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CITY GOVERNMENT

Mayor meets with Councilman about concerns regarding the budget

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A meeting was conducted with Edwards, Mayor Terry Gardner, and Acting City Clerk Michael Fluhr, and the HR Manager whose salary was being discussed, and in a statement Gardner said that “feels as though a compromise has been made.”



GARDNER

“This email is to inform you that I have met with our HR Manager, April Aguilar, along with Councilman District A, Wayne Edwards and Michael Fluhr, Interim City Clerk. After an hour long discussion I feel as though a compromise has been made. Ms. Aguilar has agreed to a 6% increase upon her anniversary date. If you recall in the previous email I sent about the three areas of concern that Councilman Edwards had addressed with the Mayor and they were: A. To keep the council more informed. B. To include Councilmembers in the hiring and pay negotiations of key employees. C. The pay increase of the HR Manager,” the statement read.

“I feel now that all of these concerns have been addressed and once again I am asking for your support on adoption of the 2021/2022 budget on November 2, 2021 at our City Council meeting to help move our city forward. I would be more than happy to meet for breakfast or lunch with you and one other councilmember if you would like to discuss. Call or email me if you have any questions.”

While Edwards concerns may have been met, in response to this statement Councilman Terika Williams-Walker held firm, stating “I’m not in agreement.”

CHICKEN CHARBROIL

Lions say eat more chicken



Over 800 meals were served throughout the course of the Lion Club's Chicken Charbroil, where the Lions sold hot plates filled with delicious chicken to help fund their various service projects for the year.

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NEW BUSINESS

Minden welcomes new processing plant at SWID

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Few weeks ago the South Webster Industrial Park had its last spot filled by Parish Meat Processing. The Owner, Jackson McConnico, wanted to take the opportunity to introduce himself to the local community, and share why he chose Webster Parish as the home for his business.

“We’re excited to be here. We’re excited to make an impact in the community, want to get to know everybody, and hopefully become a pillar for meat in the community,” said McConnico.

“I really like the area. Being out here, it’s a more tight knit community, so you’re able to make a bigger impact on this city. Shreveport, not to say that it doesn’t care, but they couldn’t care less that we were over there. So there’s a lot of opportunity for more growth once we have a good foundation laid and kind of get a foot in the market, then the opportunities are kind of endless.”

Originally located in Shreveport, but being a small business looking to grow, needed a palace that would allow them to expand their production.

We work with quite a few local farmers, and we’re going to bring on quite a few more now that we’re able to actually scale our business. We were kind of locked in at our last location,” said McConnico. He also stated that due to the new location, they were able to scale production roughly 300% from their last location.

Talking in more technical terms about the services they provide, McConnico said, “We take the whole animals in, beef, pork, lamb goat, and we provide a service of breaking those animals down into their cuts. So we provide a service to farmers, and the farmers will then take that product that we’ve processed for them and sell it out in stores, to local clients. So if you wanted to buy a half or whole steer, you would call a farmer, they would send it over to us, and we would process it per what the client wanted.”

Parish Meat Processing brings a much needed service to an area with so much agriculture. They stated that they will abstain from processing deer, so that during the times when other meat processors are filled with orders for deer, they are still able to take care of farmers’ needs.



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Economic Director Phillip Smart and Parish Meats Processing owner Jackson McConnico seen in front of the location of their processing plant within the South Webster Industrial Park.

“A lot of plants end up doing deer, and they have to shut down during deer season. Because if you’re going to do deer, and you’re going to do a lot of it. So they’ll do beef processing in the off season, but that’s not really good for farmers because farmers work year round,” said McConnico. “So we’re not going to be doing deer here, so that we can take care of our clients, and they can actually grow sustainably. So instead of doing 10, 20 spurts head at a time, they can do 4 head a month for the entire year.”

Lastly, he said that a

big motivator for him to move here was the active engagement he got from the community on helping him locate here. “Phillip has been a massive help from the get go. Knowing that he wanted us here, and was going to do everything in his power to get us here, I didn’t really find that anywhere else. Anytime I would have issues he would help take care of it. So that kind of sealed the deal at the end of the day, that relationship, knowing that we were getting into a good community that wanted us there made a huge deal.”

GAS BUDDY

Louisiana gas prices have risen

(October 25, 2021) - Louisiana gas prices have risen 7.2 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.15/g today, according to GasBuddy’s daily survey of 2,436 stations in Louisiana. Gas prices in Louisiana are 26.5 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand \$1.26/g higher than a year ago. The cheapest station in Louisiana is priced at \$2.79/g today while the most expensive is \$3.75/g, a difference of 96.0 cents per gallon.

“Gas prices continued to soar in a majority of the nation over the last week as oil’s meteoric rise pulls gasoline and other refined product prices higher. But, there may be some light at the end of the tunnel,” said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy.

The national average price of gasoline has risen 3.8 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.36/g today. The national average is up 17.1 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands \$1.21/g higher than a year ago.

“The sharp rise we’ve seen over the last three weeks should begin slowing down soon, barring another jump in the price of oil. This is because gasoline prices have now largely caught up to the jump in oil that started nearly a month ago. This isn’t an all clear for the future, however, as oil prices could rise again at any time. But for now, oil has held around \$83 per barrel, and without a further climb, gas price increases should slow down soon in the bulk of the nation,” said De Haan.

GasBuddy is the authoritative voice for gas prices and the only source for station-level data spanning nearly two decades. GasBuddy’s survey updates 288 times every day from the most diverse list of sources covering nearly 150,000 stations nationwide, the most comprehensive and up-to-date in the country.

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STATE GOVERNMENT

Kennedy cosponsors bill to redirect pandemic funds for Louisiana natural disaster needs

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — Rather than crush state finances, the coronavirus pandemic is sending a glut of money to Louisiana's treasury, with Gov. John Bel Edwards and lawmakers facing another year of decisions about how to spend piles of cash available to them.

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This year's budget is balanced with at least \$720 million in short-term cash that isn't expected to be available in later years, including \$600 million in enhanced federal Medicaid money available because of the pandemic.

In addition to the one-time federal aid, Louisiana's temporary 0.45% state sales tax enacted in 2018 to balance the budget is set to fall off the books in mid-2025, which will siphon away dollars that lawmakers are currently using to pay for ongoing state operations.

CRIME

Inmate who was throwing feces in cell shrugs off four attempted pepper sprays

STAFF REPORT
Minden Press-Herald

Earlier this month, inmate of BDCC Travis West, 42, was throwing urine/feces all over the holding area that he was imprisoned in at BDCC. Two officers removed him from the cell and placed him into a holding cell.

A short time later, an officer opened the door to talk to West, "but West exited the door in an aggressive manner and immediately began fighting with [the officer]. West ran towards the door in booking and tried to pull the door open to exit the facility. [The officer tried to grab ahold of West, but during this entire encounter West was punching and attempting to punch the officer several times," the booking report stated. They were engaged in a physical altercation for several minutes.

Another officer tried to intervene, "but West grabbed ahold of [her] and placed her in a chokehold. [She] was not able to breathe during this time. During the time West was choking [her], he grabbed a taser and pointed it at Bass's facial area," the report stated.

Eventually another officer came and helped remove West from choking the other officer and placed them in handcuffs, which took several more minutes since West was still resisting.

The report states that a booking phone was damaged during the encounter, and that West was pepper sprayed four different times, seemingly to no effect. The choked officer complained of pain in their neck area while the other sustained multiple bruises and laceration in their hands and facial area.

West was charged with two counts of battery of a correction officer, disarming a peace officer, three counts of resisting an officer with force, aggravated escape, and simple criminal damage to property.

BLOTTER

Recent Arrests in Webster Parish

Jimmy Shine Jr., 32, of the 900 block fo North Main Street, was arrested for disturbing the peace through public intoxication, littering, and criminal damage to property.

Telvin West, 29, of the 100 block of Squire Street, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

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Trekaveon Hampton, 20, of the 100 block of

Loop Road, was arrested for disturbing the peace through fighting.

Dominick Gill, 31, of the 200 block of Camp Street, was arrested for 2 counts of possession of a schedule I substance with intent to distribute, three counts of a schedule II substance with intent to distribute, and two counts of possession of a schedule IV substance with intent to distribute.

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Kenneth Davis, 44, of the 100 block of Melvin Thomas Road, was arrested for simple battery and trespassing.

Dennis Sneed Jr., 37, of the 200 block of West Middle Landing, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

Lewis Rankins Jr., 36, of the 1300 block of Shepard Street, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

Shannan Mims, 51, of the 4900 block of Greenwood Road, was arrested for public drunkenness.

Dillion Roton, 21, of the 100 block of Meadowcreek Road, was arrested for failure to appear in

court.

Jarrod Stout, 35, was arrested for theft.

Miranda Richardson, 51, of the 1500 block of Shreveport Road, was arrested for disturbing the peace through intoxication.

Clint Godwin, 41, of the 3500 block of Franiles Road, was arrested for Aggravated Assault and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Reginald Crawford, 62, of the 100 block of West Roosevelt Drive, was arrested for being a fugitive of Caddo Parish.

Jessica Sullivan, 36, of the 200 block of Lee Road, was arrested for home invasion.

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OBITUARIES



Patsy Smith Garcin

Funeral services celebrating the life of Patsy Smith Garcin, 86, of Minden, LA, will be held 11:00 A.M. Tuesday, October 26, 2021 at First Baptist Church in Minden, LA with Rev. Bill Crider, Rev. Leland Crawford, and Rev. Steve Gilley officiating. Interment will follow the service in Gardens of Memory Cemetery, under the direction of Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Minden, LA.

Patsy passed away peacefully on Friday, October 22, 2021 Center at Ochsner LSU Health in Shreveport, Louisiana at the age of 86 surrounded by her loving family. Patsy was born on November 3, 1934, in Ruston, Louisiana to Archie Lee Smith and Eleanor Green Smith. Raised in Minden, she graduated from Minden High School and attended Louisiana College where she met and later married Kenneth Glenn Garcin on October 31, 1954. While living in Alexandria, Louisiana, their only child was born, Kenneth Gary Garcin. In 1961 they moved to Minden where she started working at the Louisiana Army Ammunition Plant from which she later retired in 1996.

Patsy spent her life in Minden devoted to helping those in her community and her church, selflessly giving her time and energy wherever she could. She especially loved to be involved in ministry at First Baptist Church in Minden where she regularly volunteered to serve meals and help with numerous events and projects. Vacation Bible School was a special love of hers. Patsy was also involved in the W.M.U. and was the representative on the Missions Committee. She helped to manage the missionary homes, provide meals to Habit for Humanity volunteers,

and helped with special projects to benefit local schools. She helped in coordinating donations each year through the Shoe Box Ministry and worked at the Rolling Hills Thrift Store in Ruston with her fellow senior adults. She regularly visited older adults who could no longer attend church and would even drive them to doctor's appointments or pick up their medicine or groceries. Though she never desired recognition for her many acts of kindness, her altruism earned her the title of Minden's Woman of the Year in 2005 after her mother, Eleanor Green Smith, had previously received the same award in 1990. Patsy loved her community in Minden so much – her neighbors, her Sunday School Class, the SonRisers, those she served with at church, and her group of friends who would meet at McDonalds. Her legacy of love and generosity will be remembered by all.

Patsy was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth Glenn Garcin, her parents, Archie Lee Smith and Eleanor Green Smith, her brother, Gary Archie Smith, and his wife, Sandra Pullig Smith, and her half-brother, Aaron Olespy Smith. Patsy is survived by her son, Kenneth Gary Garcin, and his wife Deborah of Pilot Point, Texas, her grandson, Bryant Garcin, and his wife Melissa of Alexandria, Virginia, and her sister-in-law, Sondra Crider, and her husband Rev. Bill Crider of Minden, as well as numerous nieces and nephews and cousins along with many friends from First Baptist Church and the community of Minden.

Pallbearers will be Bryant Garcin, Lee G. Smith, Stuart Smith, Trevor Smith, Taylor Smith, Trenton Smith, and Connor Smith. Honorary pallbearers will be Tommy Garcin, Bobby Taylor, Brint Fegley, Tracey Campbell, Gary Haynes, Jon Cole, and John Parnell.

A contribution in her memory can be made to the First Baptist Church Missions Committee or St. Jude's Children's Hospital.



Leon "Bo" Burge

Funeral services for Leon "Bo" Burge will be held Thursday, October 28, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. at Rose-Neath Funeral Home Chapel in Minden, Louisiana with Bro. Calvin Hubbard officiating. Interment will follow at Point Chapel Cemetery in Doyline, Louisiana. The family will receive friends from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 27, 2021, at Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Minden.

Bo was born November 16, 1940, in Shreveport, Louisiana at Charity Hospital. He entered into rest October 23, 2021, at home surrounded by his family after enduring a lengthy illness.

Bo served as a boiler tech in the United States Navy from February 1958 until 1962 as a 2nd Class Petty Officer. He went to work at Webster Wholesale, Herren Metals, Union Texas Petroleum, and finally retired from the Webster Parish Police Jury.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Ella Louise Watson Burge, father, Robert Lee Burge, spouse of 59 years, Peggy Moore Burge, Brother, James Burge, and sisters, Fern White and Bobbie Reeve.

He is survived by his son, Rob Burge and wife Kelly Jo of Doyline, daughter, Carrie Avant and husband Marvin; sisters, Mary Faust and Linda Montgomery; grandchildren, Raynie Boley and husband Daniel, Rachel Hayes and husband Daniel, Kelsey Morris and husband Ben, Kayla Rasberry and husband Justin, and Kami Burge; great-grandchildren, Bo, Cade, Bryce, Bennett, Graydon, Kc Jo, and Savannah, and many nieces and nephews.

He was known around these parts as the Horse Trader, and his passion was breaking and training horses and raising livestock. He greatly enjoyed all the tasks that went along with it as well, like working the cattle, cutting and baling hay, building fences, and buying and selling tractors.

Pallbearers will be Mitch Burge, Craig Burge, Thomas Burge, Mike Burge, Brad Bates, and Scott Spears.

The family extends special thanks to sitters; Portia Gay, Haley Landry, and Alice Horton, who brought comfort and became part of our family.

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Cecilia Marie (O'Rear) Byars

Cecilia Marie Byars, age 81, passed from this life on October 3, 2021. She was born on March 8, 1940 in Kilgore, TX to Cecil Neal and Arlyn Maddox O'Rear.

Strength and softness found harmony in Cecilia. From her heart shone an unequalled support and love; to her, the heart of a person and the needs of others mattered most. She lived life simply, without pretense, thankful for her many blessings and loved ones. In her youth, she happened, upon leaving a gathering of friends, to meet a young man, Gene, that drove her home. Though neither knew it, it was the start of something that few find in this life. Neither were looking for it, but like most precious memories, it started simply; Gene saw where she lived and knew it was good hunting land. They spent their first date together dove hunting on her family's land. She was still in high school, accomplishing much, being a Majorette for the school band and an exceptional ballet dancer; while he recently graduated, was honing his skills at the billiards table, working, and growing each day more in love with his "Cellie". After her graduation from Minden High School in 1959, they joined their hands in marriage on May 28, 1959, cementing their love and uniting their hearts. Once her Gene was accepted on an archery scholarship to college, Cecilia, true to her unwavering nature, sup-

ported him fully. He would go on to receive his Bachelor's Degree, then his Master's Degree, and finally his Doctorate, pursuing a career in education. And always by his side, raising the children that their love had produced. To say that she was a "good mom" would be the equivalent of saying she was a "good wife", Cecilia never would have claimed either title, but to Gene and her children, she was the best of mothers and the epitome of a faithful, loving partner. One hundred percent was her way, and she knew no other. Once Gene's career got kickstarted and the children mostly grown, she pursued her dream of going to school, earning two Bachelor Degree's from LA Tech. Sharing a class with her children was always a delight to her, and when roll was called, Cecilia would proudly proclaim which children were hers. After completing her education, she taught various primary school grades at various schools, wherever life led her and Gene's careers, and upon retirement in 2001, with his following in 2003, they bought a motor home and travelled through all 48 of the contiguous United States, and would have gone to the other two, yet they were not fond of air travel and there was no bridge to Hawai'i. "Granddaddy" and "Grandmommy" were proud of the grandchildren that kept coming into their lives, and eventually the great-grandchildren, and in them was found an additional focus for her loving, supporting heart. Coke was "her coffee", and it was her beverage of choice nearly every morning. While Gene, as most men, had no fishing partner that surpassed in talent, he would gladly admit that she was "as good" as him, with Cecilia enjoying bank fishing for white perch, relaxing and cherishing their time spent together. The generous giving inherent

to her, not of earthly goods, but of her love, made an immeasurable impact on many hearts and defined for her family the meaning of unconditional. As she ended her visit on this Earth and passed into the arms of her Lord, she will be missed until the day appointed that her loved ones will be together with her again.

Left to honor her memory is her beloved husband of 62 years, Noel E. "Gene" Byars; daughter, JoAnna Haynes and husband, Danny, of Minden, LA; sons, Eugene Byars and wife, Katerena, of Lumberton, TX, Tim Byars of Dyersburg, TN, and Richard "Randy" Byars and wife, Kristin, of Beaumont, TX; brother, Mike O'Rear of Shreveport, LA; grandchildren, Matthew Byars and wife, Tara, Rebecca Silcox and husband, Jon, Baylee Tingle and husband, David; Kris Marks and wife, Jessica, Keli Weems and husband, Jared, Erin Byars, Sarahbeth Lewis and husband, Michael, Mary Catherine Leisey and husband, Eric, Logan Byars, Caleb Byars, Ally Kate Byars, Brady Byars, Tyler Byars, Stephanie Cook and husband, Nathen, Jenna Durkin and husband, Cole, Andie Wright and husband, Johnathan, Joshua Randolph Byars, and Amanda Grace "Gracie" Byars; 18 great-grandchildren; and a host of extended family, friends, former students, and loved ones.

Cecilia is preceded in death by her parents and sister, Loraine Barnard.

Visitation with family and friends will be 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m., Thursday, October 7, 2021, at Eastside Missionary Baptist Church, 1201 Park Hwy, Minden, LA 71055. Cecilia's life honoring service will follow at 1:00 p.m., also at the church, with Bro. Chet Johnson officiating, and burial to follow at Gardens of Memory, 1527 Lewisville Rd, Minden, LA 71055.



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Lawmakers gave money to ports, water systems, tourism marketing efforts, broadband projects, road and bridge work, hurricane recovery, technology upgrades at the Capitol and the unemployment trust fund. Many of the programs created to distribute that assistance are just getting off the ground.

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This year's budget is balanced with at least \$720 million in short-term cash that isn't expected to be available in later years, including \$600 million in enhanced federal Medicaid money available because of the pandemic.

In addition to the one-time federal aid, Louisiana's temporary 0.45% state sales tax enacted in 2018 to balance the budget is set to fall off the books in mid-2025, which will siphon away dollars that lawmakers are currently using to pay for ongoing state operations.

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OTHER OPINION

Why north Louisiana should vote 'yes' on Amendments 1 and 2 on November 13

There are two significant happenings over the next few weeks we should all be watching carefully — the first is the November 13 election, which for most of us will only include a set of four constitutional amendments. The second is a series of meetings where state officials will travel to North Louisiana to present the first round of information about Louisiana's complex redistricting task. They're seemingly unrelated, but the stark information presented on redistricting, and the challenge legislators face in redrawing those fine lines should be motivation for all of us to get out and vote YES on amendments numbers 1 and 2 on your ballot.

The 2020 Census tells us we've lost so much population that our two North Louisiana congressional districts will have to find roughly 80,000 new voters in neighboring districts. That indicates a major migration problem that should set off alarms within all of us. Our communities shouldn't be experiencing this kind of loss,

and they wouldn't be if families could find jobs and economic opportunity without having to chase it elsewhere. It's time for us to reverse this trend, and the tax reform amendments on the ballot provide the opportunity to set a new course.



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comes to attracting new business and investment in our state — because our tax code, and the way we collect local sales taxes, is cumbersome, complicated, and archaic. Amendments 1 and 2 are designed to change that, by streamlining and simplifying our system.

Amendment 1 would streamline how we collect and remit local sales taxes to our communities. Right now, our

home-grown businesses must do this by hand, navigating 54 different local collectors and more than 100 different local tax rates. The amendment relieves this burden, putting our businesses on equal footing with their out-of-state competitors selling here, who currently enjoy a single, streamlined method. Most other states collect taxes through this method, it's time we do so as well.

While Amendment 1 streamlines, Amendment 2 simplifies — lowering individual income tax rates in exchange for removing a dinosaur of an incentive from the constitution and triggering a series of bills that together make a simpler system with lower rates — a system making Louisiana more attractive to new business and the jobs they bring. I mentioned that Louisiana's business tax climate ranks 42nd, but in its analysis of the tax reform amendments, the Tax Foundation concludes that if passed, amendments 1 and 2 would finally pull Louisiana out of the bottom ten.

As a proud member of the Committee of 100 for Economic Development, Inc. — Louisiana's business roundtable of corporate executives and university presidents — we have used our collective voice to advocate for public policies that improve Louisiana's overall competitiveness. We've studied this, we've been lending our expertise, and we can finally see reform within our reach.

I invite you to learn more about these critical tax reform amendments, visit www.cabl.org, www.parlouisiana.org or www.UntangleMyTaxes.org for more information. Election Day is November 13, and Early Voting runs from October 30 through November 6. It's time to reverse course, and you've got the power to do so, if you vote YES on amendments 1 and 2.

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OTHER OPINION

Special interests try to stifle food imports, harm the economy

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As American growers work with their allies in the federal government to limit imported fruits and vegetables, American consumers face a hit to their pocketbooks in the form of higher prices at the grocery store.

In recent years, farmers and growers associations have amped up their efforts at protecting their members by pushing members of Congress and high-ranking officials in the federal government to slap tariffs and price minimums on commodities imported into the U.S.

One of the latest of these, the Tomato Suspension Agreement, removed a tariff placed on tomatoes imported from Mexico, but established a higher "refer-

ence" price. The Department of Commerce said these price minimums were designed to "prevent the suppression or undercutting" of tomatoes grown in the U.S.

Such decisions are bolstered by research, even as the motivation behind the research might be called into question. For example, a study by University of Florida associate professor Zhengfei Guan stated that U.S. tomato growers could lose as much as \$252 million annually if imports from Mexico increase by 50 percent in coming years.

Guan studies food and resource economics at UF's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS), which has been the go-to source for studies that support the efforts of growers to suppress imports.

A June 2019 study by IFAS co-authored by Guan said a 75% increase in imports for bell peppers, strawberries, and to-

matoes would result in losses of \$389 million for Florida growers. The study echoed similar findings from a study conducted by researchers at the University of Georgia.

The organizations involved in both the Florida and Georgia studies enjoy close ties to the growing industry. And, unsurprisingly, the concerns raised in the research stood to benefit growers affected by the U.S.-Canada-Mexico (USCMA) Agreement that former President Donald Trump signed to replace the North American Free Trade Agreement.

As the Taxpayers Protection Alliance previously reported, a number of members of growers' associations in Florida serve in various capacities with IFAS. This includes Florida Blueberry Growers Association Board of Directors members Gary England, Jeffrey G. Williamson and Philip Harmon; Florida Tomato

Exchange member Bob Spencer and Florida Fruit & Vegetable Association member Peter Chaires.

Both the Georgia state growers association and UGA share the same lobbyist, Bob Redding, who has been a key player for the agricultural industry in that state.

Research from organizations not affiliated with the special interests that would benefit domestic growers paint a different picture.

A study from the University of Arizona found that new inspection requirements on tomatoes imported from Mexico could incur significant financial loss due to delays in tomato shipment delivery, and that the U.S. could be in violation of international trade agreements with its new policies.

And, while the growers' special interests emphasize harm to farmers, other studies, such

as this examination from Texas A&M, show that the American economy wouldn't be as successful without plenty of imports. In just California, Texas, New Mexico and Arizona, agricultural imports from Mexico accounted for nearly \$784 million in economic output in 2017.

Giving preference to domestic growers harms American businesses that rely on imports. U.S. businesses will be hurt either way, but only one side is demanding government interference to tip the scales in its favor by keeping competition out of the country.

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INSPIRATION

The magical power of belief

The magical, mystical power of belief is what it takes to move mountains -- to make dreams come true -- to have whatever we want out of life

There is a force at work in the universe that picks up -- plugs into -- connects with our spirits -- not only recognizing and appreciating our determination, thus reaching out and aiding, assisting and abetting our dreams into a reality.

I see this as God at work in the universe but its up to use to take that first step.

Even the Bible teaches that if we have faith "as a grain of mustard" we can move mountains!

But it takes that rare faith -- that first step -- that undying belief to put that force into action.

The lack of will -- verve -- tenacity -- that lackadaisical quality is not rewarded for very long if at all.

There are some things we have to do for ourselves.

It takes gutsy tenacity -- of stepping out onto a limb -- going to a jumping off place to set forces into motion on our behalf.

Why this is true I'm yet unclear but I know it's so.

It's only been when I've taken a dare -- gone out into the darkness with only a candle -- that progress has been made. It's only when I've stepped up onto the diving board of life

-- not looking back or to one side that great things have happened in my life.

But we do have to take that first step of faith or we will continue to wallow in our own misery -- have our pity party unaware of the joy -- the exhilaration -- the ultimate high of doing that which produces tremendous fear -- yet providing a glow -- the radiance -- the joy -- the

satisfaction of knowing that we've tried -- and achieved at least some of our goals -- that we've given life our best shot but we can't do it alone nor would we want to. other

After all the Bible still teaches "that if we want to be great that we must be a servant" helping other people reach their goals. There's a magical, mystical power of belief that magnetically others to us when we do our best because our enthusiasm will be contagious.

Enthusiasm has been defined "as the God in you" which leads me to conclude by quoting the famous motivational speaker Zig Zigler who said "if you help other people to get what they want you can have everything you want."

We have to help each other because "we are not islands to ourselves" even though our talents differ.

Enough said for now.

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INSPIRATION

DAR Celebrates American History

Dorcheat-Bistineau Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution met at the Webster Parish Library on September 14th for their annual Constitution Week program. Cindy Madden, Constitution Week Chair, set up a display in the library foyer with handouts for patrons. At the chapter meeting she presented a portion of a movie called A Perfect Union, which showed why and how the U.S. Constitution was written and adopted. She encouraged all members to participate in Bells Across America by ringing a bell on September 17 at 3:00 in honor of the adoption of the Constitution on September 17, 1778. Kathy Johnson, Donna

Sutton, and Libbey Watkins served as hostesses.

On October 12, Dorcheat-Bistineau Chapter met at the Webster Parish Library for the annual American Indians Program. This year's speaker was Donna Sutton. She gave a PowerPoint presentation about the Paleolithic, Neolithic, and Archaic people of Louisiana. Over 700 Indian mounds have been documented just in Louisiana, and several are in our local area. Most were used for ceremonies and hunting camps, and a few were used for burials. Archaeologists have also found remains of prehistoric animals in Louisiana, including a hipparion (an ancient horse) in West

Feliciania Parish, and a mastodon in New Iberia Parish. She showed the guests some artifacts from her collection, including a set of grinding stones, a stone hammer, and a collection of arrowheads. Hostesses for this month's meeting were Ashlyn Benamati and Cindy Madden.

Any woman age 18 years or older, regardless of race, religion or ethnic background, who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution (1775-1783) is eligible to join DAR. Please like our Facebook page: Daughters of the American Revolution - Dorcheat-Bistineau Chapter.

INSPIRATION

Jerry Pinkney, award-winning illustrator, dies at 81

(AP) — Jerry Pinkney, a prize-winning children's book illustrator known for his richly textured images of Black life, fables and fairy tales in works ranging from "The Lion and the Mouse" to "The Sunday Outing," has died.

Little, Brown Books for Young Readers announced that Pinkney died Wednesday at age 81 after a brief, non-COVID related illness. Further details were not immediately available.

"Jerry was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather whose impact influenced the creative endeavors of so many in our family," his wife, the author Gloria Jean Pinkney, said in a statement.

Pinkney was a Philadelphia native who struggled with dyslexia but showed such talent for fine arts that he received a full scholarship from the Philadelphia College of Art (now the University of the Arts). He dropped out after 2 1/2 years to marry and start a family. He was soon hired by a greeting card company in Dedham, Massachusetts, and went on to illustrate books for more than 50 years, beginning in 1964 with "The Adventures of Spider: West African Folktales."

He worked mostly with watercolors, while also using pencils, colored pencils and ink.

His other credits include "The Little Mermaid," "John Henry," "Black Cowboy" and "A Place to Land: Martin Luther King Jr. and the Speech that Inspired a Nation." Valerie Flourney, Virginia Hamilton and Julius Lester were among the writers he collaborated with.

In 2010, his wordless adaptation of the Aesop fable "The Lion and the Mouse" led to his receiving the Randolph Caldecott Medal for outstanding illustration. He was a five-time winner of the Coretta Scott King Illustrator Award for best work by a Black artist, served on the U.S. Stamp Advisory Committee and designed the first Black Heritage stamps, including those honoring the King, Harriet Tubman and Jackie Robinson.

In 2016, he received two lifetime achievement awards: the Laura Ingalls Wilder Award (since renamed the Children's Literature Legacy Award) and the Coretta Scott King Virginia Hamilton Award. His work has been displayed at the Library of Congress, the New York Public Library and the Norman Rockwell Mu-

seum among other locations.

"Picture books would become my way to make my artistic gifts useful," he said in his acceptance speech for the Hamilton award. "I thought of the book as a vessel that could hold my interests, passions, desires, and hopes for my children and their children. Between its covers, it would hold histories as well as futures, truths and flights of fancy, my mother's smile and my father's pride."

"Books also enlarged and enhanced my interest in Black culture, allowing me a way to express my artistic impulses while sharing the adventures of John Henry and the courage of Harriet Tubman."

According to Little, Brown, Pinkney and his wife had been working on a memoir at the time of his death. Jerry Pinkney had teamed with Gloria Jean Pinkney, whom he had known since high school, on "The Sunday Outing" and "Back Home," both based on Gloria's childhood.

He is survived by his wife, daughter Troy, sons Brian, Scott, and Myles Pinkney, nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

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GARDENING

Pruning

Pruning is the practice of removing certain parts of the plant to stimulate new growth and increase the quality or production of flowers and fruits. Even as I write this article, I know it sounds a little confusing. I am going to cut something off a plant, and it will grow better? Yes! I was not sure I truly believed this until last year. I have a climbing rose plant that surrounds my mailbox and for the last couple of years it has not been producing the quality and quantity of rose as it once had. I talked with other agents and they suggested pruning the rose. In February last year, I took out my pruning shears and started cutting. I had to get over my initial fear of possibly hurting the plant and you can from over pruning. But I did my homework before I started and I began cutting, I removed what I considered parts that were old or unproductive and by the time I was finished my poor rose bush had two or maybe three main

parts left. I thought to myself, "well I either just killed it or helped it." As it turned out, I helped it. This was my best year of rose production I had in about five years.

Before you start pruning there are some tools you will need. A small pair of hand clippers to remove small parts of the plants. A large set of set of loppers to remove branches from trees. And lastly a saw incase you are cutting extremely big parts of a tree. Another thing to remember is you are going to want to clean your tools between cuts to insure you do not spread diseases or fungus in the plant.

After you have gathered the proper tools for the job, examine the plant looking for dead parts, diseased parts, damaged or broken. Also pruning is tool to keep proper shape and can be used to restrict height of a plant. Once you have identified the parts you want to remove, cut the unwanted part at a 45 degree angle. By cutting the plant at an angle, it keeps rainwa-

ter from collecting on the freshly cut piece that can lead to disease or fungal infection.

There are some general rules of thumb you need to go by. Most trees, shrubs and roses can be pruned during their dormmate time of the year. This generally occurs during late November until early March. There is an exception to this rule. Plants that bloom in early spring, such as dogwoods, tulip trees, and azaleas, if pruned during the winter months their flower production will be lost for that year. When pruning these plants, you prune them as soon as bloom production is done with for that year.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 318-927-3110.

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By John Monzingo,
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Memory Concerns? You're Not Alone.



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SPORTS

Tide back on winning track, tops Bastrop 39-14

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Minden Press-Herald

BASTROP — The Minden High School football team put the brakes on a four-game losing skid Friday night as the Crimson Tide rolled to a 39-14 win at Bastrop.

Friday's win keeps postseason hopes alive for the Tide, which now stands at 3-5 on the season.

"It was a huge win for us just to get back in that 'W' column," said Minden coach Spencer Heard. "We're trying to fight our way out of this corner we've put ourselves in. It was a needed thing for the morale of this team. It was a big win."

Minden looked to its ground game, rushing for 307 yards on a night where the Tide amassed only 19 yards through the air.

Running back Daylen Robinson led the way for Minden with 141 yards on 16 carries while Kentravion Lister added 75 yards on three rushes and quarterback Andrew Cooper 71 yards on eight carries.

"I thought we ran the ball well. We didn't have that many completions, but we did have some throws to guys who were open that we just didn't connect with. It's important to do well on both phases of offense. I thought Andrew managed the offense well last night. The offensive line played hard and opened some holes for Daylen, and Kentravion and An-



PRESS-HERALD PHOTO BY T. SCOTT BOATRIGHT

Minden's Daylen Robinson (4) rushed for 141 yards Friday to help lead the Crimson Tide to a 39-14 win at Bastrop.

drew ran the ball well, and that was needed for our offense tonight."

Cooper ran for three scores (from 19, one and 12 yards out) in the open-

ing half while Robinson's three-yard run with 1:04 left before intermission gave the Tide a 26-0 lead at the half.

"He gets the tough yards

when he needs to," Heard said about Robinson. "He busted off some big runs tonight. He's definitely a good weapon to have."

Robinson and Zedeki-

ah both scored on 16-yard runs in the second half to cap off scoring for Minden, which will play at home next week against Huntington.

"We just have to take things one game at a time and focus on finishing strong," Heard said. "If we can do that, the rest will take care of itself."

Fast start paces Apaches past Redskins, 49-14

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Minden Press-Herald

RINGGOLD — It's become a standard method of operation for the Glenbrook Apaches football team — explode out of the games and never look back.

And the Apaches did it again Friday night as they went on the road and defeated the Ringgold Redskins 49-14 to move 6-2 overall and 4-2 in District 1-1A.

Apaches coach David Feaster there is a reason that Glenbrook's wins have come with fast starts this season.

"Everybody wants a fast start," Feaster said, "It begins with preparation. But we might do things a little differently than many teams in that we want the ball instead of deferring if we win the (coin) toss. We want to go down early and score and we do a lot of onsides kicks early in games. So we do believe in trying to start fast and get ahead."

"Part of that philosophy of playing fast is trying to get other teams tired. A lot of teams we play do the opposite and stay in the huddle a while and play slow



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Glenbrook's Rhett Johnson (5) scored on a seven-yard run during Friday night's road win for the Apaches at Ringgold.

and deliberate football trying to get first downs and run the clock. If we're ahead, that strategy becomes ineffective because they're behind and need to score fast. It can take the other team out of their comfort zone. So far our guys have been really good at

getting those fast starts this year."

Glenbrook moved out in front only 17 seconds into Friday's game as Hayden Harmon raced the opening kick back 65 yards for a score.

Rhett Johnson's seven-yard scoring scamper followed by a 15-

yard scoring strike from Ty Feaster to Turner Mclelland and then a 24-yard touchdown pass to Easton Sanders pushed the Glenbrook lead to 28-0 by the end of the first quarter.

The Apaches pushed that lead to 35-0 at halftime before scoring early

in the third quarter to go on top 42-0.

But that didn't mean everything went the Apaches' way.

"It was a good night as far as the way we played against a Ringgold that came in ready for action and to try and get the win," Coach Feaster said. "But unfortunately even with the win, there was a downside to this game, too."

That came as the Apaches lost their only two senior players to season-ending injuries. Senior tight end/linebacker Cale Hollis was lost after breaking a leg against the Indians while receiver Collin Gregg suffered a broken collarbone.

"Both of those are other sports guys," Coach Feaster said. "Hollis will require surgery, but there's hope Gregg will be back out on the basketball court later on during that season and the Cale will be able to get back to the baseball field, where he's anticipating a good season as our ace pitcher on the mound. Both of those guys have done a great job leading our football team but they also love

their other sports, and we're hoping and believing that's still going to happen for them."

As they near the end of regular season play in their season in the Louisiana High School Athletics Association, the Apaches will play at winless Beekman Charter next week before closing out at home against Arcadia.

"If you would have asked me a year ago if I thought we would be having this kind of season, the answer would have been no," Feaster said. "We had some games circled that we thought we might could win or at least be competitive in. I can't totally pinpoint when, but somewhere along the way I realized that we were going to be better than I originally thought. It wasn't an overnight thing, it was gradually that I realized we're pretty good. It really started in the scrimmage against Parkers Chapel and then the (Pineland) jamboree. It was probably when we played Calvary tough early on that I realized we really have something going on here."

N. Caddo tops Lakeside, 46-6

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VIVIAN — North Caddo played a near-perfect first half, scoring on all of its possessions before intermission, as the Titans took a 46-6 home win over Lakeside.

The Warriors didn't score until the game's final play when quarterback CJ Watts fought his way into the end zone.

Junior running back KJ Black led the Titans with 85 yards and three touchdowns on only four carries while quarterback Matthew Thomas also had a rushing score for North Caddo, which upped its record to 7-1 overall and 1-0 in District 1-2A.

Thomas completed all four of his attempted passes for 161 yard, with 65 coming on a screen pass to LSU commitment Omarion Miller, who had two catches for 95 yards and another three receptions on successful two-point conversions.

Lakeside (3-4 overball, 0-1 in 1-2A) will play host to D'Arbonne Woods (5-2, 1-0) in district play next week.

North Webster falls at Loyola Prep, 38-12

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Minden Press-Herald

SHREVEPORT — It was a tight game for most of the first half before Loyola Prep took control late in the second quarter and never looked back as the Flyers downed North Webster 38-12.

Loyola quarterback Jacob Lafitte and receiver Tray Taylor connected on four scoring strikes in the Flyers' win.

"We just got outmanned," Ware said. "We turned the ball over six times. Nobody's going to win very much playing like that."

North Webster fell to 3-5 overall and 0-2 in District 1-4A.

Jamarcus Stephens rushed for 148 yards and scored both of the Knights' touchdowns (one rushing



and one receiving).

North Webster scored first at the 5:00 mark of the first quarter, but Loyola scored on the ensuing kickoff return to go up on top 7-6.

But the Knights kept things tight early on, and even had a chance to

take a lead shortly before halftime. But Loyola flipped the game on one play and never looked back.

"They have a good quarterback and the Lafitte kid and Taylor are very good players. They have a lot of good role players to go along with them. We just couldn't sustain — every time we looked like we were getting something going we fumbled it away. You just can't do that in big games. It was 10-6 in a little more than a minute left in the first half and we were driving for the potential go-ahead score, and Loyola took it down and scored with about 30 seconds left in the half on a busted coverage. You can't overcome those things. They came out three plays into the second half and scored on a bomb to Taylor. It was just that kind of night for us."

FUN & GAMES

CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Give up

5 “— voyage!”

8 Strike callers

12 Hurler Hershiser

13 “King Kong” studio

14 Ham’s dad

15 Fearless

17 Novelist Rice

18 Corral

19 St. crosser

20 Elegance

21 E.T.’s craft

22 Squealer

23 Ridicule

26 Breakfast choices

30 “Frozen” snow queen

31 Romance

32 Harvest

33 Took wee bites

35 Rife with bacteria

36 Succor

37 Writer’s block?

38 Like fresh apples

41 Army address

42 Year in Spain

45 Opulent

46 At full force

48 Skin soother

49 Early riser?

50 Scottish hillside

51 Repair

52 Past

53 Chumps

DOWN

1 Brilliant stroke

2 Coastal eagle

3 Campus bigwig

4 Sprite

5 “Well done!”

6 Tom Joad, for one

7 Doze (off)

8 As is

9 “— Lisa”

10 Frying needs

11 “— a Lady”

16 Finn’s floater

20 Auto-mobile

21 Brazen

22 Classic Olds

23 Toe count

24 Actress MacGraw

25 PC port

26 Atlantic fish

27 —

28 Felon’s flight

29 CIA operative

31 Marry

34 Sass

35 Attire

37 Steinway product

38 Stuff tightly

39 Anger

40 PC picture

41 Tight-fitting

42 Gillette razor

43 Tide variety

44 Poetic tributes

46 “Suits” network

47 Sit-up targets

Solution time: 22 mins.

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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!

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6	8	5	1	2	7	3	9	4
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ANSWER:

Fun By The Numbers

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

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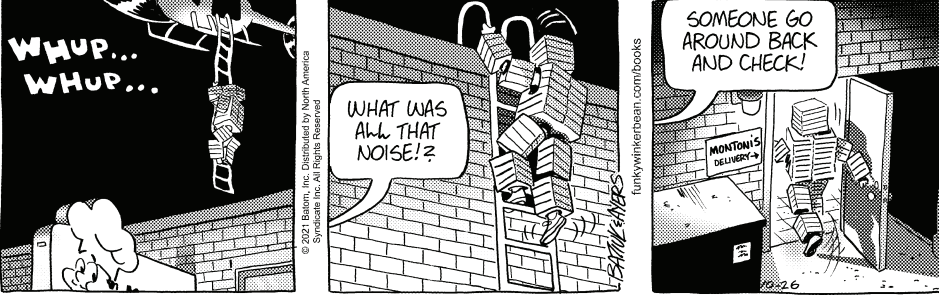
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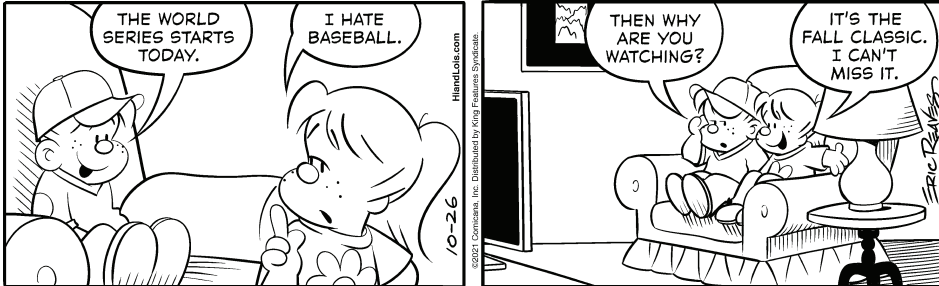
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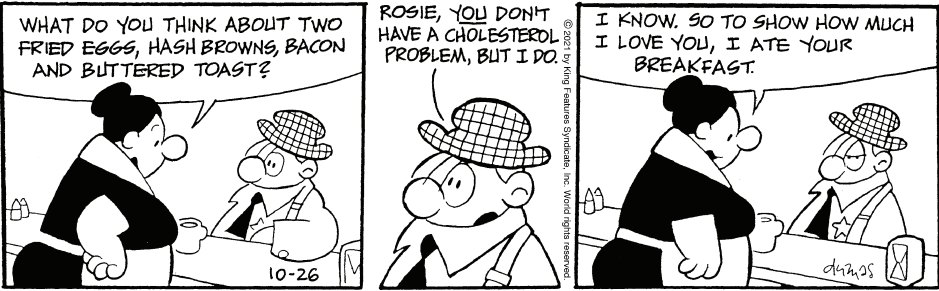
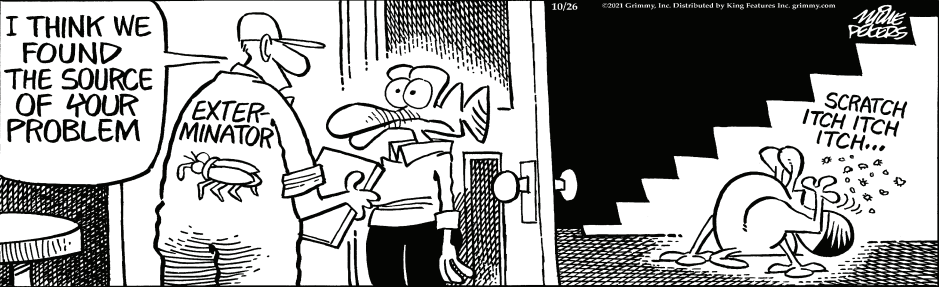
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October 22, 2021
October 26, 2021
October 29, 2021
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October 19, 2021

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The Webster Parish Police Jury solicits sealed proposals for: 2022 Road Construction Materials.

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The Webster Parish Police Jury is a tax-exempt governmental agency.

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Webster Parish Police Jury

Lisa Balkom
Secretary-Treasurer

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NOVEMBER 13, 2021

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VERSUS
JOSHUA L. KIDD

SUIT NO.: 162,013 DIV 3
26TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA

NOTICE

Please take notice that JOSHUA L. KIDD, has been named Defendant in the above-styled cause of action.

JOSHUA L. KIDD, or if deceased, their heirs, or anyone knowing the whereabouts of same, must contact the LAW OFFICE OF MARK D. FREDERICK at 2800 Youree Drive, Suite 400, Shreveport, Caddo Parish, Louisiana, 71104, or at the telephone number of (318) 868-7300.

Respectfully submitted,

LAW OFFICES OF MARK D. FREDERICK

BY:

MARK D. FREDERICK, Attorney at Law
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2800 Youree Drive, Suite 400
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Telephone: (318) 868-8943
Facsimile: (318) 219-8964

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SAMANTHA JACKSON
VERSUS
J. SCHUYLER MARVIN
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

SUIT NO.: 165,685 DIV 1
26th JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA

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3	SPRINGHILL CIVIC CENTER	101 MACHEN DR	SPRINGHILL
4	SPRINGHILL CIVIC CENTER	101 MACHEN DR	SPRINGHILL
5	SPRINGHILL CIVIC CENTER	101 MACHEN DR	SPRINGHILL
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9	NEW SHONGALOO CIVIC CENTER	119 HWY ALT 2	SHONGALOO
10	NEW SHONGALOO CIVIC CENTER	219 HWY ALT 2	SHONGALOO
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15	PLEASANT VALLEY UMC ACTIVITIES BLDG	18535 HWY 371	MINDEN
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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
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TOWN OF SIBLEY PUBLIC HEARING

November 8, 2021
Posted on October 12, 2021

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1. Introduction to AMENDMENT A to ORDINANCE NO. 151

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TO AND REENACT ORDINANCE NO. 151, ADOPTING THE LOUISIANA STATE SANITARY CODE AS PREPARED BY THE LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF HEALTH AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATIONS OF THE PROVISIONS THEREOF AND REPEALING ALL CONFLICT HEREWITH

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The public is encouraged to attend.

Sherry McCann, Town Clerk

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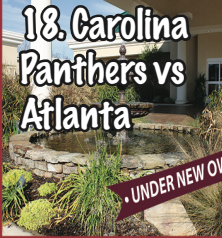
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THE TIE BREAKER: TOTAL POINTS OF New York Jets vs New England Patriots _____

CONTEST RULES

1. Locate the 20 games and circle the name of the team you think will win.

2. Print the winning team name in the blank on the ballot. BE SURE TO MATCH THE NUMBERS CORRECTLY.

3. Predict the TOTAL number of points you think will be scored in the tie breaker game and enter in the space provided.

4. Complete and cut out the entry blank and deposit at the Minden Press-Herald, 203 Gleason Street, Minden, LA or mail to Football Contest, P.O. Box 1339, Minden, LA 71058.

5. Entries must be dropped off no later than 12:00pm on Fridays. Entries received after 12:00pm on Friday will not be accepted

6. WE WILL NO LONGER ACCEPT FAXES.

7. Prizes awarded will be \$25 for first place, \$15 for second place, and \$10 for third place.

8. One entry per person per week.

9. Employees, Independent Contractors and Families of the Minden Press-Herald are not eligible.

10. NO PHOTOCOPIED ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.