

WEBSTER & MORE

CRIME

TTS Gang Member Arrested after Traffic Stop

STAFF REPORT

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Another member of the TTS gang was arrested earlier this month after a MPD Officer clocked Lomoris Jackson Jr., 21, speeding on Sheppard Street. The Minden Police Department had been arresting members of “Trained to Step” while engaging in Operation

SOS (Save Our Streets). After the officer flashed his emergency lights and initiated a traffic stop on Jackson, the passenger fled immediately after the vehicle came to a halt. “After stopping the passenger fled on foot and I called the driver out of the vehicle... as he opened



JACKSON JR.

the door I could detect a strong odor of marijuana coming from his body and the vehicle,” the booking report read. During the stop the officer found a “blunt,” and small plastic bag of suspected marijuana in the vehicle, and two plastic bags on the roadway just past the vehicle in the direction the passenger had fled, totalling 25.9 grams of

marijuana. During the traffic stop it was revealed that Jackson Jr. has a warrant out for his arrest for criminal street gangs and patterns of criminal street gangs due to his involvement with TTS. Jackson was placed under arrest and on top of the warrant, was booked on the charges of speeding and possession of marijuana.

GOVERNMENT

Appeals court stays vaccine mandate on larger businesses

(AP) — A federal appeals court on Saturday temporarily halted the Biden administration’s vaccine requirement for businesses with 100 or more workers. The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals granted an emergency stay of the requirement by the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration that those workers be vaccinated by Jan. 4 or face mask requirements and weekly tests. Louisiana Attorney General Jeff Landry said the action stops President Joe Biden “from moving forward with his unlawful overreach.” “The president will not impose medical procedures on the American people without the checks and balances afforded by the constitution,” said a statement from Landry, a Republican. The U.S. Labor Department’s top legal adviser, Solicitor of Labor Seema Nanda, said the depart-

ment is “confident in its legal authority to issue the emergency temporary standard on vaccination and testing.” OSHA has the authority “to act quickly in an emergency where the agency finds that workers are subjected to a grave danger and a new standard is necessary to protect them,” she said. A spokesman for the Justice Department, Anthony Coley, said in a statement: “The OSHA emergency temporary standard is a critical tool to keep America’s workplaces safe as we fight our way out of this pandemic. The Justice Department will vigorously defend this rule in court.” Such circuit decisions normally apply to states within a district — Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas, in this case — but Landry said the language employed by the judges gave the decision a national scope. “This is a great victory

for the American people out there. Never before has the federal government tried in a such a forceful way to get between the choices of an American citizen and their doctor. To me that’s the heart of the entire issue,” he said. At least 27 states filed lawsuits challenging the rule in several circuits, some of which were made more conservative by the judicial appointments of President Donald Trump. The Biden administration has been encouraging widespread vaccinations as the quickest way to end the pandemic that has claimed more than 750,000 lives in the United States. The administration says it is confident that the requirement, which includes penalties of nearly \$14,000 per violation, will withstand legal challenges in part because its safety rules preempt state laws. The 5th Circuit, based

in New Orleans, said it was delaying the federal vaccine requirement because of potential “grave statutory and constitutional issues” raised by the plaintiffs. The government must provide an expedited reply to the motion for a permanent injunction Monday, followed by petitioners’ reply on Tuesday. Lawrence Gostin, a professor at Georgetown University Law Center and director of the World Health Organization’s center on global health law, said it was troubling that a federal appeals court would stop or delay safety rules in a health crisis, saying no one has a right to go into a workplace “unmasked, unvaxxed and untested.” “Unelected judges that have no scientific experience shouldn’t be second-guessing health and safety professionals at OSHA,” he said.

DEVELOPMENT

A Lot of Possibilities

WILL PHILLIPS

Minden Press-Herald

The Economic Development Department of Minden is tasked with the responsibility of stimulating the local economy being a catalyst for its growth. One way it facilitates this is by attracting outside business to relocate or expand into the area. Another way is by enabling those already within the community itself to actualize their goals of owning a business for themselves. The department has recently taken up the task of developing incubator classes for new entrepreneurs to hone their understanding of how to operate a business. Programs such as these have been successful in other cities, which the City of Minden aims to emulate. “We didn’t want to recreate the wheel. There is already a program like this that seems to be successful in other cities, so we contacted the guy who started those. Currently he’s a professor at the University of Austin,” said Economic Developer Phillip Smart. On top of offering the classes, the Economic Development Department is also interested



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Seen above is a lot owned by the city of Minden located at the corner of Sibley Road and Sheppard Street where Economic Phillip Smart plans to develop spaces for incubator businesses to flourish.

in developing some underutilized city property to create spaces for these incubators to start their business in. “The City of Minden owns some property on the corner of Sibley Road and Sheppard Street. Right now it’s a vacant concrete lot,” said Smart. “People can through an incubator class, and lease a conex container for six months to a year. They’ll still have their own business, but this lets them tip-toe into the water instead of jumping straight in. helping them make the

necessary adjustments, and at a more affordable rate.” And not wanting to have these entrepreneurs’ first business be in shaggy containers, Smart proposed partnering with the local art community to add unique facades and murals to said containers. “So instead of just having grey conex containers, we can have a piece of art. We utilize the piece of property, make it more vibrant, and make the quality of life better not only for that area, but the city as a whole,” said Smart.

From there Smart said that the city could then focus on holding events out there, such as building a stage for bands to come play live music, or setting up a projector for a movie night. Setting up benches and tables to host a food truck night, where various food trucks can park and families can sit down to eat. “Anything is really an option. There’s a lot of potential there. In the end, all we want to do is make sure the City of Minden and it’s citizens are successful,” said Smart.

BLOTTER

Recent Arrests in Webster Parish

Habacu Morales, 40, of the 100 block of Woodhaven, was arrested for a warrant for domestic abuse with Child Endangerment. Gene Kemp, 21, of the 1100 block of Gayou Ave, was arrested for possession of a schedule I substance, possession of a schedule II substance, and possession of drug paraphernalia. Krystal Coleman, 19, of the 1800 block of Third Street, was arrested for failure to appear in court. Gerald Beene, 63, of the 1100 block of Shreveport Road, was arrested for trespassing. Aeleyemi Kemp, of the 100 block of Loop Road, was arrested for simple battery and failure to appear for review. Undrevion Brown, 24, of the 100 block of West Roosevelt Street, was arrested for failure to yield, possession of a schedule I substance with intent to distribute, possession of a firearm by a felon, possession of a firearm in presence of controlled dangerous substances, and possession of drug paraphernalia. Scott Sanford, 39, of the 800 block of Bull Creek Road, was arrested for aggravated flight from an officer, resisting an officer, negligent injuring, speeding, running a stop sign, and being a fugitive from ohio for the charge of simple rape. Steevn Corbit, 44, of the 100 block of Country Lane, was arrested for

domestic abuse battery with child endangerment. Jonathan Stanford, 28, of the 600 block of Timbers East Road, was arrested for improper lane usage, possession of a schedule II substance, and possession of drug paraphernalia. Anywaynessa Brown, 23, of the 2200 block of Reynolds Street, was arrested for simple assault. Grayson Lamar, 19, of the 100 block of Laurel Circle, was arrested for driving while intoxicated 1st offense. Christina Reeve, 33, of the 5000 block of Boothville Road, was arrested for resisting an officer and disturbing the peace. Aaron Moline, of the 200 block of Adger Lake Road, was arrested for violation of a protective order. Chandra Warke, 40, of the 200 block of William Brown Road, was arrested for being a fugitive of another agency. Jami Wynne, 53, of the 1100 block of Baker Street, was arrested for driving while intoxicated. Chawndrika harris, 27, of the 900 block of Carolina Street, was arrested for failure to appear in court and being a fugitive of another agency. Brandon Day, 33, of the 200 block of Church Street, was arrested for driving under suspension and operating a vehicle without proper equipment.

GAS BUDDY

Louisiana gas prices stand over 1\$ where they were this time last year

(GAS BUDDY) Louisiana gas prices have fallen 1.9 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.14/g today, according to GasBuddy’s daily survey of 2,436 stations in Louisiana. Gas prices in Louisiana are 16.8 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand \$1.34/g higher than a year ago. The cheapest station in Louisiana is priced at \$2.84/g today while the most expensive is \$3.55/g, a difference of 71.0 cents per gallon. “Last week saw oil prices briefly fall back under \$80 for the first time in weeks. While it wasn’t enough to provide much relief last week, we should see small declines this week in a majority of the country, thanks to the corresponding drop in wholesale gasoline prices,” said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy. The national average price of gasoline has risen 1.8 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.41/g today. The national average is up 15.1 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands \$1.31/g higher than a

year ago. “At OPEC’s monthly meeting last week, the cartel held firm to the small increases they agreed to in July, raising November production by 400,000 barrels per day. With President Biden still mulling over options to help push gas prices down, we could continue to see some volatility in oil prices. I don’t immediately see a large decline or surge coming in the run up to Thanksgiving, but U.S. gasoline demand does remain strong. Levels are currently rivaling September demand, so we know high prices aren’t significantly curbing consumption.” 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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HURRICANE

2020 hurricane season costs insurers \$10B-plus in Louisiana

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — Insurance companies are on track to pay at least \$10.6 billion to cover Louisiana claims for damage caused by Hurricanes Laura, Delta and Zeta, according to Insurance Commissioner Jim Donelon.

Donelon released the latest data Friday.

The number could still grow slightly larger. The insurance department said that policyholders have two years from the date of the storm to

resolve their insurance claims before they have to file a lawsuit to preserve their rights to continue negotiations with insurance companies.

Nearly 324,000 insurance claims have been filed for Laura, Delta and Zeta. Of those, more than 218,000 — nearly 68% — have been closed with \$8.6 billion in payments through Sept. 30. Donelon's office said insurers have set aside another \$2 billion to pay other, unresolved claims.

“With labor and materials prices rising because of the labor shortages and supply chain disruptions during and after the pandemic, I encourage all policyholders to continue filing supplemental claims if they discover that the cost to rebuild is more expensive than what they have been paid,” Donelon, a Republican, said in a statement.

The claims figures don't include payments from the federally-run National Flood Insurance Program

or the amount people paid for their deductibles. That means the true cost of the three hurricanes is much higher.

Laura struck southwestern Louisiana in August 2020 as a Category 4 storm. Delta followed up with another blow to the same area, hitting in October 2020 as a Category 2 hurricane. Zeta made landfall in southeastern Louisiana a few weeks later, at Category 3 strength.

COLLEGE

New chef brings diverse flavors to Grambling dining hall

GRAMBLING, La. (AP) — At the McCall Dining Hall at Grambling State University, the line for the Chef's Table snaked through the building. Students, faculty and staff waited patiently in line for a chance to eat chicken curry, jerk chicken, jollof rice, fried plantains and more of what Chef Monday Thomas had to offer for lunch on Oct. 26.

Thomas, who hails from Lagos, Nigeria, has travelled the world, learning the dishes and flavors of each country he visits. After years of sharing his food through restaurants — including one of his own — he has brought his years of culinary expertise to the students of Grambling.

“I don't want to have mundane food,” Thomas said. “It's very important to me.”

Since taking up the new position, Thomas has brought fresh flavor and dishes to the dining hall options at Grambling, exploding the stereotype of

bland, substandard cafeteria food.

And the students, faculty and staff can't seem to get enough. The long line on Oct. 26 of students wanting to try Thomas's food is one example of several in just the three months he has been livening up the kitchen.

Thomas began his culinary journey in the United Kingdom as a college student. At the time, he studied marketing and purchasing while working at a local grocery store. There, he would occasionally flip through the food magazines on the rack and a regular customer took notice. Eventually, the customer asked Thomas to come work for him at a Holiday Inn.

From there, Thomas worked his way into the kitchen and up the ranks as a chef. The job brought him to the United States, and he later studied culinary arts and food service management at Oklahoma State University. He joined the American

Culinary Federation, and in 2004 opened his own restaurant in Tulsa called “The Talking Drum.” The restaurant was the only one of its kind in the Oklahoma city, serving up Caribbean and African dishes, and his work was recognized in the Taste of Tulsa awards.

Beyond the U.S., Thomas has visited several countries across the globe, including France, Burkina Faso and Zimbabwe. With each new place Thomas visits, he makes sure to pack a chef's uniform, meet the chefs at the places he eats and memorize their signature dishes. Later, when he's making the dishes on his own, he adds in his own spices and flair. Even when he came to Louisiana, he took the time to figure out the local dishes and ingredients — catfish, alligator — and how he could best play with them.

“My thing as a chef (is) I'm always inventing,” Thomas said. “Don't put

me in a box.”

After his restaurant closed in 2008, Thomas thought about teaching the art of cooking but realized he's best when he's busy in the kitchen. Eventually, he said he would love to create another restaurant, but he has settled in at Grambling, producing meals for everyone to enjoy.

When he makes his rounds about the kitchen, he focuses in on the food. As he walks about the cafeteria, he draws in close to the students and anyone with a plate in their hands asking, “What do you like to eat?”

Thomas said it's been enjoyable to see long lines of people waiting to try his food. For him, satisfying the hungry mouths at Grambling is better than any sum of money.

“I derive pleasure in what you eat, how you feel,” Thomas said. “I derive joy.”

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TOURISM

Oversight of Louisiana Old Governor's Mansion changes hands

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — Management of the nearly century-old Louisiana Old Governor's Mansion in downtown Baton Rouge has been transferred to Secretary of State Kyle Ardoin's office.

The governor's Division of Administration has entered into an agreement shifting

control of the mansion to the secretary of state's office, which already runs the Old State Capitol down the street, the State Archives and seven other museum facilities.

“I am excited about the addition of the Old Governor's Mansion, which complements and accentuates the mission

of the Old State Capitol, providing visitors and eventgoers a tangible opportunity to experience our history first hand,” Ardoin said in a statement.

The Division of Administration previously had contracted with the Foundation for Historical Louisiana Inc. to manage the Old Governor's

Mansion, which has been rented out for weddings and other large events.

The Advocate reports the one-time home for Louisiana's governors was built by former Gov. Huey P. Long as a copy of the White House. Using inmate labor, Long tore down and replaced in 1929 the traditional home-

stead that had existed for the state's chief executive since 1887.

Nine governors and their families lived at the site until 1962, when Gov. Jimmie Davis moved into the current Governor's Mansion near the state Capitol.

OPINION

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OTHER OPINION

Edwards reaches global stage on climate change

With his trip to an international climate change conference, Gov. John Bel Edwards acknowledged Louisiana's obvious front-row seat to the problems of a warming planet while raising his profile on an issue few of the South's top leaders promote.

The Democratic governor has become more strident in talking about the perils of climate change during his second term. But Edwards is trying to balance that discussion while describing the importance of the oil and gas industry to Louisiana. Meanwhile, the types of so-called clean energy projects the governor's touting have drawn criticism within the environmental community.

Edwards was among at least six U.S. governors, all Democrats, who attended part of the United Nations climate change conference in Scotland, known as COP26. At least two states led by Republican governors also sent representatives to the event.

"I suspect I'm the first governor of Louisiana, of my state, to speak out clearly and repeatedly about climate change. But I'm also certain I won't be the last," Edwards said in a livestreamed discussion with President Joe Biden's climate envoy John Kerry.

At events in Glasgow, the governor pointed to years of coastal land loss, the five major hurricanes that hit the state in the last 14 months, the win-

ter storm and rounds of flash flooding as he described Louisiana as "ground zero" for the impacts of climate change.

"While we can't for certain point to any one storm and say it wouldn't have happened but for climate change, we know that the frequency and severity of these severe weather events is increasing. And we know that it's because of climate change," he said.



MELINDA DESLATTE

Edwards has joined Louisiana to the international Race to Zero Campaign, which seeks to reduce net carbon emissions around the world to zero by 2050. A climate change task force he created is working on a strategy document for how to reach that goal for Louisiana. And the governor's been promoting Louisiana as a hub for clean energy projects.

As he makes the pitch, Edwards can't ignore that tens of thousands of jobs in his state are tied to fossil fuels and the oil and gas industry is a chief financial backer of Louisiana's coastal restoration work. Though he's had a rocky relationship with the industry,

Edwards argues oil and gas companies must be involved in energy advancements that curtail greenhouse gas emissions.

Mike Moncla, president of the Louisiana Oil and Gas Association, was skeptical other attendees of the UN climate change conference would hear Edwards' message of the industry's importance.

"While we appreciate (the governor's) rhetoric about including oil and gas in the climate change conversation, I think it's going to fall on deaf ears above his head. Biden's plan since day one has to be to decimate oil and gas," Moncla said.

He suggested Edwards could be raising his profile on climate change issues to position himself for another role, since he's term-limited as governor.

"He probably sees pandering to these topics could land him a federal job in the future," Moncla said.

Officials with the Louisiana Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association said the industry is working with the Edwards administration to draw projects involving carbon capture and sequestration and other cleaner energy efforts.

Edwards recently announced an industrial gas supplier will build a \$4.5 billion "blue hydrogen" facility in Ascension Parish that uses natural gas to produce an alternative fuel with the carbon dioxide emissions stored underground.

"Our industry remains committed to working together with Governor Edwards and our state to address climate change and grow our economy, all while working to deliver the affordable, reliable and responsible energy needed by American households," Lori LeBlanc, interim president of the Louisiana Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association, said in a statement.

Environmentalists are wary of carbon capture technology, saying it prolongs dependence on fossil fuels. In addition, Edwards' efforts to attract biomass production sites that fuel energy through wood pellets have drawn criticism that the plants release high levels of carbon emissions and lead to deforestation.

Meanwhile, it remains unclear what happens when Edwards leaves office in January 2024.

Edwards told Glasgow conference participants his successor won't be able to ignore the worldwide shift to cleaner energy goals, because those projects represent significant economic development and job creation for states.

"I don't believe the next governor's going to be able to walk this back even if they're not thinking like I am," he said.

MELINDA DESLATTE HAS COVERED LOUISIANA POLITICS FOR THE ASSOCIATED PRESS SINCE 2000.

OTHER OPINION

New York law seeks to narrow scope of 2nd Amendment

I always find it curious to see the lengths that gun control states are willing to go to limit the full reach of the Second Amendment, and how uninformed many state and federal officials are concerning the purpose of the 2nd Amendment: To allow citizens the ability to protect themselves from the government, and to allow citizens the opportunity to protect themselves when the government fails to protect them.

As Thomas Jefferson said, "What country can preserve its liberties if their rulers are not warned from time to time that their people preserve the spirit of resistance. Let them take arms." (Thomas Jefferson, letter to William S. Smith, 1787).

So, with the tyranny of King George III fresh and in the forefront of their minds, the Founders intended the 2nd Amendment to limit the government's power to restrict weapons, not the citizens' right to possess weapons, weapons which may be necessary to protect themselves from the government.

Let's recall that the Supreme Court has not directly addressed the issue of gun rights since its landmark rulings in 2008 and 2010. The 2008 Heller decision held that the right to keep and bear arms was both a collective (military and law enforcement) right as well as an individual right. The 2010 McDonald decision simply held that the Due Process Clause of

the 14th Amendment extended to the states and municipalities the 2nd Amendment's right to keep and bear arms.

Pending now is another example of this effort to limit gun rights in the case of New York State Rifle and Pistol Association v. Bruen.

In New York, it is very difficult for a typical law-abiding citizen to bear a firearm for personal defense. Openly carrying a handgun is banned and, with only a few exceptions, such as for judges and prison workers, getting a concealed-carry license requires demonstrating "proper



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cause."

Well, as the Wall Street Journal and many others have pointed out "proper cause" has been interpreted to exclude "a generalized desire for protection." Rather, applicants must show a "special need" for defense, beyond that of the general community or of persons engaged in the same profession." (I note that with the government's apparent inability—and in some cases, unwillingness—to protect its citizens from a skyrocketing crime rate in many cities, the need for citi-

zens to be able to protect themselves has never been more important.)

Do we see the burden this imposes upon a normal New Yorker trying to possess a firearm? What this really means is that if I have a job that requires me to walk through a rough part of town to get home, I can't have a gun—because all I have is a generalized desire for protection. It also does not matter whether I have a clean record or even significant firearm training. What's completely bonkers is that the very reason the Framers included the 2nd Amendment in the Constitution was to allow each and every one of us to address our "generalized desire for protection of our individual lives!"

What this can be reduced to is that in New York some law-abiding individuals may carry a gun while other similarly situated citizens may not. How can that possibly be justified? Simply because some bureaucrat decided that the first individual's fear was "particularized" and the second was "generalized"? Sorry. It doesn't work that way.

Again, the Second Amendment is a limitation on Government's power to regulate weapons, not on the citizen's right to possess weapons, and it absolutely does not allow for some random, faceless, government official to decide for me, a private law-abiding citizen, when I'm allowed under

the U.S. Constitution to possess and bear a firearm.

I'll close with the words of President John F. Kennedy, words that are today even more true than when he spoke them, which make clear that the right to keep and bear arms is not only our right under the Constitution, but our duty as modern day Minute Men:

"Today we need a nation of minute men; citizens who are not only prepared to take up arms, but citizens who regard the preservation of freedom as a basic purpose of their daily life and who are willing to consciously work and sacrifice for that freedom. The cause of liberty, the cause of America, cannot succeed with any lesser effort." (<http://wafflesatnoon.com/jfk-second-amendment/>).

[In keeping with our gun rights topic, I can't resist sharing a development this week. New Jersey truck driver, Edward Durr, spent \$153 dollars and, in an upset for the ages, defeated Steve Sweeney, New Jersey Senate President and the longest-serving legislative leader in state history. Mr. Durr ran because he was frustrated he was denied a concealed carry permit despite having a clean record. This is what happens when we stand up!].

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OTHER OPINION

Amendment #2 clears path for comeback story

DANIEL ERSPAMER
Special to the Press-Tribune

Louisiana prides itself on being the most unique state in the country. From our amazing cuisine to our unmatched hunting and fishing, there is no place in this country as wonderful as Louisiana. Our state's tax system, however, is a much different story. While it is unique, it is neither amazing nor wonderful. In fact, Louisiana's current tax system is a factor that drives Louisianans to other states, away from our notable culture. Like anything else that is disruptive to our state, there is no time like the present to begin taking the necessary steps to course correct.

Louisiana's current reality is that it features a tax code that is longer than the New Testa-

ment and more suspect than the NFL's referee corps. The fact of the matter is that our rates are too high to be competitive with our neighbors, so we offer carve-outs and exceptions as a fix in the place of fundamental reform.

Thanks to the actions of the legislature, amendment #2 would put in motion the process of reforming and simplifying our tax code by beginning to trade those carve-outs for an income tax code that features lower rates and simplicity. To start, the state's individual income tax rate would drop to the lowest in the Southeast among states that levy an income tax. With passage, a cap would be placed on the income tax at 4.75%, lowering rates for all taxpayers across the board. The current cap is 6%.

States all across the South-

"Thanks to the actions of the legislature, amendment #2 would put in motion the process of reforming and simplifying our tax code by beginning to trade those carve-outs for an income tax code that features lower rates and simplicity. "

east are attracting jobs because of their low rates. With Texas, Tennessee, and Florida featuring no income tax, and Mississippi moving in a similar direction, Louisiana cannot afford to stick out like a sore thumb and continue to lose jobs to those states. As our economy recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic, we should signal that Louisiana is a safe haven for people looking to create jobs and opportunities. Voting yes on amendment #2 means protecting Louisiana from being outcompeted by our neighbors in the Southeast and securing a better economic future for our

families.

In exchange for the lowering of rates, amendment #2 would remove the deduction for federal income taxes paid. This is yet another item on a long list of examples where Louisiana's unique tax code hurts its citizens. Most recently, this bug in our tax code caused our income taxes to automatically increase as a result of taxes decreasing on the federal level.

There is a reason this amendment has broad support. Amendment #2 would make it easier to live, work and create jobs in Louisiana. Voting yes on this amendment means voting

yes for a Louisiana that is more competitive with our neighbors, encourages more job growth, and brings more opportunities for our families.

Voting yes on amendment #2 to make our tax code more friendly for families and job creators should be a no-brainer for those who want to see progress for Louisiana's future. This amendment is a strong solution to long-standing problems that our state has dealt with for far too long. Louisiana's economy was struggling long before the COVID-19 pandemic. If we want to work toward bold reforms that bring back opportunities to our state, we should be unified in support for constitutional amendment #2.

DANIEL ERSPAMER IS CEO OF PELICAN ACTION

LIFE

INSPIRATION

Majoring in the minors

The poet Robert Burns said “Oh the gift that God could give us, to see ourselves as others see us” which leads me to ask would we really want to know how others see us which may be up for further discussion” because there will always be people who pick on each other.

But for now I would like to ask what happens when we major in the minors, by that I mean when we pick on our spouses, our parents, our children or our friends for what we perceive as faults -- when we cannot back off and leave well enough alone --- when we keep on nit picking at someone maybe we need to ask ourselves if this is what is really bugging us or is there some deep seated problem that we cannot articulate?

I am thoroughly convinced that there are many of us who could benefit from some deep soul searching or counseling to help us arrive at a mutually satisfying solution to problems that plague us, that keep us awake day and night, when we cannot let go -- and just laugh at our own pettiness.

Though not a psychologist I think that

many of our personal problems arrive from a lack of self-worth, from not feeling deeply loved by our friends and family -- of our spouses, so we criticize each other, trying to make them fit our mold of how we think people should behave.

Does any of this make sense to you?

It does to me.



SARAH HUDSON-PIERCE

It is really hard to get to the root of our problems -- to learn to control our tongues, our actions and just learn to love each other unconditionally.

There’s one thing I know for sure -- no one likes to be belittled or made to believe that “it’s our way or the highway!”

I also believe that many of the crises that occur in churches often arise from problems within the home -- between husbands and wives.

We find it hard to see our problems for what they are .

We want to cast blame on someone else instead of letting well enough alone.

No one wants to be bossed around.

It doesn’t set well with any of us!

We each deserve to do our own thing un-

less we infringe on someone else’s rights.

Maybe this is where many of these issues arise -- from someone feeling like that they are being consulted in major decisions -- and of course many of these decisions seem to always come back to money.

Though only an arm chair psychologist I find myself sometimes caught in the middle and just want to give a friend or loved one the idea that maybe counseling might be in order because it is most often hard to see the real root of our problems.

Harmony is so much more important than conflict.

I hope something I’ve said helps someone who reads my insights.

It’s so much better to take care of those we have in our relationships than to cast care to the wind and not show understanding to those we cherish most.

It is like a good friend one time wrote “if you criticize your friends you will find yourself all alone.”

That’s some of the best advice I’ve heard.

Maybe we just need to ask God for wisdom.

We mostly want to just be loved unconditionally!

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LIFE STORY

The Importance of a Father’s Will

Mr. Henry “Johnny” Rhone Jr. was a life-long resident of Cullen, Louisiana. He is mostly known for his gifted skills as a master craftsman. Mr. Rhone passed away on January 25, 2021.

Mr. Henry “Johnny” Rhone last Will and Testament was filed in Webster Parish on July 23, 2007.

The Will named and appointed his daughter, LaFrance Rhone, as his Independent Administratrix, to serve without bond or security. LaFrance Rhone was given access to all of the property and assets that Mr. Rhone owned at the time of his death, whether real or personal, separate or community, and wherever situated, subject to usufruct, over only my community property granted in favor of his wife, Willie Ruddell Rhone, for the remainder of her life or until she remarries, whichever comes first.

Mrs. Willie Ruddell Rhone filed a request with the Cullen Police Department, re-



till I felt it was a losing battle for me because the Cullen’s Police Chief wouldn’t listen to me or check with the Town of Cullen’s Attorney to get clarity of the right procedure to follow for my situation since it was a Civil matter. Cullen’s Police Chief banned me from my property, so I was unable to get any of my Father’s belongings after he passed. I only have a few items to remember of my dad, due to how Cullen’s Police Chief handled my situation.

his daughter LaFrance Rhone. Also, the one-half interest of Lots 11 and 12 weren’t donated to Mrs. Willie Ruddell until the reading of the WILL.

The sole purpose of writing this article was to let the Webster Parish Community know that having a Will is necessary. I was able to see that Mrs. Willie Ruddell Rhone love for material things outweighed her love for my Father. I’m happy knowing that she got only what the Will granted her.

LIFE REUNITES

Grandparents await hugs, spouses reunite as US borders open

(AP) — The U.S. fully reopened its borders with Mexico and Canada on Monday and lifted restrictions on travel that covered most of Europe, setting the stage for emotional reunions nearly two years in the making and providing a boost for the travel industry decimated by the pandemic.

The restrictions, among the most severe in U.S. history, kept families apart, including spouses who have not been able to hug in months, grandparents whose grandchildren doubled in age since they last saw them, and uncles and aunts who have not met nieces and nephews who are now toddlers.

Lines moved quickly Monday morning at San Diego’s border with Mexico, the busiest crossing in the United States, despite the added checks for vaccinations required to enter the country.

The new rules also allow air travel from a series of countries from which it has been restricted since the early days of the pandemic — as long as the traveler has proof of vaccination and a negative COVID-19 test.

American citizens and permanent residents were always allowed to enter the U.S., but the travel bans grounded tourists, thwarted business travelers and often separated families.

Gaye Camara was already imagining her reunion with her husband, who she has not seen since before COVID-19 brought the fly-here-there-and-everywhere world to a halt.

“I’m going to jump into his arms, kiss him, touch him,” said Camara, 40, as she wheeled her luggage through Paris’ Charles de Gaulle airport, which could almost be mistaken for its pre-pandemic self, busy with humming crowds, albeit in face masks.

When Camara last saw him in January 2020, they had no way of knowing that they’d have to wait 21 months before holding each other again. She lives in France’s Alsace region, where she works as a secretary. He is based in New York.

“It was very hard at the beginning. I cried nearly every night,” she said. Video calls, text messages, phone conversations kept them connected — but couldn’t fill the void of separation.

“I cannot wait,” she said. “Being with him, his presence, his face, his smile.”

Airlines are preparing for a surge in activity — especially from Europe — after the pandemic and resulting restrictions caused international travel to plunge.

The 28 European countries that were barred under the U.S. policy that just ended made up 37% of overseas visitors in 2019, the U.S. Travel Association says. As the reopening takes effect, carriers are increasing flights between the United Kingdom and the U.S. by 21% this month over last month, according to data from travel and analytics firm Cirium.

In a sign of the huge importance of trans-Atlantic travel for airlines, British Airways and Virgin Atlantic celebrated the reopening by synchronizing the departures of their early-morning flights to New York on parallel runways at London’s Heathrow Airport. BA CEO Sean Doyle was aboard his company’s plane.

“Together, even as competitors, we have fought for the safe return of trans-Atlantic travel — and now we celebrate that achievement as a team. Some things are more important than one-upmanship, and this is one of those things,” Doyle wrote in a message to customers, noting that the flight carried the number that used to belong to the supersonic Concorde.

For Martine Kerherve, being separated from loved ones in the United States was filled with worries that they might not survive the pandemic that has killed more than 5 million people worldwide.

“We told ourselves that we could die without seeing each other,” said Kerherve, who was heading for Fort Lauderdale, Florida, from Paris. “We all went through periods of depression, anxiety.”

Before the pandemic, it was a trip Kerherve and her partner, Francis Pasquier, would make once or twice a year. When they lost that, “we lost our bearings,” Pasquier said.

Maria Giribet, meanwhile, has not seen her twin grandchildren Gabriel and David for about half of their lives. Now 3 1/2, the boys are in San Francisco, which during the height of the pandemic might as well have been another planet for 74-year-old Giribet, who lives on the Mediterranean isle of Majorca.

“I’m going to hug them, suffocate them, that’s what I dream of,” Giribet said after checking in for her flight. A widow, she lost her husband to a lengthy illness before the pandemic and her three grown children all live abroad.

“I found myself all alone,” said Giribet, who was flying for the first time in her life by herself.

On the U.S. borders with Mexico and Canada, where traveling back and forth was a way of life before the pandemic, the change meant another step toward normalcy.

Malls, restaurants and Main Street shops in U.S. border towns have been devastated by the lack of visitors from Mexico. On the boundary with Canada, cross-border hockey rivalries that were community traditions were upended. Churches that had members on both sides of the border are hoping to welcome parishioners they haven’t seen in nearly two years.

River Robinson’s American partner wasn’t able to be in Canada for the birth of their baby boy 17 months ago. She was thrilled to hear about the U.S. reopening.

“I’m planning to take my baby down for the American Thanksgiving,” said Robinson, who lives in St. Thomas, Ontario. “If all goes smoothly at the border, I’ll plan on taking him down as much as I can.”

It’s “crazy to think he has a whole other side of the family he hasn’t even met yet,” she added.

The U.S. will accept travelers who have been fully vaccinated with any of the shots approved for emergency use by the World Health Organization, not just those in use in the U.S. That’s a relief for many in Canada, where the AstraZeneca vaccine is widely used.

But millions of people around the world who were vaccinated with Russia’s Sputnik V, China’s CanSino or others not OK’d by the WHO won’t be able to travel to the U.S.

The moves come as the U.S. has seen its COVID-19 outlook improve dramatically in recent weeks since the summer delta surge that pushed hospitals to the brink in many locations.

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‘Pick Six’ pushes Crimson Tide past Patriots

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Minden Press-Herald

Defense has played a big role for the Minden Crimson Tide football team all season long.

And it did so again Friday night, as Isaiah Thornton’s 99-yard “Pick Six” interception return followed by Cole Barnett’s extra point kick with 5:29 remaining proved to be the difference as Minden earned a 35-34 victory at Franklin Parish.

The Crimson Tide finished the regular season at 4-6 and will learn its post-season fate when the Louisiana High School Athletic Association announces its 2021 playoff brackets on Sunday.

Running back Daylen Robinson played his usual big role in the Minden, rushing for 96 yards and three scores on 26 carries, including a two-yard scoring scamper that gave the Crimson Tide an early 7-0 lead at the 5:50 mark of the opening stanza.

But Franklin Parish countered by scoring three touchdowns over a 2:02 span shortly after to build a big lead of its own.

The Patriots went on top 8-7 on a one-yard run by Jacob Caldwell followed by a successful two-point conversion pass with 1:50 left in the first quarter before Franklin Parish’s Josh Caldwell returned a fumble 45 yards for a score that put FPHS up 14-7 with 22 seconds left in the opening period.

After forcing a quick Minden punt on the ensuing series, Franklin Parish’s Chris Baker broke loose on a 54-yard dash to paydirt that pushed the Patriots’ lead to 20-7 at the



PRESS-HERALD PHOTO BY T. SCOTT BOATRIGHT

Minden head coach Spencer Heard and his Crimson Tide are expected to open the Class 4A playoffs on Friday at Neville.

11:48 mark of the second quarter.

But the Tide rolled back, scoring on a six-yard run by Robinson before Minden quarterback Andrew Cooper fired a 10-yard scoring strike to Cameron Mitchell to knot things up at 20-20 (after missing the first extra point kick attempt) with 1:30 left in the first half.

Franklin Parish battled

back and took a 28-20 half-time lead after quarterback Bryce Curtis hit Marshawn Whitley on an 11-yard touchdown pass followed by a two-point conversion pass to Eli Foster with 19 seconds remaining before intermission.

The back-and-forth scoring see-saw continued in the second half as Minden tied things up again at 28-28 as Daylen Robinson

scored on a four-yard run before running in for the two-point conversion at the 6:10 mark of the third quarter.

Franklin Parish didn’t waste any time regaining a lead as Curtis hit Javion White on a 77-yard bomb that put the Patriots back on top 34-28 5:19 left in the third period before Thornton’s fourth-quarter heroics gave the Tide the

comeback win.

The Louisiana High School Athletics Association delayed releasing its 2021 playoff brackets until after Press-Herald press time on Monday as it went through an appeals process thought to be on the Class 3A level.

Officials power rankings released Sunday by the LHSAA has Minden as the No. 31 seeding, meaning

that barring any change, the Crimson Tide will play at No. 2 seed Neville on Friday night.

Neville earned a 30-0 road win at Minden earlier this season on Oct. 13.

The *Minden Press-Herald* will confirm playoff brackets on line at press-herald.com as soon as they are confirmed by the LHSAA on Monday or Tuesday.

Warriors blanked at J-Hodge

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Minden Press-Herald

JONESBORO — Jonesboro jumped out to an early home lead and never looked back Friday night en route to a 46-0 win over Lakeside.

Lakeside ended its season at 3-6 overall and 0-3 in District 1-2A.

The Warriors played Jonesboro-

Hodge to a much closer game the last time the teams met, falling 48-43 in 2019.

Lakeside’s best game played against the Tigers probably came as the teams battled to a 20-20 tie in 2014.

The Warriors went 3-6 overall on the season and 0-3 in District 1-2A playing, falling in their final games.



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North Webster’s Jamarcus Stephens (36) ran for four touchdowns Friday night.

Apaches beat Arcadia, 55-12

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Minden Press-Herald

The Glenbrook Apaches had raced out to early leads in every game they had won this season heading into Friday night’s home finale against Arcadia.

And to celebrate their first season playing in the Louisiana High School Athletics Association, the Apaches did it again.

Glenbrook scored on its first snap from scrimmage and never looked back as the Apaches ended their first LHSAA season with a 55-12 win over Arcadia at Apaches Stadium.

That opening touchdown was a long touchdown pass from Ty Feaster to Landry Powell. But the Apaches were only getting started. They would score five more touchdowns before the first quarter ended, building a 42-6 heading into the second quarter of play.

Feaster would go on to finish with three touchdown passes.

“It was nice playing at home and getting to finish in positive fashion in front of our crowd like that,” said Glenbrook head coach David Feaster. “It’s not very often you get to finish a season with a six-game winning streak. Everybody loses their last game except for a state champ. We got to go out on a positive note and our players got to hang around on the field after it ended and talk with people. It was really a nice night.”

Glenbrook’s season concluded with a record of 8-2 overall and 5-2 in District 1-1A.

“It is unusual,” Feaster said of his team having such a strong season but being ineligible for postseason play in their first year of LHSAA athletics. “We’re just taking it in stride and moving on to the next sport. I try to make the point every once in a while that high school football is not just about seeing if you can get a ring. It’s nice when you have that



goal in front of you. It’s what you strive for. But I think I saw our guys this year strive just as hard as they would have had they had a chance to go win a state championship.”

And even without a title of any kind, Coach Feaster admitted it was a season to remember.

“The whole season I don’t think I’ve had one starter miss practice where we’d have to deal with it and sit him down,” Feaster said. “They did everything we asked and took care of business every week, and when we played good teams they rose to the occasion and were excited about playing Calvary and all those other teams.

And when we played weaker teams, they still practiced hard and played hard. I don’t know how many times people were asking if our next game was going to be a trap week for us, or if we thought we might have a letdown after playing real well and then going up against a weaker team? But we never did. We played hard every week. Everything that high school football is all about, we were able to accomplish this season. The fact that we can’t win a state championship is disappointing, but it’s not the whole ball of wax.”

N. Webster shuts out Green Oaks

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North Webster is hoping a strong finish will provide plenty of playoff push after the Knights’ shut out Green Oaks 44-0 at Baucum-Farrar Stadium Friday night.

North Webster closed out regular season play at 5-5.

Two-way offensive and defensive standout Ja’Marcus Stephens again was the catalyst for the Knights, scoring three rushing touchdowns as well as a 65-yard pass reception.

“He’s a warrior,” Knights coach John Ware said about Stephens. He’s one of those old-school players that don’t want to come off the field at any point. I

pulled him in the second half because we were ahead and he’s been a little banged up here and there. Of course he didn’t want to come out. He’s a football player and wants to play. It’s one of those things where we’re definitely glad to have him.”

The Knights marched out to a 31-0 halftime advantage before resting many of their starters in the second half. It was North Webster’s second straight win to close out the regular season after earning a crucial 38-22 road win at Mansfield last week.

“That’s very important just to get back on a winning track,” Ware said of his team’s strong regular-season finish. “We just had some bad fortunes

throughout the season that kind of put us back a little bit. But we thought the whole time we had a good football team. To put it all together those last two games makes it fun again. The kids deserve that. They worked their butts off to get into this position. It didn’t just happen. They kept working.”

Ware and the Knights will learn of the Class 3A playoff opponent later today or Tuesday after the Louisiana High Schools Athletics Association handles an appeals process thought to be on the Class 3A level.

The Minden Press-Herald will confirm North Webster’s opening playoff opponent online as soon as that information becomes available.

LA, Grambling Tech both fall on road

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — DeWayne McBride ran for 210 yards and scored four touchdowns, both career highs, and UAB defeated Louisiana Tech 52-38 on Saturday to become bowl eligible.

McBride took over after the Bulldogs took a 21-7

lead early in the second quarter.

PINE BLUFF, Ark. (AP) — Skyler Perry threw for two touchdowns and ran for two more as Arkansas-Pine Bluff snapped an seven-game losing streak by beating Grambling for

the second time in 2021, posting a 33-26 victory on Saturday.

The Golden Lions posted a 48-21 win over the Tigers at Grambling March 20.

Perry threw 34 yards to Dalyn Hill and 43 yards to Josh Wilkes.

Son, dad team up to bag big buck

GLYNN HARRIS
Special to the Minden Press-Herald

Dr. Michael O’Neal would no doubt have gotten a big 12-point buck even without his seven year old son, Wesley’s whispered encouragement but the fact that the youngster was there with him added something extra to the hunt.

O’Neal, an internal medicine physician who works at Ochsner Health Center in Monroe had his son with him on Oct. 9 on Ashbrook Island along the Mississippi River, a hunting club in which he holds membership.

“I was targeting a buck that first showed up on our cameras in 2017 as a 10-point,” O’Neal said. “He was a 10-point the following year and then in 2019, he had developed two ‘kickers’ that carried over to this season.”

Around 4:15 on the afternoon of Oct. 9, O’Neal had his son, Wesley, with him and chose a site to hunt from a lock-on stand that overlooked several persimmon trees that were producing fruit, a favorite food for deer.

“There were actually two lock-on stands in a tree and I got Wesley tied in and secured on one of the stands while I got in the other just above where he sat. I had been teaching him about the age difference in deer and that afternoon, we got to see several of different ages as the deer began showing up to feed on the persimmons,” O’Neal said.

With the first deer showing up within minutes after settling into their stands, the father and son got to speculate on the ages of the bucks.

“We had a small six-point and then another little eight-point show up, and Wesley was whispering to me correctly that these bucks were immature,” O’Neal said.

“Later, I saw a bigger deer standing behind some brush at around 50 yards and when it stepped out, Wesley



Dr. Michael O’Neal and his son, Wesley, proudly display the 12-point buck the pair teamed up on recently.

whispered, ‘Dad, that’s a mature buck,’ He had my phone and began videoing the buck as it approached the persimmon tree. When it got there, Wesley whispered, ‘Dad, you gotta shoot this one; he’s mature.’

The youngster became impatient and wondered why his dad hadn’t taken a shot at the buck, but there was a slight problem.

“Wesley had a good clear view of the deer but there was a small branch in the way obscuring my

visibility. When the buck finally stepped out from behind the branch at 18 yards, I released the arrow,” he said.

O’Neal shoots a Mathews bow and uses Gold Tip arrows and Rage broadheads. His shot was dead on as the buck only ran 25 yards before tipping over.

The buck, estimated to be 7 1/2 years old, had lost weight over the years, probably weighing 220 pounds in its prime but weighed in at 199 pounds. The rack was a

main frame 10-point with two sticker points making it a 12-point. Inside spread was 19 inches, main beams were 22 inches each with good mass throughout the rack. The buck was green scored at 149 6/8 inches.

“This hunt would not have been nearly as special had Wesley not been there with me to witness the whole thing,” O’Neal said. “When we got down, he wanted to follow the blood trail even though the deer had fallen within sight of us. When it was all

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FISHING REPORT

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

BLACK BAYOU – Fishing overall is rather slow. Contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop 323-8707 for the latest information.

OUACHITA RIVER – Bass are best in the river lakes on soft plastics and jigs. Crappie are best in river lakes and around tops in the river. For latest information, contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

LAKE D’ARBONNE – Crappie have yet to begin moving to the channel. Fishing has been best fishing 12-14 feet deep in 20 foot water on the flats on shiners or jigs. Bass have been in deep water and hitting soft plastics and crank baits. Bream fishing has slowed while catfish are still biting cold worms fished off the banks.. For the latest reports, call Anderson’s Sport Center at 368-9669 or Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

LAKE CLAIBORNE – Stripers have slowed with a few caught trolling white bucktails as most of the schooling activity has ceased since weather turned cooler. The bream have slowed but a few have been caught on worms and crickets off the banks. No report this week on bass fishing. Crappie are mostly in deep water with shiners or pink colored jigs picking up a

few. Some catfish have been caught using small bream for bait as well as wiener sections soaked in various concoctions. For latest information, call Misty at Kel’s Cove at 331-2730 or Terzia Tackle at 278-4498.

CANEY LAKE – Bass are on submerged points next to the deeper holes with deep diving crank baits and oversized plastic worms working best. Crappie are still around the tops but some have started moving to deeper water where most will be once cold weather sets in. Bream are slow to 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 good with mostly smaller fish being caught. Crappie are off and on with best catches for some real slabs early mornings around the boat slips. No report on bream or bass. For latest reports, call Poverty Point Marina at 318-878-0101.

LAKE ST. JOHN – The lake is being lowered but the gates have now been closed. Look for fishing to improve once water levels stabilize. For information, call Ken Mahoney at 318-201-3821.

LAKE YUCATAN – The water is on a slow fall and fishing is mostly fair. Crappie are fair but some big crappie fish are being caught. Catfishing has been very good. For information, call Surplus City Land-ing at 318-467-2259.

Elaine Erikson becomes first woman to win waterfowl stamp competition

Minden Press-Herald Sports Service

Louisiana native Elaine Erikson has won the 2022 Louisiana Waterfowl Conservation Stamp Competition sponsored by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF). She is the first woman to win the contest.

The annual contest, in its 34th year, determines the image on what is commonly called the Louisiana Duck Stamp.

Erikson, a retired CPA from River Ridge, was born and raised on Bayou Teche in Iberia Parish. This was her first time entering the Louisiana Duck Stamp contest.

Her paintings tend to be very realistic in style, revealing extensive detail. Erikson’s favorite medium is acrylic but she also paints in oil, watercolor, colored pencil and pastels. She belongs to several area art guilds and has shown paintings in numerous art shows in the New Orleans and Baton Rouge areas.

The fulvous whistling duck was the species selected for this year’s contest and Erikson’s painting features two ducks resting in a marsh setting.

There were 17 entries posted, including seven from Louisiana residents.

Larry Wilburn of Dayton, Texas, was second and Anthony Padgett of Noblesville, Indiana third. Wilburn placed third in both the 2016 and ‘17 contests. Padgett won the 2009 Louisiana Duck Stamp contest, was second in 2021 and third in 2020.

The fulvous whistling duck is one of Louisiana’s most unique waterfowl species.

They have long legs, necks and a standing posture, resembling geese more than ducks.

Plumages of male and female fulvous whistling ducks are the same and both sexes incubate eggs and share in the rearing of young.

Adults are a striking orange-brown color on the head, neck and chest, thus the name fulvous, with blue-gray bill and feet, a black-barred back, white stripes on the flank and distinctive white V above the tail.

Louisiana provides primarily breeding habitat for fulvous whistling ducks. They arrive from wintering areas in Mexico, or further south, from mid-April through early May, taking up residence primarily in the rice-growing region of southwest Louisiana.

Judges for this year’s contest were: Fred Roetker, a retired U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service pilot and biologist, whose first wildlife job was duck banding in Saskatchewan, Canada, 50 years ago; Headley Adelman, a retired Southeastern Louisiana University biology professor, artist and past contestant; Bonnie Camos, a Lafayette area visual artist, curator, arts educator and leader of the Acadiana Arts Council and Louisiana Crafts Guild; John Harris, the current Louisiana State Chairman of Ducks Unlimited; and John Robinette, a retired wildlife biologist, longtime regional manager for LDWF and a wildlife artist.

The Louisiana Legislature authorized the Louisiana Waterfowl Conservation Stamp program in 1988. The program was created to generate revenue for conservation and enhancement of waterfowl populations and habitats in Louisiana.

Since 1989, more than \$14.7 million has been generated for wetland conservation with approximately \$6 million spent on land acquisition.

A total of \$268,332 was raised last year.

In addition, revenues have supported wetland development projects on wildlife management areas and the Louisiana Waterfowl Project, a cooperative endeavor between LDWF, Ducks Unlimited, the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to provide habitat for waterfowl and other wetland birds on private lands.

The 2022 stamp will go on sale June 1, 2022. The artist will retain the original artwork and will have reproduction rights to the image for prints and other commodities after LDWF has used the image to produce the stamps.

For more information, contact Jason Olszak at jolszak@wlf.la.gov.



Mike Walsworth speaks during Friday’s press conference announce the Easton/Hoyt Pro/Am Archery competition that will be held annually at Camp Minden over the next 10 years.

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Camp Minden to host ASA archery competition over next 10 years

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It’s a bull’s eye for Camp Minden, Webster Parish and north Louisiana as a whole.

A press conference spearheaded by the Shreveport Bossier Sports Commission held Friday at Camp Minden announced that Camp Minden will host an annual Archery Association Pro/Am competition at Camp Minden for the next 10 years.

Archers from across the country will pay entry fees based on their competitive division in both professional and amateur classes and aim for cash prizes, trophies and points toward the prestigious “Shooter of

the Year” award in their class.

The first Easton/Hoyt Pro/Am event will be held at Camp Minden from April 21-24 of 2022.

“People will see what northern Louisiana has to offer,” said Mike Walsworth of the Louisiana Lieutenant Governor’s Office of Northern Louisiana Outreach.

Kelly Wells, Executive Director of the Shreveport Bossier Sports Commission appeared with members of the Bossier and Webster parish police juries, mayors of Bossier City and Minden, the Camp Minden National Guard Commander training site, representatives from tourism and convention agencies, and a representative

from the Lieutenant Governor Billy Nungesser at the press conference.

The touted an economic impact to Webster, Bossier and Caddo of up to \$3 million a year.

“The Archery Shooters Association has been conducting national 3-D Pro/Am archery events for over 25 years,” said Michael Tyrell, President of the Archery Shooters Association, LLC. solid business decision. We have been working closely with the Shreveport-Bossier City Sports Commission for over two years to find a venue having already determined that the community has all of the hotel rooms, restaurants, and local support we will ever need.”

FUN & GAMES

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

Level: Beginner

Here's How It Works:

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

6	7	8	7	9	2	1	8	9
8	7	1	6	8	9	9	2	7
9	9	2	1	8	7	7	8	9
8	6	9	2	7	9	7	1	8
7	8	9	8	1	6	9	7	2
1	2	7	7	9	8	6	9	8
2	9	8	9	6	1	8	7	7
9	8	7	9	2	7	8	6	1
7	1	6	8	7	8	2	9	9

ANSWER:

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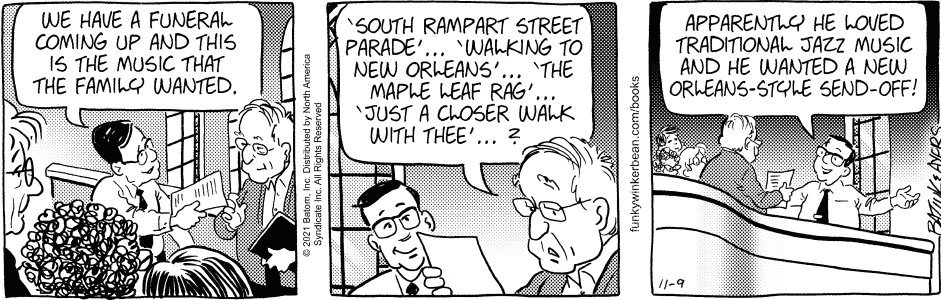
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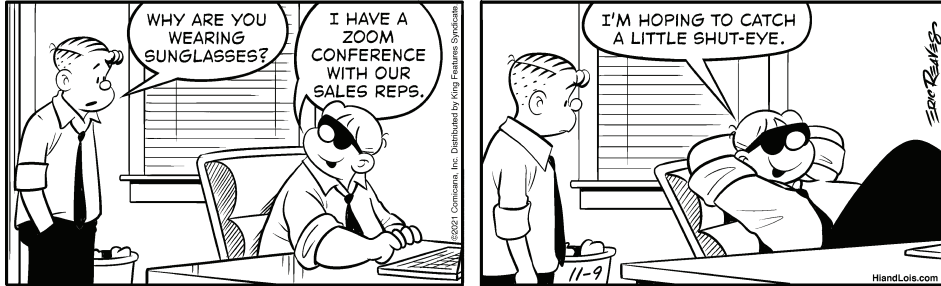
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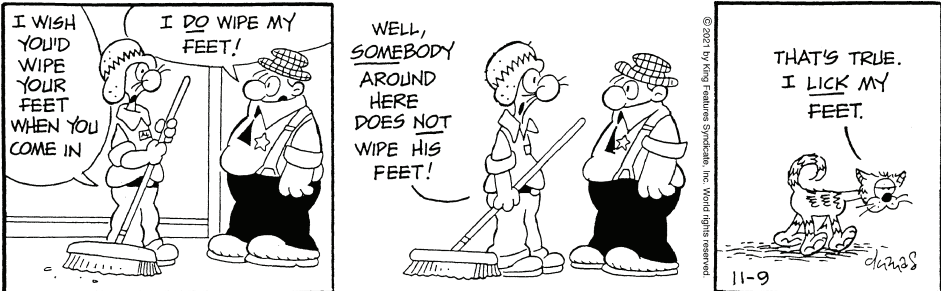
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11-9

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RK AGOQ KRLW Y XZBBSGBZO.

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