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Webster Parish Sheriff's Office K9 unit receives new body armor

Special to the Minden Press-Herald

Webster Parish Sheriff's Office K9 Nicko has received a bullet and stab protective vest thanks to a charitable donation from non-profit organization Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. K9 Nicko's vest was sponsored by Tobin and Jennifer Johnson of Mesa, AZ and embroidered with the sentiment "Born to Love- Trained to Serve- Loyal Always".

Vested Interest in K9s, Inc., established in 2009, is a 501(c)(3) charity whose mission is to provide bullet and stab protective vests and other assistance to dogs of law enforcement and related agencies throughout the United States. This potentially lifesaving body armor for four-legged K9 officers is U.S. made, custom fitted, and NIJ certified. Since its inception, Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. has provided over 4,210 vests to K9s in all 50 states at a value of \$6.9 million, made

possible by both private and corporate donations.

The program is open to U.S. dogs that are at least 20 months old and actively employed and certified with law enforcement or related agencies. K9s with expired vests are also eligible to participate. There are an estimated 30,000 law enforcement K9s throughout the United States.

Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. accepts tax-deductible contributions in any amount, while a single donation of \$960 will sponsor one vest. Each vest has a value of \$1,744-\$2,283, weighs an average of 4-5 lb., and comes with a five-year warranty. For more information, or to learn about volunteer opportunities, please call 508-824-6978. Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. provides information, lists events, and accepts donations at www.vik9s.org, or you may mail your contribution to P.O. Box 9, East Taunton, MA 02718.



COURTESY PHOTO
Webster Parish Sheriff Jason Parker and Deputy Joel Thomas seen with the Sheriff's Office K-9 Nicko sporting body armor donated by non-profit organization Vested Interest in K9s.

Congressman Mike Johnson speaks at First Baptist Church

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Member of the U.S. House of Representatives for Louisiana's 4th District Mike Johnson along with his wife Kelly Johnson, who founded Onward Christian Counseling Services, which provides confidential, biblically-based individual, marriage and family counseling to the people of Northwest Louisiana, came to Minden First Baptist Church Wednesday evening in order to give attendees a seminar about Christianity and its

role in the United States. This seminar covered Christianity's influence in both the cultural and political aspects of the United States as well as provided an overview of how that has changed over the years. There was also time at the end where attendees could ask questions, not necessarily regarding the subject matter, about his experiences in Washington D.C. and his views on the current political climate there.



CITY COUNCIL

Budgets, Sewage, and Clean up were the main topics up for discussion

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April's Minden City Council Meeting was a brief affair, with a mere four items on the agenda for the Mayor and Councilmen to review. This was also the first meeting for Councilman Wayne Edwards of Dist. A and Councilman Michael Roy of Dist. D since being elected by citizens of their respective Districts in the March elections.



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Other than accepting the minutes of previous meetings, the only other item on the agenda the Councilmen had to vote on was to adopt Ordinance No. 1115, Accepting Public Dedication from 4 Docs, L.L.C. of a Sewer Main located off of Pennsylvania Avenue, which was met with unanimous approval by the Councilman.

Also during the meeting, acting City Clerk Micahel Fluhr provided insight to the Council about the city's finances during his Budget/Financial report.

"You see that in each department, specifically on the expense side, we are under the budgeted amount or close to the budgeted amount which is good," said Fluhr.

"The amount collected this month for the month of February, is four hundred seventy-seven thousand dollars. For the previous year for the four hundred forty-nine thousand. The budgeted amount is five hundred and thirteen thousand."

"Last month, we had a collection of four hundred and ninety-six thousand, so we are twenty two thousand dollars below last month. The collection

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Louisiana may have paid \$405M in unemployment benefits to ineligible recipients

(The Center Square) – The Louisiana Workforce Commission may have paid more than \$405 million last year in unemployment benefits to people who were not eligible based on their income, according to the Louisiana Legislative Auditor.

The flood of applicants during the COVID-19 pandemic and legislation that gave employers extra time to submit their wage reports made it harder to verify applicants’ reported income, the Workforce Commission said.

The LLA analyzed wages employers reported from January 2020 through last September. During that time, the LWC paid out almost \$6.9 billion in state and federal benefits to more than 694,000 people.

The LLA said it identified 97,585 people who received benefits despite being employed for all three months of a quarter. They received a total of almost \$405.4 million.

The increase in the number of applications for unemployment benefits during the COVID-19 pandemic led to a backlog of documentation from former and/or current employers of applicants, causing delays in LWC’s ability to work through the documentation, the Workforce Commission said.

Between March 21 and April 18 of last year, almost 440,000 new unemployment claims were filed, compared with almost 104,000 during all of 2019.

Act 243 of last year’s regular session delayed employers’ quarterly reporting of employee wages for the second quarter from July 31, 2020, to September 15, 2020, limiting LWC’s ability to verify unemployment benefit eligibility, officials said. Major identity theft schemes seeking to take advantage of federal pandemic-specific benefits programs caused the LWC to turn its attention away from other types of fraud, officials said.

The LWC is continuing its efforts to investigate potential overpayments and determine whether applicants committed deliberate fraud or unintentionally understated their wages while estimating earnings. Applicants who committed deliberate fraud are subject to an additional 25% penalty on top of repayment.

“My administration continues to work diligently to detect and investigate potential unreported earnings fraud,” LWC Secretary Ava Dejoie wrote in her response to the report.

Man Dies in Dubberly Mobile Home Fire

WEBSTER PARISH- State Fire Marshal (SFM) deputies continue their investigation into a mobile home fire that claimed the life of a male occupant.

Shortly after 6:30 a.m. on April 3, the Heflin Fire Department responded to a call for a mobile home fire located in the 400 block of Central School Loop in Dubberly. Firefighters found the fire in such an advanced state that it had almost burned itself out after consuming the entire structure.

Unfortunately, the remains of a male occupant were located inside. While official identification and cause of death are pending an autopsy, the victim is believed to be the 63-year-old owner of the mobile home.

Despite a detailed assessment of the scene, deputies have been unable to determine where or how the fire originated due to the extensive damage. However, their investigation continues.

Deputies learned the victim used the mobile home as a camp site and had been last heard from the evening before. When relatives couldn’t reach him by phone Saturday morning, they went to the location and discovered the mobile home burned.

At this time, deputies are unable to confirm whether working smoke alarms were in place in the mobile home. However, the SFM would like to take this opportunity to remind all Louisiana families about our Operation Save-A-Life program. Operation Save-A-Life partners with local fire departments and districts to provide FREE smoke alarm installations, at any time of the year, for families in need of assistance accessing the critical emergency-alert equipment.

To register for a free smoke alarm, or learn more about Operation Save-A-Life, visit lasfm.org.

Louisiana unemployment rate falls to lowest level since before COVID-19 pandemic

(The Center Square) – Louisiana’s unemployment rate reached its lowest point since before the COVID-19 pandemic in February, though the state still had 158,000 fewer nonfarm jobs than during the same month last year, according to the Louisiana Workforce Commission.

The numbers in the LWC report have not been adjusted to reflect seasonal workforce trends.

Louisiana’s February unemployment rate fell by 0.5 percentage points from January to 7.1%, the lowest since the March 2020’s pre-pandemic rate of 5.3%.

Total private employment increased by 10,300 jobs from 1,501,300 to 1,511,600 in February. When compared with February 2020, private sector employment decreased by 143,000 jobs, according to the LWC report.

Industries that showed the largest gains month-to-month were leisure and hospitality, which gained 3,400 jobs, professional and business services (3,200 jobs), construction (1,700 jobs) and trade, transportation and utilities (1,700 jobs).

Council: Clean up Minden Campaign Kicks Off April 12th

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tion response includes forty six thousand dollars delinquent taxes.”

Overall, the city’s sales tax is looking healthy thanks to a boon the city saw in January, softening the blow being under budget in the past two months. However, Fluhr did warn that a continued trend of being under budget in that area would not bode well for the city.

“Looking at the total after five months, the sales tax collection is still a hundred and sixty five thousand dollars above the budgeted amount, thanks to a tremendous amount in the month of January with seven hundred and some thousand dollars,” said Fluhr.

Still, you have to look that this is the second month in a row where we are below the budgeted amount. Hopefully it doesn’t continue that way, because part of the revenue for the city is the sales tax.”

He also provided an update regarding Minden’s general fund, stating that it would be taking a pretty big hit soon. This is because of the significantly increased energy bill that SWEPCO gave to the city, which they chose to pay in full to avoid paying interest.

“The 17.95 Million will change next month quite a bit. The reason for that is the huge electricity bill the city had to pay, to be exact, three point five some million for SWEPCO. The city did not use the offer from SWEPCO to pay it over a period of time because the interest rate ... was 3.42 percent, which would have made, over a year, eighty thousand dollars, and we avoided that,” said Fluhr.

“The majority of the 3.6 Million is paid out of the cash accounts for the general fund and water and electric fund, but we also had to go into the reserves and had to cash two CD’s in the total amount of roughly eight hundred thousand dollars.”

As previously covered, the goal for the city is to replenish these accounts over time with a slight increase to resident’s utility bills over the course of 26 months. The alternative would have been to charge the increased costs upfront, which would have caused residents to see an increase of hundreds of dollars on March’s utility bill.

The budgeting process for the city is also starting this week. Fluhr stated that since looking at the budget last year, little has changed, especially on the revenue side.

“The revenue side is still short on money, so to speak, for all the wishes and necessities we would have to undertake. The budget will be tight,” said Fluhr.

During his police report Chief Cropper updated the Council members on the acquisition of vehicles for the city’s STEP program, stating that the vehicles were still being worked on to add the necessary modifications needed to enact this program.

During closing comments, Mayor Terry Gardner provided a reminder to everyone about the Cleanup Minden Campaign coming up next week, where residents will be able to take part in cleaning up litter and trash around the city.

“The Cleanup Minden Campaigns, as most of y’all know, that’s April the 12th through the 17th. We’re still looking for a few chairpeople in several areas. So it’s not too late to sign up. We will have our final get together and our kickoff party, this Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at the community house. That’s when we’ll pass out the trash bags and all kinds of stuff,” said Gardner.

“We have many churches and civic organizations and several city council members contributing, but we need to stay focused, not just this one week, but we need to keep all of our trash in our vehicles year round. Minden is a beautiful city and we don’t get that second opportunity when a new business is coming to town or new manufacturer, we only get one shot at it. So we appreciate all of the volunteers that have stepped up.”

EARLY VOTING SCHEDULE

APRIL 24, 2021

Registrar Of Voters Office

Webster Parish Courthouse

410 Main St., Minden

Saturday, April 10, - Saturday, April 17

Excluding Sunday, April 11

8:30AM until 6:00PM

Springhill Civic Center

101 Machen Dr., Springhill

Saturday, April 10 - April 13

Excluding Sunday, April 11


8:30AM until 6:00PM

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SAT	 <div>20%</div>	TEMP 79	WIND NW 5
SUN	 <div>10%</div>	TEMP 82	WIND W 5

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OBITUARY



Freda Hosler Albritton

Mrs. Freda Hosler Albritton, 62 of Minden, Louisiana entered into rest on April 5, 2021 in Minden, Louisiana. Freda was born on March 4, 1959 in Minden, Louisiana and spent her entire life in Minden. She graduated from Minden High School class of 1977; worked for Kilpatrick Life Insurance Company for 35 years serving in many capacities in North Louisiana; she was past member of Young Women's Service Club and involved in Minden Chamber of Commerce.

Freda loved gardening, sewing, traveling, fishing, hunting. She enjoyed volunteering with the children's music ministry and playing the piano at several area churches, always ready to fill in where needed, serving the Lord when called upon. Her greatest joy was her family and grandchildren. Watching the grandchildren's ball games and cheering them on and always ready to share her pictures and stories of all their times together. Freda loved people and always took a special interest in them and she touched many lives during her lifetime.

She was preceded in death by her father, Fred B. Hosler and stepdad, C.D. "Bud" Sandidge.

She is survived by her husband of 43 years, Cecil L. Albritton of Minden; mother, Janie Hosler Sandidge of Minden; daughters, Ashleigh Watkins and husband Lou of Lindale, Texas and Lindsay Simpson and husband Brad of Minden; grandchildren, Ellie, Emma, Kaylee, Cullen and Conly, Brooklyn and Jacob; and brother, Michael B. Hosler and wife Carol of Minden; stepbrother James Sandidge of Tatum, Texas; stepsisters, Cynthia and Kathy.

Pallbearers will be Scott Conly, Steve Conly, Kyle Robichaux, Wilson Hosler, Don Lindsey, and Bentley Hines.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, April 8, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Minden, Louisiana where she was a member. Officiating will be Rev. Leland Crawford and Rev. Floyd Smith. Interment will follow at Gardens of Memory in Minden, Louisiana. The family will receive friends from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. at Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Minden, Louisiana.

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Dr. Judd Moore

Dr. Judd Moore, of Bossier City, LA passed away, at home April 1, 2021.

Services for Dr. Moore will begin with a Gathering of Family and Friends between 9 & 11 AM, Saturday, April 10, 2021. A Funeral service will follow at 11:00 AM, with Mother Terry Deokaran, presiding. All services will be held within Hill Crest Memorial, in Haughton, LA.

Daniel Judson Moore was born unto the proud parents, Danny Roy Moore and Patricia Camp in Homer, LA.

He graduated high school from Claiborne Academy in Haynesville, Louisiana and received a BS in Chemistry from Louisiana Tech University. Afterwards, he

received his Doctor of Dental Surgery from LSU School of Dentistry in New Orleans, LA. Dr. Moore practiced dentistry in Minden for 34 years.

Judd was a member of the Arklatex Gun Collector Club for over 20 years and served as president for 8 years. He was a member of St Georges Episcopal Church in Bossier city and formerly a member of St John's Episcopal Church in Minden. He was a member of the Red River Street Rod club and had a black belt in Tae Kwondo.

Preceding Dr. Moore in death are his father, Danny Roy Moore.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Barbara Moore, son, Gilbert Moore, sister, Danette Moore and his mother Patricia Camp.

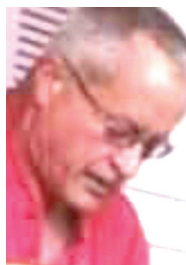
Please send donations in lieu of flowers to St George's Episcopal Church in Bossier City or to the charity of your choice.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Deanne Frye, brother Doug Frye and good friend Bob Dickson.

He is survived by his father, Thomas A. Frye of Minden; sons, Byron Frye of Shreveport, Scott Frye and wife Ellen of Shreveport, and Jonathon Frye of Bossier City; mother of his children, Shelley Chamberlain and husband Steve; sister, Whitney White and husband Spencer of Minden and brother, Jimmy Strickland and wife Kathi of Savannah, Georgia.

Pallbearers will be Shane Frye, Cale Frye, Hayden Frye, Austin Todd, Steve Chamberlain, and John Nixon.

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Thomas David Frye

Graveside services for Thomas David Frye will be held Saturday, April 10, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. at Gardens of Memory in Minden, Louisiana under the direction of Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Minden. A memorial service will follow at 1:00 p.m. at Calvary Missionary Baptist Church in Minden, Louisiana. Officiating services will be Rev. Wesley Howard.

David was born July 26, 1960 in Shreveport, Louisiana and entered into rest April 7, 2021 in Shreveport, Louisiana.



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OTHER OPINION

New Georgia voting law is common sense reform

The hallmark of a free society and a legitimately functioning democracy is the honest and legal exercise of the voting franchise by its citizens because our fundamental and sacred right to vote is preservative of all other rights.

The hotly debated Georgia election reform law that passed this week, like voting reforms taking place in states across the country, has been highly and purposely mischaracterized. (Louisiana is considering certain election and voting reforms as well). The Georgia law actually expands voting rights and voting flexibility by adding early voting on more weekends and providing additional equipment and workers in larger precincts.

For example, while legal voting would reasonably include requiring a voter to display a valid driver license the Georgia law, nevertheless, allows for a free, state-issued non-driver ID for those without a driver license. However, even those who lack a free, state-issued non-driver ID may still vote if they present a Social Security number, a copy of a current

bank statement, utility bill, government check, or paycheck.

It is worth reiterating an unassailable principle: genuine reform of voting laws must begin with requiring valid ID. The request to see a valid ID occurs



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millions of times across our country every day and the only people who object to its use in voting are doing so on behalf of those who aren't supposed to be voting in the first place.

In fact, many of the civil liberties we exercise every day are based upon freedoms that stem directly from the Constitution: purchasing a firearm requires valid ID, marrying requires valid ID to obtain a license, boarding an airplane (freedom of movement) requires valid ID, petitioning the government (right of assembly/free speech) in a rally at a

public place requires a permit that often requires valid ID, or checking into a hotel (public accommodations) requires valid ID. There are many other similar examples.

Still further, Georgia's law leaves in place Sunday voting and it also leaves in place "no excuses" absentee voting. This means that every registered Georgia voter may still simply and easily request an absentee ballot for any reason at all. (Many states still require voters, wisely in my view, to provide a valid excuse to vote absentee). Additionally, rather than having poll workers be responsible for deciding if signatures match, Georgia voters will instead submit a state ID number with their ballot. The ID number will either match or it won't, eliminating the need for subjective scrutiny of a voter's signature by an election worker.

No election reform or election rules will ever be perfect, but we must strive at the very minimum, in Louisiana and across the country, to ensure that our votes are received and counted honestly. Numerous

states already have voter ID requirements enshrined in law and they have been upheld by the Supreme Court.

It cannot be said often enough or loudly enough: our freedom depends upon an honest and transparent vote. The right to vote is a gift that has been purchased with the blood and lives of American soldiers and citizens who bravely spoke out and suffered and died to have their votes—and ours—counted. The right to vote is exceedingly rare throughout history as most who have ever walked on and drawn a breath on this planet have lived under some form of dictatorship, tyrant, or other strongman. That is why Lincoln powerfully and memorably called America's experiment in democracy the "last best hope" for man on earth. And that is why the legitimate right to vote must be defended at all costs, so we preserve the legitimacy of the government by retaining the consent of the governed.

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OTHER OPINION

Buchanan: For what should we fight Russia or China?

Last Monday, in a single six-hour period, NATO launched 10 air intercepts to shadow six separate groups of Russian bombers and fighters over the Arctic, North Atlantic, North Sea, Black Sea and Baltic Sea.

Last week also brought reports that Moscow is increasing its troop presence in Crimea and along its borders with Ukraine.

Joe Biden responded. In his first conversation with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky, Biden assured him of our "unwavering support for Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity in the face of Russia's ongoing aggression in the Donbass and Crimea."

Though Ukraine is not a member of NATO, and we have no treaty obligation to fight in its defense, this comes close to a war guarantee. Biden seems to be saying that if it comes to a shooting war between Moscow and Kiev, we will be there on the side of Kiev.

Last week, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov answered that if the U.S. sends troops to Ukraine, Russia will respond.

"Apparently, if Manila uses force to assert its claims and expel the Chinese, then we will fight beside our Philippine allies. This amounts to a war guarantee of the kind that forced the British to declare war on Germany in 1939 over the invasion of Poland."

Again, is Biden saying that in the event of a military clash between Ukrainians and Russians in Crimea, Donetsk or Luhansk, the U.S. will intervene militarily on the side of Ukraine?

Such a pledge could put us at war with a nuclear-armed Russia in a region where we have never had vital interests, and without the approval of the only institution authorized to declare war — Congress.

Meanwhile, off Whitsun Reef in the South China Sea, which Beijing occupies but Manila claims, China has amassed 220 maritime militia ships.

This huge Chinese flotilla arrived after Secretary of State Anthony Blinken put Beijing on notice that any attack on Philippine planes or ships challenging Beijing's claim to rocks and reefs of the South China Sea that are in Manila's exclusive economic zone will be backed by the U.S.

Our 70-year-old mutual security treaty with Manila covers these islets and reefs, said Blinken, though some are already occupied and fortified by China.

Apparently, if Manila uses

force to assert its claims and expel the Chinese, then we will fight beside our Philippine allies. This amounts to a war guarantee of the kind that forced the British to declare war on Germany in 1939 over the invasion of Poland.

Two weeks ago, 20 Chinese military aircraft entered Taiwan's air defense identification zone in the largest incursion yet by Beijing over the waters between Taiwan and Taiwan-controlled Pratas Islands. As national security correspondent Bill Gertz writes in today's Washington Times:

"China is stepping up provocative activities targeting regional American allies in Asia ... with an escalating number of military flights around Taiwan and the massing of more than 200 fishing ships near a disputed Philippines reef.

"China also raised tensions with Japan, announcing last week that Tokyo must drop all claims to the disputed Senkaku Islands, an uninhabited island chain that Japan has administered for decades but that Beijing recently claimed as its territory.

"The most serious provocation took place March 29. An exercise by the People's Liberation Army air force that included 10 warplanes flew into Taiwan's air defense zone is what analysts say appeared to be a simulated attack on the island. It came just three days after an earlier mass warplane incursion."

While China appears clear about its aims and claims to virtually all of the islands in the South China Sea and East China Sea as well as Taiwan — it is less clear about its intentions as to when to validate those claims.

As for the U.S., does the present foggy ambiguity as to what we may or may not do as China goes about asserting its claims serve our vital interests in avoiding war with the greatest power on the largest continent on earth?

If red lines are to be laid down, they ought to be laid down by the one constitutional body with the authority to authorize or declare war — Congress. And questions need to be answered to avoid the kinds of miscalculations that led to horrific world wars in the 20th century.

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

STORIES FROM THE BACK PORCH

The Story of the Flower Bed

The flower bed is back up on its stand. (I use the term flower bed loosely as it originally served another purpose which I will explain later.)

A few too many nudges with the lawn mower knocked it off its stand and left it partially on the ground. Hubby finally got around to repairing the stand which he had built to hold the bed.

He also repaired the bed and now it nestles neatly in its stand. The stand is built of pieces of landscape timbers that are placed at each end in an x shape to make a resting place for the rounded bottom of the bed. Two new ends were added before replacing it in its former position. Soil has been added and I will be adding flowers soon.

The story of the flower bed is interesting as its original use was certainly not for decorative purposes. It was definitely utilitarian in its former life.

What was once a hollow cypress log was salvaged by my Daddy to construct a watering trough for his mules. The lot fence around the barn came close to our yard where the water well was located. It was in this area that Daddy located his trough to make it convenient for drawing well water for his mules to drink. The log was cut into a usable length and the ends filled in with boards so as to hold water. Then, it was placed on a stand and was near the top of the fence so that adding water was an easy task. Once you had pulled up enough buckets full.

Strangely, we did not call it

a watering trough; we called it the mule trough.

My brother who was just older had a friend who lived across the field and who often came over to play. They would perch up on the fence and sail "boats" in the water. So, the old trough was more than just a watering hole for the animals. It was a fantastic playground for two little boys.

Flash forward many years. Daddy built a new barn further from the house, fenced in some acreage that had a stream running in it, and put his hogs in what he now referred to as the hog pasture. He always raised hogs for killing and extras for sale.

The mules and cows were also turned out to pasture and it cut down on the amount of watering we had to do for them.

The old fence was removed and the animals were now contained below the barn, further away from the house. The trough was then placed in the pasture and was utilized in some manner, perhaps for feeding the hogs. I don't recall all the details but I do remember when Hubby and I found the discarded trough.

Years had gone by. Daddy had died, farming ceased and the animals were sold as Mama wasn't able to take care of them.

It was sometime after that we were walking through the pasture, recalling earlier days when we came up on the old mule trough. Cypress is very tough and can withstand years of weather, so it was still in fairly good condition.

There was not a question

about it, I had to have the old relic and do something with it. We took it home and Hubby agreed to work on it to make it usable for a flower bed. It was many, many years old by now, and finally the ends were jagged from decay. He boarded up the ends and made a rustic-looking stand for it to rest on.

We planted orange and yellow marigolds in it as it was in full sun and it needed sun loving plants. We changed them out, varying the colors from year to year. The past few years it has held mums, since the time I learned you could plant your fall pot plants and they would grow and come back each year. And they would bloom twice each year. I'm sure some of you flower gardeners knew that already but as most of you recall I can't grow anything. I even kill all my house plants so I've given up on them.

But then came the day of the collapse. Hubby had bumped into the frame several times with the lawn mower and nudged it sideways each time. He finally got it one time too many and it fell. As he was trying to rescue it, it split in the middle. However, he repaired it, placed it back in the rack and added soil. Now, it's my job to fill it with beautiful flowers.


The old mule trough has seen many seasons come and go. Each time I look at it, I can recall it resting near the water well waiting for someone to fill it.

Note** The "flower bed" once, when it was filled with marigolds, made an appearance in the Minute Magazine.

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AROUND TOWN

UCAP Needs for
Week of April 5:

Food: biscuit or pan-
cake mix, cornbread mix
Clothing: men’s socks
Household Goods: towels

UCAP is open Wednes-
days and Fridays from
10:00 to 1:00 for food,
utility and rent assis-
tance. We give out cloth-
ing on Wednesdays only.
(We will be open Good
Friday.)

In March we filled 58
requests for clothing and
supplied 29 families (56
individuals) with food.
We paid \$1,547 in utili-
ties and \$2,292 for emer-
gency lodging. (Note:
emergency lodging is
paid every six months).

Thanks to the commu-
nity for your support

Northwest
Louisiana Master
Gardeners Class
Registration

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, publi-
cations 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 down-
load one at www.phlmg.com (Programs and fol-
low the links). Applica-
tions may also be picked
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Calling All Louisiana Sportsmen to Donate to Hunters For The Hungry

Louisiana sportsmen
can help the needy in
their community by do-
nating to Hunters For The
Hungry Louisiana upon
purchasing a Louisiana
Department of Wildlife
and Fisheries license.

As more residents are
renewing or purchasing
new fishing licenses this
spring, Hunters For The
Hungry Louisiana (H4H)
is kindly reminding hunt-
ers and fishermen to help
feed the hungry in their
region by donating at
checkout. Donations are
used to pay process-
ing fees of donated deer
in your community. Any
donation is welcome
and more than appreci-
ated. This can be accom-
plished on the Louisiana
Department of Wildlife
and Fisheries website or

by making a request at a
local license provider.

Louisiana is in the
midst of a hunger crisis
and H4H has programs in
place that provide protein
to the needy, which is the
most expensive part of ev-
ery meal. We had another
amazing year thanks to
the generosity of Louisi-
ana’s sportsmen. There
were over 800 deer that
were donated to the part-
ner processors through
the “Freshly Harvested
Deer Program.” Between
this and the annual
“Clean Out Your Freezer
Day,” H4H provided over
55,000 pounds of protein,
resulting in over 220,000
meals on the tables of
the needy throughout the
state of Louisiana.

To increase the cover-
age of processing fees,

and ultimately provide
more meals next year,
H4H encourages sports-
men to share and show
their community they
care by following these
steps:

Purchase a fishing li-
cense from Louisiana De-
partment of Wildlife and
Fisheries at [https://www.
h4hla.org/buy-license](https://www.h4hla.org/buy-license) or
ask a local license provid-
er.

Donate any amount to
Hunters For the Hungry
Louisiana at checkout.

Visit www.h4hla.org/
donate to make a mone-
tary donation directly to
the organization.

“Considering all of the
uncertainty that COVID
and several damaging
hurricanes handed to
our state, we were blown
away by the donations

of protein made in the
name of our organiza-
tion. We expect the deer
donations to increase
next year, and this is why
we greatly need help with
processing costs. With
the amount of licenses
that are purchased an-
nually in Louisiana, even
a \$1 donation per pur-
chase could make a tre-
mendous impact to the
amount of protein that
we are able to provide to
so many statewide,” says
Julie Grunewald, execu-
tive director of Hunters
For The Hungry Louisi-
ana.

To learn more about
the mission and pro-
grams under Hunters For
The Hungry Louisiana or
to become involved with
the organization, visit
www.h4hla.org or con-

tact Executive Director
Julie Grunewald at [julie@
h4hla.org](mailto:julie@h4hla.org).

About Hunters For The
Hungry

Started in 1994, by a
group of local hunters,
Hunters For The Hungry
mission is to encourage
hunters and fishermen to
make a difference in the
lives of their neighbors
by sharing their bounty
of wild game and fish in
order to combat hun-
ger. They provide food
throughout the state by
partnering with all 5 ma-
jor food banks in Lou-
isiana and conducting
multiple programs such
as the Clean Out Your
Freezer Day and Fresh-
ly Harvested Game and
Fish Programs.

WEBSTER PARISH LIBRARIES

Jennifer Heard of Webster Parish Libraries
Achieves Library Support Staff Certification

Webster Parish Librar-
ies would like to congrat-
ulate our Children’s Co-
ordinator, Jennifer Heard,
on her recent achieve-
ment of Certified Library
Support Staff through the
American Library Asso-
ciation. Notably, Jennifer
is the second in Webster
Parish Libraries history
to be awarded the accred-
itation.

The American Library
Association (ALA) Li-
brary Support Staff Cer-
tification (LSSC) program
is based on ten compe-
tency skill sets appro-
priate for academic and
public library support
staff who are involved at
all levels of library opera-
tion. Along with three re-
quired competency sets,
candidates choose three
elective sets. There are
two ways to demonstrate
competency.

One is to successful-
ly complete a course
approved by the LSSC
program. The second is

to prepare and submit a
portfolio online, which
is assessed by librarians
and educators experi-
enced in that competen-
cy area. Candidates may
choose to demonstrate
their six competency sets
through courses, portfoli-
os, or any combination of
both.

Jennifer Heard began
her role as the Children’s
Coordinator at Webster
Parish Libraries in March
of 2009, giving her the
ability to impact children
significantly. She uses
that role to inspire young
people to discover that
the library has value be-
yond books.

Studies have shown
that literacy skills are
best built during early
childhood and that ear-
ly literacy development
has a strong correlation
with children’s future
academic achievement
programs. There is a
positive and statistically
significant relationship

between children’s ser-
vices in public libraries
and early reading success
at school. Jennifer plays a
major role in carrying out
the many special events
and organized programs
that the Webster Parish
Library System offers.

As an employee of the
WPL, my first respon-
sibility is providing the
best service possible for
our patrons. It is import-
ant for library employees
to be as knowledgeable
as we can in all aspects
of our jobs; that’s how
we help our patrons
best,” says Heard.
“It’s not just the Children’s Coordi-
nator to the people who
walk through the doors
here. I am someone who
they can ask for help. By
getting this certification,
I am better suited to help
all of the people who
come through our doors.”
“The beautiful thing
about learning is nobody
can take it away from

you.” -

B.B. King

Keeping the focus on
education and safe ways
to bring summer reading
programs and activities
during the pandemic
over the past year has
been a new challenge.
Despite the new adjust-
ments, Jennifer delights
in finding ways to serve
her community. The 2020
SRP Story Walk hosted
last summer was among
Jennifer’s initiatives and
was centered on the book
Jack and the Beanstalk.
The Story Walk received
national attention in June
of 2020 in Better Homes
and Gardens Magazine
when Sara McDaniel
of Simply Southern Cot-
tage in Minden, La. doc-
umented some of the
pages that were placed
around the neighbor-
hood; one of which was
in her front yard. Story
Walks were initially cre-
ated by the Kellogg Hub-
bard Library in Montpe-

lier, Vermont, but have
been re-created all over
the country.

“We are blessed to have
Jennifer Heard on our
library team. She never
ceases to amaze me with
her ideas, talent, and
drive. She’s a go-getter,
and she is passionate
about the children that
walk through our doors -
I think it’s safe to say they
care for her just as much.
She carries a big work-
load acting as the Chil-
dren’s Coordinator for
our entire parish, but she
always finds way to make
it happen. She is an asset
to our library system and
the patrons we serve,”
said Savannah Jones, Di-
rector of Webster Parish
Libraries.

Haven’t been by the li-
brary lately? Come check
us out and explore all of
the many ways your li-
brary can empower you!

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STRANGER FROM A STRANGE LAND

Fast Food Fish Cornucopia Season

A friend in Missouri calls her husband the Dean of No Fun. He’s not the social creature she desires him to be. I might covet that title for myself. It was bestowed upon him without contest. “Hold my beer” is the popular sentiment uttered by one who thinks they can do better. I won’t say it because I don’t like beer. Many people regard me as no fun.

I appear the dour Puritan although I’m not religious. I thought it was charming when Minden didn’t sell alcohol in stores. But revelry doesn’t anger me as much as my countenance suggests. I’m a foreigner with Protestant roots so traditions like Mardi Gras puzzle me. I do like the King Cakes if they come from the south. Yet Lenten gloom better suits my temperament. Not because I champion deprivation out of a sense of religious observance. But rather for fast food eateries making more available the fish sandwich. Sometimes at lower prices. King Cake and fish sandwiches, a recurring food motif. Whatever their ecclesiastic rationale, I’m in it for the chow.

The Catholic Church discouraged meat eating on Fridays in remembrance of the death of Jesus. This wasn’t based on the vocation of many of Jesus original disciples. The church didn’t say go and eat fish. Seafood became a Friday tradition as a good protein alternative for devout but

deprived carnivores.

My favorite grade school cafeteria meal was the fish sandwich. The competition wasn’t fierce on a menu that regularly featured Cowboy Meat Loaf and Italian Spaghetti. Both were presented in a sickening sphere extracted with a scoop. One Friday my class lunch break was near the end of week shifts and food supply. The cafeteria worker revealed they ran out of fish patties. She offered a cheese sandwich alternative. I was crestfallen.

The fish sandwich is a pescatarian selection at hamburger joints across the country. McDonalds offers it year-round. Like me, their fish sandwich was born in 1962. Lou Groen ran a McDonalds franchise in Cincinnati, Ohio. Friday business was bleak because Groen’s predominantly Roman Catholic clientele abstained from eating meat on certain days. The Filet-O-Fish was not on the original menu of the McDonalds brothers in California. It was not created by entrepreneur Ray Kroc who spread the Golden Arches across the globe. Kroc resisted Groen’s idea. He proposed the Hula Burger, a breaded pineapple slice with cheese sandwich. Catholics and Protestants and Jews preferred Groen’s fish on a bun.

The Filet-O-Fish is made

from Alaskan pollock, often spelled pollack. It’s a white-fish. Mrs. Paul and other fish stick manufacturers utilize pollock. Imitation crab is also the versatile pollock. The Filet-O-Fish used blue grenadier (also known as hoki fish) from New Zealand for a few years but went back to pollock, a processed fish mainstay.

My best fish stick story? Archer was one of several interesting fellows I worked with at the Columbia Daily Tribune mailroom four decades ago. His backstory was he fled to Missouri to escape Alaskan mobsters he owed money. It might’ve been apocryphal. Archer would never confirm nor deny. What he did tell me was during a relentless snowstorm terrible for even Alaska, he and his friend were trapped in a house for weeks without means of escape. The friend’s mother was mentally ill and before the snow accumulated, she invested all their provision money in fish sticks. Archer was forced to subsist on nothing but processed pollock for weeks. He said it wasn’t bad until the tartar sauce ran out. That punch line made it sound like a joke but it was too good a story not to hold hope it was truthful.

The Minden Wendy’s only offers their fish sandwich during Lenten season. My entreaties to corporate to always make it available have not

been successful. In previous years, it was a tasty cod fish. Now they’ve boarded the pollock train. Their Crispy Panko Fish Sandwich is pollock. Both are fine but I prefer the firmer cod to softer pollock. I’m also suspicious of using panko in the title. That’s advertising the breading. Where Wendy’s was once proud of their cod, they now seemingly conceal their pollock with panko, at least in their marketing identity. Pollock’s likely cheaper than cod. Pollock’s not the fish to distinguish your sandwich from fast food competitors. I won’t pester Wendy’s this year to keep Crispy Panko on the menu year-round.

Burger King’s Big Fish is also pollack. They used to call it the Whaler but like the Hartford hockey team of the same name, it’s no more. I like the Big Fish but prefer that Whaler title. A fish sandwich speared down by Queequeg, Tashtego, or Daggoo. Here’s my money Burger King.

Popeyes Louisiana Kitchen recently introduced the Cajun flounder sandwich. When my teeth struck fish, I liked it. But much of the sandwich was crunchy breading. It’s a spicier fish sandwich alternative. I’ll buy it again if not deterred by crowded queues.

Allow me a detour from fish to poultry. I went to buy a sandwich late afternoon before the supper rush. Popeyes on Homer Road already had

a long drive thru line. It always does. Most people here prefer it to Kentucky Fried Chicken. I guess out of some sense of Louisiana loyalty. Often representing a minority viewpoint, I prefer KFC. When I worked late nights with Archer and friends, the newspaper dock was adjacent to Shorty’s Missouri Fried Chicken. It was okay but I preferred risking a hike across busy Providence Road to visit Colonel Sanders. I didn’t judge fried poultry by its professed state of origin then and I don’t do it now.

Sonic is another Homer Road restaurant offering the fish sandwich during the transition from winter to spring. However, I don’t see any of the diverse casting replacements for Pete and T.J. shilling Sonic fish on the TV ads. No wonder. I bought and ate one for research. Better stay in the Tots and Slushes lane Sonic.

Lent ended with Easter but I still seek the fish sandwich. You don’t have to depart Minden and you don’t have to leave your car to go the pescatarian fried food route. You can also visit Cotton’s or Minden Seafood any time of year for what Britons call fish and chips. Although they would tell us our catfish is a pale substitute for whitefish. Please hold the vinegar and likewise the tartar sauce.

DIRK ELLINGSON IS A MINDEN, LA RESIDENT AND IS CURRENTLY A PHARMACY TECHNICIAN AT THE LOCAL WALGREENS.



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BASEBALL

Glenbrook Dominates UCA, Securing District Tile

WILL PHILLIPS
Minden Press-Herald

Last Thursday was Senior Night for the Glenbrook Apaches, and few could have predicted a better showing from the players as not allowing a single run to be made by the opposing team UCA throughout the course of both games.

In the first game Cale Hollis shut down UCA, throwing a complete game shutout and leading Glenbrook Apaches Varsity to a 14-0 victory. "He's been a dominant force this year on the mound," said Coach Tony Sanders.

In the second game against UCA, pitcher Jackson Powell threw a no hitter. Being a senior, few could have hoped for a better showing on

Senior Night. The final score for that game was 12-0.

While keeping the opposing team from scoring is certainly an effective strategy for scoring the win, Coach Sanders also had to give props to the team's hitters which further cemented their victories Thursday evening. The Apaches secured the victory thanks to ten runs in the second inning with the batters contributing to the big inning including Easton Sanders, Maddox Mandino, Jonathan Parkerson, Sammy Feaster, and Cason Clemons, who all drove in runs.

"Cason Clemmons is one of the main guys here lately hittin the balls, hitting over 600 in District play this year. He's really been

coming through for us," said Coach Sanders.

The last game of the series against UCA took place Monday, and to here Sanders put it, everyone on the team contributed to that victory.

"In the last game of the series, Turner McLelland picked up the win in that game. Commanded his own very well," said Sanders.

"He got us in a good position, and we were able to score 21 runs on 19 hits. That's been the first time all year we've gotten all 18 guys on the roster in that game and everyone contributed to that win."

After securing these wins, the Glenbrook Apaches are officially undefeated in district and deservedly won the district title. Now



what's on the horizon for the Apaches is their playoffs, the first game of which will start the week of the 19th.

We're getting ready for the playoffs now," said Sanders.

"I feel pretty good about our chances this year to be there at the end. But in baseball a lot of things got to go right. You have to have a lot of luck along the way. As long as our

pitching holds up and our hitting is doing like it's doing right now, we're going to be a hard team to deal with going forward."

LA Tech's Offensive Line Focuses on Being Smarter and Tougher Than the Next Group

RUSTON, La. – On the eighth day of spring practice, the Louisiana Tech offensive line continues to learn from its new coach Dave DeGuglielmo.

Head coach Skip Holtz announced DeGuglielmo as the new offensive line coach on Feb. 3.

DeGuglielmo brings 29 years of coaching experience to Tech, including 16 years of coaching in the NFL. He most recently was the offensive line coach for the New York Giants and also has served as the o-line coach for the Miami Dolphins, Indianapolis Colts, New England Patriots and New York Jets as well as the assistant offensive line coach for the San Diego Chargers. DeGuglielmo was a part of two Super Bowl-championship teams in the 2007 New York Giants and the 2014 New England Patriots.

DeGuglielmo and Holtz had previously coached together for seven seasons as DeGuglielmo served as the offensive line coach for Holtz at Connecticut in the 1997 and 1998 seasons. The pair then coached at South Carolina from 1999 to 2003 under Hall of Fame coach, and father of Skip, Lou Holtz.

DeGuglielmo said the mental growth on the offensive line this spring has

been phenomenal.

"That's where we're going to get better," DeGuglielmo said. "Every team has wonderful athletes. We're no different, but we're going to be smarter and tougher than the next group. That's our goal."

DeGuglielmo said footwork, fit and finish are the basis for all blocks.

"We spend a lot of time concentrating on the initial footwork, how we put our hands to landmark on a defender and how we finish a guy toward an end of a play," DeGuglielmo said. "That and being smarter than the next team, or what I like to call, accelerated vision. If a defense does one thing, we have to be able to communicate that across the line so that we can then react and adapt our techniques to take advantage of what they are doing defensively. It may be a small indicator on the left, but it's important for the guys on the right. That kind of communication doesn't come just from working in the classroom, it has to be done on the field every day."

Louisiana Tech returns three 2020 starters on the offensive line in junior Joshua Mote, junior Abraham Delfin and redshirt freshman Walker Hankinson.

Mote started in all 10 games at left guard while Delfin started in all 10 at right guard. Both of the 2020 Tech guards were all-Conference USA Honorable Mentions.

Hankinson made five starts at right tackle during the 2020 campaign.

The trio were part of an offensive front that ranked first in C-USA and second in the FBS in fourth down conversions at 88.9 percent (16-of-18). They helped the offense rank fourth in C-USA and 53rd in the FBS in red zone offense at 84.6 percent (33-of-39). The Bulldog trio assisted the offense in averaging 315.8 yards of total offense, including a 216.6 passing yard average and a 99.2 rushing yard average.

"We've just been working together, trying to get our plays and trying to work as a unit," Delfin said. "We've been focusing a lot on footwork, being able to execute and work together as a whole o-line."

Joining Mote, Delfin and Hankinson on the offensive line are seven returning letterwinners in freshman Dakota White, who was named to the 2020 Conference USA All-Freshman Team, junior Xavier Guy, sopho-



LOUISIANA TECH ATHLETICS/ COURTESY PHOTO

Louisiana Tech offensive line competes at spring practice

more Christian Henderson, sophomore Biron Rossell, redshirt freshman Jonah Brewster, freshman Bert Hale and freshman Ray Kelly.

Junior Michael Gause, redshirt freshman Stevie Ballard, redshirt freshman Brett Pope and freshman Jerren Gilbert have also returned from the 2020 season.

Joining the Bulldogs this spring are graduate transfer Samuel Williams, junior Demarcus Gordon and freshman Carson Bruno.

Williams appeared in 33 games, including 16

starts at right tackle, for ULM between the 2016-20 seasons.

Gordon appeared in 10 career games for Copiah-Lincoln Community College between the 2019-20 seasons. He was named Second Team All-MACCC South Division as a sophomore in 2020.

Bruno graduated from C.E. Byrd High School in December where he was rated as a three-star defensive tackle by 247Sports.com. He helped lead Byrd to a 10-1 season as a senior in 2020. Byrd finished the season as the runner-up

at the state championships. Bruno was selected to the 2020 LSWA Class 5A all-state team and was a two-time all-District selection.

DeGuglielmo said the offensive line is a group who wants to learn.

"They're accountable to one another and they're coming in with a hunger," DeGuglielmo said. "It's very refreshing to be able to coach guys that want to learn. These guys want to get better. They come out every day and do things physically that they probably never thought they had to do."

INSPIRATION

THE RESURRECTION: IT CHANGES EVERYTHING!

The climax of Jesus' life on earth was the Cross. To Him this was the glory of life and the way to the glory of eternity. "The hour has come," He said, "For the Son of Man to be glorified." (J 12:23). The Cross surely was the glory of Jesus for He was never more majestic than in his death. It was the glory of the Cross and its' magnetic pull that drew men to him in a way that even his life had never done - and is still doing today. Consider the repentant thief (Luke 23), the centurion there (Luke 23:47), Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus (John 19:38-40). None of these would have opening confessed Jesus to the Son of God publicly before His death.

The Cross was the glory of Jesus also for it was the completion of his work on earth. "I have accomplished the work, which You gave to me, Father." (John 17:4) He completed his task, bringing God's love to man. The Cross was the only way to glorify God and to obey Him. It was his perfect obedience that led him to it. The triumph of the Resurrection was such a tremendous event that it destroyed the shamefulness of the Cross. It shines with the light of eternity - brighter than all the heavenly bodies; the Cross is overshadowed by the illumination of the Resurrection. This is the only pathway to making a complete reconciliation between a loving, holy God and sinful, helpless and hopeless man. The result is opening a path-

way for man to inherit eternal life. To know God is to know what He is like - to be on the most intimate terms of friendship with him; neither of these is possible without Jesus Christ, standing between us serving as our mediator, our intercessor. When Jesus looked upward and shouted, "It is finished," He breathed his last breathe, bowed his head, giving up his spirit. (John 19:30).

Two men, members of the Sanhedrin, secret disciples of Jesus, took his body and wrapped it with linen clothes putting sweet spices for the burial - fit for a king. Joseph gave him a new tomb; Nicodemus gave linen clothes and spices to properly prepare him for the tomb. The power of the Cross was already at work in the hearts and lives of these two men - who were silent no more. Yes, the power of the Cross is still drawing people to Him from all corners of the world. The death of Jesus had done for these two men what not even his life could do. It was the Cross where you and I became convicted of our sin and bowed down and committed our lives to the living Lord. Just as these early believers stepped out in faith that what they had seen and experienced was really the completion of the prophecies of the Old Testament that they had been waiting to come, we must step

forward and make the same claim that "Jesus is the Son of God who died for our sins and that He was resurrected on the third day" just as it is written. (Acts 2).

But let's not linger at the foot of the Cross; we must move on over to the Empty Tomb that the women and disciples found on the third day. It was the custom in Palestine to visit the tomb of a loved one for three days after the body had been laid to rest.



Bill Crider

For three days the spirit of the dead person hovered over the tomb; but then departed for the body had become unrecognizable through decay. Jesus' friends could not come to the tomb on the Sabbath (fear of breaking the law). So they waited until Sunday morning!

It was early when Mary & several other ladies (Matt; Mark; Luke) came to the tomb, but they could no longer stay away. They were shocked and amazed - the stone had been rolled away from the cave's opening. When the angel spoke to the ladies at the empty tomb, telling them, "He is not here. He has arisen, just as He said He would"...this was the beginning of a 'new beginning.' Everything about their faith-system about their mind-set, about their emotional well-being and spiritual understanding began to be shaken. They would never be the same! Paul later would write, "Old

things will pass away; behold, all things are becoming new." (2 Cor 5:17).

The 'first day of the week' became the 'first day of forever & ever.' The disciples were gathered behind locked doors, full of fear, defeat, gloom & despair. But when the women burst through the closed door, proclaiming that "Jesus has risen from the grave," the disciples began to fumble with all sorts of questions. Peter and John had to see for themselves; they had to check out this preposterous story.

Of course, Peter pushed himself on into the cave & saw the folded linens & head piece, neatly folded where Jesus' body had been. John tells how he, too, came on into the room and 'saw and believed.' (John 20). Mary lingered after the disciples left the tomb. It was then she encountered the Resurrected Lord, but did not recognize Him at first. When He spoke to her, she knew who it was speaking - her life was taking a dramatic change. She knew she had met the Resurrected Lord.

And so for some 40 days Jesus fellowshiped with His disciples and did many wondrous things, changing people's lives. Upon His ascension, God - The Holy Father - sent the promised Great Comforter. On the Day of Pentecost, as the crowds gathered for celebrations, the Holy Spirit came in full-force. (Acts 1-2). And that whole world was changed. Pe-

ter was changed from the doubter who boasted of what he would do to prevent Jesus' ultimate death until he heard that rooster crowing. He became a dynamic preacher, filled with the Holy Spirit and boldly proclaimed 'the Resurrected Jesus,' who came to forgive man's sin and changed lives forever. Acts 2 records how 3,000 believed and their lives changed.

Paul later described this miracle when God sends forth His Spirit to reside in our hearts as this: 'He transforms us, our minds are renewed, our thoughts are no longer ours to boast of, and our actions are changed dramatically.' (Rom 12:2) Old things begin to pass away (even old friends ungodly activities, crude behavior and filthy talk); all of these begin to disappear and replaced by a new behavior, controlled by the Spirit. Gentiles, Jews, Greek, Romans and Arabs, people from all known lands around Judea yielded under the influence of God's Spirit, changing the world around them. The Holy Spirit is still at work wherever there is man!

Jesus' teachings of the Sermon on the Mount came alive in the hearts and minds of the believers; they truly became the 'salt of the earth' and the 'light of the world.' The miracles and parables all were refreshed in their mind and heart. Since then, throughout the world, peoples' lives have been changing. Don't even think of how it might have been if Jesus had been resur-

rected from the tomb, conquering death and cleansing us from our sins. We would be a hopeless 'herd of sheep' wandering around on the hillsides of life, aimless in purpose.

Spring is teaching us again - everything is changing, putting on new growth, looking new and crisp. We are seeing all the beauties that were meant to be displayed at this time of year. (Flowers, trees, array of birds all around). Yes, it is like nature is experiencing a rebirth. And so do we - when we embrace the Risen Savior. History has surely been changed by the Power of His resurrection. In fact, the life and death, resurrection and promise of His return split history to the core.

And so have we been changed. It's the Power of the Cross and Resurrection. Over the years of serving the Lord, ministering in his name, and allowing His love to permeate our hearts and souls. Yes, we have been changed. We continue to be changed as we grow more in His likeness. Bet you can make the same claim today about 'how the Resurrected Lord has changed your life.' Why not tell someone this week your story! A friend, a stranger, your family! Write a brief testimony and title it THE POWER OF THE CROSS AND RESURRECTION IN MY LIFE.

BILL CRIDER IS CHAPLAIN OF MINDEN MEDICAL CENTER

LET NOT YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED

Women of the Bible

Eve, the first woman on earth. The bible says she was deceived by Satan. It also says Adam was not deceived. God told them both they would die if they ate the fruit of the tree of life. I believe Adam was willing to

die for his Eve, just as Jesus was willing to die for His Bride, the Church.

Next we have Sara, Abram's wife. God changed her name to Sarah and his name to Abraham. Sarah had a son in her old age, and named him Isaac. Isaac's wife was

Rebekah. She had twin sons. One she named Jacob.. Rebekah helped Jacob get his brother Esau blessing and sent Jacob to Syria and never saw him again.

To be continued.



Mack Ford

MACK FORD IS A LOCAL RESIDENT OF WEBSTER PARISH

THE UPWARD LOOK

Raised and Seated

"But God, . . . made us alive . . . and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus," Ephesians 2:6 NASB



Max Hutto

Not only has God made us alive in Christ, He has also raised us up and seated us with Him! We who are in Christ, who by faith have trusted

in His saving grace, are raised with Him to walk in a new life. The old sinful life has been crucified with Christ, and we are no longer dominated by its evil powers. We now can walk in this new sanctified and holy life in Christ. While we still remain on earth, our place in heaven is certain. In a myste-

rious spiritual way God has already seated us in heavenly places with Christ.

Lord Jesus, with heavenly anticipation, give me strength to faithfully walk in this new life with You. Let all that I do bring honor and glory to You, my Risen Savior.

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

SUDOKU

SUDOKU

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Level: Advanced

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!

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ANSWER:

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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Thursday's unlisted clue: PHIL

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

Friday's unlisted clue hint: BIRD WITH REDDISH BREAST

Bison	Dream	Graffiti	Red Cross
Black bear	English	League	Revolution
Cheese	Express	Legion	Samoa
Coot	Falls	Literature	

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HISTORY

Continued from Page 10 sion of previously marginalized ethnicities into national life.

1940 - Germany invades Denmark and Norway. The rationale of Operation Weserübung was to secure access to Swedish iron ore. In Norway, a resistance group around Max Manus and Gunnar Sønsteby successfully sabotaged the German war effort.

1860 - The world's first recording of the human voice is created. French inventor Édouard-Léon Scott de Martinville used his phonautograph, the earliest known sound recording device, to capture himself singing the French folk song "Au clair de la lune".

COMICS

BABY BLUES | RICK KIRKMAN AND JERRY SCOTT



BLONDIE | DEAN YOUNG AND JOHN MARSHALL



BEETLE BAILEY | MORT & GREG WALKER



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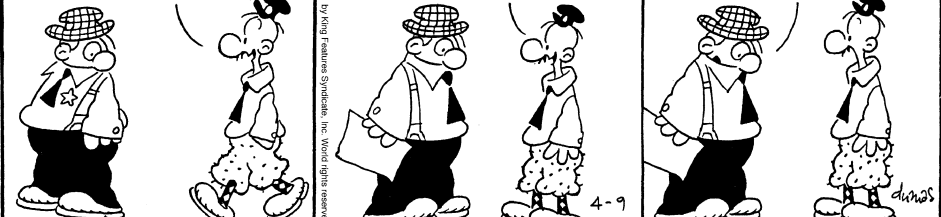
HI AND LOIS | BRIAN WALKER, GREG WALKER AND CHANCE BROWNE



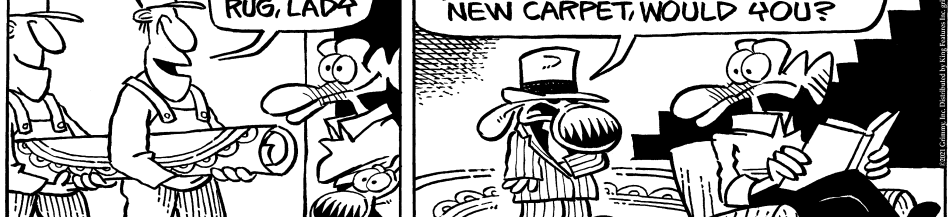
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**PUBLIC NOTICE
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (LDEQ)
BENSON ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES OF LA INC.
PUBLIC HEARING AND REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON SUBMITTAL OF A SOLID WASTE PERMIT APPLICATION TO OPERATE A WASTE TIRE PROCESSING FACILITY**

The LDEQ, Office of Environmental Services, will conduct a public hearing to receive comments on the submittal of a solid waste permit application to operate a waste tire processing facility for Benson Environmental Services of LA Inc., P.O. Box 239, Sibley, LA 71073, for their Tire Recycling Plant. The facility is located at 326 Crichton Road, Sibley, Webster Parish. The hearing will be held on Tuesday, April 20, 2021, beginning at 6:00 p.m., at the Sibley Civic Center, 163 SE 4th St., Sibley, LA 71073. The hearing will be held in accordance with CDC guidance and in compliance with any guidelines issued by the Governor's office. During the hearing, all interested persons will have an opportunity to present oral statements, views, recommendations, opinions and information on the proposed permit. Additionally, written statements and other documents such as charts, data, and tabulations may be filed with the hearing officer at the hearing. Benson Environmental Services of LA Inc. proposes to continue shredding waste tires into chips and rubber crumb to be packaged and sold. All interested persons will be afforded the opportunity to comment on the proposed solid waste permit application to operate a waste tire processing facility.

The public hearing will be conducted in accordance with La. R.S. 30:2017, which addresses the authority of the hearing officer, provides for the order in which speakers will be allowed to speak. A hearing officer will preside over the public hearing. This will be a formal hearing for the purpose of gathering facts and information. It will not include a "question and answer" component. In accordance with La. R.S. 30:2016, the hearing will be transcribed and become a part of the official public record. Comments and requests for a public hearing or notification of the final decision can be submitted via personal delivery, U.S. mail, email, or fax. Comments and requests for public hearings must be received by 4:30 pm CST, Monday, May 24, 2021. Delivery may be made to the drop-box at 602 N. 5th St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802. U.S. Mail may be sent to LDEQ, Public Participation Group, P.O. Box 4313, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4313. Emails may be submitted to DEQ.PUBLICNOTICES@LA.GOV and faxes sent to (225) 219-3309. Persons wishing to receive notice of the final permit action must include a complete mailing address when submitting comments. Please see additional instructions for comment submission, hand delivery and information regarding electronic submission at <http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/page/the-public-participation-group> or call (225) 219-3276. A written response to all public comments will be prepared at the time of the final permit decision. LDEQ will send notification of the final permit decision to the applicant and to each person who has submitted written comments or a written request for notification of the final decision. The application is available for re-

view at the LDEQ, Public Records Center, 602 North 5th Street, Baton Rouge, LA. Viewing hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (except holidays). The available information can also be accessed electronically on the Electronic Document Management System (EDMS) on the DEQ public website at www.deq.louisiana.gov. Individuals with a disability, who need an accommodation in order to participate in the public hearing, should contact Denise Roderick via US mail at LDEQ, Public Participation Group, P.O. Box 4313, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4313, email at DEQ.PUBLICNOTICES@LA.GOV, fax at (225) 325-8176 or phone at (225) 219-3376. Inquiries or requests for additional information regarding this permit action should be directed to Jodie Diamond, LDEQ, Waste Permits Division, P.O. Box 4313, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4313, phone (225) 219-3045. Persons wishing to be included on the LDEQ permit public notice mailing list, wishing to receive the permit public notices via email by subscribing to the LDEQ permits public notice List Server, or for other public participation related questions should contact the Public Participation Group in writing at LDEQ, P.O. Box 4313, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4313, by email at DEQ.PUBLICNOTICES@LA.GOV or contact the LDEQ Customer Service Center at (225) 219-LDEQ (219-5337). Permit public notices including electronic access to general information from the solid waste permit application can be viewed at the LDEQ permits public notice webpage at <http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/public-notices> and general information related to the public participation in permitting activities can be viewed at <http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/page/the-public-participation-group>.

www.deq.louisiana.gov/page/the-public-participation-group. All correspondence should specify AI Number 26944 and Activity Number PER20200003, Permit Number P-0309.
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SHERIFF'S SALE B1 BANK 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 WITHOUT 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, April 21, 2021, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit: 2014 Jeep Grand Cherokee 4D Limited 2WD, VIN IC4RJEBGEC432738 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
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF MINDEN, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN IN REGULAR SESSION HELD ON APRIL 5, 2021.

The Minden City Council met at

City Hall, Minden, Louisiana, beginning at 5:30 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Terry Gardner, Wayne Edwards, Terika Williams-Walker, Vincen Bradford, Michael Roy and Pam Bloxom. 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. Prayer was offered by Pam Bloxom and Wayne Edwards led the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon motion by Wayne Edwards and duly seconded by Pam Bloxom, the council adopted the minutes of Council Regular Session held on March 1, 2021, as presented, by the following vote: Ayes: Wayne Edwards, Michael Roy and Pam Bloxom. Nays: Vincen Bradford and Terika Williams-Walker. Absent: None. Abstain: None. The motion carried. Upon motion by Wayne Edwards and duly seconded by Pam Bloxom, the council adopted the minutes of Council Special Session held on March 8, 2021, as presented, by the following vote: Ayes: Wayne Edwards, Michael Roy and Pam Bloxom. Nays: Vincen Bradford and Terika Williams-Walker. Absent: None. Abstain: None. The motion carried. Wayne Edwards moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1115, Accepting Public Dedication from 4 Docs, L.L.C. of a Sewer Main, including manholes and other appurtenances, and a Minimum One (1) Year Warranty on all Workmanship and Materials, and Easement under, over, and across the sewer main as shown on the attached plats, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Michael Roy and carried unanimously. (Said sewer main is located off of Pennsylvania Avenue.) Michael Fluhr,

acting City Clerk, presented the Budget/Financial Report for the month of February, 2021. No motion is required. The Police Report for February of 2021 was unanimously accepted, as presented, by motion of Michael Roy and duly seconded by Vincen Bradford. Public comments were heard, council comments were heard and the meeting was adjourned. Terry L. Gardner, Mayor
ATTEST: Martha Conly, Assistant City Clerk
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ORDINANCE NO. 1115

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING DEDICATION FROM 4 DOCS, L.L.C. OF A SEWER MAIN, INCLUDING MANHOLE(S) AND OTHER APPURTENANCES, A MINIMUM ONE (1) YEAR WARRANTY ON ALL WORKMANSHIP AND MATERIALS, AND EASEMENT UNDER, OVER AND ACROSS THE SEWER MAIN AS SHOWN ON THE ATTACHED PLATS. BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Minden met in regular session this 5th day of April, 2021, at its regular meeting place in the City of Minden, Louisiana: SECTION 1: that the plat designated Site Utility Plan As-Built, depicting a new Sewer Main extension valued at \$21,420.00, located on property within the corporate city limits of the City of Minden, Louisiana, described as follows: A Twenty foot (20') Sewer Easement, located on property belonging to 4 Docs, L.L.C., located in the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (NW/4 of SE/4), Section 22, Township 19, Range 9 West, Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana, more particularly described on attached plat. SECTION 2: that the City of Minden accept the dedication of sewer main, including manhole(s) and

other appurtenances, a minimum one (1) year warranty on all workmanship and materials, and Easement under, over and across the above described property and that Mayor Terry Gardner is hereby authorized and directed to acknowledge and accept the dedication of such sewer main, manholes, warranty, and easement pertaining to same. This ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after the first publication in the official journal of the City of Minden. Which Ordinance was, upon motion made by Wayne Edwards, duly seconded by Michael Roy, adopted this 5th day of April, 2021, by the following yeas and nays: YEAS: Five NAYS: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None Terry Gardner, Mayor
ATTEST: City Clerk
April 9, 2021
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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS SEALED BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED at the office of Johnny Rowland, Jr., Superintendent, Webster Parish School Board, 1442 Sheppard Street, Minden, Louisiana 71055, until the hour of 2:00 P.M. (CST), Monday, May 3rd, 2021 at which time bids will be opened and read aloud in the Webster Parish School Board office for: Lakeside and Central Parking Lot and Site Improvements Webster Parish, LA A non-mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at 1:30 P.M. (CST), Tuesday, April 20th, 2021 at Lakeside Jr. Sr. High School located at 9090 Hwy 371, Sibley, LA 71073. Bid Documents may be obtained during normal office hours at the office of Civil Design Group, LLC, 601 Spring Street, Suite B, Shreveport, LA 71101, upon receipt of a deposit in the

amount of \$50.00 for each set of documents. Normal office hours are 7:30 A.M. to 5:30 P.M. Monday through Thursday, and 7:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. on Friday. Deposit for the first set is fully refundable, to all bonafide prime bidders who submit a bid, upon return of the documents in good condition no later than ten (10) days following receipt of bids. The deposit on all other sets of documents will be refunded fifty percent (50%) upon return of documents as stated above. Contractors not submitting a bid on the project will be refunded fifty percent (50%) of plan deposit upon return of bid documents within ten (10) days after receipt of bids. Bidding documents will be available beginning at 10:00 A.M. (CST), Friday, April 9th, 2021.

All inquiries shall be directed to: Gary M. Clark, P.E. Civil Design Group, LLC (318) 674-9616 (office) gclark@cdbg-apec.com

Work on this Project includes all work as indicated in the Construction Documents (Bid Documents), which includes Drawings, Project Manual and Addenda (if any).

NOTE: BIDS SHALL ONLY BE ACCEPTED FROM CONTRACTORS WHO ARE LICENSED UNDER LOUISIANA CONTRACTORS LICENSING LAW FOR THE MAJOR CLASSIFICATION OF "HIGHWAY, STREET, AND BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION".

Bids must be accompanied by a bid security equal to five percent (5%) of the Total Bid (including any Alternates). Bid Security must be in the form of a cashier's check, certified check or a satisfactory bid bond written by a company with a current A. M. Best Rating of 'A-' (Excellent), Financial Size Category 'VII' with a 'Stable' Outlook and licensed in the State of Louisiana. The successful bidder will be required to furnish the following bonds written by a company with a current A. M. Best Rating of

'A' (Excellent), Financial Size Category 'VII' with a 'Stable' Outlook and licensed in the State of Louisiana: Performance Bond in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount; Payment Bond in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount; and Maintenance Bond in an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the contract amount. The Total Contract Time shall be One Hundred and Thirty (130) calendar days. The project includes work at two different locations and includes project milestones which requires portions of the work to be completed within Sixty (60) calendar days. Liquidated Damages, as provided for in the Contract Documents, will apply for each consecutive calendar day that the Work is not completed beyond the established completion date which will be based on a date of commencement of work fixed in a Notice to Proceed, subject to such adjustments of the Contract Time as may be made according to the terms of the Contract Documents. Said sums shall in no event be construed to be a penalty; but only as damages fixed and agreed upon in advance. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of forty-five (45) days after actual date of the opening thereof. The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids with just cause. Bids which deviate from the Construction Documents will not be considered. Bid related materials may be found at www.centralbidding.com, and bids may be submitted electronically at www.centralbidding.com.

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ELM GROVE FIELD
Docket No. 21-132
LEGAL NOTICE
STATE OF LOUISIANA, OFFICE OF CONSERVATION, BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA.

In accordance with the laws of the State of Louisiana, and with particular reference to the provisions of Title 30 of Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, a public hearing will be held in the Hearing Room, 1st Floor, LaSalle Building, 617 North 3rd Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at 9:00 a.m. on **TUESDAY, MAY 11, 2021**, upon the application of **ENSIGHT IV ENERGY MANAGEMENT, LLC**. At such hearing the Commissioner of Conservation will consider evidence relative to the issuance of Orders pertaining to the following matters relating to the Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A, in the Elm Grove Field, Bienville, Bossier and Webster Parishes, Louisiana.

1. To dissolve two drilling and production units for the Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A, being the units designated (a) HA RA SU89 which was created by Office of Conservation Order No. 361-L-52, effective August 4, 2009, and (b) HA RA SUXX which was created by Order No. 361-L-71, effective January 5, 2010, which units are shown outlined on the plat submitted with the application.

2. To create two drilling and production units for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A, to be designated HA RA SU146 and HA RA SU147, as shown on the plat submitted with the application.

3. To force pool and integrate all of the separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests located within the proposed units in accordance with Section 10, Title 30 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.

4. To designate a unit well and unit operator for the proposed units, as appropriate.

5. To confirm that with respect to horizontal wells drilled to the Haynesville Zone, Reservoir

A, in or to serve the proposed units, where the horizontal lateral portion of the well is cased and cemented back above the top of the Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A, the distance to any unit boundary or offset well(s) will be calculated based on the distance to the nearest perforation in the well, and not based on the penetration point or terminus.

6. Except to the extent inconsistent herewith, to extend to the proposed unit all pertinent provisions of Order No. 361-L, effective July 29, 2008, as amended and supplemented by the 361-L Series of Orders, and all applicable State-wide Orders.

7. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent.

The Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A was initially defined in Order No. 361-L, effective July 29, 2008, and is to be re-defined as to HA RA SU146 and HA RA SU147 as being the stratigraphic equivalent of that gas and condensate bearing zone encountered between the depths of 9,650' and 11,426' (electrical log measurements) in the Aethon Energy Operating LLC-Elm Grove Plantation No. 59 Well (formerly KCS Resources, Inc.-Elm Grove Plantation No. 15 Well), located in Section 9, Township 16 North, Range 11 West.

Plats are available for inspection in the Office of Conservation in Baton Rouge and Shreveport, Louisiana. <http://dnr.louisiana.gov/conshearings>

All parties having interest therein shall take notice thereof.

BY ORDER OF:
RICHARD P. IEYOUB
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