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# Cultural Crossroad's hosts 3rd annual Minden Maker's Fair

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This past weekend the Farm of Cultural Crossroads was jam packed with over 60 vendor stalls lining the property for the 3rd Annual Maker's Fair. The event also hosted countless free activities for families and kids to take part in, including make-and-take art, face painting, henna tattoos, and so much more!

"When you start doing an annual event, you have to know it's going to be a slow burn. Each year it's gotten a little bit bigger, we've learned a lot of lessons and will continue to learn lessons, but this is definitely our biggest event so far," said Event organizer Elaine Eaton.

With the popularity of the event steadily growing over the past few years, more and more vendors have made their way out to take part in the event. However, while the maker's make the fair, ultimately the goal behind the event is to provide a fun outing for all to enjoy.

"My goal with this event was that even if you do not have a penny, you can walk through these gates and have a great day. Ultimately, I want these vendors to make money and have a successful day, but that's not what this event is about, this is about the kids that don't have anything or families that are always looking for something to do for free. For them to be able to walk in here and smile, laugh, and have joy," said Eaton.



Over sixty vendors made their way out to the Farm of Cultural Crossroads to take part in the 3rd Annual Maker's Fair, selling a wide array of different goods, foods, and more!

The event hosted countless activities for people to participate in, including a Mischief Maker's Station where people could contribute to a mural in the farm. There was also an extremely talented balloon artist providing free balloon sculptures to any child who so desired. There were also stations dedicated to showing off more niche creative outlets such as pottery and glassblowing, things people might not typically see in their day-to-day lives. "We want to show kids that it's possible to be creative and the different ways they can be creative," said Eaton.

The Farm of Cultural Crossroads thanks their sponsors for their contributions and helping to make this year's Maker's Fair such a huge success. The sponsors include Suddenlink, Minden Family Dental, Capital One Bank, Walmart, Buie Photography BOBBIES HOBBIES, Friends of The



Kayson, Robert, and Miranda Warner seen pictured with their unique balloon sculptures at the Minden Maker's Fair.

Farm, Laura Horton of State Farm, Fishy Stitches It's Sew Monica, Momma's Little Corner, Citizens National Bank, Carter Credit Union, and B1 Bank.

"This could not have been possible without the support of all of our sponsors. I'm really grateful for the people who had faith in our organization, and faith in me. I wouldn't

have been able to pay people and buy supplies without their contributions, so that's really huge," said Eaton.

"Also, I just want to sincerely thank everyone who has come out to the event, supported it, shared it, and every time people step through these gates, I hope that they find something new, connection, and community."

## ACCIDENT

### Unrestrained Arkansas Man Killed in Webster Parish Crash

Springhill - Earlier today, shortly after 7:00 a.m., Troopers assigned to Louisiana State Police Troop G began investigating a one-vehicle fatality crash on Spring Branch Road. The crash claimed the life of 45-year-old Casey Cox of Taylor, AR. Cox was not wearing a seat belt when the crash occurred.

The initial investigation revealed that Cox was driving a 2003 Ford pickup eastbound on Spring Branch Road, near Percy Burns Road. For reasons still under investigation, he lost control and exited the roadway. After exiting the roadway, the vehicle collided with a tree.

Cox was pronounced deceased on the scene. Impairment is not suspected to be a factor in this crash; however, routine toxicology samples were submitted for analysis.

Buckling up is the most effective way to protect yourself during a vehicle crash. Failure to take a few seconds to buckle up can have devastating consequences. Louisiana law requires every person in a vehicle, regardless of seating position, to be properly restrained day or night.

In 2021, Troop G has investigated 26 fatal crashes resulting in 28 deaths.

## GOVERNMENT

### Gov. Edwards Extends Louisiana's Statewide Indoor Mask Mandate until Oct. 27

STAFF REPORT  
Minden Press-Herald

Gov. John Bel Edwards extended Louisiana's statewide indoor mask mandate for another four weeks, until October 27, as the state's overall COVID-19 outlook improves following the state's worst COVID-19 surge of the entire pandemic. The statewide mask mandate includes K-12 schools and college campuses.

"There is no doubt that our COVID-19 situation in Louisiana has improved since the peak of our fourth surge, which was largely driven by the Delta variant, and for that I am deeply grateful," said Gov. Edwards. "Even so, the amount of COVID in Louisiana is still incredibly high, at 243 cases for every 100,000 people, as it is disproportionately driven by transmission

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# SECOND FRONT

## Mandate: Indoor mask mandate includes K-12 schools and on college campuses

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in those five to 18 years old. This is why to support continued decreases in COVID-19 hospitalizations, cases and deaths, I am extending Louisiana's statewide indoor mask mandate for another four weeks, including in our K-12 schools and on college campuses," Gov. John Bel Edwards said. "Masks have been proven to help slow the spread of COVID-19, with recent federal data from the Centers for Disease Control showing that schools without masking requirements are 3.5 times more

likely to have a COVID-19 outbreak than schools where children and staff members are masked. We must do everything we can to protect ourselves and those around us who are vulnerable, including wearing masks indoors and getting the safe, effective and totally free COVID-19 vaccine.

"On August 4, the day that the mask mandate was put back into place, only 37 percent of Louisianans were fully vaccinated against COVID-19. As of today, that is up to more than 45 percent. While that improvement

is something to be proud of, it is not enough. Currently, our hospitalizations are down, but they are still roughly four times the pre-Delta surge baseline. In the month of September alone, Louisiana reported that 1,470 people died of COVID, which is tragic, as we know that the vast majority of these deaths were likely preventable. We have to get Louisiana's vaccine rate up even more so that we have strong vaccine protection in our communities. Just over half of all people in Louisiana who are eligible for the vac-

cine are fully vaccinated. That's why masking right now is important still."

"Our COVID-19 indicators continue to move in the right direction and that is critical, but we are still wading in COVID," said Dr. Joseph Kanter, State Health Officer at the Louisiana Department of Health. "All 64 parishes are currently at the highest possible level on our community risk scale. With the highly transmissible Delta variant circulating throughout the state, masking indoors is how we stay safe and protect our loved ones."

### EDUCATION

## 70K Louisiana students remain out of school after Hurricane Ida

(The Center Square) – State Superintendent of Education Cade Brumley told lawmakers Tuesday more than 70,000 Louisiana students remain out of school because of Hurricane Ida, which made landfall Aug. 29.

That figure, he said, is down from 300,000 students whose school districts were affected by the category 4 hurricane.

When asked by Senate Education Committee members about the delay in getting children back to school, Brumley said he was "impressed" with how fast the process was going.

"Some people believe it's just a matter of restoring power and having water running and you can send everyone back to school, but that's not the case," Brumley said. "It's much more complicated than that."

Brumley said damaged school buildings must meet environmental and physical safety standards, including remediating water and tearing out damaged walls, floors, ceilings and carpets. Cafeterias must have food, school buses need to function to transport students and teachers and staff need to return, all before schools can reopen, he said.

One of the biggest obstacles is the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Brumley

said.

Brumley estimated Hurricane Ida caused hundreds of millions of dollars in school damages and said school districts in southwest Louisiana still are waiting for FEMA assistance dating back to Hurricane Laura last year.

Sen. Mark Abraham, R-Lake Charles, asked how state lawmakers could learn from Hurricane Laura and help school districts in Ida-affected southeast Louisiana.

"How can we speed up the process so we can get our schools ready for our children?" Abraham asked.

"Senator, I really don't think that the issue lies with Calcasieu Parish School Board or Cameron Parish or the state of Louisiana," Brumley said. "I think that's a FEMA issue. We need to work with our congressional delegation and other federal leaders to make sure that FEMA is also acting with urgency."

Calcasieu Parish School Board Superintendent Karl Bruchhaus testified that only a small portion of FEMA funding has arrived in his long suffering school district that was hard hit by Hurricane Laura and several ensuing natural disasters.

"Every time it rains, roofs leak," he said.

Bruchhaus said the

district submitted \$12 million in eligible claims to FEMA in March for school roof repairs, but months later only \$6 million arrived. Another \$120 million for other repairs is still pending, he said, adding that the district has borrowed \$100 million from the Louisiana Bond Commission and is in the process of borrowing another \$50 million.

"It's very expensive to reopen," Bruchhaus said. "We estimate our current cost will be \$260 million."

Bruchhaus said the process starts with submitting eligible claims to FEMA. When the claims are approved, FEMA sends them to the Office of Management and Budget in Washington. OMB then sends them back to the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) in Louisiana, which then remits payment to the original parish school district.

In the eight months since Calcasieu Parish submitted its initial FEMA claims, it still hasn't received funding to fix damaged school buses, much less larger items that continue to affect the school system, Bruchhaus said.

Sen. Cleo Fields, D-Baton Rouge, said the delays were outrageous.

"It takes eight months to get him an answer or

a check?" Fields said. "That's unacceptable, unreasonable and unconscionable."

Superintendents from St. Bernard, Lafourche and St. Charles parishes also testified.

"First and foremost, Hurricane Ida was by far the most tragic and impactful event St. Charles Parish has ever experienced," said Dr. Ken Oertling, superintendent St. Charles Parish Public School System. "We were 35 miles west of New Orleans during Hurricane Katrina and we opened schools within 11 days. We're still fighting FEMA and GOHSEP for reimbursement from that event."

Sen. Mack White, R-Baton Rouge, who chaired the Select Committee on Homeland Security after Hurricane Katrina and sits on the board of the Louisiana Emergency Response Network, said, "It's going to take patience."

"FEMA is going to be very, very slow, but I don't know what we would do without them," White said. "If we're able to get federal dollars and cobble together state dollars and do everything we can to rebuild these school districts, I would just hope that we would hold the education standards and still produce a quality product."

### ONLINE

## Connect LA Initiative visits Greater Minden Chamber

**WILL PHILLIPS**  
Minden Press-Herald

The State of Louisiana is pushing an initiative to bring high speed broadband to rural areas that have been underserved in past years. With the pandemic causing many across the state and country to start adopting more of an online lifestyle, internet connectivity has never been as important as it is now.

Connect LA, or the Louisiana office of Broadband Development and Connectivity met with community and business leaders at the Greater Minden Chamber's office in order to discuss their plans of how they will bring the unserved rural parts of our parish with high-speed internet.

"The vision that we have in our office is to eliminate the digital divide for broadband in the state of Louisiana by 2029," said Executive Director of Connect LA Veneeth Iyengar.

As of now, Louisiana is one of only nine states that has appointed an executive director for Broadband expansion.

When it comes to bridging the digital divide, Iyengar noted three main issues that hinder Louisiana's ability to bring all citizens online, those being infrastructure, affordability, and computer literacy.

"The first issue is infrastructure and access. There is a good chunk of people in Louisiana that don't have access to decent broadband," said Iyengar. He noted that currently, roughly 9600 citizens of Webster Parish currently are without internet connectivity. "I wouldn't be surprised if these numbers are understated," he said.

"The second issue we have to solve together is affordability. A lot of people in Louisiana cannot afford good broadband. 43.6% of Louisianians can't afford basic internet."

"We could make any of these aprishes the most wired parishes in the word, but if people cannot afford it, it does us no good," said Iyengar.

Lastly, he noted the issue of computer literacy, stating, "The computer literacy challenge is defined by basic computer skills. We're not talking about app development, we're not talking about programming. There is a good chunk of Louisianians between 18-64 who do not know how to use a computer to improve their lives."

So how is the state go-

ing to go about solving these issues? Other than outreach such as the meeting that they conducted, the biggest asset Connect LA has in regards to developing broadband is the GUMBO grant program. GUMBO stands for Granting Unserved Municipalities Broadband Opportunities, which has a total of \$180 million to disperse. The money will be used to incentivize internet service providers to develop the infrastructure necessary to connect rural Louisianians.

Also, separate from the stat's agenda, the FCC recently created and awarded grants to companies from the Rural Digital Opportunities Fund. It's a program from the FCC to help address the rural broadband challenge. Last fall of 2020, they decided to award 13 companies in Louisiana with 342 million dollars to provide high speed broadband to 175,692 locations. Those 13 companies have an obligation, if they want that money, to build high speed internet, which is fiber to the home, in six years," said Iyengar.

They hope that this along with the GUMBO grant program will be able to fund companies to develop broadband in areas that might not have been otherwise due to the cost.

Our plans are to focus on non-RDOF areas. If there are census blocks that have RDOF money, we're focusing on those adjacent areas that do not have money," said Iyengar.

While this may aid in the solution of developing infrastructure, it doesn't intrinsically help affordability. Due to this, affordability will be one of the factors weighed when considering grants for the GUMBO grant program.

"That is a problem that we are incorporating as part of our scoring criteria, that we would like providers to give us a solution for affordability, should they want to compete for our grant money," said Iyengar.

He also mentioned clawback provisions, so in the case that a company awarded money is making good on their promise, they will be able to get the money back and ideally give it to a company who will.

"We are very excited about solving this problem. And I think that now we do actually have the tools in our toolbox that we're going to need to really dive in and fix everybody's issues," said Thomas Tyler, Deputy Director of Connect LA.



# WEBSTER & MORE

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## OBITUARIES



### Ethel C. Henderson

Ethel C. Henderson, age 86, entered into eternal life on Friday, September 17, 2021. She was a native of Castor, Louisiana, and a longtime resident of both Minden, Louisiana and Conroe, Texas. Ethel was the wife of the late Rev. Benjamin Henderson. She was the devoted mother of three chil-

dren: Benjamin Peyton Henderson, who preceded her in death, Linda Qualls, and Benita Shepherd; Grandmother to Phillecia Qualls and Terrence Bernard Shepherd, Jr.; and Godmother to Chimere Vanstaez Lewis. Family and friends are invited to attend her celebration of life services at Saint Rest Baptist Church of Minden, Louisiana on Saturday, October 2, 2021 at 2:00 PM. Interment will follow at Sheppard Street Cemetery. Flowers and expressions of kindness may be sent to the Henderson Family, c/o Benevolent Funeral Home, 401 East Union Street, Minden, Louisiana 71055.



### Emma Lou Slack

Funeral Services for Emma Lou Slack, age 86, of Sarepta, LA, will be held at 10:00 am, Friday, October 1, 2021, at Bailey Funeral Home Springhill, LA, with Bro. Joseph Gillentine officiating. Interment will follow in Springhill Cemetery

under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Visitation will be held Thursday, September 30, 2021, 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm at Bailey Funeral Home.

Mrs. Slack was born on April 4, 1935 to Jackson and Louise Clarkston Bagent in Rocky Mount, LA and passed away on Wednesday, September 29, 2021 in Minden, LA.

Mrs. Slack grew up in the Rocky Mount community and enjoyed playing basketball and softball while in high school. She met the love of her life, Willie Lee Slack Jr., at a basketball game between Rocky Mount High School and Springhill High School. Mrs. Slack taught school for Webster Parish School Board for forty years. She taught 1st and 2nd grade at Howell Elementary and then Browning Elementary. Mrs. Slack touched the lives of many children during her 40 years of service. Mrs. Slack enjoyed spending time with her family and cooking for her family. She instilled the love of Jesus and a strong work ethic in her children and grandchildren. All that knew Mrs. Slack knew that she

loved to laugh and was a practical joker.

She is survived by her daughter, Jessica (Wayne) Kennedy of Sarepta, LA; son, Jeff (Angela) Slack of Sarepta, LA; brother, Jack (Betty) Bagent of Baton Rouge, LA; Brother in-law, Benny Rich of Plain Dealing, LA; Daughter in-law, Debra Slack of Bradley, AR; seven granddaughters, Shauna (Jeremy) Allen of Sarepta, LA, Kourtney (Ridge) Gonzalez of Benton, LA, Kristin Slack of Bossier City, LA, Katlynd (Cord) Walker of Shongaloo, LA, Anna (Arturo) Rodriguez of Bradley, AR, Lauren (Gerid) Ardwin of El Dorado, AR, Christian (Chandler) Williams of Jacksonville, NC; three grandsons, Lee Slack of Shreveport, LA, Jordan Slack of Bossier City, LA, T.J. Slack of Bradley, AR; Sister in-law, Carolyn Parker of Sarepta, LA; and a host of great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and friends.

Mrs. Slack was preceded in death by husband, Willie Lee Slack, Jr., father, Jackson Bagent, mother, Louise Bagent, son, Tommy Lee Slack, sister, Betty Rich, sister, Mary Ann Hill, and Brother in-law, James Hill.

The family would like to thank Lynn O'Glee, Lois Grant, Precious Edwards, Karen Sue Key, the staff members at Aime Hospice, and Savannah Court for the wonderful care they gave to Mrs. Slack.

Pallbearers will be Jeremy Allen, Noel Allen, Cord Walker, Ridge Gonzalez, Lee Slack, and Jordan Slack. Robert Parkerson will serve as an honorary pallbearer.

In lieu of flowers, the family of Mrs. Slack requests that memorial donations be made to Browning Elementary School.



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## OPINION

# Let's not abandon our Constitution to the administrative state

The U.S. Constitution is the rarest, most extraordinary governing document of all time and, with the exception of the Bible, has had the greatest impact of any written work in human history. That's because it contains the formal enshrinement, guarantee and protection of the precious rights and liberties we hold and cherish as individuals and citizens. Perhaps most importantly, it stands as the bulwark of freedom against any and all encroachments and infringements by government upon those sacred rights.

Our Constitution is premised upon the transcendent belief that these unalienable, fundamental rights flow from natural law and do not flow from—are not given or bequeathed to us by—government. Rather, they are God-given rights and, as such, we view them as intrinsic to and inherent in every human being. We possess them merely based upon the fact of our birth (many of us believe deeply they should be extended to unborn babies, as well).

Further, as we know, the Constitution prescribes both the explicit powers and express limitations of government. And, one of the painstakingly crafted provisions is found in Article 1, Section 1 which clearly states that "all legislative Powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives." Another carefully written provision involves Article 1, Section 7 which mandates that "every bill which shall have passed the House of Representatives and the Senate shall, before it become a law, be presented to the President of the United States."

That, in summary form, is how laws are legitimately made in this country. Well, that began to change dramatically with the start of massive federal spending and accompanying massive government programs. Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal was the beginning

of this change but LBJ's Great Society also sparked enormous growth of federal government spending and the creation of equally enormous federal programs. This unprecedented federal spending and these huge programs had to be administered and this is what gave rise to the oppressive administrative state we live in today.

Well, this expansive administrative state—and the huge federal agencies that comprise it—are unconstitutional. Why is that? Because these agencies and the career bureaucrats who run them are unknown, faceless and were never elected to anything. Yet, they are making and enforcing laws upon the American people! They make policy decisions every day that affect millions of Americans.



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that there are two fundamental ways in which government can exercise its authority. The first is a system of arbitrary rule, where the government decides how to act on an ad hoc basis, leaving decisions up to the whim of whatever official or officials happen to be in charge; the second way is to implement a system grounded in the rule of law, where legal rules are made in advance and published, binding both government and citizens and allowing the latter to know exactly what they have to do or not to do in order to avoid the coercive authority of the former." (Heritage Foundation, Ronald Pestritto).

Well, we chose the second way! We opted for the rule of law which affords guarantees like notice, due process and equal protection of

the laws to every citizen—a process designed to insure what we have come to call "fundamental fairness." Further, we govern ourselves in an equally predictable manner: we elect our President and our U.S. Senators and U.S. Representatives to implement in policy and law the will of the American people. These elected officials are accountable to us because their every official action is heavily and constantly scrutinized and, in the next election, we may throw them out of office (of course, this assumes we have free and fair elections) and elect someone else when we feel our political will is not being honored.

There is no place in our constitutional scheme for powerful federal agencies who decide what the laws applicable to their agencies mean—they interpret statutes for themselves—and, unfortunately, the U.S. Supreme Court and lower federal courts, through the ill-advised legal doctrine of Chevron Deference, have given up their most important role—interpreting statutes and adjudicating agency disputes—instead choosing to defer to "agency expertise." The reason this is so dangerous is because a federal agency—like, for example, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)—has often abused its authority and been dictatorial in its view of its own power while being largely unaccountable to the Congress.

For example, the EPA, in conjunction with the Army Corps of Engineers, has jurisdiction under the Clean Water Act to regulate "navigable waters" which are defined as "the waters of the United States, including the territorial seas." (The Rivers and Harbors Act is often dubiously used also). The dispute is almost always about what qualifies as "navigable water." Well, in the past, unsurprisingly, the EPA and the Corps have tried to expand their authority by implementing an agency rule that would define "navigable waters" as even

including all ditches—any ditch, even a man-made ditch—in a farmer's field, for example. It even includes depressions or low points in a field that are dry most of the time except when it rains. (Heritage Foundation, Daren Bakst) This is insane.

This also means that if the EPA and Corps are not checked and reined in but continue to expand their authority over more waters, property owners will have to secure additional permits to use their own land! They will have to get permission from federal bureaucrats to use and enjoy their property because of the presence of so-called "navigable waters" that were never intended to be regulated under the Clean Water Act. If property owners don't comply with the law, they can even face civil penalties as high as \$37,500 per day per violation, or even criminal penalties. (Id.)

This is what is most concerning about the burgeoning growth of the administrative state in our country. There is no accountability. Ultimately the Congress is going to have to stop deferring—whether due to laziness or timidity—to these powerful federal agencies (who often have their own agendas) and reassert their authority to define what terms like "navigable waters" mean. One of the most hallowed rights of all—private property rights—are at stake. Congress must act to correct these kinds of agency abuses and, in the meantime, the federal courts—whose duty and province is emphatically to "say what the law is" (Marbury)—must stop deferring to these agencies and interpret these statutes for themselves. Otherwise, we are not adhering to the rule of law in our constitutional scheme.

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## OPINION

# Reconciliation bill makes small businesses an offer they can't refuse

**LINDA MCMAHON**  
Special to the Minden Press-Herald

COVID-19 and the lockdowns devastated small businesses. Now the reconciliation bill could increase their pain. The draft House bill contains little-noticed language that could cripple small businesses.

Currently, employers who commit unfair labor practices (ULPs) must make injured workers whole, but they do not pay punitive damages. The reconciliation bill fines businesses that commit up to \$50,000 per violation. It also imposes personal liability on business owners and officers, along with the firm.

On the surface, this seem like a minor change. It is already illegal to discriminate against union supporters. However, the reconciliation bill does not limit its penalties to serious ULPs. It adds fines for all unfair labor practices. National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) career staff would decide how big a fine to seek.

This matters because federal labor law is very technical. Many things that most Americans – and small business owners – would assume are legal violate the National Labor Relations Act (NLRA). For example, an employer facing a union drive generally may not ask employees about their frustrations and how the company could improve. That is "soliciting grievances." Nor may they ask employees about their feelings toward the union. That is "interrogation."

Worse, the rules change constantly. The Obama NLRB ruled common workplace civility policies were illegal. Under their rules, employers could not tell workers to "be respectful of others and the company" or not to "make fun of, denigrate, or defame your co-workers, customers, franchisees, suppliers, the company, or our competitors." The Trump NLRB reversed these policies. Now the Biden NLRB plans to bring them back.

Big businesses can afford expensive lawyers to navigate these requirements. Many small businesses cannot. They often trip over these complex and shifting labor rules. This is why businesses with fewer than 500 workers employ half the private sector, but get four-fifths of ULP complaints.

Currently, small businesses that commit technical ULPs need only repair any damage done. The House reconciliation bill hits them with potentially massive punitive damages. While the bill tells the NLRB to "consider" the "gravity" of the offense, it ultimately leaves the penalty determination to the Board. This puts small business owners in a squeeze.

Consider a small business owner with 30 employees. During a union drive she asks them how she can improve their workplace. The union could file ULP charges. The House bill punishes soliciting grievances 30 times with up to \$1.5 million in fines against her business, and as much again against her personally. The NLRB could show leniency, but she would be

at the mercy of highly ideological career staff. And she would still owe \$1 million even if the NLRB sought one-third of the maximum fine. She would also incur massive legal fees. This small business owner faces potential bankruptcy – unless the union drops the complaint.

Therein lies the rub. Unions can make her legal problems disappear ... for a price. These penalties would enable unions to pressure small businesses into giving up their rights.

Federal law does not require secret ballot elections before companies unionize. Rather, employers may request a vote when unions claim workplace support. In the 1990s, unions shifted their organizing tactics away from persuading workers in these elections. They concluded it was easier to "organize employers, not employees" – as one union organizing guide put it – because "[e]mployees are complex and unpredictable. Employers are simple and predictable."

Unions now try pressure employers to recognize them without an election. They do this by "making them pay for operating non-union." This strategy works. The AFL-CIO reports most new members unionize this way.

Civil monetary penalties for minor ULPs would provide unions enormous leverage. They would let them credibly threaten small businesses with massive fines. While big businesses can afford these damages, small business owners often cannot. Many would have to

cave – denying their employees a secret ballot election.

Unions tried getting rid of secret ballot elections before. "Card check" was a nonstarter even for the supermajority Democratic Congress of President Obama's first term. It was just too unpopular. Four-fifths of union members support secret ballot elections.

Adding penalties to all ULPs would advance card-check through the back door. They would not formally end elections. But unions could pressure small businesses into not requesting them. Notably the bill does not penalize union ULPs. Unions do not want in the same boat.

These penalties could also become law. "Reconciliation" allows financial provisions to bypass the senate filibuster. Since these penalties would affect federal revenues, the senate parliamentarian may allow them into the reconciliation bill. If so, they can pass on a party-line vote.

Workers should have the right to unionize. But union representation should come through their free choice – not economic pressure to prevent an election. Unfortunately, the reconciliation bill may enable just that. Union organizers may soon be making small businesses an offer they can't refuse.

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# LIFE

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FROM THE BACK PORCH

## Simplicity, “Being” vs. “Doing”

We often get so busy “doing” that we fail to enjoy “being.”

And sometime, it takes a major illness or other situation to slow us down enough to realize the frantic pace we have been keeping for such a long time. When we are younger, we think we are invincible and therefore push ourselves to stay busy. We seem to believe there is something wrong with leading a slower lifestyle, one that is often thought of as mundane and boring.



FANNIE MOORE

A recent hospital stay of a family member made us stop and reevaluate our activities and daily routines. What we took for granted as normal, necessary activities have been proven not as vital to our life as we had believed. Now, as we have been slowed down in possible activities, I am beginning to take a second look at all the busy-work I formerly found myself doing. Was it necessary? Are we living a good life by curtailing some of these activities? Do we feel deprived without them?

I am trying to take a good hard look and see how we can adjust to a simpler lifestyle and still not neglect people and our relationships. It will take some adjusting, but I found a short list of helpful hints that gives good ideas for a life of simplicity. And that is what we are now striving for.

Number one is a major step. Cultivate contentment, desire less. One needs to look around at the possessions that take up so much of his time. Are we too busy taking care of our home and its contents, instead of letting them bring contentment and satisfaction? Are we constantly looking at the latest fashions or gadgets and think we can't be happy unless we buy one because everyone else has one?

At one time, if I had spare time, I would browse in all the stores, just looking. But, all too often, I would find something I just couldn't pass up. It would look so good to wear for a special occasion, or it would be so pretty as an addition to my kitchen décor. No more. I rarely find myself in a store, except to purchase groceries and household supplies. This has been quite a change but it is leading me to desire less.

Similar to that is resist covetousness and consumerism. De-accumulate.

Develop the habit of giving away. Share pos-

sessions. I'm working on this one. While discussing the dispersion of some of my dishes, I found that someone who had the same pattern could use the extra ones, so I gave them to her to go ahead and use now instead of later. A friend commented on a book that she had been looking for, so I gave her a copy that I had read already. It becomes easier to part with items once you make that first move. You find you can easily do without them.

Avoid over-indulging - for example, toys, food, movies, etc. The food would be more of a problem for me as I enjoy cooking. And if I cook something that looks delicious, I just have to indulge. I must learn to enjoy in smaller portions.

Avoid debt. Avoid credit cards and “buying now, paying later.” We'll have to work on this one. Usually, we don't carry much cash as it is too tempting to use it foolishly. As far as larger purchases - do you remember the feeling of satisfaction when you made that final car payment? That is always a great feeling, one of relief and accomplishment.

Simplify your wardrobe. Give away excess. All “experts” on simplification urge this one. They suggest having a core wardrobe that has pieces that you can mix and match, creating several different looks. I've never mastered this idea, but I can see how it would be helpful. However, since I easily change sizes, I do share some items with charitable causes.

Learn how to make do with a lower income instead of needing a higher one. This is usually a situation that retirees find themselves faced with, adjusting to the change in income. However, if one does careful planning, the move can be achieved. The old saying is that it's easy to adjust “up” but it is hard to adjust “down” But, it can be done.

I do not offer these suggestions with others in mind. It might just be a gentle reminder for me that a simpler lifestyle can be achieved if one determines to make the needed adjustments.

We will be working toward regaining a more moderate pace but in the meantime, we will be learning to be content with more “being” and less “doing.”

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## MHS Student Connor Heard named National Merit Commended Student



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“We are so proud of Connor Heard for being named a National Merit Commended Student. Only 3-4% of all PSAT test takers receive this honor. At MHS, this is the first time in at least 15 years that a student has received this outstanding honor! Connor has also earned a 33 on his ACT,” said Minden High School Principal Rebecca Wilson.

“Connor has demonstrated superior academic successes and is a powerful force on our football team; however, I am most proud of his servant's heart. Connor is quick to help anyone who is in need. He is kind and compassionate. Connor Heard is a role model for all of us.”

DOLLAR TREE

## Dollar Tree breaks the \$1 barrier as costs take a bite

(AP) — Dollar Tree embedded in its very name what it stands for: Behind these doors, everything can be had for just \$1.

The mantra to which the Chesapeake, Virginia, company has held true for decades will now be only mostly true.

After expanding nationwide from only a handful of stores in Georgia, Tennessee and Virginia, Dollar Tree is breaking the mold and will sell items in some locations that exceed the tantalizing \$1 grab-n-go price.

The cost of clothes, cars, food and just about everything else has soared this year as the global economy emerges from a pandemic uppercut and Dollar Tree has not been untouched.

Last month the retail chain said that rising ship-

ping costs would take a bite of \$1.50 to \$1.60 out of its per-share profits this year. That's a huge hit for any business, perhaps more so for one founded decades ago steadfastly calling itself “Only \$1.00 Inc.”

“For decades, our customers have enjoyed the ‘thrill-of-the-hunt’ for value at one dollar - and we remain committed to that core proposition - but many are telling us that they also want a broader product assortment when they come to shop,” said CEO Michael Witynski in a prepared statement.

Raising some prices will certainly give the national chain some flexibility and likely more variety on its shelves. But a dollar this year will not buy you what it did in 2020.

Annual inflation in the

U.S. reached 4.2% in July, the highest in three decades. And this week in an appearance before Congress, Fed Chair Jerome Powell said that price increases have worsened amid snarled supply chains and rising labor costs.

That has hit businesses of every type, perhaps especially one that has held the line at \$1 for decades.

Witynski said this week that Dollar Tree is a “test-and-learn” company, and they'll be watching how customers react.

The company had already begun testing higher prices at several hundred of its nearly 8,000 locations in a section of the store called “Dollar Tree Plus” with items that can go for as much as \$5. Items that can go for \$1.25 to \$1.50 will soon be found in the

mix at some locations amid the typical assortment of \$1 products.

Analysts with J.P. Morgan noted past conversations with Dollar Tree executives who cited a significant sales boost at stores offering a Plus section and if no one else is cheering the shift to the top side of \$1 at Dollar Tree, Wall Street is.

Shares of Dollar Tree Inc. jumped 13% at the opening bell Wednesday.

As Dollar Tree breaks the \$1 barrier, Witynski said the company would remain true to its promise of value.

“We will continue to be fiercely protective of that promise, regardless of the price point, whether it is \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50,” Witynski said.

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## NWLTCC Vice Chancellor of Education Speaks at Minden Lions Club

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Dr. Jayda Spillers is the Vice Chancellor of Education and Workforce Partnerships at Northwest Louisiana Technical Community College. She shared with the Lions her passion for technical education and helping to connect students with the regional workforce. Dr. Spillers spoke about the benefits of dual enrollment opportunities for area high school students as well as Jump Start, Louisiana's innovative career and technical education (CTE) program.



DISNEY WORLD

# Disney World opened 50 years ago; these workers never left

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Applying to be one of the first workers at Walt Disney World, high school graduate George Kalogridis made a split-second decision that set the course for his life: he picked a room where prospective hotel workers were being hired.

Chuck Milam got a tip about a job opening from a transplanted Disney executive whose new house he was landscaping. Earlene Anderson jumped at the chance to take a job at the new Disney theme park in Florida, having fallen in love with the beauty of Disneyland in California during a trip two years earlier.

At the time, the three were among the 6,000 employees who opened the Magic Kingdom at Disney World to the public for the first time on Oct. 1, 1971. Now, they are among two dozen from that first day still employed at the theme park resort as it celebrates its 50th anniversary on Friday.

Over those decades, Disney World added

three more theme parks, two dozen additional hotels and grew to have a workforce of 77,000 employees as it helped Orlando become the most visited place in the U.S. before the pandemic.

What never changed was the original employees' devotion to the pixie dust, the dream machine created by Walt Disney and his Imagineers.

"Disney has been my love, and it still is," Anderson said recently before starting her shift in merchandising at a Magic Kingdom hotel. "I love Disney."

The employees who make up the 50-year club say the theme park resort has allowed them to grow their careers and try on new hats. Kalogridis worked his way up to be president of Walt Disney World and Disneyland in California. Milam went from a warehouse worker to a buyer of spare parts for rides and shows.

Forrest Bahruth joined the workforce at Disney World in January 1971 as a show director, responsible for staging and choreographing parades

and shows. He was also given the opportunity to help open other Disney theme parks around the world over the past five decades.

"There are people all over the world who get up to go work. They're unhappy about it. They don't really like their jobs," Bahruth said. "As you can tell from us, there's an enthusiasm. We are privileged to be at a place where we love what we do."

There was no guarantee that Disney World was going to be a success 50 years ago. Walt Disney, the pioneering animator and entrepreneur whose name graces the Florida resort, had died in 1966, just a year after announcing plans for "the East Coast Disneyland." The company had quietly acquired 27,000 acres (11,000 hectares) of scrub land outside Orlando for around \$5 million via secret land purchases using fake names and shell companies.

The job of shepherding the project to Opening Day fell to his brother, Roy Disney, who

with other company officials convinced the Florida Legislature to create a quasi-governmental agency that would allow Disney to self-govern when it came to matters of infrastructure and planning. Roy died almost three months after Disney World opened.

Just weeks before opening, construction at the Magic Kingdom was controlled chaos, and it seemed impossible that it would all come together in time.

"It was like an army of ants. Everything was under construction. Interiors were still being put in. Roofing was still being put on top," Bahruth said. "There was painting, landscaping. Things were arriving by the moment. It was like trucks going everywhere."

Bahruth rehearsed performers through parade choreography down Main Street, which cut through the center of the Magic Kingdom and resembled a turn-of-the-century small town from Walt Disney's childhood. Even though he was a busser, Kalogridis was drafted into laying

down sod outside the hotel he was working in, hours before Disney World's grand opening.

Two things have stuck in the memories of the longtime employees from that opening day. The first was the photo. It was an image of thousands of Disney World workers standing in front of the iconic Cinderella Castle with Mickey Mouse and other costumed characters holding hands in front. Two weeks later, it was featured on the cover of Life magazine.

"They brought all the characters up, staged them first, and then they tried to keep all the different workers together based on the color of their costumes," Milam said. "If you were from Fantasyland and in yellow, you would go over there."

The second was the parade. It featured a 1,076-member marching band conducted by Meredith Willson, the composer of the Broadway show, "The Music Man." There were 4,000 Disney entertainers marching through

the theme park, a mass choir and trumpeters from the United States Army Band. Hundreds of white doves were released into the air, and less environmentally friendly, so were thousands of multi-colored balloons.

"It was the biggest thing I had ever seen," Bahruth said.

Only around 10,000 visitors showed up on that first day — which at today's much larger Walt Disney World would represent about 90 minutes' worth of visitors entering. It wouldn't be until Thanksgiving 1971, almost three months later, when Disney executives had an answer about whether their new resort would be a success; that's when cars trying to get into the Magic Kingdom stretched for miles down the interstate.

"It was very clear after that first Thanksgiving, that the public definitely liked what we were doing," Kalogridis said. "That first Thanksgiving, that was the moment."

RIBBON CUTTING

# Shaggy Chic opens up on Sibley Road



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Looking for a place in town to get your pup groomed? Well look no further than Shaggy Chic. Located on 617 Sibley Road and operated by Amy Huddleston, Minden's newest business offers an array of dog grooming services to those who need it. They are open from Tuesday to Friday and you can call and schedule an appointment by calling 318-578-0191.



# From nurse to crappie guide

GLYNN HARRIS

Special to the Minden Press-Herald

Forty-three year old Wesley Miller is a busy fellow. He lives along Dorcheat Bayou between Doyline and Sibley in Webster Parish. As a professional, Miller is a registered nurse who happens to be a serious outdoorsman and has made his name in at least two ways.

Last year, Miller put an arrow through a huge 13-point buck that scored 165 6/8 inches, a buck that stands in fourth place on the all-time trophy list for archery in Louisiana.

As much as he loves to deer hunt, there is another passion that is taking most of his time now to the point that he has put his nursing career on hold for the time being. He is one of north Louisiana's most popular and busiest crappie guides.

"I decided that if I was going to be serious about guiding, I decided to lay my nursing job aside to see how guiding works out," Miller said. "So far, I have been as busy as I want to be guiding clients on several lakes and waterways across the state."

We caught up with Miller recently to pick his brain a bit on what it is like to be a full-time fishing guide and how he manages to put clients on big crappie on a regular basis and especially this time of year.

"Right now I'm finding fish in different places and different situations in every lake we fish," Miller said. "Some lakes I'm finding fish on brush piles and on others the fish are suspended in open water. I have to hunt them differently every day."

A recent guide trip to Grand Bayou Reservoir near Coushatta is an example of how a guide who knows his business has to adapt to changing conditions.

"I was on Grand Bayou a few days ago and found schools of fish out in open water with 40 to



Wesley Miller is one of this regions most successful crappie guides.

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50 fish in each school. Using my Live Scope, we would catch a couple out of one school, move around and find another school and catch a few active fish out of it.

"We were down there again yesterday and every fish we caught was over a brush pile. With this new technology, you go to a spot and if there aren't active fish there, you go to another spot and try something else. It can change from day to day," Miller said.

What about looking for crappie now that the weather is beginning to cool down? Is there a

pattern you can depend on to fish for early fall crappie?

"I have found that crappie will move some when weather changes but in reality, the only time when fish really change locations is during the spring spawn," Miller said. "Other than that, crappie will be generally in the same spot all year, maybe a little deeper or more shallow but they won't move very far."

Miller has some favorite jigs he and his clients use and these are jigs he ties himself and they seem to work well day in

and day out.

"When I tie my jigs I use hackle feathers instead of straight-tail feathers. They look more like the gills on a bait fish than the straight ones. I also make my jigs quite small, usually less than two inches long because they look more like bait fish than larger ones," he said.

Switching gears, Miller deer hunts on family property in Webster Parish, an area where he got the big one last year.

"I live 10 minutes from my family farm and since I'm guiding so much, I probably won't get to

## FISHING REPORT

**BUSSEY BRAKE** - Cooler temps and brisk breezes have slowed things down. 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.

**BLACK BAYOU** - 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 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'ARBONNE** - 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 CLAIBORNE** - Bream fishing is fair on crickets with most caught around the piers and boat docks. Stripers

are schooling and are hitting topwater lures 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 topwater lures as well as jigging spoons. Crappie fishing is best fishing 10 feet deep in 14-17 foot water on shiners or jigs. Catfish are fair on cold worms. For latest information, call Misty at Kel's Cove at 331-2730 or Terzia Tackle at 278-4498.

**CANEY LAKE** - Bass are fair with best catches coming on the deeper points on jigging spoons, tail spinners and crank baits. 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 with a slight rise coming next week. Crappie, bass and catfish have all been good this week. For information, call Surplus City Landing at 318-467-2259.

deer hunt as often as I'd like," he said. "I should still be able to hunt afternoons and those mornings when the weather is so bad we can't fish. Bad weather days are often your best hunting days anyhow."

If you're interested in

booking a guide trip with Miller, you can reach him at 318-465-1668 or find him on Facebook at Big Sasquatch Outdoors.

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# Billy Henderson: A north Louisiana coach for the ages

RANDY ROGERS

Special to the Minden Press-Herald

He's 90 now and gets around a little slower. I do too. Afterall, it's been almost 50 years since I played baseball for him. Even after all these years, I'm still afraid I might do or say something that might disappoint him. I didn't want to get "the look" - the one you got when you missed a bunt or a cut-off man - that same look that would scald you like hot Southern grits. I much preferred getting "the smile" - the great smile he flashed when you got it right. We worked hard for

that smile. I guess having both at your disposal is what makes good coaches great.

I dropped by Sunday to see my old ball coach and his wife, Ms. Doris, in Ruston Sunday. Ms. Doris is still the same soft-spoken Southern beauty I remembered her to be. Never a hair out of place and always, as retired sheriff Mike Stone described her that night, "A classy lady."

The room at Temple Baptist was filled with old friends, sitting and laughing - enjoying the Southern staple of catfish, hushpuppies, and sweet tea. We relished those

memories of past glory - of victories won on the field of dreams long before our bones began to creak and our muscles ache.

Displayed about were priceless photos of a younger Coach Henderson, his wife and his children, and all the teams he coached. I reconnected with some of my teammates from the 1972 championship team: Corbet Best, Rodney Howard, Robert Mitcham, Doug Bagwell, Randy Huffman, and Stanley Crawford.

Like many of those who ever taught or coached, Coach Henderson legacy

lies with his old players. Even at 90, he has a phenomenal memory and can tell you which of his players have passed on or where they live now, what they do for a living - proud to say who went on to start a business, become a teacher or a preacher and the last time they dropped by his house for a coke and a visit.

Somewhat reluctant to talk about his personal coaching achievements, he'll sometime start a sentence with: "Now, I don't want this to sound like I'm bragging ..." He'd rather talk about Ronnie Barnett, the first baseman he

coached at Dubach High School who was so lumbersome when he ran that he nicknamed him "Lightning" or his pitcher, Glenn Hunt he called "Smiley" because he smiled all the time.

Not that Coach Henderson wouldn't have good reason to brag if he wanted to. And his no-bragging rule doesn't apply to his kids however. His pride shows when he speaks of his youngest daughter, Suzy. Or Nancy, his oldest, who passed all four parts of her CPA exam in the first sitting. Then there's his youngest, little Kenny, once our Legion team's

batboy, who grew up to become the head of the Louisiana High School Athletic Association.

I once heard someone say that Coach Billy Henderson had forgotten more about baseball than most coaches ever knew. That's probably true. What he hasn't forgotten is his players. And we won't forget him.

Long after he's gone, those life lessons we learned from him - so much bigger than baseball - how to face and overcome adversity, how to become men and winners, will live on in each of us.

Happy Birthday, Coach



# North Webster only home parish team this week

BY T. SCOTT BOATRIGHT  
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North Webster is the lone parish team to be playing at home this week as the Knights, who stand at 2-2 after falling 27-13 last week to Jena.

All games will start at 7 p.m. today.

The Knights will be looking to turnaround a two-game losing streak as they take on Jonesboro-Hodge (3-1), which has won three straight games after falling at Winfield 22-20 to open the season.

Last week the Tigers defeated Logansports 47-26 at home.

A battle of 2-2 teams will take place in Leesville on Friday as Minden takes on the Wampus Cats.

The Crimson Tide fell 46-25 last week at Mansfield while Leesville was edged at Pineville by the score of 35-32.

Minden and Leesville last met in the 2020 playoffs, when the Crimson Tide defeated the Wampus Cats 21-14 in overtime.

Glenbrook (2-2) put up a strong fight against Homer before the Pelicans pulled away late for a 36-21 win.

The Apaches will be playing at the Magnolia School of Excellence at Independence Stadium in Shreveport.

Last week Magnolia earned its first win of the season, defeating Ringgold 30-26 at home.

Lakeside (2-1) will be looking to get back on a winning track as the Warriors hit the road to play at Beekman Charter (0-4).

The Warriors fell 47-7 last week at West Ouachita while Beekman had to forfeit last week's game against Highland-Baptist due to COVID-19 protocols.



MINDEN PRESS-HERALD PHOTO BY T. SCOTT BOATRIGHT  
Senior receiver/defensive end Zedekiah Harris (17) and the Minden High School Crimson Tide will hit the road to face Leesville at 7 p.m. tonight.

# G-Men turning to true freshman at quarterback

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GRAMBLING — Looking to spark an offense that has been anemic through the opening four games, the Grambling State Tigers will start true freshman Noah Bodden at quarterback this weekend.

Grambling (1-3 and 0-1 in the Southwestern Athletic Conference) will play host to Alabama A&M, the top-ranked team in Black College Football, at 2 p.m. Saturday at Eddie G. Robinson Stadium.

GSU head coach Broderick Fobbs looked to Bodden in last week's loss to Prairie View. The 6-4, 218-pound freshman connected on 3-of-11 passes for 24 yards in the Tigers' 24-10 loss to the Panthers.

Starter Elijah Walker hit on 11-of-23 attempts for 111 yards with one interception for GSU against the Panthers.

"We just didn't feel like



MINDEN PRESS-HERALD PHOTO BY T. SCOTT BOATRIGHT  
Grambling State will start true freshman Noah Bodden (0, shown during preseason workouts) at the Tigers play their home opener at 2 p.m. Saturday against Alabama A&M at Eddie G. Robinson Stadium.

that (Walker) was giving us the spark that we needed," Fobbs said of turning to Bodden last week. Elijah has had an

opportunity from last season through the first two or three weeks this season, as well. We feel like it's been a

struggle right now. We feel (Bodden) is the most confident thrower that we have. You saw it, and he came in, and he went right to it."

Fobbs feels the change is necessary for an GSU offense averaging only 112 yards per game so far, 266.7 yards fewer than the 409.0 allowed by the Alabama A&M defense.

"CJ has tremendous upside," Fobbs said. "He's learning the position more each day... he's one of our feature players. We want to make sure we get him the ball."

"It begins and ends with our quarterback position. We haven't played well at that position the last three or four years. We feel that we have a kid that has the opportunity to be a really good quarterback for us. You know that's one position that you just can't hide."

The Bulldogs, on average, are scoring 5.3 more points per game this year (36.0) than the Tigers are

allowing (30.7).

Grambling's defense has allowed 363.7 yards per game this year, 102.3 yards fewer than the 466.0-yard average from the Bulldogs offense.

The Tigers have allowed opposing rushing attacks to gain 188.7 yards per game in 2021, compared to the 136.0 yards the Bulldogs offense has averaged on the ground.

Alabama A&M has turned the ball over four times this year, while the Tigers have two takeaways.

The Bulldogs will likely look to shut down GR-SU's run game after having allowed opposing rushing attacks to average 192.0 yards per game in 2021 compared to the 81.7 yards the Tigers offense has averaged on the ground per contest.

The Tigers have turned the ball over three times this season, while the Bulldogs have four takeaways.

# Dunkin' Dogs hold first preseason practice

Minden Press-Herald Sports Service

RUSTON — Louisiana Tech Men's Basketball head coach Eric Konkol guided the Bulldogs through their first official team practice on Wednesday night inside the Thomas Assembly Center.

Konkol, who garnered four postseason awards last season including Conference USA Coach of the Year, enters his seventh season at the

helm of a program that is coming off a 24-win season and an NIT Final Four appearance.

"This is like Christmas morning for us in coaching," said Konkol. "The first day of practice, the season upon us, and we have a really energetic group of guys and that gives energy to all of us."

Energy is certainly a plenty with this 2021-22 squad. As is leadership with fifth-year seniors Amorie Archibald and

Exavian Christon who have combined to play in 210 career games.

"Our older guys knew exactly what was coming," said Konkol. "There is so much in routine where there are things we want to have as standards that we set. But, then also with the upperclassmen in our program helping the younger guys along. That has been happening all summer into this fall and now really as we load up our

practice time. We are going to rely on leadership very much."

Glance at the roster and you will find a lot of freshmen and sophomores.

But with that group, still comes a lot of experience. The top two scorers (and both Third Team All-Conference USA selections) from a season ago — Kenneth Lofton, Jr. and Isaiah Crawford — return with more to prove.



WEEK 4 WINNERS:  
1ST RAGAN HOENKE  
2ND BUDDY WARD  
3RD DEBORAH FRANKLIN



# Bulldogs set for tough test at N. Carolina State

BY T. SCOTT BOATRIGHT  
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RUSTON — Louisiana Tech gets its toughest test of the season so far on Saturday as the Bulldogs travel to take on a North Carolina State team that defeated Clemson last weekend.

The Bulldogs are coming off a C-USA opening win over North Texas last weekend.

"I'm really proud of this team and what they were able to do in overcoming some adversity last week and being able to step up," said Tech head coach Skip Holtz said Tuesday during his weekly press conference. "Some guys really stepped up and played a really quality game for us. Anytime you can get a conference win, you have to celebrate it. It wasn't perfect. There are a lot of things we'll need to improve on, but that doesn't diminish the outstanding performances by a lot of individuals."

Holtz knows his team will have to be at its best to hang with the Wolf Pack.

"They had a huge win last week against Clemson," Holtz said Tues-

day during this weekly press conference. "When you look at this football team, the word solid comes to mind. They're just really solid in everything they're doing. They're playing with a lot of upperclassmen. A lot of guys have played. They have four guys that are tracking for career stats in NC State history. When you talk about their two receivers, their running back for average yards per carry, the punter, the place kicker, they have a lot of guys that have played a lot of football and that have really done a nice job for them. They have a really solid football team."

"Offensively, they're multiple. They do a lot of things. They have two running backs. One's averaging 6.5 yards per carry and one is averaging five. They have a couple wide receivers that are really playing outstanding. Their quarterback is a seasoned guy who was 3-0 last year and now with four games under his belt is really playing with confidence and doing some good things."

Holtz said the Wolf Pack's defense might be even tougher.

"The strength of this NC State team is defensively," Holtz said. "They have some great players on the defensive side of the ball. They have a very solid scheme in what they do. They're a 3-4 defense in what they do and they run it very, very well. They're very gap-sound in what they do and they're not giving up a lot of yards. They've given up right around 200 yards in three games and gave up 300 yards to Mississippi State. The only game they lost, they were minus-three in the turnover battle. When you look at it, it's going to be a tall order for us going to Raleigh, but it's one we're really excited about getting into this week, stepping back out of the conference, learning a little bit more about our football team and watching them compete on the road in a very loud, energetic stadium."

"It's a great challenge for us this week. After this week, we'll get into the open date and really have a time to look back and review the first five games and some things we have to do in the second half as we really get into the conference race."

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## FDA Gives Pfizer-BioNTech Covid-19 Vaccine Full Approval

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The Covid-19 vaccine from Pfizer joins a list of approved vaccines Americans have been safely using – like measles and chicken pox – to eradicate disease over the past decades. Billions of doses of the COVID-19 vaccines have been administered worldwide.

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## GOOD NEWS

# KNOWING GOD IS TO DO WHAT HE EXPECTS—BE HUMBLE!

Obedience, today, may seem legalistic, out of date! Jesus emphasized over and over that “if you love ME, you will keep MY commandments”. The Old Testament covenant relationship between God and Israel was conditional on the people following the Lord, forsaking all other allegiances. Doing what God expects not only flows from the spring of a loving heart, but it enables us to enjoy God’s presence, provisions, and protection. The Prophet Zechariah teaches several important lessons that speak to the heart of man’s need today. God expects His people to know and do certain things. Zechariah speaks of the virtue of humility. Today, as then, as we humble ourselves before the Lord, we then, are able to know more completely what He expects from us. Judah could not resist being puffed-up with pride and disregarded the request of God to come before Him in humility. We are reminded how the Lord

can do so much more through our lives when we seek Him in humility. Pride, the opposite of humility, is both destructive and obstructive. It tears us down and hinders God from using us for His purposes. Zephaniah helps us see the destructive power of pride which results in God’s divine judgment. New Testament teachings reveal that “when we humble ourselves before God, He will lift us up. (Matt, James, 1 Peter).

Zechariah lived in Judah around 630 BC. He was a priest, a prophet and great grandson of Hezekiah. His name means “the Lord remembers”. Through his prophecy, he offered God’s people hope that ‘God remembered and loved them.’ He made many references to the promised Anointed One that found

fulfillment 600 hundred years later in Jesus Christ. He was a prophet in the early years of Josiah’s reign. Josiah was one of only eight good kings to have served Judah. In fact, he was Judah’s last good king. He was only 8 years old when he became king. The country was corrupted by idolatry, blending the worship of the Lord and false religions, as well as religious rebellion. (We can see a similar parallel to our culture today). But Josiah was instrumental in leading a reform around 622. But the previous



Bill Crider

years carried many scars of the evil kings before him. Zephaniah addressed the evils that lingered from the evil days before Josiah’s reign. He called for humility and repentance; he promised harsh judgment on unrepentant people. He issued the promise of divine restoration that reflected hope that began

emerging as Josiah began reforms. The key sins against Judah were their worship of Baal, the stars, combining worship of God & idols and ignoring the Lord. They even dressed in foreign clothing (desiring to be like them), even while violence, deceit and greed loomed big. C-1: 12-15 reminds us how God honors the spirit of humility. God spoke to the people through His prophet, saying, “I will search Jerusalem with lamps—I will hunt for all evildoers into the darkest hours, until I find them and bring judgment upon them; no one will be able to hide from me, no matter how thick the darkness. You may settle down and think you are safe, you complacent sinners, but I will seek you out and bring punishment.” Their attitude, like ours often, had become complacent. The covenant of God was no longer alive in their lives. God speaking: “You have become spoiled and ruined like wine left to thicken upon

the dregs”. YUK! He continues by saying, “You think you are self dependent so you have set aside My concerns and wishes”. Because of this, your wealth will become like plunder, your homes will lie in ruin, and you will never live in them again. We know the feeling; we have become comfortable in our lifestyle; we enjoy the nicer things of life. Often our relationship with the Lord suffers as a result of this. We see it in our cultural revolution today. “I want what I want and I will do what I have to do to get it. Get out of my way.” We have lost the spirit of humility, sacrificial love and obedience to God’s teaching. Humility will keep us close to the Lord. It calls for high regard and respect for Him and others. The prophet continues to remind his people: “The great day of the Lord and great judgment is near. No one will escape! The warrior’s cry is bitter. The Day of the Lord will be a disaster for Ju-

dah.” Still, God is calling sinful people to humility. He wants to redeem His people, not destroy them. Like the people in Zechariah’s day, it is now our choice to make! Sinfulness and holiness can not survive side-by-side. Humility brings humbleness before the Lord; restoration then can happen. We must seek the Lord as humble disciples and carry out His commands. Seek righteousness, seek humility! Work together for God’s glory! Yes, God calls all of us to humility! Let’s all come together, bow down and humble ourselves before Him and He will lift us up. In the weeks ahead, much prayer and discernment is needed as we make so many important decisions concerning our country, our community and our way of life. May we all humbly seek the face of the Lord in our prayer times.

**BILL CRIDER IS CHAPLAIN OF MINDEN MEDICAL CENTER**

## THE UPWARD LOOK

### Fitted Together

*“Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord,” Ephesians 2:20b-21 NASB*



Max Hutto

In Christ every believer is being fitted together in His church. Having been saved by His grace through faith in His atoning sacrifice, every believer is to be growing in his lifestyle, becoming a part of the holy temple of God. God is molding and making the believer to be holy, to live righteously as a child of God. God is shaping and cutting the facets of

each believer and placing them into the building, His holy temple, which is being set apart to worship, honor, and glorify the Lord.

Lord Jesus, mold me and shape me into a holy and sanctified part of Your church. Use my life, being fitted together with other believers, to bring You glory and praise.

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

## LET NOT YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED

### Prophecy Fulfilled

As I said in last week’s article, Afghanistan had to fall. I believe the next country to fall will be Taiwan. I believe China will take Taiwan with no objection from Mr. Biden. The U.S. gave the Taliban billions of dollars in military equipment and left many Americans behind. There



Mack Ford

are many Christians there that need our prayers. I believe China will take Taiwan’s military equipment also. I’m sure there are many Christians there that need our prayers. Ancient Persia and China will attack Israel in the near future. The Bible says all nations will come

against Israel. I don’t believe that America and the other free nations would be part of the group that attacks Israel. That means that America and other free nations may not exist. Come soon Lord Jesus. To be continued...

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Level: Advanced

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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!

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ANSWER:

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Thursday's unlisted clue: WILLIE

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

Friday's unlisted clue hint: CREATURE WITH 8 TENTACLES

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Bivalves  
Chitons

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Insects  
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Leeches  
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No spine  
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HISTORY

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ed hoarding gold, which led to high gold prices. The US Treasury under the orders of President Ulysses S. Grant sold a large amount of gold leading to a plummet in gold prices within the span of minutes.

1789 US Congress Adopts the Judiciary Act of 1789

The act was passed by the first Congress of the United States. It created the US federal judiciary including the Supreme Court.

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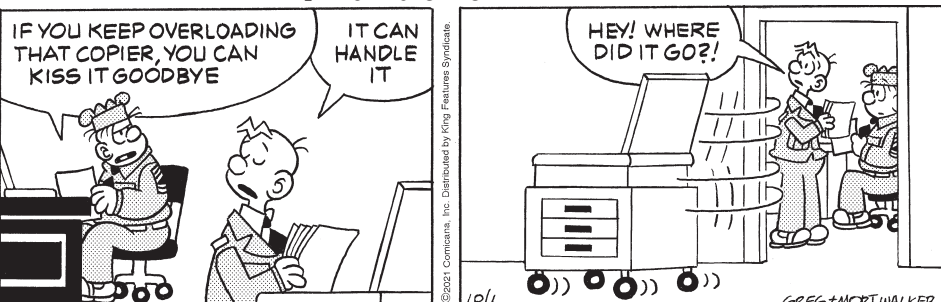
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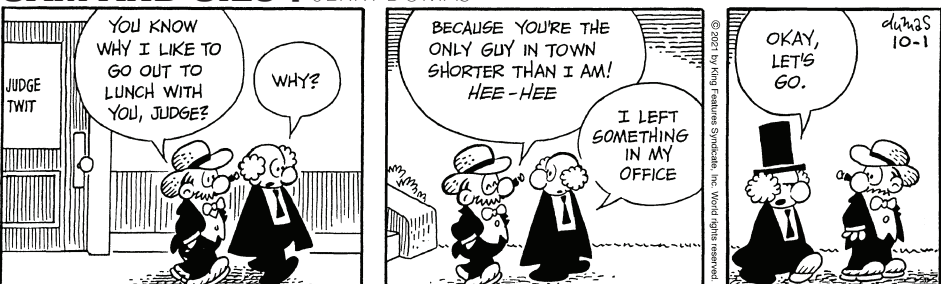
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Specifications may be obtained at the Office of the City Clerk, Minden City Hall, 520 Broadway Street, P. O. Box 580, Minden, LA 71058-0580 (Phone: 318-377-2144).

One original, six (6) copies and one (1) digital CD of the proposal should be delivered to the Office of the City Clerk, City of Minden, at 520 Broadway Street, Minden, Louisiana on or before 10:00 a.m., October 25, 2021. Proposals should be submitted in an envelope marked “Confidential - Solid Waste Removal and Disposal Services” with the due date and time indicated on the outside.

The City of Minden reserves the right to reject all proposals and to waive all informalities.

Michael Fluhr,  
Acting City Clerk

October 1, 2021  
October 8, 2021  
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Village of Dixie Inn  
Special Session  
September 27, 2021

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

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen for the Village of Dixie Inn met in special session on September 27, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Dixie Inn, Louisiana with the following members present: Mayor Kay Hallmark-Stratton, Aldermen Donna Hoffoss, Judy McKenzie, and Lance Milligan.

The meeting was called to order and the

invocation and pledge of allegiance were given.

There were no public comments.

Mayor Kay Hallmark-Stratton welcomed guests.

Mayor Kay Hallmark-Stratton read aloud Resolution No. 01-09272021. A motion was made by Donna Hoffoss and seconded by Judy McKenzie to adopt Resolution #01-09272021, a resolution designating the Mayor, Kay Hallmark-Stratton, to act on behalf of the Village of Dixie Inn in all matters pertaining to a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the State of Louisiana and the Village of Dixie Inn concerning the State Line-Item Appropriation contained in Act 119 of the 2021 regular Legislative Session for the purchase and installation of generator(s) for the Village of Dixie Inn City Hall/Police Office/Fire Station. Vote on the motion was unanimous and having 3 Yeas, 0 Nays, 0 Absences, and 0 Abstains.

A motion was made by Lance Milligan and seconded by Donna Hoffoss to provide additional funds in the minimum amount of \$14,136.00 to said award. Vote on the motion was unanimous and having 3 Yeas, 0 Nays, 0 Absences, and 0 Abstains.

A motion was made by Judy McKenzie and seconded by Lance Milligan that in the event of an administration change, the new Mayor shall continue to have such authority under this Resolution. Vote on the motion was unanimous and having 3 Yeas, 0 Nays, 0 Absences, and 0 Abstains.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Judy McKenzie and seconded by Lance Milligan. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

ATTEST:  
Kay Hallmark-Stratton  
Mayor

October 1, 2021  
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RESOLUTION NO. 01-09272021

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE MAYOR, KAY HALLMARK-STRATTON, TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE VILLAGE OF DIXIE INN IN ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO A COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT BE-

TWEEN THE STATE OF LOUISIANA AND THE VILLAGE OF DIXIE INN CONCERNING THE STATE LINE-ITEM APPROPRIATION CONTAINED IN ACT 119 OF THE 2021 REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION

WHEREAS, the Village of Dixie Inn is a recipient of a line-item appropriation contained in Act 119 of the 2021 Regular Legislative Session for the purchase and installation of generator(s) for Village of Dixie Inn City Hall/Police Office /Fire Station; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Dixie Inn, Louisiana acting by and through its Board of Aldermen proposes to enter into a Co-operative Endeavor Agreement with the Louisiana Department of the Treasury; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana Department of the Treasury requires that a person be designated, appointed, and given the authority to perform certain duties and administration of said award for and on behalf of the Awardee; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Dixie Inn Board of Aldermen met in a special session on September 27, 2021, whereby Donna Hoffoss, Judy McKenzie, and Lance Milligan were present, constituting a quorum; and

WHEREAS, a motion was made by Donna Hoffoss and was seconded by Judy McKenzie, to designate and appoint Mayor Kay Hallmark-Stratton to perform all duties and administration of said award, which carried unanimously by voice vote and was recorded on the minutes; and

WHEREAS, a motion was made by Lance Milligan and was seconded by Donna Hoffoss, to provide additional funds in the minimum amount of \$14,136.00 to said award, which carried unanimously by voice vote and was recorded on the minutes; and

WHEREAS, a motion was made by Judy McKenzie and was seconded by Lance Milligan, that in the event of an administration change, the new Mayor shall continue to have such authority under this Resolution.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, by the Board of Aldermen of Village of Dixie Inn, as follows:

THAT, Mayor Kay

Hallmark-Stratton, be and is hereby designated and appointed to perform on behalf of Village of Dixie Inn, Louisiana and has the authority to make those acts and assume any and all duties in dealing with the award with Louisiana Department of the Treasury; and

THAT, Mayor Kay Hallmark-Stratton is hereby authorized to execute and submit any and all documents including, but not limited to, applications, cooperative endeavor agreement, award closing documents, request for funds, status reports to Louisiana Department of the Treasury; and

THAT, the Awardee agrees to provide additional funds in the minimum amount of \$14,136.00 to said award; and

THAT, in the event of an administration change, the new Mayor shall continue to have such authority under this Resolution.

READ AND ADOPTED, this the 27th day of September 2021.

ATTEST

Dana James, Clerk  
Village of Dixie Inn,  
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October 1, 2021  
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PARCEL NUMBER ONE: A tract of land located in the E. B. Smith Subdivision, located in Lots 4, 5 and 8, Section 19, Township 18 North, Range 9 West, Webster Parish, LA, described as follows: Commence at the southwest corner of Lot 12, and thence go 50 feet North 30°21' East along the west line line of said Lot 12 as a point of beginning; from this point of beginning run 100 feet South 69° East; thence run North 20°25' East 241 feet; thence run west 100 feet to the west boundary of Lot 15; thence run south 20°25' west 241 feet to the point of beginning, together with all improvements thereon and all rights thereunto belonging.

PARCEL NUMBER TWO: A tract of land located in the E. B. Smith Subdivision, located in Lots 4, 5 and 8, Section 19, Township 18 North, Range 9 West, Webster Parish, LA, described as follows: Begin at the southwest corner of Lot 12; thence run 50 feet North 30°21' East along the west line of said Lot 12; thence run 100 feet south 69°35' East to the point of beginning of the property here described; thence continue south 69°35' East to the East boundary line of said Lot 12 (approximately 115 feet); thence run 315 feet North 20°25' East along the East boundary of Lots 12, 13, 14 and 15 in said subdivision; thence run North 69°35' West approximately 200 feet to the west boundary of said lot 15; thence run 76.52 feet South 30°21' West to the southwest corner of said Lot 15; thence run 100 feet South 69°35' east along the south line of said Lot 15; thence run South 30°21' east approximately 241 feet to the point of beginning of the property herein described.

PARCEL NUMBER THREE: A lot located in the E. D. Smith Subdivision of Section 19, Township 18 North, Range 9 West, Webster Parish, LA, as per map and plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Clerk of Court of said Parish at Map Book 3, Page 4, and said lot being a portion of lot designated on such map and plat as Lot 12, being fully described as follows: Begin at the northwest corner of Lot 11 of said E. D. Smith Subdivision and run North 30°21' East 30 feet to the point of beginning; thence continue North 30°21' East 50 feet; thence run South 69°35' East 241.6 feet and to the East line of said lot 12; thence run South 20°25' West 50 feet; thence run North 69°35' West 241.6 feet to the point of beginning, and being the south 50 feet of said lot 12, together with all improvements thereon and all rights thereunto belonging.  
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Deputy Clerk of Court for the 26<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court for Webster Parish, Louisiana

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City of Minden  
Michael Fluhr  
Acting City Clerk  
**October 1, 2021  
October 12, 2021  
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