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Pack the Bus and Back to School Bash

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With the upcoming school year just around the corner, the Webster Parish School Board will be hosting it's Pack the Bus Event to raise school supplies for students who need it as well as the Back to School Bash to celebrate the

The Pack the Bus event will be going on Friday from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. in the Walmart parking lot of both Minden and Springhill.

There will be signs posted around the bus detailing the items that are in need, including traditional instructional supplies such as loose leaf paper, pens & pencils, index cards, etc., as well as non instructional supplies such as disinfectant, hand sanitizers, lysol, paper towels, etc.

For those that don't feel like shopping, monetary donations will be accepted as well which will be used to purchase the needed school supplies. Individuals can donate at the event itself, or by mailing their donation to the Webster Parish School Board office located at 1442 Sheppard St

The Back to School Bash will be drive-thru style this year in order to be COVID conscious and keep their students safe. "There will be plenty of school staff and volunteers to service those vehicles, because we're being safe. They'll still get the fun experience, just drive thru style," said Community Liaison for the WPSB Ursula Hullaby.

City honors LT Whiting-Harrison for going above and beyond

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Mayor Terry Gardner on Behalf of the City of Minden presented LT Tokia Whiting-Harrison of the Minden Police Department with an award for Superlative Performance given for service going above and beyond the call of duty. This award was given specifically in reference to her intervention with a young man who considered taking his own life, which highlighted the connections she made with students as a School Resource Officer and how those relationships go far beyond the students' time in school.

New Delta Variant and Record-Breaking Gas Prices Cause Some Drivers to Reroute Plans for Remaining Summer Travel

(GAS BUDDY) - Summer travel has hit a roadblock this year, but not in the amount of people driving. It's in the distance people are willing to go. GasBuddy, today, released the results of

gasoline last week hit the highest level of 2021, according to Pay with Gas-Buddy transaction data.

So what gives? While the recent spike in demand shows that Americans are still determined In early May, 57 percent of Americans were planning to take a road trip, according to Gas-Buddy's 2021 summer travel survey. Since then, gas prices have risen to a seven-year high, a new still planning to hit the road.

Gas prices have been steadily climbing since early November to prices we haven't seen since 2014, with a national average of \$3.14 per gallon. Fifty percent of Americans now say high gas prices are deterring them from taking a road trip, up from 46 percent SHOOTING Drive by shooting claims life of small child

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The Minden Police Association announced early Thursday morning on their Facebook the tragic news that another shooting in Minden took the life of a small child.

"The sound of gunfire in Minden is becoming so common that people are not reporting it. This all changed tonight when a drive by shooting claimed the life of an innocent, small child. The shooter(s) fired multiple rounds at the residence. One round struck the small child. The parent of the child rushed him to Minden Medical Center where he was pronounced deceased," the MPA stated.

Further details have yet to be released at this time due to the ongoing investigation.

If anyone has information regarding this tragic crime, they are urged to call the Minden Police Department with more information.

"It is time for the community to step up and take action. Short staffed MPD Officers patrol high crime areas, but are only as successful as their staffing limitations allow. They need the public to speak out and report these dangerous criminals. They need qualified individuals to fill their ranks," said the MPA.

"As others try and minimize the gunfire in this once peaceful community, MPD Officers go from violent call to violent call. They know the seriousness of the pain and suffering these dangerous criminals inflict." For those who would like to make an anonymous tip, they are urged to call the Minden Police Department with further details.

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its first ever Midsummer Travel Survey, revealing that 10 percent fewer Americans are now planning to take a road trip this summer than were in May. Yet, demand for

r to get out this summer, wavering confidence in r road trips says people might be worried about budgeting for high gas prices and seeking adr ventures closer to home. variant of Covid-19 has spread throughout the country and a pipeline shutdown brought gasoline shortages to the Southeast. Today, only 46 percent have or are

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Second Front

Bus: Back to school bash will have two locations

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New this year for the Back to School Bash is that the event will be taking place in both the north and south end of the parish. The School Board had heard that some parents and students would have difficulties making it to Minden if they live further north, so to meet the needs of those students, the School Board decided to host the event at a second location as well.

Students will be able to drive through the Back to School Bash at two locations this year, one at the Harper Pathways for Excellence Center and at North Webster High School from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on August 9th.

"This is an experience for 13 years on this end of the parish. We've had major support from the community, but we want to make sure our kids still get to experience that fun that they get before they go back to school," said Hullaby.

"We wanted to start a trend on the north end of the parish as well. We found it was a challenge for some of our students on the north end to get down here. They can experience the same thing and not have to travel so far."

For those with any questions or concerns, feel free to contact Ursula Hullaby at her office number 318-377-7052 (Ext. 228).

Gas: Demand for gasoline remains strong throughout the country

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"With new Covid cases rising and gasoline prices at their highest level since 2014, some motorists appear to be re-thinking their summer travel plans," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy. "However, while some may be trimming summer road trips, demand for gasoline remains strong across the country, with GasBuddy data showing that last week's consumption reached a 2021 high, topping the busy July 4 holiday weekend. That will keep prices from falling much even as Covid anxiety rises." The spreading Covid-19 Delta variant may not keep people from driving, but it is affecting Americans' decision to take road trips. The percentage of people who are taking less road trips due to Covid-19 concerns increased from 22 percent to 28 percent from May to July.

Louisiana Hits Record COVID-19 Cases, Hospitalizations

STAFF REPORT Minden Press-Herald

Earlier this week as COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations in Louisiana both hit records, the Louisiana Department of Health and Governor Edwards both urge individuals in Louisiana to take immediate precautions for their own and others' safety.

The Louisiana Department of Health announces 6,797 new COVID-19 cases reported to the state since July 26, 2021 – the second highest single-day case count reported since January 6, 2021 (6,882 cases reported that day).

Also today, 1,390 people are hospitalized with COVID-19 in Louisiana. That represents an increase of 169 hospitalizations since yesterday, the largest single-day increase since March 2020. There were three days in March 2020 where the increase was larger: March 25 (220), March 31 (196) and March 26 (185).

"To see this current rise in COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations is becoming increasingly scary," said Gov. Edwards.

"We reported nearly 6,800 cases today in addition to the nearly 8,000 that were reported from the weekend. And today, there are close to 1,400 COVID patients hospitalized statewide - approximately 90 percent of whom are unvaccinated. This is the largest single daily increase since March of last year. As I said recently, this surge is on us, and that means it is up to each of us to do our part to bring it to an end. It's within our power. Getting vaccinated is the best way to stay safe and healthy during this pandemic. It is the best way to put it behind us. In addition, I am recommending that everyone, both vaccinated and unvaccinated, wear masks while indoors if six feet of physical distance cannot be maintained. For anyone asking the question when will this end, the answer is simple: when we decide to do what it takes to end it. The most impactful tools to make that happen are free and widely available- the three safe and effective vaccines. I am pleading with everyone who is not vaccinated and is of age to

make the decision today to get vaccinated."

"COVID is surging in Louisiana and it is not slowing down. As the dangerous and dominant Delta variant continues to spread and COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations continue to skyrocket, we urge all individuals in Louisiana to protect themselves and their families," said Dr. Joseph Kanter, State Health Officer. "Mask while indoors and get tested if you suspect you've been exposed to COVID-19. These are public health emergency measures that will limit death and suffering during this fourth surge. To ultimately put this pandemic behind us we need many more Louisianans to go sleeves up, which is why it's so encouraging to see our weekly vaccination rate climbing."

Individuals can call the COVID-19 Vaccine Hotline at 1-855-453-0774 to get their questions answered, speak directly with a medical professional, find a vaccine provider near them, and schedule an appointment today.

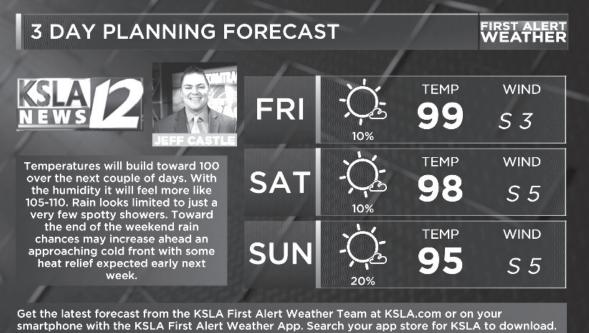




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OBITUARIES



Patricia Ann Clark

On December 11, 1957, Odell Harris Sr. and Bertha Mae Sims were blessed with a daughter, Patricia. Early in life she confessed Christ and was baptized at the New Light Baptist Church. Her spiritual life was fur-

ther nurtured at Mayflower Baptist Church, where she served as Financial Secretary for several years. On January 13,2018, she joined Galilee Baptist Church where she was a faithful member.

Patricia was educated in the Webster Parish School System. She graduated Minden High in 1975.

She united in Holy Matrimony to Emmitt "TC" Clark on December 11, 1980. To this union, one son, Marques was born.

Her love for helping people lead her to field of Health Care. She worked at Meadowview, Westwood, Heritage Manor South, Garden Park, and Bossier Health care. She was the Bookkeeper for Operation Turn Around. She did taxes for people for many years.

Her last job was keeping her favorite girl Amar "Tootie".

Patricia departed this earthly life on July 21, 2021. She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Larry and Odell "Groovy"; one niece; and several nephews.

She is survived by her husband, Dr. Rev. Emmitt Clark, Jr.; son, Margues Clark; a special daughter, Debra Dixon; granddaughter, Amari Clark; sister, Sonia Johnson (Jesse); brother, Eric Harris (Ladesh); uncle, James Sims (Alma Jean); aunt, Elinnia Sims; great aunt, Nobie "Aunt Bit" Scott; two goddaughters, Courtney and Serena; special little girl, KaNia; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Celebration of Life Services for Patricia Ann Clark will be held Saturday, July 31st at 11:00 A.M. at Galilee B.C., Haughton, LA, with Dr. Marvin Vaught, officiating. Interment will follow at the Gallie B.C. Cemetery.

Visitation will be held Friday, July 30th in the chapel of Kennon's Mortuary from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Services are entrusted to Kennon's Mortuary. Email condolences may be sent to kennonsmortuary@yahoo. com

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James Michael Henry

> Services to honor the life of James Michael Henry, 41, will be at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, July 29, 2021, at First Baptist Church of Haughton. Officiating the service are Bro. Raymond

Wilkinson and Dr. Gevan Spinney. Interment will follow in Hill Crest Memorial Park. Visitation will be on Wednesday evening from 5-8 p.m. at Hill Crest Memorial Funeral Home with family hour being 4-5 p.m. The family and friends will have food and fellowship at The Stable located on Swan Lake Road in Bossier City following the services.

Michael was born in Natchez, MS on September 2, 1979, and grew up in Vidalia, LA. He left his earthly life abruptly on July 23, 2021 as the result of an 18 wheeler

band, son, brother, and hard worker. Michael loved the outdoors and was an avid hunter and fisherman.

Michael is preceded in death by his father, James Coleman Henry. Left to cherish his memories are his mother, Catherine Henry; sister, Cindy Hebert and husband Cameron; their children, Ashely Hebert, Chelsea Lensing, Garrett Hebert, and Pepper Hebert; brother, Keith Henry and wife Marty; their children, Rachel Henry, Reid Henry; son, Jayden Michael Faust; Jayden's mother, Sherrie Hickman and husband Lee; fiance,' Heather Linn and her son, Jaxon Linn; very special "bonus parents", Patrick and Diane Gros; and many cousins.

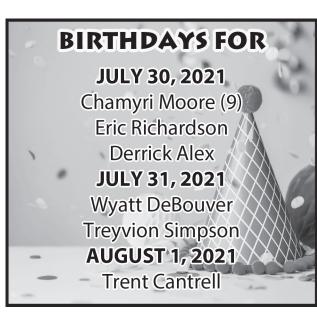
Honoring Michael as pallbearers are James Brown, Christopher Pegg, Timmy Clark, Brandon Smith, Ronald Hughes, and Chad Bernatowicz. Honorary pallbearers are Jayden Faust, Jaxon Linn, and members of Bossier Parish Fire District #1.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Bossier



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accident.

"Cowboy", as he was known, was a dedicated fireman and member of the community. He never met a stranger, was a great father, Christian, soon-to-be hus-

Russell Dale Godwin

Funeral services for Russell Dale Godwin were held at Rose Neath

Chapel in Minden, Louisiana on July 22, 2021 11:00 a.m.; and laid to rest at Magnolia Memorial Park Cemetery in Magnolia, Arkansas.

Russell was born on January 23, 1975 to parents Joan and Oliver Godwin; and entered to rest on July 19, 2021. Parish Fire District #1 Honor Guard.

You may offer condolences to the family and sign the on-line guest book by visiting www.hillcrestmemorialfh.com.

He is proceeded in death by his Mother Joan Godwin, Sister Marilyn Ried and Nephew Duece Ried. He is survived by his Father Oliver Godwin, Sister Theresa Godwin and Son Kory Gills with fiance' Jennifer Hill. Russell was a successful entrepreneur who enjoyed gathering with friends, playing pool, cooking outdoors and attending live music and sporting events. One of his many passions was giving back to the families within the community.

In lieu of flowers, family and friends may make donations to St. Jude Children's Hospital or the Minden St. Jude Auction at P.O. Box 583 Minden LA 71058.

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OTHER OPINION

Alexander: Recent events in Cuba reflect the American fight for liberty

The U.S. must take bold and concrete steps to assist these freedom seekers in Cuba, not just because that nation is 90 miles off the Florida coast but because our strong and visible support of the courage and bravery of these Cubans is a direct reflection on our own commitment to the same precious freedoms and sacred rights.

History never ceases to repeat itself. Totalitarian regimes, founded on Marxism and Leninism and employing communist govern-ment-centric models, led by dictators who are absolutely committed to an iron grip on their nations, eventually fall into chaos and strife and then fail. That is what we are witnessing yet again in Cuba.

We have seen images recently of brave Cuban citizens massing in streets all across that island country for the first time in more than 60 years. They risk their lives to speak in protest of the rapidly deteriorating economic and humanitarian conditions including a lack of basic goods and services-food, medicine, and other staples as well as electricity outages.

These people—men, women, teenagers, children—are standing up for their basic human rights and dignity to a degree unprecedented in Cuba. In the past, under the longtime communist rule of Fidel Castro protests were virtually non-existent and they were brutally put down when they did arise. Now, however, aided by social media, these freedom fighters appear willing to stand up to the government, speak truth to power, and chant in unison, No More! No Mas!

How has the Cuban government responded? The same way dictators always respond, by brutally cracking down on the demonstrations all the while employing the same lies, doublespeak and euphemisms tyrants always use.

Cuban President Diaz-Canel dishonestly described the demon-strations as being led by a small

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group of "counter revolutionaries, sold out to the U.S. government" and he encouraged supporters of the government to defeat these freedom seekers. Not long after, government officials terminated virtually all communication with the rest of the world and then un-

leashed "se-curity forces" across the country. Is this not tired, yet unsettling, refrain? This is how tyand rants dictatorships always respond.

First, employing censorship, propaganda

and control these thuggish tyrants first step is to deploy all media to lie to their citizens and the world about the very existence of the demonstrations; Second, tyrants deny and suppress the deplorable human rights abuses and economic desperation that triggered the freedom fighters to risk their lives to speak out demanding change This false narrative has included painting the uprising as an attack on the virtue and sanctity of "Mother Russia" or the challenge to a nation's brutal tyrant as an attack on that nation's "enlightened" way of life and the so-called "God king" leader who himself is a cult

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of personality. Third, tyrants cut off outside communication of every kind. Fourth, they attack their own people to crush the resistance while labeling the uprising as involving a small group of "counter revolu-tionaries." After that, "show trials" are conducted and the "guilty" are convicted, then often "disappeared" from the face of the earth. Lastly, we often see a fake, choreographed "show of support" for the regime.

Whether we are speaking of the former Soviet Union (or the current predatory territorial view of other nations Russian president Vladimir Putin might seek to conquer—like the Crimean Peninsula in Ukraine); or the iron grip of the Chinese Communist Party, the brutal theocracy of Iran or the vicious tactics of North Korea's Kim Jong Un, the motives and methods of tyrants never change.

America must respond clear-ly and boldly and not risk further damage to our moral authority in a way reminiscent of other Amer-ican derelictions like our government's handling of the Arab Spring or our weak and emasculated response to Putin's annexation of Crimea, or to the gassing by Syria of its own people notwithstanding the U.S.'s so-called "red line."

The courage we are witnessing by the long subjugated Cuban people "yearning to breathe free" is a truly historic moment that cannot be ignored. Again, our commit-ment to this Cuban fight for freedom is a direct reflection of our commitment to our own way of life

U.S. apologists of the Cuban government allege that these pro-tests were caused by the Coronavirus. If so, this raises key questions about the ability of the much-heralded Cuban health care system (socialized medicine) to care for its own people without completely melting down.

Cuba's freedom fighters confirm, yet again, that socialism-including the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR) and the National Ŝocialist German Workers' Party (the Nazi Party; yes, Nazism was Socialism and in addition to his intrinsic evil, Hitler was a Socialist and that movement must claim him too)-maintains its perfect record of failure throughout the world, and that given a chance and time, freedom will always find a way.

It has been a source of great pride to watch freedom fighters in the streets of Havana proudly flying high the beautiful American Flag as a symbol of their willingness to fight and die for the justice and liberty and freedom that it represents to them and to the entire world.

For the same reason, it has been a source of great sorrow to recall the protests of U.S. domestic terrorists in Portland and Seattle and in numerous other U.S. cities burn-ing, trampling and urinating on the same American Flag that, from the time of our Nation's founding, more than 1.1 million Americans have paid the ultimate price to preserve and protect by freely giving the "last full measure of devotion" on brutal, unforgiving battlefields, and in the skies and on seas and oceans the world over-and then to reflect upon statements from Pres. Biden, AOC and many other defenders and apologists of this anti-American anarchy.

In 1982, President Ronald Reagan spoke to members of the British Parliament. In the speech, he predicted the collapse of Communism and its evil twin, Socialism, saying these anti-freedom "isms" would be left on the 'ash heap of history.' Since the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991, his prediction has been born out in much of the world.

Now, the U.S. government must do all within its power to ensure that this Cuban vestige of Marxism/Communism/Socialism is also buried for good. The long arc of history is said to bend toward justice and freedom and, if so, that means aiding this historic and pivotal Cuban fight for freedom now.

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Buchanan: Why the Left Can't Let Go of Jan. 6

To understand what House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's select committee investigation of the Capitol Hill events of Jan. 6 is all about, a good place to begin is with the sentencing hearing last week of Paul Hodgkins.

A crane operator from Tampa, Florida, Hodgkins, 38, pleaded guilty to a single count of obstructing a joint session of Congress called to confirm Joe Biden as the next president.

Hodgkins entered the Senate chamber carrying a Trump 2020 flag. He committed no assault, no act of destruction, no act of violence. Yet, he was sentenced to eight months in prison by U.S. Judge Randolph Moss. Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Mona Sedky argued for a sentence of twice that length, a year and a half, because, as she told the judge, "Jan. 6 was genuinely an act of terrorism." But is that true? Was Jan. 6 "an act of terrorism" - of the character if not the magnitude, say, of the Oklahoma City bombing? Hodgkins' attorney vigorously rejected that depiction. To call Jan. 6 "domestic terrorism," said Patrick Leduc, is "offensive and gaslighting the country ... It was a protest that became a riot, period, full stop." Leduc is correct: Jan. 6th was a riot. Had it truly been "domestic terrorism," as the U.S. attorney claimed, why would she have accepted a guilty plea for a single nonviolent offense?

Why did she not throw the book at the terrorist?

reality?

tion of tens of thousands, out of which a mob of hundreds moved on the Capitol, broke police lines, assaulted

cops, rampaged and All in all,

her select committee — Reps. Jim Banks of Indiana and Jim Jordan of

Because the deck is stacked, the fix is in. Pelosi's committee has been crafted to bring in a third impeachment of Donald Trump and the GOP for posing the greatest threat to American democracy since Fort Sumter.

Issues, arguments and questions Banks and Jordan would have raised would have been off-script and interrupted the agreed-upon narrative.

Indeed, of whom does the select

the worst day for the GOP of the Trump years, it is going to be about the successes and failures of the first two Biden years.

And what, as of today, look to be the issues of 2022?

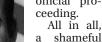
That election will be about the worst outbreak of inflation in a quarter-century to hit the U.S. economy. It will be about Biden's having presided over a fourth wave of the COVID-19 pandemic, after having declared on July 4, 2021, our independence of the virus.

It will be about the largest inasion of illegals across America's southern border in the history of the republic -2 million a year in 2021 and again in 2022, with 300,000 of these "gotaways" who evaded any contact with the Border Patrol. Among the 4 million anticipated illegals in Biden's first two years are child molesters, drug dealers and unvaccinated carriers of COVID-19 The election of 2022 will also be about a wave of shootings, woundings, killings and gun crimes in our greatest cities that have long been governed by liberal Democrats. The Democratic establishment and its media arm have a vital interest in hyping Jan. 6 and not letting go of it. For Jan. 6, 2021, is their last best hope for holding power after Nov. 8, 2022.

Looking back, what was Jan. 6 in Ohio?

A huge pro-Trump demonstra-

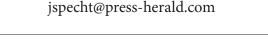




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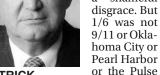
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PATRICK **BUCHANAN**

gas massacre.

Why is it being hyped like this? Why will the establishment not let go of Jan. 6? Why, half a year on, does it remain an obsession of regime media?

The hype never ends. Daily, we hear establishment politicians and press paint it up as the most awful day in America's history.

It was, we are told, an "armed insurrection," "domestic terror-ism," an attempted "coup," "an act of treason," "the worst attack on American democracy since the British burned the Capitol in 1814."

Why did Pelosi recoil from and reject two of House Republican Leader Kevin McCarthy's picks for

committee consist as it opens its hearings today?

Every Democrat of the committee has voted to impeach Trump for Jan. 6. Both of the Republicans Pelosi put on the committee to provide bipartisan balance - Wyoming's Liz Cheney and Illinois' Adam Kinzinger — voted to im-peach Trump last January and are the two ranking anti-Trump Republicans on Capitol Hill.

Pelosi has impaneled a jury to try Trump and the GOP for insurrection, every one of whose members has already indicated they believe that Jan. 6 is a historic crime and Trump is guilty.

Why are Pelosi and the regime media doing everything to keep Jan. 6 alive? What are the stakes involved?

As of today, Jan. 6 is the biggest and last best stick the Democrats have for retaining control of Congress in 2022.

For if that election is not about

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We Care Bike Give-Away

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The We Care Bike Giveaway will take place at Academy park between the hours of 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. on Saturday, July 30th. Pizza, cold drinks, and water will be served. Kids 12 and under accompanied by an adult will be eligible to sign up for the drawing.

Bistineau Baptist Church 151st Homecoming

Bistineau Baptist Church will be celebrating it's 151st Homecoming, August 1, 2021 located at 195 Bistineau Church Rd in Heflin. The speaker will be Brother Wayne Whiteside and service starts at 10:30 a.m. Lunch will be served after. For more information call Nancy @ 318-453-7389 or Bro. Richard 318-423-2528

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STORIES FROM THE BACK PORCH

ueries to a country cook

Many people who know me are aware of my country roots and therefore they know that my specialty is country cooking.

With this widely known, I often get queries about recipes for older ways of cook-

ing and canning items. certain Sometimes T might know but many times it will be something I had never heard of before. A few years

ago, a friend from church called and asked for my recipe for making

pear preserves. Truthfully I didn't know there was a recipe. But he was wanting to make preserves and I had to admit that I didn't use a recipe. I had learned to make them by watching Mama for many years and I just imitated what I saw her doing. Most of her cooking and canning was not by recipes, but by trial and error until she learned how to do each one.

I tried to share the way I made pear preserves and I cautioned that the most important thing was to not overcook them.

I knew this probably wasn't much help to him, however, he took my sugto peel, slice and cook the pears with lots of sugar and a little water. He called later and said, "I did exactly what you told me not to do. I overcooked them."

If the preserves are cooked too long

they will eventually turn to sugar and are not edible. I never checked backed so I don't know whether or not they were able to use them before that happened.

Another example came from another member of our

church. He asked me how to make chocolate gravy. Chocolate gravy!

FANNIE MOORE

I had never heard of such and so I inquired about it. I can't remember if he had

eaten it earlier or if he had just heard about it. We chatted awhile recalling some of our dishes from childhood, but my memories did not include chocolate gravy. I later Googled it to see what it was and how it was made. But, as of yet, I have never tried it.

Just the other day, I received a call from someone I didn't know, but he knew us and our family as he was related to some of our

gestions and proceeded neighbors. His question was also about something I had never heard of; green huckleberry pie. Huckleberry pie I had heard of but never one for using green berries.

We then began to reminisce about the different kinds of huckleberries and of picking them from the small bushes that grew wild in all the woods around us. The summer berry was the juicy berry that's good to eat out of hand or to make pies, cobblers and jelly. Then there was the winter huckleberry that grew on a taller bush, It was hard and dry, unfit for anything that I knew of.

We had one of those in our pasture, but the smaller summer bushes grew in the woods, along the trails that wound through them. We often found them as we were walking to the creek to go fishing. We would just pick and eat along the way,

When we found several bushes we would gather enough for a pie.

The caller then went on to tell me he had transplanted some of these in his garden from nearby woods after getting permission from the landowner. He offered to share a cutting from his bush when it gets time to plant them so I'm looking forward to trying to grow

some of those delicious berries so prominent in our childhoods.

He then mentioned the times when our family made sausage at hog killing time in the winters. He was asking about the use of sage and I assured him that I couldn't remember us ever using sage, just a sausage seasoning. He wanted to use sage in his but when her purchased sage from the grocery store, it didn't seem to have a strong enough taste. So he planted sage and was asking about how to prepare it for use. This was far beyond my knowledge of spices, but I suggested using the blender to pulse the leaves until they were of a fine texture. He agreed that was his thinking so that was what he was going to do.

I'm anxious to hear how the sage experiment turns out.

Now, when I answer the phone, I never know if it's a scam call or a friend who is seeking help in the kitchen. If it's the former, I just hang us. But if it's the latter, we usually enjoy a good conversation.

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Forfeiture of ancient tablet bought by Hobby Lobby approved NEW YORK (AP) -

A federal judge in New York has approved the forfeiture of a 3,500-yearold clay tablet bearing a portion of the Epic of Gilgamesh that was looted from Iraq and sold for \$1.6 million to Hobby Lobby for display in the Museum of the Bible, prosecutors announced. The cuneiform tablet, written in the ancient language of Akkadian and dating from around 1500 B.C., was illegally transported to the U.S. in 2003 and again in 2014, prosecutors said in a federal complaint.

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The artifact, known as the Gilgamesh Dream Tablet, contains a portion of the Gilgamesh epic, considered one of the earliest surviving works of notable literature.

The tablet was seized in

world literature to its country of origin," stated Acting U.S. Attorney Kasulis. "This Office is committed to combating the black-market sale of cultural property and the smuggling of looted artifacts."

A message seeking





A false provenance letter was used to sell the tablet several times before Hobby Lobby bought it from a London-based

2019 from the Washington, D.C.-based Museum of the Bible, founded by Hobby Lobby executives, and is now being stored in Brooklyn, prosecutors said. Judge Ann M. Donnelly entered an order documenting the forfeiture of

the tablet Monday. "This forfeiture represents an important milestone on the path to returning this rare and ancient masterpiece of comment was left with Oklahoma City-based Hobby Lobby on Wednesday.

Hobby Lobby returned thousands of other tablets, seals and other ancient artifacts that had been smuggled into the U.S. in 2018.

The items were purchased by Hobby Lobby president Steve Green for display in Museum of the Bible, which opened in 2017. WWW.APNEWS.COM

Director of the Dorcheat Historical Museum Schelley Francis spoke to the Minden Nonn Lions Club about the mission of the Dorcheat Historical Association Museum, as well as future dreams and the challenges it's faced over the past year and a half. She said the museum exists to help keep our rich parish history alive, and it will take continued monetary donations and volunteer help to do so. Schelley has served as the museum's director since 2007.

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IFE

TOURISM 'OK not to be OK': Mental health takes top role at Olympics

TOKYO (AP) - For decades, they were told to shake it off or toughen up to set aside the doubt, or the demons, and focus on the task at hand: winning. Dominating. Getting it done.

For years, Simone Biles was one of the very best at that. Suddenly — to some, shockingly — she decided she wasn't in the right headspace.

By pulling on her white sweatsuit in the middle of Tuesday night's Olympic gymnastics meet, and by doing it with a gold medal hanging in the balance, Biles might very well have redefined the mental health discussion that's been coursing through sports for the past year.

Michael Phelps, winner of a record 23 gold medals and now retired, has long been open about his own mental health struggles. Phelps has said he contemplated suicide after the 2012 Olympics while wracked with depression. Now an analyst for NBC's swimming coverage, he said watching Biles strug-

gle "broke my heart." "Mental health over the last 18 months is something people are talking about, Phelps said. "We're human beings. Nobody is perfect. So yes, it is OK not to be OK."

Biles joins some other high-profile athletes in the Olympic space — over-whelmingly females — who have been talking openly about a topic that had been taboo in sports for seemingly forever.

– Tennis player Naomi Osaka withdrew from the French Open, never went to Wimbledon and, after her early exit in Tokyo this week, conceded that the Olympic cauldron was a bit too much to handle.

American sprinter Sha'Carri Richardson made no secret of the issues she faced as she prepared for an Olympic journey that never happened. She said she used marijuana to help mask the pain of her birth mother's death, to say nothing of the pressure of the 100 meters.

- Dutch cyclist Tom Dumoulin left training camp in January to clear his head, saying he was finding it very difficult for me to know how to find my way as Tom Dumoulin the cyclist." He resumed training in May; on Wednesday, he won a silver medal in the men's individual time trials.

- Liz Cambage, a WNBA player who competes for Australia, pulled out of the Olympics a week before they opened because of anxiety over entering a controlled COVID bubble in Tokyo that would have kept her friends and family away.

"Relying on daily medication to control my anxiety is not the place I want to be right now. Especially walking into competition on the world's biggest sporting stage," she wrote on social media.

Biles, though, took things to a new level - one that now makes it thinkable to

do what had been almost unthinkable only 24 hours before. She stepped back, assessed the situation and realized it would not be healthy to keep going.

On Wednesday, she pulled out of the all-around competition to focus on her

mental well-being. "I have to do what's right for me and focus on my mental health, and not jeopardize my health and well-being," a tearful Biles said after the Americans won the silver medal in team competition. She said she recognized she was not in the right headspace hours before the competition began.

"It was like fighting all those demons," she said.

The International Olympic Committee, aware of the struggles young athletes face, increased its mental health resources ahead of the Tokyo Games. Psychologists and psychiatrists are onsite in the Olympic village and established a "Mentally Fit Helpline" as a confidential health support service available before, during and for three months after the

Games. The 24-hour hotline is a free service that offers in more than 70 languages clinical support, structured short-term counseling, practical support and, if needed, guidance to the appropriate IOC reporting mechanisms in the case of harassment and/or abuse.

The IOC-developed Athlete365 website surveyed more than 4,000 athletes in early 2020, and the results led the IOC to shift its tone from sports performance and results to mental health

various social media platforms to feature current championing

"Are we doing enough?

Naoko Imoto, a swimmer avoided.

mon.'

Australian swimmer Jack McLoughlin choked back tears after winning the silver medal in the 400-meter freestyle Sunday, describing how the pressures of training during a pandemic while

also pursuing an engineering degree nearly caused him to quit the sport. "That's all to my fami-

ly and friends. They really helped me out, I was really struggling," McLoughlin said. "I train up to 10, 11 times a week, so to do that when you are not 100% sure you're actually going to get where you want to be is pretty hard."

Particularly with the world watching. John Speraw, coach of the U.S. men's volleyball team and the son of a psychologist, hired a specialist to assist his athletes when he coached at UC Irvine. He was an assistant on two Olympic teams before advancing to be the head coach for the Rio Games. There, he noticed his players were posting on Facebook — during the actual opening ceremony.

"To me, it was the most striking," he said. "I think we are very conscious of the increased scrutiny and external pressure and expectations that it places on our athletes."

Thriveworks, a counseling, psychology, and psy-chiatry services with more than 300 locations, found that one in three elite athletes suffer from anxiety and depression. In an analysis of more than 18,000 data points from print, online, broadcast and social media sources covering track and field, swimming, tennis, gymnastics and soccer, 69% of negative mentions were about female athletes compared to 31% about male athletes. It showed that when the

focus is on an individual athlete, coverage becomes less enthusiastic with a 29% negative tone that exemplifies the public pressure and criticism athletes face, said Kim Plourde, a licensed clinical social worker at Thriveworks who works with elite athletes through the Alliance of Social Workers in Sport.

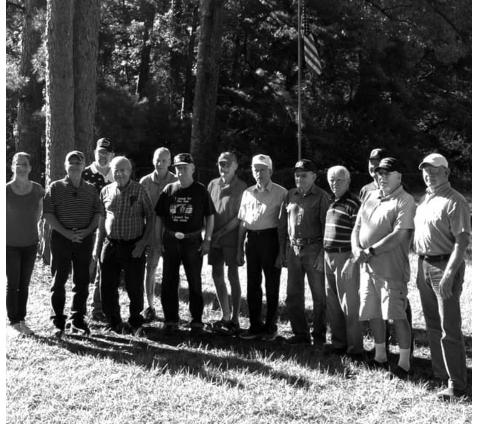
'Female athletes have to manage a different level of expectations from themselves, coaches, other athletes, media, and fans ranging from their physical appearance to their performance," Plourde said.

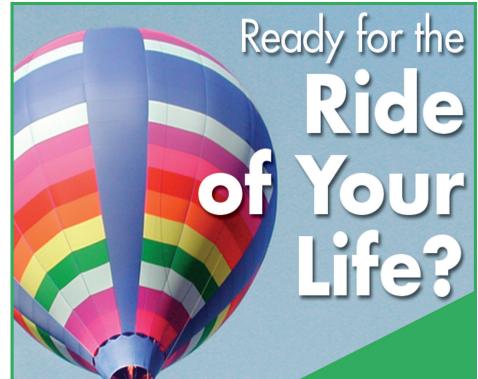
Jenny Rissveds of Sweden was the youngest women's cross-country mountain biking champion when she won gold in Rio at 22. A year later, two deaths in her family triggered depression she still deals with. Rissveds failed to win a second consecutive gold, finishing 14th in Tokyo, but she was elated to be done with competi-

"I'm just so f-ing happy that it's over," she said. "Not just the race. But all these years, to not have to carry that title any more. I have a name and I hope that I can be Jenny now and not the Olympic champion, be-cause that is a heavy burden. "I hope that I will be left

alone now."

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and uplifting the athlete's voices. Content was created for

Olympians mental heath causes. And the Olympic State of Mind series on Olympics.com shares compilations of mental health stories and podcasts.

I hope so. I think so," IOC spokesman Mark Adams said Wednesday. "But like everyone in the world, we are doing more on this issue."

at the 1996 Atlanta Games, is a consultant on gender equity for the Tokyo Olympic Committee. She said Osaka's admission in early June about mental-health struggles represented an opening for a discussion largely

"In Japan, we still don't talk about mental health," Imoto said. "I don't think there's enough of an understanding on mental health, but I think there are a lot of athletes coming out right now and saying it is com-

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Mt. Lebanon Museum hosted its annual Independence Day flag raising ceremony and breakfast on Saturday, July 3rd. Over 45 guests attended, 13 of whom were veterans. Pictured from left to right: Joy Bennet Cuervo (Air Force), James Everage (Army), Mike Stephenson (Army), Wallace Reed (Army), Don Bennett (Marines), Wayne Carter (Air Force), Terry Clason (Marines), Charles Butler (Air Force), Lorris Carter (Air Force), Lestar Martin (Army), Tommy Youngblood (Army), Robert Bond (Navy), and Jack Land (Army).



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STRANGER FROM A STRANGE LAND

City and Town and Country

Perhaps owing to growing riencing much more now that correct them. urbanization of the planet, we heard the Aesop Fable titled The Tale of the Town Mouse and Country Mouse called City Mouse and Country Mouse. You know the story. The urbane Town/City mouse

visits his churlish country cousin and comparlifestyle isons ensue. City Mouse belittles the simple country chow. Country Mouse is shocked by the dangerous urban cat predator. Better to eat simply

than to be simply eaten.

Minden is no city in the eves of most beholders, but certainly qualifies as a town. There's an undeniable country influence. Maybe I say that because of the accents. Speech patterns vary from the lilting gentle voice of my wife Lisa to the thunderous country twang of her daughter Amanda. I'm not criticizing Amanda. She's actually a gifted mimic who can express herself in a range of voices. She chooses the style and decibels she employs but when next you see her, ask "Hey Mandi, do your northern voice." It's pretty good. Better than my southern voice which quickly betrays its inauthenticity after too many sentences. Mine might be more parody than parroting.

I miss Missouri more than Lisa but she misses Kansas City more. Lisa's more adventurous and likes the cultural amenities of a big city. I don't mean a Chili's restaurant where some Minden folk inexplicably pine to dine but truly unique eateries, museums, professional ball teams and big city shopping. I lived most of my adult life in the Kansas City area but spent my first formative five years in Marshall, Missouri, a place with a larger population than Minden but also a town few would mistake for a city. Lisa likes Louisiana more but I think I like Minden better than she does. I eased into small town life much easier than I did becoming a regional resident of the south. Less traffic here although I'm expeI work in Shreveport. I guess I'm not really a city person. I'm glad I visited ostensibly glamorous U.S. cities to get a lay of the land but I seek no return to Los Angeles, New York City, Dallas, Houston, or

Las Vegas. I make exceptions only for very fascinating cities like New Orleans and San Francisco. Those I want to revisit. My Kansas City

grandsons Avett and

Finn recently visited our bustling burg. Lisa traveled north to see her daughter Lindsay and brought the kids south for some southern hospitality. I recast the

Aesop Fable with humans instead of rodents and characterize the Kansas City boys as City Kids and their older triplet Minden cousins Maddox, Mason, and Harleigh the Town Kids.

It's fascinating to contrast the five grandkids. They are as different as the parents who raised them. Local Louisiana parents Donny and Amanda don't deviate from traditional southern childrearing. Missouri parents Morgan and Lindsay raise their kids differently.

Avett has long hair. Before we moved from Missouri it was reaching the length of Beatle John Lennon circa the Rubber Soul album. Now he's getting into John Lennon White Album territory. Finn too had long hair. All the triplets commented on the length of their cousin's tresses. More polite but equally shocked as the adults a half century ago complained of boys from my generation looking like girls. Avett and Finn do not resemble kids down here. If these boys had draft cards, they might ostentatiously set them aflame. Neither says Sir or Ma'am which can rile any self-respecting southern adult. I react in the opposite. That kind of talk seems suited for the military, not family members. But I know kids failing to recite Sir or Ma'am are quickly corrected by loving parents. Or maybe adults who love to

Nieces in West Monroe struggle to hold their tongues when their Colorado nephew, the son of their brother Ben who like his cousin Lindsay chose the atypical life path of moving north, answers questions with a grating "Huhhh?" I know. You're wincing in horror even reading it. Different rules for lakes and pools.

Finn is so smart and hilarious which I assess objectively and not as a proud grandparent. One of the funniest little kids I've ever met. He knows how to keep his audience laughing.

Most evenings during their visit we watched basketball playoffs on television. Inquisitive Finn asked about the teams. The budding zoologist knows all the animal mascot species but the Los Angeles Clippers left him puzzled. I explained a clipper was a kind of sailing ship. He argued it was more likely nail clippers. I insisted no sports team ever was named the Nail Clippers. But as he concludes so many debates seeking consensus, Finn said, "But it could be. Right?" As his parents would attest, he's too sweet to disagree with.

Avett and Finn are spared corporal punishment the doled out to the triplets. Not only by their parents but their grandma Lisa too which I can't explain. She might swat a triplet but never the Kansas City boys. It seems unfair. Or maybe it's southern indoctrination.

I warned Avett I might send him over to see Aunt Shug (another nom de plume for Amanda/Mandi) and her wooden spoon. The City Kids had no idea why a kitchen utensil might represent a threat. They laughed at a means of discipline the triplets could tell them was no After ferrying the triplets from swim practice, I discovered a new appreciation for the calm maturity of their conversation. I was coming off Avett and Finn fighting over inconsequential issues. More because of their younger age than northern upbringing. When Mason and Harleigh



were their age, I refereed similar ridiculous altercations. But it was likely the first time Amanda heard from me (or perhaps anyone) that they appreciated the calm maturity of her triplets.

As a parent of one child, I am a relatively inexperienced arbitrator of sibling squabbles. I might not have been fair. During our final year in Missouri, Avett was one of the most pleasant toddlers I ever encountered and Finn was one of the angriest infants. Their behaviors have switched. Finn's now an easy hang and Avett is argumentative. And he picks on Finn. A practice that might not continue much longer because little brother Finn is growing larger. Just as I know cousin Maddox is the unflinching honest oracle of the triplets, I trust Finn as a reliable source.

I didn't know the backstory of their heated battle over custody of a stuffed snake, but I found myself believing Finn and not Avett. Morgan later told me the snake was in fact Avett's. Maybe I need to be a better grandparent.

The City Kids visit also made me see a delightful curmudgeonly side to the triplets. Not what you expect in ten-year old children yet their aggravation with younger cousins could be palpable and they seemed to share my bias towards Finn behavior over Avett.

Avett dumped them out of their container. Once his cousin left, Maddox locked his bedroom door.

Mason told his cousins not to eat his Taco Bell food. Avett complained his cousin was mean. All who know him say Mason is a nice kid.

Harleigh stood on the sidelines in shocked silence. As if her life isn't filled enough with aggravating boys, visiting cousins double the irritation.

It's funny to contrast accents. I notice them but Avett and Finn said they didn't think about their cousins speaking differently. They were all just kids having fun together rather than amateur phoneticians scrutinizing speech patterns and idioms.

Finn was ready to return home to Missouri. His friends might not recognize him back in Kansas City. While in Minden, he went to the barbershop for the kind of old-timey haircut sure to please any drill sergeant. Avett remains one of those longhaired freaky people. Yet Avett loves Louisiana and wanted to stay.

City Kids and Town Kids. Northern Kids and Southern Kids. All love each other but they're very different in their worldviews and behaviors. So are their parents. And their grandparents.

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Maddox told Avett not to disturb his Pokemon cards.

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LITTLE LEAGUE SOFTBALL

Minden SweeTees slide into the World Series

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After achieving 1st place in the State Tournament, the 6 & Under Minden SweeTees will be representing Louisiana in the World Series taking place over the course of next week at the Johnny Downs Sports Complex in Alexandria.

Coach Logan Hollingsworth shared his experience coaching the team this year and why he believed they were able to achieve this accomplishment.

"It's been a great experience, just from the fact that I've got excellent kids who work their tails off every day. We've also got some of the best coaches. They know the game, but they're great with the kids, they have fun with them, we all do," said Hollingworth.

"Another thing is I have great parents. They're a great support group. They're behind us every step of the way."

To hear Coach Hollingsworth put it, achieving first place at state was a result of the hard work the girls on the team put in, coming out to practice and "working their tails off" as he put it.

"We worked for three weeks before the state tournament, and the girls, they really put in the work. We worked hard, but they had fun doing it, and we went down to state and man, we just looked like a totally different team. They hit, played good defense, and they really showed improvement," said Hollingsworth.

"This has been one of the most satisfying experiences, not only because they're getting better as players, but hopefully we're making a good impact on them for life in general."

Hollingsworth noted that on top of trying to have fun playing a great game, he along with his assistant coaches Tyler Lewis, Paige Chandler, and Laura Perryman try to instill life lessons, such as working hard to achieve what you want.

"The first few practices that we had, a couple of kids, they had played t-ball. That's a big jump from t-ball to coach pitch. They were getting a little frustrated, a few of them would cry and didn't want to be there. But after being involved with the team, all the girls, and all the coaches, now those girls want to be there every day. They are the first ones to come and the last ones to leave," said Hollingsworth.

"When we got second place in district, some of the girls didn't really recognize or understand it. But when we went to state and they won, and got a taste for winning, I think they see that not only in softball, but anything in life, if they put the work



COURTESY PHOTO

The Minden SweeTees seen pictured with their first place trophy after winning the state tournament that cemented their place to represent Minden and the State of Louisiana in the World Series taking place next week.

in, they'll be rewarded."

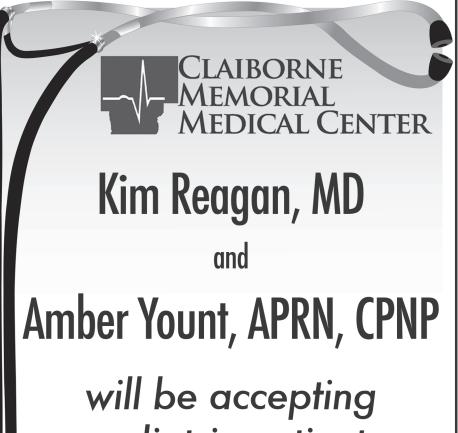
"You've got one chance to raise these kids, that's it. You gotta make it count while they're young and start them off on the right foot. Just to see how hard they've worked, it's actually incredible how far they've come." Coach Hollingworth stated that he's excited to represent not only Louisiana, but Minden as well in the upcoming games, stating "We're big Minden people and proud to say we're from Minden. It truly has been an awesome fun, learning experience,

and we're really looking forward to this weekend."

The Coach would also like to thank the team's sponsors for their support, including Hollingsworth Construction, Perryman Welding, Sunderland Chiropractic, and the Minden Rec Center.

Carter commits to Wiley College





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ShaKayla Carter signed with Wiley College this week to be a member of their track team. Friends, family, and coaches gathered at Minden High School in order to publicly celebrate this young woman's accomplishment.

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GOOD NEWS

In studying the Gospels, we see that Jesus primarily taught by using parables and performing miracles. Of course, He taught many truths by speaking directly to the disciples, but more often He chose to use an 'object lesson' to dip deeply into the mind and heart of those who followed him through the countryside and even around the Temple square. But early in life, no doubt Mary and Joseph (and perhaps others close to the family) began noticing Jesus' actions and reactions to everyday incidents. Maybe the way he reacted to situations, obedience to his parents, respect for others and the like, maybe But his communication skills begin to surface when as a boy of 12 he lingered behind at the Temple long after his parents left to return to Nazareth. They thought He was lost, but He was 'about His Father's business.' (Luke 3:49).

We read the account in Luke 3: 46-47 about after searching for their 'lost son' for three days, they found him 'confounding the rabbis and religious leaders with his great knowledge.' They marveled at his knowledge and wisdom. He began his ministry in the wilder-

ness. He wrestled with Satan who greatly tempted Him. Each dart Satan would shoot at Him, Jesus would answer with a scripture, and the message found lodging

in Satan's mind. He realized he was not going to get the edge on Jesus so 'he left Jesus for a season.' (Matt 4).

Bill Crider

At different points in Jesus' ministry, we check in on him to see how He interacts with his disciples, the religious leaders and scribes, as well as those from the countryside who 'came out to hear this teacher come from God.' (Matt 8,13). Matthew records the famous Sermon on the Mount (C-5) where Jesus laid out the ingredients of what His ministry on earth would look like. The Beattitues presented an entirely new method and mode of operation in how we are to treat others in various stations of life. His message penetrat-

JESUS, THE GREAT COMMUNICATOR

ed all who heard him, but few were willing to immediately embrace it into their own lives. He lived by these principles, it was evident He had communicated to those who 'had ears to hear and eyes

to see.'(Matt 4:3). As his disciples began to imitate Him and putting some of these teachings into practice, they better understood His teachings and how important it is 'put into action' that which they learned.

Consider these times Jesus communicated his message to those around him: calling His disciples (He made it clear what following Him would mean. (Mark 1 & Luke 14); He taught them that 'little in the hands of God become

His purpose. (Miracle of feeding the 5,000- Matt 15); As his disciples gathered around Him at the Last Supper (Matt 26), Jesus communicated to them (again) why He must die and leave them. (John 13-14). He was using repetition (a good teaching method to use), reminding the disciples what he had told them often about 'his death, burial and resurrection'. Peter gives us the implication that he is upset that Jesus keeps on talking about dying. (John 18). Oh, but later, Peter realized what Jesus had been trying to communicate to them. He was deeply sorrowful for doubting Jesus' words. (John 18:27).

much in order to achieve

At the tomb, He communicated with Mary and the others with the sound of his voice: "Mary, He is not here, He has risen just like He said He would." (Matt 28). There was Thomas who seemed to always doubt Jesus (John 20:26) until Jesus appeared and encouraged Thomas to put his hand in the nail-scared hands of His. He communicated that day for sure.

Remember how He connected with the two disciples on the Road to Emmaus (Luke 24), "their hearts burned when they realized they were entertaining the risen Savior." That experience communicated much! And how his appearing on the lake shore when the disciples had gone back fishing, thinking 'it is all over!' (John 21); On a Galilean mountain side (Matt 28) where He asked them to meet him after the crucifixion, Jesus communicated his last words of instruction and encouragement when He presented The Great Commission. (Matt 28:18-20). Still, today it remains as our marching orders under the banner of the

The Lord still speaks today to His children. He speaks through His Holy Word (the Bible), He speaks through prayer, times of meditation, silence, music and even through nature. He of-

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ten speaks to us through the wise-counsel of other Christians. He speaks through the church, through radio, television, social media where the message of salvation is presented and where Jesus' name is honored and magnified. A very powerful manner in which our Lord speaks is through our personal testimony of faith.

Like a multi-tentacle octopus, our God uses all these avenues to reach out to a lost and sin-sick world. He invites each of us to 'deny our desires, take up our cross daily and follow Him'. When we hear Him calling, we should honor Him by 'committing to this old hymn, "'Wherever He Leads I'll Go." Let's begin communicating with the Lord - He has been busy all this time trying to get His message through to us! "Be still and know that I am God." (Psalm 46:10).

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THE UPWARD LOOK

"At that time you were without Christ, excluded from the citizenship of Israel, and foreigners to the covenants of promise, without hope and without God in the world." Ephesians 2:12 CSB

In the third of five descrip- **Max Hutto** tive statements about the

Gentiles' spiritual condition before they placed their faith in God's grace, Paul stated that the Gentiles had no special covenant promise or relationship with the compassionate God. The Jews held a special place in God's promises through

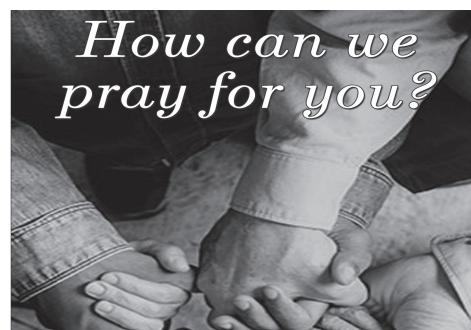
Without Hope

the Abrahamic and Davidic covenants. Fourth, the Gentiles had no real hope for the future and eternity. Fifth, though they were religious, they were without any real understanding of the one true Holy God.

Lord Jesus, formerly I was separated from God. But by grace through faith in You, I now have

glorious hope and an eternal relationship with God.

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2002 Pretoria Accord signed The Pretoria Accord was signed between the between the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and Rwanda as an attempt to end the Second Congo War

1980 The Israeli Knesset passes the Jerusalem Law and adds it to Israel's Basic Law The law declared Jerusalem the unified capital of Israel.

1980 Vanuatu gains independence The Republic of See, **HISTORY,** Page 12

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I am a rock singer born in England on August 20, 1948. I quit my training as a chartered accountant to pursue blues music. I went on to be an iconic star heading one of the most influential bands of the 1970s.

Answer: Robert Plant









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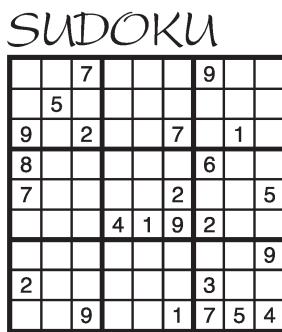
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The Mayor and Board of Aldermen for the Village of Dixie Inn met in a workshop session meeting on July 22, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, Dixie Inn, Louisiana with the following members present: Mayor Kay Hallmark-Stratton, Aldermen Donna Hoffoss, Judy McKenzie, and Lance Milligan.

The meeting was called to order and the invocation was given.

There were no to the agenda as

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mark-Stratton presented the Aldermen utility cost information, discussion was held regarding water/sewer rates and Ordinance Number 38-C amendments. Matter will be discussed further in a future council meeting.

There was no old

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comments or additions presented. Mayor Kay Hallcomed guests. New Business: Mayor Kay Hallbusiness to discuss. There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Judy McKenzie and seconded by Donna Hoffoss. Vote on the motion was unanimous. ATTEST: Kay Hallmark-Stratton able Court. Minden Press-Herald Deputy Minden Press-Herald HARRIS TAYLOR A/K/A WILLIE Advertisement for CHRISTELL DAY Bid HARRIS TAYLOR NOTICE OF PUBLIC: A/K/A WILLI CHRISTELL DAY A/K/A WILLIE C. DAY A/K/A WILLIE DAY A/K/A WILLIE CHRISTELL HARRIS A/K/A WILLIE C. HARRIS A/K/A WILLIE HARRIS AK/A WILLIE CHRISTELL TAYLOR A/K/A WILLIE C. TAYLOR A/K/A WILLIE TAYLOR A/K/A WILLIE DAY HARRIS A/K/A WILLIE D. HARRIS A/K/A WILLIE DAY TAYLOR A/K/A WILLIE D. TAYLOR A/K/A WILLIE HARRIS TAYLOR A/K/A WILLIE H. TAYLOR In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 78020 By virtue of a WRIT

OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued out of the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, in the above styled and numbered suit and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder 10 West: for cash WITHOUT the benefit of appraise-SW/4 ment and according to law at the principal front door of the Courthouse in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana on WEDNESDAY, August 10 West: 4.2021, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit: sold Commence at the Northwest corner of the intersection of Mignon Street and Talton Street in the 22-19-10 City of Minden, which is sitatued in the West Half of the Northeast Quarter, Section 27, Township 19 North, Range 9 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana, and run North 89 degrees 58 minutes West a distance of 183.4 feet; thence run North 0 degrees 08 minutes West a distance of 142.1 feet; thence run South 89 degrees 12 minutes agency. East a distance of 133.4 feet to the West line of Talton Street; thence run South 1 degree 08 minutes West a distance of 139.4 feet to the point of beginning; together with all improvements thereon and all rights thereunto belonging. SOLD SUBJECT TO ANY SUPERIOR LIENS, MORTGAGES **OR PRIVILEGES** THERETO. Said property seized is that of the defendant and will be sold to satisfy a judgment rendered in our Honor-JASON R. PARKER Sheriff & Ex-Officio Auctioneer Webster Parish, Louisiana Linda Vaughan -July 2, 2021 The LDEQ, Office July 30, 2021 of Environmental

consent of relevant in the groundwater regulatory agencies): monitoring program by one and change The following groundwater monitordescribed property situated in Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana, to-wit: Parcel #128453 62.22 acres - Township 19 North, Range Sec. 15 - SW/4 of Sec. 16 - East 22.22 AC of SE/4 of SE/4 Parcel #128454 57.78 acres - Township 19 North, Range Sect. 16 - S/2 of SE/4, less East 22.22 AC. of SE/4 of SE/4 prev. Parcel #128460 280 acres - NE/4 Sec. 21, N2 of NW/4 & SE/4 of NW/4 Sec. Parcel #128461 40 acres - SW/4 of NW/4 Sec 22-19-10 The bid specification sheets are available at no charge in the office of the Secretary-Treasurer, Webster Parish Policy Jury. The Webster Parish Police Jury is a tax-exempt governmental The Webster Parish Police Jury abides by the requirements of the Louisiana Bid Law. ALL BIDS SUB-MITTED MUST BE **CLEARLY MARKED** July 9, 2021 July 20, 2021 July 30, 2021 to each person who August 6, 2021 has submitted written August 17, 2021 August 27, 2021 Minden Press-Herald PUBLIC NOTICE LOUISIANA DEPART-MENT OF ENVIRON-MENTAL QUALITY (LDEQ) CALUMET COTTON VALLEY REFINING, LLC / COTTON VAL-LEY REFINERY DRAFT SOLID WASTE PERMIT AND TECHNICALLY COMPLETE PERMIT APPLICATION

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