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In an effort to make it's services more accessible to its patrons, the Webster Parish Library has recently launched their new app which can be downloaded on both the Android or Apple App stores.

The idea to create an app for the library system was spearheaded by the Webster Parish Library System's Director Savannah Jones and brought to life through their Community Liaison/marketing Director Kim Sentell. The app will help patrons access collections and services such as booking a meeting space, viewing programs and events, or even learning a new skill in a user-friendly way.

"This innovative technology provides a contactless way to interact with the Library. It uses a mobile-friendly catalog interface and puts our best electronic features all in one place. The app is not intended to replace our buildings or the website, but rather a way to have all the library information right at your fingertips. It's a library-to-go," said Sentell.

"The reason being is to make sure our library doesn't get left behind as technology progresses. This is one way for us to bring our library more easily to our patrons," said Jones.

"The build took a little over a year and a half to complete. Countless hours of work, but we wanted the best for our patrons."

To go into details about some of the features the app provides, there is

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Access YOUR Library from any mobile device, anytime, anywhere with the NEW Webster Parish Libraries Mobile App!

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The Webster Parish Library System has launched a new mobile app on both Android and IOS that brings the wide variety of feature the library offers to its patrons' fingertips.

a new e-card available with the app that can be used in place of a library card. On top of that, the library partnered with library media streaming services such as hoopla, overdrive, and canopy that will be available to patrons for free for three months after signing up for the e-card.

The app itself will also connect users to these services, making a seamless transition from discovering what ebooks or audiobooks are available to reading/listening right on their phone.

The app also features

an ISBN scanner, which can be used on the bar-codes of books to see if they have them in stock at the library. So a user could be browsing books at a store, and look to see if the library had a copy before they make a purchase.

"Personally I think the biggest hit on the app will be the meeting room booking feature. Right now they have to come in or call to get a reservation for the meeting room, whereas now they can just do it from their phone," said Jones.

The app will show-

case the meeting rooms, the time slots that are available, as well as list equipment such as laptops that can be checked out during the use of the meeting space.

They will also feature a service called Printer On, which will allow users to print documents from anywhere to be picked up at the library.

"We were always mindful of putting forth our best efforts to ensure the features would best suit our patrons during the entire process. Even down to the smallest detail, we found ourselves

researching the best color schemes we should use that are easiest on our patron's eyes when viewing the app," said Sentell.

Be sure to check out the video tutorial on the Webster Parish Libraries website and Facebook page to see a more detailed presentation of the app and it's many features. Patrons can download the Library System's new app by going to the Android or Apple App Store and searching for 'Webster Parish Libraries' on their smart device.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Juvenile Curfew Ordinance proposed in City Council Workshop

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In a Minden City Council Workshop held Tuesday evening, an ordinance was proposed by President of the Minden Police Association Jason Smith that would impose a curfew for juveniles in the City of Minden.



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"We're looking at Monday through Thursday 11 pm to 5 am There's no juvenile under the age of 18 ... allowed on any public street or any public business during those hours. On weekends it will be midnight to 5 a.m," said Officer Smith.

"The target idea is to lower crime and get kids off the street. A lot of the shootings and gang related activity are being perpetrated by juveniles in the community."

Of course there are exceptions, such as if the reason the juvenile is out late is related to a church function, school function, work, or an emergency.

After proposing the ordinance, Councilman Wayne Edwards of Dist. A asked who all was involved with the crafting of the ordinance, to which Smith responded, " The Minden Police Association along with Jimbo (Yocum) and Judge Sentell."

Edwards went on to question if anyone in the affected communities

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# SECOND FRONT

RIBBON CUTTINGS

## Business booming in Minden



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The Greater Minden Chamber, City of Minden, and countless community and business leaders gathered to celebrate the following additions to the city of Minden.

Tuesday Gibsland Bank and Trust celebrated the opening of their new downtown location at 714 Broadway Street. Shortly after, The City welcomed and presented their first dollar to Christy's Corner. Located on Homer road across from Cotton's. Christy's Corner is a boutique offering a wide variety of clothing and accessories sure to meet anyone's fashion needs. Finally, Minden Medical Center welcomed their newest Family Medicine physician, Dr. Francis Oguntodu, who specializes in the diagnosis and treatment of general health issues that can affect all ages, and educating patients about common disease prevention and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. His office is located at the #2 Medical Plaza next to Minden Medical Center.

### Council: the soonest the ordinance could appear on an agenda would be during the September Council meeting

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participated in the drafting of the ordinance, to which officer Smith told him there had not.

"I guess one of my main concerns is in District A we have had a lot of activity, and the people in that district should have a voice in the preparation of what actually goes on in the district. I know in 1960 we did things like this, and it was ok. The era right now is a little bit different. We want compliance and we want crime down just as much as you guys do," said Edwards.

"I don't have a problem with that, I would just like for the people in the community to participate in what's going to be enforced on them."

Officer Smith went on to ask Edwards as a community leader for his district if there were any specific changes he had in mind at the time, to which he responded, "Not right now."

Councilman Terika Williams-Walker stated that the Councilman should've been contacted for their input, which is an odd response given the fact that that was the purpose of the workshop.

No votes were being held during the meeting to pass the ordinance, and the soonest it could appear on an agenda would be during the September Council meeting, allowing roughly two weeks for all the Councilman to review the ordinance, propose changes, and garner feedback from their constituents.

"Even when this was being drafted the council members should have been contacted and asked for their input," said Councilman Walker.

"Mam, that's what we're doing right now," replied Officer Smith.

"We're the body that came up with the idea to try and draw crime down in Minden, we're presenting it to you now. Not as a political tool, but to actually draw crime down in Minden."

Councilman Bradford raised the concern that the violent crime taking place in the city recently has mostly been adults, meaning that the ordinance wouldn't necessarily help in those instances, given that the ordinance wouldn't apply to anyone aged 18 or over.

Officer Smith clarified that it would not only help curb the crime of Juveniles directly involved in violent crimes,

but also help send juveniles home so they don't become victims of said crimes either.

"This is a tool that we can put in our toolbox to get kids off of the street. Two months ago, I was on my way to a shooting that occurred on Carolina and East Street. There were two nine year olds on their bicycles at two o'clock in the morning, heading right for it. There was another time I was on Evans Street, there were two kids playing on Evans street at 3 o'clock in the morning," said Officer Smith.

"These kids that are out all night long, 17 and below, we're trying to protect them, and this is one tool we can use to try and drive crime down."

Council Michael Roy of Dist. D raised the concern that if the ordinance were to target particular areas, even one labeled as high crime, it could potentially be discriminatory.

"I just don't think we should target specific areas with this ordinance. It's gotta be what's best for everybody," said Councilman Roy.

Officer Smith responded by stating, "It's directed at all juveniles in Minden, not just high crime areas. It's to get all juveniles off the street at a specific time."

City Attorney Jimbo Yocum, who had a hand in crafting the ordinance, and citing his experience prosecuting these juvenile cases on top of his own personal experience, summarized the ordinance and it's intent.

"I think this ordinance can be summed up in two words, and that's go home. That's all we want out of our children, out of our juveniles, That when the time comes, to go home," said Yocum.

"I'm the one that prosecutes these cases. I know firsthand the amount of juveniles that are involved in these violent crimes, and it's a lot. These are not isolated incidents, and this isn't going to fix it, but it's a step in the right direction. It at least gives our officers something to be able to tell a 15 year old walking down the street in the early morning to go home."

Ultimately no changes were made to the ordinance during the meeting. However Officer Smith and the Councilman agreed to set up a meeting at a later date, possibly with other community members present, to discuss the ordinance further.

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### PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT WEEK OF AUGUST 23-27 ANNUAL VOTER REGISTRATION WEEK

Angela Hall, Webster Parish Registrar of Voters, along with Secretary of State, Kyle Ardoin, and all Registrar's across the state are conducting Louisiana's annual

#### VOTER EDUCATION WEEK

beginning Monday, August 23rd through Friday, August 27th. Louisiana residents who are not registered to vote are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity.

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[www.GeauxVote.com](http://www.GeauxVote.com)., or complete an application found at public libraries or through registration drives as seen scheduled below.

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521 East & West St. Minden, Louisiana  
Tuesday  
August 24th 2:00-3:30

**Willie & Mary Mack Memorial Branch Library**  
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Wednesday  
August 25th 2:00-3:30

Registrar will be visiting & distributing registration info to area High Schools & Senior Centers  
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## OBITUARIES

### Tracey Ervin Blevins

Tracey Ervin Blevins left this life to go to her eternal reward on August 16, 2021, after a brief illness. Left to cherish her memory are her father, Robert Ervin, and her step-mother, Carolyn, both of Minden. She is also survived by an Uncle, William Ervin, Jr. and wife, Edie of Roseville, CA, Aunt, JoAnn Barmore of Etters, PA and Aunt Dee Falzarano of New York. And also, cousins and many friends. She was preceded in death by a brother, Robert (Bobby) Ervin, her mother, Dale Ervin and her grandparents. Tracey missed her mother and brother so much, so I know there is rejoicing in heaven as we are drying our tears.

Tracey was born in Hampton, VA on June 10, 1973. She was from a military family so she moved many times during her life, even living in Hawaii at one time. She graduated high school from Pontchatoula High and then went on to Louisiana Tech to graduate there with a degree in education, although she did find employment outside of that field. At the time of her death, she was working for the State of Louisiana Race Commission.

Tracey had accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior. At the time of her death, she was a member of North Acres Baptist Church where she worked for many years with the children in Kids Church. She loved children although she never had any of her own. She loved her church and her church family. As she posted on facebook, God, I know that You are good and Your steadfast love endures forever.

She had a love for animals. She left behind three of her best friends-her dog, Derby and two cats, Ebie and Lena. They miss her so much.

Services will be held at Rose-Neath Chapel in Minden, Louisiana at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, August 19, 2021, with Bro. Wayne Dubose officiating. Interment will follow at Minden Cemetery in Minden, Louisiana. The family will receive friends at 1:00 pm. Thursday prior service time.

Pallbearers will be Randy Ward, Randall Carter, Philip Dillard, Keith Johnson, C.L. Johnson, and Bobby Igo.

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### Linda Gale Britt Walters

Funeral services for Linda Gale Britt Walters were held Thursday, Aug. 19, at Word of God Ministries in Shreveport, La. Gale slipped into sweet sleep early Thursday morning, August 12, after a years-long battle with cancer. She was 71.

Gale was the second child and eldest daughter of the late Ivory (Snow) and Avery Britt of Minden. Petite in stature and fiery in spirit, she was a devoted daughter, loving granddaughter and doting big sister. Like all of the Britt children, she was exceptionally intelligent. She attended Thomas and Rhone (Elementary) School in Shongaloo, La., and Webster High School in Minden, La., from 1964-1968. In her sophomore year at Webster, she met the future love of her life, a wavy-haired Minden boy who played the baritone, sang in the choir and was always the life of the party. Her big pretty eyes swept Donald Walters off of his feet, beginning a courtship that followed them from Webster to their college alma mater Grambling State University.

Don and Gale married in 1970 and had three chil-

dren, Chris, Davien (Chauncey) and Galyn.


Gale worked for nearly 30 years in the Caddo Parish School System, where she was a fierce advocate for special needs children in and around the Caddo community.

Her devotion to God was born at Mt. Pisgah CME Church in Red Hill, La. In Shreveport, Gale joined Word of God Ministries at its original Cedar Grove location and remained a member there for the rest of her life.

She loved spoiling her family, cooking, shopping, oranges, and nearly any piece of tender meat. Like her mother and her sisters Nell and Zelda, she adored plants and flowers.

She was reunited in heaven with her parents Avery and Ivory, her brothers Albert and Joe, and an infant sister. Her legacy lives on in her forever love, Don; their children: Chris of Shreveport; Davien (Crystal) of Shreveport; and Galyn of Fremont, Calif.; grandchildren Zenia Blue, Zoe Hall, Angelica Walters, Skylar Everett, Hillary Walters, Caleb Everett, Matthew Everett, Kiersten Everett and Joshua Everett; her siblings Janet of Minden and brother James (Zelda) of Shreveport; her aunts and uncles; a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins; and her lifelong friend Elberta Griffin.

She was buried at Northwest Louisiana Veterans Cemetery in Keithville.



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## OPINION

# Royal Alexander: Huge spending bill doesn't have much infrastructure

The widely hailed bipartisan "infrastructure" bill (2,702 pages long) that passed the Senate this week, at a cost of \$1.2 trillion, contains comparatively little funding—only about 23% (\$548 billion)—for traditional "hard" infrastructure like roads, bridges, tunnels, ports, rail, highways, interstates, waterways, and the electric grid. Instead, the large majority of the bill's funding will be used for so-called "green energy" projects—including those contained in the Green New Deal—and entitlement spending. The Congressional Budget Office has estimated that this bill would increase federal deficits by \$256 billion over the next decade.

U.S. Senator Bill Cassidy has been one of the architects of the \$1.2 trillion plan and has touted the benefits in the bill for Louisiana, stating he believes "this is Louisiana's chance to catch up in areas that we've fallen behind in and position our state's economy to move forward in the future..."

However, as U.S. Senator John Kennedy has noted, the bill "...raises \$14.5 billion in new taxes over ten years on petrochemical manufacturers" which includes Louisiana having to pay "roughly \$1.3 billion in new taxes on an industry (oil and gas) that supports 100,000 jobs in our state." Kennedy, who opposes the bill, also not-

ed the inflationary impact of the bill, stating "it is an inflation bomb, it is going to raise Louisiana prices at the gas pump and grocery store, and that is a tax, ... inflation is a tax that hits working people the hardest."

[A highly disconcerting issue is the "linkage" between this bill and the mind-numbingly monstrous \$3.5 trillion



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called "reconciliation" requiring only a simple majority to pass the Senate. And, while he later "revised" his comment, Pres. Biden first said he was not going to sign this \$1.2 trillion bill without also signing the \$3.5 trillion bill in tandem.]

Please allow me to address something else. National Democrats have argued that "the Trump tax cuts added trillions to the debt," so they can too. That's simply not true. After the Trump tax cuts, the economy exploded! It grew faster—and the federal government received MORE reve-

nue—than before the tax cuts. The problem is that House Democrats spent all of these new tax revenues and then added still more spending on top of that. If President Trump hadn't signed their spending bills, the government would have shut down, causing chaos. Let's remember our civics: the U.S. House has the power of the purse and with Speaker Pelosi in control of the House, they have insisted on spending more and more with a reckless disregard for the finances of the government.

Perhaps the most disappointing thing of all is that while Congress is a highly partisan institution, traditional infrastructure legislation and funding have historically been truly bipartisan issues and this opportunity is being squandered on mostly non-infrastructure related funding.

A second disappointment is that the bill is filled with financial gimmicks and "smoke and mirrors" to create the impression that the "pay-fors" (i.e., the false claim that the bill pays for itself) included in the bill are real: like the fiction that savings will result from delaying a Medicare rule or extending by a decade a guarantee fee that government institutions Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac charge on mortgages they back. Also, senators had initially agreed to use \$205 billion

in unused, repurposed Covid funds in the bill but when some of the liberal states refused to do so only \$43 billion in Covid funds were used.

A third disappointment contained in the bill is the enormous amount of additional federal dollars given to bureaucratic federal agencies to reconstruct the economy in their Leftist "vision." The Department of Energy, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), National Park Service, the Fish and Wildlife Service, Forest Service, and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will all receive billions in new funding. This will allow them to further intrude into issues and decision-making that should be reserved for state and local government policymakers. Issues like drinking water, private sector broadband and the determination about location and type of electric vehicle charging stations.

There is a very high price to be paid for the federal expansion, increased deficits, and gargantuan cost of this bill. Generations of Americans will be burdened with it. We must honestly ask ourselves if this is the best way to meet the great needs of our beloved Louisiana.

**ROYAL ALEXANDER IS A SHREVEPORT ATTORNEY.**

## OPINION

# Minneapolis Star Tribune: Military, moral 'fiasco' of Afghanistan withdrawal

The incompetent method with which the Biden administration administered the U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan is a military and moral fiasco.

On Sunday, a panicked evacuation of U.S. personnel took place amid the abandonment of many of the thousands of Afghans who helped Americans during the war, all while the Taliban raised a flag over the presidential palace in Kabul, reconquering the country nearly 20 years after the U.S. and NATO nations had ousted the extremists following the 9/11 attacks.

The impact on everyday Afghans will be incalculably bad, particularly for women and girls and those who aided Western efforts over the last two decades.

The impact on America will be lasting, too, especially if the Taliban once again allows a training haven for terrorist groups. At minimum the searing, Saigon-like images of helicopters ferrying U.S. envoys to Kabul's airport while Afghans scrambled on the tarmac, with some desperate enough to cling to departing military

planes, will have a profound effect on U.S. foreign policy. At a time when Biden wants to pivot to the threats from a rising China and a revanchist Russia, both adversaries and allies will question America's resolve.

Biden had chosen Sept. 11, 2021, as the withdrawal deadline, seemingly tying the date to the anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the U.S. that triggered the U.S. and NATO invasion. That arbitrary, politically driven deadline was already too early even before Biden accelerated it. And in the end, the withdrawal of about 2,500 troops was undone by the thousands more now deployed to protect departing Americans.

It's indefensible that at minimum the U.S. did not secure passage for Afghan translators, journalists, leaders of key governmental and nongovernmental organizations, and others, let alone have an effective plan to back up Afghan forces to hold the capital, if not the country.

These failures are Biden's, and history will not be kind. But Biden is not alone in this

lost war. In fact, he's one of four presidents — two Republicans and two Democrats — who made multiple mistakes.

Former President George W. Bush took his and America's focus off Afghanistan for another fiasco, the war of choice with Iraq. Former President Barack Obama oversaw a troop surge in Afghanistan, but also dramatically de-escalated the U.S. presence. Former President Donald Trump signed a deal with the Taliban that called for an even earlier withdrawal deadline.

But political parties don't go to war. Nations do. And this is a failure for America, on top of the failures in Vietnam and the war in Iraq, among other military misadventures.

Avoiding a repeat of these serial losses must go beyond introspection and toward a formal independent inquiry by experts who put country over party. Among the many issues that need to be investigated are the multiple political, intelligence and military failures, and how billions of dollars, years of U.S. training and far superior materiel failed to produce Af-

ghan troops who were willing and able to fight for their country.

What isn't in question are the sacrifices of U.S. troops and their families who supported them during deployments. They answered their country's call, even if the trumpet became uncertain. Those who lost their lives should be honored. Those whose lives were shattered deserve support and care. Americans should be grateful to those who gave so much to their country — and to Afghans.

But we should not ask yet another generation of Americans to fight without a finite mission. That's an essential message for those who have irresponsibly advocated a military strike against Iran.

While the war in Afghanistan is lost, America should not surrender the fight to still extricate as many Afghans as possible, and it should not hesitate to give them refuge in the U.S. While this won't wash away the stain of America's abandonment of its allies, it is the right thing to do.



SUMMER COOKING

Corn, Zucchini, Tomatoes: Making the most of summer's bounty

Here we are, in the belly of summer. Time to make the most of the season's bountiful produce before it's gone!

So let's talk about three glorious workhorses of the late-summer vegetable garden, farm stand or kitchen: tomatoes, corn and zucchini.

Anyone with a garden is working feverishly to make use of their tomatoes and zucchini, and anyone with access to a farmer's market is likewise piling up those items, along with fresh sweet corn.

Tips (and a recipe) on how to enjoy the best of late summer and have no produce regrets as the air turns crisp:

TOMATOES

Tomatoes are botanically a fruit, but we mostly treat them like a vegetable in the kitchen. Either way, they're as versatile as it comes.

Heirloom tomatoes are non-cross-pollinated; farmers take seeds from the best plants and grow new ones, selecting for traits like juiciness, size, color or taste. Thus, heirloom tomatoes are often (not always) more flavorful and definitely more diverse than traditional tomatoes. Plus they have cool names like Cherokee Purple, Brandywine, Green Zebra, Black Krim and Mr. Stripey.

Tomatoes are displayed along with peaches and cucumbers at a farmers market in Milford, Conn. in August 2021. Tomatoes should be firm, yet have some softness that gives way to pressure. Avoid those with cracks/cuts, brown spots and bruises. (Katie Workman via AP)

Tomatoes are displayed along with peaches and cucumbers at a farmers market in Milford, Conn. (Katie Workman via AP)

Whether heirloom or hybrid (what you'll find at most markets), all tomatoes should be firm, yet have some softness when you press them. Avoid those with cracks or cuts, brown spots and bruises (but don't toss a tomato for those reasons — just cut out the mushy parts, and use the rest).

The most flavorful tomatoes are usually the ones with the best fragrance near the stem.

Orange and yellow tomatoes are generally less acidic than red, so milder in flavor. Varieties of cherry tomatoes have higher sugar concentrations and are therefore sweeter than larger tomatoes. Yellow and orange cherry and grape tomatoes tend to be sweeter than their red counterparts.

Raw tomatoes are of course central to salsa, gazpacho, bruschetta, no-cook tomato sauce, panzanella, caprese salad, and green, grain and pasta salads of

all kinds. A thick slice goes a long way on a burger or sandwich. A simple cherry tomato salad rounds out any summer meal.

Cooked, they turn into fresh tomato sauce, top pizzas, and add flavor to stews, soups and chilis. Think about simply roasting tomatoes as a side dish. And even before they ripen, consider sizzling up some fried green tomatoes, maybe served with green goddess dressing?

Tomatoes are best when stored at room temperature (away from the sun). They continue to ripen on the counter, so place them stem side down to prevent rotting. Tomatoes tend to get more mealy in the fridge than when stored at room temperature, but if they are getting too soft, refrigerate to keep them a few more days.

ZUCCHINI AND SUMMER SQUASH

Like tomatoes, zucchini and summer squash are technically in the fruit family, though cooking-wise they are most often treated as a vegetable. The flavors of zucchini and yellow summer squash are similar, with the yellow versions being a little blander, and sometimes less firm in texture.

Summer squash and zucchini are displayed at a farmers market in Milford, Conn. in August 2021. Choose

squash between 6 and 8 inches long, no more than 2-inches in diameter, firm to the touch, with smooth, taut skin. The smaller squash tend to be less mealy and/or fibrous, and more flavorful. (Katie Workman via AP)

Summer squash and zucchini are displayed at a farmers market in Milford, Conn. (Katie Workman via AP)

Choose squash between 6 and 8 inches long and no more than 2-inches in diameter, firm to the touch, with smooth, taut skin. Smaller squash tend to be less mealy and/or fibrous, and more flavorful. However, the larger ones can be shredded and used in recipes like zucchini bread and muffins, or can be hollowed out and stuffed.

Zucchini and summer squash are usually simply cooked — sauteed or steamed, sometimes fried, though they also can be stuffed and baked. They can be used in stews, soups, pastas and chilis to easily add bulk and nutrition. They are a great addition to kebabs, and also make great gratins.

Raw, they provide heft and crunch to salads. Use smaller squash in uncooked preparations.

Zucchini and summer squash can be stored in the fridge for several days, depending on how firm they were when you got them.

The popularity of the spiralizer has put zucchini

ni noodles (or zoodles) in the spotlight. They can be used instead of pasta, either raw or lightly cooked. The smooth, brightly colored skin is usually left on and is quite pretty.

Zucchini and summer squash put forth a flower on each end of the vegetable, and it's also edible. These flowers might be used raw in salads, sauteed, or stuffed and fried.

CORN

While few people grow their own corn, piles of ears are teetering at the supermarket or farm stand this time of year.

If possible, buy corn the same day you plan to cook it. Choose ears with firm, taut kernels (peel back the top of the husks to check), with no shriveling, browning or rotting. If you are going to keep corn for a few days, store it in the fridge, preferably with husks on.

Corn is displayed at a farmers market in Milford, Conn. in August 2021. If possible, buy the corn the same day as you plan to cook it. Choose ears with firm taut kernels, with no shriveling, browning or rotting. If you are going to keep corn for a few days, store it in the fridge, preferably with the husks on. (Katie Workman via AP)

Corn is displayed at a farmers market in Milford,

Conn. (Katie Workman via AP)

A quick dunk in boiling water is the first stop for most of us cooking corn, and it's hard to improve on the sweet crunch of a lightly cooked piece of corn on the cob (maybe with a melting pat of butter). But once we've had our fill of simply cooked corn, there are lots of ways to put those kernels to use.

Use a heavy, sharp knife to slice the kernels from the cobs, and then saute them in a bit of butter, alone or with other vegetables. Try using cooked or even fresh uncooked kernels in salads, such as potato salads, bean salads or salsas. Or make corn fritters, again with corn as the solo star or combined with another vegetable (hello again, zucchini!).

Perhaps a corn pudding? Corn chowder? A hot cheesy dip?

And don't let the summer end without grilling up some of those sweet ears, either plain or maybe elevated with a creamy sauce and some cheese as Mexican Street Corn.

Friends, Labor Day is around the corner and time's a wasting.

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STORIES FROM THE BACK PORCH

I Shall Not Pass This Way Again

I'm missing my Facebook.

After first canceling my account, I began a new routine. This worked out well for a while before I realized how out of touch I was.

With limited access to friends and normal activities, there is just something missing.

This was made a reality last week when I learned that so many of our friends and acquaintances had died and we had not known about it until later. While on social media, we can keep up with what's going on around us. We can learn about who is sick and needs our prayers, along with physical help in many instances.

The trigger that made me cancel my account was when a "scammer" (as a nicer name for them), hacked my account and is still using my name and picture to send messages representing Publishers Clearing House. They're telling people that I have received my money and saw their name on the list as winner. It goes on to eventually ask for a donation.

I thought by canceling my account it would stop, but apparently it hasn't. If you get this strange message from me, just know I did not send it. And if

you know how to stop the scammer from using my name and picture, please let me know.

I miss receiving pictures from our grandchildren and keeping up with their activities.

However, there has been an up side to this problem. I have been reading more; Bible passages, devotional books and library books. In fact, I just completed number 48 for this year. And picked up a new supply today.

One of my former school mates was among those who passed recently. She and I were not in the same grade but we were on the softball team together. We traveled across the surrounding area playing against other schools. Our major means of travel was with our principal/coach in his personal car. He would squeeze most of us in there, sitting in each other's laps. That was the time before seat belts. We had almost as much fun to and from the games as we did playing when we got there.

Years later, we traveled many miles to watch our sons, who were on the high school baseball team. The team won state runner up when my son was a senior. This was a heartbreaker for those boys and the parents. The next year they won state

and her sons were on that team.

Although we had known each other for many years, we were not close. I did see her occasionally at community events and over the last few years I kept up with her on Facebook where I was friends with her daughter. I knew her health was failing and every time we went by her house, I commented that I would like to go visit her.

But, as we so often do, I kept putting off making the visit. And then it was too late.

As I have thought about her so much recently, I was reminded of this poignant saying by William Penn:

"I expect to pass through life but once. If, therefore, there can be any kindness I can show, or any good thing I can do to any fellow being, let me do it now... as I shall not pass this way again."

"We can never untangle all the woes in other people's lives. We can't produce miracles overnight. But we can bring a cup of cool water to a thirsty soul, or a scoop of laughter to a lonely heart." — Barbara Johnson

So let's remember, we are only here for a short while. Let's do what we can for others, even if it's just a little thing.

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INSPIRATION

# What Brings You Joy?

I earned my Bachelor of Arts degree in English from LSUS. As a result, I crave literature sometimes. Last year, when the pandemic first hit and the state closed, one of the things I missed the very most was visiting the library. I had never thought about how often I go to the library until the privilege was taken from me. Every time I move, the first piece of business I conduct is a visit to the nearest library to obtain a library card! A move is not official until I have that little plastic card representative of all the amenities afforded by the library. When I was a young girl and visited the local library, I remember gathering one stack of library books and setting them beside a chair in the reading section. Then, I would run around and gather

another stack of books to read while I waited to go home and devour the first stack. One of my favorite childhood memories is volunteering at the local library in my grandparents' community when my family went home for Christmas. Literature, reading, and books are the core of my identity. Reading was, and still is at times, my escape from reality when times are tough. I think all of us need something in our lives that allows us to escape reality momentarily and grasp the world of creativity and imagination. Life can become such a harsh place when the stresses of ordinary meet the hardships of 2021. The key is to choose healthy escapes. What brings you joy? Do you garden? I have never gardened in my life, but I always imagine there must be some amazing

satisfaction in nurturing life from seeds. The sheer physical hard work must allow you to escape your brain, at least momentarily. Admittedly, that is a bit of a deterrent that keeps me from trying gardening as my next hobby. What about painting? Do you paint? I go to 'Painting With a Twist' as often as I can because that is a wonderful creative outlet. I am just not a good enough artist to invest in the supplies it takes to pursue painting. Those who do love to get lost in another world as their visions come alive on canvas. Maybe your joy is volunteering. That was my husband's escape. He loved to volunteer. Kenneth volunteered at Town & Country Nursing Home, Bayou Dorcheat Correctional Center, Shreveport Bossier Rescue Mission, and

Teen Challenge before COVID. Overnight, every opportunity for service was snatched away from him as the world shut down for the pandemic. Everyone I know is mourning some loss since March 2020. Many of the losses are trivial, such as library trips and volunteering in the community, but others deeply mourn their loved ones taken by this ugly virus. Society will never be the same; however, humanity is resilient amid the upheaval. In 2020, what happened in my family is that we buckled down and thanked God we were considered essential during the pandemic. A new routine emerged from the loss of the old one. We went to work and came straight home if possible. Our previously normal activities including attending church, dining out, vol-

unteering, and going to the library became distant memories. I bought new gel pens and pulled out my old coloring books. I set up my puzzle table and pulled out some old puzzles because I could not buy one anywhere during that time. The game nook was visited more often. Dinner and a movie at home replaced date night. We reconnected the internet for more home entertainment options. My son bought me a laptop so that I could continue my writing. We went to the grocery store and General Dollar, but rarely did we go anywhere else. We cooked good food, we talked, we laughed, and we made memories. Slowly, the world began to spin again, and our lives became somewhat our own once more. Still, noth-

ing has ever quite been the same as it was. I am not sure I would ever even want it to be. Now I treasure our excursions, no matter how mundane. I cherish my freedom to attend church more than ever before in my life. More than anything, I try to find my joy in the simple. Reading, gardening, painting, and volunteering are all wonderfully rewarding escapes to find joy. Only volunteering may be slightly affected next time a virus shuts down the world. Then, you just find new ways to volunteer. My husband now helps people in new and different ways. I still read every book I can find. What will keep you sane next time society pushes the reset button? What is your escape? What brings you joy?

WRITTEN BY KRYSTAL GREER

MINDEN LIONS CLUB

## Vice President of Police Jury Nick Cox Speaks at Lions Club



WILL PHILLIPS/MINDEN PRESS-HERALD

Vice President of the Police Jury, Lion Nick Cox, was the guest speaker for last week's Minden Noon Lions Club. He spoke about what all the police jury does for our parish by serving as the legislative arm. The police jury is also responsible for maintaining numerous properties such as the clerk of court's office, district Attorney's office, sheriff's office and 9-1-1, just to name a few. Nick also provided an update on the landfill and the potential sale of that property. He reminded the Lions that the police jury leases that space but does not own the landfill nor do they manage it. Finally, he spoke about the police jury's shrinking annual budget and challenges they face prioritizing parish projects with decreasing tax revenue.

FIRST BAPTIST YOUTH GROUP

## First Baptist Youth Group Helps Pick Up Debris from Storm



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After the tornado came through Minden a few months back, some areas of the city had yet to be cleared of debris. In the neighborhood around 3rd Street in downtown Minden, this had posed a problem for the local residents as mice and other vermin were starting to make their home in the fallen limbs, with some venturing into the homes in the surrounding area. After hearing about this problem, the First Baptist Youth Group rose to the occasion, dedicating their Saturday morning to help clear the limbs and other debris.



STRANGER FROM A STRANGE LAND

# Bad Leg Anniversary

One year ago today, my left tibia, fibula, and ten ribs were shattered. The accident ended my flirtation with two wheels instead of a safer four and now I’ve limited mobility. I can walk but not run, stoop but not jump, and when I’m down on the floor it’s more an ordeal to rise. I question the adage what doesn’t kill you makes you stronger. I’m not stronger and likely never will be. Grateful yes. Stronger no.

The titanium assembly I call The Other is unseen save for a protruding bump above the screw beneath my kneecap. The surgeon says they could cut that out but I tremble at the thought of doing time again at LSU Ochsner. I declined as forcibly as I did after a subepithelial gum graft in Missouri when the periodontist suggested a follow up procedure. Once fearless in the dental chair after years of orthodontia in the days of bands surrounding and cemented to the teeth and medieval ligature wires tightened monthly, the gum graft shook my confidence.

I walk but I toddle like the Frankenstein monster. I don’t have to wield a cane but it helps. I move faster with it, a third appendage propelling me along. Slopes and hills prove challenging. I work my new job without my cane. I don’t want the supervisors accusing my pharmacist friend who helped me attain the position of foisting a crippled guy on them.

Yet the VA hospital is a place I can limp without feel-

ing self-conscious. Many veterans there walk impaired. They might assume I was injured in Desert Storm and never suspect it was an accident less noble than military service. Before working at the VA, the closest I came to serving our country was signing up for Selective Service at the Warrensburg, Missouri post office when I turned 18 in 1980.

I tried to shoot a basketball this summer and discovered if you can’t jump, you can’t perform a jump shot. I was never Ray Allen or Steph Curry, but I could launch something besides a set shot. Now I cannot. It’s humbling.

Tai Chi Chuan is now agonizing. Placing all the weight on my left leg for even mere seconds is not negotiable. Walking the mile around my block has too many hills for me on foot since I was hit by a truck on my block. Now this sedentary creature has only the speed bag for exercise. That’s not working my legs. So, I reupped at the Minden Rec Center after a five-year hiatus and now swim laps.

The Lawn-Boy mower has stayed out of the shop this year but can sometimes be a struggle to start. It’s thrown tread from a back wheel like a 16-wheeler on the interstate. I can mow the straightaway but ditches are no longer accessible. Uneven terrain is painful for this pedestrian. My neighbors Patony and stepdaughter

Amanda take pity on me and help cut my grass. They’ve posh riding mowers. I hate to impose but secretly hate even more to mow. It was a sweltering unpleasant chore even in the days of two good legs.

Amanda brought me a shirt from her birthday vacation to the Dominican Republic. It says Punta Cana which translates to either point of the cane if spelled with the diacritic tilde or point of the grey hair, each fitting for me.

As useful as the point of the cane grounding and balancing me is the hooking handle. I’m not a tall man and happily discovered the curved top of the cane allows me to reach items on high shelves and pull them down. I can also hook and scoot boxes across the floor rather than bending and lifting. A cane is like a pocket knife. Most people don’t carry them but those who do come to regard them as indispensable accessories. Canes are very handy for tasks besides walking.

When you haven’t a place to store your cane, it hangs from the back of your shirt collar parallel to your spine. My wife Lisa likes this look even less than me carrying the cane. But don’t knock it until you’ve tried it. Perhaps I should strap on a quiver and carry multiple walking aids. The cane is my favorite but I also utilize a gnarled walking stick and a shillelagh club. I fancy myself a dashing figure

carrying an Irish cudgel. My brother Eric insists I need a sword cane. That’s a new category of conceal and carry. Louisiana Republicans would allow it. Governor John Bel Edwards might require I take a class. Wacky Accessory Swordplay and the Element of Surprise. That’s a diploma and permit worth framing.

I disappoint some motorcyclists who want me to get back on the horse. I doubt if I’ve the left foot strength and dexterity to even shift gears. Other riders are either braver or foolhardier than me. Some have described past mishaps yet they got back on their motorbikes. Mine was totaled in the accident sparing me the unpleasant task of disposing of the dangerous Harley. Yet I do miss waving at other motorcyclists in oncoming lanes, signaling with two fingers towards the pavement signifying we always keep two wheels on the road.

Humans have a narrow temperature comfort range as did the Harley Sportster. The desirable degrees for the motorcycle did not match mine. What I regarded as brutal summer heat it found seasonable for running. What I regarded crisp and pleasant it found reason to protest starting and warming up. But there were occasional Goldilocks days I remember fondly the bike and me found mutually satisfying in riding around Minden. Then I had a wreck and lie in the ditch with a twisted foot and struggling for air.

Never take symmetry for granted. The Other is no longer excruciating but always lets me know it’s there to stay. It keeps the left knee from achieving the bend angle of its right counterpart. I’m always aware there is more inside one leg than the other. Discomfort surfaces in no predictable pattern. Some days it’s the knee. Others the back of the calf. Maybe even the right foot under protest I’m placing too much weight starboard to ease the burden on the portside.

Better it happened to me than my grandson. I could foresee an alternate timeline when Mason turns 18 and 66 years old me gives him the motorcycle. Then injury might’ve come his way instead. Or early death.

Many commented I was lucky to be alive. I never felt my life was at risk. I believed I could beat the pickup truck to the desired right lane asphalt. At worse, he would clip me which is precisely what happened. But as a physical therapist said, “You’re lucky you didn’t lose your leg.” This I believed a strong possibility. If I made Mason into Captain Ahab, I could never forgive myself.

I still admire beautiful motorcycles. One day I’ll hobble around a showroom floor and deflect the queries of salespeople with a “Just looking.” That’s safer than riding.

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SPORTS

Parish teams primed for Friday scrimmages

BY T. SCOTT BOATRIGHT  
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Prep football fans can get an appetizing taste of the upcoming season this weekend as parish teams hit the gridiron today to scrimmage opposing teams in preparation for the upcoming season. All four scrimmages played by parish teams will begin at 6 p.m. today. Minden will face an opposing team for the first time since falling to Minden in the quarterfinals of the Class 4A playoffs last season as the Crimson Tide play at Benton on Friday night. "It seems like we've made some progress this week," said Minden coach Spencer Heard. "That's in all three phases. The special teams units are starting to come together. It looks like we've improved offensively and the little details are starting to come together. We're just ready to get to Friday night. "The kids are ready for it. They look forward to playing somebody else. They get tired of hitting each other, of course, and are definitely looking forward to it and ready to play." Heard says he sees the scrimmage as a teaching tool. "My thing with the scrimmage is that there's going to be some mis-

takes," Heard said. "But we'll be able to get some field on it and go back and look at it with the kids and let them learn from it and hopefully improve from doing that." Glenbrook, which has moved to the Louisiana High School Athletic Association this season, will scrimmage a familiar foe as the Apaches will host Arkansas's Parkers Chapel. The Apaches defeated the Trojans in game two last season by the score of 48-29. "We've played the last two seasons — they beat us the first year and we beat them over there last year," said Apaches head coach David Feaster. "That's going to make it extra special for a scrimmage and we're excited about starting the season that way. Lakeside will scrimmage at home as the Warriors play host to the Lakeside Sailors. "It'll be good to see where we stand at this point in the preseason as the actual season gets closer to starting," said Warriors coach Mike Santelices. Class 3A North Webster will receive an early test as the Knights scrimmage at Class 2A 2021 semifinalist Mangham tonight. "We're just looking forward to facing an-



Junior running back Daylen Robinson (4) and the Minden Crimson Tide will scrimmage against Benton at 6 p.m. today. PRESS-HERALD FILE PHOTO

Wolves' opener against Caddo Magnet Middle School canceled

Webster Parish Junior High's season didn't begin as planned as Tuesday night's season opener slated at home against Caddo Magnet Middle School was canceled. A post on the Webster Junior High School's Facebook page said the game was canceled because Caddo Magnet was "following COVID protocols." — T. Scott Boatright

LHSAA sets new guidelines to deal with COVID during football season

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Minden Press-Herald

As COVID-19 cases continue surging in the Bayou State, the Louisiana High School Athletics Association has revamped protocols dealing with handling the coronavirus pandemic. The LHSAA has issued a memorandum saying that high school sports teams in Louisiana will be required to forfeit

games if they are unable to because of COVID-19. In the memorandum sent to all LHSAA member school coaches, athletics directors, principals and superintendents on Aug. 2 and media members on Aug. 10, the organization stated that "Any/all reasons that may occur as it relates to COVID that prevents your school(s) not to fulfill a regular and/or post-season game, contest,

match or meet will result in a forfeiture." Last school year prep football teams were given a no contest in games that were canceled due to COVID-19 related reasons unless it was a play-off game. In that case the contest became a forfeit. Teams also were required to play at least four games in order to be eligible for postseason play.

Tennis Techsters finalize 2021-22 roster

Press-Herald Sports Service

RUSTON — Louisiana Tech head coach Amanda Stone finalized the 2021-22 tennis roster on Friday with the signing of stand-out players Emma Eerola and Olga Bienzobas. Eerola, a 5-foot-5-inch right-hander from Tampere, Finland, and Bienzobas, a 5-foot-5-inch right-hander from San Sebastian, Spain, join fellow signees Najah Daw-

son and Ana Rodrigues to round out the added pieces to the team. "We are so happy to welcome Emma and Olga to the team," said Stone, who enters her sixth season at the helm. "Along with Ana and Najah, this is the most talented class we have brought in to date." Eerola comes to Ruston with a career-high UTR (Universal Tennis Rating) of 10.08. Ranked No.

1 in her country for U18 and as high as No. 4 for all women, she has dominated the courts by being a three-time U18 Finnish champion in singles as well as an U18 Finnish champion in doubles in 2019. Bienzobas is a transfer, having spent this past season as a freshman at the University of Missouri where she played at the No. 4, No. 5 and No. 6 spots in singles.



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# Storms shut down G-Men for second night

BY T. SCOTT BOATRIGHT  
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Grambling State University's football team again had to face its biggest foe of the 2021 pre-season Wednesday night as Mother Nature lashed out at the Tigers once again.

And this time, the age-old phrase was proven wrong as lightning did strike twice.

For a second consecutive night, a strong thunderstorm chased the Tigers off the turf of Eddie G. Robinson Stadium earlier than scheduled. While GSU completed a good portion of Tuesday's scheduled practice, the Tigers weren't very far into Wednesday's workout before head coach Broderick Fobbs had to start barking for them to move inside in a hurry.

"It's part of it," Fobbs

said as he watched his players jog up the ramp from the bottom of the stadium to the GSU locker room. "We normally wait about 15 minutes or so and if it doesn't pass we call it a day."

Wednesday's storm was still just ramping up 15 minutes later, ending the Tigers' hopes of being able to return to the field and complete the practice.

"It is what it is," Fobbs said.

Fobbs said that while he never likes losing practice time, he wasn't overly concerned. He's also had to watch his G-Men face Mother Nature's blistering heat multiple times in earlier workouts.

"We'll be all right," Fobbs said. "We were able to get out and do a little in it before it hit, so we'll be all right."

Watching his Tigers practice in full pads, Fobbs



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Pictured is the wall cloud of the thunderstorm heading in Wednesday that put an early end to Grambling State University's football practice. It was the second straight day storms forced the G-Men off the practice field due to heavy lightning.

got to see his offense produce some big plays early on in Wednesday's prac-

tice and had moved to the kickoff coverage portion of the workout when he

had to send them off the field.

"We're still making

progress, and that's all that really matters at this point," Fobbs said.

# Bulldogs prepping for trench warfare

Press Herald Sports Service

RUSTON — Iron sharpens iron.

That is one of the many mantras of the Louisiana Tech football team this season. Just as the Bulldogs are competing on the field to become better individually, they are also working to make each other better.

Tech fans need to look no further than the 'Dogs in the trenches as the offensive and defensive linemen compete on every play.

"Even when you are in shells going against each other, upfront they are still banging every play," said Tech head coach Skip Holtz. "Those guys take a beating upfront. Camp is a wear and tear physically on those guys. I'm really proud of the communication, the attitude, the work ethic and the way they are working together. They are trying to beat each other, but they are also trying to make this football team better. I really like the things they are doing right now."

The offensive line is made up of just as many newcomers as returners on the 2021 roster. Headlining the o-line returners are juniors Abraham Delfin and Joshua Mote. The duo started in all 10 games of the 2020 season at right guard and left guard, re-



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Louisiana Tech defensive linemen (blue jerseys) line up for a play during a recent preseason practice session for the Bulldogs.

spectively.

"We've been doing great and have been getting better day by day," Delfin said. "We've focused on one thing at a time. We look at the film and then come back and do the same thing over and over again. We're stacking days on top of each other to try and get better and better."

Delfin, a native of Plaquemine, was named to the Conference USA Preseason Academic Watch List, while Mote,

an Oak Grove native, was named to the C-USA Preseason and the Wuerffel Trophy watch lists. The pair were part of an offensive front that ranked first in C-USA and second in the FBS in fourth down conversions at 88.9 percent (16-of-18).

They helped the offense rank fourth in C-USA and 53rd in the FBS in red zone offense at 84.6 percent (33-of-39). Delfin and Mote assisted the offense in averaging 315.8

yards of total offense, including a 216.6 passing yard average and a 99.2 rushing yard average.

Delfin and Mote are joined in the meeting room by five returning lettermen in sophomore Biron Rossell, redshirt freshman Jonah Brewster, and freshmen Bert Hale, Ray Kelly and Dakota White. White started in three games at left tackle in the 2020 campaign and was named to the Conference USA all-Freshman Team.

Redshirt freshman Brett Pope and freshman Jerren Gilbert also return from the 2020 squad.

Along with the nine Bulldog returners, there are also nine new faces joining the offensive line this season. Tech added three graduate transfers in Chris Fournier (Lehigh), Kellton Hollins (TCU) and Samuel Williams (ULM), as well as a pair of transfers in John Bolding (ULM) and Demarcus Gordon (Coppiah-Lincoln CC).

"Obviously, Mote and Abe are two staples that played every down for us last year," Holtz said. "Those two guys are really doing a good job. I'm pleased with Biron Rossell, Kellton Hollins, Samuel Williamson and Chris Fournier. They are really doing a nice job. Dakota White is doing a nice job. Jerren Gilbert is starting to get a lot of reps. They're getting a lot of work. The more work, the better they get because they want to be good and they're working at it. If they continue to do that, we're going to have a chance upfront on both sides of the ball."

Louisiana Tech brought in an additional four freshmen on the offensive line in Kenneth Bannister, Erron Bean, Carson Bruno and Gavin Soniat.

The other side of the line of scrimmage is a different

story as the defensive line returns 16 Bulldogs while adding just three newcomers.

"Willie Baker is really coming back strong and getting a lot of reps," Holtz said. "Deshon Hall is doing good. Up on the defensive line, we just have a lot of bodies. Ben Bell and Kershawn Fisher are having really good camps. Keivie Rose quietly does his job every day. I like the depth and the way those guys are coming together."

Tech returns three of its four starters on the defensive line from the 2020 season in senior Eric Kendzior, sophomore Deshon Hall and redshirt freshman Keivie Rose. The only defensive starter from the 2020 campaign not returning this season is defensive lineman Milton Williams, who was selected as the 73rd overall pick by the Philadelphia Eagles in the 2021 NFL Draft.

"The D-line is coming together nicely this fall camp," Hall said. "It's going to be a strength for us. We have a lot of young guys in the room and everybody is stepping into place."

"The older guys in the room are doing a great job of leading the young guys. Right now, we're getting after the pass and that's going to be a strength for us this year."

# LSU defense dominates during preseason intrasquad game

Press-Herald Sports Services

BATON ROUGE — LSU's defense, in particular that of the defensive line, shined in the first preseason game of camp

for the Tigers Saturday afternoon in Tiger Stadium.

Saturday's scrimmage was the first of two for the Tigers before opening the season on Sept. 4 against UCLA in the Rose Bowl in

Pasadena, California. LSU will scrimmage again next Saturday in Tiger Stadium before holding a simulated game last weekend.

"It was an outstanding day," said LSU coach Ed

Orgeron. "I thought our coaches did a tremendous job of getting our guys ready."

Offensively, the Tigers emphasized first, second and third down along

with work in the red zone. Orgeron said next week the Tigers will focus on short-yardage, goal line and the two-minute drill.

Sophomore quarterback Max Johnson com-

pleted 11-of-19 passes for 127 yards and a touchdown, while true freshman Garrett Nussmeier connected on 11-of-17 passes for 225 yards and three scores.



GOOD NEWS

## THE SUMMERS OF YESTERDAY

With summer winding down and the first ‘touch-es’ of fall greeting us early in the morning, it is kind of sad to know another summer is closing her doors and shutting the blinds on special memories that come with summer vacations, no school, but church camps and VBS, as well as just having some lazy days. Remember the ole song – Roll out those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer...”? Well, right now we are rolling them up and putting them away for another season. Of course, today’s children look differently at summer that we did as youth.

Last night how many children played with a handful of lightening bugs in a jar? ‘On and off, on and off’ they would show their lights. When did you last see someone tie a string around a June-bug, letting it fly around like a bird on a string?

What child can say they have ridden a ‘flying-jenny’? A long 1 x 12 (I think) was nailed to a stump, each side being balanced. A little “give” around the large nail through the center of the board allowed the ‘jenny’ to go round and round when pushed. With a child on each end of the board and a strong ‘pusher’ to get up speed, we had great fun going round and round... until someone fell off or the pusher gave out of breathe.

Other favorites were the see-saw and swing (old tire hanging by rope from a tree limb in the yard). Each boy had an old worn auto tire which he would ‘drive’ around the yard, pretending they were our cars. We played ‘baseball’ with a sock-

ball, make from an old sock with a rock in the center, padded to make a firm ball. Yes fun was cheap and easy to design to our interest.

“Tom-walkers’ made with saplings cut to size with wedges nailed to the side (evenly matched) so one could hold on and walk (stilts) depending on balance. Well, at least it was fun trying. We had a community bike (that means all seven kids shared it). But by the time #6 & 7 got to it, the chain needed daily repairs or one of the tires was always flat. So, our next choice was to curl up into an old tractor tire (caisson, we called them). Someone would give you a good push and there the tire would fly down the hill, gaining speed as it bounced along until it hit



Bill Crider

a tree!. Younger children had their own ‘autos’ that sputtered along. Actually, it was a syrup-bucket lid nailed to a broom handle. Push it along and give it the ‘buennning’ sound, and you were in business. Those without one of these fancy cars, more than likely, had a broom-stick pony to ride. Yes, those were special days on the farm as we passed away time on those long hot summer days and evenings.

The ole swimming hole was a favorite in the heat of summer. Turkey Creek was a couple of miles from our back pasture... just 30 minutes from home. Often we had to ‘run the snakes’ from the swimming area before shed our clothes and took a muddy dip. But all good things must come to an end. Soon, we could feel the shift in the weather, the shortening of days and the cotton began to

whiten the fields. Time to put the overalls on and get on the school bus!

How we made it through those summers – with all the field work, farm duties, make-your-own recreation activities – can be described only this way: “the Good Lord had His eye on us all the way”. We all can testify about His goodness, love and forgiving spirit! And as the seasons of life pass, we become more aware of God’s great love and His provisions for us.

The world is different these days. The virus has caused a lot of changes in every way we ‘do life.’ The only constant seems to be God’s Love! That is why my prayer today is simply this: “May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in Your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.” (Psalms 19: 14).

This is a good time to

put our school administrators, teachers, bus drivers, and custodians on our prayer list. They are such an important part of our children’s foundation as they progress through school. Have you considered a weekly prayer walk or prayer drive around a school near you this fall? What about a note to your children’s teachers or principal to encourage them? Some cookies or apples for the teachers’ lounge would be a welcomed gesture I am sure. As we end the summer and turn our attention to school and related activities, may we focus on our long list of blessings of the summer and our hopes and prayers for the future?

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THE UPWARD LOOK

### At Peace In Christ

*“He made of no effect the law consisting of commands and expressed in regulations, so that He might create in Himself one new man from the two, resulting in peace.” Ephesians 2:15 HCSB*



Max Hutto

Jesus’ perfect holy life and sacrificial death on the cross fulfilled and satisfied the requirements of justice in God’s Law. By His death on the cross, Jesus nullified, made of no effect, removed, and abolished the need for the Jewish religious regulations. These ceremonial customs were a cause for hos-

tilities and enmity between Jews and Gentiles. Once bitter racial enemies, Jews and Gentiles could now be peacefully reconciled into one new body through faith in Christ.

Lord Jesus, having been saved by Your grace through faith, I have peace with God. Help me now to live in peace with other believers in Your church.

**MAX HUTTO IS A BAPTIST MINISTER AND A RESIDENT OF MINDEN. MORE INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND AT [WWW.UPWARDLOOK.ORG](http://WWW.UPWARDLOOK.ORG).**

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# FUN & GAMES

## On This Day In History

**1993** Oslo accords negotiations conclude  
The negotiations for the Oslo Accords were concluded at the Fafo Institute in Oslo. The agreement was between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization. The accords, that were eventually signed in Washington D.C. set up the Palestinian Authority and gave it governing powers over the Gaza Strip and the West Bank.

**1988** The Iran-Iraq War comes to an end after 7 years  
The deadly conventional war between the two Middle Eastern countries began when Iraq invaded Iran on September 22, 1980.

**1975** Viking 1 is launched by NASA using

See, **HISTORY**, Page 12

# CRYPTOQUIP

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## CRYPTOQUIP

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D A N M D A J M O O : N L C A P   Z A S X .

**Yesterday's Cryptoquip:** WHEN AN ALPHA  
**Yesterday's Cryptoquip:** BEING PREVENTED  
 FROM WRITING WEB REVIEWS ABOUT MY OWN  
 BUSINESS, I CRIED "I CAN'T YELP MYSELF!"

Today's Cryptoquip Clue:  $\bar{L}$  equals  $\bar{A}$



Solve the code to discover words related to farm safety.  
Each number corresponds to a letter.  
(Hint: **23 = A**)

**A.     4   12   12   19   16**

*Clue: Equipment*

**B. 23 10 1 9 23 19 16**

Clue: Livestock

**C.    14   23   22   4   1   12   10**

Clue: Use care

**D.      4   18   23   1   10   1   10   24**

*Clue: Instruction*

Answers: A. tools B. animals C. caution D. training

## CROSSWORD

## ACROSS

1 Pouch  
4 Sound booster  
7 "Speed-the-Plow" playwright  
12 "Ben- —"  
13 Happy hour venue  
14 Livid  
15 Verb for you  
16 "Continental" fare  
18 Knock  
19 Confused  
20 Incubator noise  
22 Medit. nation  
23 Body sci.  
27 Have  
29 NHL team  
31 Painter's undercoat  
34 Tent securer  
35 "Did my best"  
37 Punk rock offshoot  
38 Plane reservation

**39** CIA fore-  
runner  
**41** Male deer  
**45** Pound  
fraction  
**47** “Born in  
the —”  
**48** Basket-  
ball play  
**52** Alphabet  
end  
**53** Tequila  
source  
**54** Mimic  
**55** Shoe  
width  
**56** Postpone  
**57** — Moines  
**58** Map lines  
(Abbr.)

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**Solution time: 25 mins.**

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36 Gloomy  
37 Flee  
40 Golf great  
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42 Prom  
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44 Looks  
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48 Passing  
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51 FDR  
project

# Guess Who?

I am a pop singer born in New Jersey on September 29, 1994. I began my singing career when I released a parody of a Taylor Swift song. I have released notable singles and several collaborations. My stage name is an anagram of my name Ashley.

*Answer: Halsey*

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SUDOKU

SUDOKU

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Level: Advanced

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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

ANSWER:

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

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

Thursday's unlisted clue: BELL

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Friday's unlisted clue hint: WHITNEY —

Adele	Chapman	Morissette	Spice Girls
Beyoncé	Dion	Norah Jones	Swift
Carey	Lauryn Hill	Rihanna	Twain
Carole King	Madonna	Spears	

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HISTORY

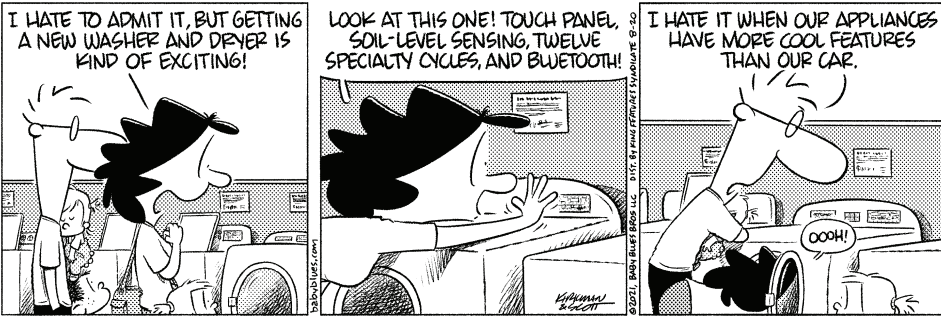
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a Titan launch vehicle  
It became the first space probe to successfully land on Mars.

**1960** Senegal withdraws from the Mali Federation  
Senegal withdrew from the Mali Federation, a year after its establishment. Léopold Senghor became the first president of Senegal a month later.

**1940** Leon Trotsky is attacked in Mexico  
Russian revolutionary and founder of the Red Army, Leon Trotsky was attacked in his home by an undercover agent of the Peoples Commissariat for Internal Affairs or N.K.V.D. He died a day later due to the injuries sustained during the attack.

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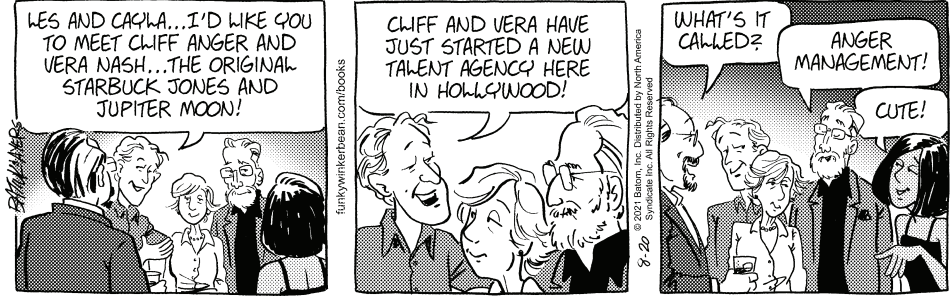
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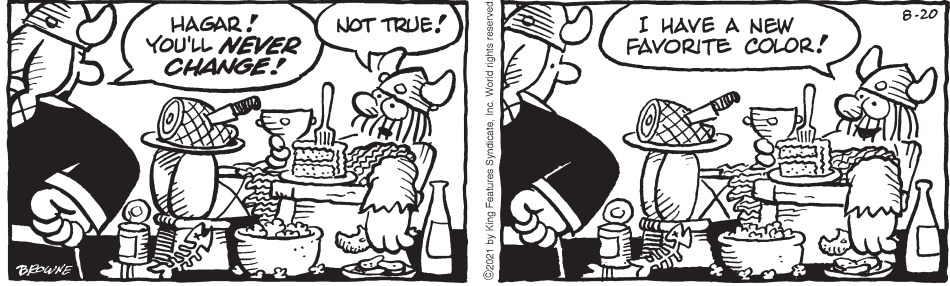
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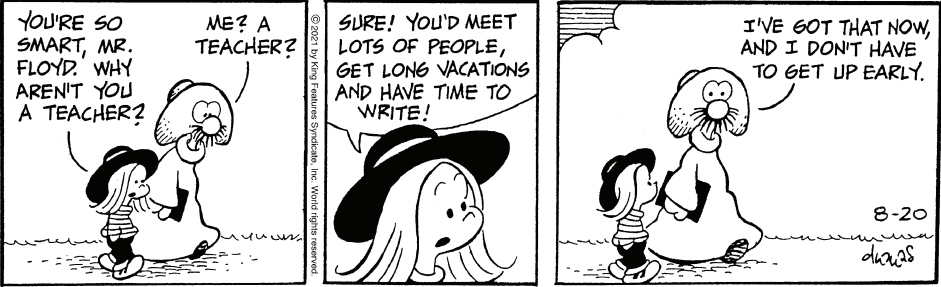
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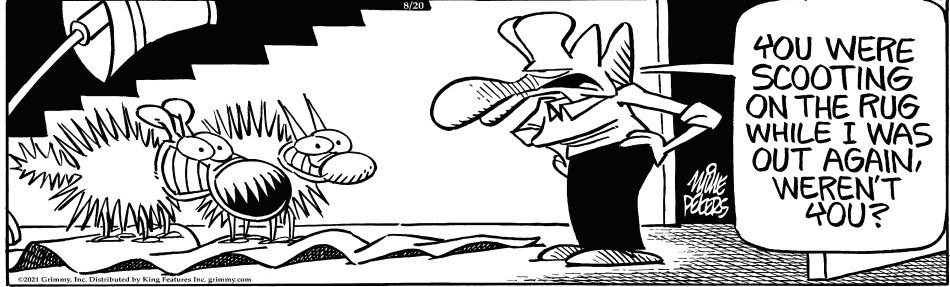
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ASSESSOR OF WEBSTER PARISH

**August 13, 2021  
August 20, 2021  
Minden Press-Herald**

**SHERIFF'S SALE**

PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC VS. PHILLIP MOORE A/K/A PHILLIP LEONARD MOORE AND MIGUEL A. BALTIERRA, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE P1004155423W TRUST, A LAND TRUST

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 79098

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 for cash WITH the benefit of appraisal and according to law at the principal front door of the Courthouse in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana on WEDNESDAY, August 25, 2021, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

ALL THAT PARCEL OF LAND IN WESTER PARISH, STATE OF LOUISIANA, AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN DEED BOOK 1057, PAGE 566, ID# 130647, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 4, 5, 6, PARKSIDE LANDING, UNIT 2, FILED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 48; subject to restrictions, servitudes, rights-of-way and outstanding mineral rights of record affecting the property.

That certain manufactured/mobile home situated on the above described property, being a 2008 Waverlee Homes, Model - Waverlee 3270, Serial No. 17L11369X/U, HUD

No. NTA145106/7, which said manufactured home/mobile home was immobilized pursuant to Affidavit to Immobilize Manufactured/Modular Home dated February 6, 2008 and filed for record as Instrument No. 501771 of the records of Webster Parish, Louisiana.

**SOLD SUBJECT TO ANY SUPERIOR LIENS, MORTGAGES OR PRIVILEGES THERETO.**

Said property seized is that of the defendant and will be sold to satisfy a judgment rendered in our Honorable Court.

JASON R. PARKER  
Sheriff & Ex-Officio Auctioneer  
Webster Parish, Louisiana

Linda Vaughan - Deputy

**July 23, 2021  
August 20, 2021  
Minden Press-Herald**

**SHERIFF'S SALE**

MIDFIRST BANK VS. NATALEE ANN BLAKE FARRINGTON, A/K/A NATALEE ANNE BLAKE FARRINGTON AND LANCE LAMAR FARRINGTON

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. CV78403

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 for cash WITH the benefit of appraisal and according to law at the principal front door of the Courthouse in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana on WEDNESDAY, September 22, 2021, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

The West 173 feet of the Northwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 15, Township 23 North, Range 9 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana, together with all structures and improvements located thereon.

**SOLD SUBJECT TO ANY SUPERIOR LIENS, MORTGAGES OR PRIVILEGES THERETO.**

Said property seized is that of the defendant and will be sold to satisfy a judgment rendered in our Honorable Court.

JASON R. PARKER  
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Webster Parish, Louisiana

Linda Vaughan - Deputy

**August 20, 2021  
September 17, 2021  
Minden Press-Herald**

Village of Dixie Inn Regular Session August 10, 2021

NOTICE: THESE MINUTES HAVE NOT BEEN FORMALLY APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen for the Village of Dixie Inn met in regular session on August 10, 2021, at 5:00 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 and pledge of allegiance were given.

There were no public comments.

Mayor Kay Hallmark-Stratton asked to add to the agenda an item 8E to discuss allowing Mayor Stratton to sign an agreement with Cothren, Graff, Smoak Engineering, Inc. for engineering services in relation to Delta Regional Authority Project (Equalization Tank for Wastewater Treatment Plant). A motion was made by Donna Hoffoss and seconded by Judy McKenzie to add item 8E to the agenda. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

Mayor Stratton asked to add to the agenda an item 8F to discuss allowing Mayor Stratton to sign a contract with the Division of Administration concerning FY 2020-2021 CWEF grant (SCADA Mission Alert System on the Booster Station and Radio on Remote Well #3). A motion was made by Donna Hoffoss and seconded by Judy McKenzie to add item 8F to the agenda. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

Mayor Kay Hallmark-Stratton welcomed guests.

A motion was made by Lance Milligan and seconded by Donna Hoffoss to adopt the minutes of the regular session of July 13, 2021, July 22, 2021, workshop, and the July 28, 2021, emergency phone message concerning Police Jury funds for mower replacement. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

Financial statements of all funds, including a current budget vs. actual, were presented. A motion was made by Donna Hoffoss and seconded by Lance Milligan to adopt all financial statements for July 2021. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

Department Reports:

Mike Chreene reported all is well with the water department.

Chief James Edwards reported the Dixie Inn Police Department will be hosting/sponsoring a Narcan Training class for Webster Parish Patrol Officers/Deputies on Tuesday, August 31st, 2:00 p.m. and Wednesday, September 1st, 2:00 p.m. Classes will be held at the Webster Parish Fire District 7 station.

Mayor Kay Hallmark - Stratton reported she is working with Engineer Brad Graff on ARP Funding to update lift stations and additional equipment at the wastewater treatment plant.

New Business:

A motion was made by Judy McKenzie and seconded by Donna Hoffoss to award bid from TGS Contractors for DRA grant project WWTP Equalization Tank. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

A motion was made by Judy McKenzie and seconded by Donna Hoffoss to allow the Police Department to purchase two body shields instead of two new radar units as approved by council for purchase during the July

Council meeting. Capital Outlay Budget would be amended to cover additional costs, if any, by using police savings or unreserved funds. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

A motion was made by Lance Milligan and seconded by Judy McKenzie to accept Resolution #01-07282021 requesting Police Jury funds to purchase zero-turn mower on July 28, 2021 emergency phone message vote. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

A motion was made by Donna Hoffoss and seconded by Judy McKenzie to appoint Alderman Lance Milligan as the Village Broadband Internet Digital Navigator and a Broadband Stakeholders Team will be chosen to represent the Village of Dixie Inn. Any interested Villagers may participate on the team to help bring productive internet services to the Village.

A motion was made by Donna Hoffoss and seconded by Lance Milligan to allow Mayor Stratton to sign an agreement with Cothren, Graff, Smoak Engineering, Inc. for engineering services in relation to Delta Regional Authority Project (Equalization Tank for Wastewater Treatment Plant). Vote on the motion was unanimous.

A motion was made by Lance Milligan and seconded by Donna Hoffoss to allow Mayor Kay Hallmark - Stratton to sign a contract with the Division of Administration concerning FY 2020-2021 CWEF grant (SCADA Mission Alert System on the Booster Station and Radio on Remote Well #3). Vote on the motion was unanimous.

Old Business:

Chief James Edwards reported he hopes to have more information on a new police department vehicle at the September 14th Council Meeting.

The Suddenlink representative has reported to Mayor Stratton that Altice/ Suddenlink is in the design phase for internet service in the Village of Dixie Inn.

Mayor Stratton reported that Brad Graff with Cothren, Graff, Smoak Engineering, Inc. has been notified of the Capital Outlay grant through FP&C for installing a generator for the Village Town Hall and Police Department. He will be requesting proposals soon.

There will be a workshop held on August 26, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. to discuss Ordinance #38-C amendments concerning utilities. There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Judy McKenzie and seconded by Lance Milligan. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

ATTEST:  
Kay Hallmark-Stratton Mayor

**August 20, 2021  
Minden Press-Herald**

STATE OF LOUISIANA  
PARISH OF WEBSTER  
VILLAGE OF DIXIE INN

**RESOLUTION #01-07282021**

WHEREAS, the Village

of Dixie Inn, Louisiana previously requested assistance from the Webster Parish Police Jury for drainage work south of the Village Hall, near the baseball field, and on Hallmark Street to Mason Street, and replace some regulatory signs, all located in Dixie Inn, Louisiana.

WHEREAS, the Village of Dixie Inn would like to amend the previous Resolution #01-05112021 to allow for purchase of a new EX-Mark zero-turn mower to be used to keep rights-of-ways and drainage areas mowed in Dixie Inn, Louisiana. This is due to the motor and hydraulics needing to be replaced on the 2012 EX-Mark mower.

WHEREAS the total project cost will be deducted from allotted annual municipality funding, and costs over the allotted annual municipality funding will be billed to the municipality, and

WHEREAS, the total project cost is approximately \$9000.00, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, this resolution be adopted and sent to the Webster Parish Police Jury to be placed on the agenda prior to the Jury's regular meeting in August 2021.

THUS, DONE UPON MOTION by Lance Milligan, duly seconded by Donna Hoffoss and carried, the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Village of Dixie Inn in an Emergency Phone Message Meeting convened on July 28, 2021.

YEAS: 3 (Donna Hoffoss, Judy McKenzie, Lance Milligan) NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 0

Kay Hallmark-Stratton, Mayor

I, Dana James, Clerk of the Village of Dixie Inn, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Village of Dixie Inn in an Emergency Phone Message Meeting convened on July 28, 2021.

Given under my official signature and seal of office on this the 28th day of July 2021.

Dana James, Clerk Village of Dixie Inn

**August 20, 2021  
Minden Press-Herald**

**REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES**

The Cypress Water System is seeking the services of a qualified engineering firm to provide engineering and related services for the eligible projects(s) funded through the ARPA Program. The Cypress Water System is requesting Qualifications Statements from qualified engineering firms to provide engineering and related services for the eligible projects(s) funded through the ARPA Program. All responses will be evaluated in accordance with the selection criteria and corresponding point system which is identified in the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) package. The package may be obtained by email from [jandwdean@yahoo.com](mailto:jandwdean@yahoo.com). Questions should be addressed to Jerry Dean at 318-377-1298. Responses to this RFQ should be hand delivered and/ or mailed to Jerry Dean at Cypress Water System at 543 Martha Woods Road, Heflin, LA 71039. Responses to this RFQ must be received no later than 2:00 pm on Thursday, August 19, 2021. The Cypress Water System is an Equal Opportunity employer. Small and/or minority owned firms, women's business enterprises, and Section 3 businesses are encouraged to participate.

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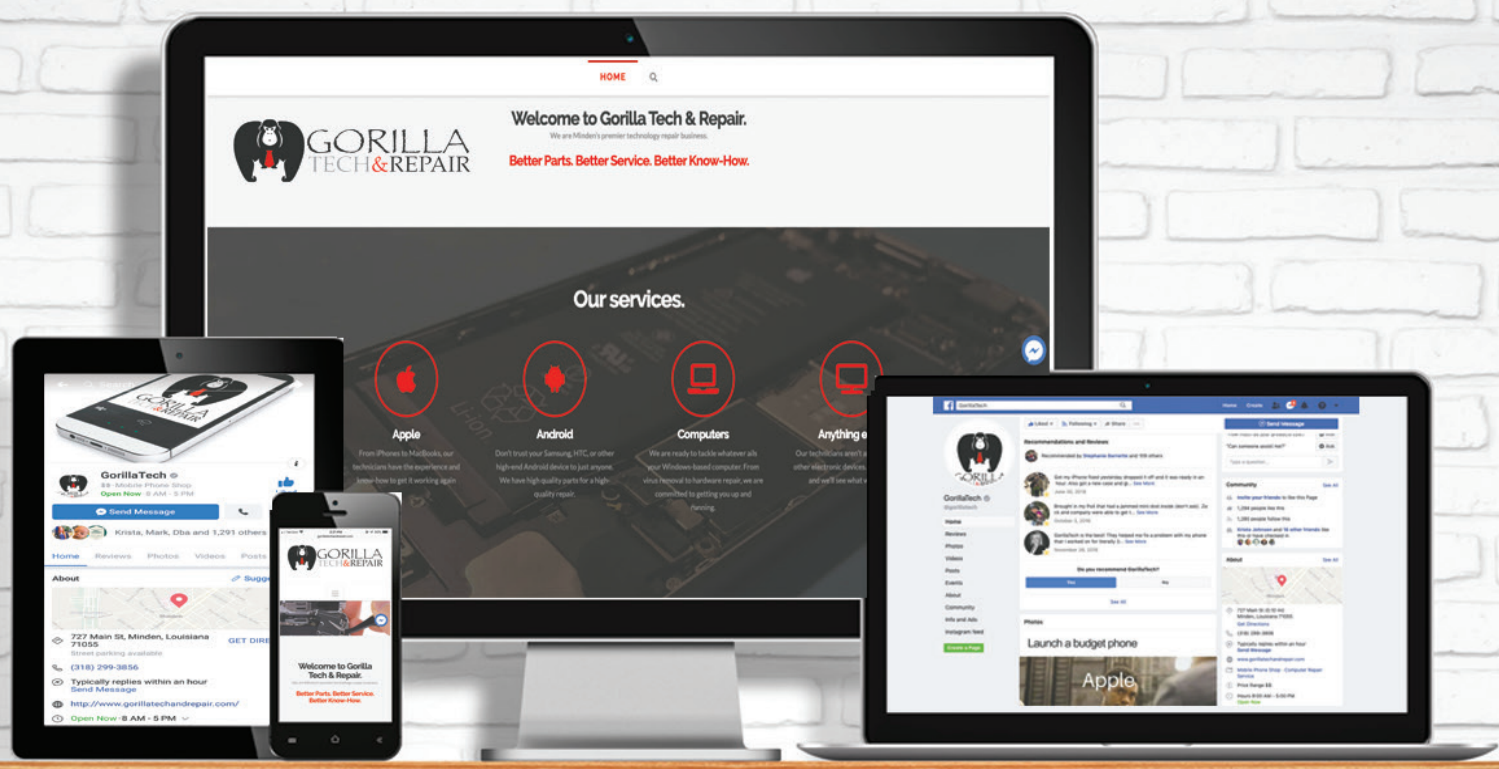
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