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A Clean City is a Happy City



Minden is looking fresher than ever with the wrap up of it's annual Clean Up Minden Campaign. Throughout last week, countless organizations, churches, and individuals took time out of their schedules to tend to the city, picking up litter along some of it's most traveled roadways to make our city as beautiful as it can be.
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SECOND FRONT

‘The real threat is not taking action’: Experts say renewable energy poses an opportunity, not a threat, to Louisiana

BY SYDNEY MCGOVERN
LSU Manship School News Service

In his first week in office, President Joe Biden signed executive orders to eliminate many federal subsidies for fossil fuels starting next year and pause new oil and gas permits on federal lands.

Louisiana congressional delegation expressed outrage about Biden’s decision. Sen. John Kennedy, a Republican, said the changes would be “devastating to Louisiana,” and Sen. Bill Cassidy, called Biden’s use of the term “Cancer Alley” a “slam upon our state.” Louisiana Attorney General Jeff Landry is leading a lawsuit against Biden’s moratorium on oil and gas leases.

But local economic and environmental experts say it’s time for Louisiana to join the global shift to renewable energy, both to ease coastal erosion and to offset the economic and job losses that now seem inevitable. The state ranks 38th in the country in renewable energy production, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration. Experts warn that if Louisiana continues to move more slowly than other states, it could lose business and jobs to the others.

Dr. John Pardue, an environmental engineer and professor at Louisiana State University, said energy states like Texas and Oklahoma, have been developing their renewable industries for two decades, and Biden’s orders will cut further into the demand for Louisiana’s oil and gas.

“That’s going to make it more challenging for the state to kind of move forward, but it should be a clear warning to the states that we’re going to have to start diversifying our economy because this isn’t going to last forever,” Pardue said.

Dr. Terrence Chambers, director of the Energy Efficiency and Sustainable Energy Center at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, said the worldwide shift toward renewables has been driven as much by economics as politics as the cost of solar and wind power has dropped significantly.

In Louisiana, he said, “There’s going to have to be a commitment to make a shift. I think that Louisiana is having this conversation now, and we’re grappling with the issue right now, but I don’t think that we have made the commitment as a state to really make the shift.”

For many Louisianans, renewable energy is still perceived as a threat. After all, Louisiana is known as an oil and gas state, and the industry has long been considered a pillar of the state’s economy.

But demand for the state’s oil and gas has declined in recent years, and employment peaked in

2014. At the same time, the rest of the world has been experiencing a surge of jobs in renewable energy sectors.

A growing number of Fortune 500 companies and governments are setting goals of net-zero greenhouse gas emissions within the next few decades. This presents a considerable challenge for Louisiana, which could lose 30% of its energy jobs within the next 30 years if it fails to take significant action, according to a recent Princeton University study.

But if Louisiana begins to diversify its energy sources, the state could see an increase in jobs, economists say.

Entergy, the state’s biggest utility, has been buying power since October from a 50-megawatt plant with 197,000 solar panels near Port Allen in West Baton Rouge Parish.

An upcoming project could supply an additional 300 megawatts of solar power by 2023, and Entergy announced last month that it was seeking proposals from companies to supply 500 megawatts of solar power beyond that.

Lafayette Utilities System and Cleco Power, based in central Louisiana, have both said they plan use solar energy in the future.

Winds in the Gulf of Mexico are an even more promising resource. Offshore wind platforms could capture more than double the amount of energy that is now consumed by all the states that border the Gulf combined, according to a study by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory.

Edison Chouest Offshore, a company based in Cut Off, La., manufactures boats to service the offshore oil industry. It also is set to build the first vessel in the country designed specifically to service offshore wind farms. The project will create 300 shipyard jobs in Louisiana, Mississippi and Florida.

Chambers said that with the manufacturing talent in the state, the transition to clean energy could be somewhat easier than many people imagine. “A part is a part,” he noted. Machinists who make parts for offshore oil platforms also could make parts for solar or wind farms.

“Renewable energy provides an opportunity for Louisiana businesses and Louisiana workers,” he said. “If we’re intentional about it, I think we can take advantage of that, and 30 years from now we could end up having a vibrant economy with more jobs than we have right now.”

“Failure to do anything is forecasted to cause us to lose jobs over that same time period,” Chambers added, “so I think the real threat is in not taking action.”

Solar and wind power were once considered exotic and expensive. But over the past decade, the

cost of renewable energy generation has fallen below the cost of coal-fired power generation.

Dr. Brittany Tarufelli -- an applied microeconomist studying relationships between public policy, energy markets and the environment at LSU’s Center for Energy Studies -- said that for years, Louisiana officials focused more on the cost of shifting to renewable energy than on the potential benefits that other energy states saw.

“You could make the case that these other states were electing officials that were more supportive of renewable energy or that Louisiana officials were concerned about the cost of developing renewable energy,” said Tarufelli. “But the fact of the matter is that now Louisiana is playing catch up.”

Last August, Gov. John Bel Edwards established Louisiana’s Climate Initiatives Task Force to study how to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and enhance coastal resilience. Edwards also announced a goal to reduce emissions by 40% to 50% by 2030 and attain net-zero emissions by 2050.

Engineers and economists at LSU and UL said that points Louisiana in a better direction, but it remains one only of 13 states that does not have a regulatory mandate to promote the development of renewable energy resources.

Texas established this standard in 1999 with a goal of 10,000 megawatts of renewable energy capacity by the year 2025. It reached this goal 15 years ahead of schedule. Now, nearly one-fifth of the electricity generated in Texas comes from renewable energy sources, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration.

When the February freeze left millions without power, some Republican politicians in Texas blamed the state’s reliance on renewable energy. But officials from the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, the organization that operates most of the state’s power grid, said the outages were primarily due to failures in natural gas operations.

To save money, Texas officials also had decided not to install equipment that would have enabled windmills to keep operating in unusually cold weather.

From an environmental perspective, experts note, Louisiana also has more at stake than most states in following the shift in the energy production from fossil to alternative fuels.

As a result of climate changes, South Louisiana is projected to experience 130 to 140 days a year over 90 degrees instead of 60 to 70 days as in years past, according to Pardue, the LSU engineering professor. The state can also expect more intense storms and devastating hurricanes and flooding, resulting in infrastructure damage and accelerated land loss.

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Favorite Floor Covering Provider

Favorite Tax Preparer



Favorite Customer Service (any business)

Favorite Mini Storage

Favorite Event Destination (or venue where events are held)

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3 DAY PLANNING FORECAST



JESSICA MOORE

Rainn and storms for the work week begin early Tuesday but more rain to the south during the evening hours. Wednesday more widespread rain and thunderstorms but no severe threat just yet. Drier for Thursday with temperatures in the low 70s.

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CRIME

Webster Parish Inmate Captured By Authorities After Leaving Work Detail, Stealing Van

STAFF REPORT
Minden Press-Herald

An inmate at the Bayou Dorcheat Correctional Facility at Camp Minden was captured early Friday after leaving a work detail and stealing a van. The inmate, Rosendo Zapata, was assigned to a work crew detail on the Camp Minden grounds when he left the supervised work area and drove away in a van. The supervisor immediately alerted

the Webster Parish Sheriff's Office deputies on patrol, who located Zapata shortly after leaving the facility near Interstate 20. Sheriff's Office deputies pursued Zapata westbound on I-20 and alerted the Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office and Louisiana State Police for assistance. Throughout the con-

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trolled pursuit, authorities ensured the safety of other motorists on the interstate. The pursuit ended when authorities employed a spike strip to deflate the tires and halt the van on the interstate in Caddo Parish. Zapata was arrested without further incident. He is being held at the Caddo Parish Correctional Center with additional charges pending.

"I appreciate the quick response of our team and the assistance of the Caddo and Bossier Sheriff's Offices and La. State Police. I also express my appreciation to the citizens on the highway for their cooperation as our emergency vehicles traveled by in pursuit of the offender. We were able to safely apprehend the offender while protecting other drivers on the road," said Webster Parish Sheriff Jason Parker.

OBITUARIES

Richard A. Ball

Funeral services for Richard A. Ball will be held Friday, April 23, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. at Haughton Baptist Church in Haughton, Louisiana with Bro. Gevan Spinney officiating. Interment will follow at Haughton Cemetery in Haughton, Louisiana under the direction of Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Minden, Louisiana. The family will receive friends from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. Thursday, April 22, 2021 at Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Minden, Louisiana. Richard was born May 4, 1959 in Oakland, California and entered into rest April 17, 2021 in Doyline, Louisiana. Richard was a devoted church member at Haughton Baptist Church where he loved serving others and being the hands and feet of Jesus. His career in the oilfield was over 40 years. Richard was an avid outdoorsman, but most of all he was a beloved husband, father,

son, grandfather and friend. He will be missed greatly by all who knew him. He is survived by his wife, Julia Ball of Doyline, mother, Gay Brown and special aunt, like a mother, Hilda Williams both of Haughton; children, Summer Chambers, husband Kirk of Palestine, Texas; Cody Ball, wife Georgia of Evergreen, Melissa Sparano, husband Frank of Benton, and Megan Kinler of Rio Rancho, New Mexico; sister, Donera "Toni" Jacks of Haughton; grandchildren, Alexis and Garrett Chambers, Carter, Hannah, Haidyn, and Lilly Ball, Austin and Jacob Prickett, and Carli Kinler. Pallbearers will be Kyle Jerner, Kirk Chambers, Justin Keith, Fred Morgan, Rob Burge, and Frank Sparano. Honorary pallbearers will be Garrett Chambers, Haidyn Ball, Carter Ball, Austin Prickett, Jacob Prickett, Larry Farmer, Melvin Fletcher and Nick Williams. Rose-Neath Funeral Home 211 Murrell Street Minden, Louisiana 71055 (318) 377-3412

Billie Joe Cross

Bill Cross was born July 11, 1930 to Ralph and Leslie Cross in Shreveport, Louisiana and entered into rest Sunday, April 18, 2021, peacefully at his home surrounded by his family. Bill grew up and lived most of his 90 years in the family home. He began working in the Homer, Louisiana Oilfield in his teens after graduating from Harris High School that is now known as Harris Baptist Encampment. On December 22, 1950, he married the love of his life, Janette Kimbell and devoted himself to her for 70 years. He worked the oilfield until the late 60's and then worked a number of years for the Town of Homer at the light plant as the foreman. During those years he started his own oil company

called JanMar Oil Company in the Homer oilfield. Bill sold his company in the early 80's, but had so much oil in his blood he went back to work for an oil company reading gauges in Athens until finally retiring in the 1990's. Preceding him in death was his loving wife, Janette, his parents, and siblings, George Cross, Jack Cross, Margie Guillory and Evelyn Cross. He leaves behind his son, Bill Cross, Jr. and wife Debbie of Homer; daughters, Janis Ramsey and husband Mike of Homer, Jayne Dominie and husband Eric of Minden and Teresa Jones and husband Levi of Mountain Home, Arkansas; 10 grandchildren; 20 great grandchildren and 7 great great grandchildren. A host of nieces and nephews in the Cross and Kimbell family that he loved dearly. Plus, his loving church family of Holly Springs Baptist Church where he served as deacon since his early 20's. His infectious laugh, tales of early days and seeing "Bigfoot", and his kind and giving spirit will be deeply missed. Bill never met a stranger and never turned down a chance to help

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Larry Ellison

Larry Ellison passed away on April 4, 2021. The memorial service will be April 23, 2021 at 1st Pentacostal Church in Minden at 6:00.

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someone. He leaves behind an enormous legacy. Funeral services for Billy Cross will be held Friday, April 23, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. at Holly Springs Baptist Church Hwy 79, Homer, Louisiana with his grandson, Daniel Stowell and Pastor Byron Longino officiating. Interment will follow at Alexander Cemetery in Homer, Louisiana under the direction of Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Minden, Louisiana. The family will receive friends from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. Thursday, April 22, 2021 at Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Minden. Pallbearers will be grandsons; Toby Cross, Daniel Stowell, Chris Rowell, Joey Stowell, Robert Cross, Eric Streetman, Brian Williams, and Levi Jones. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Holly Springs Baptist Church of Claiborne Parish in his memory. Rose-Neath Funeral Home Minden, Louisiana 71055 (318) 377-3412

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OTHER OPINION

Malkin: America's media-poisoned well

It's springtime in America. In halcyon days, we'd ring in the new season with fresh starts and fragrant flowers. But in 2021, the arrival of April now ushers in yet another cycle of destructive urban riots — stoked and coddled by toxic journalists downplaying left-wing violence and demonizing all who dare call out the ruinous, race-based chaos for what it is.

On Monday, as vandals and looters tore apart Minneapolis again in the wake of a cop-involved shooting, a suburban police chief tried to report on the dangerous conditions outside his station.

"Just so that everybody's clear, I was front and center at the protest, at the riot," Brooklyn Center (Minn.) police chief Tim Gannon told the media. He was there. They were not. This did not, however, deter the know-it-alls from castigating Gannon for using the word "riot." Cue the collective outrage and the ululations of the aggrieved.

"Don't do that!" one journalist exclaimed. "There was no riot," another propagandist retorted. "It was not a riot!" another indignant media wag chimed in.

Gannon did what reporters are supposed to do: Report. In a rare show of public courage by an elected official in these hellish days, Gannon remained undeterred. Several officers were injured; 40 demonstrators were arrested, and 20 businesses were invaded and robbed. "The officers that were putting

themselves in harm's way were being pelted with frozen cans of pop, they were being pelted with concrete blocks. And yes, we had our helmets on and we had other protection and gear, but an officer was injured, hit in the head with a brick ... so we had to make decisions. We had to disperse the crowd because we cannot allow our officers to be harmed."



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types who've been calling the deadly conflagrations of every major American city since George Floyd's death last May "mostly peaceful protests." Our airwaves and newspaper pages have been saturated with loaded language and warped narratives about every high-profile police encounter exploited by Black Lives Matter and antifa from George Floyd to Ahmaud Arbery to Jacob Blake and now Daunte Wright.

Not only are these "protests" immune from criticism about their violent criminal nature, but they are also miraculously immune from COVID-19. When citizens in flyover country have gathered to resist lock-

Outraged journo-activists apparently disagree. These same types of professional word massagers who bark at police not to call riots "riots" are the same

downs and mask mandates, the national media pounces on these peaceful protesters as selfish, reckless menaces to public safety. When inner-city thugs burn down auto repair shops, firebomb courthouses and police precinct offices, cart off diapers from Walgreen's, and raid liquor store shelves in the name of social justice, pandemic paranoia and condemnatory headlines suddenly evaporate.

Rigged media coverage. Rioters run amok. The threat of violence hanging overhead like thick cumulonimbus clouds. How is it possible for anyone accused in a riot-triggering incident from obtaining a fair trial? In a remarkable act of self-delusion, the presiding judge in the ongoing trial of former Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin rejected a defense request to immediately sequester the jury in the aftermath of this week's new bumper crop of riots. Stating the gobsmackingly obvious, defense attorney Eric Nelson argued that the violent outbreaks would be at the "forefront of the jury's mindset."

Judge Peter Cahill, however, shrugged off the threats and ruled that the jury doesn't need to be shut off from media and social media exposure until closing arguments begin next Monday. Never mind the barricades and barbed wire outside the fortified courthouse. Never mind the half-billion dollars in damage already done by George Floyd's vigilantes. Never mind the blaring, front-page

stories about shopkeepers preparing for bloody chaos if the jury doesn't rule the "right" way.

Instead, Cahill nonchalantly advised the jury to simply avoid the news during the trial. Sure, just ignore the acrid smell of anarchy permeating the air. Take no notice of wall-to-wall coverage of Gannon's resignation Monday afternoon after he pushed back against the media. Pay no attention to the journalists raging at police officials calling out rioters. Tune out the black-clad militants screaming "All Cops Are Bastards" and "No Justice, No Peace." Pretend away the pre-trial publicity and nightly news jeremiads from racial demagogues Al Sharpton and Benjamin Crump painting Chauvin as an evildoer on par with Ted Bundy or Adolph Hitler.

With the media acting as relentless co-prosecutors and character executioners, the well of fair and impartial jurors who can weigh evidence without fear of retribution has been irreversibly poisoned. Like Minneapolis, Brooklyn Center, Portland, Los Angeles, Baltimore, Detroit, St. Louis, Ferguson and so many other cities before them, the Fifth and Sixth Amendment rights to an impartial jury, fair trial and due process have all gone up in choking flames. This is what the twilight of a once great and free country looks and smells like.

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OTHER OPINION

DeSlatte: Louisiana lawmakers renew talk of TOPS disparities

Debates about Louisiana's free college tuition program known as TOPS are cyclical in the Legislature, cropping up every few years as lawmakers raise concerns about the program's ballooning price tag or notice the disparities in who receives the aid.

The latest questioning came Wednesday in the House Appropriations Committee, prompted by charts showing much of the tuition aid goes to wealthier families and comparing TOPS spending to the significantly lower financing earmarked for need-based aid programs for college students.

It's part of a perennial discussion at the Louisiana Legislature about who TOPS should help. Those discussions, however, have never generated significant change to one of Louisiana's most popular entitlement programs.

TOPS, formally called the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students, is paying an estimated \$321 million in the current budget year to cover the tuition costs of nearly 59,000 students.

That price tag has grown nearly every year since the program was created. It's expected to increase to \$331 million in the upcoming 2021-22 school year and reach nearly \$360 million three years later as the number of students eligible for free tuition continues to edge upward.

TOPS, which began in 1998, covers college tuition costs for high school students who complete a certain curriculum, reach a modest grade point average and earn at least a 20 on the ACT college entrance test for the basic award. There are different criteria for home-schooled students and some



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other situations. Students must maintain a certain GPA in college to keep receiving the aid.

Supporters of the current structure say TOPS helps boost high school achievement by steering students to courses they otherwise might not take, encourages students to attend college and assists in efforts to keep the brightest students in Louisiana.

More than 22% of TOPS re-

cipients, according to the data from the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance, were from households with incomes above \$150,000.

"I am deeply troubled by this chart because what it does in my mind is leave those who are less served further behind," said Rep. Barbara Carpenter.

Carpenter and Rep. C. Denise Marcelle suggested most students from higher earning households would have gone to college anyway. Marcelle said more dollars should be steered to Louisiana's Go Grant program, which provides need-based aid to low- and moderate-income students.

Funding for grants has stayed relatively flat, ranging from \$25 million to \$28 million over the last decade. Gov. John Bel Edwards, a Democrat, has proposed boosting spending on Go Grants to \$40 million in the next school year.

"I've been seeing this every year: We have to beg for money for Go Grants but we fully fund TOPS," Marcelle said. "And those are the people who many times can afford to pay for their education versus people who cannot. How do we change the outcome of the people in our state by lifting up those who are less likely to have the funds?"

Commissioner of Higher Education Kim Hunter Reed said Louisiana will need to boost targeted spending on those without means if it wants to

greatly increase the number of people who hold a college degree or other employment credential beyond a diploma.

"We have to put our dollars where our priorities are, and if we want to make sure more people are moving from poverty to prosperity, then we have to fund need-based aid," Reed said.

Marcelle reminded lawmakers that when philanthropist Pat Taylor created the scholarship program that was the precursor to TOPS, it focused on low- and moderate-income students.

"That was the initial intent," Marcelle said. "What we have here is showing that it's just the opposite. The percentage is so much lower of the kids who actually need the TOPS grant."

Rep. Daryl Deshotel, a Hesser Republican, pushed back against the household income chart, questioning why the data was collected. He noted that no matter what Taylor created in the previous program, TOPS has been "a merit-based program," based on a student's accomplishments.

And so the debate goes on for another year, with no plans to heavily rewrite a program that so many of the state's middle-class families support.

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TrinityJade Parish Moore
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Rylan Arienna Thomas
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Joslyn Nicole Rabb
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The Minden Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. will sponsor its 60th annual Jabberwock via Zoom May 2, 2021.

Competing for the title of 2021 Miss Jabber-

wock are, Trinity Jade Parish Moore daughter of Tiffany Parish and Redginal Moore, Rylan Arienna Thomas daughter of Tempestt Hamilton and Bryceson Thomas and, Joslyn Nicole Rabb

daughter of Amitria Crow and Joski Rabb.

The sorority is asking the community to please support these young ladies in their fundraising endeavors. The funds raised from the pageant

are earmarked for local scholarships and public service projects such as March of Dimes, American Heart Association, DREF, UNICEF, American Diabetes Association, Sickle Cell Associ-

ation, St. Jude, and the American Diabetes Association.

To donate to the Jabberwock you may contact any member of the Minden Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta So-


rority. Please make your charitable donation by April 8, 2021. Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. has been given exclusive use of the name Jabberwock by the United States Government.

Louisiana Lieutenant Governor Billy Nungesser speaks at Minden Lions Club



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Louisiana Lieutenant Governor Billy Nungesser was the guest speaker at Thursday's Lions Club Meeting. The Club saw an increased attendance with many guests coming to hear the Lt. Governor talk about Louisiana, how the state's tourism industry was impacted by the COVID pandemic, and how the state is working to bring the industry back to the record breaking high's it saw before the pandemic.



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Minden Police Chief comments on recent viral arrest

STAFF REPORT

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An arrest made by Minden Police Department Officers Thursday morning was captured on video, and subsequently blew up on Facebook, bringing into question the officers use of force when apprehending the suspect.

Minden Police Chief Steve Cropper conducted an interview with the Minden Press-Herald providing details about the sequence of events leading up to the arrest that was captured on video.

Chief Cropper stated that early Thursday morning the Minden Police Department received a call, with the caller reporting a black male lying in or near the roadway of Gum Street. "The caller wasn't sure if he might be having a heart attack or having a seizure or something, but that she felt like something medically was wrong with him because they were just laying in front of her house," said Cropper.

"When the first officer got there, he didn't see anyone laying in the roadway or near the roadway on the street. On one of the passes, he noticed a small child standing in the front yard, by himself."

The child was later identified as being the grandson of the suspect, who was being taken to school.

"He stopped and asked the small child who he was and where he was supposed to be, and if he had seen anybody going in the street or near the street. This child points across the street to the front of the house, directly across the street," said Cropper.

"The officer looked over there and observed a man laying up in the bushes by the front of the house. So he goes across the street and starts talking to him."

Some sources have reported that the suspect was having a seizure before Minden Police arrested him. Chief Cropper stated that body camera footage showing the suspect walking around before the arrest was made

shows that this was not the case.

"This is all on video. His body cam catches him walking across the yard, the black male stands up. So he's definitely not having a seizure and definitely not having a heart attack," said Cropper.

"He stands up, he is incoherent and would not respond to the officer. The officer asked him if he was OK, and he didn't respond. He asked who he was, he didn't respond. He asked him where he was supposed to be, he didn't respond," said Cropper.

"So the officer tries to walk him over to the driveway to sit on the edge of the driveway so he could figure out who he was and where he was supposed to be and if anything was wrong with him."

At this point Chief Cropper stated that the suspect attempted to walk away from the officers, into the carport of the yard they were in. "The officer catches up to him and when he catches up to him in the driveway, the black male walks up into the carport. The carport is relatively narrow, and he didn't have about a three-foot space between the car, the carport, and the house. The officer didn't want to be in that close-quarters area with this guy that appears to be incoherent," said Cropper.

"So he says, no, come on back here and let's talk in the driveway, and the man just continues to try to walk towards the door. So the officer takes him by his arm and tries to turn him around and walk him back out to the driveway. The guy starts pulling away from him, jerking away from him. About that time, the second officer arrives, and he runs up there and he and he's also trying to get him out into the driveway out of that close quarters area."

Shortly after the second officer arrives, they are able to get the suspect out from under the carport, but he then tries to fight the officers according to Chief Cropper.

The guy just starts getting more violent and more violent, pulling away, trying to get away from him. Finally, they get him pulled out from under the carport, into the driveway and kind of in the front yard, and the man just literally starts fighting them. They couldn't get him under control. He was a six-foot-three, 240-pound man that was potentially on mind-altering drugs, we feel like for sure," said Cropper.

"He started fighting with them, they couldn't get him. He was tossing my two officers around all over the front yard. The Third officer gets there, he engages, trying to help the two officers get him handcuffed. He fights all three of them, he's pushing them. They got him on the ground, but he's pushing them off of him."

"So then the fourth officer arrives. They still don't have him detained or handcuffed, and that's when one of the officers started doing soft tissue body strikes to try to get him to comply. That didn't work," said Cropper.

He stated that use of soft tissue body strikes were used after the fourth officer witnessed that the three officers had yet to detain him. The fifth officer arrived on the scene with the suspect still not and handcuffs, being the one seen on video striking the suspect.

"Then the fifth officer gets there and they're still fighting. There's still four officers on top of him. He's still not in handcuffs. That's the officer that actually came up and did the heel-toe strikes to his soft tissue points. He struck him up underneath his armpit and then he struck him also in his upper chest to get him to comply, so they could actually get him in handcuffs."

Chief Cropper also stated that as soon as the suspect was handcuffed, all officers promptly got off of him and transported him to the emergency

room due to his continued incoherency.

"Once they got him handcuffed they all got off him. They got him set up. They got him to try to breathe. He was still trying to continue to get up to the point that when medical got there, medical refused to transport him because he was still resisting, even after he was handcuffed," said Cropper.

"So we transported him to the hospital because he was very incoherent. He was wanting his momma. He was just talking out of his head. So they were concerned about him and his state of mind."

In regards to the use of force that was seen in the video, Chief Cropper has put the officer seen using heel-toe-strikes under administrative leave, and has retained a use of force

expert to conduct an independent investigation. He stated he doesn't believe that the officers did anything wrong, as they were doing what they were trained to do to get the suspect in compliance.

"I placed the officer on administrative leave pending the investigation. I retained a use-of-force court-certified expert to review the case. We will get him all the information first thing Monday morning. And he will do an independent investigation to see whether the officers violated any policies or are in any violation of excessive force or not."

"Not that I thought the officer did anything wrong. They did exactly what they were trained to do to get this guy in compliance. I questioned how it was done, especially for

the officer that was doing the heel strikes. I've been in that position before and I questioned why he chose to do what he did. And he had an explanation," said Cropper. He said there were already four people on each other. I didn't feel like I could do any more about it in the middle of the dog pile. And he said, I wanted it to stop. He said, I didn't want the suspect to get hurt any more than he already was, and he said, I sure didn't want the officer to get hurt. So that's the reason he decided to do the heel toe strikes to the side and to his chest to get him to comply to get the handcuffs on."

The suspect has been charged with possession of a schedule I substance and potentially with face charges for resisting arrest.



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NEWS ANCHOR GIVES BACK TO COMMUNITY

GLYNN HARRIS
Special to the Minden Press-Herald

Bill Lunn’s profession as a television news anchor has carried him around the nation. Until the past year or so, he was anchor at a Memphis station and since has relocated to our part of the world as co-anchor for the 10:00 news at Shreveport’s KTBS Channel 3.

Our paths crossed, not literally but virtually several months ago when I posted articles on Face Book I was writing for LA Sportsman magazine and web site about trophy bucks taken in Louisiana during this past season. On one of my articles, Lunn made a comment with content that let me know he had to have been a deer hunter. I connected with him via social media and we were soon exchanging texts and comments mutual to the two of us.

During our on-line chats, I learned that Lunn was a native of Illinois, studied Journalism at Northwestern University as well as attending college in Minnesota where he became interested in fishing.

“While in school in Minnesota, the land of 10,000 lakes, I became enamored with the In Fisherman show on television that really got me hooked on the sport,” Lunn said.

Although Lunn’s dad was not a hunter, he developed an interest in hunting, becoming a member of a deer lease in Tennessee while he was working in Mem-

phis. However, the sport that has captivated his main interest is turkey hunting.

Upon his move to KTBS, Lunn who now lives in north Bossier Parish in Benton, has sampled the fishing in several waterways in north Louisiana including Cypress Black Bayou, Caddo and Bistineau.

During our contacts on social media, I learned something else about Lunn that captivated my attention more than his interest in hunting and fishing. He has created what he refers to as a “ministry” to youngsters in the Shreveport area.

“After moving to Louisiana, I became a member of Cypress Baptist Church and was impressed with the quality of some of the Christian men in the church. Several are involved in activities that have been beneficial to the community and I felt that I needed to find something that would allow me to reach out to some group; I wasn’t sure which group so I prayed for guidance and direction.

“I was out walking one day and I passed a trash bin and saw three BMX bicycles that had been dumped in the trash. When I lived in Chicago, I worked at a bike shop and am able to repair just about any bike, so I put the three bikes in the back of my truck, brought them home and repaired them and posted on Face Book and gave them away to kids in Bossier City,” Lunn said.

“After word got out about my repairing and

giving away bicycles, I started getting requests for bikes, donations began coming in along with people giving me old bikes to repair and give away,” he said.

A weekend or so ago, Lunn got the word out of a bike give-away in a Shreveport neighborhood. He had repaired 25 bikes and gave them away to kids who learned of Lunn’s “ministry”.

“I just wanted to touch a kid’s life somehow and some way. I can’t change lives in ways others can but I can fix bikes and make a kid happy. When we were young,” Lunn continued, “bikes were everything and I have learned through this process that bikes are still king.”

He hunts; he fishes; he reports the news but the most notable things Bill Lunn is doing is to make a difference in the lives of kids. Anyone interested in contributing to this bike ministry can contact Lunn through his FaceBook page.

FISHING REPORT
BUSSEY BRAKE – Bass fishing has been fair on Shaky Heads, jigs and crank baits with some from 2-5 pounds reported. No report on bream, catfish or crappie this week.. For latest information, contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

BLACK BAYOU – Bass fishing has been fair around the shallow grass on spinners, jigs and Rat-L-Traps. Crappie are scattered; bream fishing has been good on crickets. Contact Honey Hole Tackle Shop 323-8707 for latest informa-

tion.

OUACHITA RIVER – The river is still too high with too much current for fishing to be good. No fishing report this week. For latest information, contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

LAKE D’ARBONNE – Most of the crappie have spawned and have moved out to the flats where some have been caught fishing 8-12 feet deep in 10-18 foot water. Shiners and jigs are picking up some with best jigs this week being Key Lime Pie and Live Minnow patterns. Bass have moved to the deeper holes and spinners, jigs and soft plastics are picking up a few. Bream are just now starting to show signs of life as they’re moving to shallow bedding areas and starting to hit worms and crickets. Catfishing continues to be good off the banks on night crawlers and cold worms. For latest reports, call Anderson’s Sport Center at 368-9669 or Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

LAKE CLAIBORNE – Bream fishing has been good this week on worms and crickets around shallow beds. Both catfish and crappie are being caught at night fishing shiners on yo-yos. Bass fishing has been fair with best lure this week being the Rapala. Striper fishing is slow to fair. Fishing below the spillway is fair for crappie and bream. For latest information, call Tim Loftin at Kel’s Cove at 927-2264.

CANEY LAKE – Bass



COURTESY PHOTO
Bill Lunn is shown with a happy youngster, recipient of a bike, repaired by Lunn.

and yellow bass have been biting along the points just off deep water with Wacky worms and jigs working best. Dustin Chellette landed the big one of the week, a bass tipping the scales at 11.35 pounds. Crappie fishing has been fair fishing brush off the points using shiners or jigs. The chinquapins have just started hitting worms and crickets in 6-7 foot water. For information contact Bateaux’s on Caney Lake at 259-6649, Hooks Marina at 249-2347, Terzia Tackle at 278-4498 or the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

LAKE POVERTY POINT – Crappie are beginning to move away from the banks with some caught in 8

foot water on shiners or jigs. Bream and catfish are biting and bass are fair this week. Some crappie are still shallow while others have moved to deeper water. For latest reports, call Poverty Point Marina at 318/878-0101.

LAKE ST. JOHN – The water is rising but some crappie are starting to move deeper. Catfishing is good while bream are just now starting. No report on bass. For information, call Ken Mahoney at 318-201-3821.

LAKE YUCATAN – The water is falling but still too high. No fishing this week. For information, call Surplus City Landing at 318/467-2259.

TENNIS

Special to the Minden Press-Herald

The Glenbrook Apache Netters opened their district tennis schedule with a dual match hosted by the Providence Classical School at the Bossier Tennis Center. Coach Wayne Orr’s Apaches are few in number, but four of the seven members have at least two seasons of experienced play. Orr noted, “Today’s match resulted in a 4 - 4 tie. Our senior and junior girls are the foundation of our team. Our first-

Glenbrook Netters Kickoff district schedule

year players are becoming more familiar with the strategies of play. I was pleased with our play, but we will be challenged by several more aggressive and experienced competitors as our schedule ends.”

GIRL’S SINGLES -- Mary-Evelyn King, playing the No. 1 slot, defeated Olivia Patton 6-0, 6-0. Katharyn Woodard, who has competed in doubles play her entire years, played the No. 2 singles spot, defeating Abby Hamm 6-0, 6-1. “Both Mary-Evelyn and

Katharyn met inexperienced players, but they used the play to improve their ground strokes and service placement. We will rely on both girls for points in our remaining matches,” added Orr.

GIRLS’ DOUBLES -- Senior Camille Marvin and freshman Allie King occupied the No. 1 doubles slot, defeating Paige Newton and Kinley Wells 8-3 in a pro-set. Woodard and Marvin played additional doubles matches, defeating Bailey Allison and Elise Hood 8-0. Allie King and

Gwenyth Lott teamed for a third girls’ doubles match, losing 8-2 to Kinley wells and Olivia Patton. “With the six courts available to us, we were able to play several different combinations of players in several positions. Providence has about twenty players, so a number of them were afforded an opportunity to compete,” stated Orr.

MIXED DOUBLES -- First-year competitors, the brother and duo of Gwenyth and Jackson Lott were defeated by Gracie Hood and An-



drew Newton, 8-5 in a pro-set. “I witnessed much improvement in their play; nerve and a degree of uncertainty affected their play. The closely-contested match

hinged on a break of serve in the ninth game. They will continue to improve their ground strokes and their ability of doubles’ play,” added Orr.

ATHLETICS

Warriors continue their athletic career on a college level



Lakeside students **Frances Robinson** and **Trey Sanders** signed to play sports at the next level during a joint celebration Wednesday in Sibley. Robinson will play softball at BPCC while Sanders signed to play Division 1 football at ULM.



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BASEBALL

Garcia’s Walk-Off Homer Secures Sunday Doubleheader Split

RUSTON, La. — Euphoria. Jubilation. Victory.

On an 0-1 pitch with two outs in the bottom of the seventh, first baseman Manny Garcia blasted a walk-off, two-run homer off the dormitories beyond the left-field wall to secure a series split with Southern Miss on Sunday afternoon at J.C. Love Field at Pat Patterson Park. Garcia trotted around the turf diamond at the Love Shack full of joy, discarding his batting helmet as he rounded third base before being mobbed by his Diamond Dog teammates at home plate.

The Caguas, Puerto Rico native completed an incredible 4-for-4 performance at the plate in game two with two home runs and four RBI. The final swing of the entire weekend surpassed them all, helping the Bulldogs win 7-6 and move to 8-1 on “championship” Sundays in 2021.

Garcia just missed a walk-off blast in game one, flying out to the warning track in left field to end the first contest on Sunday. Presented with another opportunity in game two, he didn’t miss.

“I just want to say, first things first, I didn’t have a great game in the first game, but my teammates kept backing me up and kept giving me energy,” Garcia said. “That last at-bat of the first game I thought I was close to getting one, and things happen.

“It’s baseball. In the second game, my approach was feeling better. I was looking for a pitch to hammer, and I tried to do the most damage I could do to win the ballgame for us.”

No. 13 LA Tech’s 7-6 victory marks its third one-run victory over Southern Miss this season. Five of the eight regular-season matchups between the Bulldogs

and Golden Eagles came down to a single run. Manny’s two-run blast in the series finale on Sunday cemented a 5-3 advantage for the Diamond Dogs in the season series.

Southern Miss (23-12, 10-5 C-USA) secured a one-run victory of its own in game one, holding off a charging rally from the Diamond Dogs in the final frame to win 12-11. The high-scoring affair featured six half-innings with three or more runs scored between the two offenses. An insurance run via a wild pitch in the top of the seventh proved to be the difference in game one.

“We played really well, and I didn’t have a whole lot to say after game one,” head coach Lane Burroughs said. “They’re a really good team, and I wasn’t disappointed.

“We never stopped fighting. In game two, Manny got it done. He just seems to keep getting big hit after big hit after big hit for us. He had a great summer, and he works hard. He never has a bad day. He loves playing this game.”

LA Tech (26-9, 12-4 C-USA) is now 3-2 in one-run games against the Golden Eagles in 2021. The Bulldogs will continue their stretch of 28 straight games against Conference USA opponents when they host Marshall for a four-game series at the Love Shack starting on Friday.

Game 2 Recap: No. 13 LA Tech 7, Southern Miss 6

After No. 13 LA Tech’s late rally fell short in game one, the Bulldogs’ offense stayed hot in game two, scoring a run in each of the first three innings to build an early 3-1 lead over the Golden Eagles. The same starting lineup from Tech’s shootout loss in game one stepped to the plate in game two, slugging its way 11 hits.

Southern Miss leadoff man Gabe Montenegro scored the game’s opening run after advancing to third on a wild pitch and then jogging on home an additional 90 feet via a throwing error from the catcher. The man of the evening, Manny Garcia, quickly showed off his hot bat in game two with a game-tying RBI single to knot the contest at 1-1 in the first.

Designated hitter Ben Brantley put the Bulldogs in front in the second with a one-out single to left field, scoring Cole McConnell from second after the left fielder led off the inning with a double. Garcia then smashed his first homer of game two with a solo shot on the first pitch of his second at-bat, making it 3-1 Bulldogs in the third. All three of Tech’s first three RBI came on 0-0 counts.

Southern Miss trimmed LA Tech’s lead to 3-2 with a sacrifice fly from Reed Trimble in the fifth. The Bulldogs answered in the bottom half, posting a two spot on the scoreboard to make it 5-2 after five. Leadoff batter Taylor Young once again served as the catalyst for the Bulldog offense, coming home to score LA Tech’s fourth run on a wild pitch after delivering a one-out single earlier in the frame. Right fielder Philip Matulia then did damage once again early in the count off USM pitching, lining a two-out RBI double down the left-field line to plate centerfielder Parker Bates from third base.

The Golden Eagles, however, would not go quietly, pushing across four runs in the sixth to take their first lead since the top of the first. Pinch hitter Slade Wilks smacked a game-tying three-run homer to knot the game at 5-5 before Danny Lynch smacked a two-out single to plate Dustin Dickerson for a



TOM MORRIS/COURTESY PHOTO

The Bulldogs have outscored their opponents 195-91 in weekend games in 2021.

6-5 advantage.

A pair of zeros from both offenses in the bottom of the sixth and the top of the seventh then set the stage for Garcia’s late-game heroics. In typical Bulldog rally fashion, Young opened the inning with an infield single to shortstop. Back-to-back flyouts then made the Bulldogs face their final out of the series.

Hard-throwing USM reliever Aubrey Gillentine started off Garcia with a breaking ball, putting him behind in the count 0-1. Gillentine then tried to power a fastball by the right-hot first baseman.

It didn’t work.

Garcia timed it up, deposited it beyond the wall in left field and then trotted around the bases for the walk-off homer. The two-run blast made him the second Bulldog this season to hammer two home runs in the same game and the first since Young accomplished the feat in the season opener against Air Force at Alex Box Stadium.

Game 1 Recap: Southern Miss 12, No. 13 LA Tech 11

In a wild game one of Sunday’s doubleheader, Southern Miss was able to hold off LA Tech’s repeated attempts at offensive rallies to notch the 12-11 victory. After the Golden Eagles jumped ahead 5-0 in the first, LA Tech launched two home runs in the bottom half to cut USM’s lead to 5-4. Centerfielder Parker Bates smashed a three-run shot to right center before Philip Matulia lined a homer over the wall in center field to make it a one-run ballgame after the first.

Southern Miss and LA Tech traded runs in four of the game’s seven innings, posting just six scoreless team at-bats in the seven-inning contest. The Golden Eagles stretched their lead to 8-4 with three runs in the fourth, which centerfielder Reed Trimble capped off with a two-run single with one down in the frame.

Catcher Jorge Corona wasted no time in the bottom half, launching his first home run of the year on the inning’s opening pitch to cut USM’s lead to 8-5. Three more runs in the top of the fifth pushed USM’s lead to its biggest total of the day, using a pair of singles to plate three more Golden Eagles to make it 11-5.

The Bulldogs, however, answered with a three spot of their own in the bottom of the fifth. Corona drove in his second run of the day with an RBI single before pinch hitter Shemar Page lined a two-out, two-RBI single to right field to cut the deficit to three.

A temporary pause in scoring occurred in the sixth before a wild pitch scored what turned out to be the game-winning run in the top of the seventh. Pinch runner Brady Faust scored on the wild pitch to make it 12-8 Southern Miss entering the bottom of the seventh.

With two outs in the inning, LA Tech manufactured three runs to draw the game within a single run at 12-11. Leadoff batter Taylor Young laced a double down the left-field line to cut the USM lead to 12-9. Hunter Wells, who extended his hitting streak to 20 games earlier in game one, then singled on a 1-2 pitch to drive in two more LA Tech runs.

Southern Miss closer Garrett Ramsey then entered with a runner on first and two away. Bates lined a single off the USM closer on a 1-2 pitch to put a runner in scoring position for Manny Garcia. Unlike in the series finale, Garcia’s hack sailed just short of a walk-off home run as the first baseman fled out to the warning track on a 0-0 pitch.

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Monday's unlisted clue: FOUND

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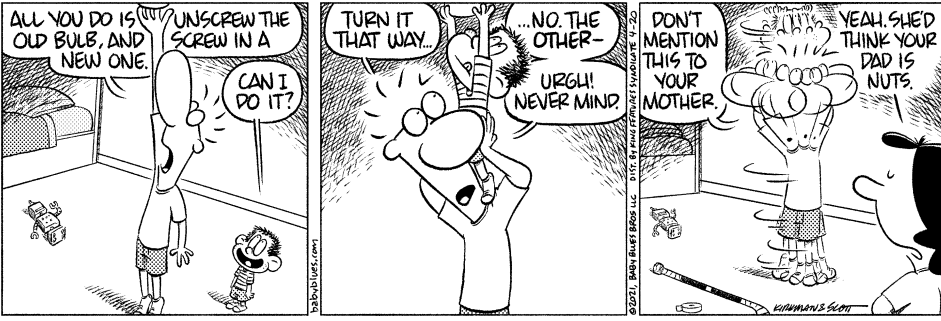
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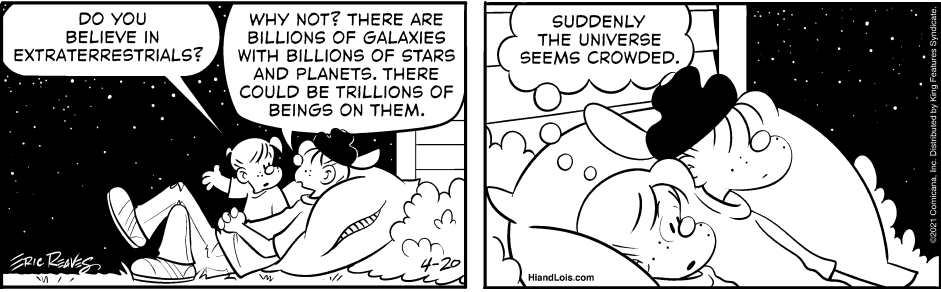
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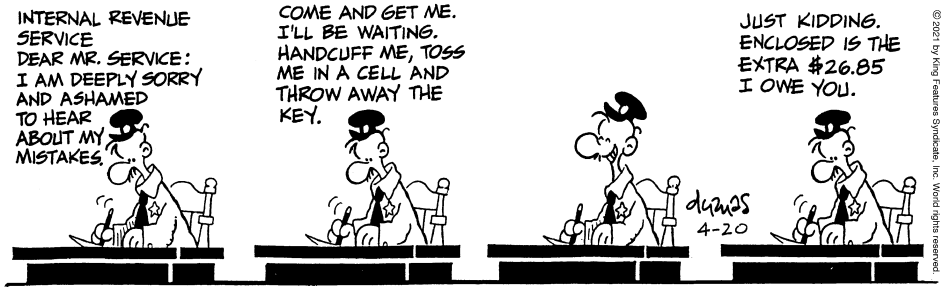
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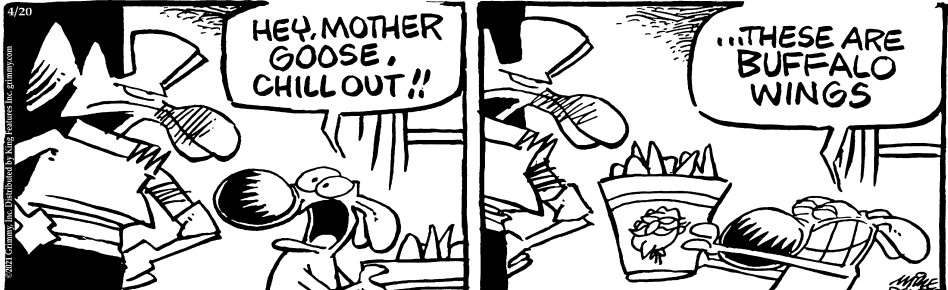
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF MINDEN, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN IN SPECIAL SESSION HELD ON APRIL 15, 2021.

The Minden City Council met at City Hall, Minden, Louisiana, beginning at 9:00 a.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 Terika Williams-Walker and Wayne Edwards led the Pledge of Allegiance. Wayne Edwards moved to table action regarding the new job description and department position entitled Accounting Clerk in Department 08 until a full-time City Clerk is hired as recommended by the Personnel Committee. The motion was duly seconded by Terika Williams-Walker and the vote was as follows: Ayes: Wayne Edwards, Terika Williams-Walker and Vincen Bradford. Nays: Michael Roy and Pam Bloxom. Absent: None. Abstain: None. The motion carried. Wayne Edwards moved to authorize the Mayor to negotiate,

enter into and sign a contract with WildThang Custom Meats for concession services at the Minden Recreation Complex provided that no alcohol sales are permitted at the park. The motion was duly seconded by Vincen Bradford and carried unanimously. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. Terry L. Gardner, Mayor ATTEST: Martha Conly, Assistant City Clerk
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