

# Remembering Mike “Dawg” McCoy

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“There was only one Dawg and there will never be another one. The main thing about him was that if you were his friend, and if you needed it and he had it it was yours,” said Jimmy Williams, Sibley Mayor and Owner of Minden Athletic.

William “Mike” McCoy was a community figure who passed away on June 21st of this year. This loss was felt throughout Minden, with McCoy touching the lives of countless citizens through his active involvement in the local sports community.

This love of sports was also central to the bond that Mike McCoy and his brother Scotty McCoy had built over the years.

“He had a love for Minden High baseball, football, or anything to do with Minden, long before I got old enough to get to high school. But that was his deal, was for me to be able to do that. Him and coach Marvin Jones already had a special relationship, so he kept telling him, ‘I got my brother that will be coming along in a few years,’” said Scotty McCoy.

McCoy partially credits Mike’s gift of coaching to the time Mike spent bringing Scotty up as a ball player. “His gift was coaching sports. He loved the kids, and he tried to transfer that knowledge over to the children and he was remarkable at it. He was very intense, but



also loving. And the kids just, gosh, they just gravitated to him. He thought that it was his obligation to get those kids in the city program ready to play for Minden High School. He thought, ‘If I can do anything to help them to get better when they get to Minden High, I’ve done something,’” said McCoy.

Mike got to continue to foster his love of sports by working at the local business Minden Athletic. As Scotty McCoy puts it, he was up there often enough that they figured they should just give him a job.

“It just so happened that he knew the Wiggins real well, and he kept hanging around down there when they had to move to the new store, so they put him to work, and

said if you’re gonna come everyday, you might as well go to work. So they put him back there just selling shoes. Well, the shoe sales went through the roof. I can’t tell you how many people said I wouldn’t even buy shoes from there if your brother didn’t work there,” said McCoy.

Owner of Minden Athletic Jimmy Williams said of Mike McCoy, “He had the most kind heart, it’s just unbelievable. I’ve seen him give things to people that would hurt himself by giving it away, but he was just that type of person.”

Speaking more on the generous aspect of Mike McCoy’s character, his brother said, “He could

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Mike McCoy is remembered by friends and family for his giving spirit, loyalty, and willingness to do anything to help someone in need. He left his mark on the local sports community in Minden, being called a wealth of knowledge for anything local sports related. Suffice it to say that Mike McCoy will be missed dearly by those who knew him.

OUT WITH THE OLD  
AND IN WITH THE NEW

## Economic Director proposes ordinance to clean up vacant commercial properties

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The Minden City Council, Mayor, and department heads met in the Pelican Room Friday morning for a workshop in order to discuss the upcoming agenda for the July City Council meeting as well as ordinances proposed by the City’s Economic Development Director Phillip Smart.



SMART

One ordinance in particular that has potential to really shake things up for downtown Minden is the proposed Vacant Structures Ordinance,, which would make it potentially cumbersome on vacant property owners in the Historic District of Minden to own property, requiring them to pay for liability insurance, upkeep of the property, and fees that incrementally increase the longer that owners choose to not abide by the ordinance. Failure to pay fees and fines can also result in charges being brought against the property owner. Suffice it to say that the ordinance has some teeth.

The goal of this ordinance is to incentivize va-

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## Properties: City to host town hall to discuss ordinance

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vacant property owners to utilize their property, either by updating it to use themselves, or renting, leasing, or selling it, rather than sitting on it and letting it deteriorate.

Currently, the City has no teeth when it comes to enforcing these property owners to keep up their property, so this ordinance would make sitting on those properties a costly endeavor, creating pressure for these owners to actually do something with the property.

Councilman Wayne Edwards of Dist. A asked what he thought the property owners would think of this ordinance, to which Smart frankly responded, “They’ll probably be upset, because they’re actually going to have to do something with their building.”

Later in the discussion, Edwards asked, “I see what we’re trying to accomplish here, but this is basically going to force the sale of buildings, is that what we want?”

“It’s going to force them to update, sell, or lease the building. Yeah, that’s what we want. From an economic growth and stability standpoint for the City of Minden, we don’t want a vacant structure that’s dilapidated, overgrown, or a health

concern for the citizens of our community,” said Smart.

“I’m not sure I’m on board with that,” responded Edwards. “Have we attempted to talk to these property owners to see if they want to bring their buildings up to standard without twisting their neck off?”

“I have exhausted all methods I can,” said Smart,

“And what kind of feedback did you get?” asked Edwards.

“Zero,” responded Smart. “I don’t get a call back. I’ve sent letterheads, certified mail, I’ve had no response. Or they say yeah I’ll do it, and they never do it.”

West Monroe was brought up as an example since in recent years they had implemented a similar ordinance to help with their vacant properties.

“The mayor interjected that it had made a huge impact on the impression that West Monroe has made, because it made the owners clean up their buildings,” said Councilman Bloxom of Dist. E.

They then went on to name specific properties in Minden as examples of why they needed to find a solution.

“The one that comes to mind immediately for me was the old Harper Motors, and whoever owns

that has an amount fixed on that to sell, which no one in their right mind is ever going to pay.”

It was mentioned that they have had an asking price of 1.2 million on the building since 1999, and it has remained at that price since, even in the presence of reasonable offers.

Another issue that was brought up during the meeting was the fact that these property owners, more often than not, aren’t even residents of the city of Minden.

“I would say 9/10 the properties that I have trouble with are inherited, and they don’t live around here,” said Smart. “These people don’t live in the city. That’s my problem.”

Councilman Edwards still wasn’t fully on board for the ordinance without first making an effort to give the property owners a chance to speak, saying, “I just have a problem shoving things down people’s throats.”

It was then decided that within the next month, the City would host a town hall where they discuss the ordinance and its impacts with the vacant property owners, as well as other residents and business owners. The exact date has yet to be announced.

### GAS IN LOUISIANA

## Gas Prices to Remain Highest Since 2014 for 4th of July Weekend

Rising gas prices have become the theme for the 2021 summer travel season. According to GasBuddy, many drivers will see prices remain above the \$3 per gallon mark in time for the upcoming holiday weekend. Even with some relief from a recent small drop in prices, the national average price of gas on July 4 is still expected to be \$3.11 per gallon, some 43 percent, or 93 cents more than last year’s Covid-induced price of \$2.18.

According to GasBuddy’s annual summer travel survey in May, 46 percent of Americans’ plans this summer were affected by high gas prices, which had been rising steadily until recently. Prior to the upcoming

holiday weekend, Americans saw gas prices spike in early March, and again in mid-May due to increasing demand and the Colonial Pipeline shutdown.

“With the economic recovery from Covid continuing, gasoline demand has been very strong. Amidst lower oil production as oil companies struggle to raise output, gas prices have been higher this summer than in the past few years,” said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy. “However, once market forces begin to balance, I expect prices to moderate this fall and over time, oil production will again rise, helping bring gas prices down to earth as

soon as this fall, but the road may remain bumpy until the pandemic is behind us.”

According to GasBuddy’s annual summer travel survey, 74 percent of those planning to take a road trip will be taking at least two, further emphasizing the increased demand for gasoline.

With Covid recovery continuing this summer, oil prices are likely to remain elevated, keeping gas prices above \$3 per gallon for most of the summer. Labor Day is poised to feature \$3+ prices as well, and should any hurricane disrupt supply chains, prices may rise even further.

## Calumet Refinery Makes Generous Donation to Cotton Valley Police Department

Special to the Minden Press-Herald

Calumet Refinery this week made a donation to the Cotton Valley Police department, supplying them with the much needed equipment they need to continue to keep citizens safe. The donation included four handheld radios, four bullet proof vests, four flashlights with a total value of roughly \$6000.

We needed bulletproof vests, flashlights and radios. And Calumet Refinery, which is based out of cotton valley, they have donated these items to the department, and we want to say that we are thankful to Calumet for their generous donation,”

Officer Richie Sidhu who facilitated the donation.

Police Chief of the CVPD Micahel Dickey and Officer Sidhu wanted to express their thanks to Calumet Refinery for their generous donation. He stated that when they reached out to Calumet and made them aware of their need for equipment, there was no hesitation on the refinery’s behalf to get them the equipment they needed.

“Me and the Chief of Police reached out to Calumet Refinery, and told them that we really need these items, because we’re a small department, our budget is extremely limited. All we did was mention it to Cal-

umet and within seconds he decided to donate to us,” said Sidhu.

“He didn’t even blink, he said ‘you guys need it, we have a budget for this, we will handle it.’”

Officer Sidhu stated that Calumet is a strong believer in investing in the community. Calumet is based out of Cotton Valley, and they wanted to give back by making investments in the community.

“We really needed these items, and have needed them for a while. They’re going to keep our officers safe while they do the job that needs to be done to keep our citizens protected,” said Sidhu.

### BLOTTER

**Recent Arrests in Webster Parish**

Charles Shehee, of the 200 block of SE Claiborne Avenue, was arrested for simple criminal damage to property.

Tony Mitchell, 25, of the 900 block of McCausland Street, was arrested for flight from a police officer, expired registration, running a stop sign, no insurance, and driving under suspension.

Telvin West, 28, of the 10 block of Squire Street, was arrested on multiple warrants.

Michael Reeves Jr., 20, of the 100 block of Colby Lane, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

Donnie Holloway Jr.,

48, of the 25000 block of Highway 2, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

Richard Richmond, 40, of the 500 block of Sullivan Street, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

Alexandria Gonzalez, 23, of the 1500 block of Shreveport Road, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

Pamela Autry, 39, of the 100 block of North middle Landing, was arrested for theft.

George Puffer, 54, of the 1100 block of Shreveport Road, was arrested on multiple warrants.

Jamiaya Israel, 35, of the 1000 block of Horton

Street, was arrested for remaining on property after being forbidden.

Brandon Temple, 41, of the 3600 block of Highway 507, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

James Roton Jr., 47, of the 600 block of Doc Steed Road, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

Ethan Durr, 30, of the 2200 block of Highway 153, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

Ronnie Hemphill, 32, of the 200 block of Cadillac Street, was arrested on multiple warrants.

Lorenzo Harris, 31, of the 700 block of Sibley Road, was arrested for disturbing the peace.

Dmaicus Gill, 30, of the 1400 block of Harper Road, was arrested for driving under suspension.

Rickie Seamster Jr., of the 1200 block of Bonnie Lane, was arrested for domestic abuse battery.

John Harrah, 38, of the 200 block of 2nd Street, was arrested for a hit and run.

Jessica Williams, 31, of the 500 block of Moore Street, was arrested for simple criminal damage to property and 2nd degree battery.

Terrence Rhodes, 41, of the 1300 block of Shepard Street, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

Christina Hice, 41,, of the 100 block of Pine Street, was arrested for possession of a schedule II substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, and no bicycle lamps.

Cameron Thomas, 30, of the 400 block of Green Tree Street, was arrested for being a fugitive from Minden Police Department.

Carrol Louis Jr., 53, of the 200 block of Moss Point loop, was arrested for disturbing the peace through public intoxication and bad language.

Jules Gilcrease, 38, of the 100 block of Mattie Lane, was arrested on multiple warrants.

John Nugent, 65, of the

200 block of Bass Street, was arrested on multiple warrants.

Robert Moody, 30, of the 300 block of 6th Street NW, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

Jashua Kestle, 39, of the 200 block of Horseshoe Loop, was arrested for multiple warrants.

Dakota Capps, of the 500 block of Dogwood Trail, was arrested for theft.



Keri Etheridge, 38, of the 5300 block of Albert Street, was arrested on a warrant.

John Long, 35, of the 1600 block of Goldfinch Lane, was arrested on a warrant.


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## McCoy: Sheriff Parker deputized McCoy as an Auxiliary Sheriff

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do more with less, more than anybody I know. If there were only two pieces of something to eat and there were three people, he would rather them have it over him. You would think that at some point in your life you want something for yourself. And he was just the kind of guy. I'll say this, if he's not in heaven, we can all quit trying."

Another individual who noticed Mike's unwavering loyalty and generosity was Webster Parish Sheriff Jason Parker, who at the showing before the funeral, deputized Mike McCoy as an Auxiliary Sheriff as a token of appreciation for his work for the community as well as their friendship.

"Mike was very supportive during my campaign election. I consider him a very good friend, probably one of the most loyal individuals I've ever known. I would

have to say that Mike's efforts in helping me had a big part to play in where I'm at now. It was an honor for me to send him off with an auxiliary deputy badge. I had no plans on doing that, but on my way to the funeral service, thinking about Mike, his friendship, his service to the community, and his service to the parish, I couldn't think of a more deserving individual," said Parker.

"He always wanted to put me in the forefront with athletics. He always looked up to me," said McCoy.

"That's why I'm so happy this article is happening, because like I said, with my athletic career, you can go back and find my picture in the paper like two hundred times. When the call came about this, I kind of just laughed and I said, 'dude, finally, you're going to get in the newspaper. It's you they're talking about, it's you that's going to have that big article that you so much deserve.'"

### OBITUARIES



#### Earl Mack Gray

Funeral services for Earl Mack Gray will be held Wednesday, June 30, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at Rose-Neath Funeral Home Chapel in Minden, Louisiana with Bro. D.J. Thomas officiating. Interment will follow at Minden Cemetery with military honors. The family will receive friends from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 29, 2021 at Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Minden.

Earl was born February 23, 1947 in Minden, Louisiana and entered into rest June 26, 2021 in Shreveport, Louisiana. Earl served his country during the Vietnam War as an infantry soldier with the United States Army. After his military service he was a self-employed as a welder and then enjoyed retirement as an active member of the Antioch Baptist Church of Minden, Louisiana.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Clarence Gray and Etoile Nave Gray; brothers, Travis Dallas Gray and Clarence Ray Gray, and sisters, Brenda Gray and Mary Elizabeth (Moonie) Salsburg.

He is survived by his sons, Earl Boyd Gray and wife Carmen, Dennis James Gray and wife Denia and Matthew Cory Gray; grandchildren, Alyssa L. Taylor, Chance E. Gray, Haley M. Gray, Mac L. Gray, Melanie M. Gray, and Gabby D. Gray; sisters, Beatrice Fatheree, Judy Gray, Connie Valdez, Bonnie Burgess, and Linda Gray; brother Rickie Gray and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be Heath Lewis, Todd Gray, Aaron Gray, Evan Gray, Grady Miller, and Timmy Gray.

Honorary pallbearers will be Jason Salsburg, Travis D. Gray, Jr. Mark and James Killingsworth

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## OTHER OPINION

# Blowing the lid off probate predators

There is a silent epidemic in this country claiming the lives and property of untold numbers of innocent elderly and disabled Americans. It has nothing to do with exotic viruses. In fact, it's a home-grown phenomenon involving corrupt elected officials, judges and lawyers.

The deadly disease running rampant in our court system is probate and guardianship abuse.

This week, the granddaughter of the late iconic singer and songwriter Nina Simone blew the whistle on Vice President Kamala Harris' alleged role in a scheme where the entertainer's estate "was taken away from us" after she died in France in 2003. The battle stretched out over 15 years and was reportedly helmed by Harris while she served as California's attorney general between 2011-2017. In a two-part series of shocking tweets, ReAnna Simone Kelly laid out her family's claims about how Harris "threatened my mother Lisa Simone with jail time before the case was underway if my mom didn't resign as the Administrator and Trustee of the estate."

Simone Kelly alleged that Harris, who had no legal jurisdiction over Simone's estate overseas, "put out stories about funds being misappropriated which of course, turned out to be totally false as the money she was talking about was used to pay attorneys, accountants and to protect and run the estate." Eventually, the grand-

daughter recounted, "the law firm that we initially sued for wrongfully filing the estate in the US probate system, in the end, wound up settling with us for a few million dollars."

Simone Kelly wants answers and is urging people in power



**MICHELLE MALKIN**

... (that includes you, fellow journalists!) to "ask Kamala Harris why she came for my family ... Ask her why she separated my family ... Ask her why we as her family no longer own the rights to anything. Ask her why she bullied my mother in court and my mom almost killed herself from the depression."

If this all sounds bewildering and unimaginable, you haven't been paying attention. Across the country, judges, prosecutors and other legal cronies have been entangled in nightmare cases involving elderly and disabled citizens who've been stripped of their homes, physically and mentally abused, defrauded and often left to die, according to their families.

"All across America," California nurse and activist Patricia Lacy told me, "vulnerable elders are being placed under fraudulent guardian and

conservatorships in an effort to obtain a senior's life savings, property and removal of all their civil rights. They are not even allowed to hire their own attorney but are given a court-appointed attorney, who works in partnership with the opposing party. The guardians, who are supposed to be serving the best interest of the senior, instead use the elder's money to fight against their advanced directives or wishes. The result is usually the elders losing their homes and being placed in lockdown facilities. If a family member complains, the guardianship playbook calls for a court hearing to claim that the family member is 'interfering' and they are then isolated from their loved one."

Lacy is a member of the National Association to Stop Guardianship Abuse. Her beloved father, Stan Zurko, died at the age of 102 last year after a horrific struggle with a public guardian who separated him from family, hid legal documents from him, and withheld medication and living expenses. Lacy sought help from local and county officials in Ventura County, California, who turned a deaf ear and blind eye. Zurko died in May 2020, barred from moving in with his daughter, and gave up "out of despair that no one would hear him or help him," Lacy said. "He lost his will to live with so many people in court physically, emotionally and financially harming him, until he just gave up and took his last breath."

The family's plight is still not over. Zurko's assets have been liquidated by the conservators, and Lacy is saddled with \$250,000 in legal bills. The allegation that Harris threatened Nina Simone's family in the battle over her estate will be very familiar to other families who have faced similar intimidation by the Probate Predator Mafia.

"Many family members have been put in jail under false pretenses just to shut them up. My funds are depleted from paying all the expenses and attorneys' fees. I have all the documents and validation of the abuse to my father, but I can't hire an attorney with no funds," Lacy told me. "This is exactly what these predators do — deplete the family of all funds so they will not be sued."

The system is rigged. Vulnerable victims have little recourse against a cabal of ruthless thieves and grifters in black robes and three-piece suits. The good news is that families are fighting back and opening eyes. The bad news is that too many establishment journalists are more interested in serving as sycophants to elites than defending the helpless. I've asked Kamala Harris' office for comment on the Probate Predator epidemic. How many others will stand up?

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## OTHER OPINION

# Louisiana lawmakers tackle water system upgrades

Spurred by recent hurricanes and a rare winter storm that demonstrated the frailty of Louisiana's public water supply, lawmakers have set their attention on improving the state's troubled water systems.

Legislators created a new grading metric for community water systems, steered \$300 million in federal coronavirus aid to improvements and allocated millions more in state cash to upgrades and fixes in their recently ended session. Gov. John Bel Edwards supported the efforts.

Louisiana has nearly 1,300 water systems statewide. About half are operating off structures that are more than 50 years old, according to reports documenting their vulnerabilities. In some rural areas, systems are teetering on the brink of failure and face such significant population loss they don't have enough money for proper maintenance.

"If we fix everybody and everything that should be fixed, it's about \$4 billion in estimated costs," Desiree Honoré Thomas, with the Democratic governor's Division of Administration, told lawmakers.

That hefty sum still might have been underestimating the scale of the problems. A 2018 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency suggested Louisiana's 20-year funding needs for drinking water infrastructure topped \$7 billion.

"We now have what we believe are the resources to make

a meaningful impact and change on these systems," said House Appropriations Chairman Jerome "Zee" Zeringue, a Houma Republican.

Zeringue is co-chairing a 10-member legislative Water Sector Commission created to decide which community water and sewer systems should share in the \$300 million in federal pandemic aid. It already held its first meeting.

The Edwards administration, which will run the application



**MELINDA DESLATTE**

portal and handle the grants, told the commission it intends to submit recommendations for prioritizing projects by mid-July with an eye toward opening the application period Aug. 1.

The need to harden water infrastructure is an obvious, bipartisan issue.

When Hurricane Laura struck a wide path of destruction across Louisiana in August, it knocked out 121 water systems and temporarily left hundreds of thousands of people without water. Another 150-plus water systems had disruptions that required people to boil their water for safe use.

The February winter storm that dropped snow and ice

across Louisiana walloped the systems again, leaving hundreds of thousands without potable water and hospitals trucking in water for patient care.

William Daniel, director of Shreveport's water and sewerage system, believes even the multibillion-dollar estimates of the problem are understated. He told lawmakers the city of Shreveport, which suffered a week of water outages in February, probably has \$2 billion in needs alone.

Amanda Ames, chief engineer for the Louisiana Department of Health, told the Water Sector Commission her agency already had identified 182 drinking water systems statewide that have \$146 million in projects deemed "critical."

Lawmakers also intend to make the lists of the state's most fragile water systems more widely known — and the problems more understandable — to the public through a new grading system.

The bill creating the grading, pushed by St. Martin Parish Republican Sen. Fred Mills, won unanimous legislative support and has been signed into law. It will require the Department of Health to develop a grading system from A through F, similar to the way the education department grades public schools.

Mills said public information about water systems often is highly technical and hard to decipher.

When someone can see an F-rated system, "it causes the public to say, 'Why do I have to live under this type of water system?'" Mills told lawmakers.

Water systems will be judged on their water quality violations, financial sustainability, customer satisfaction and other benchmarks. The health department will have to publish the grades online. Any community water system that receives a D or F could be subject to corrective measures and will have to submit improvement plans.

Mills hopes communities that get water from poorly rated systems might have discussions about consolidating with better rated systems. While Louisiana has nearly 1,300 water systems, he noted Alabama has about 400.

Some water system leaders spend money on unrelated projects, while others don't want to suggest needed price hikes for consumers because they don't want to hurt themselves politically, Mills said.

"I think by having this score card system, it's going to glaringly bring out weaknesses that some water systems just don't want to face," he told his colleagues.

The first grades aren't due until 2023 — but the state could issue them sooner to dovetail the effort with the financing.

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INSPIRATION

# When God Delivered A Newspaper Dated July Fourth To A Laundromat

I've had so many "God Wink" moments! I would like to tell you about one more time God stepped out of the woodwork, making His presence known when I was living in Temple, Oklahoma in 1978.

Because I felt rootless, I began a serious search, in the 1970's, to find my extended family. I knew so little about my living relatives. My dad was an only child, born in 1895. and he died when I was ten. which caused my sister, Alice and I, to go into an orphanage. My mother was born in 1906, in an underground Indian dwelling, in Oklahoma, before statehood.

In 1908 my mother

fell through the soft roof of that sod house when she was only two years old, causing her to lapse into a coma, suffering a permanent brain injury. My twenty-five year old grandmother was dying of typhoid fever at the same time. My mother had also just lost her six year old brother to that disease, then known as "the germ in the water."

I am so blessed to have the old steamer trunk with a treasure trove of pictures and other memorabilia from the 1800's which gave me some

clues on my search which began in the early 1970's I became quite a detective.

I called directory assistance for my paternal grandmother's last name, Ritz, in Licking, Missouri.

The first two people to answer knew of my grandmother, Sarah Alice Ritz Hudson and grandfather, George Washington McClellan Hudson, a circuit riding preacher, from Sullivan, Illinois, who came through Licking and married my grandmother!

I became fast friends with Clara Ritz who loved

telling me stories of how my great grandfather Nicholas Ritz came to New York in 1851 from Bern, Switzerland, on the same ship with my great grandmother Elizabeth Anders. and how they met and married that same year. Four years later they came down to Licking where many family members still live. Our friendship grew and then one day God stepped out of the woodwork and made His presence known!

I went to the laundromat in Temple, Oklahoma. While looking for a newspaper to line my basket, what would appear but a newspaper dated July 4, 1978 from

Licking, Missouri!

My hands began to shake!

I knew there was something in it for me!

There was a Ritz-Hadley family reunion story in that paper complete with a family group picture!

I almost forgot my laundry while rushing home to call Clara Ritz!

The next year I went to the reunion and they all autographed their names to the newspaper!

I never found another newspaper from Licking.

I've made numerous connections to my living long lost relatives scattered all across the country including the Morris, Mutchler, Maples, and

Hudson lines.

I learned so much about my genetic traits!

I know there are no coincidences!

My search has enriched our family's life so much!

This is what Squire Rushnell, author of "When God Winks" would call a "God Wink" story.

I probably have enough of these vignettes to compile my own book of "God Wink" moments! If you haven't read a "God Wink" book you really should.

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VACATION LIFE

## Celebrate the Fourth of July with Fireworks in Sarepta




Special to the Minden Press-Herald

The public is invited to attend the Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration, from 4:00 P. M. to the Fireworks demonstration at dark in Sarepta, Louisiana! This special celebration will be held in the Sarepta Ball Park off West Highway #2 and Vines Street! The National Anthem,

Pledge of Alliance and Prayer will be held around 8:00. You may listen to what's happening from your car if you tune into 87.7 on your radio and are within one mile of the Park. Music will be provided by the Bud Christian Sound Band from Shreveport. Food Vendors, Face Painting and a Game Truck will be available. There will, also,

be water slides and playground entertainment for the children. Fireworks at dark are presented by Bistineau Blasters and are compliments of Rodney and Tracie Ketchum. Please bring your lawn chairs and towels! Do include "4<sup>th</sup> of July & Fireworks in Sarepta" in your July 4<sup>th</sup> family plans!



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Applications must be received no later than July 31, 2021.

LOCAL

# CC-READY Program Gives Juveniles a Second Chance

WILL PHILLIPS  
Minden Press-Herald

Ron Anderson, Director of Project Reclaim, recently had the pleasure of graduating the juveniles enrolled in the City Court Resiliency, Elevation, Ambition, and Direction for Youth program (CC-READY for short.) This program is a four day class designed to teach necessary life skills to youth that get involved with the court system.

“I am so proud of the recent graduates of our CC-READY program. Ron Anderson does a fantastic job with this program, which is designed to offer juveniles involved with the court system the opportunity to attend classes that will teach them life skills about respect for authority, staying in school, and respect for themselves. We are very thankful that we are able to conduct the classes at Webster parish Libraries - Minden Main Branch, which gives the parents and guardians the ability to take advantage of the numerous resources available at the Library while the juveniles are attending classes,” said

Judge Sherb Sentell.

On the final day of the class, the students prepared a light speech talking about what they had learned from the program. One of the students stated, “It showed me that sometimes you just need somebody to push you. To show you what you should be doing, put you on the right track, and just give you a little push. You’ve shown me how I can do better and what I should be doing to get on the right track.”

After the students gave their speeches, even mere minutes away from graduation, Anderson was sure to be supportive as well as continuing to teach the class vital life lessons.

“There are people in here that you don’t know and they came out to support you. And I know it’s a little scary or makes you a little nervous about getting up and speaking in front of people they don’t know and being honest as you were, but you did it. You know what’s going to happen in life? You’re going to run into things that are going to make you nervous. It’s going to scare you. But if there’s

something good on the other side of that, you have to fight through it,” said Anderson.

“Getting up in front of people that I don’t know, even though I’ve been doing it for years, sometimes I get a little nervous too, because I want to do a good job, but I do it. So congratulations to you for getting in front of people that you don’t know and speaking your truth.”

“I had the pleasure of sitting in on a few of the CC-READY classes, under Mr. Anderson’s directions, held at the Webster Parish libraries,” says Kim Sentell, Marketing Director for the Webster Parish Libraries System. “I’ve seen the youth just really mature and accept responsibility, and I’ve seen their self-esteem improve greatly. They should be so proud of themselves.”

“We are grateful for the opportunity to serve our community in this capacity. Webster Parish Libraries is dedicated to supporting Webster Parish youth and meeting the changing and expanding needs of the wonderful community we serve.”

An example of the impact a class like this can

have on someone’s life can be seen through Kaden Griffith, a past graduate of the program. He was invited by Anderson to speak to the class of graduates, detailing the change the program made in his life, saying, “First and foremost this class probably meant the same to y’all as it did me when I first walked in. It was just a complete waste of your time, just a little slap on the wrist to keep you out of big boy trouble. But really, it opened my eyes up. Let me understand that, really, my actions do have consequences.”

“After doing this class that y’all did, graduating, getting out, you have to decide that the kid stuff is over with. Once you hit 18, you’re grown, and they’re not going to send you to a class like this , they’re going to send you to jail. So I’m just letting you know, it’s time to put the kid stuff behind, get

away from distractions,” said Griffith.

“Anybody else around me who I knew was going to make me fall down and not bring me up, I cut everybody off and did my own thing. Before I graduated high school, I had my own house, I got my own car, and I got myself a new job too. He helped me really open my eyes and led me in the right direction that I needed to be going in life. He’s been a big inspiration to me. Helped me a lot, to get back on track and be the man I am today. I appreciate that a lot.”

Even with all the lessons taught over the course of the CC-READY program, Anderson was sure to impart that he can teach them everything that he knows and wish the best for them, but ultimately the decision to change their life for the better has to start with themselves.

“It all boils down to

one word, and that’s the choice. The choices you make. Mr. Anderson can’t make it for you, you have to make that choice for yourself. You know what I’m hoping for? I’m hoping you got something out of this that you can use. You’ve been a very good class. I saw a lot of growth out of you over the last four days,” said Anderson.

“There are people here that you don’t know who came out here this afternoon to this graduation to support you. You don’t know these people, but you know what? It doesn’t matter. They are people who want the best for you and they don’t even know your names, but I want to tell you something about that. We care about you, but if we care about you more than you care about you, it ain’t going to work. You’ve got to care about yourself.”

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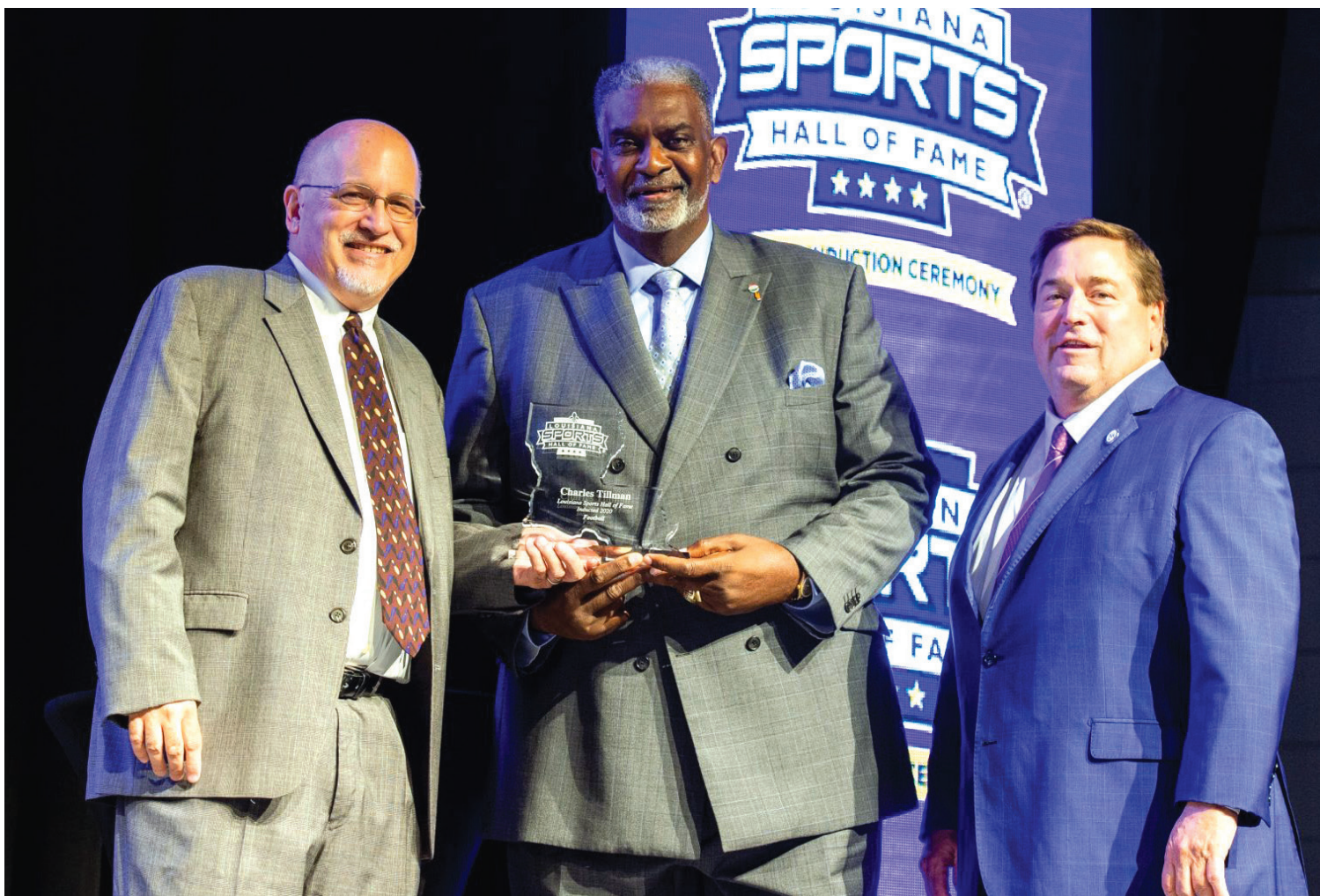
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# Delayed, but not denied



Lenny Vangilder, Sweet Lou Dunbar, Lt. Gov. Billy Nungesser

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## Long-delayed Class of 2020 brings familiarity to anticipated induction ceremony

Special to the Minden Press-Herald

NATCHITOCHES - Delayed but not denied, the 2020 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame induction class finally took center stage Saturday night inside the Natchitoches Events Center.

And despite the two years between induction ceremonies, little changed during the 61st induction ceremony.

The 11-person induction class lived up to its billing of a diverse class, but the themes that permeated their presentations and induction speeches were generally similar.

From family members or coaches or teammates or co-workers - and of course, their Louisiana roots - the feelings of gratitude remained as consistent as they were ahead of the COVID-19 pandemic, which twice delayed the group's official induction into the state's sports shrine.

"When you've lived in New Jersey and come back to Louisiana, you're hit by that heat and humidity," said two-time NBA Finals participant and former national college basketball Player of the Year Kerry Kittles, a product of New Orleans' St. Augustine High School. "That thread, the perseverance and character in my roots - playing in all those tournaments in the southern part of the state - really propelled me through the challenges later on in my career and in life. Those experiences shaped me throughout my life and are why I am here

being honored."

Whether it was the self-professed "city boy" from New Orleans like Kittles or the sweet, smooth shooting small-town girl from Shady Grove in Angela Turner-Johnson, those Louisiana roots run deep.

Turner-Johnson, the 1981 Final Four Most Valuable Player, made sure to shout out her small community as she became the eighth member of the Louisiana Tech Lady Techsters dynasty to be inducted into the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

"Growing up in Shady Grove, it was such a small community, but we had a sense of family," Turner-Johnson said "If someone did something wrong, our parents knew before we got home because everybody cared about everybody. Mr. Edward Mason, our principal, instilled in us to be the best we can be. He wanted us to not let our humble beginnings get in the way of us dreaming big."

The members of the long-awaited Class of 2020 dreamed big and delivered even bigger for the Sportsman's Paradise.

From Turner-Johnson who helped deliver consecutive national championships to Kittles and Charles "Peanut" Tillman, who was part of two Super Bowl teams, the talent honed all across the Bayou State represented their state - whether a natural home or an adopted one - to the fullest.

"I'm in love with my university," said Tillman, who played from 1999-02 at the University

of Louisiana at Lafayette before becoming a second-round draft pick of the Chicago Bears and the 2013 NFL Walter Payton Man of the Year. "I got a little sport coat customized designed (in Ragin' Cajuns colors). They gave me an opportunity to showcase my talents. I wasn't highly recruited. Like Lou (Dunbar) said, I wasn't on their list. Well, I got on UL's list and had an amazing four years. Now, I'm trying to be an ambassador for THE University of Louisiana."

Tillman, a Chicago native who played his high school football in Copperas Cove, Texas, built on his four seasons in a Ragin' Cajuns uniform to produce a 13-year NFL career in which he forced 44 fumbles. His propensity for punching the ball loose earned that move the moniker of the "Peanut Punch." Those roots were firmly planted in the Lafayette soil.

"We played Wofford College in 1999, and they ran the triple option," Tillman said. "I had about 20 tackles, and one of our coaches said to me, 'You know, if you just punched the ball, you would have forced about 15 fumbles.' Like Phil (Robertson) said, we all have talents. That one worked out for me."

So did Tillman's attention to detail.

"When he came in, he told me he was going to the NFL," team chaplain Eric Treuil said. "You know how many guys tell me they're going to the NFL? Well, he had a plan to get his

degree in three-and-a-half years and spend that last half a year training for the NFL. He had a lot of drive, a lot of foresight. We won six games in his four years. A guy who was able to endure and work through losing seasons but keep a champion's mind-set? That's special."

In high school and college, Phil Robertson's talents were on the gridiron, but his lifelong passion was hunting.

Inducted into the Hall as an outdoorsman, Robertson turned the fire that started at 11 years old into the world-renowned Duck Commander brand that launched the A&E reality series "Duck Dynasty."

"I told my Ma, 'I'm not going to school today. I'm going duck hunting,'" Robertson recalled. "She said, 'Go get us some.' I walk to Little Lake, and I'm poaching. I see three green-winged teal and a pintailed hen flying together. They come right at me, and I empty my gun. Boom. Boom. Boom. I got two of them. I stripped naked, jumped in the water got my ducks, put my clothes back on and jogged home."

"I ran in the door and told my Pa, who was sitting by the header, 'Paw, I've struck' He said you got a teal and a pintail, tell your mom to cook them and we'll eat. I've been chasing them ever since."

The chase led him away from the Louisiana Tech football team where he started ahead of future Louisiana and Pro Football Hall of Famer Terry Bradshaw.

"I didn't beat him out," Bradshaw said. "He quit. He always knew his passion was hunting and my passion was football. He focused on hunting, and

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### PREP FOOTBALL

## Row the boat

### Santelices, Warriors ready to tackle season

AIDEN MEALEY  
Minden Press-Herald

The Lakeside Warriors football team is excited to get the new season started, especially head coach Mike Santelices.

"We're doing summer workouts and 7-on-7's," said Santelices. "We're getting better at what we do and continuing to learn and build on what we've learned in the past."

Santelices said he saw a lot from quarterback Jacob Whitehead after their spring game. "In the spring game he showed a lot of promise and development. He understands the game a lot better and threw a lot of nice balls."

Santelices then went on to say he is excited to see wide receiver Tario Briggsby, linebacker Koby Mangrum, lineman Kris Redden, and the offensive line as a whole, play in the upcoming season.

"Our offensive line has spent several years in the same system so I think they will be a lot better up front," said Santelices.

Lakeside only played 5 games last year and missed the playoffs due to Covid-19. Santelices said the team is eager to play this season after being devastated they could not finish the season last year the way that they wanted to. The football games will be 100% capacity this year compared to only being 25% capacity last year.

Lakeside will play a fall scrimmage at Lakeview and a jamboree at North Webster to kick off the season.

### Got Sports?

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SANTELICES

# HOF: Dunbar traveled the world with Globetrotters

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that's how I got the starting job. He always was a really sweet guy."

Robertson may have been sweet, but few in the world of sports were more saccharine than Minden's "Sweet" Lou Dunbar, an All-American at the University of Houston who became basketball's Clown Prince with the Harlem Globetrotters.

Despite his All-American credentials at Houston, Dunbar spent one season playing professionally in Switzerland before starting his four-decade career with the Globetrotters as a player and an executive.

"I've been to over 90 countries," Dunbar said. "Coming out of Minden, Louisiana, who would have thought that? I met Pope John Paul II, the 75th pope. We gave him a jersey with the No. 75. I'll touch y'all later. I've been anointed."

Aside from his connection to the very top of the Catholic church, Dunbar long had been putting smiles on people's faces, something that only grew with his time with the Globetrotters.

"He took a cowboy hat from this guy, and the guy ran him around the gym about 20 times," said current Globetrotter Hi-Lite Bruton. "I was a rookie, and I was laughing so hard. Everyone in the crowd, we were on the floor dying."

Former Grambling middle linebacker Ronnie Coleman had a face down moment that has lived on for the eight-time Mr. Olympia.

The one-time long-shot bodybuilder walked on to legendary coach Ed-die Robinson's team in 1983 and worked his way up the depth chart to become a starter in 1986. His climb to the top of the bodybuilding world took a similar tact, one that bodybuilding journalist Peter McGough called a "Rocky-type" story.

Even Hollywood couldn't script something like Coleman's career,

which started with a win in his first competition – the Mr. Texas event. From its humble beginnings where Coleman took advantage of a free gym membership in order to compete in Mr. Texas to become the first eight-time Mr. Olympia champion, Coleman relied on a simple credo – and multiple battle cries that echoed throughout gyms across the Metroplex.

"Knowledge is power," Coleman said. "The more you have, the better off you'll be. I learned from some of the best guys out there. Brian Dobson taught me a lot, but Brian could only take me so far. The next guy who got me my first Mr. Olympia was Chad Nichols. He knew exactly what I needed to do to get to that next level. Find yourself someone knowledgeable, and they can take you to the top."

The top is where most of Mackie Freeze's Richwood High School football teams ended up.

After starting the Richwood program with a \$350 budget, Freeze captured four straight state championships from 1961-64, continuing the success he began as an undefeated pitcher for Ralph Waldo Emerson Jones' Grambling State teams during his college career.

At 94 years old, Freeze became the oldest living inductee in the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame, doing so with his trademark positivity.

"To be invited to this beautiful presentation makes my day, and I wouldn't want to be in any other place on the globe than right here, right now," Freeze said.

Freeze recalled how farmers near the Richwood campus cleared the land to build not only a football stadium but a practice field and a baseball stadium. What did they want in return?

"They wanted to win," Freeze said.

Freeze did just that but he poured into his players much more than simple Xs and Os.

"Thank about what we

did then," said Charlie Smith, who played for Freeze and then at Grambling. "We did so much with so little. He's such a great guy, a great motivator. He's a guy who cares about his kids. That's what it's all about."

While Freeze racked up state titles on the football field, Kittles led his St. Aug Purple Knights to a state basketball championship before becoming the National Player of the Year at Villanova University.

Kittles was the Big East Player of the Year as a junior and could have gone to the NBA before deciding to return to Villanova after a conversation with his parents.

"I really wanted to graduate from college," said Kittles, who averaged 14 points per game in an eight-year NBA career. "I was really enjoying the college experience, and I knew the NBA wasn't going anywhere. My parents encouraged me to graduate and make that a priority."

That Kittles was level-headed enough to think that decision through did not surprise his high school coach, Bernard Griffith.

"Kerry's and old man in a young man's body," Griffith said. "He always had an older person's mentality. I'd say, 'Kerry, what would you like to do? He'd say, can we go fishing, just sit around and fish?' He wasn't going to run the streets. It all paid off or him. He did well in the pros. This is a great award for him."

Kittles' mother hails from Opelousas, the same hometown of longtime Tennessee athletic administrator Joan Cronan, who was named the recipient of the Dave Dixon Sports Leadership Award.

Cronan, who graduated from LSU before coaching three sports at Northwestern State for one year, turned the Lady Vols into a national powerhouse alongside coach Pat Summitt before eventually taking the reins of the entire Tennessee athletic department.

"It's so much fun (to be in Natchitoches)," said Cronan, a self-described Cajun with orange blood. "Over 50 years ago, my husband came here to Natchitoches to get his master's degree, and I became the volleyball coach, the basketball coach and the tennis coach. It's a very special place, and we've always loved it."

Alongside Summitt, Cronan helped make Tennessee – and other universities – special places for female student-athletes, something that dated to 12-year-old Joan wanting to play baseball but being turned away.

"It's like Barbara Mandrell, who said she was country before being country was cool," Cronan said. "I was a tomboy before it was cool for women to be in sports. I knew when I was 12 years old and told I couldn't play baseball that I wanted to be in a business that helped women learn to compete."

Robin Fambrough of The Advocate in Baton Rouge faced similar challenges when breaking into the sports writing field in the early 1980s.

"We were mostly limited in the things we could do," said Fambrough, one of two Distinguished Service Award in Journalism awardees. "Women sports were becoming a thing, and women covered women's sports. Gradually more things opened up. You had to explain to people that you did know football, or they figured it out. When they needed somebody to go here or there, I said, 'I can do that.' One thing led to another, and there you have it."

Fambrough earned five Louisiana Sports Writers Association Prep Writer of the Year awards in her career, one that has established her as a trailblazer and a beacon among state sports writers, especially those on the high school beats.

"When Robin walks through the door, you know you're at the biggest

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## LEAGUE BASEBALL

# Weekend Winners

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The Minden SweetTees advanced to the Dixie Louisiana State Tournament with a runner-up finish this weekend at the Dixie District 4 Softball Championships. The SweetTees were coached by Logan Hollingsworth, Paige Chanler, Tyler Lewis, and Laura Perryman. All four Dixie Softball Divisions, Ponytails, Angels, Darlings, and SeeTees will advance to the Louisiana Dixie State Tournament.



Congrats to the Minden Darlings for winning the Dixie District 4 Softball Championship this weekend. The Darlings were coached by Amber Huddleston, Chase Huddleston, Bobby Igo, and Malori Holford.



Congrats to the Minden Ponytails for winning the Dixie District 4 Softball Championship this weekend. The Ponytails were led by Coaches Cody James, Jesse Smith, and James Heflin. The Girls will now advance to the State Tournament in Alexandria.



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OUTDOORS

# Where are the bluebirds?

GLYNN HARRIS

Special to the Pres-Herald

If you have followed my writings for very long, there is one thing you'll notice. I enjoy song birds. I'm not an official "bird-er" but feeding the little sprites in my yard is something I really enjoy.

Something else is high on my list of things about birds that I enjoy and that's offering them nesting boxes to rear their young.

For years I tried to entice purple martins to a box without success. Growing up, we had no problems at all attracting these sweet singing little mosquito-eating martins and I just assumed when I grew up and had a home of my own I'd have plenty of martins to enjoy. That has not been the case as they have shunned my martin boxes. That's not the case, however, with another species I have enjoyed watching build, lay sky-blue eggs and hatch little ones. Blue birds, Eastern Blue Birds to be exact.

There was no doubt that once the weather began warming this spring, I'd see blue birds beginning to do what they have always done; build a nest in my boxes. Alas, it was not to be this year. My boxes have all been empty leaving me disappointed and frustrated.

I decided to check around to see if I was the only one with similar experiences. Posting my concern on Face Book, I was rather surprised at the responses I received.

As of now, I have received more than 40 responses to my query. A few responders reported blue birds in their boxes. The majority, however,



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**Bluebirds can't read; neither were they able to nest this year with likely culprit being snow and ice in February.**

seem to have had results similar to mine.

From those responding, several reported something rather chilling - literally. The big ice storm, snow fall and frigid temperatures we had in February apparently had a devastating effect on blue birds in our area.

"I found several dead in my boxes," one said. "I lost almost all my bluebirds due to snow that lasted so long. I believe they starved to death," wrote another. "I had five freeze in a box trying to roost out the weather" and another reported "I have heard as high as seven dead bluebirds frozen in bird boxes."

If you think about it, song birds have a precarious time rearing a clutch

of young with hazards, from weather to snakes to housecats taking a toll on nestlings in particular.

Last year, I started off well when one of my boxes had four eggs that I'd check on periodically. After a couple of weeks, I determined that something was amiss as the eggs were not hatching. I recall seeing a feral housecat hanging around near the box and I determined that perhaps the cat caught the mother.

I reluctantly cleaned out the box and within a few days, another pair of bluebirds began preparing a nest and eventually I found five eggs in the box and soon I was pleased to find on fledgling that had hatched out. I checked the box a day or so later

and found cracked eggs on the ground and the one that had hatched was dead. I don't think it was a snake because the eggs and baby bird would be gone; I'm at a loss to know what happened to this nest.

I ended up last season with no bluebirds to show for a couple of efforts and none, not even a nest this year. I can only assume that the absence of nesting this year was the result of the devastating winter storm we had. I hope that those fortunate folks who have successful nests this spring will produce enough to close the gap this year has seen.

**GLYNN HARRIS' OUTDOORS APPEARS TUESDAY IN THE MINDEN PRESS-HERALD.**

## Ceremony: Shreveport's Tim Brando inducted

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game," Advocate Sports Editor Perryn Keys said. "We are all, to a degree, replaceable in our jobs. She's not replaceable. She's absolutely the one person who is irreplaceable."

Ask the LSU Athletic Communications staff the same question, and they likely would say the same thing about Kent Lowe, the second Distinguished Service Award honoree.

Lowe has spent 33 years on the LSU staff after beginning his journalism career as a stringer for the Shreveport Times. Lowe, the key figure in bringing the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame's induction ceremony to live television, also worked at Louisiana Downs in its halcyon days as well as helping the Shreveport Captains become one of the first minor-league baseball teams to focus on television broadcasts.

Since arriving at LSU, he has become as synonymous with Tigers basketball as Shaquille O'Neal and Dale Brown.

"He's the most tireless worker I've ever known," said former LSU sports information director Herb Vincent, who is now with the Southeastern Conference. "He's worked more hours than anyone I've been associated with. He's the ultimate multi-tasked. He can do it all and do it all at a high level."

"He is to LSU what Walter Cronkite was to the moon landing."

Lowe is universally respected and liked across the college basketball landscape and holds a special affinity for the Hall of Fame.

"To me, (Natchitoches) is a very special city," Lowe said. "When the Hall of Fame came back here in 2003, there was a certain renaissance feeling for the Louisiana Sports Hall of

Fame and its future. This is our Cooperstown. This is our Canton as far as I'm concerned."

While Lowe has been an ardent supporter of the Hall of Fame, national sportscaster Tim Brando has been equally as passionate about his home state.

As such, the Shreveport native who helped create ESPN's iconic "College Gameday" was presented with the first Louisiana Sports Ambassador Award, honoring a Louisianan who extols the virtue of his or her home state.

Brando followed in the footsteps of his late father, Hub Brando, taking his pride for his home state to a network level, including hosting his national radio show from his home, lovingly nicknamed "Chateau Brando."

Brando's rise to the top was not direct.

"Dale Brown championed me," Brando said. "Tigervision was the platform I had to send my tapes. I sent them everywhere. I got rejected everywhere. I was told I didn't sound Southern enough to get the San Antonio Spurs job. It all started January 5, 1985, calling a Virginia-Duke game with Dickie V (i-tale). It was basically an on-air audition that went well. The calls kept coming. Within a year, I was doing CFA Primetime, and then in 1987 we started College Gameday."

Not long after that began, Brando became broadcast partners with former Oklahoma running back Spencer Tillman and the two formed a deep friendship that continues more than quarter century later.

"I put broadcasters in categories," Spencer Tillman said. "Tim, my friend, you don't fit into a category. You create one. No one cares more than you."

### FISHING REPORT

**BUSSEY BRAKE** - Bream fishing has been good fishing worms or crickets around the trees. Bass are fair around the trees on soft plastics and spinners. 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 fair on shiners or jigs. Contact Honey Hole Tackle Shop 323-8707 for latest information.

**OUACHITA RIVER** - Lot of current in the river. Best fishing for bass and crappie has been in the river lakes. For latest information, contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

**LAKE D'ARBONNE** - Crappie fishing continues to be best fishing the flats in 25 foot water fishing 8-10 feet deep on shiners or jigs with Cajun Cricket, Blue Thunder and Threadfin Shad jigs working best. Bream fishing is good on worms and crickets. Catfishing continues to be good off the banks and on the flats on night crawlers and cold worms. Bass fishing has been best fishing the deeper channel holes and old sloughs on jigs, crank baits. 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. Some are also being caught fishing the points

on the main lake with crank baits. 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 or late afternoons on deep diving crank baits or over-sized plastic worms. Some in the 8-10 pound range have been reported. Smaller fish are schooling and hitting shad imitation lures. 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 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** - No report. For information, call Ken Mahoney at 318-201-3821.

**LAKE YUCATAN** - The water level is still high but slowly falling with better reports this week on crappie and bar fish fair to good. No report on bass. For information, call Surplus City Landing at 318/467-2259.

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**Friday, July 2, 2021**

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SUDOKU

SUDOKU

	6	2			7		1	
		9	3		1			
	4			6	2	5		7
			8	7			9	6
1			6			2		4
		6			4	8		5
		8	4		5	6		3
	9	4			8			
	5		7			9		

Level: Beginner

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!

8	4	9	1	6	7	3	5	2
1	5	1	8	3	2	4	6	9
3	2	3	7	1	8	4	9	5
5	7	5	9	3	6	1	2	4
3	4	3	2	3	4	5	6	7
6	7	6	5	9	8	7	3	1
4	2	5	8	7	3	1	9	6
3	4	1	9	6	2	5	8	7
5	7	9	3	8	1	4	6	2
8	6	2	5	4	7	3	1	9

ANSWER:

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

Monday's unlisted clue: HAVANA

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

Tuesday's unlisted clue hint: Newton's Falling Inspiration

Apricot	Cherry	Kiwifruit	Plum
Blackberry	Currant	Mango	Raspberry
Blood orange	Grape	Peach	Strawberry
Blueberry	Huckleberry	Pear	

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HISTORY

Continued from Page 10 countries. CFCs are one of the substances most harmful to the ozone layer, escalating the greenhouse effect and global warming.

**1986** Richard Branson breaks the record for the fastest Atlantic crossing by boat The British businessman took about three days to cross the ocean in his speedboat "Virgin Atlantic Challenger II". He was denied the prestigious Blue Riband for the fastest crossing because he refueled on the way.

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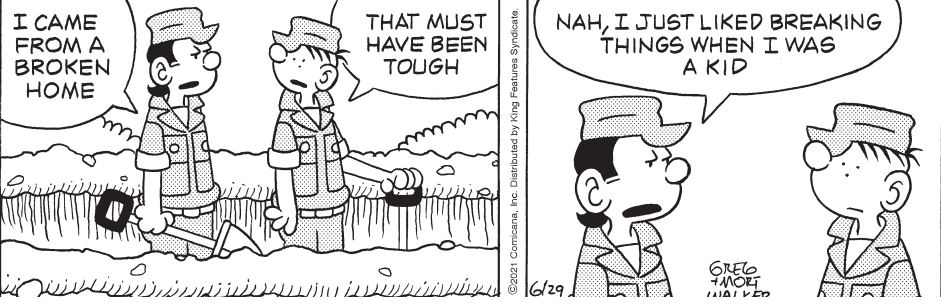
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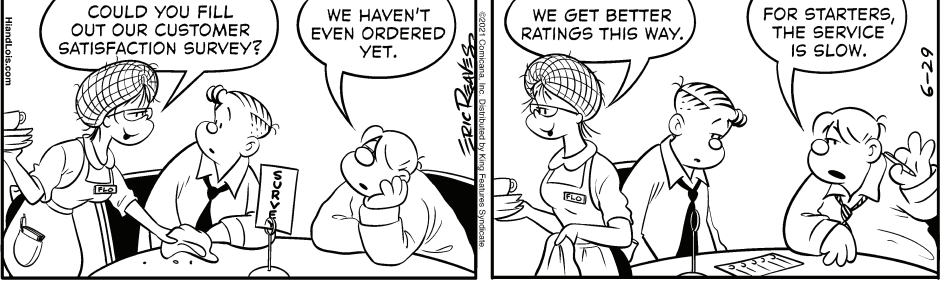
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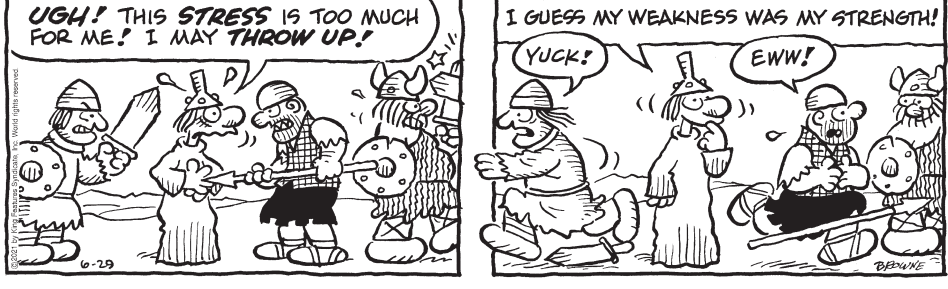
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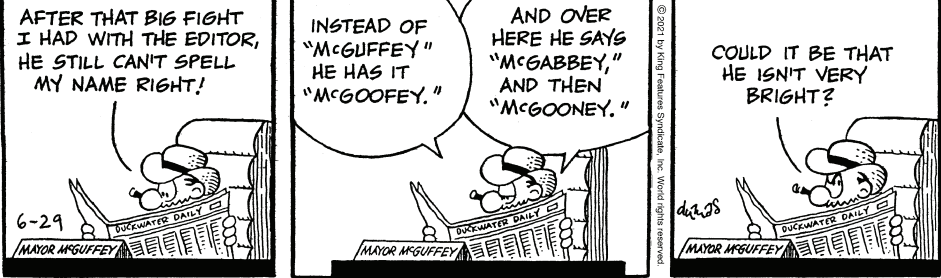
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**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**STATE OF LOUISIANA, OFFICE OF CONSERVATION, BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA.**

In accordance with the laws of the State of Louisiana, and with particular reference to the provisions of Title 30 of Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, a public hearing will be held in the Hearing Room, 1st Floor, LaSalle Building, 617 North 3rd Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at 9:00 a.m. on **TUESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2021**, upon the application of ENSIGHT IV ENERGY MANAGEMENT, LLC.

At such hearing the Commissioner of Conservation will consider evidence relative to the issuance of Orders pertaining to the following matters relating to the Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A, in the Elm Grove Field, Webster Parish, Louisiana.

1. To create a single drilling and production unit, to be designated HA RA SU148, for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A.
2. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the proposed unit in accordance with Section 10, Title 30 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.
3. To designate a unit well and applicant as unit operator, as appropriate.
4. To confirm that with respect to horizontal wells drilled to the Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A, in or to serve the proposed unit, where the horizontal portion of the well is cased and cemented back above the top of the Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A, the distance to any unit boundary or offset well(s) will be calculated based on the distance to the nearest perforation in the well, and not based on the penetration point or terminus.
5. Except to the extent inconsistent herewith, to extend to the proposed unit all pertinent provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 361-L,

effective July 29, 2008, as amended and supplemented by the 361-L Series of Orders and all applicable Statewide Orders. 6. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent.

The Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A was initially defined in Order No. 361-L, effective July 29, 2008, and is to be redefined as to HA RA SU148 as being the stratigraphic equivalent of that gas and condensate bearing zone encountered between the depths of 9,650' and 11,426' (electrical log measurements) in the Aethon Energy Operating LLC-Elm Grove Plantation No. 59 Well (formerly KCS Resources, Inc.-Elm Grove Plantation No. 15 Well), located in Section 9, Township 16 North, Range 11 West.

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

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**BY ORDER OF:**  
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