

GOVERNMENT

Biden initiates long-awaited supplemental relief for last year's hurricanes

(The Center Square) – A year after a series of hurricanes slammed into Louisiana, and after many attempts to secure aid, President Joe Biden has initiated supplemental disaster relief funding for still recovering areas of southwest and central Louisiana.

Biden issued the formal disaster aid request to Congress as part of a \$24 billion funding proposal that includes Hurricane Ida relief, and an additional \$6.4 billion for Afghan refugee resettlement.

Louisiana's congressional delegation has made numerous appeals for the supplemental aid, most recently in advance of Biden's tour of Ida-affected areas Friday with Gov. John Bel Edwards.

Hurricanes Laura, Delta and Zeta caused widespread damage beyond initial recovery efforts last year. Though Congress often appropriates additional natural disaster funding, the process must begin with a request from the president.

That did not occur until the White House budget office announced urgent national funding needs Tuesday.

"The Administration is committed to delivering the funding necessary to help impacted states and tribes recover from recent extreme weather events and natural disasters," acting Office of Management and Budget Director Shalanda Young wrote.

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WEBSTER PARISH

Project Reclaim making their mark

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This past Thursday, the young future leaders at Project Reclaim put together gift bags containing necessities such as toiletries, food, and water that will be sent to those affected by Hurricane Ida, the most recent hurricane to tear through large portions of southern Louisiana.

Angel Stewart, Ashlee Banks, Darnell Morris, Alayna Banks, and Kamryn Gibens took some time after preparing the bags to share their thoughts on Hurricane Ida, the victims, and what they were doing in order to help out.

The group demonstrated an emotional capacity rare in individuals so young to empathize with the people who had lost greatly as a result of Ida.

"I can't really put myself in their shoes, because I don't know what I'd do if something like

that happened to us. It makes me a little emotional," said Morris.

"It was a very unexpected tragedy that damaged a lot of people's homes and lifestyles," said Gibbens.

With an understanding of what people are going through, making these bags is a way for the students of Project Reclaim to not only make a difference but to also be able to connect with those they are helping.

Stewart added, "When I was making the bag, I was just thinking about what everyone was going through how much stuff was destroyed, and how much they needed to be able to get back on their feet."

"It makes you put yourself in their shoes," commented Alayana Banks. "I love that we're helping them out, because if we were put in their position, we would want them to help us too."

Ashlee Banks said, "I feel like it changes our



Seen above are the students of Project Reclaim as they prepare gift bags filled with basic necessities that were sent to the victims of Hurricane Ida.

perspectives. We're here living normally, but they're out of a home, out of money, they don't have the life essentials that we have."

By the end of the discussion, it was clear that the members of Project

Reclaim were there not only to better themselves but also to better the lives of others as well.

"Project Reclaim, it's an environment where we help everybody. It doesn't matter who they are or what they do, we

help everybody," said Gibbens.

"And, don't get me wrong, we're not done either. We have more stuff to do," added Banks.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Appointed City Clerk decides not to take up the position, cites turmoil within the City Council

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The applicant for City Clerk has decided not to come work with the City of Minden.

Mayor Terry Gardner

stated in an email, "The applicant, Karen Walker stated that she did not feel comfortable coming on board with the city because of the lack of knowing whether or not she would actually be appointed, both now and in

the future. While waiting for the appointment, she started searching for other job opportunities and debated even up until today about which job to take. Karen said, she felt the whole council was not interested in her coming

to be their city clerk."

"She also stated, even with her being appointed on Tuesday's meeting, she did not feel good about coming to work with such turmoil going on among the council," said Gardner. "She wish-

es everyone the best as we continue to search for the next city clerk."

The position looking for a new City Clerk,/Tax Official for the City of Minden has been reposted.

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SECOND FRONT

COVID

Life-saving Treatment For Covid Withheld From 1.8 Million Citizens On Medicaid

The Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) in conjunction with the Governor's Office issued a memorandum stating that all pharmacy claims for ivermectin under Medicaid cannot be filled for the prevention and treatment of Covid-19. Representatives Berly Amedee R (Houma), Kathy Edmonston R (Gonzales), Valarie Hodges R (Denham Springs) and Dodie Horton R (Haughton) sent a letter to Dr. Courtney Phillips, Secretary of

LDH, and Governor Edwards to address the use of ivermectin in Louisiana. In their letter (here) they state: "Prescriptive authority lies solely with licensed medical prescribers, not the LDH." Ivermectin is a well-known, FDA-approved, inexpensive medication that has been used to treat well over 4 billion humans of all ages, worldwide, over a forty (40) year period. Patients will have the best chance of therapeutic gain when treated before there is

significant progression of disease. Not a single person in the United States has died from a Covid-related ivermectin overdose. Other countries such as Argentina, India, Japan, Mexico, Peru, Zimbabwe have approved the use of ivermectin in the prevention and treatment of Covid-19, with dramatic results of reduction of hospitalization and death. The importance of treating outpatients with an early treatment protocol must

include ivermectin. "Ivermectin remains a vital medication utilized in early sequential multi-drug treatment for Covid 19. Its continued availability is imperative," Representatives Amedee, Edmonston, Hodges and Horton assert, "We call upon the Governor and LDH to stop restricting physicians from prescribing ivermectin and pharmacies from filling these prescriptions."

Relief: \$24 billion natural disaster package is far from filtering into the state

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"This includes disasters from the last eighteen months - such as Hurricanes Laura and Delta - for which there are remaining unmet needs, as well as more recent and immediate needs such as those stemming from ongoing wildfires and Hurricane Ida."

The request included \$14 billion to address natural disasters nationwide before Hurricane Ida, and another \$10 billion for post-Ida recovery.

Louisiana sought \$3 billion earlier this year to cover wind, flooding and other damages after Hurricane Laura. It's unclear where it will come from.

The White House's pre-Ida national funding request included \$2.3 billion for the Community Block Grant-Disaster Recovery Program, \$2.6 billion for Federal Highway Emergency Relief and \$9 billion for the Wildlife and Hurricane Indemnity Program.

U.S. Sen. John Cassidy, R-La., said the request was "long overdue for southwest Louisiana," and add-

ed, "We must make sure that everyone is cared for after Hurricanes Laura, Delta and Zeta from 2020 and Ida from last week."

A letter signed by Cassidy and U.S. Sen. John Kennedy, R-La., on Sept. 3, along with the state's six U.S. House members, urged Biden to expedite Hurricane Ida relief and cited \$10 billion in aid provided just four days after Hurricane Katrina made landfall in 2005.

Although the White House funding request came nine after Ida's landfall, the \$24 billion natural disaster package is far from filtering into the state.

According to Young, Congress will need to pass a continuing resolution, or "stop-gap" spending bill, to secure the funding while lawmakers continue to negotiate the House Democrats' proposed \$3.5 trillion reconciliation budget.

"With the end of the fiscal year rapidly approaching, it's clear that Congress will need to pass a short-term continuing resolution (CR) to provide more time for the FY 2022 process to unfold," she said.

ENERGY

Campbell Celebrates Growth of Renewable Power Use in LA

STAFF REPORT
Minden Press-Herald

The transition to clean renewable energy for Louisiana took another step forward this week with the start-up of the second of three planned SWEPCO wind farms in Oklahoma. The 287-megawatt Maverick wind farm is now providing more clean energy for SWEPCO's Louisiana customers. The Maverick wind farm is the second of three wind-power facilities that make up the 1,485-MW North Central Energy Facilities project in Oklahoma. The North Central project also includes

the 199-MW Sundance wind farm, which began commercial operation in April 2021, and the 999-MW Traverse wind farm that is scheduled to begin commercial operation in early 2022. "Louisiana customers of SWEPCO benefit as each of these facilities comes online," said Louisiana Public Service Commissioner Foster Campbell. "There's no cost for wind as a fuel when it is used to generate electricity, and that is a savings to customers. These projects also qualify for federal tax incentives that are passed on to customers. "The result will be savings of \$1 billion over the

expected 30-year life of the facilities compared to other energy resources." The Louisiana Public Service Commission unanimously approved Campbell's motion to endorse the SWEPCO wind project in May 2020. "Among our Louisiana electric utilities SWEPCO has been most aggressive when it comes to adopting clean renewable energy," Campbell said. "I support this transition and am pushing the company to go further with solar power developed here at home in Louisiana." Campbell recognized the opportunity for Louisiana customers to benefit from long-term sav-

ings and more renewable energy from wind power in nearby Oklahoma. "This transition is also important because it demonstrates our commitment to defeating climate change, which is disrupting all aspects of life across the United States and the world," he said. The SWEPCO share of the Oklahoma wind power will serve customers in Arkansas and Louisiana, the two states where regulators approved the project. SWEPCO's 810 megawatts also includes 268 MW for Arkansas and 78 MW for wholesale customers, including the City of Minden.



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OBITUARIES



John Henry Lyles, III

John Henry Lyles, III, passed away peacefully in his sleep on Monday, August 30, 2021, in Vero Beach, Florida, following a recent cardiac event. He was known as Jay to his family and friends. Jay was born in Minden, Louisiana, on January 10, 1980, to John and Linda Lyles. He was the brother to Shelley Spence and Chris Lyles. He was married to Katrina Collins and was a stepfather to Emily and Allie Collins.

Jay was a 1998 graduate of Sibley High School. He attended Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, Louisiana, for two years before transferring to Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge. As a high school sophomore, he was selected to represent his class at the Hugh O’Brian (HOBY) Youth Leadership program. He later went on to serve as a volunteer for HOBY Louisiana from June 2000 through 2018.

At NSU, Jay was an active member of Phi Kappa Phi fraternity and majoring in Journalism and Political Science. He was chosen by The Fund for American Studies to study Political Economics and Ethics at Georgetown University and to intern at The Washington Times. He was also awarded a tuition scholarship to study Free Economics and Political Systems at Charles University in Prague, Czech Republic.

After transferring to LSU, he graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor’s degree in Mass Communication. In 2004, he completed his Master’s degree in Public Administration. Jay later enrolled in law school at Southern University Law Center and pursued legal studies from 2010 through 2011.

In 2006, Jay announced that he would be running for Louisiana State Representative of District 68 in 2007. It was a hard fought battle with the victor being Steve Carter.

Throughout his life, Jay would acquire the titles of friend, reporter, entrepreneur, marketing guru, financial professional, political consultant, political candidate and accomplished writer. He was an avid reader, and he loved LSU sports, tailgating and Louisiana politics.

Jay was preceeded in death by his paternal grandparents, John and Hazel Lyles of Shreveport, Louisiana, and by his maternal grandfather, Earl Carson Davis of Minden.

He is survived by his parents, John and Linda Lyles of Minden, his wife, Katrina Collins Lyles, and stepdaughters Emily and Allie Collins of Vero Beach, Florida, his grandmother, Azalea Davis of Minden, his Uncle Earl D. Davis of Minden, and his wife and daughter, Diane and Yvonne, his sister, Shelley, and her husband Brad Spence of Ennis, Texas, his brother, Chris Lyles, and his wife, Laura, and their sons, Carson and Cooper Lyles of Natchitoches, Louisiana. Other precious family members include his Aunt Zee Wilson and cousins Cathy Wilson and Cindy Windgate and family, of Florida, his Aunt Diane Lyles and cousins Jonathan Lyles and family, Melissa Lyles Vezinat and family of Baton Rouge, cousin Catherine Friday and her husband Jason of Colorado, Laura Beth Lyles of Austin, Texas, and many other aunts, uncles and cousins.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, September 18, 2021, at 2PM at Pine Grove United Methodist Church in Minden. The family is requesting those attending Jay’s service, to please wear red, white and blue or LSU colors, and to also bring a small item, picture or note that reminds you of Jay to add to our “memory box.”

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be given to our local 4-H club or Pine Grove Methodist Church.

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Glenn R. Holtzclaw

Glenn R. Holtzclaw, 75, of Luling, Louisiana passed away on September 9, 2021 after battling complications of COPD. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Sandra Warwick Holtzclaw; daughter, Gretchen Renee Helmstetter; son, Jeffrey S Holtzclaw; grandsons, Dr. Nicholas Helmstetter and Mason Holtzclaw; and granddaughter, Madeline Holtzclaw. He is survived by his sister, Bonnie Smith. He is also survived by nieces Shannon Backofen, Pamela Parker, Sandy Holtzclaw, Stephanie Guest, and nephew Shea Maddox.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Griffin and Betty Holtzclaw, brother Griffin, and sisters Carol, Gloria and Jerry.

Glenn was born in Tyler, Tx but lived most of his life in Louisiana. He was an outstanding member of the undefeated 1963 Minden Crimson Tide State Championship football team, and a guard on the 1-AA All -district team. Glenn enlisted in the US Army in 1967, serv-

ing in El Paso, TX and Kitzingen, Germany. He then moved to Luling, LA and had a life-long career with Union Carbide in Taft, Louisiana. There he made many friends and was affectionately nicknamed ‘the general.’

Glenn was a 1974 graduate of Loyola University in New Orleans, receiving his BA in Business.

Glenn enjoyed spending time with his children and grandchildren. Glenn was a kind, intelligent, and helpful person. He will always be remembered as our ‘fixer of everything’ from repairs to the family car, computer issues, and home. He has definitely been the ‘general’ of our lives. He was greatly loved and will be missed more than words can ever express.

Due to the wraths of Hurricane Ida and COVID concerns, Glenn’s services will be held in his hometown of Minden, LA. There will be a graveside service at Gardens of Memory at 11:00 AM, Wednesday September 15, 2021, under the direction of Rose-Neath Funeral Home with the Rev. Gary Faircloth officiating.

Pallbearers will be Jeff Holtzclaw, Nicholas Helmstetter, Darren Matherne, and Mason Holtzclaw.

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Dianne Goodwill

Dianne Goodwill passed away Friday, September 10, 2021, at Rapides Regional Medical Center in Alexandria, Louisiana.

She was born June 12, 1961, in Shreveport, to Robert “Tuby” and Janis Goodwill. She was a resident at Pinecrest State School in Pineville, Louisiana since she was nine years old.

Dianne is survived by her father Robert “Tuby” Goodwill, sister Brenda Tolar and husband Mike all of

Minden, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Her mother, Janis Goodwill preceded her in death.

Graveside services will be held Tuesday September 14, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. at Minden Cemetery with Rev. Bill Crider officiating. The family will receive friends at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday at Rose-Neath Funeral Home prior to the service.

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Dorothy L. Moreland

Zoom memorial service for Dorothy L. Moreland will be held Saturday, September 18, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. The zoom meeting id#171 608 618 Password mark1914#.

Dorothy was born November 12, 1946, in Minden, Louisiana and entered into rest September 12, 2021, in Minden, Louisiana.

She was preceded in death by her parents, J. B. and Pauline McFarland.

She is survived by her husband, Charles Moreland; children, David Weaver, Joe Weaver (Kelly), Kristy Parrish; grandchildren, Niki, Cody, and Harley Weaver, and Kaitlyn and Kasey Parrish; great-grands, Ally and Emily; sisters, Gayle Setzer and Judy Wallace; and many nieces and nephews.

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OTHER OPINION

Ida prompts new look at nursing home storm plans

Among the many tragic stories in the aftermath of Hurricane Ida are the deaths of seven Louisiana nursing home residents who were evacuated to a warehouse where health inspectors say conditions quickly became unsafe once the storm struck.

The squalid conditions found at the Tangipahoa Parish warehouse that sheltered more than 840 people raised new questions and concerns about whether Louisiana is doing enough to protect its most vulnerable residents.

"The short answer is more needs to be done," said Denise Bottcher, Louisiana state director for AARP. "Each hurricane presents us with opportunities to learn how can we do it better. This storm showed that we continue to fail our most fragile and vulnerable citizens."

Bottcher has a unique perspective. She was then-Gov. Kathleen Blanco's chief spokesperson when Hurricane Katrina struck 16 years ago and highlighted the inadequacies of nursing home storm preparations.

State officials said they are investigating the evacuation of the seven nursing homes owned by Bob Dean to the warehouse facility. The health department revoked the nursing homes' licenses and ordered the facilities closed so people couldn't be sent back after authorities moved the residents from the warehouse

to shelters and other sites.

But health department leaders also said they intend to review the evacuation and sheltering preparation required ahead of any storms.

"I think this is going to — and should — be an ongoing conversation," said Dr. Joe Kanter, the chief medical officer at the Louisiana Department of Health.



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on Aug. 29, representatives of the seven nursing homes were telling the health department the situation was "fine," but inspectors who made multiple visits to the warehouse facility told a different story.

Authorities found water entered the building, trash piled up on site and residents were packed into close spaces despite the coronavirus pandemic, according to documents filed by the health department. Inspectors making follow-up visits described people lying on mattresses without food or clean clothes and with strong odors of feces and urine filling

the space.

One evacuee said she hadn't had a bath in four days, while others were found naked or wearing only unclean diapers. An evacuee struggling to breathe and yelling for help was ignored, until a nurse was prompted to assist him by an inspector, the health department documents said.

Agency officials said they met repeated resistance to address the concerns from Dean, who they said ordered inspectors off the property and used a "campaign of threats, intimidation and attempts at interfering" with efforts to assess the safety of evacuees.

Dean has not responded to messages left by The Associated Press at phone numbers listed for him and his businesses and through attorneys who have represented him. But Dean defended the Ida evacuation to WAFB-TV: "We only had five deaths within the six days, and normally with 850 people you'll have a couple a day, so we did really good with taking care of people."

Louisiana rewrote its nursing home laws and regulations after Katrina was blamed for dozens of nursing home patient deaths in 2005.

A health department study of Katrina's death toll found 132 nursing home patients died, including from the stress of the evacuation or preexisting conditions exacerbated by the storm impacts. Thirty-five res-

idents of a nursing home in St. Bernard Parish drowned in Katrina's floodwaters.

Kanter said that before Katrina, some nursing homes didn't have evacuation plans at all. He said they are now required to submit annual plans to parish and state officials describing their emergency preparations in extensive detail.

But after Ida, questions are being raised about whether those plans are reviewed closely enough to ensure safety, whether staffing levels are adequate for evacuations and whether enough is done to make sure family members know where their loved ones are going in an evacuation.

"Clearly there were nursing homes that evacuated that did everything they were supposed to do to provide for the safety and welfare of their residents," Bottcher said. But she added: "There's some gaps."

Bottcher would like to see the emergency preparedness review also include senior housing sites that are regulated through a mix of federal and local oversight. New Orleans officials said several elderly residents died at such locations after Ida left them without electricity and air conditioning.

EDITOR'S NOTE: MELINDA DESLATTE HAS COVERED LOUISIANA POLITICS FOR THE ASSOCIATED PRESS SINCE 2000.

OTHER OPINION

Sam Hanna Jr.: A lame duck Edwards?

Editor's Note: This column by Sam Hanna Jr. was first published the week of Sept. 20, 2020. It is relevant today in light of catastrophic damage Hurricane Ida recently wrought in southeastern Louisiana.

Louisiana lawmakers will return to Baton Rouge next week for a month-long special session to deal with the fallout from Hurricane Laura, a financial problem with the state's unemployment trust fund and a flap with Gov. John Bel Edwards over his responses to the coronavirus.

The Democrat governor played no role in calling the special session, and he wasn't allowed to offer any input on what the Republican-controlled Legislature would entertain beginning Monday at 6 p.m. Instead, this is show will be directed by Senate President Page Cortez and House Speaker Clay Schexnayder. Their sidelining of Edwards was a sign the governor's grip on the state is slipping big-time. It also was a sign that Cortez and Schexnayder are feeling the heat from lawmakers who are a bit peeved over Edwards' emergency orders to keep Louisiana largely locked down as the coronavirus continues to

get significant play in the press because it generates viewers and readers.

Shoring up the state's unemployment trust fund, which has plummeted from some \$700 million to roughly \$100 million, is a headache lawmakers can't put off until the regular session next year. Simply put, the

fund is going broke, and it's going broke because unemployment claims skyrocketed shortly after the coronavirus became a thing in March and Edwards shut down the state's economy in response to it. Tens of thousands of Louisianians remain out of work though businesses throughout the state have job openings they need to fill. Some people, unfortunately, would rather collect an unemployment check than go to work to earn an honest day's pay.

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State law requires the Legislature to pump money into the unemployment trust fund when it reaches a certain level, and lawmakers have the au-

thority to levy a surtax on unemployment taxes paid by Louisiana businesses to shore it up. No business in Louisiana can afford to pay an additional tax at this time, and that means the Legislature must get creative to find a way out of this mess, or locate money somewhere else to ensure unemployment claims continue to be paid. It's a tall order.

Though the so-called mainstream media paid lip service to the carnage Hurricane Laura left in its wake, residents and businesses in the greater Lake Charles area and beyond will be busy for months — if not years — rebuilding their communities. Laura did far more damage to southwest Louisiana than Hurricane Rita in 2005, which at the time was considered one of the worst hurricanes to ever strike that region of the state.

Lawmakers most likely will sign off on suspending sales taxes on building materials in FEMA-designated disaster areas, and businesses in those disaster areas will get a break on sales taxes on utilities. There will be other incentives on the table as well, including rolling back severance taxes on timber and oil and gas. All of it will help, but the real primer will come courtesy of the Congress,

which means the state's congressional delegation has its work cut out for it. It's not easy getting anything done in Washington these days in light of the political environment there.

Yet, the big story of the special session will center on the Legislature's battle with Edwards over his ever-evolving emergency orders to cope with the coronavirus. Though the number of people who have tested positive for the virus or died from it continues to wane, Edwards insists the state and its economy remain at least somewhat locked down until the foreseeable future. It's as if he refuses to acknowledge that scores of Louisiana businesses are hanging on by a thread financially, and his heavy handedness in restricting bars and restaurants would make Joseph Stalin proud.

How Edwards combats unrest among lawmakers over the coronavirus craze will confirm or dispel the notion that the governor has become a mere placeholder until a new governor takes office in 2024.

The words "lame duck" come to mind. Or maybe they don't.

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INSPIRATION

When all else fails, who can we turn to?

At sometime in our lives, most of us will find ourselves backed into a corner, often of our own making, but we want to blame others for our bad luck when in reality we often do not realize that we bring many of our misfortunes upon ourselves by either not being careful, a good manager or by being arrogant.

Bankruptcies can happen to us simply because we want to keep up with or ahead of the Jones not realizing that money doesn't bring happiness! Living like the rich and famous can actually do more to drive wedges between people than to heal wounds.

The people I have known who were most caring tended to live "the purpose driven

life" as outlined in Rick Warren's book.

It is really hard for us to see our own mistakes but easy to see the faults of others.

What we most often do not see is that when we find fault, when we nit-pick, we will usually find many of the same faults in our own lives!

To think not is to not own up to our own mistakes.

It is hard to count our blessings when we are picking on others that we think aren't living up to our expectations when we may be just mad at ourselves for our impulsive mistakes of living beyond our means.

We need to be careful



SARAH HUDSON-PIERCE

when judging because we might find the rugs being jerked out from under our own feet so quickly -- as night follows day.

It is easier to be grateful while we feel loved within our secure knit circle of family and friends who love us unconditionally. It is easier to be grateful now than to retrieve our blessings, once they are gone.

What happens to another can happen to us. To think not is to be naive.

A total stranger approached me years ago when we lived in Plain Dealing. Out of the blue she said "I never could understand peo-

ple who write poetry but now that my brother was lost at sea, never to return, I am writing poetry."

I knew what she was talking about because I wrote poetry to survive emotionally.

It takes a lifetime of experience to learn how to cope and to reach out to others, to understand each others viewpoint.

Sometimes we never will understand.

A friend said "when they are lowering me in my grave I will sit up in the coffin and say "hey wait a minute, I have it all figured out."

We will never have it all figured out.

I believe that many of our accidents are brought upon us when we become arrogant and let our pride blind us to the truth that

"prides goes before destruction and a haughty spirit before a fall."

We need to turn our problems over to God because He can handle situations and move mountains at lightning speed that would astound even the non-believer!

We all need someone to care.

It's been said that when we point a finger at others there are three fingers pointing back at us.

Back to the bottom line. We need to be grateful and try to turn our problems over to God because it is still true that we are rich if we have someone to love, something to do and something to hope for.

The people I love to talk to and write trib-

utes for are those dear sweet people who made a difference in my life as a child, who led me to a brighter day, to Christ.

Where would I be today without those caring friends from my childhood?

Turning our problems over to God gives us a peace that passes understanding and strengthens our faith, knowing He is in control!

He can do all the things for us that are out of our control!

When will we ever learn?

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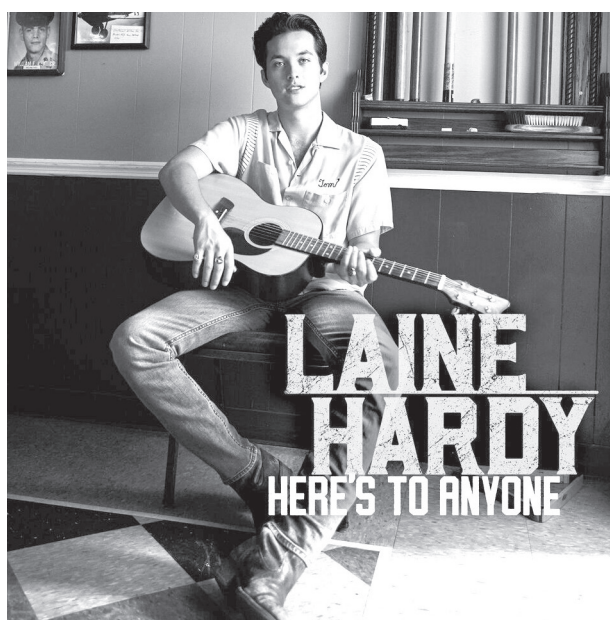
MUSIC

Laine Hardy uses album release to help hurricane recovery

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — Louisiana country artist Laine Hardy will celebrate his 21st birthday Sunday with the release of his first album in a French Quarter benefit to help recovery efforts following Hurricane Ida.

Hardy, the winner of "American Idol" in 2019, will perform a live stream concert from the New Orleans Jazz Museum inside the Old U.S. Mint, at 7 p.m. It's a benefit for Volunteer Louisiana and The Louisiana Museum Foundation. Tickets cost \$15 and proceeds will benefit recovery efforts in Louisiana following Hurricane Ida.

"He could have celebrated the release of his first album anywhere, but chose to celebrate at the New Orleans Jazz Museum because of his love of this state, the people and our unique culture," Louisiana Lt. Gov. Billy Nungesser said in a statement. "His desire to help his fellow Louisianans and bring awareness



to the recovery efforts following Hurricane Ida truly shows the outstanding character of this young man, and further exemplifies why we are fortunate to have him represent our state."

The singer's debut album, "Here's To Anyone," will officially be released Sept. 17. Produced by Michael Knox, the project on the Buena Vista Records/Industrial Media's 19 Recordings label features 11 songs including feel-good summertime track "Memorize You," and the anthemic

"Authentic."

Hardy is a native of Livingston, Louisiana, where Ida's path of destruction last month left ripped roofs off homes and businesses, downed utility lines and thousands of felled trees, some torn from the roots.

"Hurricane Ida hit hard in my home state. So many people have been impacted and we wanted to find a way to help," Hardy said. "I can't think of a better way to spend my birthday than playing a show for everyone."

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GOVERNMENT

Tropical Storm Nicholas threatens Gulf Coast with heavy rain

HOUSTON (AP) — Tropical Storm Nicholas strengthened just off the Gulf Coast and could blow ashore in Texas as a hurricane Monday as it brings heavy rain and floods to coastal areas from Mexico to storm-battered Louisiana.

Forecasters at the National Hurricane Center in Miami said top sustained winds reached 60 mph (95 kph). It was traveling north-northwest at 5 mph (7 kph) on a forecast track to pass near the South Texas coast later Monday, then move onshore along the coast of south or central Texas by Monday evening.

Several schools in the Houston and Galveston area were closed Monday because of the incoming storm.

Nicholas was centered roughly 40 miles (65 kilometers) southeast of the mouth of the Rio Grande River, and 210 miles (325 kilometers) south of Port O'Connor, Texas, as of

Monday morning.

As of 7 a.m., the storm was “moving erratically” just offshore of the northeastern coast of Mexico, the National Hurricane Center said.

A hurricane watch was issued from Port Aransas to Freeport, Texas. Much of the state’s coastline was under a tropical storm warning as the system was expected to bring heavy rain that could cause flash floods and urban flooding.

Rainfall totals of 8 to 16 inches (20 to 40 centimeters) were expected along the middle and upper Texas coast with isolated maximum amounts of 20 inches (50 centimeters) possible. Other parts of Texas and southwest Louisiana could see 5 to 10 inches (12.5 to 25 centimeters) of rain over the coming days.

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott said the state has placed rescue teams and resources in the Houston area and along the Texas

Gulf Coast.

“This is a storm that could leave heavy rain, as well as wind and probably flooding, in various different regions along the Gulf Coast. We urge you to listen to local weather alerts, heed local warnings,” Abbott said in a video message.

Nicholas is headed toward the same area of Texas that was hit hard by Hurricane Harvey in 2017. That storm made landfall in the middle Texas coast then stalled for four days, dropping more than 60 inches (152 cm) of rain in parts of southeast Texas. Harvey was blamed for at least 68 deaths.

Louisiana Gov. John Bel Edwards on Sunday night declared a state of emergency ahead of the storm’s arrival in a state still recovering from Hurricane Ida and last year’s Hurricane Laura and historic flooding.

“The most severe threat to Louisiana is in the southwest portion of the

state, where recovery from Hurricane Laura and the May flooding is ongoing. In this area heavy rain and flash flooding are possible. However, it is also likely that all of south Louisiana will see heavy rain this week, including areas recently affected by Hurricane Ida,” Edwards said.

The storm was expected to bring the heaviest rainfall west of where Hurricane Ida slammed into Louisiana two weeks ago. Although forecasters did not expect Louisiana to suffer from strong winds again, meteorologist Bob Henson at Yale Climate Connections predicted rainfall could still plague places where the hurricane toppled homes, paralyzed electrical and water infrastructure and left at least 26 people dead.

“There could be several inches of rain across southeast Louisiana, where Ida struck,” Henson said in an email.

Across Louisiana, just

over 110,000 customers remained without power early Monday, according to the utility tracking site poweroutage.us.

The storm is projected to move slowly up the coastland and could bring torrential rain over several days, said meteorologist Donald Jones of the National Weather Service in Lake Charles, Louisiana.

“Heavy rain, flash flooding appears to be the biggest threat across our region,” he said.

While Lake Charles received minimal impact from Ida, the city saw multiple wallops from Hurricane Laura and Hurricane Delta in 2020, a winter storm in February as well as historic flooding this spring.

“We are still a very battered city,” Lake Charles Mayor Nic Hunter said.

He said the city is taking the threat of the storm seriously, as it does all tropical systems.

“Hope and prayer is not

a good game plan,” Hunter said.

In Cameron Parish in coastal Louisiana, Scott Trahan is still finishing repairs on his home damaged from last year’s Hurricane Laura that put about 2 feet of water in his house. He hopes to be finished by Christmas. He said many in his area have moved instead of rebuilding.

“If you get your butt whipped about four times, you are not going to get back up again. You are going to go somewhere else,” Trahan said.

Colorado State University hurricane researcher Phil Klotzbach said via Twitter that Nicholas is the 14th named storm of 2021 Atlantic hurricane season. Only 4 other years since 1966 have had 14 or more named storms by Sept. 12: 2005, 2011, 2012 and 2020.



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Archery range opens in Lincoln Parish

GLYNN HARRIS

Special to the Minden Press-Herald

In the early 1920s, South Dakota historian Doane Robinson, looked at a mountain in his home state and saw more than simply a mountain. In his mind's eye, he saw the images of four U.S. presidents and hired sculptor Gutzon Borglum to convert the mountain into one of this nation's most valuable treasures, Mount Rushmore.

Then, in the late 1970s, a local citizen, in like manner of Robinson, looked at an area of northern Louisiana consisting of hills and hollows and streams and in his mind's eye saw a beautiful park. Thanks to Fredrick Hoogland, his vision became reality when in March 1990, Lincoln Parish Park was officially dedicated and since its opening, has been enjoyed by thousands of hikers, bikers, campers et al.

Local police juror, Glenn Scriber, a visionary in his own right, saw a portion of Lincoln Parish Park that was not being otherwise utilized and dreamed of converting this 10 acre plot into an archery range. Through months of planning and with the assistance of sponsors, a 3-D Archery range was officially opened to the public a few days ago on Labor Day.

Scriber invited me out for a tour of this facility last week and I was able to see for myself just what someone with a long-range vision can accomplish when a plan is put into action.

"We have finally gotten the range set up and ready to go," said Scriber. "We invited all 22 sponsors to come out and enjoy the range this past weekend at no charge with the range opening to the public beginning on Labor Day."

The range is set up to meet the standards of the Archery Shooter's Association (ASA) which means the local range can host officially sanctioned tournaments.

Scriber looks for the range to host three or four tournaments a year with the first sanctioned tourney planned for sometime in early 2022. Also, the local 4-H club will be having a tourney here in October.

As we toured the set-up, I saw a variety of life-size animal target spaced apart to the extent of 20 targets covering the 10



PHOTO BY GLYNN HARRIS

Lincoln Parish Police Juror Glenn Scriber is pictured shooting at a target at the new Lincoln Parish Park 3-D Archery Range.



An annual fee of \$100 will allow archers full use of the range.

acres. Targets consist of everything from full-sized deer to hogs to turkeys to exotic animals and are all placed in life-like situations between trees and such obstacles calling

for shooting expertise in the manner of authentic hunting situations. Painted lengths of rebar note the distance from the shooter to the target with ranges set up for begin-

ners to experienced archers.

"We couldn't have done it without the support of our sponsors," Scriber said. "I had a goal of seeing if we could raise around

FISHING REPORT

BUSSEY BRAKE – Bass fishing has been fair around the grass on crank baits, jigs and spinners. Bream fishing has improved in 5-6 foot water on crickets. Crappie are scattered and fair. For the latest information, contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

BLACK BAYOU – Bream fishing has improved on crickets and worms. Bass and crappie are slow. Contact Honey Hole Tackle Shop 323-8707 for the latest information.

OUACHITA RIVER – The water level is at a stand-still neither rising nor falling. However fishing overall has been slow this week. For the latest information, contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

LAKE D'ARBONNE – Bass are still in the deeper holes with the Ole Monster worms and jigs taking some in the 3-5 pound class. Crappie are scattered with some deep and some around stumps on the flats. Shiners and jigs are picking up a few. Bream fishing has slowed while catfish are still biting cold worms fished off the banks. For the latest reports, call Anderson's Sport Center at 368-9669 or Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

LAKE CLAIBORNE – Bream fishing continues to be fair to good on crickets with most caught around the piers and boat docks. Stripers continue to school and are hitting shad imitations with white bucktails taking some beneath the surface. Bass fishing has been best at night fishing around the lights with plastic worms and Shakey heads. Crappie fishing is best fishing 10 feet deep

in 14-17 foot water on shiners or jigs. No report on catfish this week. For the latest information, call Misty at Kel's Cove at 331-2730 or Terzia Tackle at 278-4498.

CANEY LAKE – Bass are slow to fair with some schooling and hitting a variety of shad imitation topwater lures. Some bigger fish are hitting soft plastics and crank baits fished in the deeper channels and drop-offs. Some are hitting black spinners along the banks at night. Crappie fishing has been best fishing jigs or shiners around the deeper tops. Bream fishing is slow as they are moving away from the shallow beds. No report on catfish. For information contact Hooks Marina at 249-2347, Terzia Tackle at 278-4498 or the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 23-8707.

LAKE POVERTY POINT – Catfishing has been fair with mostly smaller fish being caught. However, some bigger catfish are starting to show up. Bass, crappie and bream are slow. For latest reports, call Poverty Point Marina at 318-878-0101.

LAKE ST. JOHN – Bass are fair while catfishing is fair on yo-yos baited with shiners. Crappie and bream are slow. For information, call Ken Mahoney at 318-201-3821.

LAKE YUCATAN – The water is on a slight rise. Bass fishing has been good with lots of 2-3 pound fish caught. Crappie are fair but Mike Gammill, Oak Grove, caught some really big slabs this week. Early mornings are best. For information, call Surplus City Landing at 318-467-2259.

\$12,000 which would get us off the ground and running. Twenty-two sponsors stepped up to the plate and were more than happy to do their part in seeing that the archery range became reality.

"We exceeded that goal by several thousand dollars so this gives us some operating capitol to enable us to keep this facility as a top notch range."

One thing that will be an added attraction to the new range is the very reasonable fee schedule put in place for members of the public to use the range.

"For an annual fee of \$100, archers can come out as often as they want and shoot the range. This fee also includes the use

of other amenities Lincoln Parish Park offers. In addition," Scriber noted, "if shooters just want to come out occasionally and maybe tune their bows or practice for the upcoming hunting season, they pay a daily fee of only \$8, which includes a permit to use the park and to shoot the range."

We may not have a local Mount Rushmore but the same dedication and vision Glenn Scriber had has gone into carving out of the woods of Lincoln Parish a 3-D Archery range the public will enjoy for years to come.

SPORTS

Tide gets 500th win by blasting Giants, 48-6

T. SCOTT BOATRIGHT
Minden Press-Herald

Minden High School made a little history to shake off last year's season-opening loss with a big milestone victory Friday night at WW Williams Stadium.

The Crimson Tide recorded the 500th all-time regular season win by dominating Green Oaks 48-6 on Friday night.

After falling 45-14 at home to Parkway last week, Minden dominated Green Oaks from start to finish, with the Crimson Tide defense flooding into the Giants' offensive backfield throughout the contest.

Minden only needed 148 yards of offense to secure the big win, thanks to a defensive effort that held Green Oaks to minus-11 yards of offense in the contest.

Tyrese Lane led Minden's defensive domination with three sacks and an interception for the Tide.

"I'm very happy with tonight," said MHS head coach Spencer Heard. "(I'm) pleased with the effort the boys gave. I feel good about it. I thought the defense played really well. We gave up the one score but there were some things that helped lead to that. But overall, the defense played awesome. I thought we got after the quarterback like we needed to, covered like we needed to, got some picks ... the defense played well tonight."

Offensively, the Tide struck first after Green Oaks was held to a three-and-out series deep in its own territory to begin the contest.

The Giants' punt attempt ended up hitting one of their own players in the back, setting Minden up at the Green Oaks

eight-yard line.

Daylen Robinson took the run to paydirt on first down to put Minden up on top 7-0 at the 9:43 mark of the first quarter.

After holding the Giants' to another three-and-out series, it took Robinson three plays to drive 64 yards as he turned in runs of 29 and 25 yards before powering his way up the middle on a four-yard scoring scamper to give the Tide a 14-0 advantage with 4:58 left in the opening stanza.

Minden followed that score by recovering an on-sides kick and marching 54 yards on 12 plays with quarterback Andrew Cooper scoring on a one-yard sneak to push the Tide's lead up to 21-0 with 11:20 remaining in the first half.

Cooper later scored on a four-yard run at the 2:31 mark of the second quarter to give Minden a 28-0 advantage at intermission.

Lane turned in something special for Minden midway through the third quarter as he raced a punt return back 42 yards for a score to put the Tide up 35-0 with 7:21 remaining in the period.

Green Oaks' lone score came at the 3:24 mark of the third quarter to cut the Minden lead to 35-6, but the Tide defense answered four players later as Isaiah Thornton picked off a Tovoros Lee paced and turned it into a 50-yard pick six that put Minden on top 41-6.

On the ensuing offensive snap Lane grabbed the ball right back for Minden as he added an interception of his own with 1:35 left in the third quarter.

Minden's offense finally got back on track in the final 12:00 as Cooper lofted a 21-yard scoring strike to a wide open Camer-



Minden receiver Cameron Mitchell turned around and waited for this pass as if he was about to return a punt before walking into the end zone for the final score of the Crimson Tide's 48-6 win over Green Oaks on Friday.

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on Mitchell, who literally turned around near the Green Oaks three-yard line and waited for the ball like he was going to return a punt before hauling it in and walking into the end zone.

"We were efficient and moved the ball well early on, especially in the run game," Heard said. "I thought the O-line did a great job opening holes for Daylen. Andrew and (Kentavion) Lister had some good runs also."

"The only thing I was disappointed with was

right after the half we came out. I guess we weren't focused because we had the big lead, but we didn't try to finish it off if possible. We just weren't focused enough on offense to do that. We didn't kind of get back on track there at the end. But I would have liked to see us come out and put the game away for good early in the second half, because we created that opportunity in the first half."

Robinson led the Tide with 107 rushing yards on 11 carries, averaging 9.7

yards per attempt.

Flags flew all over Williams Stadium in the second half, with the Giants being penalized 15 times for 139 yards while the Tide was flagged eight times for 97 yards.

"You're going to get some of that, especially early on in a season," Heard said. "We didn't have a lot of it early in the game. There was a stretch especially there in the third quarter where it seemed like there were a lot of penalties called. But you're going to get called

for some holds when you're playing hard. The flags that bother me are things like coming off the line of scrimmage and jumping offsides or any kind of unsportsmanlike calls — stuff that's totally in your control. Discipline things. We didn't have much of that going on tonight, so I was happy with that."

Next up for the Crimson Tide is a battle for Webster Parish bragging rights as the Tide plays host to North Webster at 7 p.m. Friday.

Winston, Saints, overcome displacement, pound Packers 38-3

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Jameis Winston and the hurricane-displaced Saints looked right at home in northeast Florida — no doubt to the delight of fans rebuilding homes and lives back in New Orleans.

Winston passed for five touchdowns, New Orleans intercepted reigning NFL MVP Aaron Rodgers twice, and the Saints kicked off the post-Drew Brees era with a strikingly dominant 38-3 victory over the Green Bay Packers on Sunday.

"We knew that even though some people don't have power, they're going to find a way to watch the Saints," linebacker and captain Demario Davis said. "That's just what this



team means to the city — and the city means the same to us."

The game, originally scheduled for the Superdome, was moved while the New Orleans area continues to clean up wreckage left by Hurricane Ida, which struck southeast Louisiana as a Category 4 storm on Aug. 29, 16 years to the day after Hurricane Katrina devastated the same region.

After canceling their fi-

nal preseason game and practicing two weeks in the Dallas area, the Saints looked as sharp and inspired as any club with such distractions could have hoped.

"That was for the city," Winston said. "We did that for them. We knew how much it would mean to get a great victory for that region. They've been through so much. ... Hats off to them for their resilience, because they motivated us. They inspired us to come out there and ball."

Winston, who led the NFL with 30 interceptions in his last season as a starter with Tampa Bay in 2019, was largely judicious and accurate in going an effi-

cient 14 of 20 for 148 yards without an interception. New Orleans also rushed for 171 yards.

"Drew always preached, it's about the decision, not the result," Winston said, alluding to last season, when he served as a reserve and understudy to Brees in an effort to improve the long-term trajectory of his up-and-down career. "Sometimes the decision is throwing the ball away, sometimes the decision is running, tucking. Sometimes the decision may be taking a sack."

Winston didn't take a sack, but did take off and run for a few key third-down conversions in the first half.

The only risky throw

that backfired on him — a deflected pass caught by Packers defensive back Darnell Savage in the end zone — was negated by a contested roughing-the-passer penalty called against edge rusher Z'Darius Smith.

The penalty set up the second touchdown catch of the game by Juwan Johnson, who came in with four career catches and was converted from receiver to a tight end this offseason.

On the day before his 25th birthday, Johnson also converted a screen pass into a 12-yard, first-down gain on fourth-and-7 in the second quarter, when the game was still in doubt. He capped

that drive with a leaping catch in the end zone on fourth-and-2. The two fourth-down conversions highlighted a pivotal 14-play drive that consumed 10 minutes.

"You've got to pick your spots where you want to be aggressive and it's a little bit easier on that end of the field," Payton said. "I felt pretty good about the calls."

Green Bay fans seemed to outnumber Saints fans in a crowd announced at 35,242 for what was officially a Saints home game. But they left disappointed in a day that could not have gone much worse for Rodgers, who was pulled with nearly 11 minutes left.

Calvary Baptist holds off Glenbrook

T. SCOTT BOATRIGHT
Minden Press-Herald

SHREVEPORT— Numbers and experience proved to be the difference Friday night as the Calvary Cavaliers pulled away from a close game early on en route to a 58-14 win over Glenbrook in only the Apaches second official game as a member of the Louisiana High School Athletics Association.

And don't be fooled by the score, for the first quarter and a half the Apaches showed they can compete with perennial powerhouses like Calvary. But eventually the Cavs took over in the opening District 1-1A contest for both teams.

"I thought our guys gave a valiant effort," said Glenbrook head coach David Feaster. "I'm really proud of the progress we've made even though we obviously still have a lot of work to do. But I'm very happy with where we are right now."

A long opening kickoff return by Glenbrook's Maddox Mandino helped the Apaches drive down into the Calvary red zone before a turnover turned the ball over the Cavaliers, who then scored a pair of quick touchdowns and a 16-0 lead.

But the Apaches "circled the wagons" and refused to back down, with Mandino again setting Glenbrook up with solid field position on an interception return of a Landry

Lyddy pass.

A handful of plays later Apaches quarterback Ty Featter hit Mandino on a screen pass that went 10 yards to paydirt to cut the Calvary advantage to 16-7.

The Glenbrook defense soon struck again as on the ensuing series, Landry Powell picked off a Lyddy pass and the Apaches marched 58 yards with DJ Carter's three-yard scoring scamper cutting the Cavaliers' lead to 16-14 midway through the second quarter.

Slowly but surely the Cavs began wearing down the Apaches and pulled away for the big win.

"Inexperience, lack of size, and lack of depth proved to be the difference," Coach Feaster said. "Our defense played early on. The effort was there the whole game. We had players who cramped up but did what they had to do to get back in the game later on. We're still a work in progress, but we are making progress, and that's the important thing."

That progress will be tested next week as the Apaches (1-1) hit the road to play another 1-1A contest against Lincoln Preparatory School (2-0), which has opened the season by outscoring opponents 90-6.

Lincoln Prep defeated Ringgold 46-0 Friday night in Ringgold.

The site of next Friday's game was still to be determined as of Saturday morning.



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Calvary Baptist's depth and experience proved too much for Glenbrook Academy to overcome on Friday in only the second game ever for the Apaches as a member of the Louisiana High School Athletics Association.

North Webster rolls over North Caddo, 53-30

T. SCOTT BOATRIGHT
Minden Press-Herald

SPRINGHILL — The North Webster Knights used their offensive attack like a sword slicing through the North Caddo defense Friday night at Baucum-Farrar Stadium in Springhill.

And by the time the final horn sounded North Webster had defeated North Caddo 53-30.

The Knights have now outscored opponents by 50 points — 87-37 — in their pair of season opening wins.

"Our kids just came out and played with a lot of passion," Knights head coach John Ware said of the win over North Caddo. "We have an experienced line and the continuity they have is really helping this team. They're opening a lot of big holes for our run game and protected our quarterback, and that's really been a key in our first two games."

For a second straight win, the Knights wasted no time in taking control, scoring on their opening possession as junior quarterback Colin McKenzie



MINDEN PRESS-HERALD PHOTO BY T. SCOTT BOATRIGHT

North Webster quarterback Colin McKenzie (6) and running back Cooper Sanders (with ball) each scored during Friday's home win over North Caddo.

advantage.

LSU commitment Omarion Miller hauled in a scoring reception for North Caddo to cut the

Knights' lead to 7-6 but the Knights quickly answered with a 30-yard scoring scamper for McKenzie out of the shotgun.

After stopping North Caddo on the ensuing series, the Knights marched to paydirt again with Stephens plunging in from

a yard out to put North Webster up 20-6 at the end of the opening stanza. North Webster didn't slow down in the second

quarter with McKenzie connecting with a 61-yard scoring strike to Seth Dehart to push its advantage to 26-6 before Cooper Sanders broke loose on a 20-yard scoring run to build a 32-6 halftime lead for the Knights.

North Caddo scored early in the second half to cut the Knights' lead to 32-14, but North Webster countered with a quick 10-yard scoring scamper by Stephens that seemed to burst the Rebels' dream balloon of a dramatic comeback.

Stephens finished the night with five touchdowns (four rushing and one receiving) and now has eight TDs on the season.

Miller led the Rebels with eight receptions for 152 yards and two scores, but Ware was still pleased with his team's defensive effort.

"He's going to get his — he's too good just to stop completely," Ware said. "So we focused on trying to slow him some and taking care of everyone else."

The Knights will next battle for the bragging rights of Webster Parish as they hit the road to meet Minden in a battle of undefeateds next Friday at WW Williams Stadium.

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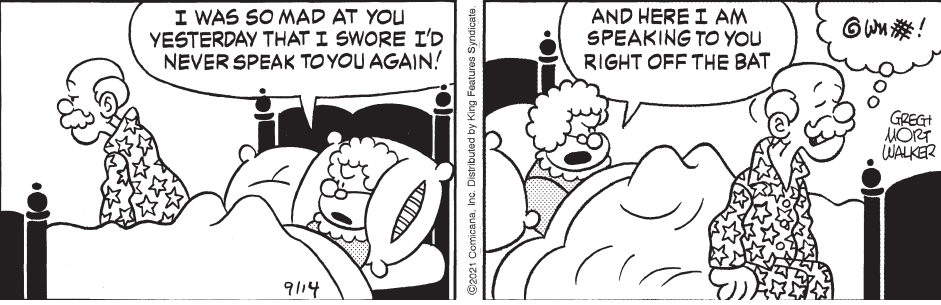
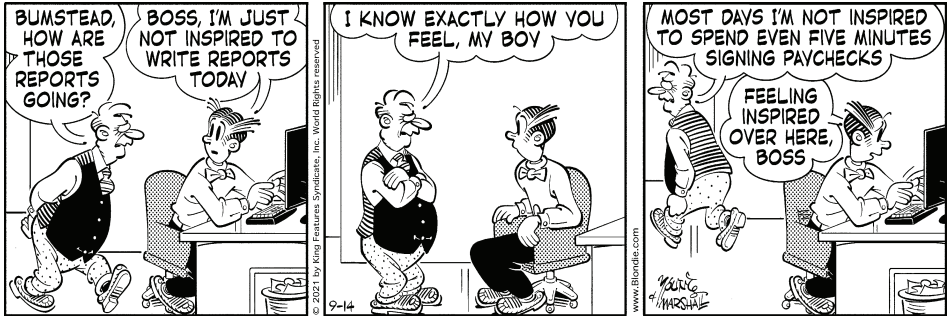
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