

CITY COUNCIL

MHS students weigh in on juvenile curfew ordinance at Workshop

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Friday morning the Minden City Council, Mayor, City Attorney, and President of the Minden Police Association met with Minden High School students and members of the community in the Civic Center for a workshop to discuss the juvenile curfew ordinance that could be potentially passed soon in the City of Minden.



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Students were encouraged to ask questions to gain a further understanding of the ordinance, it's intent, and how it will go about curbing the rate of crime.

One of the initial questions one of the MHS students asked was in reference to why the curfew had been reduced to 10 p.m. from the initial 11 p.m. curfew when the ordinance was first proposed.

President of the Minden Police Association Jason Smith answered, "That's something that came out of the safety initiative program meeting. Some of the members thought that 10 o'clock would be a little bit more beneficial than 11 o'clock, unless you're doing one of the activities that says you're allowed to be out past that curfew."

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COMMUNITY

Ewell Park open for fun



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The Re-Grand opening of Ewell Park was held this past Saturday, with the staff of the Rec Center along with the local community gathering at park to celebrate the upgrades that have been made to the facility over the past year. Bouncy houses were aired up, burgers were on the grill, and door prizes including bikes and a flat screen TV were being auctioned off throughout the day at this event. Park and Recreation Director Rocke Musgraves said of his staff, "People really don't get to see all the hard work the people in my department put in for the city. They truly go above and beyond. Some even put forth their own money to make gift baskets for the door prizes. It makes me proud to see all their hard work put on display with events like this."

HEALTH

Treatment for Covid withheld from 1.8 million citizens on medicaid

LOUISIANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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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 Beryl 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 the letter they state: "Prescriptive authority lies solely with licensed medical prescribers, not the LDH."

Since 2019 the CDC has recommended Ivermectin be prescribed for all Middle Eastern, Asian, North African, Latin American, and Caribbean refugees

entering the U.S. How can it be that Ivermectin is being prescribed for illegal refugees, but not for Louisiana citizens?

Ivermectin is a well-known, FDA approved, and 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 Unit-

ed States has died from a Covid-related Ivermectin overdose.

Other countries such as Argentina, India, Japan, Mexico, Peru, and Zimbabwe have approved the use of Ivermectin in the prevention and treatment of Covid-19, with dramatic results of reduction in hospitalizations and death. The importance of treating outpatients with an early treatment protocol must include Ivermectin.

Ivermectin remains a vital medication uti-

lized 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. Stop discriminating against all citizens, especially the poor, the elderly, and the children of Louisiana!"

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SECOND FRONT

Workshop: offenses for being out past curfew won't be even throughout all districts of the City of Minden, stating up front that there will be discrepancies from each district

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After replying, he then went on to ask the student what she thought of the 10 o'clock curfew, to which she explained that taking part in competitive cheer and softball in Shreveport, though not through a school, and it leads her to get back into town past that time.

From her response, Smith and City Attorney Jimbo Yocom agreed that more specific language could be added to the exceptions tab to cover situations such as these, where students' extracurriculars aren't explicitly managed by the school they attend.

"There can definitely be language added in there for those types of extracurricular activities or events that are outside of school," clarified Yocom.

Another student asked that if the curfew were to be adopted, how would officers apply this curfew equally across the town of Minden?

This question led to some nuanced discussion about the selective enforcement of laws by officers, as well as how the demographics and businesses that reside in certain parts of town could skew the data.

"Are we going to target one neighborhood over another neighborhood?

Absolutely not, that's not our intent. Our intent is to prevent victims of crime or perpetrators of crime, and that's covered in all areas of town," said Smith. "I'm here to tell you it's a problem all over town, not just in one specific part of town."

From there, Yocom went into the topic of selective enforcement, clarifying that officers are expected to properly gauge the situations they are presented with, and then can use their judgement on how best to apply the law in that circumstance.

"Every law has the ability to be enforced selectively, whether for good or for bad, and that requires officers to be able to gauge the situation," said Yocom.

"A lot of times we think it's automatically bad to apply the law selectively. Everyone thinks that until the cop pulls them over for speeding, and the officer decides to let them off with a warning."

"Our officers have to be able to gauge the situation, and from what I've seen do a great job of that."

Yocom explained that officers will be able to differentiate a student out a bit past curfew coming home from a school function or sports game versus a group of hooligans up to no good.

"If they pull over a 16 or seventeen year old student coming home from a softball game or sonic or whatever, they can say, 'look you need to get home.' If they pull over a car of people, and when they walk up there's five 16 to 17 year olds in there, and it smells like cigarette smoke, there's alcohol in the vehicle, or they are being disrespectful and loud, that lets the officer know that this group of guys or girls are probably out acting a fool, up to no good," said Yocom.

He then went on to further clarify why offenses for being out past curfew won't be even throughout all districts of the City of Minden, stating up front that there will be discrepancies from each district.

"You will see disparagement and enforcement from district to district. And that's not a result of the cops picking and choosing where to enforce, a lot of that is a result of the age of the people. District E, is more of a retirement area, a lot of people there don't have kids. So if you say there's not as many curfew violations in District E as opposed to District B or C or D, of course there's not, because not as many 16 year olds are there, said Yocom. "So you have to look at the demographic of the community, how

many young people are in that area, what is in that area."

"If you got pulled over in Walmart, you're in district E, if you got pulled over at CVS you're in district C, if you got pulled over in Brookshires you're in district D. So it's hard to gauge the amount of pull overs because we don't go based on where the child lives, we go off where they get stopped at."

Another student later asked how we expect the curfew to prevent illegal activity from happening?

Being frank, Yocom was upfront in saying that there is now law that can be passed to prevent crime, only reduce it.

"The word you used is prevent. There is no law we can pass to prevent crime from happening. There's no magic wand. There's not secret sauce ... or anything like that. But these are all tools in the toolbox that officers have to be able to get crime down," said Yocom.

He further explained that currently there is no mechanism in place that allows officers to enforce children being out late, explaining, "If an officer finds a ten year old riding a bike down the street at 2 o'clock in the morning, and he says, 'hey can you go home,' the ten year old in theory could say I don't have to do anything

because there's no law against a ten year old being out."

Another good question asked during the meeting was how exactly the child would get home. Officer Smith explained that they will do whatever is easiest to make sure that child gets home safe.

"We can do that," Smith said, referring to taking them home. "We can bring them to the police department, or we can call the parents to come pick them up. Whatever is the best mechanism for us, because once we make contact with and we determine they are out past curfew, now they are in our care, so we have to make sure they are being safe."

One of the last questions regarding the topic of the curfew was that of whether the punitive measures could put unintentional hardships on parents with especially disobedient children, with a 500 dollar ticket being imposed on parents whose kids are out past curfew.

Smith and Yocom explained that in situations like these, the child could actually be charged with being ungovernable, which is a law meaning that children aren't actually able to disobey their parents, and can be sentenced to doing commu-

nity service on the weekends.

"We don't want to put any hardship on any parents, the punitive measures are for the parents as an incentive to make the parents know where their kids are at," said Smith.

Yocom added, "Our goal is not to punish the parents because they're kid is bad, otherwise we'd be locking up nearly every parent in town."

"I'm the one that prosecutes this, and I will say this on the record. If any parent comes in and they are telling me, 'look, I've done everything I can, this kid is bad. I've grounded, I've taken away phones and keys and stuff,' and I look over and the kid sucking his lips ... we'll charge him with what you call ungovernable, meaning its a crime to disobey your parents, and he'll be the one doing community every Saturday, not momma or daddy just because they're kid is going through a phase."

"But we do need to have something in here for the parents ... those that are simply disengaged, and they don't care if their 15 or 16 year old is running around at 2 o'clock in the morning acting a fool."



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OBITUARIES



Ronald Brock Walraven

Heflin - Ronald Brock Walraven, "Brock," entered his heavenly home on September 16, 2021, after many years of battling the complications of diabetes. He was born in Minden, Louisiana on July 5, 1969, to Ronnie and Carolyn Holland Walraven. He is survived by his loving wife Kelly Holley Walraven. They were inseparable for 34 years, through sickness and health. They were married August 29, 1987, at Heflin United Methodist Church. He is survived by two sons, Tyler and wife Kelsey and Trent Walraven. The pride and joy of his life were his sons. Whatever activity they were involved in he was there 100% for them. Survivors also include his parents Ronnie and Carolyn Walraven and his paternal grandmother, Bobbie Jean Walraven, brother-in-law Jeff Lair, brother and sister-in-law Ken and Kristi Holley, nieces and nephews, Kelsey Lair Cook (Justin), great nephew Russell Cook, Jeffery Lair, Haidyn Holley and Jewel Holley, father and mother-in-law Harold and Sally Holley and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins, also his beloved little dog and constant companion Bella. He was predeceased by his sister Tammy Walraven Lair and paternal grandparent Guy Walraven and maternal grandparents, R.C. and Sally Holland, Uncles Robert Holland and Tommy Holland.

Brock and Kelly spent many years hosting the Walraven Youth Rodeo at their farm that touched so very many people. They loved seeing the children have so much fun. They hosted many team roping events at the arena and also sponsored trail rides for Camp Quality for Kids with Cancer. Brock was a cattle farmer, horse trainer and operator of TT&E Hydraulic & Tractor Shop. A word of thanks to Brock's friend and mechanic, Roger McCray for always being there.

Brock's strength and determination in his battle with diabetes came from his strong faith in God and his love for his Savior Jesus Christ. Psalm 18:2 - "The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliver; My God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold." A Memorial Service will be held at the Minden Rodeo Arena 413 Whitlock Street on Saturday 25, 2021. Visitation will be at 2:00 and the service at 3:00 with Joe Lynn Robinson and Scott Fletcher officiating. The family wants to thank all of the numerous doctors and nurses who attended Brock and gave of themselves down through the years, also Dr. Allen Mosley and his staff. A special word of gratitude to Dr. Kenneth Abreo, Brock's nephrologist and friend for many years. You are appreciated more than you will ever know, thank you. Contributions may be sent to Heflin United Methodist Church for Walraven Fund at 124 N. Church St., Heflin, La. 71039 or to the American Diabetes Association. Our dear Brock, we will hold the memory of your sparkling blue eyes and hearty laugh in our hearts forever. We love you.

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BLOTTER

Recent Arrest in Webster Parish

Charles Bradley, 24, of the 000 block of McArthur Street, was arrested for disturbing the peace.

Michael Newman, 32, of the 200 block of Mary Drive, was arrested for simple battery, telephone harassment, and video voyeur.

Sammie Ward Jr., 64, of the 600 block of McDowell Street, was arrested for operating a vehicle on a suspended license and failure to appear for an arrangement.

Willie Green, 21, of the 800 block of East 4th Street, was arrested for simple battery and criminal damage to property.

Danny Allen, 61, of the 600 block of Leavy Street, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

Miranda Orear, 33, of the 100 block of Wiggins Street, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

Donald Walker, 59, of the 200 block of Edna Street, was arrested for obstructing a public passageway, driving while intoxicated, and driving with an open container.

Detavious Elkins, 27, of the 900 block of Center Street, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

Kimberley Holland, 40, of the 700 block of East Todd Street, was arrested for criminal trespassing, possession of a schedule II substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of a controlled dangerous substance in the presence of a minor.

Samuel Dance, 38, of the 100 block of Timothy

Drive, was arrested for possession of schedule II substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Hami Dodge, 31, was arrested for remaining on property after being forbidden and resisting with force or violence.

Peter Sims, 53, of the 500 block of Graveyard Street, was arrested for improper lane usage, driving with an open container, and driving while intoxicated.

Robert Ellington, 49, of the 1700 block of Allen Wood, was arrested for a hit and run.

Martin Colt, 51, of the 700 block of Lewisville Road, was arrested on a warrant for two counts of theft.

Dedarren Willis, 29, of the 500 block of Hillside lane, was arrested

for disturbing the peace, resisting an officer, and possession of a firearm by a felon.

Dameion Gilbert, 36, of the 600 block of Chestnut Street, was arrested for disturbing the peace, resisting an officer, possession of drug paraphernalia, and on multiple warrants.

Deterick Walker, 40, of the 300 block of Red Bud, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

Laurie Fish, 43, of the 700 block of Goodwill Road, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

April Gibbons, 30, was arrested for disturbing the peace.

Connie Campbell, 42, of the 700 block of Park Highway, was arrested for theft.



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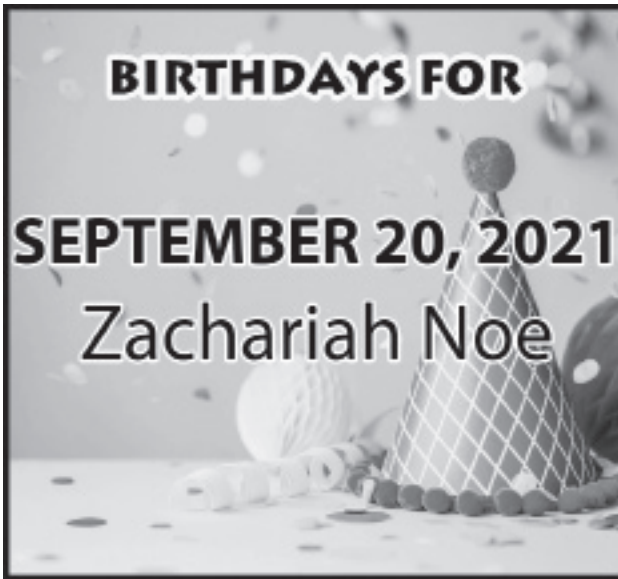
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Delandro Washington, 59, of the 5100 block of Dorcheat Road, was arrested for speeding, driving under suspension, and aggravated flight.

Woronski Autry, 38, of the 100 block of North Middle Landing, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

Xander Procell, 20, of the 1100 block of Gloris Street, was arrested for false imprisonment.

Lacy Ware, 39, of the 200 block of Shane Drive, was arrested for theft.

Tyler Thronton, of the 1300 block of Peachtree Road, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

Travis West, 42, of the 900 block of Park Highway, was arrested for failure to appear in court and

resisting an officer.

Noah Jacques, 22, of the 200 block of Pecanview Drive, was arrested for negligent vehicle murder in the 1st degree.

Erin Fowler, 40, of the 100 block of McDade Ave, was arrested for theft and possession of a schedule II substance.

Anthony Raybourn, 18, of the 200 block of South Roosevelt Road, was arrested for contributing to the delinquency of a juvenile.

Donald Gillins Jr., 41, of the 600 block of Stone Street, was arrested for aggravated flight, driving under suspension, flashing lights, no insurance, expired registration, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

OPINION

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OTHER OPINION

Ida's destruction may help Hurricane Laura victims

Hurricane Ida's thrashing left homes in mangled heaps across southeastern Louisiana, but in an uncomfortable twist, the storm might have been a boon to southwestern parishes still struggling to recover from last year's Hurricane Laura.

Ida's path of destruction through Louisiana — particularly because it impacted the high-profile city of New Orleans — drew much-needed attention to the state's continuing, slow-moving recovery from the 2020 blows of Laura and Hurricane Delta.

With New York, New Jersey and other East Coast cities suffering damage from Ida, that gets more congressional leaders involved in wanting to provide disaster recovery aid to hurricane-ravaged states. And that appears likely to get Lake Charles and other parts of southwestern Louisiana the disaster block grant assistance they've been seeking since the August 2020 blow by Laura.

As they surveyed the devastation from Ida, Democratic Gov. John Bel Edwards, Republican U.S. Sen. Bill Cassidy, Republican U.S. Rep. Steve Scalise and other state leaders made sure to describe the need for more help for southwest Louisiana.

"There's no excuse for why it's a year later and we don't have it for southwest Louisiana, but we know the nation

is focused on Louisiana right now for Ida, and we're going to take advantage of that and see if we can't turn that into a very speedy appropriation in Congress," Edwards said in the early days after Ida's landfall.

The governor and Louisiana's congressional delegation made a pitch for Laura aid to President Joe Biden when he visited



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are still hurting from Hurricane Laura. I want you to know: We're going to be here for you," the president said.

He said Laura and Delta hadn't gotten the attention needed, and he announced that his budget request to Congress included help for those still working to recover from both storms.

Laura struck the southwestern parishes on Aug. 27, 2020, as a fierce Category 4 storm. Less than two months later, Delta swept into the same area

as a Category 2. Historic flooding followed in May.

Across southwest Louisiana, homes still bear blue tarps and await roof repairs, businesses remain boarded up and some neighborhoods look almost abandoned. Thousands of people remain displaced, including 2,400 living in temporary trailers set up by FEMA.

The region has received hundreds of millions of dollars in disaster aid from FEMA to help people with short-term needs and to help replace damaged government buildings. But flexible dollars for long-term housing for low- to moderate-income households and other recovery needs that Congress traditionally sends states after disasters haven't arrived.

Ida appears to be changing that.

The White House budget request includes \$2.3 billion for disaster recovery block grant aid that could be used for recovery from Laura and Delta. The assistance still needs approval from Congress, and it's unclear how much Louisiana might specifically receive. Edwards had requested an even larger figure of \$3 billion for Louisiana alone.

But it's the first formal White House request — and first real movement — for getting Laura-related disaster block grant aid to Lake Charles and the rest of southwestern Louisiana in a

year.

After months of visible frustration, Lake Charles Mayor Nic Hunter seemed hopeful after Biden's visit to southeastern Louisiana for Ida. In a Facebook post, Hunter said comments marked the first time since Laura that a sitting president "specifically and publicly committed to a budget request for supplemental disaster aid for Lake Charles and southwest Louisiana."

"Right now, my focus is not on how we got here or how long it took us to get here, it's on the fact that we have a commitment and we are infinitely closer to locals getting the help they need," Hunter said in the post.

The White House said it expects to seek additional disaster block grant aid for Ida as well.

Residents and leaders of Terrebonne, Lafourche, St. John the Baptist, St. Charles and other hard-hit parishes are hoping the long-term recovery assistance for housing and other rebuilding needs won't take as long to reach their communities as help has taken to reach Cameron, Calcasieu and other southwestern parishes grappling with Laura's aftermath.

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OTHER OPINION

Sam Hanna Jr.: Abysmal population growth

Editor's Note: This column by Sam Hanna Jr. was first published the week of April 29, 2019.

Last month the U.S. Census Bureau released population estimates for each state in the Union. The report was based on the population count throughout the United States as of July 1, 2018.

Needless to say, the report paints a stark picture for Louisiana, particularly northeastern Louisiana including its largest parish, Ouachita. The bottom line is Louisiana's population hasn't grown much since the 2010 Census was taken while population growth in northeastern Louisiana has been nonexistent. In fact, every single parish in northeastern Louisiana, except Ouachita and Lincoln, has lost residents since the 2010 Census.

In 2010, Ouachita Parish's population stood at 153,720. By July of 2018, Ouachita's population had grown to 154,475, but from 2017 to 2018, some 1,282 residents had left Ouachita Parish. In one year.

Alarming, to say the least. Statewide, Louisiana's population checked in at 4,533,372 in 2010. As of July 1 of last year, the state's population had reached 4,659,978, but that figure represented a decline of about 11,000 residents from the year prior.

Take your pick in naming the issues or problems that thwart Louisiana's growth in population. If we could set aside our partisan differences for a moment, I believe we all could agree the lack of economic opportunities, particu-

larly for younger people, could be identified as the primary reason why Louisiana is not growing population-wise.

You could look at the 2010 Census figures for Louisiana compared to 2018 and argue the state's population grew over that eight-year period. That would be missing the point, though. Yes, Louisiana's total population was slightly higher in 2018 compared to 2010, but the state's population growth, or lack thereof, pales in comparison to just about every state in the Union, particularly our neighbors to the west, Texas. Yet, big things are happening in Texas, including a booming oil and gas industry as well as dynamic growth in many economic sectors in the Dallas/Fort Worth area, greater Houston and Austin, which jokingly (or not) has been renamed the Silicon Valley of the southwest.



SAM HANNA

Back in Louisiana, the reality of it all is the state is still largely dependent on the oil and gas industry and the petrochemical industry to drive the economy. Let's not forget about agriculture, the lifeblood of northeastern Louisiana.

While the sky's the limit these days in the oil patch in west Texas, the same can't be said for Louisiana. The oil and gas boys blame Louisiana's litigious climate for the decline

in the oil industry in the Bayou State. Don't buy it. That's a copout. The bottom line is it's far less expensive to get oil and gas out of the ground in west Texas than it is in Louisiana. In other words, the profit margins are better over there than they are here. It's that simple.

So, when the oil industry isn't kicking in Louisiana, fewer Louisianians have jobs. When the farm belt isn't prosperous like it is now, there's less money to go around, and that represents a big problem in our rural communities. Ask a banker at a community bank in Concordia or Tensas or Franklin or Richland parishes.

About the only region in Louisiana that's experiencing any economic growth these days is in the Lake Charles area. That's only because of the growth of the liquified natural gas industry. If there's one thing we have plenty of in Louisiana, that's natural gas, not to mention the pipelines to move it and the ports to export to other areas of the world.

The Baton Rouge area is percolating thanks to an Exxon refinery plant and a host of other petrochemical plants along the Mississippi River. But the biggie in Baton Rouge is government spending. Think about it. The state capitol and all of the government bureaucracy that it entails calls Baton Rouge home, and there are two state universities located there as well, LSU and Southern. With all of that government money circulating in the economy, how could anyone go broke in Red Stick?

Now that we've gotten the "good" news out of the way,

there exists a political price to be paid for Louisiana's abysmal population growth, assuming the current trend continues through the 2020 Census. That price will rear its ugly head during congressional redistricting.

Since Louisiana can't lay claim to robust population growth over the past decade, it's entirely possible the state will lose a congressional district after the people counters have put their final touches to the 2020 Census. At the very least, north Louisiana politicians should prepare for the idea of just one congressional district for all of north Louisiana. I can envision it now. Draw a line across the state from the Louisiana/Texas border to the Mississippi River, just north of Alexandria, and everything to the north to the Louisiana/Arkansas line would be what you get when you consolidate the Fourth and Fifth congressional districts. And it'll be a district a Democrat can win in, too, since whites will make up about 60 percent of the district's voters while minorities will account for about 40 percent of the vote. All a Democrat has to do to win in a district like that one is sew up the black vote and lock down one out of every five white votes.

All of that, my friends, is what we'll get for flushing a decade down the drain. Just another decade lost to missed opportunities. I'm just not sure what they were.

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INSPIRATION

Keep it simple, stupid!

The late beloved Ken Cochran, who was also good friends with Claudia Harvill, who was a very successful real estate business woman, loved to quote Claudia who often said “keep it simple, stupid” which leads me to the heart of my subject of simplicity!

I think most of us destroy ourselves by fear of public opinion, of going in too many directions, trying to keep up with the Jones, of trading what we want most for what we want now, of having to have too many things regardless of who gets hurt in the process which leads me to one of my heroes of the past.

Henry David Thoreau, born in 1817 and the author of Walden’s Pond, said “I went to

the woods because I wished to live deliberately, to front only the essential facts of life, and see if I could not learn what it had to teach, and not, when I came to die, discover that I had not lived.”

He learned a great truth desperately needed today. He went apart for a year or so by himself to stay in a log cabin, located by Walden’s Pond, near Concord, Massachusetts.

I’ve been fortunate to spend time inside the replica of the cabin while visiting my oldest son, Perry, who lives near Boston.

It is a beautiful, peaceful setting.

The cabin is furnished, as it was back then, with only a small bed, a stove, a table and a couple of chairs.

I’m caught up with simplicity when I ponder how much creative time is wasted in the pursuit of getting more and more yet never satisfying the yearning deep within.

From my understanding he only took with him one rock and threw it away because of the time it took to dust it off and put it back in place.

Absurd? Perhaps that is a bit extreme but it teaches a valuable lesson we should heed today.

I think some solitude

in the woods, with no media, would be beneficial to troubled teens who are always hooked up to background noise.

Why are we so scared to hear ourselves think?

I sense it takes a lifetime of practice of going apart, of getting into touch with ourselves, to hear our own thoughts but it’s in this space that we grow and become all we can become!

We must simplify lest we become lost in our pursuits.

It’s easy to lose our creativity if we are frenetic. We must focus on our talents -- not put too many irons in the fire or we will be robbed of our quality time, preventing ourselves from centering down, getting into tune

with ourselves.

We must hone our talents, sharpen our skills, polish our gift or we will become rusty in our crafts.

To become focused we must simplify or we will burn our energy.

We must look not to one side or backward in regret at lost opportunities, lest we become scattered and never achieve our dream. If we try to do all things equally well we won’t become all that we can be. Our creativity will be lost in the mundane things in life, of keeping our bodies fed, of caring for our grounds, of making our house a showcase.

If we leave our one small gift to take care of itself it will die!

To be gifted we must work at our talents daily and make our field

of endeavor our focal point, our obsession. In return we will then make a meaningful contribution to those we touch.

It won’t come easily.

It’s more fun to work with our one talent knowing that “there will always be those greater and lesser than ourselves,” to quote Max Ehrmann, who wrote Desiderata.

The Bible still teaches that if we bury our talent that it will die and “we will have lived in the gray areas of life, knowing neither victory nor defeat,” to quote President Theodore Roosevelt.

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LIONS CLUB

Dr. Jayda Spillers to be the guest speaker at Lions Club


Dr. Spillers is the Vice Chancellor of Education and Workforce Partnerships at Northwest Louisiana Technical Community College. She joined NWLTCC after serving 26 years in secondary career and technical education. Dr. Spillers brings her leadership experience as a high school and school district administrator. She served as Bossier



about all things career and technical education. At NWLTCC, her mission is to positively impact the community as she strives to place students on paths to high wage, in demand careers, as well as providing upskill opportunities to our regional workforce. She and her

husband, Allen, who is a mechanical engineer at Barksdale AFB, live in Minden, and they have one son, AJ.

The Minden Lions Club meets Thursdays at noon at the American Legion Memorial Home, located at 119 W. Pine St. in Minden.



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GOVERNMENT

Louisiana Legislature holds first redistricting meeting, pledges transparency

(The Center Square) – Lawmakers gathered at the Louisiana Capitol on Friday to hold the state’s first redistricting meeting since the nation’s decennial census data was released.

The Joint Governmental Affairs Committee, composed of members from the state House and Senate, opened with a commitment to transparency.

Rep. John Stefanski, R-Crowley, the committee’s House chair, said all redistricting maps and information used by the committee will be posted to the Legislature’s website.

“I’m looking forward to public input,” Stefanski said.

Senate chair Sharon Hewitt, R-Slidell, added, “We are very committed to this being an open and transparent process.”

State legislatures are

required to use census data to apportion congressional districts and redraw voting boundaries according to population metrics and equitable representation.

According to the Louisiana secretary of state, the Legislature had a mandatory six-month timeframe to begin the post-census redistricting process, which lawmakers said will continue into 2022 and result in electoral configurations lasting for another 10 years.

Both congressional and legislative district maps are subject to gubernatorial veto, however.

Louisiana’s new “apportionment population” is 4,661,468, an increase of 124,385 residents since 2010. This entitles the state to six congressional seats, the same number it has now.

Committee analysts

testified that while Louisiana’s overall population grew slightly, its intra-state population shifted significantly southward and into more urban areas.

The migration could lead to reapportioning one of two congressional seats from the northern part of the state to the southeast region, potentially flipping a Republican held seat to a more Democratic-inclined area.

Louisiana’s most populous parish is East Baton Rouge with nearly 457,000 residents. The next most-populous parishes are Jefferson (440,781), Orleans (383,997), St. Tammany (264,570) and Lafayette (241,753). Each had significant growth over the past decade, and together they account for nearly 40% of the state’s population.

Population changes

from 2010 to 2020 also require updating state and local voting districts.

Maps and population statistics introduced Friday show numerous “malapportioned” state House and Senate districts, meaning they have uneven populations compared with their respective ideal populations.

House attorney Lorrainne Lucas explained that ideal populations are “determined by taking the total population of an area being redistricted and dividing by the number of districts.”

The newly determined ideal population for the state House, which involved dividing the entire Louisiana population by 105 House districts, is 44,359 residents. According to a committee document, House districts currently range from 35,887 residents to 59,689 resi-

dents.

The ideal population for each state Senate district is 119,429 residents. However, a separate committee document shows a malapportioned range of 102,835 residents to 151,481 residents per 39 Senate districts.

Courts long have held states must act within the principal of equal representation for all citizens when redrawing voting maps, Lucas said, adding that equal protection, equal population and the Voting Rights Act of 1965 are legal guideposts.

A coalition of voting rights groups, led by the NAACP Legal Defense & Educational Fund, submitted written testimony, asserting electoral districts must be drawn to ensure “non-dilution of minority voting strength.”

“Because of Louisiana’s ongoing, stark patterns of

voting along racial lines, the heart of evidence of minority vote dilution, your committees must be strictly attentive to their obligations under Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act to ensure that electoral lines do not dilute the ability of minority voters to elect candidates of their choice,” the written testimony read.

The U.S. Department of Justice said earlier this month it will undertake nationwide reviews of redistricting plans and methods of electing governmental bodies to evaluate compliance with Section 2.

All redistricting information from Friday’s meeting and throughout the redistricting process can be found at redist.legis.la.gov. The next meeting will be held at the University of Louisiana-Monroe on Oct. 20.

LOCAL CLAIMS

Hurricane Ida reverses downward trend for Louisiana unemployment claims

(The Center Square) – Weekly unemployment claims have skyrocketed in Louisiana since Hurricane Ida pounded the southeast region of the state, but they were at their lowest point this year before Ida.

The Louisiana Workforce Commission reported 1,712 new unemployment claims were filed for the week ending Aug. 28, the last reporting date in August and the day before Ida made landfall. The date also marked one month since Gov. John Bel Edwards ended the state’s participation in the federal unemployment benefits program related to COVID-19.

In the week following Ida, new claims jumped to 9,724; a 468% increase. The data is the most recent available and does not include claims occurring after Sept. 4.

The largest unemployment category increases occurred in accommodation and food services, health care and social assistance and retail trade.

Edwards was the first Democratic governor to opt-out of federal pandemic unemployment assistance, though he successfully negotiated a permanent increase to the state’s weekly unemployment benefit amount with the Republican-con-

trolled Legislature during the 2021 legislative session. The agreement was solidified when Edwards signed House Bill 183.

More recently, Edwards reduced eligibility criteria to allow for unemployment “disaster-related claims,” which Edwards espoused during a Wednesday public radio interview. The changes were made through an executive order that applies statewide.

“We encourage anybody who’s out there who has a problem with employment related to the storm to apply,” he said.

Critics have speculated long-term unemployment insurance, along with direct stimulus payments and expanded benefit programs such as the child tax credit expansion, have contributed to unemployment rather than simply sustain income from job losses.

Numerous studies, however, have reached varying conclusions. Some show negligible employment gains since 26 states, including Louisiana, ended federal unemployment aid before the program’s Sept. 6 expiration. Others show significant results.

A widely-cited August paper by economists and researchers from Columbia and Harvard univer-

sities showed only a slight uptick in job growth, which confirmed findings from other studies.

A September analysis by the free market Mercatus Center at George Mason University cited 13 studies examining the effects of increased unemployment benefits since March 2020. All 13 showed increased benefits were connected to longer periods of unemployment, the analysis said.

The reason, it explained, is that free government benefits have rivaled income amounts that may be earned from a job. Put another way, “unconditional monetary grants to unemployed workers tend to raise their reservation wage – the compensation level necessary for the worker to take a job.”

While many workers and displaced Louisianians are in legitimate need of unemployment assistance, taxpayer accountability represents another side of the issue.

Attorney General Jeff Landry said the state has paid more than \$400 million in pandemic unemployment benefits to individuals who did not qualify, including \$6.2 million to prison inmates and \$1 million to dead people.



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Harrell: Area archery pioneer

GLYNN HARRIS
Special to the Minden Press-Herald

Pine Bluff, Arkansas, native Ben Pearson, was a pioneer and innovator when it came to promoting the sport of archery way back when. Pearson started the first company in the U.S. to mass-produce archery sets and equipment which ultimately led him to be inducted into the Archery Hall of Fame.

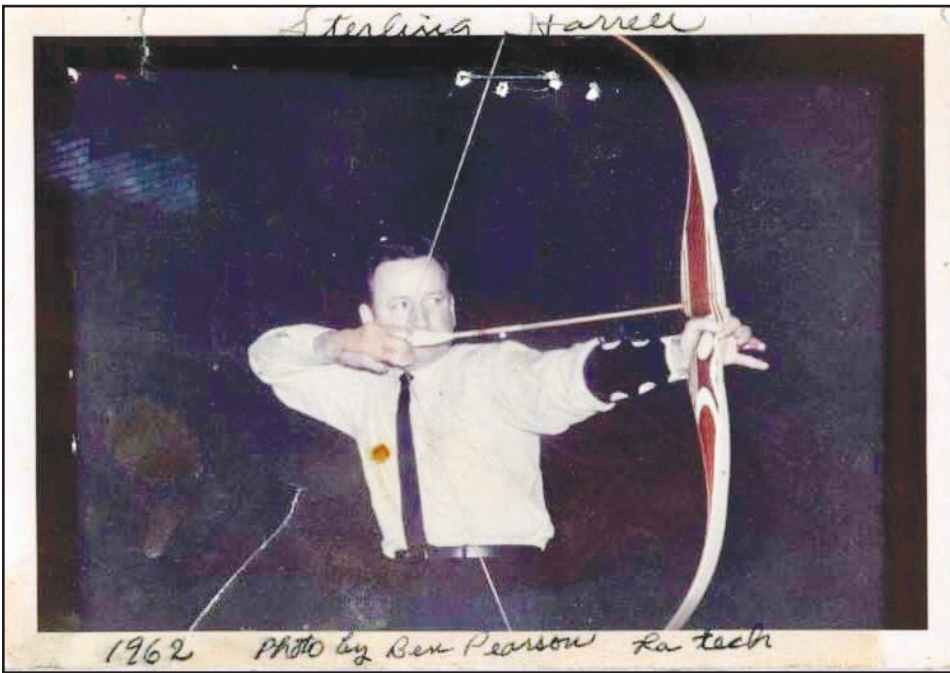
The company Pearson started would eventually be sold to a large corporation and by 1988 had 360 employees with an annual payroll of \$100 million ... big time stuff.

There was another archery aficionado who became not only a fan of Pearson but a trusted friend. His name was Sterling Harrell and he lived in Ruston. When Harrell passed away in 1995 at the age of 71, he had engaged the assistance of Pearson in a number of projects in Louisiana, the most notable of which was to try and convince the LA Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to start a new program for hunters in Louisiana. When bow hunters climb into their stands in a few short weeks, they have Harrell to thank for his part in our state having an archery season for deer.

An internet search of Harrell's name reveals some fascinating and interesting information. For one, the search revealed a tribute to Harrell by associates of Pearson in Pine Bluff. Watching the tribute, I learned that Harrell would often take bus loads of kids to visit Pearson in Arkansas and later was instrumental in implementing a successful archery program at LA Tech in 1960. Harrell was affectionately referred to in the tribute as "Mister Longbow".

In order to gather more information on this area's pioneer in archery, I visited with Harrell's 75 year old son, Van, who shared memories of growing up with a father consumed with the love for shooting a longbow.

"Before moving to Ruston, we lived in Shreveport in a heavily populated neighborhood but there was a golf course just down the street and dad would take us down



Pictured above is Sterling Harrell shooting a long bow. Pictured below is Sterling Harrell posing with his kid's archery club he formed in 1960.



there to shoot our bows," said Harrell.

"After moving to Ruston in the 1950s, dad organized a group of youngsters and taught them how to shoot bows. They'd go out once a week and he'd let them pop balloons and other targets. Ben Pearson came down and helped him develop an archery range out on the east side of Ruston out past Woodland Park," he said.

During my internet search, I found a fascinating clip of Sterling Harrell doing something he became known for around the area, "trick" shooting with his bow. He would roll discs out in front of him and would put and

arrow through them as they rolled and incredibly, he would often shoot the rolling discs while holding he bow behind his back. Remarkable skills the man had.

However, Sterling Harrell was not perfect. I once stopped by his home for an interview and he invited me to shoot a longbow, something I had never done. He strapped the guard on my arm to protect me from injury when releasing the bow. However, he strapped it on the wrong arm — I didn't know the difference — and when I shot, all the hide was peeled off my arm from elbow to wrist. A red faced Sterling apologized.

When I visited Ruston's new 3-D archery range at Lincoln Parish Park recently, my thoughts were on my friend Sterling Harrell and the impact he had on scores of kids, many of whom are now grandfathers who are likely to visit the new archery range.

Had such a range been available when he was still alive, there is no doubt that Harrell would be one of the first to give the new range a try. Thanks to Sterling Harrell for instilling the love for shooting bows and arrows to so many who are active archers today.

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FISHING REPORT

BUSSEY BRAKE – Bass are fair around the grass and trees on Wobble heads, crank baits and Rat-L-Traps. Crappie are scattered and fair; bream fishing is fair to good on worms and crickets. For the latest information, contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

BUSSEY BRAKE – Bream fishing has been fair to good on crickets and worms. Bass are fair on soft plastics. Crappie are slow. Contact Honey Hole Tackle Shop 323-8707 for the latest information.

OUACHITA RIVER – The water level is at a stand-still again this week. Bass have been best in the mouth of cuts on shad imitations and in river lakes around stumps on jigs and soft plastics. Crappie are around the deep tops in the river fishing jigs 15-20 feet deep in 25 foot water. For latest information, contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

LAKE D'AR-BONNE – Bass have been fair fishing around the boat docks early and late on a variety of lures including jigs, soft plastics and spinners. Crappie fishing has been best fishing the deep holes out on the flats fishing shiners or jigs 15 feet deep in 18-24 foot deep water. Bream fishing has slowed while catfish are still biting cold worms fished off the banks.. For latest reports, call Anderson's Sport Center at 368-9669 or Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

LAKE CLAI-BORNE – Bream fishing continues to be fair to good on crickets with most caught around the piers and boat docks. Stripers are schooling 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. Also some are being caught on top-water lures as well as jigging spoons. Crappie fishing is best fishing 10 feet deep in 14-17 foot water on shiners or jigs. No report on catfish this week. For latest information, call Misty at Kel's Cove at 331-2730 or Terzia Tackle at 278-4498.

CANEY LAKE – Bass to around 8 pounds have been reported with best catches coming on the deeper points on jigging spoons, tail spinners and crank baits. Some are still schooling and hitting shad imitation lures. Crappie continue to be fair with best catches made around the deeper tops on shiners or jigs. Bream have moved a bit deeper and are fair on worms and crickets. No report on catfish. For information contact Hooks Marina at 249-2347, Terzia Tackle at 278-4498 or the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

LAKE POVERTY POINT – Catfishing has been fair with mostly smaller fish being caught. Crappie are slow to fair. No report on bream or bass. For the latest reports, call Poverty Point Marina at 318-878-0101.

LAKE ST. JOHN The lake is being lowered and fishing is slow. For information, call Ken Mahoney at 318-201-3821.

LAKE YUCATAN – The water is falling. Crappie are fair but some really big fish are coming in. Bass fishing is fair. For information, call Surplus City Landing at 318-467-2259.

SMU tops LA Tech 39-37 on last play 'Hail Mary'

Minden Press-Herald Sports Service

RUSTON — Another Louisiana Tech football game, another nail-biting ending.

And Saturday's contest ended in more heartbreak for the Bulldogs as SMU scored the game-winning touchdown on a hail mary pass with no time on the clock to take it 39-37 inside Joe Aillet Stadium.

With only 36 seconds remaining in the contest, Jacob Barnes drilled a 47-yard field goal to up LA Tech's (1-2) lead from one to four at 37-33, which forced SMU (3-0)



to have to score a touchdown with no timeouts to win the game.

After three chunk plays and two spikes, the Mustangs drove down to the 33-yard line with

enough time to get off one more play. Moving to his left, Tanner Mordecai tossed the football into the end zone, which was batted sideways and found the hands of Reggie Roberson, Jr. for the game-winning score.

"(It's) hard to lose, especially in the manner we just lost," said Bulldogs head coach Skip Holtz following the contest. "There is nothing anyone can say to make the pain go away. Football is a 60-minute game. I am proud of our players. There were highs and lows, ups and downs. SMU has a good football team. It was a hard-fought football game on both sides. You sit at 1-2 with a loss, but you are two plays away from being 3-0. I wish somebody could take the

pain and hurt away from everybody in that locker room. We just have to keep banging that rock.

"I think this is going to make us stronger as we continue through the year. I love this team, their fight, their competitive nature. It is unfortunate we came up on the losing end."

LA Tech needed a strong second-half comeback to put itself in a position to win the game. Down 23-14 early in the third quarter, Austin Kendall found Tre Harris for an 11-yard touchdown pass. The two hooked up on the

first score of the day, a 62-yard bomb down the left sideline.

After SMU's Blake Mazza connected on a 26-yard field goal, Kendall gave the Bulldogs the lead back at 28-26 with a 3-yard touchdown run.

The advantage swayed back in favor of the Mustangs after Mordecai threw a 5-yard TD to Rashae Rice late in the third quarter, but LA Tech regained the edge with a nine-play, 70-yard drive that culminated in a 6-yard TD pass from Kendall to Marcus Williams, Jr. who broke a tackle and walked into the end zone.

SPORTS

Crimson Tide outfights Knights, 34-27

T. SCOTT BOATRIGHT
Minden Press-Herald

The battle for Webster Parish gridiron bragging rights came down to a heavyweight slugfest with both teams trading punches from start to finish, with both at points gaining upper hands and both suffering near knockouts before climbing back up on their feet. In the end, Minden High School outlasted North Webster as the Crimson Tide held on for a 34-27 win over the Knights at WW Williams Stadium.

North Webster landed the first big blows, building an early 13-0 advantage on a 63-yard pass to tight end Jantareon Robinson and then recovering an onside kick and marching down to score on a five-yard scoring scamper by Cooper Sanders.

But the Crimson Tide picked themselves up off the mat and countered with a flurry of scoring punches, with quarterback Andrew Cooper scoring on a 13-yard run, Zedekiah Harris adding a five-yard touchdown run and Cooper connecting with Jaylin Williams on a 25-yard strike to make it 21-13 in Minden's favor with 54 seconds remaining in the first half.

"It was two good teams going at it, showing a lot of good defense and offense," said Minden coach Spencer Heard. "I'm proud of the way our guys just continued to battle, especially after facing early adversity, getting behind but fighting back until the end."

But then it was North Webster's turn to counterpunch, and the Knights did just that with a 35-yard scoring strike from quarterback Collin McKenzie to Sanders that after



Minden quarterback Andrew Cooper ran for 143 yards and scoring scampers of 13 and 51 yards while throwing for 45 yards and another score to help lead the Crimson Tide to a 34-27 home win over North Webster on Friday.

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a two-point conversion by McKenzie tied the game up at 21-21 with 35 seconds left before halftime.

Momentarily it looked like a late jab by the Crimson Tide would send Min-

den into the locker room with a halftime advantage as Cooper hit Thornton on a long scoring strike as time expired, but the play was called back due to an illegal man downfield flag.

"It was a tough, hard-fought ballgame," said North Webster coach John Ware. "Hats off to Minden. They did what they needed to do to win. We made some good plays

and we kept plugging away the whole game, but in the end they just made more plays than we did."

The Tide poured it on early in the second half, with Cooper racing 51

yards for a score 52 seconds into the third quarter to put Minden on top 28-21. Minden's Harris scored on a nine-yard run early at the 10:27 mark of the fourth stanza that put the Tide up 34-21.

But this time it was the Knights' turn to try to rally back from behind.

McKenzie scored his second rushing TD with 2:47 remaining to cut the Minden lead to six points before the Knight's held the Tide to a three-and-out series, forcing a punt that gave the Knights a late scoring chance.

But Minden's Isaiah Thornton, who scored on a pick six during last week's win over Green Oaks, landed the last big punch against North Webster as he intercepted a pass to secure the win for the Tide.

"He's really stepped up and had a solid senior year so far playing on both sides of the ball," Heard said of Thornton. "He's making some big plays in the defensive secondary and I'm very proud of Isaiah and what he's been able to do so far this year."

Minden totaled 340 yards of total offense — 295 on the ground — while North Webster tallied 308 yards of offense with 143 coming through the air.

"Going into it we knew it was probably going to come down to the battle along the front lines. They confused us some up front with some of the stuff they were doing that we weren't used to seeing," Ware said. "We had a lot more missed assignments up front because of that, and they're pretty good up front."

Minden (2-1) hits the road for the first time this season next week as the Tide plays at Mansfield while North Webster (2-1) will be at home against Jena (2-1).

Panthers defense dominates Saints as Carolina wins 28-7

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Through two games, quarterback Sam Darnold is thriving in Carolina.

With an effective running game led by Christian McCaffrey, a reliable set of wide receivers that includes D.J. Moore and defense that is playing lights-out, Darnold is off to a 2-0 start as Carolina's starting quarterback.

Darnold threw for 305 yards and two touchdowns on Sunday and Carolina's defense turned in another stellar performance in a dominant 26-7 win over the New Orleans Saints.

Jameis Winston struggled after throwing five TD passes in a 38-3 win over the Green Bay Packers in the season opener. Win-



ston, who replaced future Hall of Famer Drew Brees, was held to 111 yards passing, intercepted twice and sacked four times on a day when the Saints (1-1) were limited to 128 yards on offense, their fewest ever under coach Sean Payton.

Carolina's defense held Alvin Kamara to 5 yards on eight carries as the Saints struggled with five of the team's offensive coaches out because of COVID-19 protocols. In all, the Saints

were missing eight assistant coaches because of COVID-19.

"Our protection plan wasn't good," Payton added. "It had nothing to do with us being short-handed."

The Panthers racked up 383 yards, and had 28 first downs to New Orleans' 6.

"We left our defense out on the field too much," Kamara said. "We've got to do a better job of finding our rhythm and being more efficient on first and second down. I don't blame anybody. It's on us. We've got to do better."

For the second straight week, the Panthers' defense set the tone by pitching a shutout in the first half. Carolina has

outscored its two opponents 33-0 in the opening half.

The Panthers have 10 sacks and three interceptions through two weeks and defensive end Haason Reddick said, "Right now, we're exceeding where I thought we would be as a defense. ... We're just getting after it."

Defensive end Morgan Fox said that is because guys have "bought in" to coordinator Phil Snow's defensive scheme.

"When you have the back half covering extremely well that allows guys to make plays and guys up front are learning how to rush together," Fox said. "It just goes to show what everyone is locked

in and ready to do their part."

Darnold was solid, but not perfect.

The Panthers were in complete control until late in the third quarter when Darnold nearly allowed the Saints back in the game. He attempted a shovel pass that defensive end Malcolm Roach intercepted and returned to the Carolina 18.

Winston took advantage five plays later with an 8-yard touchdown run to cut Carolina's lead to 17-7.

But the Panthers regained their composure and put the Saints away after McCaffrey returned to the game following missing two series with

leg cramping. He scored on an 11-yard run to help put the game out of reach.

The Saints struggled in their first away game with crowd noise leading to a handful of false start penalties and other miscues.

"I have to communicate better and be louder," Winston said. "Our first time on the road, I definitely have to use my voice to let the offensive lineman know the protection and what we want."

The Panthers are 2-0 for the first time since 2017, which is also the most recent time they reached the playoffs.

Carolina has started 2-0 seven times in franchise history, reaching the playoffs six of those seasons.

Apaches blitzkrieg past Panthers, 48-14

T. SCOTT BOATRIGHT
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The Apaches went into ambush mode early on Friday night against Lincoln Preparatory School as Glenbrook blitzkrieged its way through the Panthers for a 48-14 win.

Friday's game was set to be a home game for Lincoln Prep, but the Panthers currently don't have a home field with a new school and field being built, so the contest was held at Glenbrook.

Starting with solid field position on the game's opening series after Lincoln Prep failed to recover an onsidles kick attempt, the Apaches marched 55 yards on eight plays, capping things off with a 17-yard scoring scamper by DJ Carter for a 7-0 advantage only 1:09 into the contest.

Carter limped off the field into the Apaches' locker room following that touchdown run, finishing the night with that lone scoring run.

"He aggravated a sprained ankle that he's been dealing with and will probably have to deal with the rest of the season," Apaches coach David Feaster said of Carter.

Then Glenbrook recovered an onsidles kick try of its own and marched 50 yards to paydirt on six plays, with quarterback Ty Feaster firing a sev-

en-yard scoring strike to Turner McClelland to put the Apaches up 13-0 at the 8:49 mark of the opening stanza.

Glenbrook actually tried another onsidles kick on the next play, but Lincoln Prep made the recovery that time and marched down to the Glenbrook 10 before turning the ball over on a fourth-and-15 after being backed up on a pair of penalties.

The Apaches countered with a six-play, 80-yard drive that culminated with Fester lofting a 31-yard touchdown pass to a wide open Cason Clemons, who turned around and waited for the ball like he was fielding a punt before spinning around and sprinting to the end zone.

After the game Coach Feaster praised his offensive line for helping Ty Feaster on 15-of-20 attempted passes for 186 yards and three scores.

"Our offensive line did a great job of giving him time and all he had to do was spread the ball around," Coach Feaster said. "Ty did a great job of finding open guys to throw to. He's got some good experience in the game against Calvary with dealing with pressure being put on him, and I think that showed against Lincoln Prep.

Glenbrook pushed its lead to 26-0 with 6:32 remaining in the first half



Glenbrook quarterback Ty Feaster (with ball) connected on 15-of-20 passes for 196 yards Friday night as he helped lead the Apaches to a 48-14 win over Lincoln Prep.

as Maddox Mandino took a Lincoln Prep punt and danced and juked his way for a 66-yard return touchdown.

Three plays into the ensuing offensive series for the Panthers, the Apaches' Hayden Harmon picked off a Ta'Rell Simmons pass, and two plays later Ty Feaster fired an eight-yard scoring strike to Cale Hollis to build a 33-0 lead with 3:44 left before intermission.

The Apaches' swarming

defense scored again with 1:55 remaining in the second quarter as Jonathan Bryant sacked Simmons in the end zone for a safety to push the lead to 35-0.

Lincoln Prep finally lit up the scoreboard on the final play of the first half as Dmitri Payne scooped up a fumble and raced it 80 yards for a touchdown to cut the Apaches' lead to 35-6 at intermission.

"It was a great night for us," Coach Feaster said. "We love playing at home

in front of the home crowd and our guys played well from the opening kick on. We played well in every aspect of the game. It was a great win for us because Lincoln Prep is actually a really good football team. It just didn't come together for them."

A 32-yard run by Lincoln Prep's Chauncy Harper to open the second half gave the Panthers a little momentum, but that was soon quashed as Harmon knocked the ball out of

Harper's hands on a second-and-10 situation at the Apaches' 34.

Glenbrook recovered the fumble and then marched 65 yards on 13 plays, with Tre Kent's 10-yard scoring scamper putting the Apaches up 41-6.

The Apaches' final score came with 9:36 remaining as Rhett Johnson emerged from a crowd of attempted tacklers and raced 45 yards for a score to push the lead to 48-6.

Johnson led the Apaches with 60 rushing yards on six carries while Ty Feaster connected with eight different receivers on the night with Turner McClelland topping Glenbrook with seven receptions for 101 yards.

"We're really blessed in that we do have a bunch of different playmakers," Coach Feaster said. "Something we try to do every game is get all our running backs and receivers the ball. That offers up a lot of different opportunities for us. We have a good stable of running backs and receivers. We're fortunate to be a school our size to have that many different talented skill guys."

Lincoln Prep's final score came with 3:46 remaining as Simmons broke loose on a 43-yard scoring scamper.

Glenbrook, now 2-1 on the season, will next play host to Homer at 7 p.m. Friday.

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7

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4-H Dairy, and Doug Sale Showmanship - 7:00 P.M.
Live Entertainment - (Dorcheat Bottom Band) - 7:00 P.M.

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WEBSTER PARISH FAIR PARADE

DATE: Tuesday, October 5, 2021

START TIME: 5:00 P.M.

LINE UP: 3:30 P.M.

NAME OF GROUP: _____

NAME OF SPONSOR (IF ANY): _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

APPROX. NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN GROUP: _____

DESIGNATE:

DRILL TEAM

FLOAT

BAND

MARCHING GROUP

AUTO OR TRUCK

SEND ENTRIES BY SEPTEMBER 24, 2021

MAIL TO: TG COMPANIES, LLC
456 HWY 531
MINDEN, LA 71055

INFORMATION: DONNIE IRBY
PHONE: 377-6250
FAX: 377-4769

NOTE

The parade's pace will be slow enough for your group to perform routines. Therefore, when the parade is started there will be no stopping of any group. A close interval must be maintained at all times. If any group can not comply with this request you will not be allowed to participate in any future fair parades. If planning on having throws you must have walkers on each side of float for crowd control. If parade is stopped, then you must stop giving out throws until float is moving. Thank you for your cooperation.

SUDOKU

SUDOKU

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

Level: Beginner

Here's How It Works:

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

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

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!

WORD SLEUTH

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

Monday's unlisted clue: JELLY

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

Tuesday's unlisted clue hint: PULLED BY A PARACHUTIST

- | | | | |
|-------------|---------|-------|-------------|
| A muscle | Lever | Rank | Trailer |
| All-nighter | My leg | Rope | Wagon |
| Cart | Nails | Sled | Water skier |
| Chain | Punches | Teeth | |

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HISTORY

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The American-made helicopter has been used by the US military in a variety of conflict-related operations including during the recent wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. It has also been often used for medical evacuation and search and rescue operations during natural disasters around the world.

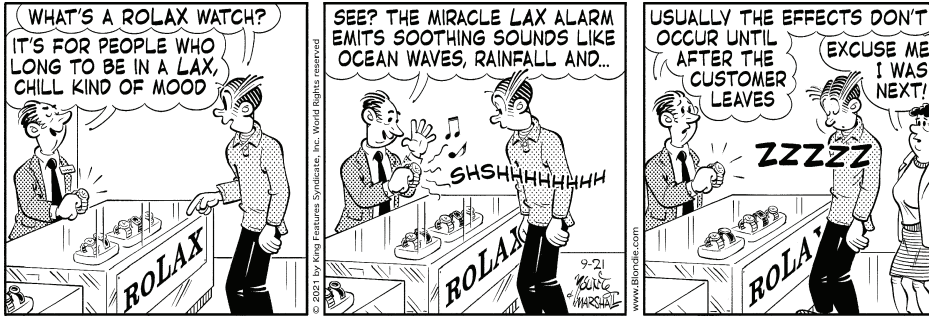
1942 Boeing B-29 Superfortress flies for the first time
The bomber was used extensively by the US in World War II and the Korean War. The two planes – Enola Gay and Bockscar – that dropped atomic bombs on the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki were from the silverplate series of Boeing B-29s.

COMICS

BABY BLUES | RICK KIRKMAN AND JERRY SCOTT



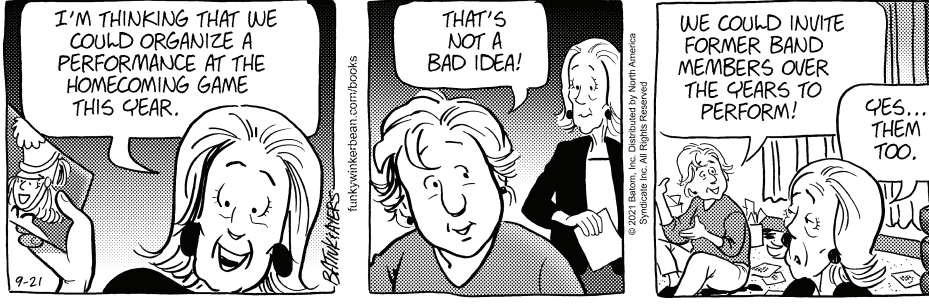
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BEETLE BAILEY | MORT & GREG WALKER



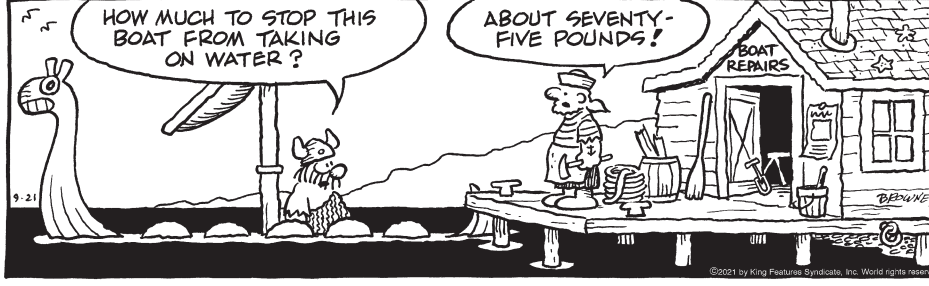
FUNKY WINKERBEAN | TOM BATIUK



HI AND LOIS | BRIAN WALKER, GREG WALKER AND CHANCE BROWNE



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RESOLUTION NO. 01-09142021

A RESOLUTION DECLARING TWO (2) COMPUTER TOW- ERS AS SURPLUS PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the following Village of Dixie Inn property has been taken out of service and has no foreseeable use in the future:

- (1) DELL DIMENSION 1100 COMPUTER TOWER WITH WINDOWS XP, 2 GB RAM, AND 145 GB HARD DRIVE.
- (1) HP PAVILLION COMPUTER TOWER WITH WINDOWS 7 HOME PREMIUM, 8 GB RAM, AND 1 TB HARD DRIVE.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The above-mentioned computer towers are to be declared surplus property and donated "AS-IS, WHERE IS". The Village of Dixie Inn cannot guarantee the operation of the units.

- The agency receiving the towers will be responsible for loading and transportation of the surplus property.
- Interested government agencies may contact: Village of Dixie Inn, 60 Shell Street, Minden, LA 71055 (318-377-6855) from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday for additional information.
- Agencies must submit a letter stating their need of computer towers.
- The Village Council will determine receiver(s) of computer towers.

THUS, DONE UPON MOTION by Donna Hoffoss, duly seconded by Judy McKenzie and carried, the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Village of Dixie Inn in regular session convened on September 14, 2021.

The aforesaid resolution having been submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

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

WHEREUPON, the resolution was declared adopted on the 14th day of September 20 21.

s/Kay Hallmark-Stratton, Mayor

CERTIFICATE I, Dana James, Clerk for the Village of Dixie Inn hereby certify that the above constitutes a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Village of Dixie Inn in regular session convened on September 14, 2021.

Given under my official signature and seal of office.

Dana James, Clerk,
Village of Dixie Inn,
Louisiana

September 21, 2021
Minden Press-Herald

EARLY NOTICE AND
PUBLIC REVIEW OF
A PROPOSED
ACTION IN FLOOD-
PLAINS AND WET-
LANDS

All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that the Webster Parish Police Jury is conducting an evaluation as required by Executive Order 11988 and 11990, utilizing as a guideline procedures established in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain and Wetlands Management, to determine the potential affect that its activity in the floodplains and wetlands will have on the human environment for the Webster Parish Police Jury's FY 2021 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant for water improvements.

The Parish proposes to construct two new water wells and a ground storage tank for the Salt Works Water System to help prevent water outages.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in possible floodplains and wetlands, and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information about floodplains and wetlands can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplains and wetlands, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by the Parish at the following address on or before October 07, 2021: Webster Parish Police Jury, Post Office Box 389, Minden, Louisiana 71058-0389, Attention: Honorable Jim

Bonsall, President, during the hours of 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Comments may also be submitted via email at dukemoore@suddenlink.com.

Jim Bonsall, President
Environmental Certifying Officer
Webster Parish Police Jury

September 21, 2021
Minden Press-Herald

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING WEBSTER PARISH POLICE JURY September 7, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Bonsall, President; Nick Cox, Vice President; Steve Lemmons, Steve Ramsey, Randy Thomas, Allen Gilbert, Beverly Kennon, Vera Davison, Bruce Blanton, and Bernard Hudson
Absent: Ed Jordan and Daniel Thomas

Mr. Jim Bonsall called the meeting to order and asked Mr. Nick Cox to open the meeting with prayer. Mr. Steve Lemmons led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Bonsall then asked for additions to the agenda. There were no comments from the audience concerning the agenda.

Ms. Beverly Kennon moved, seconded by Mr. Randy Thomas to approve invoices for payment pending review by juror Beverly Kennon. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Vera Davison moved, seconded by Mr. Nick Cox to adopt the minutes of the August 3, 2021 Road Committee, Economic Development Committee, Environmental Committee, Finance Committee, and Regular Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Nick Cox moved, seconded by Mr. Bernard Hudson to approve to table the agenda item concerning the approval of bids for the Webster Parish Landfill sale. A Special Meeting has been called for 11:00am on Friday, September 10, 2021 to approve bids for the sale of the Webster Parish Landfill. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bruce Blanton moved, seconded by Mr. Randy Thomas to sit as Board of Review for the 2021 Taxes of Webster Parish on Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at 11:00AM. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMENTS:
Savannah Jones
WP Library Director
Allen Moseley

WP Coroner
Denise Edwards
WP Assessor
Brian Williams
WPPJ OEP/Homeland Security Director
Angie Chapman
E911 Director
Jason Parker
WP Sheriff

Mr. Steve Ramsey moved, seconded by Mr. Steve Lemmons to approve the action taken at the Road Committee Meeting held earlier today. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Steve Lemmons moved, seconded by Ms. Vera Davison to approve the action taken at the Building and Grounds Committee Meeting held earlier today. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Nick Cox moved, seconded by Mr. Bruce Blanton to approve the action taken at the Finance Committee Meeting held earlier today. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Jim Bonsall then gave Presidents' closing remarks.

There being no further business to bring before the Jury, the meeting adjourned.

/s/
Lisa C. Balkom
Secretary-Treasurer

/s/
Jim Bonsall
President

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING WEBSTER PARISH POLICE JURY September 10, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Bonsall, President; Nick Cox, Vice-President; Bruce Blanton, Allen Gilbert, Randy

Thomas, Steve Lemmons, Beverly Kennon, Vera Davison, Steve Ramsey
WEBSTER: Daniel Thomas, Bernard Hudson and Ed Jordan

Mr. Jim Bonsall called the meeting to order and asked Mr. Nick Cox to open with prayer.

Mr. Jim Bonsall asked for additions to the agenda.

Mr. Steve Ramsey moved, seconded by Mr. Steve Lemmons to add Brad Graff, Parish Engineer to discuss the Dorcheat Road Bridge to the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Brad Graff gave a recommendation to the jury: "I have investigated the possibility of obtaining additional funds to make up the shortfall if the parish was to accept the \$294,000 available from LWI for the referenced project. The only source I am aware of for funding local bridge projects is the DOTD's Off-System Bridge Program. After talking to the director of that program we have concluded that utilizing DOTD funds would require that the project be split into two contracts, one for the bridge and one to raise the roadway. Due to the need for two contracts and a longer lead time for the bridge project, two fairly long periods of traffic detours are likely, and undesirable and unsafe conditions would exist between the time that the roadway is raised 2' and the time that the new bridge is build to the same elevation. Considering the issues described above it is my professional opinion that the police jury should forego accepting the LWI funds and leave the bridge on the DOTD Off-System Bridge Program for replacement at a later date."

Mr. Nick Cox moved, seconded by Mr. Steve Ramsey to accept the recommendation of the Parish Engineer, Brad Graff on the Dorcheat Road Bridge. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Beverly Kennon moved, seconded by Mr. Ed Jordan to approve to Award Bid for Sale of the Webster Parish Landfill in accordance with bids received August 30, 2021 and authorize the execution of documents to Webster Parish Landfill, LLC.

11 YES 1 Abstain
(Daniel Thomas). Motion carried.

There being no further business to bring before the Jury, the meeting adjourned.

Lisa C. Balkom
Secretary-Treasurer

Jim Bosnall
Parish President

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2	SPRINGHILL CIVIC CENTER	101 MACHEN DR	SPRINGHILL
2B	SPRINGHILL CIVIC CENTER	101 MACHEN DR	SPRINGHILL
3	SPRINGHILL CIVIC CENTER	101 MACHEN DR	SPRINGHILL
4	SPRINGHILL CIVIC CENTER	101 MACHEN DR	SPRINGHILL
5	SPRINGHILL CIVIC CENTER	101 MACHEN DR	SPRINGHILL
6	CULLEN MUNICIPAL BUILDING	405 COYLE AVE	CULLEN
8	SAREPTA COMMUNITY BUILDING	210 VINES ST	SAREPTA
9	NEW SHONGALOO CIVIC CENTER	119 HWY ALT 2	SHONGALOO
10	NEW SHONGALOO CIVIC CENTER	119 HWY ALT 2	SHONGALOO
11	SAREPTA COMMUNITY BUILDING	210 VINES ST	SAREPTA
12	NORTH WEBSTER UPPER ELEMENTARY	6245 HIGHWAY 160	COTTON VALLEY
13	NORTH WEBSTER UPPER ELEMENTARY	6245 HIGHWAY 160	COTTON VALLEY
14	EVERGREEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT	1853 EVERGREEN RD	MINDEN
15	PLEASANT VALLEY UMC ACTIVITIES BLDG	16835 HWY 371	MINDEN
16	MINDEN COMMUNITY HOUSE	711 GLADNEY ST	MINDEN
17	J E HARPER PATHWAY TO EXCELLENCE SCHOOL	618 GERMANTOWN RD	MINDEN
17A	J E HARPER PATHWAY TO EXCELLENCE SCHOOL	618 GERMANTOWN RD	MINDEN
18	WEBSTER COURTHOUSE ANNEX (WEST ENTRANCE)	401 MAIN ST	MINDEN
22	MINDEN CIVIC CENTER	520 BROADWAY ST	MINDEN
24	MINDEN CIVIC CENTER	520 BROADWAY ST	MINDEN
25	PHILLIPS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	811 DURWOOD DR	MINDEN
25A	PHILLIPS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	811 DURWOOD DR	MINDEN
26	MINDEN CIVIC CENTER	520 BROADWAY ST	MINDEN
27	MINDEN CIVIC CENTER	520 BROADWAY ST	MINDEN
28	MINDEN COMMUNITY HOUSE	711 GLADNEY ST	MINDEN
29	J E HARPER PATHWAY TO EXCELLENCE SCHOOL	618 GERMANTOWN RD	MINDEN
31	MINDEN COMMUNITY HOUSE	711 GLADNEY ST	MINDEN
32	DUBBERLY FIRE STATION	838 HIGHWAY 532	DUBBERLY
33	MINDEN CIVIC CENTER	520 BROADWAY ST	MINDEN
34	MINDEN CIVIC CENTER	520 BROADWAY ST	MINDEN
35	SIBLEY CIVIC CENTER	127 SE FOURTH AVE	SIBLEY
36	DUBBERLY FIRE STATION	838 HIGHWAY 532	DUBBERLY
38	HEFLIN CIVIC CENTER	116 N MAIN ST	HEFLIN
39	HEFLIN CIVIC CENTER	116 N MAIN ST	HEFLIN
40	SIBLEY CIVIC CENTER	127 SE FOURTH AVE	SIBLEY
41	DOYLINE HIGH SCHOOL	376 COLLEGE ST	DOYLINE
42	DOYLINE HIGH SCHOOL	376 COLLEGE ST	DOYLINE
43	FIRE DISTRICT #7, FIRE STATION #5	11217 HIGHWAY 80	MINDEN

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