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9th Annual Feed a Family Program

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Year after year the Joe LeBlanc Food Pantry with their Feed a Family Program works to ensure everyone in the local community can have great holiday meals to share with loved ones, and year after year citizens of Minden city up to help donate and pack bags to help make it happen. Even in the midst of supply chain issues and rising food prices, the food pantry has been able to stay well stocked and meet their goals faster than ever before.

“We met our Thanksgiving goal before November even started, it’s the earliest that we’ve ever reached that goal. As of yesterday, we were at 99 on our Christmas distribution goal out of 600,” said Jessica Lewis, Director of the Joe LeBlanc Food Pantry.

“For those interested in coming to help pack, we are completely full for November, but we do still have a few days open in December. We definitely need volunteers all throughout the year, so if they can’t get on the books for December, we’ll get them in early next year.”

Clients can still sign up to be given a bag at the Nov. 20 distribution,



Thanks to community support, the Joe LeBlanc Food Pantry was able to meet their goal for the Feed a Family Program’s Thanksgiving Distribution before November even began.

but are asked to come after 11 a.m. to ensure that the current clients are already served. Clients will be given a bag with a hen, green beans, carrots, corn, stuffing, cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes, macaroni and cheese, mashed potatoes, pie filling, and pie crust.

Despite their best efforts, unfortunately the food pantry couldn’t attain turkey’s for this year’s distribution given the nationwide shortage that has occurred before the Thanksgiving season,

but ensures the hen being distributed will more than feed a family.

“We really wanted to do turkey’s this year instead of the hen’s, but the hens come from the House of Raeford in Arcadia, and they are huge. At least 10 pounds, some bigger,” said Lewis.

For those still looking to donate to help them reach their goal for Christmas distribution, the food pantry has a plethora of ways to donate, including digital payments such as PayPal and Venmo, sending

money through text, and more ways that are detailed on their Facebook Page. Dec. 15th is the deadline to donate for Christmas Distribution.

The Joe LeBlanc Food Pantry thanks their donors and sponsors who help to make the event even more of a success year after year.

“Thank you to everyone who donates. 95% of it is Minden, but we even have people who donate from Texas, Florida, Georgia, people who I don’t even know who they are,” said Lewis.

CRIME

Altercation leads to stabbing at Minden High School

STAFF REPORT
Minden Press-Herald

Tuesday at 2 p.m. a 15 year old male student of Minden High School was arrested for stabbing another 14 year old student multiple times on the campus.

“These two guys have been having issues between them on and off campus. They came into contact with each other, words passed, this turned into an altercation,” said Minden Police Chief Steve Cropper.

The victim sustained non-life threatening injuries, was transported to Minden Medical Center, and discharged the same day.

“Everyone watching the fight thought he was hitting the victim, but he was actually stabbing him. The blade was relatively short and didn’t do any life threatening damage,” said Cropper.

According to the police chief, the mother stated the 15 year old had been bringing a knife to school with him before this incident occurred. “He had been bringing a knife

to school prior to this, mother indicated that she had taken one knife away from him already, telling him not to bring them to school,” said Cropper.

It’s still unconfirmed what the subject of the altercation ultimately was,

with the suspect not offering that information after being arrested. The MPD is hoping to get more information out of the victim later Wednesday.

Webster Parish

School Board released an official statement in the matter, stating, “This is an important message from the Webster Parish School Board. We wanted to inform you that there was an incident at Minden High School today. Please know that all authorities and officials have handled the situation and our first priority remains the safety of all students and staff. The school will resume regular session in the morning.”

The student was taken to Ware Youth center in Coushatta, returning on Wednesday to go before a judge. Attempted second-degree homicide and possession of marijuana.



CROPPER

GOVERNMENT

Biden administration urges court to lift order blocking employer COVID vaccine mandate

(The Center Square) – The Biden administration is asking a federal appeals court in New Orleans to lift a temporary order halting a federal COVID-19 vaccination mandate on private businesses, while telling employers to comply with the mandate anyway.

“We think people should not wait,” White House Deputy Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre said. “We say, do not wait to take actions that will keep your workplace safe. It is important and critical to do and waiting to get more people vaccinated will lead to more outbreaks and sickness.”

The administration’s 28-page legal request was in response to a U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals injunction that cited “grave statutory and constitutional issues” when

suspending the mandate pending further litigation.

The ruling stemmed from lawsuits filed Friday by a Louisiana businessman and several attorneys general, including Louisiana Attorney General Jeff Landry.

The COVID-19 vaccination mandate applies to businesses with 100 or more employees, affecting an estimated 84 million workers. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) is enforcing the policy, which requires workers to be fully vaccinated by Jan. 4 or undergo weekly testing.

“OSHA’s detailed analysis of the [mandate’s] impact shows that a stay would likely cost dozens or even hundreds of lives per day,” the administration’s Monday court filing

said.

The administration claimed the OSHA’s authority is grounded in its traditional role of protecting workers from workplace dangers, such as exposure to “substances or agents” that are determined to be toxic.

“The COVID-19 virus is both a physically harmful agent and a new hazard,” the court filing said.

The filing further urged the court to lift the temporary stay and deny a request for a permanent injunction against the mandate, saying current legal objections are “premature” because of the policy’s Jan. 4 deadline.

“Accordingly, there is no need to address petitioners’ stay motions now, and the Court should lift its administrative stay and allow this matter to proceed under

the process that Congress set forth for judicial review of OSHA standards,” it said.

The appeals court gave the administration until 5 p.m. Monday to respond to its weekend ruling. The court then gave Brandon Trosclair, a Louisiana businessman, until 5 p.m. Tuesday to file a reply to the government’s response.

“A final ruling could come as early as Wednesday,” said Sarah Harbison, an attorney representing Trosclair and general counsel for the New Orleans-based Pelican Institute for Public Policy.

If the Fifth Circuit permanently blocks the mandate, the administration could appeal directly to the U.S. Supreme Court, she said.

TOY DRIVE

“Civitan Santa” Christmas toy program returns

Special to the Minden Press-Herald

The annual Christmas Toy Program “Civitan Santa,” jointly sponsored by the Minden Civitan club and the Young Woman’s Service Club, is in full swing.

Each year the local Civitan club, with the help of the Young Woman’s Service Club, collects and distributes toys to needy children in the Minden - South Webster Parish area. Members of the Minden City Police Department and the Webster Parish Sheriff’s Department will deliver the toys just before Christmas.

Donated toys (new)

may be delivered to the Minden police OR ANY Civitan member and cash donations may be sent to the Minden Civitan Club, P.O. Box 95, Minden, LA 71058. Several businesses will also have drop boxes for toys.

Application forms may be picked up at the Minden City Police Department and the Webster Community Action offices. Applications will be considered for children through age thirteen.

In order to have all of the toys delivered by Christmas all applications for assistance must be in the hands of the sponsors by Dec. 14th.

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HEALTH SYSTEM

Louisiana’s Medicaid Estimating Conference tries to forecast multibillion-dollar ‘moving target’

(The Center Square) – The state Medicaid Estimating Conference met at the Louisiana Capitol on Wednesday to discuss how lawmakers could plan for “the lion’s share of the budget.”

Medicaid stands at nearly 38% of the Louisiana’s total state budget. The federal-state health care partnership program will cost \$16.3 billion in fiscal year 2022, of which 18% will come from the state general revenue fund.

The estimating conference is required to meet at least three times a year and adopt a Medicaid cost forecast to help lawmakers accurately allocate Medicaid funds during the next regular legislative session.

Conference chair Sen. Sharon Hewitt, R-Slidell, reminded members the state budget must be balanced according to available revenues, and the Medicaid forecast is the planning instrument the Legislature uses to determine whether they are appropriating too much or too little money.

“This program is too big to not to have adequate data on future projected expenditures available during budget development discussions,” Hewitt said.

A 1% error across the

entire program would produce a “variance” totaling \$163 million, she said.

“This scenario grows to \$407 million, \$45 million would be state general fund, for a 2.5% variance, and over \$800 million, or \$90 million in state general fund, for a 5% variance,” Hewitt said.

“Again, Medicaid is simply too large not to have a thoughtful, well-developed system of checks and balances on our assumptions when building the budget. The MEC is intended to do that for the state of Louisiana,” she said.

Division of Administration Commissioner Jay Dardenne, the top official at the agency responsible for developing the state budget, said predicting costs will be difficult.

“Since this is an expenditure estimate, it’s obviously a very, very moving target during the course of the year as to what enrollment is, when enrollment is going to change based on when the pandemic ends; it’s a really tough year to try to predict expenditures,” Dardenne said.

Ruth Johnson, Medicaid executive director at the Louisiana Department of Health, said the federal Build Back Better budget proposal being

debated in Congress also could have significant cost implications.

“We’ll be watching that closely,” Johnson said.

Dardenne explained the budget process involves timelines that complicate Medicaid forecasting ahead of the March legislative session.

State agencies submit their budget requests in the beginning of November, he said. The Office of Planning and Budget reviews them, and the Division of Administration begins meeting with various departments in December.

Department budgets could be presented in January and February, he said.

“I’m trying to wrap my arms around the practical use of the forecast and how it’s going to play out,” Dardenne said. “I just want to make sure we understand that as it is now ... it’s not going to be able to be binding like the revenue estimating conference is.”

Hewitt said the conference should at least agree on program “assumptions,” or the factors that could determine the program’s biggest costs.

“At the end of the day, that’s where we can add value: in agreeing on the assumptions. Because that’s where you’re tak-

ing the risk in the forecast. After that, a lot of the numbers just fall out,” Hewitt said. “It’s like doing a math problem once you’ve agreed on how to set it up.”

The state Medicaid program had a variance of minus-11.54% in fiscal year 2021, or a \$1.8 billion gap between allocated funds and program expenditures.

“Approximately \$787 million of the (\$1.8 billion) variance was to pay for a hospital payment methodology that was never implemented due to concerns expressed by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS),” Hewitt said.

GOVERNMENT

Louisiana GOP sees infighting ahead of leadership elections

(AP) — The Republican Party of Louisiana faces infighting and accusations of vote manipulation tactics ahead of next year’s party leadership elections.

Michael Bayham, the state GOP secretary, sent an email Tuesday to the party’s governing body members accusing Louisiana Republican Party Chairman Louis Gurvich of mishandling the election plans. Bayham said it was improper for Gurvich to be campaigning for a third term in his leadership job before setting an election date.

“Officers should not be politicking for reelection before we even know when the election is,” Bayham wrote in the email, which also was posted on his Facebook page. “An Executive Committee meeting should be called this week to promptly establish these details as we have members already campaigning for offices while others considering running are waiting for a date to be announced.”

Gurvich said suggestions he was deliberately stalling the election date

were “ridiculous.” He said the leadership elections must be held by March 31, and an election would be called to meet that timeline.

“We plan on getting it done well within the necessary time for people to make arrangements,” he said.

The Republican State Central Committee, the party’s governing body, chooses the GOP leadership. Whoever is selected for the next two-year term as chairman will be leading the party during the 2023 statewide and legislative elections.

Gurvich, owner of a private security business, has held the chairman’s job since 2018. He has received criticism for management of the party’s finances and for the loss of the 2019 governor’s race in which Democratic Gov. John Bel Edwards was elected to a second term. But Gurvich successfully fought back efforts to unseat him earlier this year.

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LAW ENFORCEMENT

WPSO joins committee to award deputies injured in the line of duty

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The Louisiana Sheriffs' Association proudly announces the creation of an annual award for sheriffs or deputies who are injured in the line of duty. The award was inspired by the late Union Parish Sheriff, Bob Buckley. While Buckley served as president of the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association (2012-2013), he made it his mission to "Do More" for Louisiana's sheriffs and deputies. In that vein,

the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association is honored to continue his legacy with the creation of this annual award. Permanent Committee members are: Chairman, Sheriff Steven McCain, Grant Parish; Sheriff Julian Whittington, Bossier Parish; Sheriff Leland Falcon, Assumption Parish; Sheriff Blaise Smith, St. Mary Parish; Sheriff Brian Spillman, West Feliciana Parish; Sheriff Mark Wood, Rapides Parish; Sheriff Jason Parker, Webster Parish; Sheriff Clay Bennett, Caldwell Parish,

and Sheriff Sammie Byrd, Madison Parish. Nominations may be submitted from all 64 sheriff's offices throughout the state. The committee plans to review their first set of nominations in March, and to honor their inaugural winner(s) this summer at the association's annual conference. This will be the first time that the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association has ever given an award to deputies and sheriffs who are injured in the line of duty. The Louisiana Sheriffs' Association is a bipartisan organization, composed of Louisiana's 64 sheriffs and nearly 14,000 deputy sheriffs, established to represent Louisiana's chief law enforcement officers across the state. The Association's purpose is to maintain the constitutional authority of the sheriff as chief law enforcement officer, ensure the delivery of first-rate services, and to sponsor legislation that promotes the administration of criminal justice.

CRIME

WPSO arrests kidnapper who assaulted victim

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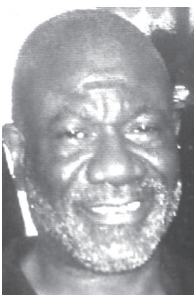
The Webster Parish Sheriff's Office this week arrested a kidnapper named Tommy Hawthorne, 54, who held a woman against her will, as well as physically and sexually assaulting their victim. "She was held against her will," the booking

report read. "The above subject hit her numerous times in her back and cut her face with a knife. She advised that he would not let her leave." After this heinous crime was reported to the WPSO, a deputy was dispatched to Hawthorne's residence where the incident took place. "I spoke with the suspect and he gave consent

to take a look around his home, at which time I noticed a lot of blood all over the apartment. After the investigation, I advised the subject he was being arrested for the above mentioned charge," the report read. "The above subject did show me videos in his phone where the complaint was sitting in a wheelchair in the nude

covered in blood as she asked for her clothes. He ripped her pants and underwear off of her and forced her to have intercourse with him." Hawthorne was arrested and transported to Bayou Dorcheat Correctional Facility and was charged with second degree kidnapping.

OBITUARIES



Arthur Edmond

Mr. Arthur Edmond, 69, transitioned on November 7th, 2021. A father. A brother. A mentor. An uncle. A family member. A faithful and dutiful servant. A beloved friend and community member.

Mr. Edmond was born on May 9th, 1952, in Minden, Louisiana to Mr. Jessie Edmond Jr. and Augusta Webb Edmond. Primed for success, Mr. Edmond led a driven and purposeful life that carried him from life in a small town to the hustle and bustle of the big city. Where he experienced various career opportunities at Dodger Stadium, United States Postal Service, and most notably as the owner and operator of Black Tax, Inc. A man, who never met a stranger. One could always count on Mr. Edmond to provide aid, compassion, sound advice, and a scripture to anyone in need. For he never, turned a blind eye to those who sought his

help. His presence alone, brought joy and light to those around him. Mr. Edmond was preceded in death by his parents and brothers: Henry Paul Myles and Larry Edmond. Although, he may have transitioned into the spiritual realm his spirit, influence, and love his for his fellow man will continue to live on. He leaves behind the following: One beloved daughter, Shana Edmond. Three sisters: Elmer J. Edmond, Rita Edmond, and Felicia E. Neal. Seven nieces and nephews: Vicki Myles, LaKishia Marshall, DaShawn-da Doss, Kaneshia Edmond, Darryl Neal Jr., LaTasha Dickerson, and Phelicia Neal. Moreover, Mr. Edmond leaves behind a plethora of friends, family, and business clientele. His presence will truly be missed. Homegoing services will be held on Saturday, November 13th, 2021, at the New Light Missionary Baptist Church in Minden, LA. Service will begin at 12:00 p.m. Visitation will be held at Benevolent Funeral Home on Friday, November 12th, 2021.



Verval Dean Ramsey

Funeral services for Verval Dean Ramsey will be held Wednesday, November 10, 2021, at 11:00a.m. at City On A Hill Pentecostal Church in Minden, Louisiana with Rev. Jeff Ramsey, Rev. Keith Adcock, and Rev. Mike Hudspeth officiating. Interment will follow at Gardens of Memory Cemetery in Minden, Louisiana. The family will receive friends from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 9, 2021, at the church.

Verval was born October 21, 1941, in Pindall, Arkansas and entered into rest November 6, 2021, in Shreveport, Louisiana.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Patsy Ramsey and his great grandson, Gabriel Ian Tyler. He is survived by his son, Rev. Jeff Ramsey and wife Cindy of Minden; daughter, Karon Jones and husband Edward of Shreveport; sister, Charlotte Elledge and husband Harold of Waldo, Arkansas; brother, Edward Ramsey and wife Wanda of Arlington, Texas; and grandchildren, Gabrielle and Ian Tyler, Jeffrey Ramsey, Jr., Caitlyn Jones, and Marissa Jones. Pallbearers will be Allen Jordan, Bradley Jordan, Nathan Ramsey, Dennis Hamilton, Jeffrey Ramsey, Jr., & Ian Tyler.

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OTHER OPINION

Seven lessons learned About COVID in 2021

The whole concept of scientific inquiry revolves around learning as you go. Scientific inquiry proposes a hypothesis and then tests this hypothesis. Science informs policy decisions, but it is disingenuous when politicians say they “only follow the science.” All decision making with COVID 19 also includes political, economic, and social components. The lessons learned through the pandemic provide context to help us make better decisions in the future. In 2021 we learned...

Covid vaccines are effective and safe. The vaccines reduce transmission, severity of illness, hospitalization, and death from Covid. The benefits are greatest in those with the greatest risk from the virus—especially the elderly, overweight, immunocompromised, and pregnant. The probability of vaccinated adults or unvaccinated children getting severely ill with COVID is in the 1 in 100,000 range.

Over 6 billion doses of COVID vaccine have been given worldwide with no long-term adverse effects yet identified. At this time, there has been no negative impact on fertility or reproduction. Long term safety and efficacy of vaccines in children remain to be determined pending current trials.

Natural immunity and vaccine immunity are both effective immunity. A very large study from Israel noted natural immunity was as effective or more effective in preventing symptomatic infections, hospitalizations, and deaths from COVID-19. Billions around the world have natural immunity

from COVID-19.

We now have proven excellent outpatient treatments which get less attention than they deserve. Studies done on Vitamin D, Zinc, Remdesivir, monoclonal antibodies like Regeneron and the new oral drug Molnupiravir have shown over 50% reductions in severe COVID illness when given in the outpatient setting. Other treatments with great promise are currently in trials.

Vaccine mandates remain very controversial and contentious. Those who favor a mandate believe they will reduce the transmission and severity of COVID illness and increase the vaccination rate. Those who oppose are often hesitant because they already have natural immunity and/or believe government mandates is an overreach of government power in their personal health decisions. Many are concerned about the added impact of more losses of an already depleted workforce. Essentially every sector in our country has employment issues. maybe none as significant as in healthcare.

We have learned the hard way the importance of in school learning. The education loss of our children is already greater than one year with the greatest loss in those furthest behind and most disadvantaged.

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closer to the time when COVID-19 will not be the prime decision maker in our lives. It is a time we all want to see – regardless of our age, gender, or political beliefs.

Even before the pandemic, we had long departed from the biblical wisdom to respect those with different opinions. Agree to disagree is rarely practiced today. More than any other time in my lifetime, people with political or policy differences replace tolerance with threats and too often treat each other with disrespect. This departure from civility has created more fear, anxiety, isolation, and hopelessness.

Proverbs 24:14 states “Know also that wisdom is like honey for you: if you find it, there is a future hope for you and your hope will not be cut off”. We will be better if we learn as we go; remain flexible as circumstances unfold; and remain respectful of others.

The death of Colin Powell reminds us again of the attributes of a great man but also reminds us the indomitable spirit of America. He wrote, “Believe in America with all your heart, soul, and mind. Remember it remains the ‘last best hope on Earth.” As we think on these things, we can change our anxiety and fear to confidence and hope.

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OTHER OPINION

Kampis: Taxpayer funded broadband is misguided

Federal Communications Commission (FCC) nominee Gigi Sohn is a big advocate of taxpayer-funded government-owned internet networks (GONs), despite scant evidence of their benefit. In fact, there is plenty of data showing they’re taxpayer boondoggles.

The Biden administration recently tapped Sohn as a nominee for the fifth seat on the FCC, a move that Congress would need to approve. Even though there’s a Democratic majority on Capitol Hill, Sohn’s confirmation is not assured.

If confirmed, Sohn will likely form a voting block with her fellow Democrats, Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel and Commissioner Geoffrey Starks, to push the agenda of the left when it comes to communications. That means increased regulations on providers, such as the reimplementation of Title II regulations, and the push for more government spending on GONs.

In the age of COVID-19, Democrats have strongly advocated for state and local governments to get involved in the internet business. President Joe Biden’s agenda calls for the U.S. National Telecommunications and Information

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and an additional \$788 billion in COVID-19 relief, some of which can be used for high-speed internet. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill currently being debated on Capitol Hill, has another \$65 billion in broadband funding.

As TPA has reported extensively, taxpayer-funded internet projects often fail for various reasons, including low take rates, mismanagement and a lack of institutional knowledge about running broadband networks.

TPA highlighted many of those failures in its 2020 report “GON with the Wind: The Failed Promise of Government Owned Networks Across America.” More follies are noted on TPA’s “Broadband Boondoggles.”

Instead of pushing for more government internet, Sohn and the rest of the FCC should instead focus on removing the red tape that harms providers’ efforts to build broadband infrastructure in unserved areas.

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OTHER OPINION

Wall Street Journal: Opioid liability on trial in Ohio

The plaintiffs bar has assaulted too many industries to count, but the landmark opioid trial now underway in Ohio may be the worst. The combination of avaricious lawyers, a consolidated case system and a rogue judge is highlighting again the need for Congress and courts to crack down on legal abuse.

Cleveland-based federal Judge Dan Aaron Polster opened proceedings in October in a trial in which two Ohio counties are seeking to hold pharmacy chains CVS, Walgreens and Walmart liable for the opioid epidemic. The counties say pharmacies ignored red flags when they filled opioid prescriptions and caused a “public nuisance.”

The trial is the first of some 3,000 suits against companies in the pharmaceutical supply chain brought by municipalities that have joined with the tort bar to extort distributors and retailers. Johnson & Johnson and three distributors this summer settled various state and local government lawsuits for \$26 billion.

The Ohio suits are in what’s known as multidistrict litigation (MDL), a means of sandbagging industry into high-dollar settlements. The tort bar files hundreds of separate lawsuits in different jurisdictions, which the court system consolidates in the name of efficiency. MDL judges often single out test cases to gauge the merits of broader litigation. Too often the process becomes a club to beat corporations into sweeping settlements without a trial.

Judge Poster is wielding the club in the pharmacy litigation. Since landing this MDL in late 2017, he has pressured defendants to settle in the name of doing “something meaningful to abate the crisis.” “We don’t need a lot of briefs and we don’t need trials,” he said in a 2018 hearing. “None of those are going to solve what we’ve got.” That bias has informed the judge’s decisions throughout the case.

The plaintiffs’ claim is based on a bizarre notion of liability. The companies are accused of filling legal prescriptions for a legal substance for real patients from licensed doc-

tors. The alleged tort is that they should have known they were filling out too many prescriptions, and should have been skeptical of even legal prescriptions above some undefined “red line.”

Yet pharmacists had no reason to know what this ineffable red line was. They also lack legal grounds to deny prescriptions. In many states they must fill prescriptions under penalty of law if the doctor has a valid license and is registered with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration. State medical and pharmacy boards have threatened to discipline pharmacists who refused to fill or watered down opioid prescriptions. Some pharmacists who refused have been sued by doctors for defamation and by patients for discrimination.

The plaintiffs’ attorneys are arguing that the pharmacists cannot hide behind state law and should have investigated the doctor’s prescriptions. But if a tort can be committed for following the law, then we have entered a brave new world of liability.

Yet Judge Polster has allowed

this liability theory to proceed, while pressing the companies at every turn to settle. In one outburst earlier this year, he threatened the companies with bankruptcy if they go to trial.

He has refused to include local, independent pharmacies in the trial, though their day will come if the big chains settle. He’s also ignored the federal rules of civil procedure to give the trial bar an advantage, such as allowing them to amend their complaints by adding claims they previously disavowed. The Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals has rebuked several of his rulings, last year writing that one was “plainly incorrect as a matter of law.”

Judge Polster is undeterred. He has watered down the rules of evidence, including allowing trial lawyers to argue that all they need is “aggregate proof” that “too many” prescriptions were filled, rather than evidence of specific prescriptions that were improperly filled.

Last month a jury member admitted handing out personal research on the case to fellow jurors. The lead counsel for the plaintiffs

agreed this was grounds for a mistrial. But Judge Polster prodded the lawyer to reconsider, since if he did order a mistrial he might retire and (hint, hint) hand the case to another (less plaintiff-friendly) judge. The trial continues.

This is grounds for appeal if there’s a trial and verdict. But Judge Polster looks intent on producing a settlement, thereby pressuring the rest of the MDL defendants — including manufacturers and distributors — to settle too.

The opioid epidemic is a scourge, but it has multiple causes and is no justification for abusing the court system. If the pharmacy chains settle and establish this new precedent for public-nuisance litigation, there is no commercial activity in America that couldn’t be vulnerable.

Courtrooms are venues to assess facts and the law. They aren’t forums for policy making, or corporate retribution, or a federal judge to force a settlement on defendants as a capstone to his career.

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LIFE

FROM THE BACK PORCH

Looking back with thankfulness

Often times when a writer sits down to write he may have a germ of a story in mind. However, for some reason it just never gels, never comes together enough to put on paper or computer screen.

Usually, there is another more relevant story just waiting to be told. Therefore there may be a slight delay in a story appearing.

When I sat down to write the story from the first idea, it just wasn't ready, but another one was brewing. Before long I knew it was ready.

A quote from Albert Schweitzer that appeared on my desk calendar was the inspiration for a story worth sharing.

"When I look back upon my early days I am stirred by the thought of the number of people whom I have to thank for what they gave me or for what they were to me." (Albert Schweitzer)

Have you ever thought about what all is behind your being where and what you are today?

I would have to begin with my parents who instilled a strong work ethic in us as we were growing up. Do an honest day's work for an honest day's pay. Don't look down on those who have less than you nor look up to the one who gained his wealth by questionable means.

We had a large family, worked hard and did without many things our friends may have had. However, we never lacked for love and support for whatever we wanted to do.

There were cousins and extended family that became part of our lives and many of these made an impact.

Next was probably my teachers. As far as I know, I had only one teacher who thought less of me than other class members. And she didn't mind letting it show. All the others never indicated a dislike for any of the students. (And that's how it should be.)



FANNIE MOORE

Therefore, I loved going to school, developed a love of reading and was even encouraged in my feeble attempt at writing. I was honored to be on the sports teams and leadership positions in our extra-curricular activities. So I am thankful for my educators who added so much to my life.

Then there were friends, some of which became like family. We visited, shared meals and even traveled together with many of them. Having them in our home for meals seemed to create a special bond.

Through some employment I had opportunities to become acquainted with many people I would never have known. So I thank Mrs. Avis Garrison for giving me an opportunity to spread my wings and Johnny Herrington for entrusting me with the opportunity to work with him bringing in well-known musical artists for locals to enjoy.

There were so many students I got to know through my 20 year teaching career, along with their parents, and they definitely added to my life. I am still in contact with some of them by way of Facebook. It is so interesting to see what they are doing with their lives and thinking I might be one of those they can later recall as being a part of what they have become.

Serving in places of leadership in church and civic organizations also opened up a world of new experiences and these people became great additions to my life.

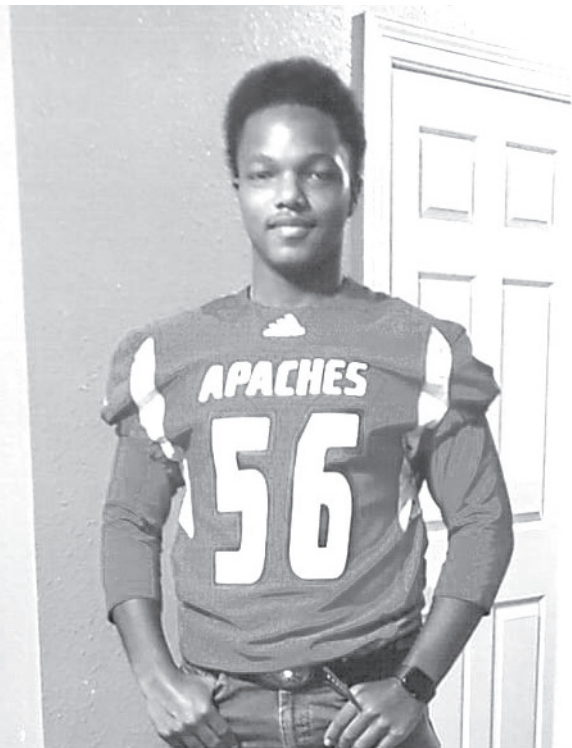
There seems to be no way of looking back and remembering all those who were responsible for giving to me and adding to my life.

But I just want you to know, if you are among the many who were there for me, I thank you.

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EDUCATION

Glenbrook's Students of the Month



(Left) Jonathan Bryant has been named Glenbrook School's High School Student of the Month. Jonathan is in the 9th grade and was nominated as Student of the Month for the character and effort he displays in class. Jonathan works hard, puts forth his best effort, and displays a positive attitude in his work. He is always respectful and ready to tackle any task given to him.



COURTESY PHOTOS

(Right) Colby Procell is Glenbrook's Elementary Student of the Month. Colby helps, listens, and participates. He is respectful, kind to others, and does what he is asked to do with a good attitude. He takes his time to do his best work and is a joy in the classroom.

VETERANS DAY

A Special Thank You to Our Veterans

War time is only the other side of peace time but if you've ever seen how wars are won

you know what it's like to wish peace time would come

And don't it seem like a long time seem like a long time, seems like a long, long time

Ted Anderson (sung by Rod Stewart)

We celebrate Veterans Day this week. My late father was a veteran - one of those drafted during World War II at age 28 when they were pretty much taking anybody - even married men with families. He didn't stay in that long. He went into the service in 1944 and came out some time after the war ended in 1945. I don't think he ever fired a Sherman tank shell in anger but he did get to pitch some in the Philippines for his army baseball team.

When I was a kid in the 60's we assumed that everybody who left to serve would get sent to Viet Nam, but they weren't. Some

friends of mine wound up fighting the Cold War in either South Korea or West Germany. It seems luck and need had a lot to play in where you served.

The late Jim Pumphrey, my LSU freshman roommate, was an Air Force veteran. After it looked like he was about to get drafted and sent to Vietnam; he went down to the local recruiting office to enlist in the Navy. Turns out the Navy recruiter was out for lunch, so he walked across the hall and joined the Air Force. He said he didn't care much which branch it was - as long as it didn't involve jungles, snakes, or rice paddies. Pumphrey served his country honorably then went on to teach me how to drink beer, play pinball, and smoke Marlboro Reds.

During Vietnam, our country sent men and

woman into a war zone and then blamed them for going. They didn't get a parade when they got home and some of them were spat on by protestors. That was wrong. I'm glad we don't treat our veterans like that anymore. It's hard enough going to war, getting shot at, watching buddies die - without returning and being made to feel your country didn't care for your sacrifice.

According to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), our country loses 20 veterans every day by suicide. Many are homeless, have trouble sleeping, and wait far too long to get the medical attention they need.

Most return from a battle zone with some level of post-traumatic stress syndrome (PTS). One vet told me, that after serving as a navy corpsman (medic) in Iraq, that it took him three years to

be able to walk inside a Wal-Mart. "Doc" said crowds of people made him extremely nervous - because in Iraq anyone in a crowd could be a suicide bomber.

My hometown friend and WWII vet, the late Jimmy Newsom, still can't attend a fireworks show because of the bad memories the noise invokes. The scars and the bad memories our veterans like Jimmy carry for the rest of their lives were put there on our behalf.

No one knows how long it takes for a veteran's peace to come. As the song says; it may be a long, long, time. And then again; it may never come. If their daily suicide rate tells us anything; it's that their peace may only come after they're gone.

On this Veterans Day, please pray for all who ever served our country, in any capacity, and that they all will one day find the peace they so justly deserve.



RANDY ROGERS

WORKFORCE

Minden Native Named Cedar Hill ISD Transportation Director

(CEDAR HILL, TEXAS) Jonquez Moore was hired last month, and started last week, as Cedar Hill Independent School District's Transportation Director.

"We are honored to have an individual of Mr. Moore's caliber and expertise to lead the district's Transportation program," Cedar Hill ISD Superintendent Dr. Gerald Hudson said. "He is

widely respected among Transportation Professionals."

Moore comes to CHISD from Northeast ISD in San Antonio - where he was a Transportation Supervisor for one of the largest school districts in Texas.

"I'm ecstatic to be in Cedar Hill, and I am looking forward to a

bright future here," Moore said. "Our main goal is the safe transport of our scholars."

His job will involve the successful management of drivers, staff, logistics and the fleet of buses. CHISD currently has 60 bus drivers, including 12



Special Needs Buses.

He oversaw the training for 400 buses and is certified as a CDL Examiner and a CDL Administrator. Moore's also a Certified Smith System Trainer and a Certified Bus Driver Instructor through Texas A & M Engineering Extension Service.

Moore grew up in Minden, Louisiana - 32 miles northeast of Shreveport - where he spent a lot

of quality time with his grandfather, who used to paint school buses.

"Sometimes, he would let me pull the parking brake," Moore said.

But it wasn't until he began his professional career that Moore found his way into transportation.

After graduating college, Moore accepted a job teaching English and History and coaching basketball and track &

field in a rural community near Minden.

Part of the gig was driving the school bus to and from sporting events, so he applied and got his CDL License.

Moore and his wife are the proud parents of three sons between the ages of 1 and 4.

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SPORTS

Tide, Knights set to start ‘second season’

T. SCOTT BOATRIGHT
Minden Press-Herald

It’s time to “win or go home” time for Webster Parish’s two playoff teams as the Louisiana High School Athletic Association football playoffs begin tonight.

Both teams open post-season play on the road, with Minden playing at Neville and North Webster playing at St. James.

Neville is no stranger for the Crimson Tide, who the Tigers defeated 30-0 at W.W. Williams Stadium in October.

But it took a while for the Tigers to roar away in that one. After a scoreless first quarter, Neville led 14-0 at half-time before turning it up and pulling away early in the second half.

“We’ve got quite a few guys doing both ways and I think that definitely started to show as we moved deeper and deeper into the game,” Minden coach Spencer Heard said following that October contest. “We kind of got worn down in the second half. Neville took advantage of some short field situations in the second half and scored on those.”

The key for the Tigers will be stopping Neville quarterback Brett Batteford and Tigers running back AJ Allen and TCU commitment AJ Allen.

Allen led the Tigers with 134 rushing yards on 10 carries while Batteford added 118 yards on 18 attempts in the first matchup with Minden.

Neville is the No. 2 seed in Class 4A while



PHOTO BY DOUGLAS BLOW

Junior running back Daylen Robinson (4) will lead the Minden Crimson Tide into playoff action tonight at Neville.

Minden is seeded 31st. In Class 3A, No. 24 seed North Webster will take the long journey south to Vacherie to face No. 9 seed St. James. The Knights are riding a two-game win streak that propelled them into the playoffs and are hoping that momentum can help them pull off the road upset. Both games will start at 7 p.m. tonight.

Frustrated Bulldogs return home to host Charlotte

T. SCOTT BOATRIGHT
Minden Press-Herald

The Louisiana Tech Bulldogs will look to put a stop to a five game losing streak when they play host to Charlotte in Conference USA action starting at 2 p.m. Saturday at Joe Aillet Stadium.

Tech stands at 2-7 overall and 1-4 in C-USA after losing 52-38 last week at Alabama-Birmingham.

“It’s five weeks in a row being disappointed with the outcome of the game,” said Tech coach Skip Holtz. “There are

certainly some things to build on, but also some areas of concern. I look at it defensively and thought we started out like gangbusters. At the end of the first quarter, they had five carries for five yards. The defense was playing pretty well. We gave up that one big play. We were able to capitalize on a turnover and found ourselves up a little bit. But we had 21 missed tackles during the course of the game and 16 of them with the linebackers and the safeties is a problem. Ten missed tackles is a lot.

“I give UAB an awful lot of credit. Their running back is a strong, powerful runner, but we have to do a better job fundamentally of tackling, of staying square, pad level and the biggest thing is wrapping arms. We’re coming up. We’re hitting people, but we’re throwing a shoulder at them. When you have a 225-pound back, he isn’t going to go down. You’ve got to take away the engine room, which are the legs, and wrap your arms up and around his legs and try to get him on the ground any way that you

can. That was the biggest disappointment for me was just the way that we tackled defensively.”

Holtz is determined to turn things around to some degree as the season winds down.

“Our coaches, our players, our staff — we all have to do a better job,” Holtz said. It was disappointing to lose. Especially with that being the seventh loss, it took us out of bowl contention for the first time in seven years which is disappointing.

“As we talked about as a team, there’s still

an awful lot to play for. We’ve got three games left on our schedule. We have the opportunity to play two of them at home in front of our family, our friends, our alumni, our fan base here at home. We’re going to do everything we can to send these 18 seniors out a winner and find a way to see if we can get on a win streak going down the stretch with three games remaining.”

But Holtz knows that won’t be easy against Charlotte.

Redshirt freshman quarterback JD Head got

his first start for the Bulldogs last week against UAB and is expected to start again this week.

“It’ll be a challenge for us,” Holtz said. “We’ve got Charlotte this week who is a good football team. They’re 5-4. They beat Duke to open the season. They had a nice win last week in beating Rice in overtime after Rice had beaten UAB. It’ll be a challenge for us, but we have three games remaining. We still have to keep putting this together and find a way to send these seniors out the right way.”

Grambling State to hit road to face Arkansas-Pine Bluff

JMinden Press-Herald Sports Service

The Grambling State University football team concludes its home campaign as Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) newcomer Bethune-Cookman visits Eddie G. Robinson Memorial Stadium. Kickoff for the conference game, which is also Senior Day, is set for 11 a.m. on Saturday.

Grambling State (3-6 overall, 2-4 SWAC) may have found its identity last week in a 33-26 road loss to Arkansas-Pine Bluff. The Tigers fell behind by 15 points and nearly rallied late, but a key interception down the stretch sealed the victory for UAPB.

Bethune-Cookman (1-8, 1-5) trailed 17-7 at the half and was down 24-14 and 31-21 before staging a comeback in defeating Alcorn State, 35-31.

Saturday’s game will be streamed through Grambling State Tiger All-Access on the gsu-tigers.com website and on the Grambling state Sports Radio Network. The game can be heard in Ruston (KRUS - Hitz 96.3)



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Punter/kicker Garrett Urban and the Grambling State Tigers will play host to Bethune Cookman beginning at 11 a.m. Saturday at Eddie G. Robinson Memorial Stadium.

and in Monroe (KNNW - 103.1 FM). The Tigers’ broadcast crew of Santoria Black, Ossie Clark, Nick Harrison and T. Lay Collins will call all of the action.

“We’re not playing

good football at this time,” said Grambling State head football coach Broderick Fobbs. “We’re trying to find a way; everybody is frustrated and all of us are frustrated. There can’t be anybody

more frustrated than I am. At the end of the day, you’ve got to play really good football against good teams in this conference.

“We went up there and didn’t play well early and they (Arkansas-Pine Bluff) played well and made some plays. We got a spark from our quarterback, which helped us a little bit and gave us a chance. One of the bright spots is that the kids didn’t quit and fought their way back into it, but we just didn’t have enough in the end. It’s a growing trend. We start out slow for some reason, try to come on strong later on and we’ve got to learn to play football hard all the time.”

Grambling State and Bethune-Cookman will be meeting for the 12th time in the series and the first time as members of the SWAC. Grambling State leads the all-time series, dating back to 1954, 8-3.

Bethune-Cookman has won the last two meetings between the teams and is coming off a 35-31 home upset win over Alcorn State.



COURTESY PHOTO

Doyline duo signs with Arkansas college

Doyline High School’s Alexis Normand (left) and Layla Baker signed National Letters of Intent Wednesday to continue their college softball careers at the University of Arkansas-Rich Mountain.

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Good News

GOOD NEWS

ARE YOU IN THE WILL?

At our age, questions about our last will might come up when the family gathers for special occasions. We all know how important this is in this day and time. A lot of jokes have been made about ‘the will,’ especially when folks our age get together. When Son-dra’s mother was in Shumpert, during her last days, Sister Ernestine was meeting with another family about the same time she was ministering to us.

We overheard the brother of the dying man ask the Sister, “Did he tell you where the title to the truck is?” Not once, but three times. Finally, Sister told him this was no time to talk about the title. We have wondered if the dying man had a will which

would have settled all of that. We make jokes about our rich uncle dying and leaving us an oil well in downtown Dallas.

But you know what? Our Heavenly Father has provided much more than a rich uncle could.

Most of us remember Howard Hughes. He was a very wealthy man - money, power, pretty women all around, etc. But he became paranoid, afraid of catching diseases, etc...and spent the last months of his life in a bubble. Yes, a bubble! It was said, he was so protective of his wealth, he was sure he might take it with him. But as one onlooker



Bill Crider

said, “there was no U-Haul truck following the hearse to the cemetery.” You’ve heard it said, ‘you can’t take it with you.’ And that is true.

Jesus was confronted with a young rich man who said ‘he wanted to be a disciple of Jesus.’ “What shall I do to be saved and be your disciple?” he asked Jesus. “Well, you need to go and sell all your possessions, give the money to the poor and then come and follow Me,” was Jesus’ reply. Scriptures tell us, he went away very sad for he was quite wealthy. He was not in control of his wealth, it was controlling him. His possessions were his god, his idol.

Has it ever occurred to you that God has a Will for you? Yes, He has a will for all of us. He has plans for each of us. (Jeremiah 29: 31) “For I know the plans I have for you, declared the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon Me, come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. You will seek Me and find Me when you seek Me with all your heart.” Jesus’ invitation to be His disciple and live the fulfilled life is found in Luke 9: 23 -24: “If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save

it.”

I think it is very important to have a will and make all arrangements necessary for the ‘end of life’ - make it as easy as possible for our family. Even more important is to follow these words of Jesus: “Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, then all the necessary things will be yours -(satisfy the wishes of our Heavenly Father and He will provide for you in this life.)”(Luke 12: 27-32, 34). He also teaches: ‘Do not store up earthly treasures, where moth and rust corrupts and destroys, and where thieves can break in and steal. But store up for you treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do

not break in and steal. For where your treasure is there your heart will be also.’ (Matt 6: 19-21).ARE YOU IN THE WILL?

Whether we inherit the boat, the arrow-head collection or 5 acres in the middle of the Atchafalaya Basin will in no way compare to what our inheritance will be in Christ Jesus. I encourage you to make complete arrangements via a will for your family and estate, and more importantly, arrangements for your eternal inheritance. God is waiting for you to make the first move.

BILL CRIDER IS CHAPLAIN OF
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THE UPWARD LOOK

Revealed by the Spirit

“This was not made known to people in other generations as it is now revealed to His holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit:” Ephesians 3:5 HCSB

Paul declared that this gospel of grace through the atoning sacrifice of Christ on the cross offered salvation to all people, not just to Jews but also to Gentiles. That this gospel was available for all people was not fully known or understood by the Jewish ancestors. God had revealed, had made known, this previously hidden mystery to the New Testament apostles and prophets.

The Holy Spirit had instructed these early disciples, followers of Jesus, concerning this great truth of God’s love and grace for all peoples.



Max Hutto

Lord Jesus, help me to be attentive to Your Holy Spirit’s guidance in understanding Your Word, the Bible. Help me to share the great truths of the gospel to all people.

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LET NOT YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED

He Took My Place

When Jesus was on trial, it was a practice to release a notable prisoner. A man named

Barabbas was the one released. He told his father, “That man in the middle took my place.” The

Jews that wanted Him killed said to Pilate “His blood be on us and our children.” These words

brought a curse on the Jews which

is still in effect today. You and I are also among those who’s

place was taken by Jesus. Greater love hath no man that is willing to die for us. Thank you Lord



Mack Ford

Jesus that you took my place. Come soon Lord Jesus.

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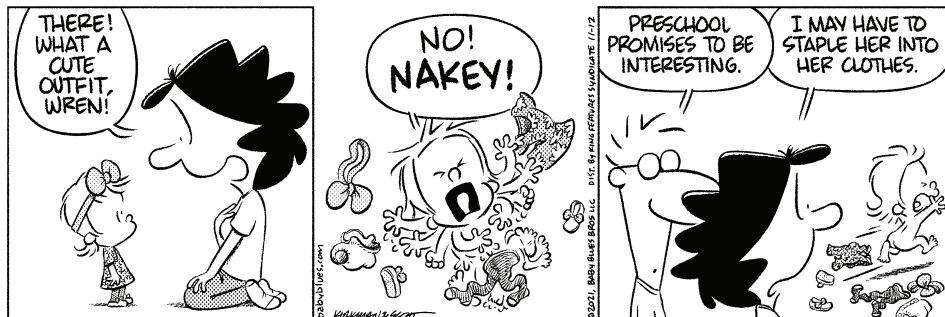
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric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

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ANSWER:

COMICS

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BLONDIE I DEAN YOUNG AND JOHN MARSHALL



BEETLE BAILEY I MORT & GREG WALKER



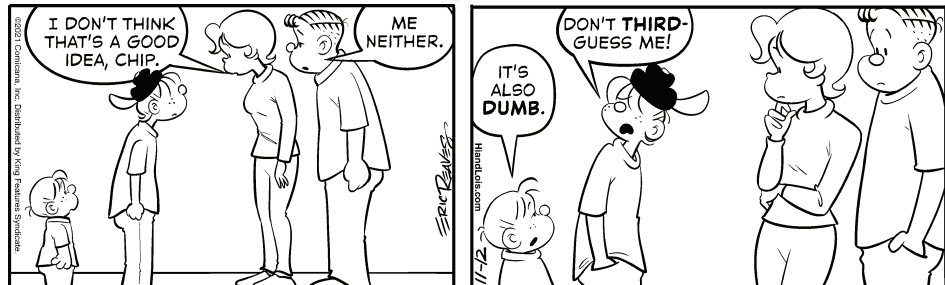
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CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: SOMEBODY MIGHT SECRETLY ESCAPE FROM A SINGLE-MASTED SAILBOAT IF THEY FIND A SLOOPHOLE.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: T equals Z

FUN & GAMES

CLASSIFIEDS

Classified line ads are published Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday in the Minden Press-Herald, Bossier Press-Tribune and online at www.press-herald.com

Classified Rates

Pricing is easy!

\$7.75

Per Day - Up to 20 words!
Additional words are only 30 cents more!

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No word limit.

\$11

One Day

\$16.50

Two Days

Receive a FREE Garage Sale Kit with your two day ad!

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Ads

Line ads and display ads must be submitted by noon two days before publication.

Public Notices

Public notices must be submitted two days prior to publication date depending on the length. Notices may be emailed to classifieds@press-herald.com

Payments

Cash Checks, Billing

Real Estate Notice

“All real estate advertised here is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act, which makes it illegal to advertise any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin, or intention to make any such preference, limitation, or discrimination. We will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate, which is in violation of the law. All persons are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised are available on an equal opportunity basis.

Grow Your Business

Call to place your ad!

PLACE YOUR AD

TODAY!

377-1866

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Peaks of Minden, LP will be applying to the Louisiana Housing Corporation to compete for 9% Tax Credits in the 2022-2023 LIHTC funding round. The community is to be named Peaks of Minden and is located along Recreation Drive, Minden, Webster Parish, LA. The community will be <40 apartment units (25% one-bedroom; 50% two-bedroom; 25% three-bedroom) of new construction with family tenancy. Peaks of Minden will have community facilities and provide supportive services to serve the tenant base in keeping with HUD regulations (i.e., health/wellness/financial classes and social/recreational programs), high-speed internet hook-ups, playground, security cameras, and onsite management and maintenance. This will be a 100% Tax Credit development with incomes at or below 60% of the Area Median Income. The proposed project development cost is estimated not to exceed \$8.5M, to be funded through investor equity, conventional loan(s), owner contributions, or other soft funds.

November 9, 2021
November 12, 2021
November 16, 2021
Minden Press-Herald

PUBLIC BID NOTICE

The office of the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court is accepting sealed bids for surplus, nonfunctioning inventory no later than Tuesday November 30, 2021. There is a minimum bid of \$1,000.00. If you would like to view the surplus inventory list, please call Mike at 318-965-2217.

Please submit sealed bids to:

Melissa Fox
Court Administrator
26th Judicial District Court
PO Box 310
Benton, LA 71006

November 9, 2021
November 12, 2021
November 16, 2021
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Minden Planning Commission Meeting

December 2, 2021 – 10:00 a.m.

Pelican Room - Minden City Hall

On the agenda is a request from MGM Development Group, option holder on property belonging to Anti-Pest and Veitch, Inc., for a zoning change from R-1 (Single Family Residential) to R-5 (Multifamily Residential) on property located at 711, 715, 719, and 723 Germantown Road.

The purpose of this zoning change is for the proposed construction of a 50-unit, gated, senior citizen retirement community on this site. The \$10.2 million development will be duplexes and will also have a community clubhouse.

Legal Description:
LOTS #2, 3, 4, & 5, GERMANTOWN SUBDIV. IN SW/4 OF NW/4 SEC. 14-19-9, LESS 2.20 AC. PREVIOUSLY SOLD, & LESS LOT #1 SOLD

All interested parties will be given a chance to be heard.

November 12, 2021
November 19, 2021
November 23, 2021

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to La. R.S. 40:1248.5(B) that a public hearing of the Webster Parish Police Jury will be held at its regular meeting place in the meeting room the Courthouse Annex, West Entrance, located at 401 Main Street, Minden, LA on Tuesday, December 7th, 2021 at 11:00 am to authorize the collection of a local hospital assessment payment as authorized by Section 1, Subpart D-1 of Part I of Chapter 5-E of Title

40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of La. R.S. 40:1248.1 through 1248.12 and to enact an ordinance to that effect.

October 19, 2021
November 12, 2021
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WEBSTER PARISH POLICE JURY

PUBLIC NOTICE

FAIR HOUSING: Fair Housing is a national policy of the United States, it's the law, and it's your right. Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended, along with the Louisiana Open Housing Act (La. R.S.51:2601-2614) makes discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, family status or national origin illegal in connection with the sale or rental of most housing and any vacant land offered for residential construction or use. Today, more than ever, America is closer to upholding the inalienable right of all citizens to live where they choose, when they choose, or for as long as they choose and can afford to do so. Yet, this year, as many as two million people who want to rent or buy a home will be discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, families with children, or national origin. You can do something about housing discrimination. In addition, information concerning "The Louisiana Open Housing Act" and your rights can be obtained by contacting Louisiana Department of Justice, Public Protection Division, Post Office Box 94095, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, or by calling 1-800-273-5718. Complaints may be filed locally with the **Assistant Secretary-Treasurer of the Parish**, or by reporting violations to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development at 1-200-424-8590 or the Louisiana Department of Justice at 1-888-273-5718.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS: The **Webster Parish Police Jury** announces its participation in the State's telephone relay service for the hearing impaired. The telephone numbers are: Information 1-800-333-0605, TDD Users 1-800-846-5277, Voice Users 1-800-947-5277. For further information you may contact the **Webster Parish Police Jury** at (318) 377-7564.

STATEMENT OF NONDISCRIMINATION: The **Webster Parish Police Jury** does hereby notify participants, beneficiaries, applicants, employees and other interested persons and groups that it does not discriminate against participants, beneficiaries, applicants, employees or unions or organizations with whom they have collective bargaining agreements, in admission or access to or treatment or employment treatment or employment in its federally assisted programs and activities. The below listed person has been designated to coordinate compliance with the nondiscrimination requirements contained in the Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) regulations implementing Section 504 (24CFR Part 8 dated June 2, 1988). Complaints must be filed within 180 days after the alleged discrimination. Confidentiality will be maintained to the extent possible.

Alicia Owens, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Webster Parish Police Jury
Post Office Box 389
Minden, LA 71058-0389
(318) 377-7564

November 12, 2021
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SHERIFF'S SALE

REGIONS BANK D/B/A REGIONS MORTGAGE VS. THE UNOPENED SUCCESSION OF GLORIA JOYE MAKOWSKY A/K/A

GLORIA CHILDS, MAKOWSKY, GLO-RIA CHILDS, GLO-RIA J. MAKOWSKY, JOYE MAKOWSKY, AND THE OPENED SUCCESSION OF SAMUEL MARTIN MAKOWSKY A/K/A SAMUEL MAR-TIN MAKOWSKY, JR., SAMUEL M. MAKOWSKY, JR., SAMUEL M. MAKOWSKY

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 79572

By virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued out of the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, in the above styled and numbered suit and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder for cash **WITHOUT** the benefit of appraisal and according to law at the principal front door of the Courthouse in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana on **WEDNESDAY, December 15, 2021, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:**

A 5.00 acre, more or less, tract of land located in the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SE/4 of SW/4), Section 20, Township 19 North, Range 10 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana, more particularly described as follows:

Begin at an existing iron pin at the Southwest Corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SW/cor. SE/4 SW/4), Section 20, and run East 208.45 feet along the South line of Section 20, said line located in Elmo Burton Loop, to a set 5/8" iron rod for the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence run North 350 feet to a set 5/8" IRON ROD; THENCE RUN East 624.06 feet to a set 5/8" iron rod; thence run South 0 degrees 33 minutes 43 seconds East 350.02 feet to an existing iron pin on the South line of Section 20; thence run West 627.49 feet along said Section line to the POINT OF BEGINNING. As shown by Plat of Survey prepared by Paul W. Culpepper, Registered Land Surveyor, dated July 26, 2001.

Which has the address of 949 Elmo Burton Loop, Minden, LA 71055

SOLD SUBJECT TO ANY SUPERIOR LIENS, MORTGAGES OR PRIVILEGES THERETO.

Said property seized is that of the defendant and will be sold to satisfy a judgment rendered in our Honorable Court.

JASON R. PARKER
Sheriff & Ex-Officio Auctioneer
Webster Parish, Louisiana

Linda Vaughan - Deputy

November 12, 2021
December 10, 2021
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NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND FORECLOSURE SALE

WHEREAS, on June 15, 2010, a

certain Mortgage was executed by Charles Wayne Wiley, mortgagor, in favor of Genworth Financial Home Equity Access, as mortgagee, and was recorded on July 6, 2010 in Mortgage Book 739, Page 227, File No. 520714, in the Office of the Mortgage Records of the Clerk of Court, Webster Parish, Louisiana. Thereafter, a Fixed Rate Home Equity Conversion Second Mortgage was executed on June 15, 2010 and recorded on July 6, 2010 in Mortgage Book 739, Page 240, File No. 520715, in the Office of the Mortgage Records of the Clerk of Court, Webster Parish, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the Mortgage was insured by the United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (the Secretary) pursuant to the National Housing Act, 12 U.S.C. § 1707 et seq., for the purpose of providing single family housing; and

WHEREAS, the Mortgage is now owned by the Secretary, pursuant to an assignment dated May 11, 2017 and recorded on June 6, 2017 in File No. 566166 in the office of the Mortgage Records of the Clerk of Court, Webster Parish, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, a default has been made in the covenants and conditions of the Mortgage in that the borrower, Charles Wayne Wiley is deceased as of May 1, 2019 and the property is not the principal residence of at least one surviving borrower; and

WHEREAS, the entire amount delinquent as of August 20, 2019 is \$173,940.88.

WHEREAS, by virtue of this default, the Secretary has declared the entire amount of the indebtedness secured by the Mortgage to be immediately due and payable;

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to powers vested in me by the Single Family Mortgage Foreclosure Act of 1994, 12 U.S.C. § 3751 et seq., by 24 CFR part 27, subpart B, and by the Secretary's designation of me as Foreclosure Commissioner, recorded on March 10, 2021, in Book 3450, Page 780, at Instrument No. 12113654, Parish of Jefferson, State of Louisiana, notice is hereby given that on **December 2, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.** local time, all real and personal property at or used in connection with the following described premises ("Property") will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder:

Beginning at the Southeast corner of the East half of the Northwest Quarter (SE/cor of E/2 of NW/4) Section 1, Township 19 North, Range 9 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana, thence run West 1262 feet, thence run North 00 degrees 35 minutes East 1708.17 feet, thence run East 460 feet thence run South 00 degrees 35 minutes West 900 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continue South 00 degrees 35 minutes West 225 feet; thence run East a distance of 191.5 feet; thence run North 00 degrees 35 minutes East a distance of 225 feet; thence run West a distance of 191.5 feet to the Point of Beginning, together with all improvements, located thereon and all rights, thereunto, together with all improvements and all rights thereto belonging (This property is also known as Lot Five (5), Sugar Creek Subdivision), an unrecorded subdivision).

Which has the address of 362 Sugar Creek Loop, Minden, LA 71055.

The sale will be held at 362 Sugar Creek Loop, Minden, LA 71055.

There will be no proration of taxes, rents or other income or liabilities, except that the purchaser will pay, at or before closing, his prorata share of any real estate taxes that have been paid by the Secretary to the date of the foreclosure sale.

When making their bids, all bidders except the Secretary must submit a deposit totaling **\$17,394.09** (10% of the Secretary's bid) in the form of a certified check or cashier's check made out to the Secretary HUD.

A deposit need not accompany each oral bid. If the successful bid is oral, a deposit of **\$17,394.09** must be presented before the bidding is closed. The deposit is nonrefundable. The remainder of the purchase price must be delivered within 30 days of the sale or at such other time as the Secretary may determine for good cause shown, time being of the essence. This amount, like the bid deposits, must be delivered in the form of a certified or cashier's check. If the Secretary is the highest bidder, he need not pay the bid amount in cash. The successful bidder will pay all conveying fees, all real estate and other taxes that are due on or after the delivery date of the remainder of the payment and all other costs associated with the transfer of title. At the conclusion of the sale, the deposits of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned to them.

The Secretary may grant and extension of time within which to deliver the remainder of the payment. All extensions will be for 15-day increments for a fee of \$500.00, paid in advance. The extension fee shall be in the form of a certified or cashier's check made payable to the Secretary of HUD. If the high bidder closes the sale prior to the expiration of any extension period, the unused portion of the extension fee shall be applied toward the amount due.

If the high bidder is unable to close the sale within the required period, or within any extensions of time granted by the Secretary, the high bidder may be required to forfeit the cash deposit or, at the election of the foreclosure commissioner after consultation with the HUD representative, will be liable to HUD for any costs incurred as a result of such failure. The Commissioner may, at the direction of the HUD representative, offer the property to the second highest bidder for an amount equal to the highest price offered by that bidder.

There is no right of redemption, or right of possession based upon a right of redemption, in the mortgagor or others subsequent to a foreclosure completed pursuant to the Act. Therefore, the Foreclosure Commissioner will issue a Deed to the purchaser(s) upon receipt of the entire purchase price in accordance with the terms of the sale as provided herein. HUD does not guarantee that the property will be vacant.

The scheduled foreclosure sale shall be cancelled or adjourned if it is established, by documented written application of the mortgagor to the Foreclosure Commissioner not less than 3 days before the date of sale, or otherwise, that the default or defaults upon which the foreclosure is based do not exist at the time of service of this notice of default and foreclosure sale, or all amounts due under the mortgage agreement are tendered to the Foreclosure Commissioner, in the form of a certified or cashier's check payable to the Secretary of HUD, before public auction of the property is completed.

The amount that must be paid if the mortgage is to be reinstated prior to the scheduled sale is **\$173,940.88 as of December 2, 2021**, plus all other amounts that would be due under the mortgage agreement if payments under the mortgage had not been accelerated, advertising costs and postage expenses incurred in giving notice, mileage by the most reasonable road distance for posting notices and for the Foreclosure Commissioner's attendance at the sale, reasonable and customary costs incurred for title and lien records searches, the necessary out-of-pocket costs incurred by the Foreclosure Commissioner for recording documents, a commission for the Foreclosure Commissioner, and all other costs incurred in connection with the foreclosure prior to reinstatement.

Tender of payment by certified or cashier's check or application for cancellation of the

foreclosure sale shall be submitted to the address of the Foreclosure Commissioner provided below. Date: October _____, 2021.

Foreclosure Commissioner
LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP
Penny M. Daigrepoint, Attorney
Louisiana Bar Roll Number 30464
3510 N. Causeway Blvd., Suite 600
Metairie, LA 70002
Phone (504) 831-7726
Fax (504) 837-7622

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The annual exempt private foundation return of Minden Coca-Cola Scholarship Fund for the year ended December 31, 2020 is available for inspection at the Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Minden Inc. during regular business hours by any citizen who requests inspection within 30 days after today's date. Contact Steven Lingenfelter (Secretary-Treasurer) at 412 Pine Street (Principal Office) in Minden, Louisiana. Telephone # (318)377-6846 for inspection request.

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Anyone knowing the whereabouts of the heirs of William Rio Weatherall and Gloria Dale Smith Weatherall, please contact Marcus R. Patillo at 318-382-8844 or mpatillo1906@outlook.com.

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EMPLOYMENT

Presbyterian Village of Homer is hiring CNA's all shifts, LPN's all shifts, and weekend RN's. For more information, please call (318)927-6133 and ask for Joyce Pickens for CNA applications, and Alex Vansickle for LPN/RN applications.

DRIVERS

Delivery Drivers Needed
Bill & Ralph's Inc.
118 B & R Drive, Sarepta, La. 71071
Accepting Applications For Delivery Route Drivers with a CDL(Class A) Drivers License. Free Medical Insurance for Driver, Family Medical Insurance available.
Dental and 401K Benefits, NEW PAY SCALE !
Hourly plus Incentive Pay, Yearly Safety Bonus Pay, Monthly Safety/Performance Pay.
Apply at Bill & Ralph's
Contact Mickey Hodges at (318)539-2071 mickey.hodges@billandralphs.com

GARAGE/ESTATE SALES

ESTATE SALE
Lots of everything and everything must go!
Friday 11/12 7am-5pm and Saturday 11/13 7am-3pm
1114 Drew Lane in Minden

GARAGE SALE
FURNITURE AND MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS. SATURDAY 11/13 FROM 7AM-4PM. 1220 N. ELM STREET IN MINDEN

GARAGE SALE!
Furniture, baby clothes, baby toys and home decor. Saturday 11/13 from 7am-11am. 721 Pine Forest Drive in Minden.

TWO FAMILY GARAGE SALE
Starts at 7 am. 4001 Germantown Rd. Saturday, Nov. 13th

SUBSCRIBE to MPH at

(318) 377-1866

SCHOOL ZONES ARE HANDS FREE



November 8, 2021

The Sibley Town Council met in regular session on Monday, November 8, 2021 at 6pm in the Sibley Town Hall Meeting Room.

Members present were Mayor Jimmy Williams, Aldermen Wayne Bolton, Helen Chanler, Richard Davis and Alan Myers. Robert Smart was absent.

Mayor Williams opened the meeting in prayer; then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Richard Davis motioned to accept the minutes to the October 11, 2021 Regular Meeting as read, Wayne Bolton seconded. Motion carried.

No new items were added to the agenda.

Wayne Bolton motioned and Helen Chanler seconded to open the Public Hearing for the proposed 2021 Amendment to Ordinance No. 151 titled 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.

Alan Myers motioned to close the Public Hearing. Helen Chanler seconded. Motion carried.

Richard Davis motioned to bring to a vote, proposed 2021 Amendment to Ordinance No. 151 titled AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TO AND REENACT ORDINANCE NO. 151, ADOPTING THE LOUISIANA 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. Helen Chanler seconded.

Roll Call Vote:
YEAS: 4 – Wayne Bolton, Helen Chanler, Richard Davis, Alan Myers
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1 – Robert Smart
ABSTAIN: 0

2021 Amendment to Ordinance No. 151 was adopted.

Wayne Bolton motioned to adopt Resolution No. 2021-15 requesting assistance from the Webster Parish Police Jury for ditch work on SE 2nd Ave. Richard Davis seconded, motion carried.

Richard Davis motioned, Alan Myers seconded, to adopt Resolution No. 2021-16 declaring the 1991 International Tanker bearing VIN number ending in 8292 as surplus property and authorizing Mayor Williams too list it on GovDeals with a reserve of \$3,000. Motion carried.

Richard Davis gave the October 2021 activity report for the Sibley Volunteer Fire Department.

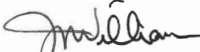
Officer Jeremy Gros gave the October 2021 activity report for the Sibley Police Department.


The board acknowledged the acceptance of the October 2021 Financial Report.

The mayor spoke of the good turn out for the Truck-or-Treat and Main to Main and the upcoming Christmas Fireworks.

Richard Davis motioned to adjourn, Alan Myers seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned.


Jimmy Williams
Mayor

Attest:

Sherry McCann
Town Clerk

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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

That the Town of Sibley Ordinance Number 151, State Plumbing Code be amended to add the following Backflow Prevention sections as follows:

Ordinance 151-A. Cross-connection control device or method required.

The owner of any existing or new water service is required to implement and maintain an adequate cross-connection control device or method for backflow prevention as mandated under state law and the Louisiana State Plumbing Code (LSPC).

Ordinance 151-B Enforcement of cross-connection regulations.

The cross-connection and backflow prevention program shall be administered through the Town of Sibley Cross-Connection Control and Backflow Prevention Policy and Procedures document, adopted through this amended ordinance.

The Water Superintendent or designee, shall administer this program. The Water Superintendent or his designees are further authorized and empowered to make such amendments to the Cross-Connection Control and Backflow Prevention Policy and Procedures as may be required to comply with the future changes in applicable laws or regulations.

Ordinance 151-C. Administrative authority.

The water purveyor (Town of Sibley) or their employees shall have the right to enter, with the consent of the customer, or upon due notice, any property to inspect for cross-connections and backflow prevention devices.

The water purveyor or designee shall disconnect, or cause to be disconnected, any water service connections to residences or businesses within the water distribution system of the Town of Sibley, in which unprotected cross-connections exist, and the water shall remain off until such time as changes are made by the property owner or person installing the backflow prevention devices. If such residences or businesses are occupied, the resident or business shall be given notice five business days prior to water being disconnected, except in the case of an emergency, when such notice shall not be given and the water disconnected immediately.

Ordinance 151-D. Registration of Backflow Prevention Assembly Technicians and Testers.

Technician registration. Any backflow prevention assembly technician licensed by the State of Louisiana must register with the administrative authority before performing work within the Town of Sibley. Licensed backflow prevention assembly technicians shall include his or her state registration number on all correspondence and forms required by or associated with this article.

General tester registration. All backflow prevention assembly general testers shall present a copy of his or her testing certificate from a nationally recognized backflow certification organization and shall register with the administrative authority prior to performing work within the Town of Sibley.

PART 2. If any one or more of the provisions of this amended ordinance shall, for any reason, be held to be illegal or invalid, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect any other provisions of this ordinance, but this ordinance shall be construed and enforced as if such illegal or invalid provisions had not been contained herein. Any constitutional or statutory provisions enacted after the date of the amended ordinance which validates or makes legal, shall be deemed to apply to this ordinance.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Council of the Town of Sibley, Louisiana, the remaining provisions of Ordinance 151, Louisiana State Plumbing Code, remain as originally written.

This ordinance shall become effective immediately after being adopted by the Town Council and publication in the official journal.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Sibley, Louisiana this 8th day of November 2021, by motion of Richard Davis and duly seconded, Helen Chanler by the following vote:

YEAS: 4 – Wayne Bolton, Helen Chanler, Richard Davis, Alan Myers

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 – Robert Smart


Jimmy Williams, Mayor

ATTEST


Sherry McCann, Town Clerk

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IMPORTANT PUBLIC NOTICE

To all occupants and residents of Village of Dayline (system name)
The Village of Dayline (system name) will be conducting smoke testing of its sanitary sewer systems. The testing will be conducted December 13 - 10th, 2021 (dates). This smoke testing will involve opening and entering of manholes in streets and public utility easements. An important task of the testing will be to locate breaks and defects in the sewer system. The smoke will also reveal sources of where storm and other surface water entering the sewer system.

A special, non-toxic smoke will be used in these tests. This smoke is manufactured for this purpose, leaves no residuals or stains and has no effects on plant or animal life. The smoke has a distinctive, but not unpleasant, order. Visibility and odor last only a few minutes, where there is adequate ventilation.

Because the plumbing appliances in your house or building are connected to the sanitary sewer system, some of this smoke may enter your house or place of business if the:

- Vents connected to your building's sewer pipes are inadequate, defective or improperly installed.
- Traps under sinks, tubs, basins, showers and other drains are dry, defective, improperly installed or missing.
- Pipes, connections and seals of the wastewater drain system in and under your building are damaged, defective, have plugs missing or are improperly installed.

All residents are advised that if traces of this smoke or its order enter your house or building, it is an indication that gases and odors from the sewer may also enter. These can be both unpleasant and dangerous as well as a health hazard to the occupants. Location, identification and correction of the source of smoke that enters your house is urgently advised.

A photograph will be taken of leaks occurring in the system. In order to do so, our representatives may have to enter your yard, depending on where the leaks are located. At no time will it be necessary for our representatives to enter your home. We would appreciate your cooperation in allowing the photographer to take pictures.

The information gained from this testing will be used to improve your sewer services and may reduce the eventual cost to utility customers.
While the Village of Dayline (system name) will render all possible cooperation, the correction of any defects in the pipes and sewer lines on private property is the responsibility of the owner. The services of a professional plumber are advised.

If you have any questions or desire more information, please contact the Village of Dayline (system name) at 318.745.2625 (system phone number)
During regular office hours

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Attorneys
Applying for Social Security Disability or Appealing a Denied Claim? Call Bill Gordon & Assoc., Social Security Disability Attorneys, 1-844-883-2045 FREE Consultations. Local Attorneys Nationwide [Mail: 2420 N St NW, Washington DC. Office: Broward Co.(TX/NM Bar)] (LA-SCAN)

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Applying for Social Security Disability or Appealing a Denied Claim? Call Bill Gordon & Assoc. Our case managers simplify the process & work hard to help with your case. Call 1-844-883-2045 FREE Consultation. Local Attorneys Nationwide [Mail: 2420 N St NW, Washington DC. Office: Broward Co. FL (TX/NM Bar.]] (LA-SCAN)

Attorneys
Attention: Auto Injury Victims. If you have suffered a serious injury in an auto accident, Call US! Our attorneys have the experience to get you the full compensation you deserve! Call Now: 1-877-920-9734 (LA-SCAN)

Attorneys
Recently diagnosed with LUNG CANCER and 60+ years old? Call now! You and your family may be entitled to a SIGNIFICANT CASH AWARD. Call 1-888-290-0193 today. Free Consultation. No Risk (LA-SCAN)

Attorneys
Were you an INDUSTRIAL or CONSTRUCTION TRADESMAN and recently diagnosed with LUNG CANCER? You and your family may be entitled to a SIGNIFICANT CASH AWARD. Call 1-855-954-4792 for your risk free consultation (LA-SCAN)

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Business Opportunities
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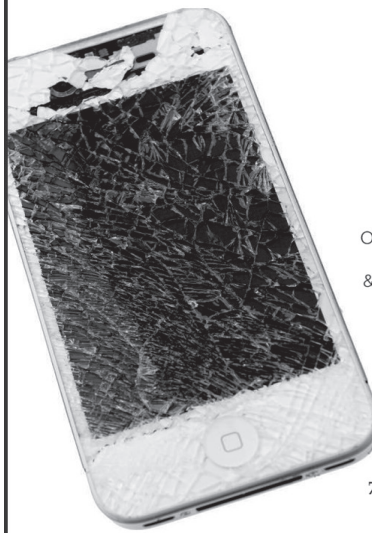
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