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HIGH SPEED CHASE

WPSO apprehends couple on crime spree after they crash a stolen vehicle

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Thursday evening, the Webster Parish Sheriff's Office was contacted by the Bienville Sheriff's Office asking for assistance in a high speed pursuit. It is now known that the individuals attempting to flee law enforcement were Keri Rene' Etheridge, 33, and John B. Long, 35. Minden Police Department, Louisiana State Police, Webster Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, and the Wade Correctional Chase Team.



and said they were in pursuit of a vehicle that initiated in Bienville Parish and crossed over into Webster Parish on Highway 80. At some point around Perryman's Welding they crashed out. Flat on foot our deputies were involved in the pursuit at that time," said Webster Parish Sheriff Jason Parker.

The two had stolen the vehicle they were driving at the time in Alabama, and were described as, "kind of like a little modern day Bonnie & Clyde group. They pretty much were just stealing whatever

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Explosion at Camp Minden

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Earlier this morning the Webster Parish Sheriff's Office received a call about an explosion taking place near Camp Minden. It turns out that the black powder manufacturing location had caught fire and subsequently exploded. Luckily there are no reported injuries at this time. "We received a call this morning about an explosion, possibly at Camp Minden, local residents around the area heard a boom and felt a shake," said Webster Parish Sheriff Jason Parker.

"We went out there and responded. The black powder manufacturing location had caught fire and blew up. There were numerous employees inside at the time but thankfully no one was injured, and the fire was put out at approx 11:30 a.m."

Parker went on to state that no evacuations were required for any of the surrounding areas, just that there is a 24-48 cool down time before investigators can go in and determine how the fire originated.

"We're very fortunate that it was contained and there are no other issues at this time," said Parker.

Celebrate Freedom



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Seen pictured above is the Citizens for Justice Committee who coordinated Midnen's first ever Juneteenth Freedom Day Celebration. Seen pictured above (from left to right) Pastor Rodney Williams, Vincen Bradford, Rico Bell, Terika Williams Walker, Vincent Wilson, and Pastor Robby Dale Williams (Not pictured Reverend Benjamin Martin).

Minden has first annual Juneteenth Celebration

Saturday afternoon in Minden was met with the city's first ever Juneteenth Freedom Day Celebration in Babbs Park. Juneteenth, the recently declared national holiday, celebrates the freeing of slaves from Galveston, TX two and a half years after the Emancipation Proclamation was signed.

The event was hosted by the Citizens for Justice Committee made up of members Pastor Rodney Williams, Vincen Bradford, Rico Bell, Terika Williams Walker, Vincent Wilson, Pastor Robby Dale Williams, and Reverend Benjamin Martin

"I thank everyone for coming. This is an enormous occasion. This is the first annual celebra-

tion that we've had for Juneteenth in the City of Minden, and it definitely will not be the last," said Bell.

Minden's Gamma Omicron Chapter of Omega Psi Phi and the Epsilon Rho Chapter of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa hosted trivia rounds pertaining to the subject of black history and gave out prizes to those who could answer correctly.

The event was also an opportunity for the guest speakers to talk about black history and reflect on how far African-Americans in the United States have come since being enslaved.

"Many may not know that there is actually a flag that represents

Juneteenth. It features a twelve pointed star, with a white five pointed star inside of it. They appear on top of a blue and red background," said Rico Bell.

"L. J. Graff, one of the banner's designers, wrote that the Juneteenth flag represents the history and freedom of enslaved people, and their descendants. The flag depicts a bursting new star on the horizon. The star represents a new freedom, a new people, and a new story. The red white and blue colors commemorate that the American sleeves and their descendants are all Americans."

Bell also used his time speaking to remind/educate people about the

tragic events that took place 100 years ago this year in the May of 1921 in Tulsa, OK.

"On this day, and on this year let us not forget the history of Black Wallstreet and also the massacre that took place in Tulsa. We had our own community, our own banks, our own lawyers and everybody, in the community of Greenwood in Tulsa, and they were murdered between May 31st to June 1st 1921. This is the 100 anniversary of that tragic day," said Bell.

Later during the event, Janice Givens of Phi Delta Kappa presented a poem written by Arthur Kroll titled Juneteenth,

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OBITUARIES

Franklin Musgrow

On Tuesday afternoon, June 16, 2021, Franklin Woodrow Musgrow (beloved son, husband, father, brother, grandfather, uncle, and friend) transitioned from his earthly life to an unfettered, immortal one. His family and friends celebrate the lessons of a life well-lived.

Born April 21, 1940, the second-born of ten children of Willie and Annie Musgrow, Woodrow was uniquely positioned to serve as mentor, leader, caregiver, and favored son. His childhood was joyful yet filled with structure and a sense of responsibility that endured throughout his lifetime.

He accepted Jesus as his Lord and Savior at an early age and joined New Light Baptist Church where he remained a member for many years. He loved his church, worked to keep it pristine and served as church usher, Sunday School teacher and Deacon. He later joined Greater St. Paul Baptist Church where he was a Sunday School teacher, church usher and Chairman of the Board of Education until his health declined.

The majority of Woodrow's work life was spent at Southern University at Shreveport where he worked in administration. He later moved to General Motors on the assembly line where he was affectionately known as Frank. He retired from General Motors and was proud of how well he represented the retired lifestyle.

Woodrow was deeply religious and served his church

and community faithfully. Numerous students sought his help in securing funding for college. Many young men attended his Sunday School classes, his informal "learn to work" classes, and sought his support and advice as they navigated their lives. He touched many and acquired a legion of friends. His legacy will live on in those he assisted.

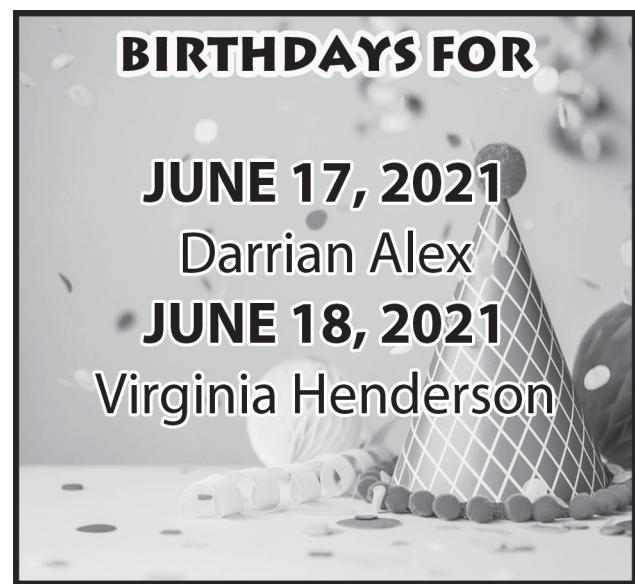
He was preceded in death by his parents, Willie and Annie Musgrow, and by his older sister, Gloria Jackson. He is survived by his wife, Ruby Musgrow; his daughters, Deirdre (Earl, Sr.) Cotton of Atlanta, GA and Cheryl Gipson of Frisco, TX; his four grandsons: Earl Lee "Lee J" Cotton Jr. of West Hollywood, CA, Russell "Tony" Gipson Jr., of Lewisville, TX, Matthew Cotton of Atlanta, GA, and Justin Gipson of Frisco, TX; his siblings: Mildred Bailey of Lexington, KY, Jerri (Robert) Lee of Minden, LA, Carrie (Halven) Carodine of Minden, LA, Bobbie (Olden) Hatcher of Dallas, TX, Venna (Raymond) Jones of Baton Rouge, LA, Pamela (Aldrick) Penton of Minden, LA, Paulette (Terence) of Houston, TX, and Anne-Tonette Musgrow of Frisco, TX; his dear friend and neighbor, Calvin (Yvonne) Houston; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

The Family Hour will be held at Greater St. Paul Baptist Church on Friday from 7:00 PM to 8:00 P.M. Memorial services are at 2:00 P.M. on Saturday, at Greater St Paul Baptist Church. Services are entrusted to Kennon's Mortuary.

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Thomas M. Miller

Memorial services for Thomas (Tommy) M. Miller will take place Saturday, June 26, 2021 at 10 a.m. at Gardens of Memory in Minden under the direction of Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Minden, Louisiana. Rev. Keith Marriot will officiate.

Tommy was born Sept. 24, 1947 in Minden, LA and passed away May 31, 2021 at The Carpenter House in Shreveport after a valiant struggle against lung cancer. He was 73.

Being the son of an Air Force officer who traveled with his family all over the United States and Europe took Tommy away from his hometown. However, two different stationings at Barksdale AFB gave the kids a shot at a normal life. Tommy was a member of Scout Troop 35, sponsored by Lakeview Methodist Church, where he won the title of "Best Camper" during field exercises.

But baseball ruled! In the Minden Little League baseball 10-11-year-old division, he was named "Most Valuable Player" in his league. In 1960, Tommy hit the first homerun of the season for his Phalsbourg AFB (France) Little League baseball team, the Pirates, where he both caught and pitched. He went on to play on the All-Star team which won their division title "by a fine play at home when catcher Tommy Miller made the third put out, giving Phalsbourg a 4 to 3 win." In 1961, the Millers were transferred to Toul-Rosieres AFB (France), where Tommy graduated from the eighth grade. From there, the family transferred to Bergstrom AFB (Austin, TX) where Captain Miller and the USAF were put on alert during the "Cuban Missile Crisis."

From Austin, Major Miller brought his family back to Minden to stay. It was American Legion ball, Minden High School ball, City League softball, and Minden Redbirds semipro baseball from there on out. In

American Legion baseball, Tommy was known as a "homerun slugger" and an RBI maker. He contributed to the Crimson Tide's District 1-AA baseball championship title in 1965. After graduating from Minden High School in May of 1965, he went on to play semi-pro ball for the Minden Redbirds. In January of 1976, Miller was named president of the Minden Adult Basketball League.

After attending Northwestern State University, Miller began his working career at what was then Arkla Gas Company in Minden. He retired as shipping manager for Inland Container Corp. He loved fishing, hunting, and most especially, cooking. His favorite thing was buying tons of candy for his grandkids during the holidays, then sending them home with their parents. He was a member of the Minden Presbyterian Church.

Tommy was preceded in death by his parents, Major W.S and Leatrice Miller; and his sister, Janet Miller. He is survived by his sister, Marilyn Miller of Minden; a daughter, Lexi Hutchinson and Ben Ray of Shreveport; a son, Lance Miller and Jessica of Shreveport; four grandchildren, Jade Hutchinson of Denton, TX; Grace Miller, Hudson Miller, and Hayes Miller, all of Shreveport; a special friend and fishing partner, Mimsy Spells of Shreveport; the mother of his children, Judy Willett; his two best friends and fishing buddies, David Pullman and Ricky Pullman; and many beloved cousins.

The family would like to thank Dr. Manish Dhawan and his staff, the staff of STAT Home Health, Jay Fussell and the St. Joseph Hospice staff, especially Jessica and Mary; and the staff of The Carpenter House in Shreveport for their helpful and caring attitudes during the past year and a half.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, or the Minden Presbyterian Church.

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OTHER OPINION

Judge: Ban on new oil leases must be lifted

A powerful shot of hope and optimism was injected into Louisiana and numerous other states this week when a Louisiana federal judge issued a nationwide preliminary injunction ruling that the ban on new oil and gas leases imposed by the Biden Administration must be lifted. Finding that the ban failed to offer “any rational explanation” for its imposition, the court, through the grant of the injunction, reversed a January 2021 executive order by Pres. Biden that halted lease sales on federal lands and in federal waters and requires the Department of Interior to immediately restart its leasing program.

Twelve other states joined Louisiana in the suit in opposition to the ban. We should note that not only is this decision significant for the oil and gas industry itself, but also because the sale of the leases and resulting royalties generate millions of dollars in revenues for federal, state, and local governments. The states argued, and the court agreed, that the moratorium on new oil and gas leases on federal lands and waters will cause irreparable harm to these states in several ways, including reducing funding for bonuses, ground rent, royalties, and rentals, and causing

job losses and the higher gas prices with which the country is now being blasted.

The court acknowledged that “even though existing leases are proceeding, the fact that new oil and gas leases on federal



ROYAL ALEXANDER

lands and in federal waters are paused will ultimately result in losses to plaintiff states which they will likely not be able to recover.” The states further argued, and the court again agreed, that the moratorium by the Biden Administration was “arbitrary and capricious” due to the fact that there was “an omission of any rational explanation in cancelling the leases and in enacting the pause.” The court found that the Administration also erred from a procedural standpoint because it “should have given notice and allowed for comment before issuing the pause” as required by the Administrative Procedure Act.

The court went on to acknowledge that the claims of the states are “substantial” not-

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ing that “millions and possibly billions of dollars are at stake.” The ruling was based in part on the reliance interest states have in the revenue derived from both water and land-based oil and gas lease sales. Further, these reliance interests included “local government funding, jobs for plaintiff states and funds for the restoration of Louisiana’s Coastline” that are in jeopardy. The court also acknowledged that the Biden ban violates two federal statutes, the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (OCSLA) and the Mineral Leasing Act, which requires that the Department of Interior hold regular lease sales for oil and gas production—which hasn’t happened since the beginning of the Biden Administration.

The litigation continues and this fight is obviously not over because the Administration

will likely appeal, and the injunction could be short lived. However, this legal victory blunts the short-term efforts of this Administration to unilaterally harm a suffering and desperately needed Louisiana industry.

This is an example of mindless climate change ideology at its worst—a policy change of great magnitude with no public input and with no rational basis that justifies imposing economic devastation on our state so that ideologues who live primarily on the east or west coasts can feel powerful and righteous about imposing their climate change religion on everyone else.

[Another positive bit of news involves the signing into law by Gov. John Bel Edwards of a bill introduced by State Rep. Neil Riser protecting Louisiana’s beautiful and iconic cypress trees by prohibiting harvesting of the trees on state lands. Louisiana’s best-known bald cypress tree—the largest in the country—is approximately 1500 years old and located in Cat Island National Wildlife Refuge in West Feliciana Parish.]

ROYAL ALEXANDER IS A SHREVEPORT ATTORNEY.

OTHER OPINION

Controversies had unexpected twists in La. session

Louisiana’s legislative session saw lawmakers engage in many of the same cultural clashes as their counterparts in other states and several of their own unique disputes, but with some surprising outcomes.

The majority-Republican House and Senate didn’t follow other GOP-led states in enacting broad new restrictions on voting rights or on teaching about race and racism. Meanwhile, local scandals involving Louisiana State University and the Louisiana State Police didn’t drive discussions as much as expected in the nine-week session, and neither entity suffered severe consequences.

Once again, the Louisiana Legislature bucked some expected trends.

While Republicans in other states pushed bills to limit voter access to the polls, Louisiana’s Legislature largely avoided those contentious debates. Instead, lawmakers agreed to add four days to Louisiana’s early voting period for presidential elections.

They did have heated debates, however, over how Louisiana should handle replacing its 10,000 voting machines, many of which are decades old. In those discussions, some Republicans repeated baseless allegations of widespread fraud in other states during the 2020 presidential election that former President Donald Trump lost.

Trump won Louisiana, and

Secretary of State Kyle Ardoin vehemently defended Louisiana’s elections system as safe, saying with exasperation at a legislative hearing: “The paranoia because of the national narrative is out of control.”

Most GOP lawmakers defended the Republican elections chief and his agency’s performance, which likely helped stall any discussion of tightening voting restrictions. In addition, Democratic Gov.



MELINDA DESLATTE

John Bel Edwards said he had no intention of signing any bills that made it harder to vote. Louisiana didn’t escape national arguments about classroom instruction on race in America. But the types of measures that passed in several Republican-controlled states didn’t win support here, blocked by GOP House Speaker Clay Schexnayder, who won his job with the support of Black lawmakers.

Republican Rep. Ray Garofalo, of St. Bernard Parish, filed legislation aimed at blocking the teaching of critical race theory, an examination of the ways in which race and racism have influenced politics, culture, government systems and laws.

The bill would have prohibited teaching that the United States or Louisiana is “systematically racist or sexist,” and forbidden use of information that “promotes divisive concepts.”

Schexnayder sought to keep Garofalo from pushing ahead with the bill, but Garofalo held an hours-long hearing anyway. The measure never got out of committee, but Garofalo’s handling of the issue eventually cost him his job as chairman of the House Education Committee. Schexnayder booted him from the position, even as state Republican Party leaders rallied to defend Garofalo and his bill.

Efforts to revive the proposal failed to gain traction — but the debate stoked racial tensions that lingered across much of the legislative session, which ended June 10.

On the local front, a scandal involving LSU’s botched response to claims of sexual misconduct provoked a tightening of regulations that Louisiana colleges will be required to follow in handling such allegations — but no direct penalties or strikes at the university beyond that.

LSU hired independent law firm Husch Blackwell to review its response to sexual misconduct complaints after reporting by USA Today scrutinized the university’s handling of assault cases implicating two former football players. The scathing report outlined multiple examples of the university ignoring

student allegations of rape, domestic violence and assault.

Female lawmakers, who were particularly vocal in their anger about the findings, said they preferred to work on fixing the problems rather than stripping dollars from LSU’s budget or taking other punitive actions.

Also escaping any direct legislative blowback was the Louisiana State Police, which is embroiled in controversy over its fatal arrest of Ronald Greene, a Black man whose May 2019 death is the subject of an ongoing federal civil rights investigation.

Greene died after he was stunned, punched and dragged by state troopers, and the State Police is accused of trying to cover up the circumstances. Troopers initially told Greene’s relatives he died in a crash following a chase near Monroe. Later, State Police issued a short statement saying troopers struggled with Greene during his arrest and he died on the way to the hospital.

The agency’s police unit in northeastern Louisiana is under review to determine whether it has systematically targeted Black motorists for abuse.

Lawmakers spent little time discussing the investigations.

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INSPIRATION

Therapy in writing

As a victim of post traumatic stress disorder I want to make a difference.

According to the National Center for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder approximately sixty percent of men and fifty percent of women experience at least one trauma in their lives. Women are more likely to experience sexual assault and child sexual abuse whereas men are more likely to experience accidents such as physical assault, combat, disaster, or to witness death or injury.

Why it effects some people more would be difficult to say but Psychiatrist, M.Scott Peck, author of *The Road Less Traveled*, wrote "life is difficult."

But what can we do about it? We can write.

Dr. Molly Harrower, psychiatrist and author of *Therapy In Poetry*, said "long before there were therapists there were poets and from time immemorial man has struggled to cope with his inevitable inner turmoil. One way of so coping has been the ballad, the song, the poem. Once crystalized into words, all engulfing feelings become manageable, and once challenged into explicitness, the burden of the incommunicable becomes less heavy."

From the richest to the poorest, to those in-between, we all have crosses to bear that would push us under if we don't have a creative release.



SARAH HUDSON-PIERCE

My safety valve has been writing.

From the time I was in high school, living in an orphanage, to being a minister's wife, trying to keep up my perfect front, to now, at the age of seventy-three, I find great joy in releasing my thoughts upon the page, but it does take courage to open up, to bare your soul.

When we are young we often start out trying to appear to be that perfect person until we finally learn that perfection can be a chore and it tends to drive away more people than a perfect front job attracts.

Who wants to be around a perfect person if there is such a creature?

Writing allows your true self to come through, although most of us want to guard our private lives.

We don't want to be hurt. It is only human.

It's only when we let down our guards, a little, that we allow others into our world.

Nobody really wants to hear about all of our money or the trappings of our success.

People want to know that somebody cares.

One way of expressing concern is to write your thoughts down and encourage others to write.

This life is just too short to keep our stories to ourselves.

We all have a story, whether we know it or not. We can numb our minds by background noise and party talk and never learn who we really are.

To paraphrase what President Theodore Roosevelt said "many people live in quiet desperation, knowing neither victory nor defeat."

By being open, transparent in our writing, we draw others into our lives. We can leave a legacy for our heirs, allowing them to know where they came from and inspire them to make a difference with their lives.

Leaving your memoirs to your children is priceless.

I treasure the poems, stories, letters and old pictures I found in our old family trunk helping me find living, long lost relatives who shared their memories with me. What I learned encouraged me not to give up.

In 1983, Jack Gore, an English teacher, from Plain Dealing, told me

that unless your writing is personal no one will ever understand what you are trying to say.

That advice helped me to write more than anything I've ever learned.

Writing can be just what's needed most to survive!

It's not what happens to us but how we use it as a tool to achieve our dreams is what makes the difference.

Leaving my story is my way of making a difference to who just might be going through difficult times themselves.

It may take a lifetime to work out our pain but writing has made all the difference in my life and it just might be the scalpel needed to remove the pain in your life.

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POETRY

Juneteenth

January 1, 1863 was the official day for President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation;

But, it was two and a half years later before the start of the freedom celebration.

Many attempts were made to explain this delay;

It has remained one of the great mysteries until this day.

One story says the messenger of freedom was murdered on his way to Texas;

This was supposedly the first one of the conspiracy theory nexus.

Another on reports the land owners censored the news to maintain their labor force;

One of the more popular stories, but who was the source?

Yet another tale of federal troops allowing another harvest of cotton;

Of all the dirty tricks, this one was the most rotten.

Regardless of whether any stories gives the correct news;

Many good people in Texas remained without freedom and singing the blues.

Finally in June of 1865, Major General Gordon Granger with a flag and a gun;

Stormed the shores of a Texas town called Galveston.

The Generals first order of business was to announce the news of freedom;

And this time he

brought along enough Union troops to make the people heed them.

Some people reacted with shock, while others reacted with complete jubilation;

The news of this day finally spread all over the nation.

Most people could not wait to leave the plantation and start living free;

So, from their home state they started to flee.

Regardless of where they went, they were followed with freedom's challenges;

These challenges came from making decisions and environmental changes.

They never forgot that joyous 19th day of June;

When people once enslaved could finally sing their freedom tune.

The celebration started with reassuring and praying;

The adults were eating and drinking while the children were playing.

It was also a time for the reuniting of family members;

It was one of the happiest days many of them remembers.

Today it is a day of pilgrimage to that town;

Let the shouts of freedom for all make a holy sound.

Soon the day will come when in unison we say;

"Forever and ever all Americans will celebrate Juneteenth, the freedom holiday!"

POEM BY ARTHUR KROLL

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

First United Methodist Church welcomes new pastor, Ashley McGuire

Fourteen years ago, when Ashley Cockburn married Robert McGuire in the sanctuary of First United Methodist Church in Minden, she had no idea that someday she would return as pastor of that church.

"To think I am going to be able to preach in the same sanctuary where that wonderful event happened is an exciting thing," Rev. Ashley McGuire said.

Having served FUMC in Alexandria since 2016, it is hard for the young family to leave a place they've loved and where they are loved.

"At the same time, we are excited to get to know the people in the area closer to where I grew up and where Rob spent a good portion of time - in the Shreveport/Bossier area," she said.

Rev. McGuire knows she is following Brian Mercer, Fred Wideman and Jack O'Dell. She said she applauds their enthusiasm and commitment to the community.

"I know that he (Brian) was big on reaching out to the community, and that's a love of mine," she said. "I love to help people discover a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ, and I hope we can continue - not just building the church but building the Kingdom of God together."

Comparing Brian Mercer and Fred Wideman, she believes she is "kind of in the middle" when it comes to personality.

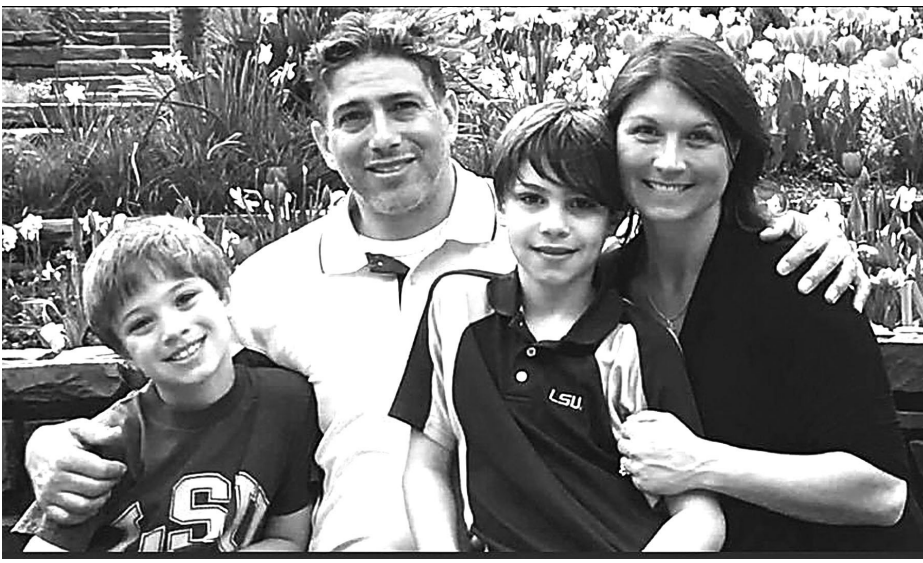
"I am extremely enthusiastic when it comes to the Lord and God's people," she said. "I preach with passion ... I don't say that to boast ... I feel it because the Holy Spirit takes over in those moments."

She doesn't believe being a female pastor brings many challenges.

"Everywhere I've been, I've been a female pastor, and I've been the first," she said, with a smile in her voice. "It's always been a blessing for myself and for my family, and the church has said when we leave every time, that we've been a blessing to them, too. So, I'm taking their word on it."

Rev. McGuire says she "goes back and forth between lectionary and sermon series with her preaching techniques. I lead in with what's going on in the world around us ... illustrations of life. If Jesus preached in parable, I try to follow Jesus' lead."

A graduate of Duke University in 2003 with a degree in Biomedical/



Electrical Engineering and a minor in Chemistry, Rev. McGuire now considers herself a pastor, a wife, a mother, a musician, a scholar, a friend and a lover of sunsets.

"After spending a year and a half teaching the Shreveport/Bossier community informally at the Sciport hands-on museum of learning, I spent another year helping those who were born with physical challenges in the motion-analysis lab at Shriner's Hospital," she said.

In 2005, she answered the call to ministry, beginning her first appointment at Bethel UMC where she spent her seminary years in 2006.

In 2009, she graduated Perkins School of Theology at SMU and spent the next five years serving as Associate Pastor at FUMC Bossier, the church she attended as a child.

"I moved to St. Francisville UMC to serve as their pastor in 2014,

and then after two wonderful years was moved to FUMC Alexandria in 2016," she said.

The couple has two sons - Danny (6th grade) and Drew (4th grade).

"I love music, sunsets, spending time with friends and family, reading, playing the drums and at the guitar, watching a good movie and helping someone discover a deeper relationship with Jesus," she concluded.

Dr. Jack O'Dell, current FUMC Interim Pastor says he has worked with Rev. McGuire in the past on the Conference Board of Ministry.

"Ashley is a great person with great integrity, passion and talent," O'Dell said.

Her first day at FUMC will be July 1, while her first Sunday in the pulpit will be July 4.

SUBMITTED BY BONNIE CULVER-HOUSE OF THE WEBSTER PARISH JOURNAL

Celebrate: Local leaders talk about struggles and overcoming in the community

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an excerpt of which reads, "Regardless of where they went, they were followed with freedom's challenges;

These challenges came from making decisions and environmental changes.

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(The full poem can be read in our life section on page 5)

During the event, time was also taken to show true appreciation for the elder members of the local black community that have stood the test of time all while fighting for future generations to have better lives.

"We want to laud you, applaud you, and show you a token of our appreciation for taking a stand for all these years, so we can appreciate and enjoy what we enjoy right now. Thank you very much," said Pastor Dr. Robby D. Williams.

"I was born just a year before voting rights took place, so I know I'm grateful. For those of you who took the stand and took the fight, and made it possible for us to be here today. Even when you talk

about standing here in a public place, you helped us do that."

The Citizens for Justice Committee's Attorney Dr. Charles Jones was also one of the speakers at the event. To list some notable highlights from his career, when Jones was in the Louisiana Senate, as chairman of the Legislative Black Caucus, he was the lead negotiator in the settlement resulting in the desegregation of the Louisiana Judiciary's District Courts, Appeal Courts, and the Supreme Court of Louisiana, and also served as counsel for co-defendant in a high profile case of the State of Nevada versus O. J. Simpson and C. J. Stewart.

He spoke of Louisiana's progress within the justice system, referring to a bill soon passing in Louisiana that extends the voting time for citizens as well as the fact that Louisiana is home to more black judges than anywhere else in the U.S.

"Next week, Gov John Bel Edwards is going to sign into law in Louisiana a bill authorized by Fredrick Douglas Jones, a bill to allow folk in Louisiana more time to vote," said Jones.

"That bill extends the time when people in this state can vote and who

can vote for President of the United States. Every other state where the legislature is dominated by a majority of whites or republicans, those states are trying to turn back the clock. They're trying to reduce the amount of time that we, black folk, can vote. Everybody else is trying to turn back the clock, we're trying to make sure we have more time to vote."

He also spoke of the shortcomings of the justice system, referring to the recent controversial arrest of Robby Bailey which was recorded on video showing police officers kicking and punching him.

"We're still in a struggle. We're still in the same struggle that Fredrick Douglas talked about," said Jones.

"So I want to say as we support brother Bailey in this fight, and not just him, anyone else who is similarly situated, we need to stand together as a people."

Minister Thomas Ridley of St. Matthew B.C. Church also took some time to share a recent incident with law enforcement and his nephew, who he states was pulled out of his car with guns drawn on him while police were looking for an-



other suspect.

"My nephew woke up out of his sleep, got in his car and drove four blocks, got pulled over by the police because they were looking for someone. Guns were drawn on him, they put him down on the ground, handcuffed him, still with guns drawn on him," said Ridley.

"He's never been in trouble with the law. He's never been arrested. We can not let this go. Everything they did to him he said yes sir, and they still treated him like a criminal. I've learned that in our justice system, a lot of things are happening to our young people, because we don't stand up.

We leave them out there and they do what they want to do to them. We need to stand up."

For those who would like to know more information about Citizens for Justice or possibly offer support, all can be done by visiting their Facebook page titled CITIZENS FOR JUSTICE Webster Parish.

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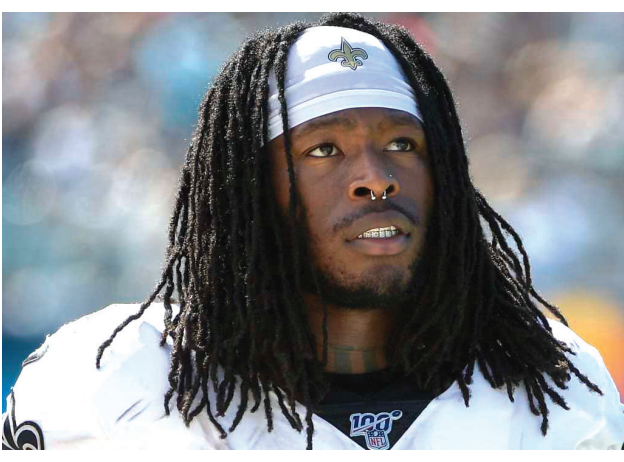
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Alvin Kamara

Saints All-Pro Alvin Kamara now advising NASCAR on growing fan base

TERESA M. WALKER
AP Sports Writer

LEBANON, Tenn. (AP) — All-Pro running back Alvin Kamara has gone beyond being just a fan of NASCAR and sponsoring a car. He's now advising NASCAR on how to add more fans as its first "Growth and Engagement Advisor."

"I'm excited they carved out a role for me," Kamara said Sunday. "I got an office. I got a key card. I feel like I never had a job besides the NFL, so I got two jobs now. (Saints coach) Sean Payton going to have to give me some downtime."

In this new role, Kamara will connect with fans and share his own fan experience digitally and on social media. The announcement came on Twitter, and he also will work with NASCAR's marketing team.

"Alvin's journey to NASCAR happened very organically from that initial curiosity to experiencing our events to developing a real and sincere passion for the sport," said Pete Jung, NASCAR's chief marketing officer. "That's what we're looking to tap into."

Kamara didn't have any plans to share Sunday, noting it was his first day on his new job.

"Honestly, trying to get people that don't look like the typical NASCAR fan to watch NASCAR, so I mean there's a lot of plans," Kamara said. "This is my first official day. We're out of the office. It's race day. Talk to me in about a week and a half, two weeks, and we'll have some plans."

For someone who used to flip the channel whenever he saw cars just "turning left," Kamara has moved quickly since attending his first race just over a year ago at Home-

stead-Miami Speedway. Through his juice bar, The Big Squeezy, Kamara sponsored Ryan Vargas' car in the Xfinity Series race on the road course at Daytona International Speedway in February in a deal brokered over Twitter. Kamara said he quickly found out it involved more than just writing a check.

He got down on the track at Bristol Motor Speedway earlier this year, and Kamara walked through the media center and garages at the Nashville Superspeedway on Sunday with the track hosting its first Cup race after having been shut down the past decade.

Being in the garage Sunday at the Nashville Superspeedway rather than the suite where he watched his first race was an eye-opener for the technical side of racing.

"Just looking at these guys' toolboxes how organized and how like just particular everything is," Kamara said. "It's not a mess down there. These guys are like precise and surgical when dealing with those cars. Obviously, when you think about it, being able to go 200 mph for 300 laps, there's a lot that goes into it."

Kamara said he talked with former NFL safety Bernard Pollard, the honorary starter for Sunday's race about how the pandemic helped more people take notice of NASCAR. Kamara also mentioned Michael Jordan and Pitbull becoming involved as owners of Cup teams.

NASCAR banning the Confederate flag from its races and venues last June also has increased interest.

"I feel like guys feel more welcome and feel like they're able to kind of get involved with the sport some more," Kamara said.

COLLEGE BASEBALL



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Louisiana Tech Infielder Hunter Wells celebrates with teammates.

The All-Americans

Bates, Wells tabbed 2021 ABCA/Rawlings All-Americans

Special to the Minden Press-Herald

In their final years as Louisiana Tech Bulldogs, longtime teammates Parker Bates and Hunter Wells earned 2021 ABCA/Rawlings All-America honors, as announced by the American Baseball Coaches Association on Saturday morning.

Bates, now an All-America honoree in back-to-back seasons, was named a Third Team All-American after lead-

ing Conference USA in on-base percentage (.471) while also leading the Bulldogs in RBI (62), triples (four) and HBPs (14). The Tyler, Texas native led the C-USA with a .406 batting average and a .523 on-base percentage in conference play.

Wells, who has now earned three All-America honors in as many days, nets his second First Team All-America nod after leading Conference USA in batting average (.385), hits (101) and to-

tal bases (169). Wells set four records in his final season with the Bulldogs, including the career hits record and career triples record at Louisiana Tech.

LA Tech's two- and three-hole batters from the 2021 season combined to tally 57 multi-hit games and 30 multi-RBI games.

Bates now joins Wells and teammates Taylor Young and Jonathan Fincher to form the quartet of Bulldogs to earn All-America honors in

2021. Young was named a Collegiate Baseball Third Team All-American on June 3, while Fincher was tabbed an NCBWA Third Team All-American on Wednesday.

The teams are voted on by members of the American Baseball Coaches Association and the process is led by the ABCA NCAA Division I All-America Committee, which is chaired by Tommy Raffo of Arkansas State University.

TRACK & FIELD

At 35, Felix makes a comeback and lands her 5th Olympics

EUGENE, Ore. (AP) — Flat on her back, gasping for breath, Allyson Felix kept her eyes on the scoreboard.

When her name came up in the second spot in the 400 meters, she kicked up her heels and covered her face with her hands.

No doubt, this fifth trip to the Olympics is her sweetest.

The 35-year-old mom rallied from fifth at the start of the homestretch to the second-place finish at U.S. track trials. It earned her the chance to win a 10th Olympic medal and break a tie with Jamaica's Merlene Ottey as the most decorated fe-

male track athlete in the history of the games.

"I'm just proud of making it to this moment," Felix said after Sunday's race. "There's so much that's gone into this. Many times, I wasn't sure if it was possible. I'm just proud of fighting and making a way somehow."

Running from outside her usual comfort zone, in Lane 8, Felix got off to a fast start and led 100 meters in. Slowly, she lost the lead, lost her grip on the third spot and was fighting just to stay close. But in a closing burst that will likely go down as one of her best, she reeled in half the field.

Felix finished in 50.02

seconds, 0.24 behind Quanera Hayes, who also has a 2-year-old, and 0.01 ahead of Wadeline Jonathas.

"I knew one thing was for sure. I was going to go down fighting to the line," Felix said.

Sunday wasn't all great for the 30-something crowd.

In a jam-packed 100 men's final, 39-year-old Justin Gatlin pulled up lame about halfway through the race and finished last. The former Olympic and world champion is entered in the 200, as well, but this could signal the end of an era.

The new era belongs to



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American Allyson Felix celebrates her 200M win at the Doha Diamond League in 2015.

Trayvon Bromell, Ronnie Baker and Fred Kerley, who finished in the top three spots, also leaving Noah Lyles out of the mix

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COLLEGE SOFTBALL

Cohen Joins La. Tech Softball Program

Louisiana Tech head coach Josh Taylor announced the first addition to his Lady Techster softball coaching staff Thursday as former Arkansas stand-out Chelsea Cohen joins the program.

Cohen will serve as the pitching coach for the Lady Techsters.

“Chelsea brings a wealth of knowledge to our softball program, and I couldn’t be more excited for her to join the Lady Techster Softball Family,” said Taylor. “As a pitching coach she brings five years of international experience, pitching and coaching in countries such as Argentina, Austria, South Africa, Switzerland, Czech Republic, Australia and Italy.

“In her time overseas, she worked with and helped develop future and current Olympians. As a former student-athlete at Arkansas, she brings a tremendous amount of experience to our program. She is a confident and well-spoken coach who will no doubt be a fantastic teacher and mentor for all the current and future LA Tech Softball student athletes.”

Cohen was a two-year team captain at Arkansas during her four-year



Chelsea Cohen

COURTESY PHOTO

playing career with the Razorbacks (2009-13). During her days in Fayetteville, Cohen finished in the top 10 in wins, innings pitched, games started, appearances, complete games, shut-outs and strikeouts.

She struck out a career-high 13 in a win over Saint Louis and earned a win over No. 1 ranked Cal during the 2012 NCAA Regional. She also teamed up with Hope McLemore to toss a combined no-hitter against Kentucky on April 20, 2013. Cohen earned First Year SEC Academic Hon-

or Roll in 2009-10.

“I would like to thank Coach Josh Taylor and Athletic Director Eric Wood for the incredible opportunity to join the Louisiana Tech Family,” said Cohen. “I am honored to work alongside two of my lifelong mentors and contribute to an atmosphere of excellence. I look forward to being a part of the Ruston community and allowing our student-athletes to get the most out of their experience at Louisiana Tech University.”

Following her playing days at Arkansas, Cohen

spent a number of years as a player and a coach on the international level, including time with Sestese Softball Club (Italy, 2018), Kenfac Phillis (South Africa, 2017-18), Zurich Barracudas (Switzerland, 2017), Legnano Softball Club (Italy, 2016), Walkerville (South Australia, 2015-16), Dornbirn Sharx (Austria, 2014) and Buenos Aires (Argentina, 2013).

Her international career was highlighted by championships in Austria and South Africa, European Cup appearances in the Czech Republic and Netherlands, and MVP honors in multiple countries.

Cohen also served as a volunteer assistant at Nevada in 2014-15 and Reed High School in the spring of 2014.

She earned her bachelor’s degree in human environmental sciences from Arkansas in 2013 while being selected by the coaching staff to participate in the Razorback Leadership Academy, designed to cultivate and enhance leadership in athletics. She earned her certificate in Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in the Workplace in May (issued by the University of South Florida Muma College of Business).

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Rhodes returns to GSU as cornerbacks coach

Grambling State University head football coach Broderick Fobbs announces Erich Rhodes as the new cornerbacks coach.

Rhodes makes his return to Grambling State from Chowan University where he served as an assistant coach for defensive backs.



RHODES

He was a part of the GSU football program in 2016 where he served as a defensive graduate assistant for defensive backs. During his time at Grambling, he helped the Tigers to a 2016 SWAC Conference Championship, received nationally ranked honors ranking in the top 10 in scoring defense and total defense in the FCS, and also helped GSU win the 2016 Air Force Reserves Celebration Bowl Championship (HBCU National Championship). Rhodes also prepared and organized the team’s defensive playbook, assisted in breaking down weekly film, and assisted strength coach with speed and weight-training among other duties.

Prior to returning to GSU, Rhodes spent his last four years at Chowan University where he led

the defensive back unit to the third best interception mark in the CIAA in 2018. He had the pleasure of coaching the program’s first ever All-CIAA first team selection George Parker as a defensive back along with Connor O’Brien and Jamal Hampton who both earned All-CIAA rookie defense honors.

Rhodes spent two seasons at Louisville Butler Traditional High School in Louisville, Kentucky as the assistant varsity football coach. He also helped coach the defensive secondary, running backs, and special teams.

Rhodes competed as a football student-athlete at Kentucky Wesleyan College where he played defensive back for the Panthers. He was named All-Great Lakes Football Conference honorable mention during his junior and senior seasons (2010, 2011). He was also a part of the Football Leadership Council for the Panthers. The Louisville, Kentucky native graduated from Kentucky Wesleyan in 2011 with a bachelor’s degree in Sports and Fitness Management and a minor in Business Administration. Rhodes received his master’s degree from Grambling State in 2016 in Sports Administration.

High court sides with former athletes in dispute with NCAA

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a ruling that could help push changes in college athletics, the Supreme Court on Monday unanimously sided with a group of former college athletes in a dispute with the NCAA over rules limiting certain compensation.

The high court ruled that NCAA limits on the education-related benefits that colleges can offer athletes who play Division I basketball and football can’t be enforced.

Under current NCAA rules, students cannot be paid, and the scholarship money colleges

can offer is capped at the cost of attending the school. The NCAA had defended its rules as necessary to preserve the amateur nature of college sports.

But the former athletes who brought the case, including former West Virginia football player Shawne Alston, argued

that the NCAA’s rules on education-related compensation were unfair and violate federal antitrust law designed to promote competition.

The case doesn’t decide whether students can be paid salaries. Instead, the ruling will help determine whether

schools decide to offer athletes tens of thousands of dollars in education-related benefits for things such as computers, graduate scholarships, tutoring, study abroad and internships.



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It’s bream fishing time

GLYNN HARRIS

Special to the Pres-Herald

When I was growing up out on the rural route, there were lots of activities to keep youngsters busy especially in summer when school was over for three months.

High on the list of things to do was to go out behind the cow barn with a shovel and empty Prince Albert tobacco can and dig among the dried cow patties for earthworms. Cane poles that spent the winter on the back wall of the cow barn resting on nails to keep them straight were taken down, black braided line that had spent the winter in the closet was tied onto a pole, a bream hook, lead sinker and cork float were attached and it was time to head for the creek.

Molido, a clear and sparkling little creek with several dark holes snaked through the oaks and beeches behind our house and this was not only where we swam but the darker holes were lairs for a variety of fish – we called them all “perch”.

There were the freckled little fish we called “red perch,” blue bills and goggle eyes, all of which offered kids lots of fun. Bringing a day’s catch home guaranteed a fish fry for supper that night.

Bream fishing today is quite a bit different than those cane pole/earthworm forays to the creek years ago. Last weekend, a bream tournament was held on Lake D’Arbonne giving credence to the fact that catching big bream is pretty big business.

This time of year, the lakes are crowded with fishermen armed with



COURTESY PHOTO

This is the time of year when with little effort, you can catch all the bream you want to clean.

fiberglass poles or ultra-light spinning rods tipped with tiny spinners. Instead of messing with gooey earthworms, gray crickets are the preferred live bait for serious bream fishermen. It has been decades since I fished on a creek and today I concentrate my bream fishing excursions to the friendly confines of a farm pond, one I have fished for years. It couldn’t be easier. I settle down in a comfortable folding chair beneath the shade of a big oak and toss my cricket into an area where year after year, big bream congregate this time of year for spawning.

Watching the cork hovering over the cricket, it’s still exciting to me when I see it bobble and then go under. This means I’m hooked up with a bream. Most of the ones I catch are big bluegills but I can be assured that at least a couple will be red eared sunfish – around here we

call them chinquapins.

Our part of the state doesn’t have a corner of good bream fishing. Every lake in the state of Louisiana has hefty populations of big bream that are there for the taking.

I am fortunate that where I sit on my favorite pond is within a short cast from the bream bed I know is there. On lakes, because of so much more water surface to look for bream, it usually takes little effort to troll slowly around the lake until you catch a big bream. You can usually drop anchor right there because you very likely are within casting distance of a bream bed that will keep you busy until you catch all you want to bring home.

To me, there is no better eating fish than bream, especially when coated with yellow mustard, dumped in a bag of Louisiana Fish Fry product and dropped into hot peanut oil.

A big bluegill or chinquapin is easy to filet and if you catch enough, you have the makings of a fine fish fry. I usually save a few smaller ones that I scale, gut and fry whole. I’ll take one of these and first take a bite of the crispy tail; it’s like eating a potato chip. Then I “unzip” it by carefully removing the fin along the back and the smaller one on the underside and separate the fish into two parts. Remove the row of bones and you have a mouth-watering couple of bites that when dipped in tartar sauce or ketchup is flat-out hard to beat.

Okay, so now I’ve made you hungry, there is no excuse for not heading out to a pond or lake and catch a mess of bream. This time of year, it’s happening big time.

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FISHING REPORT

BUSSEY BRAKE – Bream fishing has been good fishing worms or crickets around the trees. Bass are fair around structure. Crappie are scattered and fair. For latest information, contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

BLACK BAYOU – Bass have been fair around the edges of the grass on jigs and spinners. Bream fishing is good around the tupelo gums. Crappie are scattered and slow. Contact Honey Hole Tackle Shop 323-8707 for latest information.

OUACHITA RIVER – Crappie have been fair in the river lakes spider rigging jigs 5 feet deep in 8-10 foot water. Bass are in the deeper holes and hitting jigs and soft plastics. For latest information, contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

LAKE D’ARBONNE – Crappie fishing continues to be best fish-

ing the flats in 25 foot water fishing 8-10 feet deep on shiners or jigs. Bream fishing is good on worms and crickets. Catfishing continues to be good off the banks on night crawlers and cold worms. Bass fishing has been best fishing the deeper channel holes and old sloughs on jigs, crank. For latest reports, call Anderson’s Sport Center at 368-9669 or Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

LAKE CLAIBORNE – Bass fishing has been best early morning fishing in the back of the creeks on topwater lures such as the Zara Spook Jr. Later, try the main lake points with crank baits. The Bomber Fat Free Shad and Rapala DT 16 have been working. At night, fish around the lighted piers with Shaky Heads with finesse worm added. Crappie have been better at night around the lights in 20

foot deep water. Bream are still around the beds and catfishing has been fair on cold worms. at night fishing the lighted piers with crank baits. For latest information, call Kel’s Cove at 927-2264.

CANEY LAKE – Bass have been best at night with Tyler Stewart hauling in 3 fish weighing 26 pounds topped by an 11.29 pounder. Some are starting to school with best fishing on Yellow Magic lures along with tail spinners around points on the main lake. Old Monster worms and crank baits are best on the deeper holes. Crappie are around the deeper tops and hitting jigs and shiners fished 12 feet deep in 15-25 foot water. Bream are on the beds and hitting crickets and worms. No report on catfish. 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 – Bass and crappie are fair. Catfish and bream are fair to good. For latest reports, call Poverty Point Marina at 318/878-0101.

LAKE ST. JOHN – Crappie are fair in deeper water. Bass are best early mornings on topwaters with some in the 4-5 pound class reported. Catfishing is fair to good on yo-yos baited with shiners. For information, call Ken Mahoney at 318-201-3821.

LAKE YUCATAN – The water level is slowly falling with better reports this week on crappie and catfish with bar fish and a few bass also showing up. For information, call Surplus City Landing at 318/467-2259.

COLLEGE BASEBALL

La. Tech announces baseball season ticket renewal process

Louisiana Tech Athletics announced information regarding deposits for 2022 LA Tech Baseball season-ticket renewals on Thursday evening.

LTAC members and 2021 LA Tech Baseball season-ticket holders will get first priority to put down deposits of \$100 per account to secure the opportunity to purchase season tickets for the 2022 season. LTAC members and 2021 LA Tech Baseball season-ticket holders will have until noon on Friday, July 2, to put down their deposits. Season-ticket holders and LTAC members should check their emails for more information regarding the deposit process. An online deposit form will allow LTAC members and 2021 baseball season-ticket

holders to answer questions about their interest and pay their deposit amount. The form will be available by 9 a.m. on Friday.

Deposits guarantee fans the opportunity to purchase season tickets for the 2022 season. Deposits also guarantee that season-ticket holders will receive at least the same number of seats they had during the 2021 season. Bulldog Baseball season-ticket holders from this past season may also have the chance to purchase an increased number of seats as opportunities are available.

Individuals who were not season-ticket holders in 2021 can enter the priority seating line by joining LTAC today. To join LTAC, call Jarred Latta at 318-497-7986.

Felix: Olympian overcame struggles during comeback

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(but still the favorite in the 200).

World-record holder Keni Harrison won the 100-meter women’s hurdles title, though the American threesome for that race isn’t quite set.

Defending Olympic champion Brianna McNeal finished second, but her trip is contingent on her winning an appeal on a doping conviction related to missed tests. She’s banned for five years, but was allowed to race while waiting on the appeal. Fourth-place finisher Gabbi Cunningham could get her spot.

“I can celebrate this,” McNeal said. “I’m just happy I was able to have the opportunity to compete here. I just thank God for that. ... I’m just going to take it day by day.”

Other winners Sunday included Garrett Scantling (decathlon), Vashti Cunningham (women’s high jump), Keturah Orji (women’s triple jump) and Rudy Winkler (men’s hammer throw).

All will be in Tokyo five weeks from now.

The road there for Felix has been filled with more twists and turns than she might’ve imagined two decades ago when she burst onto the scene as America’s fresh-faced sprint star.

They included the difficult birth of her now-2-year-old daughter, Camryn, who spent time in the neonatal intensive-care unit after she was born; and a very pronounced move into advocacy for female athletes in her sport, many of whom had been left on the sideline by sponsors when they became pregnant.

The COVID-19 pandemic put an even tougher spin on things, costing Felix a year at a time in her career when every day counts. To make the most of the time, Felix found herself waiting outside her house for coach Bobby Kersee to measure out distances on the street so she could train while tracks and gyms were closed.

“My first year back was a struggle, and I just kept getting hit with thing after thing,” Felix said. “There was the sponsorship battle, and I was just ‘Man, I hope something comes together for me.’ I just kept fighting. I wanted to give it one more shot.”

What made Sunday night even sweeter was that she got to celebrate with Hayes, who brought her 2-year-old son, Demetrius, onto the track and introduced him to one of the greatest sprinters ever.

“I was just thanking her for being who she is and never giving up,” Hayes said, while playing with her kid in the post-race Zoom interview. “Just paying homage to her, and honestly telling her ‘thank you.’ To go through this with her, as a mom, makes it more special.”

And so, in a way, Father’s Day at Hayward Field felt more like Mother’s Day.

Hard to imagine anyone on the track had a problem with that.

“When they watch and see me, I hope they see it’s possible,” Felix said when asked what her message to moms was on one of her best days ever. “We’re going to keep fighting.”

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Monday's unlisted clue: SCHOOL

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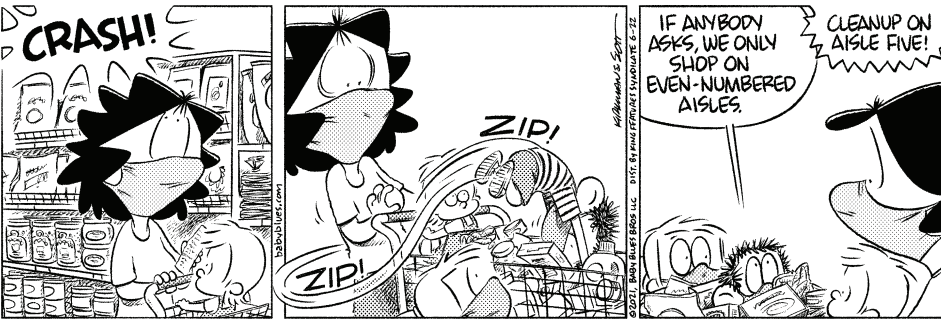
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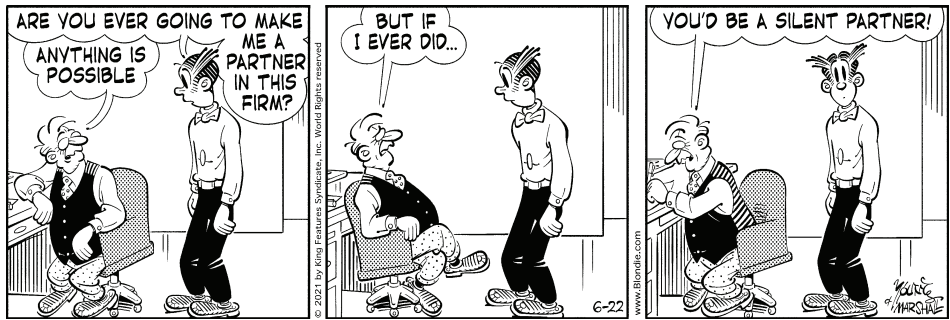
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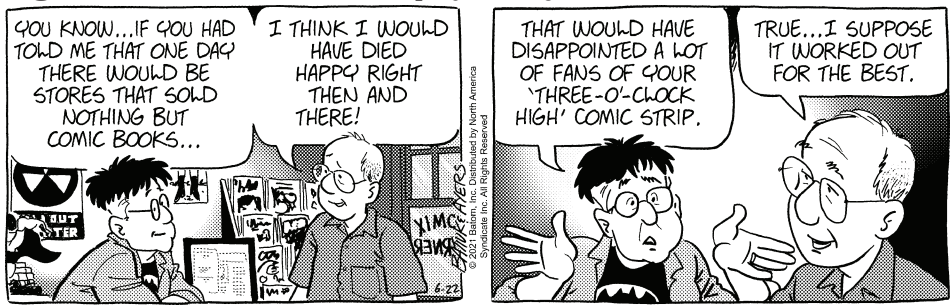
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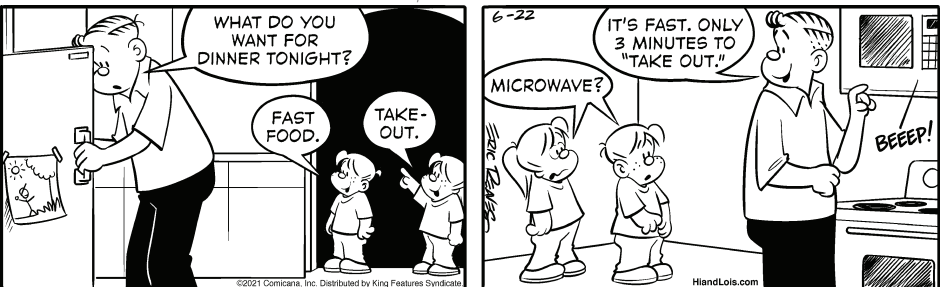
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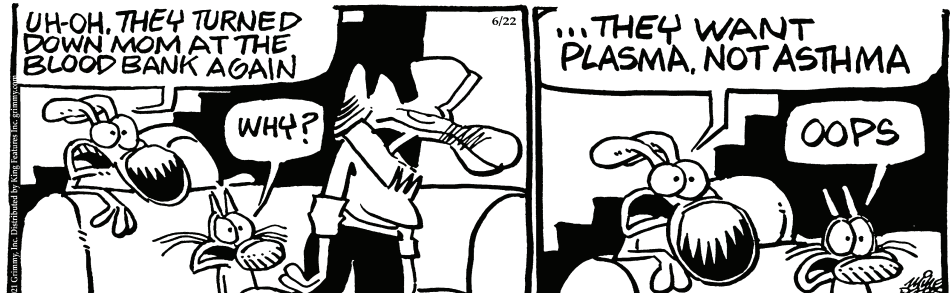
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PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with federal regulations, the Webster Police Jury Office of Community Services, Section 8 housing Authority for Webster Parish will begin accepting pre-applications for rental assisted housing and / or placement on the waiting list for such housing.

Pre-applications packets can be picked up beginning June 21, 2021 during business hours, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm.

WE WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTING THE FIRST 100 APPLICATIONS

Applications will be accepted on Wednesday July 7, 2021 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm and then from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the Minden office. The waiting list will close on Wednesday, July 7, 2021 at 4:00 pm or when 100 applications are received. Whichever comes first.

No pre-application packets will be accepted at any time other than the date and times listed above.

Persons desiring to apply for rental assistance may obtain pre-application packets from the location listed below:

Webster Parish Police Jury
Office of Community Services
208 Gleason Street
Minden, LA 71055

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE TURNED IN AT WEBSTER PARISH OFFICE OF COMMUNITY SERVICES LOCATED AT 208 GLEASON STREET MINDEN, LA ON THE SPECIFIED DATE AND TIMES GIVEN

Equal Opportunity Housing/Employer/ Program/Provider Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

June 11, 2021
June 15, 2021
June 18, 2021
June 22, 2021
Minden Press-Herald

SECTION 00020 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Separate sealed bids addressed to the City of Minden (herein referred to as Owner) will be received by the Owner for the construction of the project described as follows:

2021 ROAD PROJECT

Bids shall be addressed to the City of Minden and delivered to the City Clerk's Office located at 520 Broadway Street, Minden, Louisiana 71055 no later than 10:00 A.M. local time on Tuesday, July 6, 2021. Shortly after the deadline for bid submission, bids properly received will be publicly opened and read aloud in Minden City Hall Pelican Room located at 520 Broadway Street, Minden, Louisiana. Any bid received after the above time will not be accepted under any circumstances and will be returned unopened. Faxed bids cannot be accepted and will be discarded. Owner is not responsible for the timely delivery of bids by USPS or any other carrier.

The Contract Documents may be examined at the following locations:

City of Minden
Department of Public Works
520 Broadway
Minden, LA 71055

Riley Company of Louisiana, Inc.
112 East Mississippi Avenue
Ruston, LA 71270

Copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained at the office of the engineer, Riley Company of Louisiana, Inc., 112 East Mississippi Avenue, Ruston, Louisiana 71270, telephone (318) 251-0238, fax (318) 251-0239 upon payment of \$50.00 for each set. Deposit is fully refundable to all bona fide prime bidders who submit a bid upon return of the documents in good condition no later than ten (10) days after receipt of bids. Deposit is 50% refundable to all others.

Contract documents will also be available online at www.BidExpress.com. Contractors are provided the option to submit bid for public contracts through a uniform and secure electronic interactive system as stated in Louisiana Bid Law R.S. 38:2212.1. Electronic bids may be submitted at www.BidExpress.com. If bidding online, all interested parties must register with Bid Express. If bidders encounter problems accessing Bid Express, please contact Bid Express at 888-352-2439.

The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any or all bids in accordance with state bid law.

Prime bidders for this work must be licensed under the classification of Highway, Street, and Bridge Construction

Any subcontractor submitting a sub-bid in excess of \$50,000 to a prime bidder is required to be licensed in accordance with the State of Louisiana requirements.

An acceptable Bid Bond, Cashier's Check, or Certified Check, payable to the Owner in an amount not less than 5% of the total and, must accompany the bid. Failure to do so will cause bid to be rejected. Negotiable Bid Bonds will be returned to the unsuccessful bidders as soon as possible or not more than 60 days after the opening of bids. Bidders failing to provide a bid bond will be considered a "no bid".

Bids shall be in a sealed envelope marked "DO NOT OPEN – SEALED BID – CITY OF MINDEN 2021 ROAD PROJECT – BID NUMBER 1-21 – ATTN: CITY CLERK." Bidder shall include their full company name, address, and license number, as issued by the State of Louisiana Contractors Licensing Board on the outside of the envelope containing said bid documents.

An acceptable Performance Bond and Payment Bond equal to 100% of the contract price will be required of the successful bidder.

No bidder may withdraw his/her bid within forty-five (45) days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

Bidders will also be in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations of the Federal Government, State of Louisiana, and meet all bonding and insurance requirements.

Michael Fluhr,
City Clerk
Bid Number 1-21

June 8, 2021
June 15, 2021
June 22, 2021
Minden Press-Herald

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals will be received by the Webster Parish School Board, Attn: Johnny Rowland, Jr., by hand-delivery, at 1442 Sheppard Street, Minden, Louisiana, by mail to the Webster Parish School Board, ATTN: Johnny Rowland, P. O. Box 520, Minden, Louisiana 71058, Or electronically at www.centralbidding.com until 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 07, 2021 for the sale of the following property: **Hwy 532 Dubberly, La 71024-2538** (Old Dubberly High

Site)

Precisely at the above time and place, all proposals in hand will be publicly opened and read aloud and any proposals received subsequent to the opening will be returned unopened. General Conditions and Instructions to Bidders, a plat and description of the property, and Bid Form may be acquired from Webster Parish School Board, 1442 Sheppard Street, Minden, Louisiana or by contacting Terric W. Ferguson, telephone number (318) 377-7052.

Arrangements to inspect the property may be made with Jeff Franklin, by telephone at (318) 377-7052.

Minimum acceptable bid for the site is \$37,500.00

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The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

WEBSTER PARISH SCHOOL BOARD JOHNNY ROWLAND, JR. SUPERINTENDENT

June 15, 2021
June 22, 2021
June 29, 2021
July 06, 2021
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NOTICE

Ray, Jessie H.
Betlye Ray Billiot

THIS NOTICE BY PUBLICATION IS NOTIFICATION THAT YOUR RIGHTS OR INTEREST IN THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY LOCATED IN WEBSTER PARISH, LOUISIANA MAY BE TERMINATED BY OPERATION OF LAW IF YOU DO NOT TAKE FURTHER ACTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW:

W/2 of lots #7, 8, & 9, Blk 3, Southside Addn.
504 Myers St.
Assessment #114019 as per the assessment in the records of the Tax Assessor of Webster Parish, Louisiana.

This property was adjudicated to the Police Jury on 5-17-2012. The three year redemptive period has passed. Tax sale title to the above described property has been sold for failure to pay taxes. You have been identified as a person who may have an interest in this property. Your interest in the property will be terminated

within 60 days from the date of this publication unless you redeem the property or you may otherwise challenge in a court of competent jurisdiction the potential sale or donation.

Webster Parish Police Jury
410 Main St.
Minden, LA 71055
318-377-7564

June 22, 2021
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NOTICE

Taylor, Marie L
Harriet O
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Lot #20, Dickens Subdiv. Unit #3
806 Durwood Dr.
Assessment #114812
as per the assessment in the records of the Tax Assessor of Webster Parish, Louisiana.

This property was adjudicated to the Police Jury on 5-22-2015. The three year redemptive period has passed. Tax sale title to the above described property has been sold for failure to pay taxes. You have been identified as a person who may have an interest in this property. Your interest in the property will be terminated within 60 days from the date of this publication unless you redeem the property or you may otherwise challenge in a court of competent jurisdiction the potential sale or donation. Webster Parish Police Jury
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June 22, 2021
Minden Press-Herald

Heritage Farmers Market, LLC, d/b/a, Bernice's Table is applying to Office of Alcohol & Tobacco Control of the State of Louisiana to sell beverages of high and low content at retail in Webster Parish at the following address :
21416 US - 371, Cotton Valley, LA 71018
Heritage Farmers Market, LLC
Bernice's Table
Member(s): Myisha Croom-Turner / Bing Turner

June 18, 2021
June 22, 2021
Minden Press-Herald

Heritage Farmers Markets, LLC, d/b/a, Bernice Community Market is applying to Office of Alcohol & Tobacco Control of the State of Louisiana to sell beverages of high and low content at retail in Webster Parish at the following address :
21508 US - 371, Cotton Valley, LA 71018
Heritage Farmers Market, LLC
Bernice Community Market
Member(s): Myisha Turner / Bing Turner

June 18, 2021
June 22, 2021
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PUBLIC NOTICE

The budget of the Webster Parish Clerk of Court covering fiscal year 2021/2022 has been adopted after a public hearing held on June 15, 2021. A summary of the budget is available for public inspection at the Webster Parish Clerk of Court during normal business hours. This notice serves as certification that all statutory requirements have been met in accordance with RS 39:1307.

June 22, 2021
Minden Press-Herald

PUBLIC NOTICE

The 2020-2021 budget of the Webster Parish Sheriffs Office Bayou Dorcheat Correction Center Fund has been amended and is available for review at the Webster Parish Sheriff's Office.

June 22, 2021
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NOTICES

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