefit from in-person instruction. This while many other states grapple with how to reopen school buildings. Louisiana has been ahead of the curve in safely providing in-person instruction. Medical professionals testified during the December BESE meeting that when following our mitigation efforts, Louisiana schools are one of the safest places for children in our state.

Even when the pandemic ends and schools return

to normal, it's important we continue to mark this anniversary. As terrible as this pandemic has been, our drive and ingenuity have led to silver linings. It has forced us to prioritize the digital divide. As a state, we now have more devices than students, and concrete steps are being taken to connect every child to broadband. We have been widely successful in Louisiana at building a community of practice, networking across school system lines for ideas and support. This crisis has also brought into focus what we have known all along, our educators, schools and early childhood centers are

essential — not just to the success of children but to a functioning society.

It's been hard, but educators find a way. So much was unknown and untested when this started, but educators find a way. There have been tears, frustrations and sheer exhaustion, but educators find a way.

It's been an honor to work alongside you during this critical time. Together we will continue to meet the challenges of this pandemic and move Louisiana forward.

Dr. Cade Brumley

GARDENING LIFE

As spring nears, houseplants feel it too and can get unruly

No matter that winter winds and snow still come and go in much of the country. The sun's earlier rising and higher climb into the sky let us know that spring is on the way. Even houseplants indoors feel the changing season.

Take a closer look at the stems of your houseplants. Any young, new leaves? Swelling buds? Inside their pots, roots might likewise be awakening. All of this makes today, tomorrow, or sometime soon a good time for repotting and pruning.

HOW TALL IS TOO TALL?

The most obvious reason to prune a houseplant's stems is to keep the plant manageable. For example, growing in the ground in a tropical climate, branches of weeping fig, a familiar houseplant, will reach skyward and spread as high and wide as a sugar maple's. Indoors, at the very least, your ceilings limit the desired height of a houseplant. For looks, you might want to

keep the plant smaller, perhaps much, much smaller.

When pruning the stems of a houseplant, the goal is to reduce its size without giving it a hacked-back look. For a plant with many stems, such as a weeping fig, a few severe cuts usually gives better results than many small cuts. Trace one of the tallest stems down to its origin, and cut it off right there. Perhaps do this with another tall stem too.

After one or more drastic cuts have lowered the plant, go back over the plant to make some smaller cuts. Cut back any dead or diseased stems, and any that look gawky or out of place.

There are houseplants, such as dracaena and ponytail palm, that naturally sport only one or very few stems. These rarely need pruning; when they do, it's because they've finally grown too tall. Lop back the stem to lower than the final desired height. New growth will appear near the cut, perhaps even a couple of new stems. If you want to

keep the plant single-stemmed, remove all but one of the emerging stems.

CHECK BELOW GROUND ALSO

Pruning the stems of a houseplant is just the first step. After a few years, depending on how fast a plant grows, roots will fill a pot until they have no room left to grow. Roots attempting to escape out the drainage hole of a pot is one indication of overcrowding.

More telling is to have a look at the root ball itself. Slide the root ball out of the pot. If it's a large plant, the easiest way to do this is to first tip the pot on its side. Are the roots cramped together and circling around and around the outside edge of the root ball?

If the roots are overcrowded, you could just move the plant to a larger pot. Of course, then it will grow even bigger, which may or may not be your wish.

If the plant is to go

back into its old home, root pruning is needed. Stand the plant upright and — brutal as it might seem — slice off the outer edge of soil and roots all around the root ball. The bigger the root ball, the more you can slice off.

Stand the plant back in its old pot and pack new potting soil in the gaps between the shorn root ball and the container. Use a stick or your fingers to firmly press it in place.

Water the plant, and it's ready for spring.

NOT FOR EVERY PLANT

No need to prune and repot every houseplant every year. Many grow very slowly, so might need this treatment only every few years. And some plants -- clivia and amaryllis, for example -- grow in clumps rather than skyward-shooting stems, and actually do better with their roots cramped in their pots.

MINDEN LION'S CLUB

Public Information Officer for Troop G Brent Hardy Speaks at Lion's Club



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The speaker for last week's Minden Lions Club meeting was Trooper First Class Brent Hardy, Public Information Officer for Troop G. Having an extensive 13 years of law enforcement experience, Hardy shared with the Lion's Club details about how he prepares future driver's for the road, as well as an inside look on what a state trooper thinks about when pulling over a vehicle. Being a Standardized Field Sobriety Instructor as well as a Drug Recognition Expert, Hardy explained tell-tale signs he uses while keeping inebriated drivers off of the roadways.

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STRANGER FROM A STRANGE LAND

Where Streets Have Cool Names

My parents reside in a distant state on Snow Leopard Drive. Their neighborhood has an animal name theme. There are Drives Antelope, Jackal, Elk, Koala, Panther, Crocodile, Dove, Elephant, Caribou, Cheetah, and Zebra. There are Lanes White Tiger and Alligator. There are Courts Python and Kangaroo. Macaw, Arctic Fox, Gazelle, Iguana, Squirrel, and Albatross. Not just animals but animal locations. Jungle Tree, Raintree Forest, and Monsoon Lane.

My favorite is Spider Monkey Court. That makes me want to move back to Mis-

souri. The animal names neighborhood is a recent creation. There were no houses there when I was a kid. There were likely wild animals but no exotic varieties as the roads now suggest.

I grew up in Valley View Gardens in Columbia, Missouri. The streets were named after flowers. I lived on Lilac Drive. There was Iris, Rose, Primrose, and steep Morning Glory Drive where we rode our red wagons with a lookout posted below to warn of approaching cars. Morning Glory met Rose at the base of two hills. Lawn Jarts and glass Clackers weren't the only dangerous pastimes for youth of the 1970s.

A flower road subdivision was not masculine. It reminded me of

my 1st grade class reading group. We were the Bluebells. I hated the name and wanted to be in the Superman group. But the Bluebells were the advanced group and girls dominated our roster. Reading group monikers were decided by member vote, a tradition continued when my mom

taught 1st grade years later in that very same classroom. Her strongest reading groups named themselves after Mickey Mouse and Donald Duck. The slower group was also eager to embrace the Walt Disney cartoon motif. My mom had to dissuade them from voting to be the

Goofies. Disney was slippery terrain. They might select the Dumbos or the Dopeys.

I loved my previous residence city but not for its street naming practices. Independence, Missouri employs a muddled system of numbered streets and compass direction combinations sure to confound your Global Positioning System. My address was 16704 East 50th Court South. Friends lived on East 50th Street Court South. A cursory reading suggests we resided on the same chunk of asphalt. We did not. They were a couple blocks away on a different cul-de-sac.

Kansas City's numbered streets run east and west. That's a good system because you imme-

diately know the lower the number the farther north the location. Streets running north and south received names. But confusion reigns for those unfamiliar with KC roads because a street might span nearly a hundred blocks as the crow flies, but not as continuous asphalt. Many streets are cut into pieces. So, I might travel south on Charlotte knowing I am on the right street and need only follow the increasing numbers south. But then the road dead ends. I must find where Charlotte continues. Then that chunk of Charlotte might end before I reach my destination.

I chose Charlotte as an example because I had a friend who lived on the street and I was trying to find her house. It was frustrating but worth the navigational hassle because I discovered she lived in the house where Walt Disney once rented a room. Before he went west, he worked in Kansas City. Here Disney and the oddly named Ubbe Eert Iwerks (shortened to Ub) invented the Mickey Mouse prototype inspired by a friendly office rodent. This was a few years before fame and fortune and reading group namesakes. Disney was evicted from the Charlotte house for failing to make his rent.

People in this corner of Louisiana have streets named after themselves. I assume they're famous and inquire but discover they received naming rights just for being the only family on that

road.

Shreveport excursions leave me wondering who was Bert Kouns? An Industrial Loop we've all traveled bears his name. Kouns was Sinclair Bert Kouns (1926-2000) a prominent businessman and community leader. His family was long involved in Red River commerce. As of this writing, Kouns has no biography posted on Wikipedia.

If I were designing a neighborhood, the street names would have a memorable unifying theme. There would be the neighborhood of vitamin deficiencies. Beriberi Way. Scurvy Drive. Rickets Lane. Pellagra Street.

No one created funnier names than novelist Charles Dickens. Inimitable Boz Estates would be perched along Wackford Squeers Drive, Charity Pecksniff Lane, Affery Flintwich Way, and Melchisedach Howler Court. Howler was a preacher with too small a role in Dombey and Son. His checkered vocational past included puncturing barrels on the West India Docks and drinking the contents.

Dombey and Son was published in 1848. Melchisedach Howler predicted the end of the world. When proven premature, he revised his guess. This sounds like American preacher William Miller and his inaccurate forecast Jesus would return on October 22, 1844. The Millerites would become the Seventh-day Adventists.

William Miller was a more interesting fellow than his commonplace name suggests. Melchisedach Howler is a great name and character. Why stop at a street? Melchisedach Howler deserves a city named after him.

The layout of fictional Oxymoron Meadows could feature Paperless Office Lane, Plastic Silverware Place, and Kosher Ham Drive. I was going to include Jumbo Shrimp Street but since I moved south, I have actually seen some qualifying Gulf specimens. The most impressive rested on ice at a Morgan City grocery store southwest of New Orleans. Shrimp as large as my fist. I did a double take. People stared at my shocked reaction. They realized I was from up north. Way up in the Ark-La-Tex.

Try as I might, I can't conjure a better road label than Spider Monkey Court. It sounds like a place you pay a fine in nuts and fruits. Lawyers interrogate you after jumping on your shoulder. When my parents chose to return to town after rural farm living years ago, my dad was losing interest in mowing the acres. But I like to think they opted for this new neighborhood development because of the cool street names.

Yet there is no Howler Monkey Street. Let alone a Melchisedach Howler Court.

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WEBSTER PARISH LIBRARIES

Webster Parish Libraries Partner With Local School Systems Providing Students Access To Digital Reading Materials

Webster Parish Libraries and Glenbrook School have partnered to provide students and teachers access to an educational reading app called Sora Reading. The app is available

through the popular online service Overdrive and comes at no additional cost to either the library or the schools that use it.

Savannah Jones, Director of Webster Parish Libraries, explained how the partnership opportunity came into play as well as the potential benefit. "When I was first approached by Rebecca Caraway, Minden High School Librarian, about the potential service, I was immediately eager to get started on the venture. I knew what opportunities this could bring about for the students of Webster Parish. We have over thirty thousand titles accessible through Overdrive in the audiobook or eBook format," said Jones.

"This partnership would put those titles in the hands of all Webster Parish students. Not only does this take a burden off of the school libraries during these unprecedented times, but it also is a way for students to become more familiar with

public library services. It fits in with our mission perfectly - to promote an atmosphere of community,

creativity, and learning, while providing evolving resources, services, and technology to all."

Dr. Naomi Coyle, Glenbrook Assistant Headmaster in Charge of Instruction, was the first to jump on board with the idea and actively put it into play, making it the third library and school system partnership in Louisiana. Dr. Coyle and I spoke in November about partnering to bring Sora to their students. By December, the process of implementation had already started. Within one month, more than 800 titles have been checked out by the students at Glenbrook, said Jones.

When asked about her involvement with the partnership, Dr. Naomi Coyle stated, "I am excited that Webster Parish Libraries is providing Overdrive access through Sora, an app that will broaden the world of reading for Glenbrook students. It provides students the opportunity to access books online through the Webster Parish Libraries. Students and

faculty have expressed appreciation that they will be able to access a variety of books using their newly acquired Glenbrook Chromebooks. The mission of Glenbrook School is to provide a complete education in preparation for college and life. I believe that the partnership of Glenbrook School with Webster Parish Libraries will support us in the endeavor to accomplish our mission."

The library-school partnership provides safe access to thousands of age-appropriate titles for students to use inside the classroom, at home, and anywhere 24/7. Students can easily log into the library's digital collection through the Sora app using their school credentials/student ID rather than requiring a separate library card. In addition, Sora supports teachers by offering education-specific tools such as achievements, exportable notes, and reading progress that encourage individualized learning.

When asked about her lead involvement in the endeavor, Rebecca Caraway stated, "After the schools closed in March 2020, I wanted to find a way to get books into the hands of

my students at Minden High School. Knowing that the library is a safe haven for many students, I felt they would benefit from having access to books even if they were unable to physically be in the library. When I discovered the Sora program by Overdrive, I realized that it would be possible for the students throughout our parish to connect with the Webster Parish Public Library's collection of ebooks and audiobooks in addition to what we provide through our school libraries."

Webster Parish Libraries is currently working with the Webster Parish School Board to bring this service to the parish school system as well. "The Webster Parish School Board is thrilled about partnering with the Webster Parish Library to implement Sora for our students," said Dusty Rowland, Webster Parish School Board Curriculum and Instruction Supervisor. "This partnership will provide our students with the opportunity to access a number of eBooks and audiobooks free of charge. A big thank you to Rebecca Caraway, librarian at Minden High School, for all of the time and

effort she has put forth to help make this happen."

"I'm excited to be working with our local school system. The Webster Parish School Board was one of our biggest supporters, encouraging the establishment of a public library system back in 1929. How great is it that we can come together once again to provide for our parish students in a time of such great need. I'm thankful for our Marketing Director, Kim Sentell, who has been of much assistance during this process," said Jones.

The entire community can also borrow Webster Parish Library's complete eBook and digital audiobook collection, which includes bestsellers and new releases, directly through the

Overdrive App. Readers of all ages can select from virtually every subject ranging from mystery, romance, children's, business, and more.

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SCHOLARSHIP

Brown to play at Central Baptist in Arkansas

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A first was accomplished Wednesday morning at Minden High School, that being soccer player Josh Brown being the first male soccer player to receive a scholarship for his skills displayed while playing as the Minden High Tider's goal keeper.

Surrounded by friends, family, and coaches, Brown signed the papers, officially cementing his spot on the Central Baptist College Mustangs Soccer Team.

Coach Lance Gordon, the one who initially invited Brown to tour the campus and offered him the scholarship, said, "We need to bring in talent that is going to help us elevate the program, and we totally think Josh is of that caliber. He will be challenged to improve every day. To get better. And any time he gets better, the team gets better, and if the team gets better, the program gets better."

Looking forward to

his time at CBC, Brown himself stated, "I am really excited to go to CBC. Coach Gordon reached out to me, then I went and visited the campus, and I like everything about it. He offered me a scholarship, and I was honored by that," said Brown.

"To be the first Minden male Soccer player to get a scholarship for playing soccer. For everything I've worked for over my highschool career, to be recognized for that, it feels really good. I just want to thank my family, and especially my teammate and my coaches for helping me to get this opportunity, and particularly Coach Gordon for granting me the opportunity."

The Coach for the Minden High Soccer Teams, Coach Joseph Winningham, also shared some thoughts on Brown as a player, having helped guide him along his career in the sport up to this point.

"He has been very proud of what he's been able to accomplish in the last year," said Winning-



Josh is the first Tider to earn a college scholarship to play men's soccer.

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ham.

"The biggest thing with Josh is his willingness to put himself, both mentally and physically, on the line for his team. When he goes and plays, when he's on the field for practice, when he's in game, he puts all of himself out there. You're not getting

by him quickly or easily. Any coach from any team, that's something they've noticed about him. He's always out there, he's always a struggle."

Winningham noted that Brown worked so hard because he was always vying to get to the next level. After being

signed to play for CBC, it's fair to say all that hard work has come to fruition.

"Not only does he work hard, he does it with a smile on his face. He enjoys what he does," said Winningham.

"He's always been wanting to go to the next

level, and this is that step. We told him if you put the effort and the energy out on the fields, in practice, and in the game, we will do the best we can to try and help you get to the next level. And he did the work, and it paid off."

FOOTBALL

LA Tech Football to Hold First-Ever Meet The Bulldogs Event

RUSTON, La. – Louisiana Tech football will host its first-ever Meet The Bulldogs presented by Origin Bank during the first day of spring practice on Friday, March 19. Practice will be run from 4 to 6 p.m. CT.

The event will provide season ticket holders with the opportunity to meet the 2021 Bulldogs, including student-athletes who will have enrolled in classes for the spring quarter at Louisiana Tech. Fans must purchase or renew their season tickets by March 17 in order to attend the event.

The event will kick off with head coach Skip Holtz addressing the crowd at 4 p.m. Holtz and select assistant coaches will also speak to those in attendance between reps to provide insight into the roster and key position battles during spring practice.

Holtz will also draw the name of one lucky season ticket holder at the event who will win a personalized LA Tech Adidas home football jersey. This jersey will be customized under the winner's direction.

LA Tech's six home games at Joe Aillet Stadium during the 2021

season includes four Conference USA matchups in North Texas (Sept. 25), UTSA (Oct. 23), Charlotte (Nov. 13) and Southern Miss (Nov. 20). Tech's home slate opens with a pair of non-conference opponents in Southeastern Louisiana (Sept. 11) and SMU (Sept. 18). The last time the Bulldogs and the Mustangs met on gridiron was during the 2017 Frisco Bowl which ended with a convincing 51-10 LA Tech victory in front of a great crowd.

In 2021, season ticket prices for Bulldog football will remain the same. The seats placed on reserve will be the seats from the 2019 season as Louisiana Tech Athletics is hopeful capacity numbers will rise for the 2021 football season. Fans are encouraged to renew or purchase their season tickets as early as possible to secure their seats for next season.

Louisiana Tech fans who credited their 2020 season tickets to the 2021 campaign will need to call the Tech Ticket Office at (318) 257-3631 in order to initiate that process.

For those interested in purchasing a season ticket booklet, the normal \$10 handling fee will be



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Louisiana Tech wide receiver Smoke Harris gets ready to catch the ball during the 2020 fall camp.

applied per order. In order to purchase a season ticket booklet, fans must place their order before the renewal deadline of June 1. Fans that choose the mobile delivery option will have all handling fees waived.

Fans interested in purchasing seats in the Davison Athletics Complex can contact Associate A.D. for Development

Alan Savage at (318) 255-7950 or asavage@latech-alumni.org. The DAC opens two hours prior to kickoff and fans will also receive a parking pass in the Blue Lot, an all you can eat buffet, complimentary soft drinks and access to a cash bar.

Fans can purchase or renew season tickets online at LATechSports.com/Tickets or by calling the LA Tech Ticket

Office at (318) 257-3631. The renewal deadline for season tickets is June 1.

Louisiana Tech appeared in seven straight bowl games under the direction of head coach Skip Holtz. The Bulldogs had a combined 21 student-athletes represented on Conference USA's 2020 Football All-Conference Teams and graduate transfer quarterback Luke Anthony was

selected as the C-USA Newcomer of the Year. Freshman linebacker Tyler Grubbs was named a Freshman All-American by the Football Writers Association of America (FWAA), ESPN and 247Sports.com, while junior defensive lineman Milton Williams was named a third team All-American by Pro Football Focus.



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INSPIRATION

DEALING WITH WINTER IN THE COUNTRY

With the recent winter storm still fresh on our mind, perhaps many of you can identify with me as we remanence about those winters when we were young and how it affected life on the farm. We were sharecroppers and our clan of ten crowded in a small house that had cracks in the floor, drafts in the wall and tin top roofs that had many nail holes. 'Air-conditioned' country style, all seasons! Farm life, when weather is at its' best is still difficult. But in the winter, the North wind is always blowing. These are some things that crossed my mind during the recent storm when we were snowed-in.

Monday was usually 'wash day' unless it was raining too hard or too cold. We had 55-gallon barrels under the eaves of the tin-topped barns to catch rainwater for this weekly project. Early in the morning the 'bucket-brigade' was put into action. A sheet of ice on the water didn't

stop the process; just a few taps removed this hazard. When the pot was filled, the fire was lighted and soon the bed sheets and clothes were in the hot water. Add a little bluing and lye soap - the wash was on. Here would be several loads to run through the hot water; then on to rinsing water. Grandma and Mama worked all day long washing, rinsing and hanging the clothes out to dry. They would use the clothes line and every available fence nearby. Yes, all our clothes were on display for the community to see.

Another winter even that drew community attention was the hog killing. This always took place on some of the coldest days so the meat could be "processed." And everything was processed except the squell.

No indoor plumbing or bathrooms made those winter days and nights even more dreaded. Those 40 steps to the outhouse seemed more like two miles when you made a fast dash early in the morning or after dark. Too, this meant all bath water, drinking and cooking water was pumped by hand and delivered into the house bucket by bucket. Split wood for the little stove had to be stacked in each night for early morning coffee and breakfast. But the cows had to be milked first.

Winter, frost, sleet or snow, those cows had to be milked daily. Each boy had a bucket and a designated cow. Off we would go with warm water to bathe the udder before we 'got down to business.' Of course, the cows were eating their daily ration of hay they gently 'released the

warm milk' Then for the mad dash to the house, knowing breakfast was ready: biscuits, syrup, ham/sausage and eggs. What more could warm the heart and soul on a cold day? Soon we would hear the school bus making its' way down the gravel road.

Riding the bus to school was definitely a 'cool experience.' We lived several miles from school and the ride in freezing weather made it seem much longer. Most of us had only blue-jean jackets as coats. Probably every child had on some kind of long johns under their jeans. There were wood heaters in certain areas of the school (auditorium, cafeteria, library and a few classrooms - there were children clustered around each before school and at recess time.

Coming home from basketball games on those cold nights meant facing a cold bed. But we had our own 'cajun foot warmers.' Mama would

heat bricks for us and wrap them in old towels. She would place each in our bed where cold feet could find them. (Oh, that sweet mama)!

One thing my daddy invested heavily in was this: plenty of wood for the fire place. We cut and split wood for the entire month of July (after the crops were 'laid by' till gathering time). We hauled and stacked it near the house for easy transfer when needed. What a wonderful feeling it was to gather around the fire place and enjoy the cracking fire and warm glow. The kitchen stove served as our 'warming place # 2'. Remember there were ten of us to keep warm!

Other memories of those days included: Corn-cob fights in and around the hay barns; tracking rabbits in the snow, home-made ice cream using fresh snow, making snow men and eating baked sweet potatoes and parched peanuts.

How did we survive?

Just like everyone else - we did the best we could and depended on each other to pull their weight. The Lord blessed and led us through those hard times as He does today when we depend on Him for our needs. Proverbs 3 5-6 and other such scriptures provide that hope, determination and assurance that 'it's going to be better come spring time.' That is what helped so much during our big snow storm. Depending on the Lord, determination, working together, checking on neighbors and friends.

We are survivors! Paul survived many hard times for his confidence was in the Lord as well. He coined this assurance: "I can do all things through Christ, my Lord, who supplies my needs." Let's claim this thought: the best is yet to be...and move on down the calendar thinking SPRING each morning.

BILL CRIDER IS CHAPLAIN OF MINDEN MEDICAL CENTER



Bill Crider

THE UPWARD LOOK

All of Us

"Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest." Ephesians 2:3
NASB



Max Hutto

Paul declares that all people, both Jews and Gentiles, deserve the wrath of God. Being influenced by the world, the

devil, and the flesh, all of us walked in a lifestyle of disobedience and in rebellion against God. All humanity by nature are not children of God but children of wrath. Without Christ all people are dead, spiritually dead, in their trespasses and sins, and all stand judged and condemned under the wrath of

God. But God in His grace has provided salvation and life through faith in Jesus.

Lord Jesus, I was once wretched, depraved, condemned, and dead in my sin and subject to God's wrath. Now by God's grace, I have salvation and new life in You.

MAX HUTTO IS A BAPTIST MINISTER AND A RESIDENT OF MINDEN. MORE INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND AT WWW.UPWARDLOOK.ORG.

LET NOT YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED

Building the Wall around Jerusalem Cont.

The temple is now complete, but the wall is completely ruined. Nehemiah gets permission from King Artaxerxes to go to Jerusalem



Mack Ford

to rebuild the wall. I do not know how long the wall was, but I do know

that Jerusalem was a big city. He got people from all 12 tribes to work on the wall. They were making great progress when Sonbalat and Tobiah tried to stop them. Nehemiah armed his people and continued to build. Half the people stood guard

while the other half worked. The wall was completed in 452 days with the bars and gates finished. Nehemiah returned to his job as the cupbearer for King Artaxerxes.

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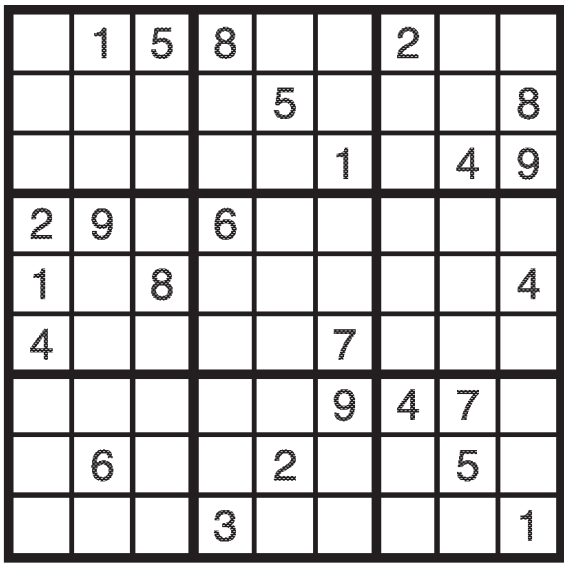
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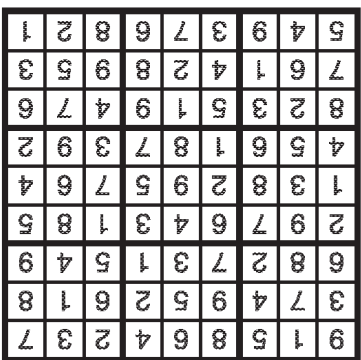
Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

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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!



ANSWER:

WORD SLEUTH

WORD SLEUTH SEEN ALONG THE ROAD

M K I G H I T C H H I K E R S
 E D B Z S X F V S Q O M K E R
 I F G E C P A A Y W U S Q T E
 S B I L L B O A R D S C S T K
 P K N L S L E T O M L A R I R
 J H C F D E C O S A S T E L A
 Y X V E U L F S Q T P T P N M
 S K C U R T I M K J S L O H E
 C R O P S W F W E C B E O Z L
 Y X V A U T R S E G D I R B I
 Q P F O S E L C Y C R O T O M

Thursday's unlisted clue: GREEN

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

Friday's unlisted clue hint: SCATTERED TRASH

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|------------|--------------|-------------|----------|
| Billboards | Farms | Motels | Trucks |
| Bridges | Fast food | Motorcycles | Wildlife |
| Cattle | Hitchhikers | Rest stops | Wrecks |
| Crops | Mile markers | Troopers | |

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HISTORY

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 pation of Hitler's homeland is known as Anschluss, which is the German word for annexation.

1930 - Mahatma Gandhi embarks on his Salt March. The 240-mile march was an act of civil disobedience to protest the British monopoly on salt. It was one of the most significant events during the Indian independence movement.

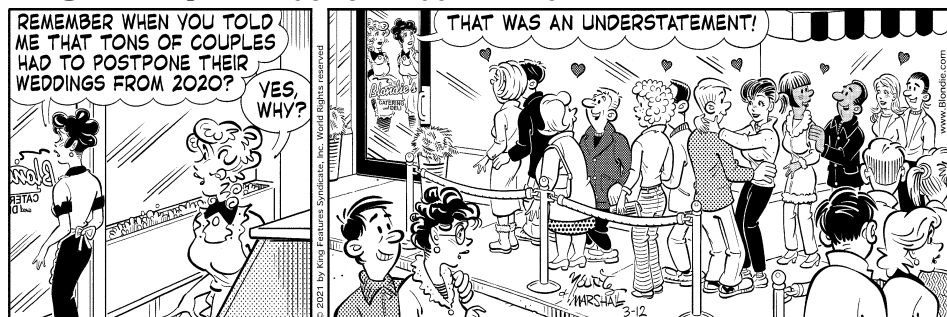
1918 - Moscow becomes Russia's capital city. St. Petersburg lost its status as the Russian capital following the Revolution of 1917, which dismantled the Tsarist autocracy.

COMICS

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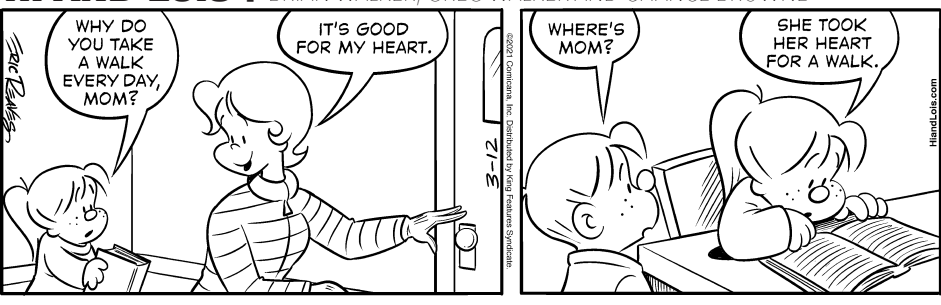
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FUNKY WINKERBEAN | TOM BATIUK



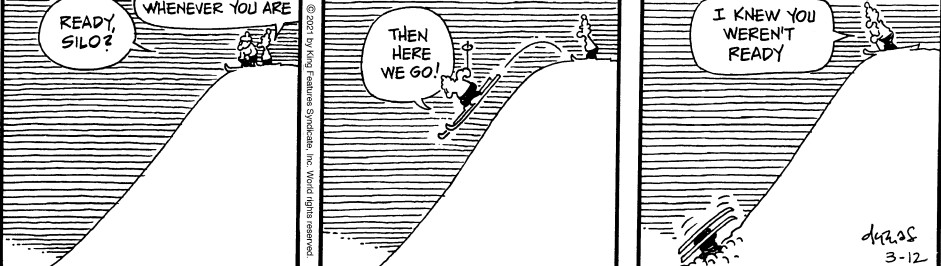
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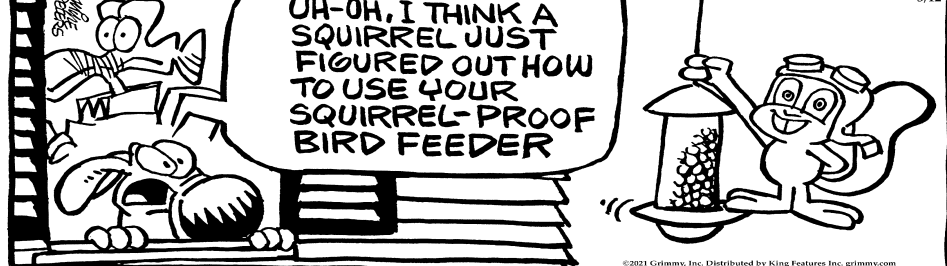
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AN ORDINANCE GOVERNING THE TOWN OF COTTON VALLEY AND THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

WHEREAS, the Town of Cotton Valley ("Town") has conducted an election pursuant to La. R.S. 26:581, et seq., and the voters have approved the sale of alcoholic beverages of both high and low alcoholic content, for consumption both on and off the premises of sale, within the limits of the Town.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen of the Town desire to enact certain rules and regulations regarding said sales of alcoholic beverages.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Cotton Valley, Louisiana, in due, legal and regular session convened, as follows: ARTICLE A-IN GENERAL. Section 3.1 - Definitions.

The following words, terms, and phrases, when used in this Chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this Section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning: Alcoholic beverage means any fluid or solid which is capable of being converted into fluid suitable for human consumption and containing more than one-half of one percent alcohol by volume, including malt, vinous, spirituous, alcoholic or intoxicating liquor, beer, porter, ale, stout, fruit juice, cider or wine.

Alcoholic beverage handling employee means any alcoholic beverage permit holder or employee, agent, partner, or other person connected with or employed by an alcoholic beverage permit holder, who physically handles, sells or serves any alco-

holic beverage or container thereof, for consumption on the premises, including, but not limited to, waiters, waitresses, barmaids, bartenders and managers. Alcoholic beverage permit or permit means a permit required by and issued pursuant to the provisions of this Chapter.

Beverage of high alcoholic content means alcoholic beverage containing more than six percent alcohol by volume.

Beverage of low alcoholic content means alcoholic beverages containing not more than six percent by volume.

Chief of Police as used in this Chapter shall be the person holding the office of chief of police or the person designated by him to act for him.

Motor vehicle means a motorized vehicle designed to convey person from one place to another on public streets and highways.

Open container means any container or receptacle containing any alcoholic beverage; wherein the stamp or seal has been broken, or any container, bottle or can that contain any alcoholic beverage that has been opened subsequent to the filling of such can, bottle or container by the manufactory, brewery or distillery of such alcoholic beverage.

Alcoholic beverages contained in drinking glasses, cups, including plastic glasses and Styrofoam cups, regardless of whether such containers have a top affixed thereto, shall be deemed an open container.

March 5, 2021
March 9, 2021
March 12, 2021
March 16, 2021
March 19, 2021
March 23, 2021
March 26, 2021
March 30, 2021
April 2, 2021

BID NOTICE SEALED BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED BY Claiborne Memorial Medical Center at 620 E. College, Homer, Louisiana, 71040 until April 6th, 2021 at 2:00 P.M. at which time

the bids will be opened and read aloud for:

PROJECT NAME: CLAIBORNE MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER RE-ROOF
Make sure bids are addressed directly to the Chief Procurement Officer listed at the bottom of this page. Original complete bidding documents in PDF format must be obtained at no charge from Kevin Bryan Architect, LLC which has been designated as the only method and service of distribution of the bidding documents and plans. Questions about the bidding documents or request for approvals shall be directed to the Architect at: Kevin Bryan Architect, LLC Attn: Duke Rauschenbach 712 Texas Street 318-673-9980 duke@kevinbryanarchitect.com

Any person requiring special accommodations shall notify the architect of the type(s) of accommodation required not less than seven (7) days before the bid opening.

NOTE: BIDS SHALL ONLY BE ACCEPTED FROM CONTRACTORS WHO ARE LICENSED UNDER LOUISIANA CONTRACTORS LICENSING LAW FOR THE MAJOR CLASSIFICATION OF ROOFING CONSTRUCTION.

All bids must be accompanied by bid security equal to five percent (5%) of the sum of the base bid and must be in the form of a certified check, cashier's check or bid bond written in conformance with state law. Written evidence of the authority of the person signing the bid form should be included with the bid form. See La. R.S. 38:2212 B. (2) and (5).

The successful bidder shall furnish a Performance and Payment Bond in accordance with state law. The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids. A NON MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE will be held on

March 24th 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at Claiborne Memorial Medical Center, 620 E. College, Homer LA 71040. Attendance at the Pre-Bid Conference by an Officer or Estimator directly involved with this Project is NON MANDATORY. Sign-in for the Conference will be between 9:45 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. The Conference will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m.

Angie Costakis Chief Procurement Officer Claiborne Memorial Medical Center acostakis@claibornemedical.com 318-371-3899
March 5, 2021
March 12, 2021
March 19, 2021
Minden Press-Herald

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF MINDEN, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN IN SPECIAL SESSION HELD ON MARCH 8, 2021.

The Minden City Council met at City Hall, Minden, Louisiana, in the Pelican Conference Room beginning at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: Mayor Terry Gardner, Wayne Edwards, Terika Williams-Walker, Vincen Bradford and Tommy Davis. Pam Bloxom joined the meeting by telephone conference call. Absent: None. Mayor Gardner welcomed everyone to the meeting. It is noted for the record that Mayor Terry Gardner allowed both council and public comments prior to every vote.

Wayne Edwards moved to authorize the Mayor to Request Proposals for the Minden Recreation Complex Concessions Services. The motion was duly seconded by Tommy Davis and the vote was as follows: Ayes: Wayne Edwards, Tommy Davis and Pam Bloxom. Nays: Terika Williams-Walker and Vincen Bradford. The motion carried.

Tommy Davis moved to adopt a Resolution Implementing the Safety Traffic Enforcement Program between the City of Minden, Mind-

en Police Department and Minden City Court and Authorize the Purchase of Necessary Equipment, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Vincen Bradford and carried unanimously. Said resolution is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

There were no comments and the meeting was adjourned. Terry L. Gardner, Mayor ATTEST: Michael Fluhr, City Clerk
March 12, 2021
Minden Press-Herald

SHERIFF'S SALE B1BANK VS. ANDREA F. GRUBBS

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 79045.

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 appraisal 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:

2014 Jeep Grand Cherokee 4D Limited 2WD, VIN 1C4RJEBGEC432738 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
March 12, 2021
Minden Press-Herald

The Sibley Town Council met in regular session on Monday, March 8, 2021 at 6pm in the Sibley Town Hall Meeting Room. Members present were Mayor Jimmy Williams, Aldermen Wayne Bolton, Helen Chanler, Richard Davis, Alan Myers and Robert Smart. Mayor Williams opened the meeting in prayer; then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Robert Smart motioned to accept the minutes to the February 8, 2021 Regular Meeting as read, Richard Davis seconded. Motion carried.

No new items were added to the agenda. Richard Davis motioned to begin the Public Hearing on proposed amendment to Ordinance No. 137, Wayne Bolton seconded. Motion carried.

Wayne Bolton motioned to adjourn the public Hearing and return to the March 2021 Regular Meeting, Richard Davis seconded. Motion carried.

Richard Davis motioned to bring proposed amendment to Ordinance No. 137 to a vote, Helen Chanler seconded. Motion carried with a vote:

YAYS: 5 - Wayne Bolton, Helen Chanler, Richard Davis, Alan Myers and Robert Smart
NAYS: 0 -
ABSENT: 0 -
ABSTAIN: 0 -
Amendment A to Ordinance No. 137 was adopted. Robert Smart introduced proposed Ordinance adopting the Louisiana State Sanitary Code and set a public hearing for April 12, 2021 at the Regular Town Council Meeting at 6pm at Sibley Town Hall, 345 North Main St., Sibley. Helen Chanler seconded. Motion carried.

Richard Davis motioned to adopt Resolution No. 2021-03 requesting assistance from the Webster Parish Police Jury to purchase SB2 Rock, Wayne Bolton seconded. Motion carried. Robert Smart motioned to adopt Resolution No. 2021-04 requesting assistance

from the Webster Parish Police Jury for the installation of culverts for the Town of Sibley citizens. Alan Myers seconded. Motion carried.

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Helen Chanler motioned to adopt Resolution No. 2021-05 declaring a 1974 Ford F-750 Pumper as surplus property and authorizing Mayor Jimmy Williams to advertise for sealed bids until Friday, April 9, 2021 and to be opened on Monday, April 12, 2021 at 6pm during the April Regular Meeting. Wayne Bolton seconded. Motion carried.

Richard Davis gave the February 2021 monthly activity report for the Sibley Volunteer Fire Department and announced that the Annual SVFD Bass Tournament will be held on Saturday, March 27, 2021.

Officer Jeremy Gros gave the February 2021 monthly activity report for the Sibley Police Department.

The Board acknowledged that they received the February 2021 Financial Reports. The mayor spoke of the April 10, 2021 Annual Clean-Up Day, the current Wastewater grant update and workshop to discuss the 2021 - 2022 budget.

He, also, extended his appreciation to those who helped with the water line repairs during the ice and snow. Alan Myers motioned to adjourn, Helen Chanler seconded. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned. Attest: Jimmy Williams Mayor Sherry McCann Town Clerk
March 12, 2021
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ORDINANCE NO. 137 A AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 137 AND SPECIFICALLY PROHIBITING LOUD, DISTURBING AND UNNECESSARY NOISES WITHIN THE TOWN LIMITS OF THE TOWN OF SIBLEY. PARISH OF WEBSTER

STATE OF LOUISIANA
BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Sibley, Louisiana in regular session convened on March 8, 2021, as follows to-wit:

SECTION I.
It shall be unlawful for any person to operate or play, or permit the operation or playing of any mechanical musical machine, radio, phonographs, televisions, amplifiers, compact disc players, cassette players, or other similar devices with such volume as to annoy or unreasonably disturb the quiet, comfort or repose of persons in any office, dwelling, residence, or of persons in the vicinity thereof, is hereby prohibited. The playing of any such device so as to be audible at a distance greater than fifty (50) feet from its source is also prohibited.

SECTION II.
It shall be unlawful for unnecessary loud or obnoxious exhausts to be utilized on a moving or standing vehicle while within the Town limits of the Town of Sibley.

SECTION III.
It shall also be unlawful for garbage or waste disposal vehicles to operate within the residential areas of the Town of Sibley before the hours of 6:00 A.M.

SECTION IV.
This ordinance does not apply to police cars, ambulances, fire vehicles or other similar vehicles being operated to serve the public.

SECTION V.
The penalties for violation of this ordinance shall be the same penalties as those for conviction for a violation of the Disturbing the Peace Ordinance.

SECTION VI.
If any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

This ordinance was introduced by title at the February 8, 2021 Regular Session of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the Minden Press Herald on February 16, 2021. A public hearing was held on March 8, 2021. This ordinance was read and considered at the March 8, 2021 Regular Session of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen. Richard Davis motioned to adopt, Helen Chanler seconded, and adopted by the following yeas and nays vote:
5 - Wayne Bolton, Helen Chanler, Richard Davis, Alan Myers, Robert Smart
YEAS: NAYS:
ABSENT: Jimmy Williams, Mayor Sherry McCann, MMC, Town Clerk
March 12, 2021
Minden Press-Herald

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
April 12, 2021
Posted March 9, 2021

A public hearing will be held during the Regular Town Council Meeting on Monday, April 12, 2021 at 6pm at the Sibley Town Hall, Council Meeting Room, 345 N. Main St., Sibley, Louisiana for the purpose of considering the adoption of: Proposed Ordinance titled AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE LOUISIANA STATE SANITARY CODE AS PREPARED BY THE LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF HEALTH AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATIONS OF THE PROVISIONS THEREOF AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF IN CONFLICT HERewith
The Public is invited to attend.
Sherry McCann, MMC
Town Clerk
March 12, 2021
Minden Press-Herald

Invitation to Request for Proposals
The City of Minden ("City") is requesting proposals for the furnishing of all staffing, equipment and supplies necessary to provide food and drink, including alcoholic beverages for adult events, in concession units at the Minden

Recreation Center at 1001 Recreation Drive, Minden, La with electrical power and water available. In order to be involved with the distribution of alcohol the concessionaire must have required permitting, licensing, and security staffing. The purpose of offering a concession program within the ball park is to provide convenience and enhance the enjoyment of park patrons. Submittals will be publicly opened at 9:30 am on April 6, 2021 at City Hall, 520 Broadway, Minden, LA 71055. The results will be publicly read aloud. The City reserves the right to waive informalities in the bids and reject any or all bids for any reason whatsoever at the sole discretion of the City. The successful bidder will be notified in writing.
For information or questions please contact:
Rocke Musgraves Cell (318) 423-0162 Fax (318) 371-4243 rmusgraves@mindenusa.com
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