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Village mourns the loss of a one of their own

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Friday night during a news conference, Webster Parish Sheriff Jason Parker confirmed that William Earl Collins Jr., a Webster Parish Deputy and Patrol Officer for the Village of Doyline, lost his life as a result of a gunshot wound sustained after being the first on scene to respond to a disturbance call at the 400 block of Green Tree Road.

"It's a very sad event for me to be able to come up here and speak to y'all, but I've got to give somebody justice. I'm very sad to say tonight, around 7:43 p.m., we lost a good man. The family lost a good husband, a good father, a good Webster Parish deputy, and a good patrol officer for the City of Doyline, that loved and served his citizens well," said Sheriff Parker.

"It just breaks my heart, because everytime we put

on this uniform, and we go out and try to serve the public, this could happen to any one of us."

Deputy Collins had served with the Webster Parish Sheriff's Office for nearly ten years. Deputy Collins also leaves behind a family as a result of this tragic incident.

"My heart goes out to the family, my main focus over the next few days, next few weeks, months, is going to support them, and give them all that I can to help make this better and give them some closure," said Sheriff Parker.

Sheriff Parker was reluctant to name the suspect responsible for taking the deputy's instead choosing to put the focus of the night onto Deputy Collins, honoring his memory.

"We have the suspect in custody, but the only name I'm going to mention tonight is Deputy, Doyline Police Officer, William Earl Collins Jr., also known as Billy. He will be truly missed, and I cannot say



COURTESY PHOTO

Law Enforcement officers and citizens of Webster joined in solidarity Saturday afternoon in a Walk for Billy Collins, Webster Parish Sheriff Deputy and part time Doyline Police Officer who lost his life responding to a disturbance call Friday night.

how hard it is for me to say that for us tonight."

The suspect has been taken into custody and has been transported to a local hospital with life threatening injuries.

"I've lived in this quiet community just about all my life, and this has got to be the most tragic day that I've experienced here, and I never thought I'd see this here, in our community," said Mayor of Doyline, Steven Bridwell.

"Billy was loved in the community. Leaves behind a family. All we can do is ask for support, thoughts, to keep the family in your prayers, and pray that things like this don't happen again."

Parker stated that over 200 law officers from all over the parish, and some outside of the parish, responded to the incident, a lot without having to be called, and took the time to thank them for their

support.

"I cannot leave here tonight without thanking all of the resources, all of the Sheriff's from other parishes, all of the patrol city officers coming and responding, EMS, fire. It's just overwhelming. If I tried to start naming everybody, I'd leave somebody out. Everybody knows who they are, and I cannot imagine I could do this without them," said Parker.

Office of Public Health provides update on recent COVID outbreak in Minden

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Mayor Terry Gardner hosted a press conference with Dr. Martha Whyte of the Region 7 Office of Public Health to inform citizens of the recent outbreak that has been reported in the city of Minden. The clusters seems to have originated from two unnamed churches in the city, along with reports that vaccinated individuals were getting the virus.

"In Minden over the last week we have seen a cluster of cases ... most of them are based out of two churches, and about 35 to 40% of the people who are positive are unvaccinated, so that is concerning too," said Dr. Whyte.

Dr. Whyte went about clarifying information regarding the outbreak, as well as continuing to support that people get vaccinated, as the vaccine can lead infected individuals to have a milder case of COVID and avoid hospitalization.

"It's multifold why we should get vaccinated. The first is to protect ourselves. The chance of you getting sick is very low. If you do get sick it's going to be a much lighter case for you," said Dr. Whyte.

"Of course we can see exceptions, but by far most people will have a mild to minimal case. And very few people get hospital-

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LOCAL ARTIST

12 year-old Artist Destiney Robeaux Holds Gallery at City Art Works

WILL PHILLIPS
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Last Thursday evening at City Art Works the walls were lined with colorful and detailed paintings of nature and landscapes created by twelve year old artist Destiney Robeaux. Being inspired by artwork of her father's that they found while going through old storage box-

es when she was ten, she has since honed her skills to the point where she can create vivid and colorful paintings from her mind's eye.

"My dad used to paint and draw, and he showed me his art from when he was younger. I guess I just wanted to try and do something different. So I started watching Bob Ross videos, and he was

doing nature, so then I started doing that," said Robeaux.

After learning techniques from the videos, she then went about creating her own pieces.

"I would get out all my paints, lay down, and think of what I wanted to paint. I usually can't paint unless I get it into

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Artist Destiney Robeaux seen in front of her favorite paintings with her father Derek Robeaux and mother Nikki Clark.

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SECOND FRONT

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Recent Arrests in Webster Parish

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

Damarcus 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, was arrested for simple criminal damage to property and aggravated 2nd degree battery.

Taelor Hamsher, 29, of the 100 block of Oscar Kilpatrick Road, was arrested for expired license plate, no insurance, possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of a schedule I controlled dangerous substance.

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

Louis Reno, 41, was arrested for remaining on property after being forbidden.

Alan Watkins, 69, of the 1100 block of Country Club Circle, was arrested for simple assault.

Michael Johnson, 46, of the 300 block of Lee Street, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

James Hammond, 58, of the 1000 block of Center Street, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

Ricky Shine, 60, of the 600 block of Howell Street, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

Crystal Chatman, 30, of the 1500 block of Fuller Road, was arrested for theft.

Steven Nipper, 40, of the 150 block of Robertson Drive, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

Shalmichal Kyleo, 44, of the 700 block of Peach Street, was arrested for 2nd degree battery.

Horvey Major, 39, of the 900 block of Watterman Street, was arrested for resisting arrest and possession of synthetic marijuana.

Andrew Jones, 22, of the 100 block of Horseshoe Lane, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

Devonte Jackson, 21, of the 200 block of Virginia Avenue, was arrested for aggravated assault with a firearm, illegal carrying of a weapon, possession of a weapon by a convicted felon, resisting an officer by flight, and simple criminal damage to property.

Jeffery Harrison, 49, of the 300 block of North middle Landing, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

Cassie Merritt, 34, of the 1700 block of Gibbs Street, was arrested for theft and simple criminal damage to property.

Victor Thomas, 36, of the 16600 block of Highway 80, was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of schedule I and II controlled dangerous substances.

Billy Mitchell, 49, of the 800 block of Watterman Street, was arrested for disturbing the peace through intoxication and possession of a schedule I substance.

Bryant Champion II, 21, of the 400 block of Bailey Street, was arrested for il-

legal firing of a weapon.

Brenda Oliver, 66, of the 1100 block of Madison Avenue, was arrested for battery on a law enforcement officer and interfering with an investigation.

Lavancia Sterling, 32, of the 100 block of Lorex Road, was arrested for remaining on property after being forbidden, unauthorized entry of an inhabited dwelling, and possession of a schedule I and II substance.

Cody Mellen, 25, of the 300 block of Diamond Road, was arrested for domestic abuse battery by strangulation.

John Nugent, 65, of the 200 block of Bass Street, was arrested on two warrants.

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

Joshue Kestle, 39, of the 200 block of Horseshoe Loop, was arrested on multiple warrants.

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

Angela Shepard, 48, was arrested on multiple warrants.

James Shephard, 36, of the 6300 block of Highway 527, was arrested on multiple warrants.

Justin Cook, 26, of the 200 block of Shane Drive, was arrested for simple assault, domestic abuse battery, and resisting an officer.

Matthew Hay, 36, of the 1400 block of Franklin Road, was arrested for simple escape.

Corey Ray, 50, of the 200 block of Horseshoe Loop, was arrested for domestic abuse battery.

Spike: Outbreak appears to be acting like the Delta Variant

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ized, and we really have not seen deaths in people who are vaccinated and get COVID. By far, 90% plus of people who get vaccinated, will not be hospitalized and will not end up dying from COVID."

She also mentioned that a benefit of the community getting vaccinated as a whole is that there is a lower chance for outbreaks such as these, and also a lower chance for the virus to mutate and become something worse.

"The second reason we want to get vaccinated is to protect our community. The more of us that get vaccinated, the more the immunity level in the community rises. And the less likely we are to have this virus in our community ... and grow and change into something that we don't want it to be."

A question that was asked was that of the specific strain of COVID. While it hasn't been confirmed, Dr. Whyte stated that the doctors working on the outbreak say it's acting a lot like the Delta variant that has sprung up in recent weeks.

"We feel that this is going to end up being the delta strain. We know we're having a tremendous number of delta cases in Arkansas. We have had sperartic cases in our region, not just Minden. What the docs who are doing the test are telling me, they believe it's the delta vari-

ant," said Whyte.

"That's a very contagious variant, we know that it spreads rapidly. Last week I was telling people the percentage of cases in Louisiana that were delta variants was about 30%, it's not 60% just a week later."

It was also asked whether or not the vaccinated individuals had all gotten a particular vaccine, to which Dr. Whyte responded, "It's been all of them. We haven't seen one predominant vaccine that was seeing breakthroughs over others."

She also went on to clarify that the report that Minden was leading the state for the number of new cases. While it is not leading the state in a flat number of cases, the cluster that has originated in the city given out population is cause for concern.

"Minden is not leading the state in numbers. What's concerning us is the numbers that we're seeing all over the state, we're not seeing a cluster like this," said Dr. Whyte.

"It's not just Minden, and I want to be very clear, I think what I said that may have been misconstrued is that on a national level, they are looking at Northwest Louisiana, Arkansas, Texas, and Oklahoma as areas of concern for the country for possible development of even new strains that could be worse than the Delta strain, because we have so few people vaccinated, and we do have lim-

ited procedures in place to protect ourselves," said Dr. Whyte. "I think the city of Minden does have an increased risk right now. Is it leading the state, no, and we're definitely not leading the country."

Lastly, Dr. Whyte went over how citizens can proceed to live their daily lives while being cautious of the recent outbreak. For the unvaccinated, the rules are pretty much the same as they were throughout 2020. Practice social distancing, wash your hands, wear a mask when out in public, and try to avoid large gatherings.

For the individuals who are vaccinated Dr. Whyte provided some rules of thumb on when such individuals should continue to wear masks. "If you're vaccinated and you are outside where you are distanced. No. If you are vaccinated and you are around people you know are vaccinated, I would say no. If they're not feeling well, I would ask both them to put on a mask and put a mask on myself. If you're in a group situation where you don't know the vaccination status of the people around you, I would wear my mask," said Dr. Whyte.

"We want to be proactive so we don't give this virus a chance to grow and change and mutate and become not only more contagious but also more deadly. That's our huge fear, is that it will do both, and we don't want to see that."

CRIME

Asphalt scammer arrested in Webster Parish

STAFF REPORT
Minden Press-Herald

The Webster Parish Sheriff's Department has arrested one Michael Jeffery, owner of Mike's Paving, for overcharging customers and providing low quality workmanship on the projects they completed, in particular targeting the elderly.

"Chief Deputy Haynes and our deputies located and arrested the asphalt scammers that have been plaguing our parish and taking advantage of our senior citizens," said Jason Parker.

"We have approximately seven complaints

from Webster residents regarding the quality of work performed by this group and the outrageous price they were forced into paying. I'm sure there are more victims and it is not too late to file charges."

Chief Deputy Hank Haynes was traveling on Highway 371 when he saw asphalt equipment in the driveway of a residence he was passing.

Haynes stopped at the residence due to the owner of Mike's Paving being wanted on several outstanding warrants for various charges for low

quality workmanship and overcharging elderly customers in Webster Parish," the booking report stated.

"During a recorded interview, Jeffery admitted that he had been performing work in Webster Parish and stated that if I would tell him which customers were disgruntled, he would make it right with them."

Jeffrey may have to wait in order to "make things right," as he was promptly transported to BDCC and booked into jail on the outstanding warrants, as well as being charged with false impersonation, multiple counts of theft of assets of the aged, cheating and swindling, and failure to obtain a permit.



JEFFERY

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Art: Robeaux's inspiration came from her father's old art pieces

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my mind. When I get the vision in my mind I have to paint it," said Robeaux. Destiney's father Derek Robeaux spoke of how it felt to have his old artwork be the spark inspiration for his daughter to take up painting.

"We were going through some old boxes I had in storage one day, and she found some artwork I had done in school, so it kind

of inspired her to start drawing and painting," said Derek Robeaux.

"So me and my mom went to Walmart one day and bought her all the painting stuff she wanted. We went home, and she started painting, drawing, and we just kept getting her whatever she needed to evolve."

"She started around 10 years old, so it's been 2 years now she's been

doing this. It's evolved a lot in the past two years. It feels great to give her a little push, to strive for something that I used to like, and maybe it'll take her even further," said Derek Robeaux.

While having one world on display for all to see can be daunting, that is especially the case for someone as young as Destiney. However, through the support of

family and friends who came out to see her work, she ended up becoming more comfortable and enjoying the evening.

"It's good. I was really nervous at first, but as I got here I got more comfortable talking with people," said Destiney Robeaux. "I want to thank my parents and my grandparents, because they're the ones who keep me going."

GAS IN LOUISIANA

Louisiana gas prices begin to average over \$2.75 per gallon

(GAS BUDDY) - Louisiana gas prices have risen 0.7 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$2.77/g today, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 2,436 stations in Louisiana. Gas prices in Louisiana are 6.8 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand 92.4 cents per gallon higher than a year ago. The cheapest station in Louisiana is priced at \$2.42/g today while the most expensive is \$3.25/g, a difference of 83.0 cents per

gallon.

"While the national average has seen a slight rise over the last week, we may see some stabilization coming to the pump as oil prices hold just under their 2021 peak from last week," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy.

The national average price of gasoline has risen 0.5 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.13/g today. The national average is up 5.0 cents per gallon from a month

ago and stands 93.7 cents per gallon higher than a year ago.

"Without additional crude oil supply coming online in the weeks ahead, we could see oil test \$80 per barrel in the next couple of weeks. However, with U.S. gasoline demand falling slightly last week, we may have already seen peak consumption with the July 4 holiday. While the jury isn't quite in on that just yet, we're potentially only 4-6 weeks away

from gas prices beginning a seasonal decline that we're likely all eagerly awaiting."

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OTHER OPINION

Malkin: The Jan. 6 video cover-up

Hide and seek should be a game for children, not for ruthless feds. But here we are. An American citizen, innocent until proven guilty, is fighting for his freedom against a government juggernaut hell-bent on framing him as a violent Jan. 6 insurrectionist. One crucial key to clearing his name, his lawyer argues, lies in 30 seconds of a Capitol surveillance video that prosecutors don't want the public to see.

John Steven Anderson, 61, stands accused of "civil disorder," "assaulting, resisting, or impeding certain officers," "disruptive conduct" and other federal felonies related to his presence in a Capitol building tunnel where police officers pepper-sprayed pro-Trump marchers near the lower west terrace door. Anderson's lawyer, Marina Medvin, has battled Swamp attorneys who have designated video of Anderson struggling to breathe and seeking help from cops "highly sensitive" and subject to a restrictive protective order.

As Medvin first decried in oral argument in April, "This is not the Soviet Union, and the government does not get to control the narrative of what happens in the courtroom. The weedlike growth of the government's power over public information is outrageous and un-American and cannot be permitted to continue unchecked."

In a written motion filed last month seeking to free the 30-second video clip, Medvin asserted: "While John Anderson is charged with assaulting

and impeding police officers, and theft of government property, amongst other accusations, the government's evidence fails to corroborate the charges. The government's evidence, instead, shows a man approaching police to seek



MICHELLE MALKIN

medical attention after being chemically sprayed by a member of the crowd and after being subjected to additional chemical spray released into the crowd by law enforcement. The video sought for release, and being blocked by the government, establishes Mr. Anderson's defense."

Bizarrely, the Deep State opportunists milking Jan. 6 for all its political worth argue that it would be a danger to national security to allow Anderson, the media and the public to have access to the 30-second exculpatory clip at issue. In response to Medvin's motion, the government cites the so-called mosaic theory to justify protecting video footage from the Capitol police force's closed-circuit video system. Every individual piece of video evidence must be protected from disclosure, the prosecutors' argument goes, to prevent nefarious operatives from piecing together in aggregate the exact locations of the entire

vast network of cameras.

The problem, of course, is that the FBI, prosecutors, anti-Trump Democrat impeachment leaders and their water-carriers in the liberal corporate media have all selectively leaked, published and hyped several other key videos when it suits their narrative purposes. "The government has made Capitol CCTV video public when it bolsters or conveniences their case," Medvin pointed out. "The government has already utilized CCTV video in their prosecution of Julian Khater and George Tanios, two January 6 Capitol incident defendants, and has made the CCTV footage available to the public."

Moreover, the feds have utilized still images from CCTV footage multiple times in other public court filings. They released critical footage to Democrat House impeachment managers in a concerted attempt to punish former President Donald Trump. The FBI website blasted Jan. 6 video clips online from all over the Capitol complex in its drag net efforts to drum up public hysteria and hunt more suspects. And every major liberal press operation, from NBC to Buzzfeed to The Washington Post to CNN, has disseminated hundreds of videos that could be pieced together to construct a detailed "mosaic" of the U.S. Capitol security system. (A press coalition of those anti-Trump forces has even intervened in the Anderson case agreeing that the "highly sensitive" designation of the 30-second clip should be

removed and that the government has offered no credible justification for suppressing it.)

"Surely," Medvin pleads, "Mr. Anderson should not be prejudiced by the continued veil of secrecy over the video sought for release in his case simply because in this case the government does not feel the release is advantageous to their legal position. The government's contradictory position in John Anderson's case to their utilization of CCTV video in the cases of Julian Khater and George Tanios gives the government control over the defense and creates a disparity between the parties standing before this court, rendering the defense an inferior party to the prosecution; all the while, the two parties are to stand before the court as equals ... In Mr. Anderson's case, the government is attempting to conceal video favorable to the defense to protect their unjust prosecution and to continue to unilaterally control the public narrative. Why should this be permitted?"

Why indeed? It's increasingly difficult to celebrate America's independence and its purported freedoms when such brazen injustices are committed with impunity in the nation's capital. Land of the free? LOL. How about: Free the Jan. 6 tapes. Not just Anderson's 30 seconds, but all 14,000-plus hours of them.

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OTHER OPINION

Louisiana to have new approach for voting machines

Gov. John Bel Edwards, Secretary of State Kyle Ardoin and Republican lawmakers have agreed to rework Louisiana's method for selecting its next voting system, but the new law isn't likely to end disputes over what technology to select and how to do the shopping.

The new process, worked out in a bill by Senate GOP leader Sharon Hewitt, adds layers of legislative oversight and technical analysis, allows for more public input and requires an auditable paper trail for the voting system that can be chosen by Ardoin, the Republican who oversees elections in the state.

Two recent efforts from the secretary of state's office to replace Louisiana's 10,000-plus voting machines collapsed in controversy. That has left the state continuing to scavenge for parts to keep some machines, many of which are decades-old, up and running properly.

Lawmakers seem to largely agree that a new voting system is needed. But on election issues, there's simply no way to satisfy everyone.

The changes included in Hewitt's legislation won't address all the disparate criticisms from supporters of former President Donald Trump who believe his baseless claims of widespread voter fraud in the 2020 presidential election.

Already, some Republicans criticized the new law as doing too little to address their

concerns about hacking and voter integrity. Some Trump supporters want to block Louisiana's current voting machine vendor, Dominion Voting Systems, from participating in an open bid process for the new multimillion-dollar contract. Trump backers suggest Dominion is somehow to blame for Trump's loss in key swing states, though not his victory in Louisiana. Dominion has sued



MELINDA DESLATTE

several high-profile figures for spreading the allegations. Meanwhile, Democrats — most of whom opposed Hewitt's bill — questioned the need for the changes included in the law, noting that Ardoin vehemently defends Louisiana's elections system as safe.

Hewitt's bill won passage with a 69-34 House vote and 27-10 Senate vote in the final minutes of the regular legislative session. Edwards, a Democrat, announced he signed it into law July 2.

"This common-sense legislation allows our state to shift from our outdated, electronic voting system to an auditable, paper ballot system to ensure

that every Louisiana vote cast is secure and tabulated accurately," Hewitt said in a statement. "It also guarantees public input, transparency and legislative oversight into a bid process that has seen trouble in the past."

The voting machine replacement work will start with a new 13-member commission that includes lawmakers, elections experts, a cybersecurity expert and others to analyze and make recommendations about the type of voting system that should be bought or leased. The commission will have to hold open, public meetings.

Commission members remain to be named. Its first public meeting must be held by Sept. 1. The panel is required to make its voting system recommendations by Jan. 31. The secretary of state must take "into consideration" those recommendations when putting out its bid solicitation for a new contractor.

Already there seems to be confusion about exactly what voting system the bill requires.

Louisiana's new voting system will have to produce an "auditable voter-verified paper record," unlike the state's current machines. But that doesn't mean the state is locked into a hand-marked paper ballot dropped into a box without technology involved.

Instead, the state could use a ballot-marking digital voting machine that prints a paper receipt to review and confirm

a voter's selections, paper ballots that are scanned into a digital system to record the votes or some other machine-based method with a paper trail.

The legislation mandates that Louisiana's voting system can't connect to the internet, already the practice today in the secretary of state's office.

Ardoin ended his last voting machine replacement attempt in March after facing widespread complaints from election technology firms, Hewitt and other Republicans about how the search was handled. A previous 2018 search fell apart amid allegations the secretary of state's office didn't follow legal requirements for the bid process and tried to manipulate the outcome to benefit Dominion.

Even with the new law, it seems unlikely the next effort to replace Louisiana's voting machines will proceed smoothly, with Ardoin saying at one legislative hearing: "The paranoia because of the national narrative is out of control."

The secretary of state separately created an election integrity commission to make recommendations for improving Louisiana's voting processes and voter confidence.

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INSPIRATION

Hundred and one year old WWII veteran and author just keeps on keeping on inspiring us all!

In 1999, I interviewed Kenny and Kaye Cochran on my Shreveport (Louisiana) Cable Vision talk show about their houseboat touring business on Caddo Lake, not knowing when I invited them to be my guests, that Kenny is a nephew to longtime friends, Earl and Alice Cochran Williamson, of Vivian.

Kenny spoke proudly about his dad, Ken Cochran, who is not only a retired Caddo Parish School Principal but is also the last surviving member of his World War II 98th Bomb Squadron. He also authored a book about the Native Americans of Caddo Lake.

That piqued my interest.

By 2001, I moved to Caddo Lake, a short distance from their lake house, because I had always wanted to live on the water. In 2011, Kenny introduced me to his dad in Vivian, La., at a church fellowship meal, which led me to working with him on his writing.

In April 2013, Ken gave me a copy of his wartime memoir "Time to Remember." I helped him publish his book, which led to a Rick Rowe KTBS interview with Ken which led to book signings and two Red River radio interviews carried

nationally by NPR.

As Ken's friend, I began sending out his columns to newspapers, including the Shreveport Times and The Tennessean. The Nashville publication led to Linda Lynn, Vice Regent for the Frances Rebecca Harrison Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution to see the story while visiting in Nashville — even though she had missed it back home, which led to him being honored in Washington with a flag being flown over the United States Capitol. This goose chase al-



SARAH HUDSON-PIERCE

most makes me dizzy, showing how one step leads to another.

He is a Christian at the core and a licensed minister, serving as deacon, elder and missionary in Panama helping to build Churches of Christ there. In defining Ken, I would say he goes the distance not for praise, but because it is who he is.

Life long friend, Mac Hobbs, of Vivian, Louisiana says "the one person I would like to be like more than anyone else it is Ken Cochran." Ken hunted with Mac and his father, Marvin Hobbs of Vivian all of their lives. Marvin invented one of the first duck calls.

Jonesa Cochran is her father's daughter.

Not only is he a prolific author he has more energy and passion for living than anyone I have known. In addition to being an avid hunter, he killed a deer in his hundredth year. He has become known as a poet, author, newspaper columnist and photographer, yet he is perhaps the most humble person I know.

Having retired as a Caddo Parish principal of more than 30 years, he quips about having failed first grade. When he returned from the war, he was offered a job as pilot with Delta Air Lines, but declined it because he wanted to get back home "to the wagon yard" and become reacquainted

with Kay, whom he was happily married to for 42 years.

Also, his memory is phenomenal. He may think this is over the top, but I want to give accolades while I can. We must seize the moment because, as he would say, "life is made up of interruptions."

One person can make a difference. For this knowledge I am grateful, because I know Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever, and Ken would add that, "He always gets him to the right place at the right time."

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SPELLING BEE

Zaila Avant-Garde from Louisiana becomes first African American to win Scripps National Spelling Bee

AP - Zaila Avant-Garde understood the significance of what she was doing as she stood on the Scripps National Spelling Bee stage, peppering pronouncer Jacques Bailly with questions about Greek and Latin roots.

Zaila knew she would be the first African American winner of the bee. She knew Black kids around the country were watching Thursday night's ESPN2 telecast, waiting to be inspired and hoping to follow in the footsteps of someone who looked like them. She even thought of MacNolia Cox, who in 1936 became the first Black finalist at the bee and wasn't allowed to stay in the same hotel as the rest of the spellers.

But she never let the moment become too big for her, and when she heard what turned out to be her winning word — "Murraya," a genus of tropical Asiatic and Australian trees — she beamed with confidence. It was over.

Declared the champion, Zaila jumped and twirled with joy, only flinching in surprise when confetti was shot

onto the stage.

"I was pretty relaxed on the subject of Murraya and pretty much any other word I got," Zaila said.

The only previous Black champion was also the only international winner: Jody-Anne Maxwell of Jamaica in 1998. The bee, however, has still been a showcase for spellers of color over the past two decades, with kids of South Asian descent dominating the competition. Zaila's win breaks a streak of at least one Indian-American champion every year since 2008.

Zaila has other priorities, which perhaps explains how she came to dominate this year's bee. The 14-year-old from Harvey, Louisiana, is a basketball prodigy who owns three Guinness world records for dribbling multiple balls simultaneously and hopes to one day play in the WNBA or even coach in the NBA. She described spelling as a side hobby, even though she routinely practiced for seven hours a day.

"I kind of thought I would never be into spelling again, but I'm

also happy that I'm going to make a clean break from it," Zaila said. "I can go out, like my Guinness world records, just leave it right there, and walk off."

Many of top Scripps spellers start competing as young as kindergarten. Zaila only started a few years ago, after her father, Jawara Spacetime, watched the bee on TV and realized his daughter's affinity for doing complicated math in her head could translate well to spelling. She progressed quickly enough to make it to nationals in 2019 but bowed out in the preliminary rounds.

That's when she started to take it more seriously and began working with a private coach, Cole Shafer-Ray, a 20-year-old Yale student and the 2015 Scripps runner-up.

"Usually to be as good as Zaila, you have to be well-connected in the spelling community. You have to have been doing it for many years," Shafer-Ray said. "It was like a mystery, like, 'Is this person even real?'"

Shafer-Ray quickly realized his pupil had extraordinary gifts.

"She really just had a much different approach than any speller I've ever seen. She basically knew the definition of every word that we did, like pretty much verbatim," he said. "She knew, not just the word but the story behind the word, why every letter had to be that letter and couldn't be anything else."

Sometimes she knew more than she let on. Part of her strategy, she said, was to ask about roots that weren't part of the word she was given, just to eliminate them from consideration.

Only one word gave her trouble: "nepeta," a genus of mints, and she jumped even higher when she got that one right than she did when she took the trophy.

"I've always struggled with that word. I've heard it a lot of times. I don't know, there's just some words, for a speller, I just get them and I can't get them right," she said. "I even knew it was a genus of plants. I know what you are and I can't get you."

Zaila — her dad gave her the last name Avant-garde in tribute

to jazz musician John Coltrane — is a singular champion of a most unusual bee, the first in more than 25 months. Last year's bee was canceled because of the coronavirus pandemic, and this one was thoroughly modified to minimize risk to kids and their families.

Most of the bee was held virtually, and only the 11 finalists got to compete in person, in a small portion of a cavernous arena at the ESPN Wide World of Sports complex in Florida that also hosted the NBA playoff bubble last year. The in-person crowd was limited to spellers' immediate family, Scripps staff, selected media — and first lady Jill Biden, who spoke to the spellers and stayed to watch.

Sometimes it was so quiet in the arena that the only sound was the unamplified voice of ESPN host Kevin Negandhi as he spoke into a TV microphone.

The format of the bee, too, underwent an overhaul after the 2019 competition ended in an eight-way tie. Scripps' word list was no match

for the top spellers that year, but this year, five of the 11 finalists were eliminated in the first onstage round. Then came the new wrinkle of this year's bee: multiple-choice vocabulary questions. All six remaining spellers got those right.

Zaila won efficiently enough — the bee was over in less than two hours — that another innovation, a lightning-round tiebreaker, wasn't necessary.

She will take home more than \$50,000 in cash and prizes. The runner-up was Chaitra Thummala, a 12-year-old from Frisco, Texas, and another student of Shafer-Ray. She has two years of eligibility remaining and instantly becomes one of next year's favorites. Bhavana Madini, a 13-year-old from Plainview, New York, finished third and also could be back.

"Zaila deserved it. She's always been better than me," Chaitra said. "I could review a lot more words. I could get a stronger work ethic."

LEGISLATION

Edwards vetoes education transparency bill amid criticism

(The Center Square) – Gov. John Bel Edwards vetoed an education transparency bill that critics said would have shined a light on billions of dollars flooding Louisiana schools.

House Bill 38 would have required large local school systems to participate in the Louisiana Checkbook, a searchable website allowing users to track government expenditures, funding sources, vendor contracts and economic incentives.

“Here, citizens will see a greater level of detail on how and where taxpayer dollars are being spent – down to the check level,” the website says.

Louisiana school districts will receive \$3.9 billion in Minimum Foun-

ation Program funds this fiscal year, along with hundreds of millions of federal taxpayer dollars.

MFP is a Louisiana Department of Education program that uses an annual formula to allocate state funding. Money is provided to districts in block grants, which allows spending flexibility.

A record \$6.5 billion in spending is slated for the next school year, due in part to federal COVID-19 relief funding.

Bill sponsor Rep. Rick Edmonds, R-Baton Rouge, did not include charter schools or public school governing bodies overseeing 2,500 or fewer students in the transparency measure, which Edwards questioned in his veto statement.

“It is unclear why small systems would be exempt for the fiscal transparency this bill seeks to provide for,” Edwards said, adding that putting education spending online would cost millions.

“Our local school systems simply do not have the resources or technology to comply with this unfunded mandate,” he said.

The Louisiana School Board Association was a leading opponent of the bill during the legislative process.

Daniel Erspamer, CEO of the Pelican Institute for Public Policy, said he was disappointed the “good-government” legislation was rejected.

“Louisiana outspends most of our neighbors per



student while achieving among the lowest educational outcomes in the nation,” Erspamer said. “The first step to turning around outcomes is by

showing how school districts are spending taxpayer dollars.

According to the National Center for Education Statistics, Louisiana

spends \$13,171 per pupil, while U.S. News and World Report ranked Louisiana’s K-12 public education system 46th out of 50 states.

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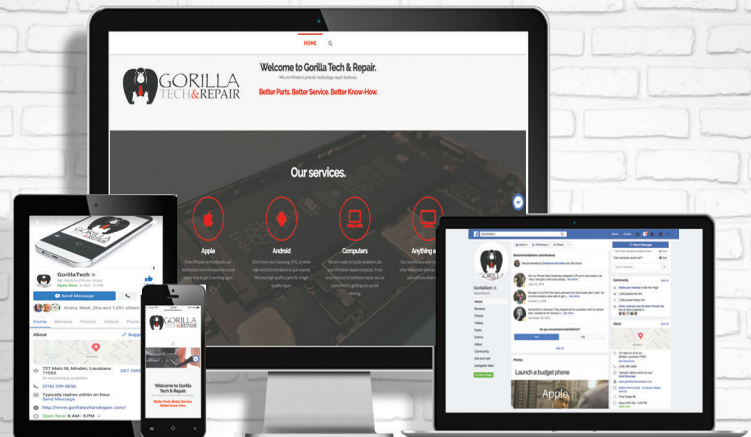
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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

La. Tech adds 3 to roster

Special to the Press-Herald

Louisiana Tech head coach Skip Holtz announced the signing of three additional transfers to the 2021 roster on Friday in running back Keyon Henry-Brooks (Powder Springs, Ga./Vanderbilt), quarterback Austin Kendall (Waxhaw, N.C./WVU) and cornerback Jacquez Payton (Georgiana, Ala./Jacksonville State).

Henry-Brooks, a 6-1, 207-pound running back, competed at Vanderbilt for the first two years of his collegiate career where he totaled 746 rushing yards and three rushing touchdowns on 176 career carries. As a sophomore in 2020, Henry-Brooks played in six games and started in five. He had 120 carries for a team-best 494 yards and two touchdowns. Henry-Brooks tied for second on the team with 28 receptions which he took for 258 yards. He led the team in all-purpose yards per contest with 125.3 and in rushing yards per game with 82.3. Henry-Brooks posted 50 or more rushing yards in all six games, 70 or more ground yards in three contests and had back-to-back 100-yard rushing games against Mississippi State (Nov. 7) and Kentucky (Nov. 14).

During his freshman campaign in 2019, Henry-Brooks appeared in 11 of the 12 games where he registered 252 rushing yards and a touchdown on 56 carries. He also had 17 catches for 64 yards.

Kendall, a 6-2, 215-pound quarterback, played at Oklahoma for three seasons before transferring to West Virginia the past two campaigns. At WVU, Kendall appeared in 11 games where he threw for 2,153 yards and 14 touchdowns. During the 2019 campaign, Kendall started in nine games, completing 187-of-304 passes for 1,989 yards and 12 touchdowns. He ranked No. 24 nationally and fourth in the Big 12 in completions per game (20.8). Kendall also finished the season ranked seventh in the Big 12 in passing yards per game (221.0).

At Oklahoma from 2016-18, Kendall threw for 265 yards and three touchdowns. He completed 28-of-39 passes with zero interceptions during his Sooner career.

Payton, a 6-1, 170-pound cornerback, played at Jacksonville State from 2016-20. During his Gamecock career, Payton registered 79 total tackles, including 54 solo and 1.5 for loss, 26 pass breakups and three interceptions. As a redshirt junior in 2020, Payton had 30 combined stops, including 22 solo tackles and 1.0 for loss, and notched three interceptions and 10 pass breakups. He received a medical redshirt in 2019 after missing the season due to injury.

After redshirting as a true freshman in 2016, Payton appeared in all 25 games between the 2017 and 2018 seasons. As a sophomore in 2018, Payton had 29 total tackles, including 20 solo and 0.5 for loss, and 12 pass breakups. As a redshirt freshman in 2017, he had 20 total stops, including 12 solo, and four pass breakups.

YOUTH SOFTBALL

State Champs



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Minden SweetTees 6U State Champions. Coached by Logan Hollingsworth, Tyler Lewis, Paige Chanler, and Laura Perryman. Will be competing in the World Series in Alexandria, LA starting on July 30th.

Back Row L-R - Laikyn Hollingsworth, Aubrey Chanler, Stella Perryman, Willow Still, Laikyn Lewis, Olivia Crawford.

Front Row L-R - Adley Igo, Lexie Perryman, Annabel Sunderland, Conley Jernigan, Harper Barnette, Marley Bogues.

GOLF

Zach Johnson tests positive for COVID

List of British Open WDs grows

SANDWICH, England (AP) — Former champion Zach Johnson was the latest to withdraw from the British Open on Monday because he tested positive for the coronavirus.

Louis de Jager, one of 12 players who earned a spot at Royal St. George's through local final qualifying two weeks ago, also returned a positive COVID-19 test and withdrew.

The R&A said Ryan Moore, runner-up at the John Deere Classic in Illinois, chose not to accept the exemption for the highest finisher among the top five at the PGA Tour event.

That brings to 16 the number of players who have withdrawn or chosen not to take their spots in the field for the 149th edition of golf's oldest championship.

The British Open was the

only major to be canceled last year because of the pandemic. It returns this year under strict protocols by the UK government, and some instituted by the R&A, such as prohibiting players from staying with anyone except their own small core of people.

Johnson, who won at St. Andrews in a playoff in 2015, was at the John Deere Classic and had to be tested before getting on a charter flight. He did not play the third or fourth round with any other player who is at the British Open.

The latest players to withdraw were replaced by Adam Long of the United States, Sam Horsfield of England and Dylan Frittelli of South Africa.

The field already is missing seven players from the top 75 in

the world, unusual for a major.

Some had no choice. Masters champion Hideki Matsuyama at No. 18 was the highest-ranked player to withdraw. He had a positive COVID-19 test during the Rocket Mortgage Classic on July 2, and while he has gone through 10 days of self-isolation without symptoms, his tests keep coming back positive.

The PGA Tour had this issue a year ago with positive tests. U.S. health officials said PCR tests can pick up remnants of the virus even though it is no longer active. But under UK guidelines, Matsuyama would need to produce a negative test.

Two-time Masters champion Bubba Watson said he came in contact with a person who had a positive COVID-19 test and withdrew. Under the R&A requirements sent to players on June 22, anyone who is identified as a contact has to self-isolate and be withdrawn.

NBA

Ayton's foul trouble limits Suns in Game 3 loss vs Bucks

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Chris Paul calls Deandre Ayton the anchor of the Phoenix Suns' defense.

With Ayton on the bench for much of the second half, that defense sank.

The 6-foot-11 center's inability to avoid foul trouble enabled Giannis Antetokounmpo and the Milwaukee Bucks to have their way in a 120-100 Game 3 victory over the Suns on Sunday night.

"He's a big part of our team," said Paul, the Suns' All-Star point guard. "He's the anchor of our defense. I feel like any (opposing) team would love for him not to be on the court offensively and defensively."

Phoenix also missed Devin Booker's production, as he shot 3 of 14 and collected just 10 points after scoring 27 in Game 1 and 31 in Game 2.

Ayton's absence showed just how big his presence on the floor is for the Suns.

The No. 1 overall pick in the 2018 draft scored 16 points in the first 14 1/2 minutes of Game 3 but picked up his fourth foul with 10:25 left in the third quarter and sat out the rest of the period. By the time he returned, the Bucks owned a 22-point lead.

While Ayton wasn't made available to reporters after the game, his teammates emphasized how much they missed him.

"It was big-time because they crashed the glass so hard and they're big and they really emphasized physicality this game," Suns forward Cam Johnson said. "Deandre does a really good job of bringing that presence to our paint, rebounding the ball, being physical, so it's tough to have him in foul trouble, for sure."

Phoenix still owns a 2-1 lead in the best-of-7 series with Game 4 Wednesday night in Milwaukee. But the Suns must find a way to slow down Antetokounmpo, who has collected at least 40 points and 10 rebounds in each of the last two games.

That's tough enough to do when Ayton's on the floor. He even had trouble Sunday night trying to help out against the two-time MVP without drawing fouls. And when Ayton's been on the bench in foul trouble, Antetokounmpo has done virtually whatever he wants.

"It's tough, man," Paul said. "Giannis coming at your full speed like a running back. He's trying to put his hands up, but it's tough."

COLLEGE ATHLETICS

GSU mourning loss of P.A. Announcer Larry Gipson

T. SCOTT BOATRIGHT

Special to the Press-Herald

Grambling State University's Department of Athletics is mourning the loss of longtime public address announcer Larry Gipson, who passed away over the weekend following a long battle with cancer.

Gipson, 64, started as a mass communications student at

Grambling and at one time served as Sports Director for KXKZ and KRUS radio stations in Ruston.

He also spent many years doing PA for GSU athletics, particularly for men's and women's basketball, as well as football.

Although he had mostly stepped away from the microphone since beginning treatments after being diagnosed in 2019, Gipson still would help

when needed, as happened during the 2021 NAIA National Football Championship game held in May at Eddie G. Robinson Memorial Stadium when he did so at the request of Robinson's granddaughter, Cherie Kirkland.

"He always made himself available, even for the most last-minute request," Kirkland posted Sunday on Facebook, adding that Gipson told her

he wasn't "allowed to say no to Grambling."

Funeral Services were held Saturday at Springhill Baptist Church in Grambling.

Gipson's death comes only a little more than two weeks following the death of GSU football and band announcer Leon Thomas, 50, who passed away on June 23, following a short battle with cancer.

OUTDOORS

T.H. Harris: Education pioneer

GLYNN HARRIS
Special to the Minden Press-Herald

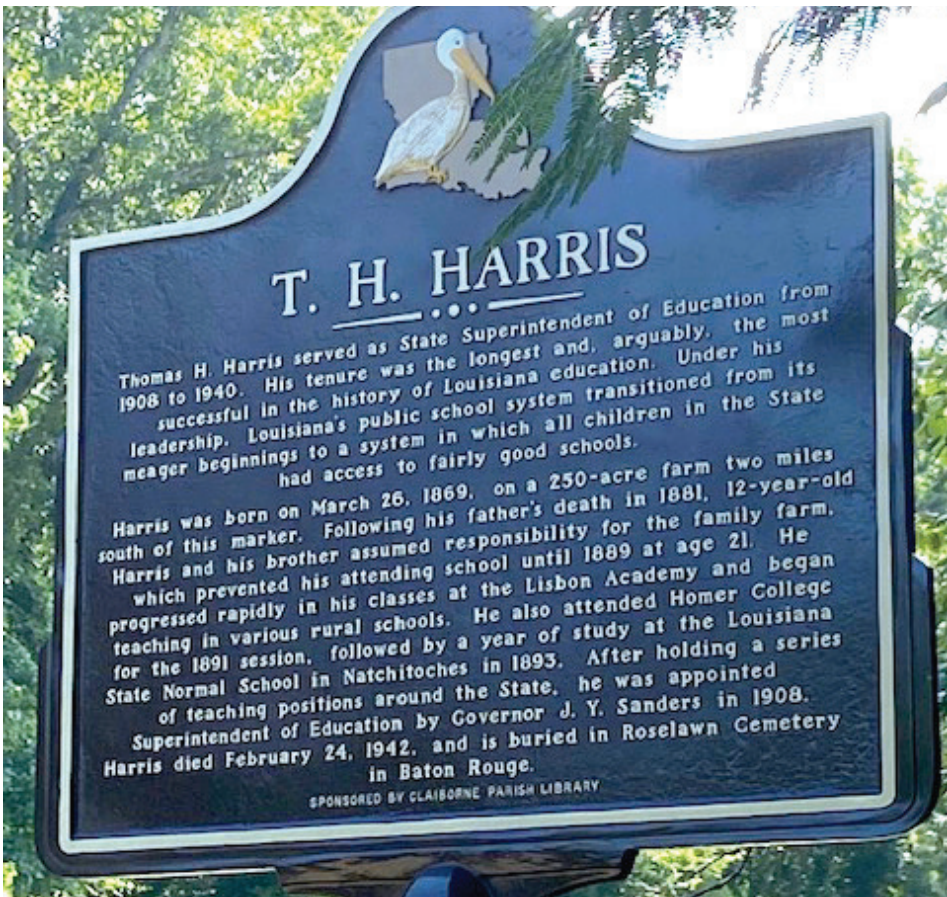
I grew up in the hills of north Louisiana not knowing until much later that not too far back in my lineage was a rather famous relative, long-time state Superintendent of Education, Thomas H. Harris.

I have a vague memory of meeting him as a youngster when "Uncle Tom" came to visit his older brother, Ausie, who was my grandfather.

A book given to me by a dear friend and former co-worker, Rae Tatum Malone, is one of my prized possessions, "The Memoirs of T.H. Harris". In this book he tells of his 32 years as Superintendent of Education but also talks about his growing up years on a 250 acre farm in the Arizona community of Claiborne Parish located between Homer and Lisbon.

One of the most shocking bits of news he revealed in the book was the fact that Thomas H. Harris was not his real name. Here's how he describes it..."My name is not Thomas H. Harris, but Lee Marcus Harris. The name by which I have been known all my life developed as follows: When I was about three days old, my next older brother, Ausey, three years of age at the time, was invited to inspect his baby brother. Ausie looked me over and said, 'Little Tom'. And Tom I was thenceforth and forever."The middle initial "H", which stands for nothing, was added later.

When my job transferred me to Homer in 1964, my memories of my great uncle Tom were vague at best. I was more



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Chuck Will's Widows, often called Whippoorwills, deposit eggs on the ground without benefit of constructing a nest."

interested in squirrel hunting on Middle Fork, deer hunting with

Bill Bailey and his hounds around Summerfield or fishing in the brand new Lake Claiborne. I was to learn later that a goodly portion of the land inundated by the popular lake was acreage on which my grandfather and his more famous brother grew up.

I was also aware that the community of Langston south of Homer had been renamed in honor of my great uncle. It is now known as the Harris community with a school there, a school that is now a church encampment, the Harris Baptist Encampment.

Scores of college students down through the

years have had at least a portion of their tuition paid for by being recipients of the T.H. Harris Scholarship. I regret missing out on that honor; I was having too much fun with college life to have qualifying grades.

Buildings on college campuses around the state today are named after my great uncle. In Grambling, for example, you'll find the T.H. Harris Auditorium constructed in 1960 at the University.

This column, I realize, is not my usual outdoors related missive. It has little to do with my coverage of hunting and fishing experiences. When I received word that a memorial plaque was to be erected in honor of uncle Tom, I wanted to see it.

Last week, my sister and I motored up to Homer to see if we could find it, and we did. Located along Highway 2 between Homer and Lisbon, the marker sits within two miles of where T.H. Harris and my grandfather grew up. We also found another marker along Arizona road marking the site of the Arizona Academy from which he graduated.

I may not have many famous kin but it is gratifying to know that I had one, and even had the honor of my grandfather naming him. Lee Marcus just doesn't have the same ring as "little Tom".

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

FISHING REPORT

BUSSEY BRAKE - Bream fishing has been good fishing worms or crickets around the trees. Bass continue to be fair around the willows on soft plastics and spinners. Crappie are scattered and fair. No report on catfish. For latest information, contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

BLACK BAYOU - Bream fishing has been good on worms and crickets. Bass have been fair around the edges of the grass and brush on jigs and spinners. Crappie are scattered and fair on shiners or jigs. Contact Honey Hole Tackle Shop 323-8707 for latest information.

OUACHITA RIVER - The river is falling and crappie fishing has improved in the river fishing around the deep tops on shiners and jigs. Bass have been best in the mouth of the cuts on crank baits and soft plastics. Some catfish have been caught this week. latest information, contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

LAKE D'ARBONNE - Bass have been fair fishing the deep holes in the channels especially at the mouth of creeks and run-outs. Soft plastics, jigs and crank baits are picking up a few. Early mornings best bets are topwater lures and plastic frogs around shallow grass. Crappie fishing continues to be best fishing the flats in 20 foot water fishing 8-14 feet deep on shiners or jigs. 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. For latest reports, call Anderson's Sport Center at 368-9669 or Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

LAKE CLAIBORNE - Stripers are schooling and hitting topwater lures with the Chug Bug when they're on top and trolling Bomber Fat Free Shad in citrus color working on fish when

they're down. Bass have been better at night fishing crank baits and Shaky Heads around the lights. Some are also being caught fishing the points on the main lake with crank baits. Report this week of a bass weighing 10 pounds being caught. 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. For latest information, call Kel's Cove at 927-2264 or Terzia Tackle at 278-4498.

CANEY LAKE - With summertime weather arriving on the scene, some good bass are being caught on deep diving crank baits and oversized plastic worms along the drop-off to the deeper holes. Some are chasing shad on top and hitting a variety of shad imitation topwater lures and crank baits with some caught at night around the lighted piers. Crappie are around the deeper tops and hitting jigs and shiners fished 12 feet deep in 15-25 foot water. Some bream are still around 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 - Catfishing has been good, bass and bream are fair while crappie are slow. For latest reports, call Poverty Point Marina at 318/878-0101.

LAKE ST. JOHN - Crappie are slow. Bass are fair early on topwater lures with soft plastics later in the day. Bream and catfish are good. For information, call Ken Mahoney at 318-201-3821.

LAKE YUCATAN - The water is rising again rather fast and fishing has been slow. For information, call Surplus City Landing at 318/467-2259.

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Monday's unlisted clue: MOUSE

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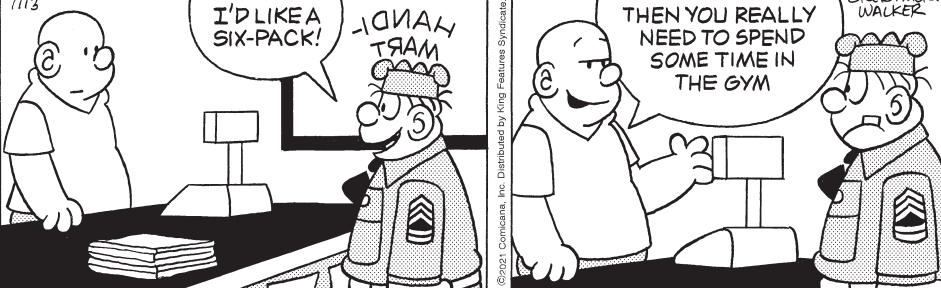
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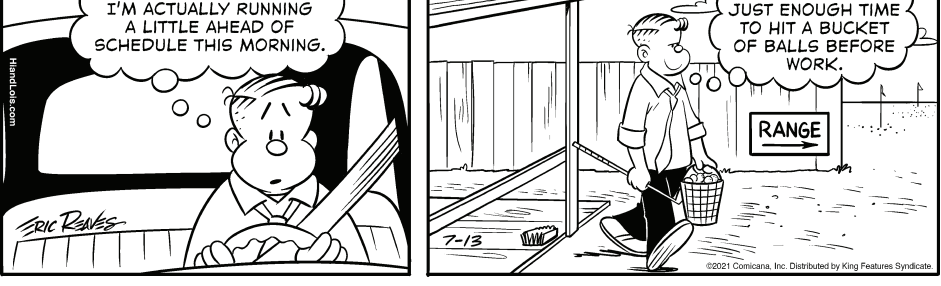
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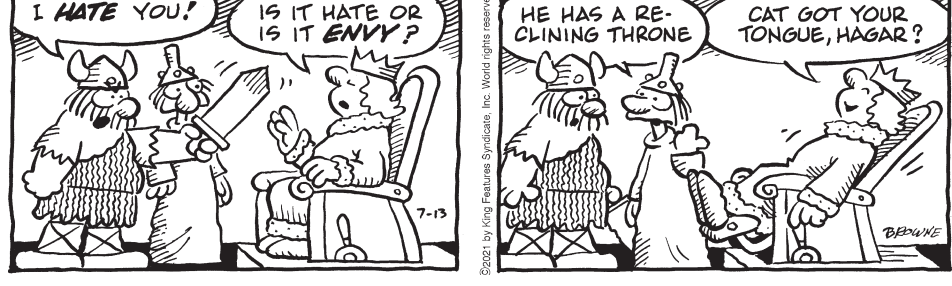
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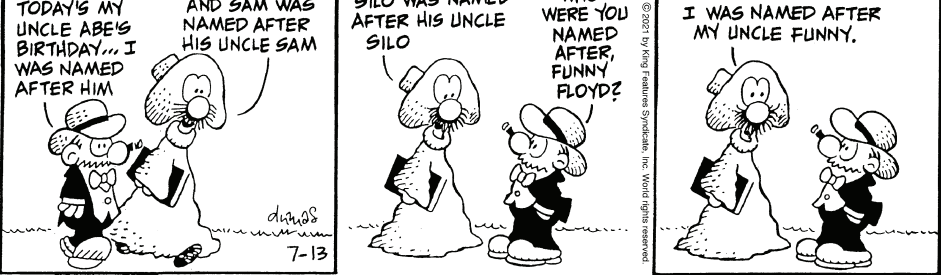
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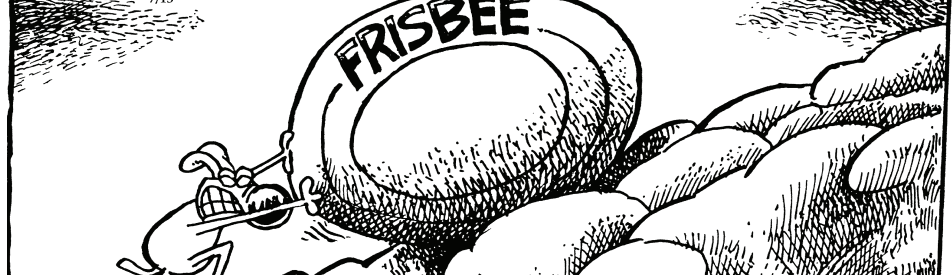
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Terry Gardner,
Mayor
City of Minden

July 13, 2021
July 16, 2021
Minden Press-Herald

ORDINANCE NO. 1118

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REENACT CHAPTER 22, BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS, ARTICLE V, PLUMBING CODE, DIVISION 1. GENERALLY, AND DIVISION 3. PLUMBERS, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF MINDEN, STATE OF LOUISIANA.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MINDEN, LOUISIANA, IN REGULAR SESSION CONVENED:

PART 1. That the *Minden Municipal Code, Chapter 22, Buildings and Building Regulations, Article V., Plumbing Code, Division 1. Generally,* be amended to add Sections 22-111 thru 22-113 and that the *Minden Municipal Code, Chapter 22, Buildings and Building Regulations, Article V., Plumbing Code, Division 3. Plumbers,* be amended by replacing Section 22-142. Fee, with Registration of Backflow Prevention Assembly Technicians and Testers, and renumbering Section 22.142 to Section 22.143. Fee, with one amendment as follows:

Division 1. Generally

Sec. 22 - 111. Cross-connection control device or method required.

The owner of any existing or new water service is required to implement and maintain an adequate cross-connection control device or method for backflow prevention as man-

dated under state law and the Louisiana State Plumbing Code (LSPC).

Sec. 22 - 112. Enforcement of cross-connection regulations.

(a) The cross-connection control and backflow prevention program shall be administered through the City of Minden Cross-Connection Control and Backflow Prevention Policy and Procedures document, adopted through the ordinance from which this section derives. (b) The Building Official or designee, shall administer this program. The Building Official, Director of Public Works, or their designees, are further authorized and empowered to make such amendments to the cross-connection control and backflow prevention policy and procedures as may be required to comply with the future changes in applicable laws or regulations.

Sec. 22 - 113. Administrative authority.

(a) The water purveyor (City of Minden) or the Building Official shall have the right to enter, with the consent of the customer, or upon due notice, any property to inspect for cross-connections and backflow prevention devices. (b) The Office of Permits and Inspections shall collect any fees in accordance with applicable fee schedules, as set forth in Sec. 22 – 2, for each inspection done by the water purveyor or Building Official. The inspection will only be for the water purveyor to make sure that the air gap or backflow prevention device is in place and is the proper cross-connection control device or method required by the LSPC. (c) The Water Purveyor or Building Official shall cut off, or cause to be shut off, all water service connections of residences or businesses within the city where unprotected cross-connections exist, and the water shall remain shut off until such time as changes, as may be directed by the plumbing inspector, are made by the property owner or person installing the backflow prevention devices; provided, however, if such residences or businesses are occupied, they shall be given notice five days before the water is turned off, except in the case of an emergency, when such notice shall not be given.

Division 3. Plumbers

Sec. 22 - 142. Registration of Backflow Prevention Assembly Technicians and Testers.

(a) **Technician registration.** Any backflow prevention assembly technician licensed by the State of Louisiana must register with the administrative authority before performing work within the City of Minden. Licensed backflow prevention assembly technicians shall include his or her state registration number on all correspondence and forms required by or associated with this article. (b) **General tester registration.** Any backflow prevention assembly general tester shall present a copy of his/her testing certificate from a nationally recognized backflow certification organization and shall register with the administrative authority before performing work within the City of Minden.

Sec. 22 – 143. Fee.

(a) In accordance with R. S. 37:1367(E), 37:1368 and 37:1377, an annual registration fee for master license, journeyman and testers, shall be paid to the city. The registration fee shall be in accordance with the resolution of the council referenced in section 22-2. Such fees shall be used to help defray the expense to the city of making inspections of plumbing work done within the city. (b) The fee shall be due and payable on January 1 of each year, and the license required by the state plumbing law (R.S. 37:1361 et seq.) shall be provided to the appropriate personnel in the city at the time of payment of such fee. (c) Any person possessing a license that is not renewed by January 31 of each year shall appear in person before the building official for consideration of the renewal of such license. If approved by the building official, a renewal license will be issued upon a penalty payment of \$50.00. (d) (Ord. No. 957, § 1,2-1-10)

PART 2. If any one or more of the provisions of this ordinance shall, for any reason, be held to be illegal or invalid, such illegality or invalidity shall not effect any other provision of this ordinance, but this ordinance shall be construed and enforced as if such illegal or invalid provisions had not been contained

herein. Any constitutional or statutory provisions enacted after the date of this ordinance which validates or makes legal, shall be deemed to apply to this ordinance.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Council of the City of Minden, Louisiana, that the remaining provisions of Chapter 22, Buildings and Building Regulations, remain as originally written or amended.

This ordinance shall become effective immediately after being adopted by the city council and publication in the official journal. **PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Mayor and Council of the City of Minden, Louisiana

This 6th day of July 2021, by motion of Michael Roy and duly seconded by Wayne Edwards by the following vote:
AYES: Five
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

s/ _____
Terry Gardner,
Mayor

ATTEST:

s/ _____
Michael Fluhr, Acting
City Clerk

July 13, 2021
Minden Press-Herald

ORDINANCE NO. 1119

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REENACT CHAPTER 26, BUSINESSES, ARTICLE II., OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE TAXES, TO ADD DIVISION 5. MOBILE FOOD VENDORS, TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MINDEN, STATE OF LOUISIANA.

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Council of the City of Minden, State of Louisiana, the governing authority thereof, in its Regular Session convened on the 6th day of July, 2021, that Chapter 26, Businesses, Article II., Occupational License Taxes, of the Code of Ordinances, City of Minden, State of Louisiana, is hereby amended and supplemented to add Division 5. Mobile Food Vendors, to read as follows:
DIVISION 5.
MOBILE FOOD VENDORS

Sec. 26-120 – Definitions

For the purposes of this division, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

Mobile Food Vendors means a food service that is

mobile and located upon or within a vehicle, or which can be pulled by a vehicle, or which can be pulled or pushed by human or animal power (such as a pushcart), where food or beverage is cooked, prepared and/or served.

Sec. 26-121 – Locations

Subject to the restrictions and limitations set forth in this ordinance, food trucks may operate in parking spaces on public property, on City-owned property at locations and times as may be approved by the City Inspection Department in primary control of such property, and in such other areas as may be permitted by the City's zoning ordinance, paying a Food Truck fee and having an occupational license. Provided, that food trucks may not operate on public property within fifty (50) feet of the primary entrance of any type restaurant, located within a permanent structure or building.

Sec. 26-122 – Specific Regulations
In addition to any and all other ordinances, laws, rules and regulations, food trucks shall:

- a) Display a valid City of Minden occupational license and food truck sticker.
- b) If operating on public property or City property, must contain food preparation within the food truck.
- c) Not obstruct traffic or the public right-of-way or public sidewalks or walkways.
- d) If operating on public property, must park at least fifty (50) feet from any intersection.
- e) If operating on public property, must distribute food/beverage away from vehicular traffic flow.
- f) If operating on public property, must utilize no more than two parking spaces.
- g) Not utilize City utility connections.
- h) Continuously contain and police waste and refuse.
- i) Provide a trash receptacle for use by customers.
- j) If operating on public property, must not be left overnight or unattended at any time.
- k) Only operate on public property between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m.
- l) Service/replenish the food truck on a daily basis. This includes getting fresh water, disposing of waste and refuse and restocking supplies.
- m) Not leave any location without first picking up, removing and disposing of all waste and refuse

remaining from sales made by the food truck.

- n) Not solicit or conduct business with occupants of a motor vehicle.
- o) Not create sound or permit sound to emit from any device, including but not limited to, loud mechanisms, or equipment which produces a loud and raucous noise (except for generators as further set forth in this ordinance); or operate any loud speaker, public address system, radio, music player, sound amplifier or similar device to attract attention of the public or otherwise.
- p) Not burn wood or charcoal or produce smoke while operating on public property.
- q) Provide exterior lighting, which must be hooded or shielded so that the light source is not scattering light to surroundings other than to the food truck and its adjacent service area.
- r) Operate generator(s) with a total sound level that exceeds sixty-five (65) dbA.
- s) Be subject to payment of any and all applicable parking fees.

Sec. 26-123 - Penalty

It shall be unlawful for any person or entity to violate any of the provisions of this Ordinance. Any person or entity found guilty of violating any provision of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction for such violation, be punished by a fine not to exceed three hundred dollars (\$300.00).

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Council of the City of Minden, Louisiana, that

a) The remaining provisions of Chapter 26. Businesses, Article II., Occupational License Taxes, remain as originally written or amended. b) All City ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict. c) The provisions of this Ordinance are severable. If any part of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, that declaration shall not affect the part or parts that remain. d) The Ordinance shall be effective within the corporate limits and police jurisdiction of the City of Minden immediately upon its enactment and publication as required by law. Which ordinance was, upon motion made by Pam Bloxom and duly seconded by Wayne

Edwards, was adopted on this 6th day of July, 2021, by the following ye and nay vote:
YEAS: Three
NAYS: Two
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

s/ _____
Terry L. Gardner,
Mayor

ATTEST:

s/ _____
Martha Conly,
Assistant City Clerk

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF MINDEN, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN IN REGULAR SESSION HELD ON JULY 6, 2021.

The Minden City Council met at City Hall, Minden, Louisiana, beginning at 5:30 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Terry Gardner, Wayne Edwards, Terika Williams-Walker, Vincen Bradford, Michael Roy and Pam Bloxom. Absent: None. Mayor Gardner welcomed everyone to the meeting. It is noted for the record that Mayor Terry Gardner allowed both council and public comments prior to every vote.

Prayer was offered by Michael Roy and Pam Bloxom led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon motion by Wayne Edwards and duly seconded by Michael Roy, the council adopted the minutes of Council Regular Session held on June 7, 2021, as presented, by the following vote: Ayes: Wayne Edwards, Michael Roy and Pam Bloxom. Nays: Vincen Bradford and Terika Williams-Walker. Absent: None. Abstain: None. The motion carried.

Upon the recommendation of Police Chief Steve Cropper, Michael Roy moved to approve the promotion of Minden Police Officers Reece Tewell and Christopher Cayer to the rank of Officer First Class. The motion was duly seconded by Vincen Bradford and carried unanimously.

Upon the recommendation of Mayor Terry L. Gardner, Pam Bloxom moved to reappoint General Leonard Miller to the Minden Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Board as the governing authority board member, whose term will expire July 29, 2024, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Michael Roy and carried unanimously.

Wayne Edwards moved to name the Minden Press-Herald as the Official

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Journal of the City of Minden, Louisiana. The motion was duly seconded by Michael Roy and the vote was as follows: Ayes: Wayne Edwards, Michael Roy and Pam Bloxom. Nays: Terika Williams-Walker and Vincen Bradford. Absent: None. Abstain: None. The motion carried.

Upon the recommendation of Mayor Terry Gardner, Wayne Edwards moved to approve the requested extension for the audit for fiscal year 2019/2020 to be completed by July 31, 2021. The motion was duly seconded by Pam Bloxom and carried unanimously.

Upon motion by Michael Roy and duly seconded by Wayne Edwards, the council unanimously adopted Ordinance No.

1118, an Ordinance to Amend and Re-enact Chapter 22, Buildings and Building Regulations, Article V, Plumbing Code, Division 1. Generally, and Division 3. Plumbers, of the Code of Ordinances, City of Minden, State of Louisiana. (Backflow Prevention)

Pam Bloxom moved to adopt Ordinance No.

1119, An Ordinance to Amend and Re-enact Chapter 26, Businesses, Article II., Occupational License Taxes, to add Division 5, Mobile Food Vendors, to the Code of Ordinances of the City of Minden, State of Louisiana. The motion was duly seconded by Wayne Edwards and the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Wayne Edwards, Michael Roy and Pam Bloxom. Nays: Terika Williams-Walker and Vincen Bradford. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Mayor Gardner declared the ordinance was adopted and Councilman Vincen Bradford stated that it was not adopted because an ordinance requires a two-third vote of the council to pass. This was confirmed by the city attorney and the Mayor declared the ordinance was not adopted. See the attached statement dated July 7, 2021, from the city attorney concerning the lawful adoption of an ordinance.

Upon motion by Michael Roy and duly seconded by Pam Bloxom, the council unanimously adopted a Resolution Declaring Certain City of Minden Property as Surplus, as presented. (Surplus property is described as three transformers removed from Electrical Substations.) Said resolution is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Pam Bloxom moved to adopt a Resolution Authorizing Credit Card Signatory Power for Certain City of Minden Administrative

Personnel, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Wayne Edwards and carried unanimously. (Resolution removes Debra Smith as City Clerk) Said resolution is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Pam Bloxom moved to award Bid No. 1-21, 2021 Road Project, to the lowest qualified bidder meeting all requirements. The motion was duly seconded by Michael Roy and carried unanimously.

Michael Fluhr, acting City Clerk, presented the Budget/Financial Report for the month of May, 2021. No motion is required.

The Police Report for May of 2021 was unanimously accepted, as presented, by motion of Michael Roy and duly seconded by Vincen Bradford.

There were no public comments, council comments were heard and the meeting was adjourned.

Terry L. Gardner, Mayor

ATTEST:

Michael Fluhr, Acting City Clerk

Please note: All attachments to these minutes are on file for public viewing at Minden City Hall, 520 Broadway Street, Minden, LA during regular working hours. July 7, 2021
Re: Number of votes needed to adopt an ordinance
Dear Mayor Gardner:

I am writing in response to your inquiry as to the number of Councilmembers needed to vote in favor of the adoption of a new City Ordinance, for that ordinance to be adopted. Last night, at the July Council meeting, a vote was held to adopt a new ordinance concerning "Mobile Food Vendors." The vote resulted in a three to two majority in favor of the adoption of the ordinance. After the vote, you announced "the vote passes." Upon this announcement, the question was raised by Councilman Bradford as to if a "two-thirds majority" was legally required to adopt a new ordinance.

After researching the question of the number of councilmembers that must vote in the affirmative to adopt an ordinance, the law is clear that a two-thirds majority is not required. The City Charter is silent as to the voting requirements for the adoption of an ordinance. As such, we must turn to the Revised Statutes. Pursuant to La. R.S. 33:406, a simple majority vote of the council is required to effectively adopt the ordinance.

Consequently, the "Mobile Food

Vender" Ordinance did in fact pass and is lawfully adopted. As always, should you or any of the Council have any further questions, please let me know.

Kind Regards,

/s/ Jimbo Yocom
Jimbo Yocom
City Attorney

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The CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be examined at the following location(s):
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July 27, 2021
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PROCEEDING OF THE VILLAGE OF HEFLIN, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN IN REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JULY 1, 2021

The Hefflin Town Council met at Town Hall, Hefflin, Louisiana beginning at 7:30 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Todd Leake council members Matt Austin, Hallie DeMoss, Ralph James, Chief of Police Paul Miguels, Water System Operator Jesse Williamson and Village Clerk Sherry Limosnero.

The meeting was opened with prayer offered by Hallie DeMoss and Matt Austin led the Pledge of Alle-

giance. Mayor Todd Leake welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Upon motion by Matt Austin and duly seconded by Hallie DeMoss, the council adopted the Minutes from June 3, 2021 at Council Regular Meeting held on July 1, 2021 as presented; the motion was approved unanimously.

Hallie DeMoss moved to accept the June, 2021 Operating Financial Statements as presented; the motion was duly seconded by Ralph James. The motion was approved unanimously.

Upon motion by Ralph James and duly seconded by Matt Austin, the council unanimously approved Water System Reports for May, 2021 and June, 2021.

Matt Austin moved to accept the June, 2021 Police Department Report as presented; the motion was duly seconded by Hallie DeMoss. The motion was approved unanimously.

Council comments were heard, public comments were heard. There being no further business to come before this Council, meeting adjourned by Council Member Hallie DeMoss.

Attest by:
Sherry Limosnero
Village Clerk,
Respectfully posted:
7/08/2021
Adopted:
Publish:
Minden Press Herald

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Quick Draw Travel Plaza & Casino LLC, d/b/a Quick Draw Travel Plaza is applying to the Office of Alcohol & Tobacco Control of the State of Louisiana for a permit to sell beverages of high and low alcohol content at retail in the Parish of Webster at the following address:
1703 Hwy 511
Minden, LA 71055
Quick Draw Travel Plaza & Casino, LLC
Quick Draw Travel Plaza
Manager:
Kim B. Thayer

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