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CRIME

Sarepta man found guilty of first degree rape of a child

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On Friday, May 14, after three hours of deliberation, a 12 person jury unanimously found 54-year-old Michael Wayne Duck guilty of one count of First Degree Rape of a Child Under Thirteen Years of Age and one count of Second Degree Rape. Duck was arrested following an extensive investigation by the Webster Parish Sheriff's Department. One of the minor victims contacted the Webster Parish Sheriff's Office and reported that her step-father had been sexually assaulting her. During the course of the investigation, multiple other family members revealed they were also sexually assaulted by Duck. The jury heard testimony from Detective Teresa Rogers and Detective Heather Boucher, both experts in the fields of clinical psychology, DNA analysis, and sexual assault examinations as well as from multiple



DUCK

other victims who came forward during the investigation.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys Jimbo Yocom and Hugo Holland. District Attorney Schuyler Marvin thanked the Webster Parish Sheriff's Office for their hard work and dedication finding justice for these young children.

"It is the height of evil that Michael Duck would stand before you and ask that you find him innocent when innocence is the very thing he stole from these young children," said Assistant District Attorney Jimbo Yocom.

Mr. Duck was remanded to the custody of the sheriff awaiting a pre-sentence investigation. Sentencing by Judge Michael Craig is set for July 7, 2021. The sentence for First Degree Rape is a mandatory life sentence. Mr. Duck faces up to an additional 30 years for the charge of Second Degree Rape. Duck was represented by Eric Johnson and Eric Whitehead of the Johnson Law Firm.

WATER TOURISM ON THE RISE

WILL PHILLIPS
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Webster Parish Tourism hosted another successful kayaking event this year, with their Lake Bistineau Paddle bringing in over 100 people from all over the tri state area who wanted to get their feet wet and try some paddling in Lake Bistineau's beautiful waters.

'We counted 132 pad-

dlers today and I am so proud of that! Thank you to my friends from Bayou Chapter of the Ozark Society and H2GO Paddle for coming out today and helping us publicize the event," said Serena Gray, Director of Webster Parish Tourism.

"I can't believe I get to do something like this for a living. We met folks from Pineville, Baton Rouge, Monroe, Texas, Arkansas and Mississippi. I especially

appreciate everyone's kind words regarding their experience because that's what this is all about. Giving people an opportunity to get outdoors and explore. Seeing everyone's smiles filled my heart. Hats off to another great paddle!"

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“Click it or Ticket” City of Minden Kicks Off High Visibility Enforcement

Minden, LA - Minden Police Department wants to remind motorists to Click It Or Ticket. In order to enforce this reminder, Minden Police Department will be stepping up enforcement beginning May 24, 2021 "Our Officer's will be enforcing these Law," said Chief, Steve Cropper.

As part of the national Click it or Ticket campaign, the Minden Police

Department and Webster Parish Sheriff's Office, along with agencies around the country, will be stepping up their efforts May 24 - June 6, 2021, as a part of a larger, national Click It Or Ticket mobilization.

"Memorial Day weekend kicks off the summer vacation season

and we want to make sure everyone arrives at their destination safe and sound," Minden Police Chief said. "If you are not wearing your seat belt you will be ticketed."

About 61% of drivers do not wear their seat belts at night, which is when the majority of unbelted fatalities occur.



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Law enforcement will write citations day and night with a zero-tolerance approach. "We are determined to bring those numbers down," Chief Cropper said. "There are too many people are dying on the roads, and many of those deaths could have been prevented if people took the simple step of wearing their seatbelts."

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SECOND FRONT

LEGISLATION

House committee approves concealed carry without permit in Louisiana

(The Center Square) – Louisiana lawmakers advanced another proposal Wednesday to allow state residents to carry a concealed firearm without a permit or training. Senate Bill 118 by Sen. Jay Morris, a West Monroe Republican, would apply to adults who are at least age 21 and have not been convicted of a felony or violent crime. His bill retains the prohibition against carrying a concealed gun while under

the influence of alcohol or drugs. Concealed carriers still would be required to disclose that they have a weapon and submit to a search when asked by law enforcement, which would have the right to disarm the carriers. House Bill 596 by Rep. Bryan Fontenot, R-Thibodaux, has the same goal and is awaiting a Senate committee hearing. Supporters of the change argue law-abiding citizens have a con-

stitutional right to carry concealed weapons unless there is a compelling reason to stop them from doing so. Opponents argue that requiring training and a permit to carry a concealed firearm is an appropriate safeguard for the public that falls under the Second Amendment’s call for a “well regulated Militia.” Gov. John Bel Edwards, a Democrat who generally supports gun rights, is opposed to the change.

Democratic polling firm ALG Research, working with a pro-Edwards group, found that 80% of state residents favor requiring a permit and training, including 73% of Republicans. Rep. Denise Marcelle, D-Baton Rouge, said she had received a flood of emails from people opposed to Morris’ bill and asked him whether he had considered letting voters make the decision. Morris said voters already

“overwhelmingly” have approved a state constitutional amendment enacted in 2012 calling for “strict scrutiny” of any restriction of gun rights. Most of the testimony in the House Administration of Criminal Justice Committee came Wednesday from opponents of the change, including representatives of law enforcement and faith-based groups. “When it comes to constitutional rights, they are

not unconstrained,” said Karen White, executive counsel for the Louisiana Municipal Association. White said Louisiana’s laws around concealed weapons are based on the notion that carriers complete mandatory training and earn a permit. If the permit requirement is removed, lawmakers should revisit the related statutes, she said.

Louisiana House tackles road funding, emergency orders, hunting and fishing license fees

(The Center Square) – The Louisiana House has voted to stop the state highway department from using gasoline taxes to fund salaries and benefits. The change is meant to free up money for road and bridge construction in the absence of a higher gasoline tax. Rep. Mark Wright, the Covington Republican who authored House Bill 40, said his bill would “get us spending the equivalent of doubling a gas tax.” The amount of gas tax money the Department of

Transportation and Development could use to pay its employees would be reduced over seven years until reaching zero. DOTD would be forced to rely on general fund dollars to fund operations, which could lead to less money for other priorities. Wright said using general fund dollars for DOTD salaries would make the House Appropriations Committee better able to have oversight over the department’s budget. HB 40 passed the House on Tuesday with a

61-31 vote. House Bill 511 by Rep. Jack McFarland, R-Jonesboro, has similar goals and is awaiting a Senate committee hearing. The House voted 57-33 to allow either chamber of the Louisiana Legislature to alter a governor’s emergency order, such as the orders Gov. John Bel Edwards used to impose COVID-19 mitigation measures. Under current law, either body can scrap an entire emergency order but can’t pick and choose which measures to keep or reject; that law

has been found unconstitutional by a district judge. “I think the law is constitutional,” said Rep. Larry Frieman, R-Abita Springs, who authored House Bill 149. Frieman amended his bill so it wouldn’t go into effect until after Edwards leaves office. He said he wanted to make clear that his proposal was not partisan or targeted at a particular governor.

Rep. Tony Bacala, R-Prairieville, got two chances with House Bill 691, which seeks to raise the cost of hunting and fishing licenses to provide funding for the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. LDWF Secretary Jack Montoucet said he would prefer that people who use the resources his department provides pay the department’s cost as much as possible, as opposed to general taxpayer

ers. The first vote was 68-28, two votes short of the two-thirds majority needed to raise taxes or fees. After making several changes, including spreading out cost increases over three years instead of two, eliminating a proposed increase for a lifetime license and exempting commercial shrimpers, the bill advanced, 79-20.

GAS IN AMERICA

Most expensive summer gas prices since 2014 predicted as more Americans plan to hit the road

(GAS BUDDY) - We are conflicted about summer travel this year. With more people vaccinated and the economy opening, 57 percent of Americans plan to take at least one road trip this summer, up substantially from 2020’s 31 percent, according to GasBuddy’s annual summer travel survey. The biggest roadblock? High gas prices. The national average price of gasoline is expected to be \$2.98 per gallon on Memorial Day, a slight drop from current prices but a \$1.02 increase over the holiday weekend last year. This will also be the highest they have been on Memorial Day since 2014 when it reached \$3.66. Exacerbating the price spike is the cyberattack on the Colonial Pipeline just weeks ahead of the busy travel season. The pipeline delivers 45 percent of the gasoline supply to the Southeast and was shut down for six days causing massive panic and fuel

shortages. “The numbers are clear: people are itching to travel as the nation recovers from Covid-19 but are frustrated with some of the highest holiday weekend gas prices in quite some time,” said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy. “Gas prices have been increasing for months due to the continued rise in gasoline demand as a myriad of destinations reopen ahead of the summer driving season. The Colonial Pipeline shutdown only highlighted how much more reliant consumers have become on gasoline since the pandemic hit. Drivers don’t need to worry too much though, as there is an end in sight. Prices should ease up ahead of the holiday, mainly in areas where the pipeline challenges were most severe. Be warned that a rebound may happen as we approach midsummer,

should gasoline demand rise to near-record levels.” Forty-six percent surveyed say that high gas prices are directly impacting their travel plans compared to only 4 percent saying so in 2020. Determined to get out on the road this summer at almost double the rate of last year, Americans’ number one priority is avoiding high travel costs over pandemic concerns. And, as most will be traveling by car, that includes saving money on gas. “Highlighting how important the rising price of fuel has again become, the Pay with GasBuddy program saw intense interest during gas shortages last week,” said De Haan, “We expect that trend to continue as people hit the road during Memorial Day weekend. More than ever, we’re looking for reliable, convenient, and cost-effective ways to fill up.”



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OBITUARIES



Gloria Dean Pickrom Wright

Gloria Dean Pickrom Wright was born June 3, 1946 to her loving parents, Jay Lee and Edna Mae Pickrom. Always a talkative and intelligent child, Gloria accepted Christ at an early age and excelled in honors classes and various extracurricular activities in school. Gloria was at the top of her high school graduating class and went on to pursue her higher education at Grambling State University. She obtained both her Bachelor's and Master's degrees and she completed 30 additional post-graduate hours to become a Master Teacher.

While at college, Gloria met Dionell Wright. Dionell fondly told anyone and everyone that it was love at first sight for him and he knew that Gloria would be his wife. Dionell and Gloria were married for 53 beautiful years. To this union, two boys were born: Dionell Wright II and Stephen Dean Wright, affectionately known to everyone as Tracy and Stevie. Gloria doted on her boys and was so proud to be their mother. Gloria was a loving woman who would not hesitate to help anyone in need. Mrs. Wright was a beloved teacher at Minden High School. She taught her students the importance of reading, writing, public speaking, self-discipline, strength, confidence, and more. Mrs. Wright was nominated and awarded the prestigious Who's

Who in American Education award not once, but twice. She was an outstanding educator and taught for more than 30 years. Mrs. Gloria P. Wright was called home to the Lord on May 15, 2021. Gloria passed away peacefully, surrounded by her family. She leaves to cherish her memory her children Tracy and Stevie (Diane), her grandchildren Sierra, Brittany, Elijuan, and Shavenski (Erica), her great-grandchildren Zadyn, Ziya, and Chancellor, as well as a host of siblings, cousins, students, and friends. Services for Mrs. Wright will be held Saturday, May 22, 2021 at 1:00pm at the 14th District Building. Fellowship to follow at 1301 Sibley Road.



Elvis R. Culverhouse

Funeral services for Elvis R. Culverhouse will be held Friday, May 21, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at First Assembly of God Church in Minden, Louisiana with Bro. Dee Anderson officiating. Interment will follow at Gardens of Memory in Minden, Louisiana under the di-

rection of Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Minden. The family will receive friends from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. Thursday, May 20, 2021 at Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Minden. Elvis was born May 9, 1934 in Fryeburg, Louisiana and entered into rest May 17, 2021 in Bossier, Louisiana. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Joyce Culverhouse and son, Dwayne Culverhouse. He is survived by his wife Irma Culverhouse of

Minden, daughter Denise Cloud and husband Sean of Tennessee and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Pallbearers will be Adam Martin, Darren Lee, Todd Buffington, Te Mitchell, John Bierden, and Danny Dean.
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Donald Ray Hatchett

Graveside service for Donald Ray Hatchett will be held May 29, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. at Gardens of Memory Cemetery in Minden, Louisiana. Donald was born September 3, 1958 in Minden, Louisiana and entered into rest May 16, 2021 in Minden, Louisiana. He was preceded in death by his father, Curtis Hatchett, sister Teresa Ann Covington, and nephews Wyatt Parks and Finley Carty. He is survived by his mother, Dorothy Pevy

Hatchett; brother Dwayne Hatchett and wife Jakki; nieces and nephews, Jessica Loveland and husband Steve, Hailey Parks, Tim Carty, Peter Covington and wife Brandy, Patrick Harber, Chance Whitten, and Peyton Parks, and great nieces and nephews, Xavier Whitten, Lucas Whitten, Jeff Parks, Josephine Carty, Henry Loveland, Nora Loveland, Cameron Carty, McKenzie Cole, Dalton Harber, and Koda Rosypal.
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Anthony "Tony" Shea Newman

Anthony "Tony" Shea Newman Tony was born March 27, 1971 in New Iberia, La. and entered in to rest April 30, 2021 in Minden after a brief illness. He loved people, good music, good food and good times. Tony always saw the good in everyone. He will truly be missed by his many friends and family. He always said he was blessed to have had two mothers. Diane Pellerin, who died in a car ac-

cident and Patricia (BB) Newman who passed away in 2012. He is also preceded in death by his father B.D. Newman and his beloved sister, Donna Lynn Newman. He is survived by his brother Dean Newman and many nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, cousins and friends. The family would like to give a special thanks to MMC, Brint Fagley and his special friends at Minden Motel who always went above and beyond for Tony. There will be a private family memorial scheduled for a later date.



Barbara Sue Kendrick

Barbara Sue Kendrick, 81 of Minden, Louisiana, left this earth, May 17, 2021 to go home to be with our Lord, Jesus Christ. A long-time resident of Baytown, Texas, Sue was known for her jolly attitude and her incredible spirit. She loved and was loved by all she met. She was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church. She was born on February 29, 1940 in Cleveland, TX. She was a leap year baby that had just had her 20th official birthday. She always got a kick out of that fact. She is preceded in death by her husband, Billy

Kendrick, brother, William Foster and sister, Myrtle Ann Huron. She is survived by her sons, Thomas Kendrick and Paul Kendrick, Jr of Ezzell, TX; daughter, DeDe Griffith of Minden, Louisiana and sister, Nancy French of Uvalde, TX. She is also survived by grandchildren, Evan Griffith, Preston Griffith and wife, Shelby Griffith; great-grandchildren, Franklin Ellis Griffith and Cora Lee Griffith of Minden, Louisiana. Sue lived in Texas for 79 years and always felt Texas was her home. A memorial in her honor will be held at a future date in Baytown.
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OTHER OPINION

We must stand with, protect and defend Israel

"IF THE ARABS PUT DOWN THEIR WEAPONS TODAY, THERE WOULD BE NO MORE VIOLENCE. IF THE JEWS PUT DOWN THEIR WEAPONS TODAY, THERE WOULD BE NO MORE ISRAEL."

Benjamin Netanyahu

On May 14, 1948, 73 years ago, Israel became an independent nation state. It was soon attacked and has been ever since. As rockets again rain down on Israel—a country of about 9 million that's roughly the size of New Jersey—from the Gaza Strip the world is again confronted with a narrative that never changes: much of the Middle East—and their proxies—seeks the annihilation of that country as an article of faith and first principle of their governments.

The current violence being imposed on Israel is being carried out by terror groups Hamas, the Iran-supported Palestinian militant group, and Palestinian Islamic Jihad. Over 1,800 rockets have been fired into the country in the last few days with most of them targeting Israeli civilians. (There would be far more harm done and deaths resulting without Israel's Iron Dome missile defense system which exists with U.S financial and technical support).

What we must understand

is that Hamas runs the Palestinian government in Gaza even though every recent U.S. Administration, Republican or Democrat, has declared Hamas a terrorist organization. So, this terrorist organization that is the elected government of Gaza is firing missiles and rockets into the civilian population of Israel. However, when Israel defends itself and responds Hamas often puts children in



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front of the targets it knows Israel is likely to attack so when they are killed H a m a s can dishonestly appear to claim the moral high ground by accusing Israel of killing innocent children. This is truly sickening but a simple if grotesque summary of Israel's existence.

The Biden Administration has now ham-handedly responded with a call for "de-escalation" of this situation as though there is a moral equivalence between the unprovoked attacks on Israel by these terror groups and Israel's unquestioned right to defend itself. This new conflict reveals

the stark contrast between the Trump Administration, which shepherded a number of historic peace agreements in the Middle East (and for which President Trump has received multiple Nobel Peace Prize nominations), and the Biden Administration, which in 4 months has led to the outbreak of a new war in the Middle East.

(The Biden Administration is modeling its Middle East policy after the Obama Administration which clearly and conspicuously favored Iran. Recall President Obama's disastrous nuclear "deal" in which Iran "committed" to halting its development of enriched uranium for at least 10 years. In return, it had strict economic sanctions lifted and received billions of dollars from the Obama Administration. This cash was very likely used by Iran to fund acts of terror, wars, and purchase weapons to kill Americans and Israelis. This is all a fraud. Iran cannot be trusted. The only way to insure that a perennially bad and dangerous actor like Iran stops developing nuclear weapons is to destroy its capability to do so and then closely monitor it).

Israel is simply unlike any of the U.S.'s other allies in the world and there are many reasons Americans passionately love and support it. Those reasons include its ancient reli-

gious history and sacred role as the birthplace of Christianity and origin of the Judeo-Christian tradition. Its eternal significance is founded on its connection and proximity to Christ's birth, death, resurrection, and ascension into Heaven. They also include God's promise to Abraham that the Jews were His chosen people and that He would grant to Abraham and his descendants the land that is Israel today. Lastly, Israel has always been America's strongest ally in the region and one of its strongest allies in the world.

The Biden Administration must quickly and clearly signal to the world that it will stand with Israel. The U.S. cannot appear to accept that there is any moral equivalence between the actions of Israel and these terrorists. There is none and America undermines its credibility in the world and weakens our trusted ally when it hesitates to decisively note and embrace this fact. As we learned from President Obama's cowardly and impotent "red line" approach to Syria after it gassed its own people, when the U.S appears to hesitate between good and evil, evil forces like Hamas—and its sponsor, Iran—are emboldened.

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OTHER OPINION

Bibi & Hamas — Only winners in Gaza war

"Israel is Winning Battles, Hamas is Winning the War."

So ran the headline in the Jerusalem Post atop an analysis of the Gaza war, which began, "The IDF is registering great achievements in Operation Guardian of the Walls, but meanwhile the house appears to be collapsing from within."

Hard to disagree.

Consider this New York Times commentary about Israel's prime minister from the runner-up to the Democratic presidential nominee in the primaries of 2016 and 2020, Sen. Bernie Sanders:

"Mr. Netanyahu has cultivated an increasingly intolerant and authoritarian type of racist nationalism ...(and) legitimized these forces ... by bringing them into the government. ... Racist mobs that attack Palestinians on the streets of Jerusalem now have representation in its Knesset."

Sanders' wing of the party is moving toward the Palestinian side of the conflict. "Israeli air strikes killing civilians in Gaza is an act of terrorism," says Rep. Ilhan Omar of Minnesota.

Tweets Michigan's Rep. Rashida Tlaib: "Israel targeting media sources is so the world can't see Israel's war crimes led by the apartheid-in-chief Netanyahu. It's so the world can't see the killing of babies, children and their parents. It's so the world can't see Palestinians being massacred."

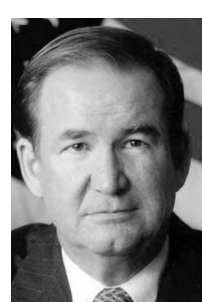
Wisconsin Rep. Mark Pocan concurs: "We cannot just condemn rockets fired by Hamas and ignore Israel's state-sanctioned police violence against Palestin-

ians — including unlawful evictions, violent attacks on protestors & the murder of Palestinian children ... US aid should not be funding this violence."

While Israeli attacks are killing Hamas commanders and destroying the sites from which Hamas has fired 3,000 rockets, Israel is suffering serious and intangible losses.

Palestinians in Jerusalem and on the West Bank have risen in solidarity with Arabs and Muslims in Gaza. A dozen were slain last week.

Arab citizens of Israel are daily fighting Jews in cities like Jaffa, Acre and Lod. Writes the Post: "With riots shaking all parts of Israel," the country "is being torn apart from within."



PATRICK BUCHANAN

Beyond Gaza, Jerusalem, the West Bank and Israel, Lebanon and Jordanians are protesting on the border. In U.S. and European cities like Berlin, London, Paris and Madrid, protesters numbering in the thousands and tens of thousands are marching in solidarity with the Palestinians and condemnation of Israel as a racist and an "apartheid" regime.

Saturday's morning attack that brought down Gaza's 12-story tower that housed the Associated Press

and Al Jazeera caused a backlash in much of Western media against Israel, which claims the building contained an Hamas intelligence center and was a legitimate target.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and President Joe Biden have come out in defense of Israel's right to attack sites from which rockets are being fired into Israel. Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, however, has been more muted in backing Israel's attacks on Gaza.

The GOP seems more solidly behind Israel. More than three dozen Senate Republicans last week urged Biden to "unequivocally" support Israel's right to defend itself and to "immediately" end negotiations with Iran on sanctions relief, charging Tehran with supporting terrorist activity by Hamas against Israel.

In a letter to Biden, 44 Republican senators wrote:

"Over the past couple days, Palestinian terrorists in Gaza, who are funded by Iran, have launched a series of rocket attacks into Israel. They are targeting Israeli civilians and cities, including Israel's capital Jerusalem."

Where Israel goes from here, however, is currently unclear.

President Donald Trump's Abraham Accords, in which the UAE, Bahrain, Morocco and Sudan established relations with Israel, appear now to be on hold.

For, on Sunday, a statement by the 57-nation Organization of Islamic Cooperation called for an immediate halt to what it described as Israel's barbaric attacks on Gaza and blamed "systematic

crimes" against the Palestinians for the fighting which has lasted for a week.

The OIC statement came after a virtual meeting in which Saudi Arabia condemned Israel's violation of the sanctity of Muslim holy sites and evictions of Palestinians from their homes in East Jerusalem.

Clearly, the principal winner from this conflict is Bibi Netanyahu, who was within days of being replaced as prime minister by an opposition coalition when fighting erupted. He is now seen by Israelis as a decisive war leader, defending the country from thousands of rockets and severely pushing the enemies firing those rockets.

As for the two-state solution to which the world has been committed for decades, that prospect seems further from reality than ever.

Having seen what Hamas is capable of and willing to do, what Israeli will be eager to enter a peace agreement with the Palestinians that would mean vacating much of the West Bank, sharing Jerusalem as the capital of both countries, and a Palestinian right of return to lands from which their families were driven in the 1948-1949 Israeli War of Independence, which Palestinians remember as the Nakba, or catastrophe.

A military truce may be at hand, but that is all it will be — a truce before the next round of fighting.

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

LOCAL EVENTS

The Authentic Bonnie and Clyde Festival 2021

The Authentic Bonnie & Clyde Festival Committee invites you to join us in Gibsland, La. on Friday night May 28, 2021 and all day Saturday, May 29, 2021 for our 28th festival as we take you back to 1934 with events planned for the Bonnie and Clyde Festival. This year's festival is being held in honor of all Law Enforcement Officers and First Responders who commit their lives to serving our citizens and communities. You will witness five factual reenactments of mock bank robberies and shoot outs in the streets! This festival began in May 1993 because visitors were stopping and inquiring at Gibsland City Hall and the local gas stations for information about Bonnie & Clyde and requesting instructions to the marker at the ambush site. We started with a couple of shoot outs and now have five including re-creating the ambush at the site! The Authentic Bonnie & Clyde Museum was opened in 1996 to have a place to display Bonnie & Clyde items and pictures and hold festival planning meetings. We also

sell the official festival t-shirts and souvenirs in the museum during the festival and all year long to help with festival expenses. On May 23, 1934 Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow purchased their last meal at Ma Canfield's Café in Gibsland and headed to their hide-out. At 9:15 a.m. nine miles southwest of Gibsland on highway 154 Bonnie and Clyde were blasted into history as Bonnie still held her half-eaten sandwich. Bullets pounded into Clyde's stolen V-8 Ford as the two met their death. Hidden in the brush on top of a hill, six officers (four of them from Texas and two from Louisiana) pumped over a hundred bullets into their car before Bonnie or Clyde could raise a hand, or a gun, in self-defense. They blasted Clyde's Ford because they were afraid he was about to shoot his way out of the trap set for them. The ambush made headlines around the globe and gave birth to a legend that has long out-lived the officers who ambushed them. The festival aims to show that crime does not pay and

aims to honor the four Texas officers and the Bienville Parish Sheriff and Chief Deputy who put their life on the line to end the career of the notorious outlaws. The festival also aims to honor the law officers today who put their lives on the line for us every day. Persons interested in the history of Bonnie and Clyde are asked to join us as the festival begins on Friday, May 28, 2021 with a gathering of historians and crime buffs at 6:00 p.m. at the Gibsland Bank Annex, next door to Gibsland Grill. Admission to the meeting will be \$12.00 and includes a delicious meal of jambalaya, salad, dessert and tea until we run out! Perry Carver, owner of the Ambush Museum, has gathered several speakers for the much-anticipated event! Come early Saturday morning and enjoy a pancake breakfast at the Gibsland Lion's Club building from 8:00-10:00 a.m. for \$5.00 per plate. There have been surprise visits from outlaws during this breakfast so don't miss the excitement! Our continuous live entertain-

ment outside will begin at 9:00 a.m. We are excited to have various local entertainers to entertain throughout the day. At 11:00 a.m. there will be a look-alike contest for Bonnie and Clyde. Fifty dollars each will be given to the best look-alike for Bonnie and Clyde. There will also be a Bonnie and Clyde look-alike contest for children with the prize being \$25 for each child chosen. Please plan to dress up and join in the fun in front of city hall at this time! A schedule of events will be posted at Gibsland Grill, The Authentic Bonnie and Clyde Museum and the Ambush Museum. There will be games for the children as well as Bingo games for all to enjoy. At 12:00 there will be a parade with many antique cars, floats, motorcycles, etc. to thrill the viewers! The streets will come to life Saturday with the sound of guns firing blanks. The gangster group "Public Enemies" puts the "authentic" in "The Authentic Bonnie and Clyde Festival" by reenacting the shoot-outs with actors, dressed in clothing of that time pe-

riod, portraying Bonnie and Clyde, their gang and law enforcement officers. They will be driving antique automobiles and armed with blank-firing submachine guns bringing this period of history alive to visitors and hometown folks. Five shoot-outs are scheduled for this year's festival with each shoot-out being different from the others and based on actual things Bonnie and Clyde did during that period of time. The shoot-outs are scheduled downtown for 10:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. and at 4:30 p.m. gun smoke will billow from the trees as the Bonnie and Clyde ambush is re-created at the spot where the famous outlaws died. The automobile will come to rest in a ditch, just as the real death car did 87 years ago! The Authentic Bonnie and Clyde Museum will be open Friday and Saturday all day with free admission. The official festival t-shirts will be sold in The Authentic Bonnie and Clyde Museum, prices beginning at \$15.00 each (\$20.00 for sizes XXL and larger) along

with other souvenirs such as magnets, buttons, aprons, mugs, koozies, shot glasses, caps and other items. Gibsland Bank and Trust's vendor space will also be selling the official festival shirts and souvenirs. Proceeds from these official festival shirts and souvenirs are what provide this wonderful festival for everyone to attend, so please be sure and purchase your souvenir items at The Authentic Bonnie and Clyde Museum or at Gibsland Bank's vendor space to help with expenses for the festival! Don't forget to visit the Ambush Museum that occupies the exact historical location in Gibsland, La. of Ma Canfield's Café where Bonnie and Clyde purchased their meal for the last time. You can visit with the owner, Perry Carver and enjoy seeing many items collected by Ken Holmes and L. J. "Boots" Hinton. Make plans to be in Gibsland, La. on May 28 & 29, 2021 for excitement and great fun!! For more information you can call Gibsland Bank and Trust at (318) 843-6228.

STORIES FROM THE BACK PORCH

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I rarely get on my soap-box as I know it doesn't do anything but rile the people who are involved in my rant. And often, it isn't intended to be a rant, but just a question of what or why. But recently, I have been quite perturbed about the newscasts that never finish a story. You are watching the evening news and just as the announcer gets to the heart of the story, he says, "To learn more about this story, go to our webpage and read the rest of it." Don't you hate it? Or am I the only one who gets disturbed when they more or less give you the headline and then a teaser. You are left wondering what really happened past the headline. Was the story really newsworthy? Was it newsworthy but there are many more they need to "tease" you with? I never follow up by looking at the website. If it is important, the entire story should be told. I have almost quit watching the newscasts because of that. I can remember when the newscasters were really that. If they began a story, they went ahead and finished it. You were not left won-

dering what happened. They gave you the news. All of the news. That is one reason I prefer getting the news in print. The entire story is included. If there are too many "front page" stories, they merely jump to another page to give the conclusion of each one. I really don't mind going to another page to find the conclusion of a story I am interested in but I probably won't go to a webpage. And what about those people who do not have access to a device to look up a website? How are they supposed to get the rest of the story? Or do those people not matter? I did not have a journalism background when I went to work as a news reporter and later news editor, so I had to learn a lot of new terms and what they related to. The first time I was told that we would have to jump the end of the story to leave room for other front worthy news, I was puzzled. But it was explained and I made use of the jump quite often after that. There are usually several stories that merit front page placement and it's often hard to make a decision on what is consid-

ered a "front". After the decisions are made, one might have to reevaluate the placement of some of the stories. If, however, there are several deemed worthy, that is when the jump is brought into play. Now, I realize the television crew cannot use a jump, therefore they resort to the "go to our webpage" for the rest of the story. They might just consider what is really front page worthy and complete the story before going to the next one. It is not my intention to criticize the television stations and I'm not really angry about the matter. I know they have to make decisions about the stories they share, but I would just like to hear all of the story. I'm hoping there isn't a backlash due to this little opinion piece as it was just my way of opening up on this matter. Perhaps I should have taken a less public means to share my views. I won't quit watching the news because of this, (and how would they know or even care if I did) But I will keep seeking out my newspapers for "the rest of the story."

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FANNIE MOORE

LOCAL EVENTS

Wear Your Life Jacket to Work Day and Boating Safety Week in Minden



Wear Your Life Jacket at Work Day is May 21, 2021 as part of the Safe Boating Campaign, a global awareness effort that encourages boaters to make the most of their boating adventure by being responsible. Jerry Madden and Jana Morgan, President of the Greater Minden Chamber, are championing the campaign locally, encouraging local businesses to take part to raise awareness for safe boating practices. Mayor Terry Gardner Officially proclaimed the

week of May 22 through May 28 as Boating Safety Week in Minden with local organizations and community leaders present to showcase the City's full support when it comes to promoting boating safety. U.S. Coast Guard statistics show that drowning was reported as the cause of death in 79 percent of all boating fatalities. Approximately 86 percent of those who drowned were not wearing life jackets. In a survey conducted by the National Safe Boat-

ing Council, it showed that boaters who are aware of the campaign are more likely to wear life jackets compared to those who are unaware. So doing one's part to help is really nothing more than spreading awareness about the campaign itself and the safe boating practices that it promotes. More information about the campaign and boater safety can be found at their website, safeboatingcampaign.com.

AROUND TOWN

UCAP Needs for Week of May 17:

Food: chicken & dump-
lings, biscuit mix, corn-
bread mix

Clothing: men's socks

Household Goods and
Toiletries: toothbrushes &
toothpaste, shampoo, de-
odorant

UCAP is open Wednes-
days and Fridays from
10:00 to 1:00 for food, uti-
lity and rent assistance.
We give out clothing on
Wednesdays only.

In April UCAP filled 36
requests for clothing and
household goods and
supplied 16 families (31
individuals) with food. We
paid \$2,191 in utilities and
\$200 for rent.

Thanks to the commu-
nity for your support!

Man Church

Men of Courage on May
20 starting at 6 p.m. are
hosting Man Church. An
invitation for men from
all over the community to
come together and wor-
ship with us in spirit and
truth. Free chicken fried
steak will be offered, live
music will be played by
Scotty Blackwell, and the
speaker for the event is
Billy Weatherall of Christ-
fit Gym. The event will
be taking place at 11288
Highway 371 in Sibley, LA.

Northwest Louisiana
Master Gardeners
Class Registration

Classes will be held
from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. ev-
ery Thursday for 10 weeks,
starting July 1, 2021. At-
tendance at all classes is
required for certification.
There is a \$150 registration
fee, which covers the cost
of training manuals, pub-
lications and supplies for
the class. Class size is lim-
ited, 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 follow
the links). Applications
may also be picked
up at either Claiborne
and Webster Extension
Offices.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Sick and tired of being sick and tired

OK. So I made it
through Covid-19, and all
the other mess, for over
a year and now the 24-
hour stomach bug comes
to town and we all get hit
with it! What is up with
that?

I think most
people are get-
ting it. Being re-
ally sick lasts 24
hours, but get-
ting completely
over it takes up
to a week. It was
so crazy.

I have fam-
ily visiting from Maine
this week, and we had
planned a bunch of things
to do, but they have come
down with stomach bug
too. Now, I don't believe
I gave it to them. I have
been over it for over a
week. It is just in the air in
Minden I think.

As I was going through
this, I couldn't help but
think about when I was
sick when I was growing

up. I always remember
my mom giving us Pepto
Bismol and ginger ale. To
this day I can't do either.

When I am sick, I want
to drink something so I
won't get dehydrated. I



TINA SPECHT

am trying to
think of what
I can drink.
I can't drink
water when
I am sick. It
just won't stay
down. So, I got
some Gatorade
and sipped it
slowly. This

should help right? Well,
I really don't think much
will help when you are in
the middle of it. Some-
times, it just needs to take
its course. Oh and anoth-
er thing that works won-
ders for me is crackers or
toast after you stop throw-
ing up. And always chick-
en noodle soup. Those go
together and help soothe
your stomach.

One thing I will never

forget about Dave's dad.
Whenever he was sick he
would go get him a vanil-
la, or strawberry shake.
I couldn't bring myself
to try it. I would think it
would turn your stomach
worse. Milk and the stom-
ach bug don't go together.
Well, this time around
my son got this. We tex-
ted to check on him and
he asked his dad to bring
him a milkshake. You see,
while they were growing
up anytime they were sick
their grandfather brought
them a milkshake. It
seemed to work for them
and I guess it still does.

I hope the whole town
of Minden doesn't come
down with this mess. It is
not a good couple of days
for sure. Wash your hands
often and stay safe.

Mini Zucchini Burgers

Servings: 4

INGREDIENTS

- 1 extra large zucchini or
2 medium/large, cut into
16 1/2inch-slices
- sea salt and freshly
ground black pepper to
taste
- 1 lbs. lean ground beef
- 1/2 tsp garlic powder
- 1/2 tsp onion powder
- 1 tsp smoked paprika
- 1 tsp dried oregano
- 4 slices of cheddar
cheese cut into quarters
to get 4 small squares
- avocado oil cooking
spray

INSTRUCTIONS

Thoroughly rinse your
zucchini and pat the ex-
cess moisture with a tow-
el.

Carefully cut off the
ends. Now simply cut
across the zucchini to
slice into 1/2-inch thick
rounds.

Sprinkle rounds with a
tiny bit of salt and pepper,
then set aside on paper
towels.

In a medium bowl,

combine ground beef and
all seasonings; stir until
well combined.

Shape your ground
beef into 8 equal sized
mini-patties, about
1-inch thick.

Gently pat zucchini
rounds dry with paper
towels.

Lightly grease a large
skillet with avocado oil
cooking spray and heat
over medium-high heat,
then add sliced zucchini
rounds, cook until slightly
charred, about 1-2 min-
utes per side.

Set zucchini aside on a
plate.

Add burger patties to
the pan and sear each
side until nicely golden,
about 2-4 minutes. Flip to
the other side, then add
the cheese.

Continue to cook until
the beef is done to your
liking and cheese is nice
and melty!

Assemble your burg-
er sliders as shown, and
serve immediately. Enjoy!

WEBSTER PARISH LIBRARIES

Webster Parish Libraries
Summer Reading
Program 2021 Presents
"Tails and Tales"

This summer, readers
of all ages will be able
to explore all kinds of
different animals - from
critters roaming the
lands to creatures soar-
ing through the skies! The
annual Webster Parish
Libraries Summer Read-
ing Program is themed
"Tails and Tales" for 2021.

This year's library pro-
grams are filled with fun
activities for children all
across the parish. Events
include special guests,
such as multi-award-
winning musician and
author Johnette Downing
performing 'Wild with
Woolly Wiggle Animal
Songs,' as well as Steve's

Snaketuary, bringing pa-
trons a chance to interact
with live snakes!

Participants will be
able to have breakfast
with bunnies, take part
in a teddy bear sleepover,
learn about birds, expe-
rience a guided art walk,
and much more. All are
encouraged to explore
the natural wonders of
the world and the crea-
tures which live in it.

Please call the Webster
Parish Libraries for event
registration. Check out
"Webster Parish Librar-
ies" on Facebook or visit
websterpl.org to view
daily or weekly events at
a branch closest to you!

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STRANGER FROM A STRANGE LAND

Plight of the Pelicans

One of my favorite advantages of Louisiana over Missouri is a National Basketball Association team. The New Orleans Pelicans seem a team of promise and yet they've failed to crack the basketball playoffs. Egad.

Missouri lost both a baseball and basketball team to manifest destiny. Teams moving west to sunny California. In 1968 it was the Kansas City turned Oakland Athletics of Charles Finley. This was ten years after the Dodgers and Giants left New York for California. The A's played thirteen seasons of dismal baseball at Municipal Stadium in Kansas City, an unofficial farm team of the New York Yankees before Finley bought the team. Heartbreaking because pieces were being assembled for the A's dynasty in Oakland. The 1967 KC Athletics roster included pitcher Jim Catfish Hunter, rookie outfielder Reggie Jackson, and infielders Bert Campaneris and Sal Bando.

Saddened Kansas City baseball fans were mollified with an expansion team named the Royals in 1969. The Montreal Expos, San Diego Padres, and short-lived Seattle Pilots (the Milwaukee Brewers the following year) were the other new teams but none enjoyed success like the Royals. Kansas City usurped Oakland with American League West Division titles in 1976, 1977, and 1978. They were prevented from reaching the World Series all three years by those dastardly Yankees. The Royals exacted revenge on the Bronx Bombers in 1980, the year George Brett nearly hit .400, and went to their first World Series.

The less successful basket-

ball Kansas City Kings moved to Sacramento, California in 1985 and have remained there since. Unlike baseball, Kansas City never scored a replacement NBA team. The town didn't seem too concerned. They've a preference for the college game over the pros. Maybe because of the consistent success of the Kansas University Jayhawks in nearby Lawrence, Kansas. Maybe because fans had their feelings irrevocably hurt in 1979 when Philadelphia 76er Darryl Dawkins shattered his first backboard in Kansas City over King forward Bill Robinzine. Dawkins named that dunk the Chocolate-Thunder-Flying, Robinzine-Crying, Teeth-Shaking, Glass-Breaking, Rump-Roasting, Bun-Toasting, Wham-Bam, Glass-Breaker-I-Am-Jam. How could Kansas City not miss NBA basketball?

The New Orleans franchise was the Charlotte Hornets moved from North Carolina in 2002. A few years later, I attended an exhibition game between the Miami Heat and the Hornets in Kansas City when New Orleans was led by point guard Chris Paul, later of State Farm Insurance commercial fame. The state bird pelican was a more Louisiana appropriate mascot so a good change from Hornets in 2013. The logo of a pelican flying towards you looks mighty fearsome and not just to a fish.

The next dominant franchise star after Paul was power forward Anthony Davis. There seem worse fates than being a young millionaire in the Big Easy but Davis announced he wanted out of New Orleans

in 2019. The Pelicans made the best of a bad situation and raided the Los Angeles Lakers pantry in trade. Anthony Davis scored an NBA championship beside the planet's greatest basketball player LeBron James and the Pelicans received a foundation of skilled young players from which to build a future.



DIRK ELLINGSON

Brandon Ingram is a scoring marvel. Lonzo Ball makes astonishing passes. Josh Hart accumulates unlikely rebound numbers for a guard off the bench. Individually none are Anthony Davis but collectively you could make the case the Pelicans made a cagey trade for cagers.

The same year as the Davis trade the lucky Pelicans won an NBA lottery to draft first and selected Zion Williamson from Duke University. A big man not bashful about bringing the ball down the court. A power forward freight train with point guard ballhandling skills. I don't like this recent distressing talk about Zion becoming a New York Knickerbocker, one of the 2019 first pick draft lottery losers to the Pels. But there are seasons left on Zion's contract so let's not fret about that prospect just yet.

The NBA has a lengthy playoff series and championship culminating this summer. More teams get in than don't. Sadly, the Pelicans are on the outside looking in and planning for next season. They're a fun young team to watch but they cough up leads and lose games. Offense is strong yet defense can be spotty. Plenty of showmanship and lots for the highlight reels but they

need to play stingier defense. They reside in the tough Western Conference. Utah, Portland, Denver, Dallas, Phoenix, and both Los Angeles teams are very good. Even had the Pelicans earned a spot in the postseason, they likely would lose to one of those teams.

Following a baseball or basketball team is a huge time commitment because they play so many games. Multiple days a week. Following an entire league can be a full-time task. In Missouri, I had regional baseball interest as a Royals fan. Since my teen years, I enjoyed the games on radio. During my five years as a Crown Vision camera operator, I attended more games than ever before. Most sought the low first and third base dugout cameras for proximity to the players and the field. I enjoyed the high view level cameras. They were primarily shooting fans between innings and less game action. The high camera operators enjoy the panorama without being shackled to the tiny viewfinder. If the weather wasn't too hot or too cold, being paid to watch baseball games was a great gig.

Primarily watching one team skews your assessment of league talent. A fun Royals star of a decade back was designated hitter Billy Butler. He wasn't the leanest of athletes but when he landed in the big leagues his hits made a thunderous sound I hadn't heard since the Royals called up the mighty Bo Jackson in 1986. Jackson struck out a lot but when he connected, the ball was in for a long ride. Butler was one of the most powerful hitters on a Kansas City team never known for power.

Kansas City hosted the All-Star Game in 2012 and its

pageantry included the Home Run Derby. Fans passionately believed Butler deserved representation on this group of baseball's most powerful hitters. Derby team king Robinson Cano, a Yankee, didn't select Billy. Cano didn't smash a single exhibition homer in the contest and we all said Billy was better. Plus, Butler's delightful nickname was Country Breakfast. That screams Home Run Derby contestant.

Butler couldn't have done worse than Cano but in all candor, he clearly didn't have the bat thwack of Price Fielder, Jose Bautista, or Mark Trumbo. Suffice to say, these guys went yard. I thought Butler had good power and the Royals were a decent team, but my view was very Royal centric. Watching the Derby from inside the park, I realized Butler did not hit balls as far as the elite bombers from other teams. Still, I was saddened Billy was traded before the season the Royals won their second World Series in 2015, their first championship in thirty years.

Now I watch lots of Pelican games and despite their disappointing 31-41 season win-loss record, I believe they're a good team. The Royals enjoyed a strong April followed by a May tailspin. A week ago, they finally ended a humiliating 11-game losing streak, all at the hands and bats of division rivals. I am currently despondent about my teams yet hopeful for their futures. I hope I'm not delusional about their prospects.

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COLLEGE BASEBALL

NSU hands LSU first midweek-game loss of season

Special to the Press-Herald

BATON ROUGE — Jeffrey Elkins' big hit against LSU came early this time, and the rest of the Northwestern State baseball team followed his lead.

Elkins' second-inning solo home run put the Demons ahead to stay and a cadre of NSU pitchers silenced the Tigers' powerful lineup, lifting Northwestern State to a 7-3 victory at Alex Box Stadium on Tuesday evening.

"I've been feeling good," said Elkins, whose two-run double was the difference in the Demons' 3-1 win against the Tigers on March 12, 2019, in Natchitoches. "We've been working on an approach with (assistant coach) Spence (Goodwin) and coach (Bobby) Barbier and the guys. We've been sticking with it, and it's worked. We had 12 hits, and everybody came up big."

LSU dropped to 32-20 with its first midweek-game loss this season. It was also its final midweek game. The Tigers close the regular season with a three-game SEC series against Texas A&M starting Thursday in College Station, Texas.

Coming off a tough weekend series where they dropped three of four games, the Demons (27-24) responded with arguably their best all-around performance of the season.

Northwestern State collected 12 hits, paced by a 4-for-5 performance from Larson Fontenot at the top of the order. Elkins and Marshall Skinner added two hits apiece while Elkins and Tyler Smith each had a pair of RBIs.

It was Elkins' hit that put the Demons at ease in a game that was moved up 90 minutes from its original 6:30 p.m. start.

"Jeff, with the big homer early, lets you settle in," Barbier said. "We get out of the jam in the first, and he comes up with the big homer, and it gets you into the game."

Making his first career start, sophomore right-hander Ethan Francis (1-0) was the pitching equivalent of Elkins, who put the Demons ahead to stay on a full-count pitch from Will Hellmers (6-2).

Francis tossed two scoreless innings, working around a pair of first-inning walks, to set the tone for a quintet of Demon pitchers to limit the Tigers to five hits in the game.

Peyton Graham (one inning), Andrew Cossio (3 1-3 innings), former Airline standout Cameron Taylor (2-3 inning) and Drayton Brown (two-inning save) finished off the five-hitter as the Demons notched their first win at Alex Box Stadium since

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PREP SOFTBALL



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ALL-AMERICAN LEADERSHIP

Lakeside hires Megan "Roo" Johnson as softball coach

JOSH BEAVERS

Special to the Press-Herald

Lakeside has hired former All-American Megan "Roo" Johnson to take over its powerful softball program. She follows in the footsteps of legendary coach Gary Cooper who will step down from the position at the end of the school year.

Principal Denny Finley made the announcement Wednesday.

"Coach Cooper built our program from the ground up," Finley said. "Now he is able to hand it off to someone who will take it to the next level."

Johnson, who is coming to Lakeside from an assistant coaching position at Louisiana Tech, called the softball program "a well-oiled machine" and that she was excited about working with what was already in place and growing and rolling with what was to come.

"I am so honored and excited to be able to join the Warrior family," she said. "It's more than just softball. I can't wait to get over there and be a part of the culture I hear so much about. Everyone I talk to says Lakeside is different. You are really a big family. And that's one of the main reasons I want my own family to be a part of the school and community."

Johnson and her husband, Jess, have two young sons - Joshua (who is 6) and Jeremiah (who is 4). The boys will be enrolling at Central Elementary in the fall.

"I am excited for my family," she said.

With Cooper's retirement on the horizon, Finley said it was imperative to find a coach who could honor the program, work well with parents and players, and build upon an already solid foundation.

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Megan Johnson
Lakeside Softball Coach

dation.

"There's not a lot of coaches out there who can do that," he said. "But we found the best, and I am excited about the future."

Cooper retires after 23 years as head softball coach where he led the Lady Warriors to 20 playoff appearances. He will remain Lakeside's athletic director and math instructor.

"I've always said I would not leave this softball program empty handed," the long-time coach said. "I made a promise to the parents and to myself that I would not retire until I found a qualified replacement that loved softball as much as I have. I believe we have found such a person in Roo Johnson."

Johnson, a two-time All-American during her playing days at Otero Junior College and UT-Tyler, comes to Lakeside following more than a decade as a coach on the college, high school, and travel ball levels.

"Coach Cooper has built a program here that consistently challenges for championships," Johnson said. "They play powerhouse 5A programs like West Monroe. I am excited to grow that legacy."

The first order of business for Johnson will be a Friday visit to

campus where she will discuss Coach Cooper's off season and fall plans. "I don't want to come in and change everything," she said. "Consistency is important and what they are doing is working. I want to see what is on the schedule and communicate about that."

While on campus she will meet with her team as well the faculty and staff. "I'm excited about working with Coach [Rendi] Dillard again," Johnson said of Lakeside's girls basketball coach. "We have coached together and I am looking forward to doing so once again."

After a couple of year long stints as an assistant coach at UT-Tyler (2009-10) and Otero Junior College (2010-11), Johnson spent time at Cushing High School (2012-14), Airline High School (2014-2015), Evangel Christian Academy (2017-2018) and Glenbrook High School (2018-20). She has spent this season as an assistant coach for the Lady Techsters.

Johnson has served as the head coach and assistant coach at numerous stops along the way in softball, volleyball, track and field, swimming, and basketball. On the softball field, she has been named the district coach of the year four times and the Mississippi Association of Independent Schools Coach of the Year while leading Glenbrook to the 2019 MAIS state title.

She has also worked with Sneaky Cleats travel ball organization as well as serving as a softball consultant and camp counselor numerous times in her career.

Johnson - Megan Richardson during her days as a student-athlete - began her playing career

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

LABC names Konkol Major College Coach of the Year

RUSTON - Louisiana Tech men's basketball head coach Eric Konkol garnered his third Coach of the Year honor for this season as the Louisiana Association of Basketball Coaches (LABC) announced Tuesday that he was the recipient of the



KONKOL

Tommy Joe Eagles Award.

The award, named after the former Bulldog player, assistant coach and

head coach, is given annually to the top head coach in major college basketball in the state of Louisiana.

In his sixth season at the helm, Konkol guided LA Tech to a 24-8 overall record, a Conference USA West Division title and a third place finish in the National Invitation Tournament.

The Bulldogs won 12 of their final 14 regular season games and advanced to the C-USA Tournament semifinals. They received an at-large bid to play in the NIT for the first time since 2015 and became just the second team in program history to make the Final Four.

LA Tech upset Ole Miss in the first round, then took down league foe Western Kentucky in the quarterfinals. After a loss to Mississippi State in the semifinals, the 'Dogs defeated No. 1 overall seed Colorado State in a 76-74 thriller in the consolation game.

Konkol and his staff produced the highest-rated defense in C-USA, ranking 39th in the country in adjusted defensive efficiency. The team also ranked No. 1 in the league and top 30 in the country in field goal percentage defense and three-point field goal percentage defense.

This marks the second straight season Konkol has received this award, becoming just the second LA Tech head coach to do so in consecutive years (Andy Russo - 1984/1985).

It is the third postseason honor for Konkol this season. He was also named the 2020-21 NABC District 11 Coach of the Year and the 2020-21 Conference USA Coach of the Year.

The LABC announced its awards via social media in lieu of its annual banquet in Baton Rouge being canceled for a second straight year due to the public health threat of COVID-19.

LA Tech to Honor Barmore with Statue

RUSTON, La. – Leon Barmore was a fixture inside the Thomas Assembly Center for two decades.

Now the legendary Louisiana Tech women's basketball coach will be a fixture outside the TAC as well.

Louisiana Tech President Les Guice and Director of Athletics Eric Wood announced today that the University will unveil a statue honoring the Hall of Fame coach as part of homecoming festivities planned for the weekend of Oct. 22- 23.

The statue will reside on the front steps of the arena where Barmore's teams dominated opponents – with a record of 3300-17 – during his tenure on the Tech sideline. Tech Athletics partnered with world-renowned sculptor Brian Hanlon to create the tribute. Hanlon has created over 550 public and private art pieces over the past 35 years and is the official sculptor of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.

"Coach Barmore excelled as a student-athlete at Tech and then as a high school basketball coach," said Guice. "His impact in transforming the Louisiana Tech's women's basketball program on a national level was a remarkable accomplishment. He had such a positive influence on the lives of so many Lady Techsters over his three decades coaching; the positive impacts of his leadership will be felt forever."

Barmore is enshrined in the



Former Head Women's Basketball Coach Leon Barmore.

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Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame (2003), the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame (2003), the Louisiana Tech Athletics Hall of Fame (2003) and the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame (2004).

"Although I am a newcomer to the Tech Family, it's easy to see the impact that Coach Barmore had on this University and its student-athletes during his 25 years with the Lady Techsters," said Wood. "I feel blessed to be a part of the celebration and recognition of the Hall of Fame career for a man who brought national championship titles and prestige to Ruston. He is a man who truly understands the word 'compete.'"

After playing for the Bulldogs during his college career, Barmore joined the Lady Techster coaching staff in 1977 and

for the next 25 years helped lead Louisiana Tech to 13 Final Fours, eight national title games and three national titles. He retired in 2002 with an overall record of 576-87, the winningest coach (percentage-wise) in the history of both men's and women's college basketball.

"There is no one more deserving of this honor than Coach Barmore," said Kim Mulkey, who played for Barmore and then coached alongside of him for 15 seasons in Ruston. "The impact he had on Louisiana Tech and the loyalty he showed to his hometown are unparalleled. He is a legend in our profession. I personally benefited from his knowledge of the game as both a player and a coach, and I will always be grateful for his impact on my life."

Mulkey announced a lead gift on the project during her induction into the Ark-La-Tex Museum of Champions.

During his reign in Ruston, Barmore served as the assistant coach from 1977 through 1982, the co-head coach from 1982 through 1985 and the head coach from 1985 through 2002. He was a part of 24 national postseason tournaments, including national championship appearances in 1979, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1987, 1988, 1994 and 1998 while claiming the national championships in 1981 (AIAW), 1982 (NCAA) and 1988 (NCAA).

Local businessman Trott Hunt, who played for Barmore during his days at Ruston High School in the early 1970s, also provided a significant financial gift towards the project.

"Little did I know that the one year I played for Coach, all those years ago, would have such an impact on my life," said Hunt. "Nothing great was ever accomplished without enthusiasm' has become part of my way of life. It is amazing to look back at Coach's record and realize that Leon has the best all time winning percentage of any college basketball coach – a true Hall of Fame career. I was blessed to get to play for him."

Barmore coached 16 Kodak All-Americans, 14 WNBA players, four Olympians and three Wade Trophy winners. He was a nine-time Conference Coach of the Year while leading Tech to a combined 25 conference regular season and tournament titles. He was named the 1988 Naismith National Coach of the Year as well as the 1990 and 1996 USBWA National Coach of the Year. He was the 1990 USBWA co-Coach of the Decade.

"Coach Barmore's presence in my life has made a profound impact on me as person, athlete and now a coach and educator," said current LA Tech head coach and project donor Brooke Stoeher. "He is synonymous with Lady Techster Basketball, loyalty, and excellence. I am beyond grateful for the discipline, accountability, and pride he helped instill in each of us daily. The statue has been a long time coming, and there isn't a more deserving way to honor the legacy Coach Barmore has with our great university and storied women's basketball program."

NSU: Pitching, hitting keys to upset win

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April 12, 2011.

"They all competed," Barbier said. "It's hard when you're a pitcher and you don't get in for weeks. You throw in the bullpen, and you stay ready. Then you get your opportunity on the big stage."

"All of those guys did a good job competing in the strike zone against some really good hitters. That's as good of a lineup as there is, and each one of them did a good job."

The Demon lineup did the same, extending the early lead.

Elkins' two-out single in the third added a run before Fontenot (walk) and Smith (hit by pitch) drove in runs with the bases loaded in the fourth inning. NSU took advantage of a one-out error by

first baseman Tre Morgan in the sixth as Jake Haze scored on a wild pitch and Smith added a sacrifice fly.

"Before we played today, coach (Barbier) told us to have fun," said Fontenot, who played 28 miles from his hometown of St. Amant. "How can you not have fun coming back to your hometown and letting it go? Everyone had that mind-set of whatever happens, happens, and let's just play ball."

LSU converted on a rare threat in the seventh, slicing the Demon lead in half with a three-run inning highlighted by Dylan Crews' two-run triple.

Once Taylor escaped further damage, Brown worked two perfect innings with three strikeouts to notch his sixth save of the season.

"I thought today we

played without expectations," said Barbier, who has presided over NSU's first back-to-back wins against LSU since April 2-3, 1996. "Whether that was because we're playing LSU, an SEC team, or we're playing a mid-week game, I don't know. I thought we played that way, which allowed us to play more freely. Usually when you come into these parks, it goes one way or the other."

"You can tighten up or play more free. We did a good job of playing more freely and not getting down when some things didn't go our way early. Hopefully this team can learn from that and play like that when they have a little more expectations this weekend."

Coach: Johnson is a native of Colorado

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at Otero Junior College where she was named the Region IX Player of the Year and an All-American in 2007 when she led the country in home runs with 24 while batting .418 with 70 RBI.

The Platteville, Colorado, native then signed with UT-Tyler where she helped lead the program to a record of 82-19 during her two seasons. She was a prolific hitter for the Patriots, still sitting in the top 10 in numerous career statistical categories, including No. 1 in slugging percentage (.735),

No. 5 in on-base percentage (.499), No. 5 in walks drawn (61), No. 6 in home runs (27) and No. 10 in RBI (105).

She was an All-American (NFCA, Easton in 2009), a two-time NFCA all-West Region honoree, a two-time all-American Southwest Conference selection, and the 2009 American Southwest Conference Player of the Year. She was also named academic all-conference.

Johnson helped lead both Otero and UT-Tyler to World Series berths in 2005, 2007 and 2009 before playing for the Swiss

National Team in the summer of 2010. She helped lead the team to the Swiss National Championship and a runner-up finish in the European Cup.

"She is certainly qualified and her energy and love of the game will be a great boost to our program in the future," Cooper said. "I will still be involved as athletic director but more as an administrator as with other sports. I look forward to working with her and seeing the program continue to grow. It is an exciting time for Lakeside athletics, and I wish her all the best."



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GOOD NEWS

Spring Time is Work Time

Minden surely is one of the most beautiful cities around. How can anyone drive through town and view the way God has painted the “Minden canvas” and not be super impressed? Dogwoods, azaleas, wisteria were early testimonies of spring; now the magnolias, day lilies, daisies and others are strutting their colors. And with the season comes a reminder to keep the lawn mowers ready for action. Gardening and farming schedules are a must. Keeping those backs and knees flexible for all the bending and lifting is a must also (to keep up with all the yard work that needs to be done). Oh, but what happy aches they are for those who love gardening and yard work!

Our LSU Extension friends continue to feed us all kinds of good information about “spring things”. They are the “experts” who can tell us “what, when and where” about the good earth. We depend on them and our friendly folks at nurser-

ies and plant/seed stores to supply us with all the information needed to satisfy our needs. However, we can have all the information, tools, and supplies needed for the yard or garden, but without the work required to put it altogether, we cannot reap a harvest with great expectation.

This is a true picture of the Christian life. We can know all about God, we can go through the motions of serving Him, worshipping Him and such, but until that personal relationship with Jesus Christ is “put into action” the true results will not be there. Just as the farmer or gardener has to have good soil, tested seeds, proper conditions and response from all elements involved to bring forth good produce, even so with our Christian life.

It’s not enough for us to have our flowers and

gardens just enjoy them all to ourselves. No, we must, like the Christian life, share the results with others. Consider a person having a beautiful rose garden, in the back yard

where no one sees them) and then neglect cutting and sharing them with others. Who benefits from growing the American beauties? Or that gardener who has tubs of tomatoes without offering them to friends and neighbors! Unheard of in the South, especially in Minden! But it happens in other areas of our lives.

We pride ourselves (sometimes) at the strong faith we have in God and our love for Jesus Christ. Yet, we fail to fulfill His great commandment to “go, teach, reach, baptize and develop the saved so they, in turn, will be motivated to continue the command”. We need to take our produce and share it liberally with oth-



Bill Crider

ers—here and around our world. What a joyful feeling it is to know that God rewards in unmeasurable blessings when we give “just a cup of cold water in His name.)

Gardening is a rediscovered hobby of mine. I am no expert like many are here in Minden. But no one has more fun and enjoyment than I with a hoe in my hand. A time of mediation, reflection, anticipation, and a good time to be alone with the Lord! Garden work somehow translates into Enjoyable Coordinated Muscle Reflection (ECMR). Now my gardening is not traditional, but very unconventional. No rows, just squeeze plants in somewhere. Sondra would say it is “cluttered”. “Naw, just compact”!

Maybe it is time for us to do a little gardening in our personal life: pull up tares, cut down some thorn bushes and add a bit of fertilizer to the soil. We all know the importance of getting “soil ready” before planting. Even so, sometimes our hearts need some preparation for the seeds of love can grow and mature.

Soul preparation involves: 1) Getting rid of things that prevent growth (ill feelings, selfish desires and habits, hurtful actions, etc). 2) A revival of our spirit by recommitting our lives to the Lord, allowing His love to permeate all we do. 3) Trust in God to provide wisdom in all aspects of life (Proverbs 3: 5-6 would be a good measure here). 4) Revisit Scrip-

tures that have meant so much to our Christian development through the years (John 3:16, Romans 3:23, Romans 8:28; Matthew 28:19-20 and others). 5) Allow these great truths and promises to bring revival into our lives. 6) Share your faith in every arena of life: family, community, communications, public life and such. Invite God to be your 24/7 companion. Honor Him, Praise Him, Share Him!

Don’t spend all your time in the yard or garden this spring. Reserve plenty time for self-introspection! Working in our spiritual garden can produce much fruit (Gal.5:22).

**BILL CRIDER IS CHAPLAIN OF
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THE UPWARD LOOK

Saved: Justification

“For by grace you have been saved through faith” Ephesians 2:8a “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus;” Romans 3:23-24 NASB



Max Hutto

As Judge, God declares the believer as legally just and righteous. This righteousness is not based on the believer’s actions but solely on Jesus. His blood cleanses the sinner and He imputes, credits, attributes, His righteousness to the believer. The believer is justified by God’s grace

through faith in Jesus’ atoning propitiatory sacrifice. This aspect of salvation is described as justification, being made righteous in God’s sight.

Lord Jesus, though I am unworthy, by Your grace I am made righteous. Help me to make this righteousness apparent in my daily life and thus bring You glory and honor.

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

LET NOT YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED

Evil

Gen 6:5 And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

Gen 6:11 The earth was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.

Gen 8:21 The imagination of man’s heart is evil from his youth.

Does this sound like America today?



Mack Ford

There is so much violence and murder in our big cities. God destroyed the world by water at that time. God said that it would be destroyed by fire next time. Are we getting near to that time? I truly believe we are.

Come soon Lord Jesus.

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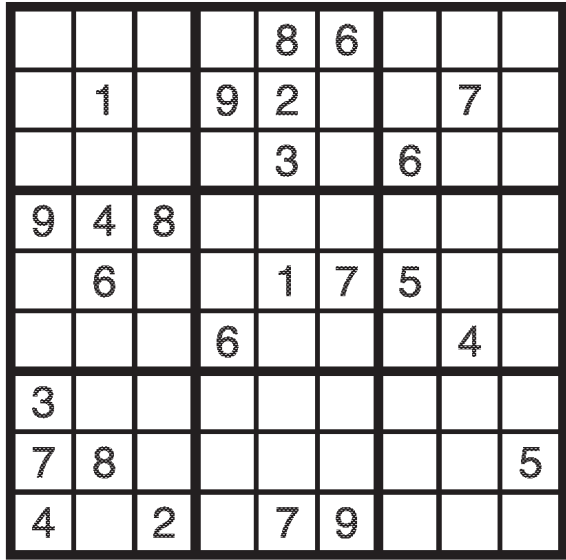
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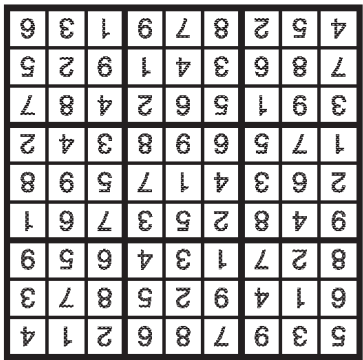
SUDOKU



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!



ANSWER:

Fun By The Numbers

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Thursday's unlisted clue: KOBE

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

Friday's unlisted clue hint: HOME OF GRACELAND

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HISTORY

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ing works by artists like Jackson Pollock and Willem de Kooning is considered the birth hour of the artistic avant-garde referred to as the New York School.

1932 - Amelia Earhart becomes the first woman to fly solo nonstop across the Atlantic. The U.S. aviatress' disappearance on an attempted round-the-world flight five years later is one of the most discussed unsolved mysteries in the history of flight.

1904 - FIFA, the world governing body of association football, is founded. The Fédération Internationale de Football Association is responsible for the organization of the World Cup, which is one of the world's most viewed sporting events.

COMICS

BABY BLUES | RICK KIRKMAN AND JERRY SCOTT



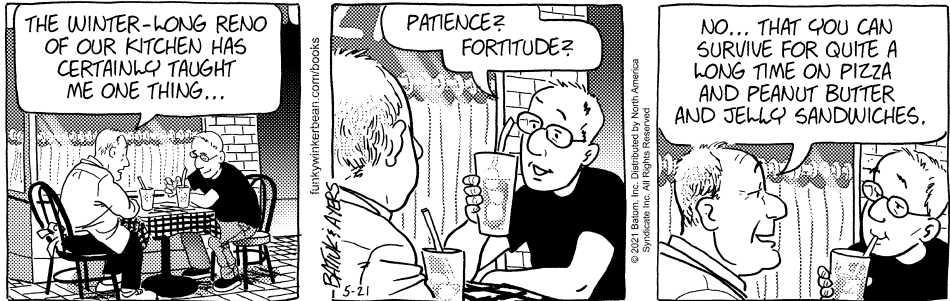
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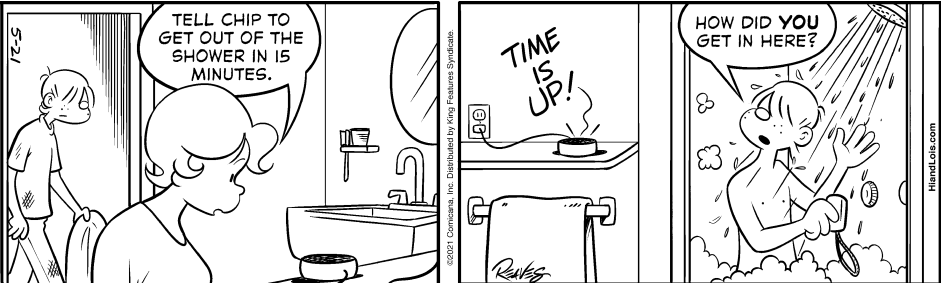
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In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 79138. By virtue of a WRIT OR SEIZURE AND SALE issued out of the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, in the above styled and numbered suit and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder for cash WITH the benefit of appraisal and according to law at the principal front door of the Courthouse in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana on WEDNESDAY, May 26, 2021, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit: TRACT I BEGIN at the Southeast Corner (SE/cor.) OF Section 36, Township 23 North, range 11 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana, thence run North 241.56 feet, thence run West 2,858 feet, thence run North 89 degrees 57 minutes East 220.63 feet to the East line of Louisiana State Highway No 7, thence run North 18 degrees 41 minutes West along the East line of the sad Highway 1,089.66 feet to the point of beginning, thence run North 71 degrees 19 minutes East 209 feet, thence run North 18 degrees 41 minutes West 209 feet; theace run South 71 degrees 19 minutes West 209 feet to the East line of the said Highway, thence run South 18 degrees 41 minutes East along the East

line of the said Highway 209 feet to the point of beginning, together with all improvements thereon and all rights thereto belonging TRACT II BEGIN at the Southeast Corner of Section 36, Township 23 North, Range 11 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana, and run North 241.56 feet, thence TUU West 2,858 feet, thence run North 18 degrees 41 minutes West 1,160.34 feet to the point of beginning, Honce contbuc North 18 degrees 41 minutes West 209 feet, thence run South 89 degrees 57 minutes East 253.64 foot, thence run South 0 degrees 03 minutes West 197.93 feet; thence run North 89 degrees. 57 minutes West 186.52 feet to the point of beginning, together with all improvements thereon and all rights thereto belonging. 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 April 23, 2021 May 21, 2021 Minden Press-Herald

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Minden Planning Commission Meeting

June 3, 2021 – 10:00 a.m.

Pelican Room - Minden City Hall

On the agenda is a request from Latasha Mitchell for a zoning change from R-3 (Single Family Residential) to B-1 (Neighborhood Commercial) on property owned by her located at the mu-

nicipal address of 224 N. Middle Landing Street.

The purpose of this zoning change is to be able to use the property to open a preschool/after-school facility for children.

Legal Description: LOT #4 AND THE NORTH 5 FT. OF LOT #5, BLK. "F", RESURVEY OF S.J. HARRELL SECOND SUB-DIV.

All interested parties will be given a chance to be heard.

To be advertised in the legal section of the official journal on May 14, May 21, and May 28, 2021.

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Minden Planning Commission Meeting

June 3, 2021 – 10:00 a.m.

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On the agenda is a request from Teressia Garner, Andreka Winston and Kristi Williams (option holders) for a zoning variance on property owned by Minden Baptist Church located at the municipal address of 800 Yale Street. This property is zoned R-2 (Single Family Residential).

The purpose of this zoning variance is to be able to use the property for a daycare/preschool facility.

Legal Description: LOTS #14, 15, 16, 17 & 18, BABB ADDN. & STRIP 30 X 145 FT. ADJ. (FORMERLY PART OF HIGH ST.) IN NE/4 OF SW/4 SEC. 28-19-9

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VILLAGE OF DOYLINE ORDINANCE 1 OF 2021 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2020 - JUNE 30, 2021

Revenues:
Original Amended Change Budget Budget General Fund \$187,610.00 \$ 175,971.98 (\$11,638.02) Sewer Fund \$46,800.00 \$53,040.00 \$6,240.00 Total Revenues \$234,410.00 \$ 229,011.98 (\$5,398.02) Expenditures: General Fund \$249,450.00 \$184,147.31 (\$65,302.69) Sewer Fund \$39,480.00 \$16,129.31 (\$23,350.69) Total Expenditures \$288,930.00 \$ 200,276.62 (\$88,653.38) Net Surplus(Deficit) (\$54,520.00) (\$28,735.36) (\$25,784.64) Upon motion by _____, duly seconded by _____, and carried, the foregoing ordinance adopted by the Village of Doyline in regular session convened on this 7th day of June, 2021. YEAS: NAYS: ABSENT: ABSTAIN: Steven Bridwell, Mayor Heather Feeback, Village Clerk May 21, 2021 Minden Press-Herald

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Assessment #	City	Street Name or Subdivision	Min Bid
100532	Heflin	Webster Road	475.92
100634A	Doyline	Hwy 163	575.52
100761	Heflin	Canal St.	422.40
101253	Heflin	Off Diamond T. (down a dirt road)	491.61
101961	Heflin	Off Canal	428.18
102101	Heflin	183 Webster St.	1,449.05
104421	Heflin	Canal	744.50
104525	Heflin	Off Webster Rd. @ Dead End	491.60
105795	Doyline	368 Parkside Landing	1,397.29
106487	Doyline	116 Crystal Dr.	0.00
106709	Heflin	next to 153 Mattie Lane Mattie Lane	681.27
106995	Heflin	Webster Road	466.08
108257	Doyline	219 Lakeview Dr	2,550.51
108620	Heflin	Mattie Lane	428.69
108879	Doyline	Main St.	478.63
109672	Minden	Corner of Lee & South	0.00
110426	Minden	404 Marrow	2,167.53
110523	Minden	Corner of Constable and Marshall	489.61
111765	Minden	Next to 614 Long St.	510.33
112584	Minden	728 Peach St.	0.00
112669	Minden	402 N. Roosevelt	5,213.94
112913	Minden	803 & 809 Mignon	3,059.88
112931	Minden	375 Clerk St.	1,873.28
113006	Minden	Constable	638.39
114019	Minden	next to 590 Myers St.	817.26
114277	Minden	113 Marshall St.	2,782.57
114580	Minden	408 N. Roosevelt	7,574.95
114812	Minden	806 Durwood Dr.	2,547.57
119689	Sarepta	Short Rd.	1,128.20
120946	Cotton Valley	222 Resident Rd.	839.85
121289	Cotton Valley	HWY 160	181.99
121315	Cotton Valley	Cotton Valley Ave (Off Mullens St.)	875.61
121478	Cotton Valley	next to 313 Lewis Loop	421.24
121480	Cotton Valley	Lewis Loop	806.92
121521	Cotton Valley	Church St.	416.50
121570	Cotton Valley	Crow St.	152.35
121747	Cullen	208 N. Lemon St.	3,086.82
121748	Cullen	202 Stewart St.	2,719.84
121764	Cullen	11 N. Morris St.	706.58
121766	Cullen	Corner of Moore & Cobb	581.12
121770	Cullen	North Curtis St.	560.12
121859	Cullen	Cobb St.	330.51
121952	Cullen	Off Abbott Circle	0.00
121958	Cullen	Behind 106 White St.	603.63
122033	Cullen	Off of Burnham	202.80
122167	Cullen	Williams St.	467.57
122320	Cullen	109 Plymouth	1,283.14
122321	Cullen	107 Plymouth	803.71
122357	Cullen	Abbot Cir. & Henrietta White	504.64
122358	Cullen	Cobb St.	571.96
122407	Cullen	Abbot Cir & Henrietta White (behind Rhone)	437.33
122422	Cullen	67 East St.	4,684.54
123081	Springhill	Coye St.	426.24
124307	Springhill	1409 7th St. SE.	3,727.90
124870	Springhill	Patterson & 4th St. SW	1,393.04
125813	Springhill	Center St.	2,122.90
129335	Cotton Valley	Hwy 160	463.15

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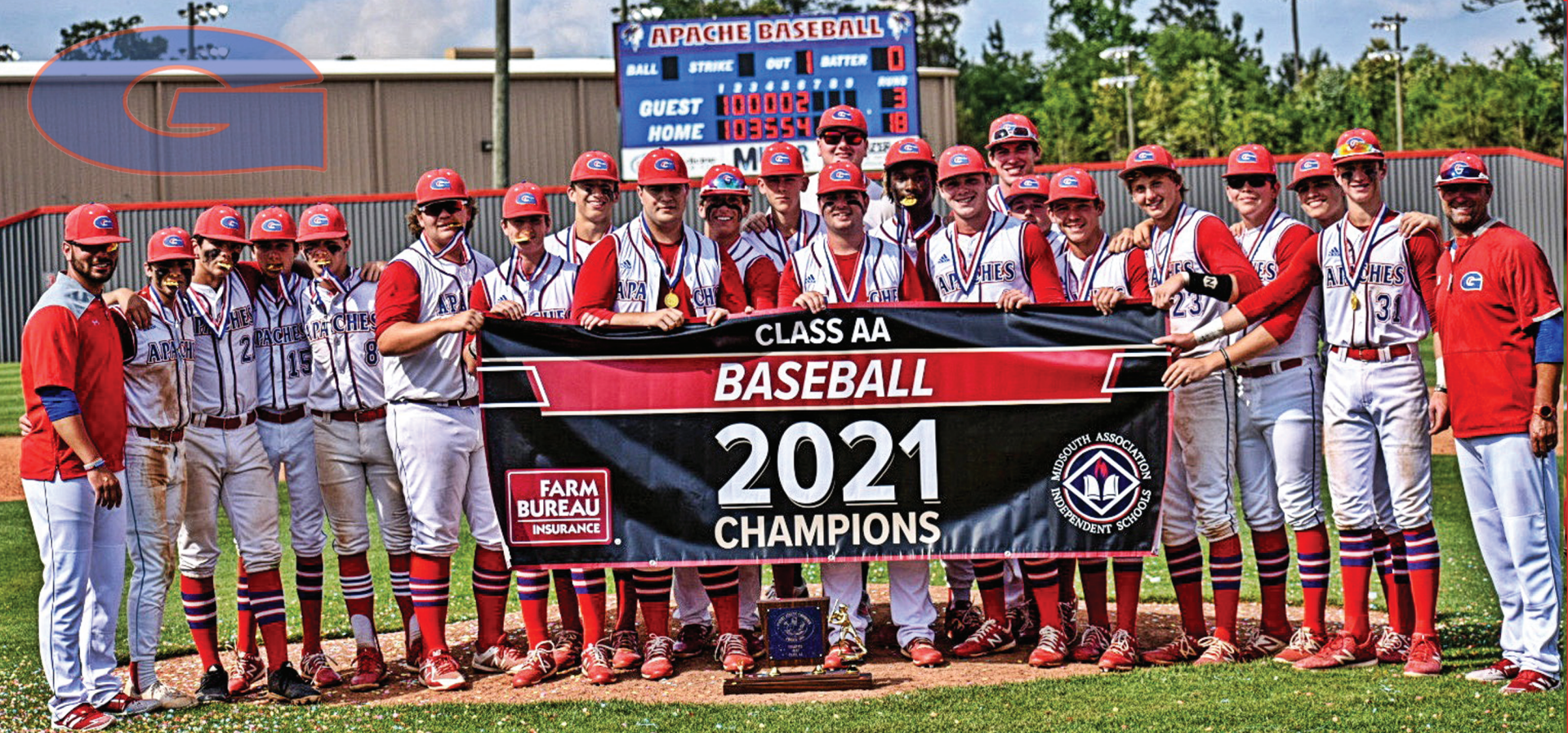


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