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St. Jude Auction Announces next year's theme, Raffles Open Early

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Wasting no time before the new year, the organizers of the Minden St. Jude Auction have decided on the theme for the event next year taking place Feb. 10th through the 13th. Note that the Auction is on the second weekend of Feb. as opposed to the first, due to the date change of the Super Bowl.

"We are super excited about our theme this year. Last year was tough with having to limit and doing our event like we never did before. We're just excited to involve the whole community in person again this year," said Event Organizer Laura Hollingsworth.

This year's theme will be a circus theme, titled "The Greatest Show On Earth: Cure One, Cure All!" Patrick Miller was the designer for this year's logo featuring a circus tent, and

as an ode to it being the 46th Minden St. Jude Auction, the tent features two flags on either side displaying the year the auction began in 1976 to the soon to be current year of 2022.

This year they have decided to open the website early, accepting donations, and within the next few weeks, t-shirt pre-orders and raffle items will be opened as well.

For any businesses, organizations, or individuals that wish to sponsor the auction, there is still time to do so. Sponsorships are due the first week of January.

"Everybody loves the circus, and we really feel like our Minden Show is the greatest on earth. We have something for everybody, and sometimes it really does run like a three ring circus, but each year in the end, it always turns out for the best," said Hollingsworth.

DOWNTOWN

Minden Main Street hosts Holiday Storefront/Window Display Contest

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Minden Press-Herald

In an effort to celebrate the holiday season along with Minden's historic downtown area, Minden Main Street is hosting a Storefront/Window Display Contest to help inspire businesses to participate in decorating Minden up for the Christmas season. There will be cash prizes awarded to the first and second place winners of 150 and 100 dollars respectively.

"The first time we did this in 2019, we kind went only to those that had windows, well we changed it to where now we're including storefronts too. I don't care if you have a window or not, you can decorate your storefront somehow somehow," said Mahala Hutto, Minden Main Street Director.

The judging will take place later next Friday



Red Blooms seen above displaying their Holiday Cheer for the Christmas Season as well as the second ever Minden Main Street Storefront/Window Display Contest. Businesses throughout downtown Minden will be competing amongst one another in some friendly competition to see who can create the most eye-catching Christmas/Winter Display. The winners will be announced next Saturday at the Tree Lighting Ceremony in front of the Minden Civic Center.

on Dec. 11 and the winner shall be announced at the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony & Fireworks Show taking place at 7 PM the following day in front of the Civic Center.

Businesses wishing to participate need to acquire, fill out and submit a registration form

which can be picked up at City Hall. Completed forms can be returned at City Hall or emailed to mainstreet@mindenusa.com.

Some general guidelines for participating businesses include making sure the display is visible from the street, that the decora-

tion match the Christmas/Winter These, and of course no derogatory remarks or pictures. Other than that, design choices are up to the storeowners discretion.

"It's a way to get everybody involved and making our city a little brighter," said Hutto. "It makes our city shine."

COVID

Biden's vaccine mandate losses mount as 3 federal judges cite executive overreach in 2 days

(The Center Square) – President Joe Biden lost three federal challenges to his vaccine mandates in just two days this week, with judges ruling the mandates are executive branch overreach and likely unconstitutional.

Federal judges in Missouri, Kentucky and Louisiana issued rulings on Monday and Tuesday in separate cases filed by multiple states, handing primarily Republican attorneys general sweeping victories and ensuring workers wouldn't be fired for refusing to take the COVID-19 shots.

On Tuesday, U.S. District Judge Gregory Van Tatenhove in Kentucky blocked Biden's mandate imposed on federal contractors in response to a lawsuit filed by the attorneys general of Kentucky, Ohio and Tennessee.

"The question presented here is narrow," Van Tatenhove wrote in his decision. "Can the president use congressionally dele-

gated authority to manage the federal procurement of goods and services to impose vaccines on the employees of federal contractors and subcontractors? In all likelihood, the answer to that question is no."

On the same day, U.S. District Judge Terry Doughty in Louisiana issued a nationwide preliminary injunction against Biden's mandate on health care workers. His order blocked a regulation issued by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services on Nov. 4, which would have required more than 17 million full- and part-time employees, volunteers and contractors working at health care facilities funded by Medicare or Medicaid to lose their jobs if they didn't get the vaccine by certain deadlines.

Doughty said the Biden administration doesn't have the constitutional authority to bypass Congress and issue such a mandate.

"If the executive branch is allowed to usurp the power of the legislative branch to make laws, two of the three powers conferred by our Constitution would be in the same hands," he wrote. "If human nature and history teach anything, it is that civil liberties face grave risks when governments proclaim indefinite states of emergency ... During a pandemic such as this one, it is even more important to safeguard the separation of powers set forth in our Constitution to avoid erosion of our liberties. The liberty interests of the unvaccinated requires nothing less."

Louisiana Attorney General Jeff Landry said the ruling was a "major win for our healthcare heroes." He added, "While Joe Biden villainizes our healthcare heroes with his 'jab or job' edicts, I will continue to stand up to the President's bully tactics and fight for liberty."

Landry led a 14-state co-

alition that sued the Biden administration, arguing the mandate violates the Administrative Procedure Act, the Social Security Act, the Congressional Review Act and the U.S. Constitution.

Thirteen states joined Louisiana, including Arizona, Alabama, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Kentucky, Mississippi, Montana, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Utah and West Virginia.

Montana Attorney General Austin Knudsen said of the ruling, "In the past weeks, I've heard from healthcare workers across our state whose jobs were being threatened if they did not comply with President Biden's overreaching federal mandate. With the CMS mandate now blocked in Montana until the case is decided, medical facilities have no reason to threaten their employees if they don't get the vaccine."

The rulings came after one issued on Monday by

U.S. District Judge Matthew Schelp in Missouri. Schelp granted a preliminary injunction in 10 states that sued over the health care worker mandate, including Alaska, Arkansas, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wyoming.

"Congress did not clearly authorize CMS to enact this politically and economically vast, federalism-altering, and boundary-pushing mandate," Schelp argued.

Liberty Counsel Founder and Chairman Mat Staver, who has sued over the mandates on behalf of federal employees, Navy SEALs and members of the U.S. military, said, "It is promising that these federal judges are acknowledging that Biden has no authority to issue unlawful shot mandates to any person in America. It's a matter of time before more courts rule against this administration's agenda

to force people to choose between their livelihood and religious beliefs and injecting an experimental drug into their bodies."

In each ruling, the judges restrained the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the CMS, their directors, employees, Administrators and Secretaries from implementing the mandate, as well as all healthcare providers, suppliers, owners, employees and all others it attempts to cover.

The preliminary injunctions will remain in effect pending the final resolution of the cases, or until their respective appellate courts, or ultimately, the U.S. Supreme Court rules on the matter.

Earlier in November, the Fifth U.S. Circuit Court in New Orleans twice ruled against Biden's private sector vaccine mandate, citing "grave" constitutional concerns.

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ACCIDENT

Two Texas Residents Killed in Crash on I20 in Webster Parish

Dixie Inn – On Sunday, November 28, 2021, just before 10:30 p.m., Troopers assigned to Louisiana State Police Troop G began investigating a two-vehicle fatality crash on I-20, west of U.S. Hwy 371. This crash claimed the lives of 44-year-old Omar Gonzalez of Mission, Texas and 47-year-old Myphuong Thi Truong of Georgetown, Texas. The initial investigation revealed that prior to the fatal crash, a 2017 Jeep Grand Cherokee, occupied by Myphuong Thi Truong and 62-year old Leslie T. Truong of Georgetown, Texas, was traveling westbound on I-20. As the Jeep was traveling

westbound, it collided with a deer in the roadway. After impact, both occupants exited the vehicle while it was still in the roadway. Shortly after the initial crash, 41-year-old Rafael Escobar Lopez of Waxahachie, Texas, was driving a 2016 Toyota Tundra westbound on I-20 and stopped his vehicle in the roadway behind the Jeep. As the Jeep and the Tundra were stationary in the left lane, a westbound 2021 Toyota 4Runner, driven by Gonzalez, struck the rear of the Tundra. This impact caused the Tundra to impact with both Myphuong Thi Truong and Leslie T. Truong as they were standing in

the roadway. Myphuong Thi Truong suffered fatal injuries and was pronounced dead on the scene. Leslie T. Truong was transported to a local hospital in critical condition. Lopez and two passengers in the Tundra were unrestrained and suffered minor injuries. Gonzalez, who was not restrained, was transported to Minden Medical Center where was pronounced dead. Impairment is not suspected to be a factor in this crash; however, routine toxicology samples were taken from all drivers and submitted for analysis. The crash remains under investigation.

Troopers would like to take this opportunity to inform motorists that Louisiana law states that if you are involved in a crash and your vehicle is still drivable, you should move your vehicle to the emergency shoulder immediately. This simple action can prevent more severe secondary crashes from occurring. In addition, motorists should avoid all distractions while driving so that they are aware of any object or vehicle that may be obstructing the travel lane. In 2021, Troop G has investigated 35 fatal crashes, resulting in 38 deaths.



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GOVERNMENT

Shot for \$100 program extended again as COVID vaccination, testing incentives cost millions

(The Center Square) – The Louisiana Department of Health has extended a COVID-19 vaccination giveaway called Shot for \$100 as the state continues to provide taxpayer-funded incentives to the public. Shot for \$100 was launched in August as a \$7.5 million perk for college students to go “sleeves up.” The initiative offered \$100 pre-loaded debit cards for students age 18-29 to receive a dose of an approved COVID-19 vaccine. Gov. John Bel Edwards expanded the program to include all Louisianians with an end date of Oct. 31. The deadline was pushed to Nov. 30 while

including 5-to-11-year-olds, then recently extended again to Dec. 31. “With the holiday season upon us and the emergence of the new Omicron variant, there is a new sense of urgency around getting your vaccine,” State Health Officer Dr. Joseph Kanter said Tuesday upon announcing the latest incentive extension. To collect the \$100, eligible residents need to register at ShotFor100.com, which requires entering personal identity information, the date of vaccination and a unique 10-digit vaccine code. The information is retained per program rules. “The Louisiana Department of Health

maintains the records and personal data of those who have had COVID-19 vaccinations administered at non-federal facilities in Louisiana within a secure computer system,” the policy reads. According to a Health Department statement, more than 34,300 pre-loaded debit cards have been distributed as of Monday. The agency also is providing cash incentives for high school students to get tested for COVID-19 in participating schools districts. In East Baton Rouge, students can receive \$25 for their first nasal swab test and \$10 for each additional test. Teachers and school staff also can

benefit from the testing giveaways; up to \$350 this school year. Orleans, Jefferson, Bogalusa and Zachary parish school districts also are participating, as is the state’s Special School District for children with disabilities. The Health Department said the funds for the Shot for \$100 and high school testing incentive programs come from federal coronavirus relief funds. Louisiana’s \$2.3 million Shot at a Million vaccine lottery also was federally funded, though studies have shown taxpayer-funded lottery programs produce negligible results. A study published in

the Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA) found no difference in vaccination rates across the 19 states that spent millions on vaccine lotteries and states that did not. “No statistically significant association was detected between a cash-drawing announcement and the number of vaccinations before or after the announcement date, a period that included announcements of lottery winners for most lottery states,” the authors said. A separate study published July 2 found vaccine lotteries do not increase “vaccine uptake,” though Louisiana’s program begin selecting lot-

tery winners weeks later. “It is important to rigorously evaluate strategies designed to increase vaccine uptake, rapidly deploy successful strategies, and phase out those that do not work,” said Allan J. Walkey, a physician at Boston Medical Center and study author. According to the Department of Health, Louisiana remains one of the least-vaccinated states in the country. The department’s most figures show 2.5 million residents have had at least one vaccine dose, or roughly half the state population.



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OBITUARIES

Rhonda Herriage

Memorial service celebrating the life of Rhonda Herriage will be held Tuesday November 30th at 10:00 a.m. at First Baptist Church in Minden, Louisiana with Brother Leland Crawford officiating.

Rhonda was born May 14, 1960, in Homer, Louisiana and went to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on November 26, 2021, in Minden,

Louisiana. She is survived by her husband of 39 wonderful years of laughter and love, Brad Herriage of Minden. Son, Chip Herriage, wife Lauren and grandson Dayton of Minden. Son, Spencer Herriage, wife Margot and granddaughter Ireland of Bossier City. She loved her family with all of her heart and soul.

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Floyd “Donald” Gray II

Memorial Service for Mr. Floyd “Donald” Gray II will be at 10:00am, on Monday, December 6, 2021 at Rose-Neath Funeral Home, 211 Murrell St, Minden, Louisiana 71055, with Charles “Woody” Woodham officiating.

Mr. Gray entered eternal rest Friday, November 26, 2021 at Minden Medical Center surrounded by his

loving family. Mr. Gray was a member of the Army National Guard for 25 years. He loved his family, building model cars, and spending as much time with his grandbaby as he could. He will be dearly missed by all that knew and loved him. Mr. Gray was preceded in death by his ex wife, Sandra Gray, his parents, Floyd and Lorretta Gray; two aunts, Doris Moreau and Elaine Brodnax; and one grandson Wyatt Gray-Howard.

Mr. Gray is survived by his two daughters, Kimberly Gray and Kelly Howard and her husband Brandon Howard, a grandson, Zachary Gray-Howard, a brother, Gary Gray and wife Helen Gray, a sister, Sheila Gray, one uncle, Leonard Gray, five nieces and one nephew.

Robert Allen Dooly aka Bobby

Robert was born on February 9, 1958 in Big Springs, Texas. Robert entered into rest on November 6, 2021 in Houston, Texas.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held on December 4, 2021 at Pine Grove United Methodist Church at 11:00 am.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents, Tom and Marie Dooly, one brother, Carl Dooly, and a nephew, Jamie Rayner.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Armstrong Dooly, his daughters, Grace Dooly, Stephanie Roe, and Jennifer, his sons, Patrick Penton, Robby Dooly, and Chris Bradley. He is also survived by siblings: sisters, Judy Rayner and AJ, Kaye Scroggins and Paul, and brothers, Kenneth Dooly and Delores, Mike Dooly, Pat Dooly and Debbie, Rodney Dooly and Brenda, and Dan Dooly and Lanea. Also survived by a host of nephews and nieces.

Robert grew up in Minden, La. He joined the Marine Corps in 1975.

Robert loved to hunt and enjoyed being with family. He was loved by all and will be greatly missed. He was a wonderful example of Faith in the Lord.

He loved the Lord with all his heart.

AFTERMATH

Lawmakers outline insurance complaints after Hurricane Ida

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — Slow responses to damage claims. Constant switch-ups of insurance adjusters assessing the destruction. Low payment offers forcing people unnecessarily into litigation to get a fair deal.

Louisiana lawmakers and others said Wednesday that those are the problems they’re seeing and hearing with the insurance industry as homeowners struggle to rebuild and recover from Hurricane Ida, which struck southeastern parishes Aug. 29 as a Category 4 storm.

Republican Sen. Mike Fesi, who lives in hard-hit Terrebonne Parish, said he’s been waiting 90 days to get a payment offer from his insurance company.

“Just the not-knowing is worse than anything else. Either you’re going to get paid or you’re not,” Fesi said during a joint meeting of the House and Senate insurance committees. “I can’t say whether the companies are procrastinating on purpose.”

Frustrated lawmakers urged Insurance Commissioner Jim Donelon to help them devise ideas for improving the industry’s response to hurricanes. They say they are seeing the same problems that Louisiana encountered after last year’s Hurricanes Laura, Delta and Zeta.

“It’s very sickening what we’ve just heard,” said Rep. Kathy Edmonston, a Republican from Gonzales. “Obviously, something needs to be done.”

Donelon said he’ll propose some ideas for the 2022 regular legislative session, but offered no immediate suggestions for how to speed up claims settlements. The Republican insurance regulator has urged people with problems to file formal complaints with his office and has held town hall meetings to help people with claims issues.

“The number one complaint is delays: slow-pay and no-pay,” said Doug Quinn, executive director

of the nonprofit watchdog group the American Policyholder Association, which is tracking insurance issues after Ida.

Donelon said he didn’t yet have data on how many property insurance claims have been filed from Ida. About \$10.5 billion was paid for claims related to 2020’s Laura, Delta and Zeta, he said.

Companies are required under state law to make initial contact with a customer filing a claim within 30 days, but Donelon gave companies an extra 30 days for Ida because of the extensive destruction. Lawmakers questioned if that was too long.

Donelon replied that he’s not hearing many complaints about the initial contact happening within 30 days, but rather that customers are receiving “radio silence” about their damage assessment and payment offer after that first outreach from the company.

He and lawmakers also said they’re hearing complaints about the “churn-

ing of adjusters,” with people seeing a changing group of people involved in assessing their home or business damage rather than a consistent point of contact handling their claims.

“People call my office and say, ‘I’ve got my third adjuster and I’ve got to start all over again,’” said Senate Insurance Chairman Kirk Talbot, a Republican from River Ridge.

Insurance industry representatives said the state doesn’t have enough adjusters to handle a hurricane on the scale of Ida and they brought in people from elsewhere to help.

Two of Louisiana’s largest insurers — State Farm Insurance and Allstate Insurance Company — said they have closed about 82% of damage claims filed from Ida. Allstate reported receiving 42,000 Ida claims, and State Farm more than 53,000 claims. Louisiana Farm Bureau said it’s wrapped up 99% of its nearly 9,200 Ida claims.

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representing State Farm, defended the company as working through claims in a “timely fashion.”

“I don’t know that anybody will ever be satisfied when your home is destroyed, but we put our best effort in,” he said.

But closing a claim doesn’t always involve payment and doesn’t always mean that claims are fully resolved. Customers can still seek additional payments.

Similar insurance problems plagued the response to Hurricane Laura in southwest Louisiana.

Lawyer Cooper Four-

net, who said he represents hundreds of property owners with Laura damage, said a settlement process created after the hurricane has been helpful in closing outstanding claims disputes with insurers.

But Sen. Mike Reese, a Leesville Republican who represents areas damaged by Laura, said customers shouldn’t have to file litigation to reach satisfactory settlements with their insurance companies.

“It’s unfair to all of these citizens who have been so negatively impacted,” Reese said.

OPINION

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OTHER OPINION

Rozeman: Race should not be a divider

Earlier this month, much attention in the Virginia governor's race was given to the issue of critical race theory in our schools and workplaces. This approach to race relations is based on judging people totally by their racial identity rather than by individual character, behavior, and merit.

Critical race theory is based on the foundation that all issues must be viewed through the prism of race. Nothing in this ideology will make anyone a better person or more tolerant person. It does the opposite.

The race for Virginia governor engendered pushback from parents against the tenets of critical race theory being taught to their children in school. Parents objected to the "us versus them" approach to race and sought an approach to race relations built on individual relationships between people of all races.

Even more parents and grandparents objected to the response of the federal government and the Department of Justice to local school board protests. At the behest of the National School Board Association, the Department of Justice characterized protesters as domestic terrorists. They threatened those who objected to school curriculum with federal law enforcement to "maintain order" in school board meetings.

Before the controversy, a well-known previous Virginia

Governor had a double-digit lead in polls. After the controversy the candidate opposing the teaching of critical race theory in schools won relatively easily. Many Virginia voters made a statement that "enough is enough" as it relates to the woke culture and



PHILLIP ROZEMAN

critical race theory. They supported the tenant of respecting people as individuals.

Not only are the foundational principles of critical race theory a threat to race relations in our school classrooms, it is providing a foundation for racial animus in our workplaces. This came closer to home this summer when the American Medical Association (AMA) passed a strategic plan entitled "Embed Racial Justice and Advance Health Equity".

This AMA plan to embed racial justice rejects a focus on individuals, historical perspective, meritocracy, and American exceptionalism as a "series of malignant narratives". It's hard to imagine the physician/patient relationship without a focus on the individual and historical perspective or excellence in health systems without a focus on meritocracy.

Just as the parents in Virginia

objected to critical race theory at school board meetings, a large group of physicians in our state registered our objection and rejected the AMA approach to this issue at our Louisiana State Medical Society House of Delegates meeting this past summer.

There is no doubt our country has a dark side to its history. The treatment of indigenous people, slavery, and Jim Crow remain deep scars. KKK marches and the Tulsa Race Massacre occurred only a century ago and it was a century between the Emancipation Proclamation and the Civil Rights Act that ended the systemic racism of Jim Crow.

We should acknowledge these historical facts in our nation's history so we can learn from them and make the future better. I have lived enough years to actually remember the last remnants of the Jim Crow South. Today's America is very different. Although racism exists in individuals, our society is not one of systemic racism.

American learned from the Civil Rights movement of the 1960s. Dr. Martin Luther King created a vision for a better America when he spoke about his personal hope that his "four little children would one day live in a nation where they would not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character".

And Dr. King created the strategy to accomplish this vision. He said "Let us not seek

to satisfy our thirst for freedom by drinking from the cup of bitterness and hatred. We must forever conduct our struggle on the high plain of dignity and discipline".

In a Times opinion piece last week, Greg Moore said "the problem with critical race theory is that the phrase doesn't mean anything". I beg to differ. The description by the designers of critical race theory is clear.

However, I will agree with him that neither side seems as interested as they should be with "teaching future generations how to show kindness and how to unite rather than divide".

When we work together, we don't have the time and energy to demonize each other. We don't have time to divide into the oppressed and oppressor. We don't have time to focus on the past. We are too busy focusing on the present and future.

Race should not be a divider. God certainly does not intend this for people. It's why the great commandment is to love our neighbors. It's why His definition of neighbors is all of us. It is how America will fulfill its great potential and moral compass.

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OTHER OPINION

Even with an eviction moratorium and a rebounding economy, we're not out of the woods yet

ANDREA BRANTLEY
Family Promise

In recent months, there has been much discussion about the eviction moratorium. While it's a topic few like to discuss, the silver lining is that more people are aware of the predicament too many people in our community are facing.

Despite the rebounding economy, the world doesn't feel like it's returning to normal for many. For those in the community who have lost jobs, don't have a stable living arrangement, and are struggling to make ends meet, we still have a long way to go to return to "normal".

Unfortunately, despite the great strides we've made, we could be on the verge of another problem. Just consider the facts, which are equally staggering and humbling.

According to a recent Zillow analysis, 353,452 renter households in Georgia were behind on rent, up 109,199 from the number in March. In a state of about 10.7 million, that is roughly 3 percent of the population.

The analysis found that

an estimated 150,342 renter households in Georgia were at risk of eviction. Unfortunately, we may not know the actual numbers.

But even before the pandemic, the homeless population in the state was on the rise. However, the pandemic has made it more challenging to accurately count the state's homeless population.

I am confident that most people would agree that our community is stronger when everyone has a safe and secure place to live.

There are plenty of perspectives on the benefits of eviction moratoriums, but most experts agree they have worked. No matter where someone stands on the subject, I think we can all agree if 3 percent of the state's population was suddenly evicted, we would have a significant problem on our hands.

It doesn't take much for someone to find themselves in a situation where they are suddenly homeless, and in a market like Atlanta, the cost of housing continues to increase. When a family suddenly loses their income, they are often faced with a hard choice: pay

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the rent or put food on the table.

It's a choice no one should ever be forced to make.

Moving forward, we need a more holistic approach to addressing homelessness. We need to make sure that anyone who finds themselves in this predicament has access to emergency shelter, the ability to buy necessities, and a path to put themselves in a better position.

It shouldn't be a choice of whether we help someone or not; it doesn't need to be binary. Sometimes people need a helping hand.

Taking this holistic approach and putting in place a more

robust plan for addressing this issue in the future also allows us to avoid the legal questions many are now asking about the eviction moratorium.

The goal is to ensure that everyone we help never finds themselves in this position again.

As part of this process, we need to make sure those who have lost their jobs have the means to find other employment. That means they will not only need a place to call home but also access to transportation and other necessities, such as the internet.

Lost in the discussion about the moratorium is the human element. Our neighbors and co-workers who are facing evictions didn't ask to be in this situation, and they are struggling to make ends meet.

We should laud the progress we've made in fighting COVID-19, but let's not turn a blind eye to the fact we still have more work to do.

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EDITORIAL ROUNDUP

Dallas Morning News: New Bible translation has a Texas touch

Eight Texans rewrote the Bible, but in a good way.

The New Revised Standard Version, one of the most popular translations of the Bible ever published, got an update recently. The NRS-VUE (updated edition) was released to publishers Nov. 16, according to Religion News Service. Print editions should start hitting shelves next year.

The NRSV is curated by Friendship Press, a subsidiary of the National Council of Churches, which includes dozens of denominations representing 30 million church members.

Bible translations are typically done by committees

of scholars with expertise in ancient languages. This update was conducted by seven general editors and 56 book editors over a span of two years, according to the Friendship Press website.

One of those scholars was Deirdre Fulton, associate professor of Hebrew Bible at Baylor University. Fulton is an expert on the books of Ezra and Nehemiah. She has written extensively on those works and is currently working on a commentary. She said it was "just an amazing experience" to work on the update, both because she enjoys working with ancient texts but also because of the importance of her task.

"You just don't take it lightly," she said.

Throughout history, new Bible translations have been fairly rare, but they exploded in the 20th century. Now, the popular YouVersion smart phone app includes 67 English translations. But updates to a major version don't happen often. These are translations of sacred texts, after all. Not iPhones. The NRSV arrived in 1989 as an update to the Revised Standard Version which was published in 1946.

The NRSVUE was created with consideration for "modern sensibilities" that identify people less by their circumstances. For instance,

"slave woman" is now rendered "enslaved woman." And "demoniacs, epileptics and paralytics," now reads "people possessed by demons or having epilepsy or afflicted with paralysis." It is also informed by recent scholarship and the Dead Sea Scrolls.

Fulton told us the process for proposing updates was stringent. To suggest the change of a single word, she would write a multipage argument using many scholarly sources. And many of those arguments were rejected by the project's editorial committee.

Eight of the scholars who worked on this update are

Texans, representing Baylor, Southern Methodist University, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Rice University, Texas Christian University and Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary.

"We have amazing biblical scholars in Texas," Fulton said. "The I-35 corridor is just awesome."

If you're looking for a flashy, headline-grabbing bunch, scholars in ancient languages are not a good place to start. But we're glad Texas scholars are among those doing this sensitive and important work that will impact generations to come.

LIFE

FROM THE BACK PORCH

Don’t Let Thanksgiving Slip Away

By the time you are reading this, Thanksgiving Day has probably come and gone.

The family gathering is another day that has been marked off on the calendar. The big meal that everyone looked forward to and enjoyed together has been consumed and the leftovers either sent home with family members or stashed in the refrigerator for another day.

It is over and done till again this time next year.

But even though the “big event” is over and family members have dispersed, the true meaning of this holiday should remain with us throughout the year. We shouldn’t be thankful just that one day, but every day.

I realize this year has been hard for so many of us. There have been major illnesses among family and friends. Many have experienced the loss of loved ones and their absence will always be felt. There might have been family problems, job losses and any number of things that we suffered

through.

But in spite of all the problems we have faced, we can still find things to be thankful for.

As you sat around the dinner table, did you note how appreciative others seemed to be of the special meal and the ones who lovingly prepared it? Did you notice the joy on the faces of the cousins who got together again? What about the pride and happiness exhibited on the faces of those who hosted the get together? They seemed so joyful the Lord had spared them for one more year to be able to have the family together.

What about the friends that were also seated at the table because they had no family nearby? Weren’t you thankful you could include them in your gathering?

An old hymn that is sometimes still sung in churches is “Count Your Blessings”. It says, “Count your many blessings, name them one by one”. Have we ever tried to do that?



FANNIE MOORE

It’s almost impossible to count them all, isn’t it?

Today we recall the special day and what it meant to us, but we’re moving into December when we will celebrate a day that is even more significant, the day our precious Saviour was born.

We all get busy about decorating our houses and yards, buying gifts for loved ones and those who are special in our lives, planning get togethers, hosting friends and so many other things that it is so easy to let the real meaning slip away.

Helping us remember the purpose of all this activity are the special church services and choir music. I hope you all will attend these special services.

As we are now busily preparing the celebrate the big event, let’s do it in a manner that would honor and glorify Jesus of Bethlehem. And while doing this, we will surely recall the many blessings we have received and therefore, we’ll never let Thanksgiving slip away.

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HOLIDAY LIFE

‘Buy now, pay later’ catches on just in time for holidays

(AP) — As Americans shop for the holidays, they will likely see a swarm of offers to get their gifts now but pay for them later in fixed monthly installments.

Fueled by several hot Silicon Valley startups as well as a push by the big credit card companies, “buy now, pay later” is now available for purchasing a \$1,500 Peloton exercise bicycle as well as a \$60 floral bouquet. Thousands of retailers, big and small, often have an option on their websites to pay for a purchase in installments at checkout. In the case of credit cards, customers are being allowed to create fixed payment plans days or even a few weeks after the purchase.

Americans seem to be champing at the bit to try this financial option, which has been common outside the U.S. for some time. One major credit card company says roughly six out of every 10 of its U.S. customers started a buy now, pay later program for the first time this year, and the Silicon Valley-backed companies who offer these plans are seeing tens of thousands of new customers every week.

“My shopping habits can be a bit impulsive, so I like the ability to break it up over several payments,” said Shahin Rafikian, 26, who lives in Los Angeles and has used several buy now, pay later services to purchase concert tickets, vinyl records and other items.

Rafikian said he would have likely purchased fewer large-ticket items if the cost had just gone onto a credit card that never got paid off.

Industry advocates say buy now, pay later programs are preferable to credit cards

because there are fixed monthly payments and any interest is clearly stated upfront. Consumer advocates, typically skeptical about any new financial product, also have been relatively more positive about buy now, pay later since any plan would have a beginning and end date. Most of their worries concern any fees that might be associated with late payments.

“These products do encourage people to pay purchases off quicker and usually with less interest, but if people are using them to simply buy more than they should and getting over their heads, paying late fees, etc., are they really helping manage people’s expenses?” Lauren Saunders, associate director for the National Consumer Law Center, said.

Adobe Digital Economy Index, which analyzes direct consumer transactions online, said revenue on Cyber Monday from buy now, pay later plans rose 21% from a year ago.

Buy now, pay later is not a new product — services or products such as layaway, monthly payments on large purchases and even retail credit cards have existed for decades. What’s different is how it’s being offered, and who is offering the service.

Instead of telling a customer to apply for a store-branded credit card, which often can only be used at that one retailer, companies have added financing options provided through third-party companies such as Affirm, Afterpay or PayPal at their online checkout.

There are typically two different types of buy now, pay later services: the short-term payment plans that

break a purchase up into four or six bi-weekly payments, and the longer-term installment loan-like products that Affirm offers.

PayPal co-founder Max Levchin started Affirm in 2012. The \$32 billion company went public this year and effectively made Levchin the latest PayPal alumnus to become a billionaire.

With its buy now, pay later widget on many retailers’ websites, the company has seen extreme growth in the past few years. Affirm said in November that 8.7 million Americans are using its buy now, pay later services, more than double from a year ago. The company signed up 1.6 million new customers in the U.S. and Canada just in the last 90 days.

Credit card companies, seeing the potential impact of buy now, pay later on their business model, have tried to adapt. American Express, JPMorgan Chase and Citigroup all now offer similar payment plans for items purchased on their cards. A report by consulting firm McKinsey found that buy now pay, later startups diverted between \$8 billion and \$10 billion in revenue from traditional banks that would have likely financed these purchases a few years ago.

The concern about overspending with these programs is real, Rafikian said.

“At first it was fun to have access to items typically out of my price range, but sometimes you get surprised and a little miserable that you have all these new payments due,” he said.

STRANGER FROM A STRANGE LAND

Hunter Gatherers of Poverty Point

A day trip I’d highly recommend is a journey east on I-20 and up to Epps, Louisiana a few miles northeast of Delhi. Go and see the prehistoric earthwork mounds of Poverty Point, a United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) World Heritage Site. The people who built it are long gone and the only extant reminders of their stay are the mysterious ridges and mounds earthing the archaeological remnants of their tools and crafts. You have to try and imagine the life of the hunter gatherers there over 3,000 years ago when King Tut was still a pharaoh and not a mummy and the Bible was just starting to be compiled from oral tradition on the other side of the planet.



DIRK ELLINGSON

Poverty Point is a misleading name for this once magnificent city. Their heyday was during a time before written history. And this was long before European explorers and imperialists were to cross the Pond and bestow upon Native Americans subjugation, disease, and classifying tribes. I most often hear these hunter gatherers described as the people of Poverty Point although I finally stumbled upon a name in a book from the Webster Parish Library titled Archaeology of Louisiana edited by Dr. Mark A. Rees. Archaeologist Dr. Jon L. Gibson suggests a label from the historical Tunica dialect of Lower Mississippi Valley Native Americans and calls them the “Tamaroah” which means the “Mound Cave People.” Poverty Point was merely the name of a 19th century plantation built on the site three millennia later.

A creation story common to many Native American tribes purports the world was created from humans arising from a subterranean birth canal and ascending to a high hill. Mounds and pyramids conceived with early astronomy in their alignment were clearly of religious significance. The Tamaroah insisted on exotic rocks and soils in their construction projects. Archaeologists have discovered layers of chert, flint, shale, crystals, and galena from sites far north along the Mississippi River in present day Arkansas, Kentucky, Missouri, and Illinois. Building material made its way to Poverty Point by boats and baskets. Dr. Gibson posits, “The Poverty Point earthworks were the largest building project undertaken in Archaic North America. Labor costs, including manpower, time, and coordination, were enormous.”

Although skilled builders, the Tamaroah hunter gatherers of Poverty Point did not have to construct silo forerunners to house their bounty of food. As Dr. Gibson writes, “Production engaged fewer people, or required less time for the many. Storage was practically eliminated, as fish were simply left in the bayou and roots in the mud until needed.” Fish and aquatic plants were likely their cornerstones of nutrition.

Archaeologists found ingenious plummet weights for nets that allowed the Tamaroah to fish even when the bayous began to ice over. The most beloved lapidary symbols left behind are the tiny stone owls. Whether decorative baubles or magic talismans, the pot-bellied owls embody the mystery of the Tamaroah. The biggest question is why did they eventually abandon the idyllic Poverty Point and the mounds they worked so hard to create? Flood? Famine? Following the impulse of hunter gatherers everywhere and deciding it was time to ramble on?

It’s usually assumed that human evolution from surviving as hunter gatherers and then progressing to agriculturalist farmers is a positive improvement. The foraging lifestyle sounds like a hardscrabble existence. You and your loved ones are at the mercy of the vicissitudes of climate to earn your daily bread. You dare not settle in one place. Yet the diet of the hunter gatherer is varied. If one sort of berry proves difficult to locate, you feast on something else nature provides. If one quarry animal fails to show up, you spear down another. As long as you’re not a fussy eater, you have lots of options. There’s no better exercise for the human body than walking. And while you must exert considerable daily energy foraging for food, you likely still have more leisure time remaining than we harried mod-

erns who toil at least a third of our weekday hours away on a full-time job.

The agriculturalist has a litany of business worries which the forager is spared. The farmer must fret about rainfall he/she cannot control and the viability of the crop or livestock he/she specializes in producing. Animals clustered in confined spaces lead to communicable diseases. Gorge yourself on too much of an available limited foodstuff and your health begins to suffer.

Dr. Yuval Noah Harari refers to it as the “Agricultural Deal” in his fascinating book Homo Deus: A Brief History of Tomorrow. The author is always a great source for mind-blowing commentary on the development of our species and our probable future. He notes, “Foragers had to constantly ask themselves what deer dream about, and what lions think. Farmers, in contrast, lived in a world controlled and shaped by human dreams and thoughts.”

In his earlier book Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind he was even harder on the Agricultural Revolution. “The body of Homo sapiens had not evolved for such tasks. It was adapted to climbing apples trees and running after gazelles, not to clearing rocks and carrying water buckets. Studies of animal skeletons indicate that the transition to agriculture brought about a plethora of ailments.” Farming was common long before the Tamaroah yet they preferred the food gathering ways of the ancients.

I often cringe at the gruesome photographs and mounted deer heads common in these parts. But I respect and appreciate the visceral cognizance you deer hunters have for human culpability and responsibility in obtaining chow. More so than complacent grocery shoppers buying meat in plastic wrap and feasting on butchered animals who led a far sadder existence than the feral buck or doe.

If you’ve any time away from the pressures of modern life trying to sustain yourself and your families, I urge you to visit Poverty Point. Walk the lands of the Tamaroah, ascend the 72-foot tall Mound A, marvel at the view, and reflect on a people who thrived in the Sportsman’s Paradise 3,000 years before you and I.

SPORTS

Apaches hoops teams topped by Cedar Creek



Pictured above left, Glenbrook’s DJ Carter fires in a jumper for two of his six points scored Tuesday night at Cedar Creek. Pictured above is Lady Apache Emma Pitman (13) going up for two of her team-best seven points during Tuesday’s game against the Lady Cougars.

Glenbrook boys fall 55-28 while girls’ squad defeated 76-23

T. SCOTT BOATRIGHT
Minden Press-Herald

RUSTON — The Glenbrook High School basketball teams ran into early-season powers Tuesday night playing at Cedar Creek, with both the Cougars boys and girls teams entering the game at 4-0.

Cedar Creek’s boys basketball team came out of the gates fast and hard Tuesday night, with an attacking defense that helped the Cougars defeat Glenbrook 55-28 at The Brickhouse. Cedar Creek’s press and length frustrated the Apaches from the start, as the Cougars

scored the opening six points with D.J. Carter’s free throw at the 6:24 mark of the first quarter being the first score of the night for Glenbrook. The Cougars pushed their advantage to 21-6 at the end of the first quarter and 34-6 at the half. After each team man-

aged only six points in the third quarter, Cedar Creek outscored the Apaches 15-11 in the final eight minutes to win its fifth straight game to open the season. Turner McClelland led Glenbrook with 10 points while Ty Feaster added eight and DJ Carter and Rhett John-

son chipped in with six points each. The Cedar Creek girls team used strong starts in both halves to march to its 76-23 win over the Lady Apaches. But Cedar Creek slowed down in the second quarter, went into the locker room leading 35-15 at intermission.

The Lady Cougars roared away from the Lady Apaches in the third quarter, outscoring Glenbrook 26-3 in the stanza. Emma Pitman led the Lady Apaches with seven points while Sarah Mosley added five and Hallie Harmon chipped in with four.

Tech introduces Cumbie as new football coach

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RUSTON — On Wednesday, Louisiana Tech President Les Guice and VP and Director of Athletics Eric Wood introduced one of the most innovative offensive minds in college football as Sonny Cumbie was welcomed to Ruston as the 34th head football coach in Bulldog history. Cumbie has spent the past 12 years as an assistant coach in the Big 12, including two stints at Texas Tech (2009-13, 2021) and one at TCU (2014-2020). He has served as offensive coordinator the past nine years for the Red Raiders and Horned Frogs and worked under some of the top coaches in college football, including Mike Leach, Tommy Tuberville, Kliff Kingsbury and Gary Patterson. His offensive philosophy should fit in well with the Bulldog faithful. High-octane football is craved at Joe Aillet Stadium on Saturdays in the fall. “Sonny Cumbie is the



PHOTO BY EMERALD MCINTYRE

Former Texas Tech interim head coach/offensive coordinator Sonny Cumbie was introduced as the head head football coach at Louisiana Tech on Wednesday.

perfect fit for our program, our department, our University, and our community,” Wood said. “Culture. Class. Competitive Excellence. He exemplifies all of these things. As our student-athletes, staff, and fans get an opportunity to know Sonny,

they will see what we saw during the interview process. “I’ve heard so much in the last year about the history of high-scoring offenses and hard-hitting defenses. Our fan base wants an exciting brand of football. They want

to win conference titles. They want to continue to build upon the success we have had over the past decade. Sonny will bring all of that to Ruston.” Cumbie comes to Tech after serving as the offensive coordinator at Texas Tech in 2021, including serving as the interim head coach over the final four games of the season. This was his second stint in Lubbock, after beginning his college coaching career with the Red Raiders in 2009. He also served as the quarterbacks coach and the offensive coordinator at TCU during his seven seasons in Ft. Worth. And everywhere he has been, his offenses have been innovative and entertaining. “Sonny Cumbie is a strong young coach who impressed us all with his depth of understanding and focus on the game,” Guice said. “His ability to recruit promising student-athletes and maximize their talents will help us continue to take our football program to a higher level of competi-

tiveness. I look forward to seeing Sonny be the next in line of so many great Louisiana Tech coaches, and I know he and his family will be a great addition to our Tech Family.” During his tenure at TCU, Cumbie oversaw the Horned Frogs’ quarterbacks and served as the sole offensive play caller each of the final four years. TCU boasted the Big 12’s second-best conference record (38-25) and its third-best overall mark (58-30) over his seven seasons, which coincided with six bowl appearances. His impact was felt immediately at TCU as the program broke the Big 12 record with a 21.4 points per game improvement, the largest by any team nationally since 1999-2000 (Northwestern). TCU ranked No. 2 in scoring (46.5) and No. 5 in total offense (533.0) on the way to a 12-1 record. The 2015 Horned Frogs once again lit up the scoreboard, ranking No. 3 in total offense (562.8) and No. 7 in scor-

ing (42.1) on the way to an 11-2 record and a win over Oregon in the Valero Alamo Bowl (rallying from a 31-0 halftime deficit). Cumbie helped push TCU to the Big 12 Championship game and a top-10 ranking in his first year as sole play caller in 2017 as the Horned Frogs closed the year at 11-3 overall following a 39-37 victory over No. 13 Stanford in the Valero Alamo Bowl. “My family and I are extremely excited and honored to be the head coach at Louisiana Tech University,” Cumbie said. “We look forward to many successful seasons in Ruston with an exciting brand of football. I cannot wait to assemble our staff and get to building relationships with our players and the coaches across this great state.” During his first stint with the Red Raiders, Texas Tech threw for more than 4,000 yards each of the four years while averaging more than 35 points per game.

LSU, Kelly agree to 10-year contract worth at least \$95M

BATON ROUGE (AP) — LSU flew newly hired coach Brian Kelly on a private jet to Baton Rouge, where he was greeted Tuesday by fans, dignitaries and the Golden Band from Tigerland after agreeing to a 10-year contract worth \$95 million plus incentives. The hiring of Kelly — who has Notre Dame for the past 12 seasons and eclipsed Knute Rockne for career victories with the storied Fighting Irish — came together on Monday night in yet another blockbuster coaching move in college football. LSU made it official on Tuesday morning.

“Brian Kelly is the epitome of a winner,” LSU athletic director Scott Woodward said. “He has built and sustained success at every program he’s led, from multiple undefeated regular seasons and National Coach of the Year honors to (Division II) national titles and College Football Playoff berths. His credentials and consistency speak for themselves.” Kelly replaces Ed Orgeron, a Louisiana native who won a national title at LSU just two seasons

ago with Heisman Trophy winning quarterback Joe Burrow leading the Tigers to a 15-0 record. Orgeron has gone 11-11 since and agreed in October to a \$17 million buyout that would have him step down at the end of this season. Orgeron coached his final game last Saturday, when the Tigers upset then-No. 14 Texas A&M to finish the regular season 6-6. Like Orgeron, Kelly is 60 but the similarities more or less end there. Orgeron is a Cajun raised in the shadow of shrimp trawlers on the Bayou Lafourche southwest of New Orleans. He was raised on LSU foot-

ball and idolized the Tigers stars of the past. Kelly came from an Irish-Catholic family in the Boston area and is bound to be far more familiar with using nut crackers to pick the meat out of a lobster claw than with sucking seasoned juices from the heads of boiled crawfish. But he has recruited in Louisiana, where LSU gets much of its elite home-grown talent. In recent history, Louisiana has produced as much NFL talent per capita as any state. “I could not be more excited to join a program with the commitment to excellence, rich traditions, and unrivaled pride and

passion of LSU football,” Kelly said. “I am fully committed to recruiting, developing, and graduating elite student-athletes, winning championships, and working together with our administration to make Louisiana proud. “Our potential is unlimited,” Kelly added. “I cannot wait to call Baton Rouge home.” Kelly was accompanied by Woodward on his chartered flight to Baton Rouge. As he walked out of the plane and onto the tarmac, he waved and gave a thumbs-up to cheering fans while the LSU marching band played. Kelly’s introductory media con-

ference was scheduled for Wednesday. Kelly was 113-40 as a head coach at Notre Dame, including a current run of five straight double-digit victory seasons. His overall coaching record is 166-62 over 18 seasons in major college football. No previous Notre Dame coach has left the Irish, winners of eight AP national championships, to take a job at another school since the AP poll started in 1936. Rockne’s successor, Hunk Anderson, went from Notre Dame to North Carolina State after going 3-5-1 in 1933.

Brashear ‘bearly’ retrieves big buck

GLYNN HARRIS

Special to the Minden Press-Herald

Dedria Brashear, who lives south of Ruston, is a serious deer hunter. Her husband hunts ducks; she concentrates on big bucks.

On Oct. 12, Brashear had a hair-raising experience when she attempted to recover a big 1-point buck she shot in late afternoon when a big bear beat her to her trophy.

Brashear, who works as a relief pharmacist for several pharmacies around the area, hunts on a 1,500-acre hunting club in Madison Parish. A 500 acre tract within the club is restricted to bow hunting only.

“I have hunted only with my bow for the past 15 years because I love the challenge of getting a deer close to my stand. I hunt with a Matthews Triax bow, use Carbon Express arrows tipped with Rage Tripfan broadheads,” Brashear said.

The area she chose to hunt is a prime spot inside a large food plot. Brashear had found trails leading through the area so she hung her stand 30 yards off a main trail realizing that deer stage in the thicket before coming out on the food plot to feed.

“The weather was warm with daytime temperatures approaching 90 degrees. On Oct. 11, I hunted both morning and evening and only saw a few young deer. The next morning was about the same as the warm temperatures kept the deer from really moving.

“I rely on the Moon Guide which lets me know when wildlife is more likely to be moving. The Guide indicated that the peak times for movement would be afternoons for the next three days so I was somewhat optimistic as I climbed into my stand that afternoon,” she said.

Sitting in her stand as the afternoon wore on, Brashear watched some does, fawns and small bucks venture out onto the food plot. Then with 15-20 minutes of shooting light left, a squirrel began barking excitedly.

“I have always found that when something disturbs a



Dedria Brashear was finally able to claim her big 12-point buck after a bear initially beat her to it.

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squirrel like that, it is often a mature buck so I began to search the woods and in a small opening, I caught a glimpse of antlers. Light was fading fast when the buck stepped into an opening at 25 yards. I released an arrow, knowing I had made a good shot when I heard him crash at 75 yards,” she continued.

Brashear went back to camp to give the buck time to expire. Informing friends about her shot, she was offered help but, in her words, “I hate to be a burden to other hunters and felt like I could handle it myself.”

Driving back in an ATV

to where she had shot the deer, her flashlight shined on a white belly and she was preparing to use the hoist on the machine to lift the buck and transport it to the camp.

“As I walked around the deer to admire what I had shot, I saw that a goodly portion of one of the hind-quarters had been eaten; I assumed that coyotes had beat me to it. Then I heard movement in the nearby thicket and realized it was not coyotes; it was a big bear. Here I was by myself in the dark with a big bear nearby, one that was upset because I had interrupted

his meal. I waved my arms and shouted and when the bear ran away, it sounded like a big bulldozer crashing through the woods,” she said.

Brashear was finally able to get the big bodied buck, which weighed 265 pounds, field dressed and in a cooler and she did it all by herself.

“When I got it all done, it was breaking daylight; I worked on the buck all night before finally getting it in the cooler,” she said.

The buck was a main frame 10-point with two kickers giving the rack 12 points total. In-

FISHING REPORT

BUSSEY BRAKE – Crappie have been fair on jigs. A few bass have been reported on crank baits and jigs. 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 fishing has been best in the channel fishing 16-18 feet deep in 20-25 foot water. Jigs that are producing best have been the Key Lime Pie, Popsicle, Gum Drop and Bayou Boogie. Some are still catching a few on shiners. Bass have been best fishing crank baits, jigs and plastics off the deep points as well as around the boat docks. Bream fishing is slow 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 wiStripers are slow to fair trolling white bucktails. Bass are slow to fair with soft plastics and crank baits picking up a few around deep tops. Crappie are in deep water with a few caught on shiners or

jigs. No report on catfish or bream. For the latest information, call Misty at Kel's Cove at 331-2730 or Terzia Tackle at 278-4498.

CANEY LAKE – Bjjgging spoons bounced off the bottom in deep water are producing catches of yellow bass. Bass are better on the deeper points with some also caught fairly shallow on spinner baits. The crappie have moved deep with best catches made on shiners or jigs fished out from the dam and around the Highway 4 bridge. A few bream have been caught around the Highway 4 bridge as well on night crawlers. 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 – atfishing has been fair to good with mostly smaller fish being caught. Crappie are biting off and on around the boat slips on shiners or jigs. No report on bass. For latest reports, call Poverty Point Marina at 318-878-0101.

LAKE ST. JOHN – The lake is down two feet and fishing overall has been quite slow. For information, call Ken Mahoney at 318-201-3821.

LAKE YUCATAN – The water is slowly falling. Crappie have been fair with shiners working better than jigs. No report on bass or catfish. For more information, call Surplus City Landing at 318-467-2259.

— Glynn Harris

side spread was 15 4/8 inches, bases were huge with mass that carried throughout the rack. The buck, aged at 6-plus years old was green scored at 145 1/8 inches.

“I made a vow to never hunt alone this late in the day especially in this

kind of heat. Obviously,” she said, “I forgot my vow because I was back there hunting alone a week later with temperatures once again quite warm.”

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LSUS Partners with alumnus George Foreman Jr., to Host Esports Winter Invitational

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SHREVEPORT — LSU Shreveport and The Culture Equity are partnering to host a large scale esports event. The LSUS Culture Gaming Winter Invitational will be held virtually Saturday and Sunday.

The public is invited to register and participate online in this free tournament. Teams and individual players will compete in League of Legends, Overwatch, and Rocket League for

cash prizes of up to \$1,500. Spectators are welcome to watch via LSUS's Twitch channel, twitch.tv/lusesports.

Culture Equity is excited about collaborating with LSUS and providing an opportunity for northwest Louisiana to shine in the digital arena. The pair hope to inspire more events like this in the area with similar goals for the growth of the workforce and industry.

“As an LSUS alumnus, I am personally vested in

the strategic partnership between The Culture Equity and LSU Shreveport,” Chief Strategic Officer of The Culture Equity, George Foreman, Jr. said. “Through this partnership, we are creating programming and experiences for the Ark-La-Tex region that demonstrate what's next in education, innovation, esports, and technology.

We are launching our partnership with the LSUS Culture Gaming Winter Invitational which was created to

ensure all students can participate in high-level esports competitions free of cost. Unfortunately, many students are unable to experience esports either due to cost and or not having access to technology. With our tournament teams, schools, individuals, and community organizations can not only participate in a competitive esports tournament but walk away with cash prizes.”

The LSUS leadership team looks forward to

the tournament and its ability to highlight technology and its necessity in the next generation's career space.

“Our mission is to expose students in this region to gaming concepts to provide a gateway into careers associated with digital media,” LSUS Vice Chancellor for Strategic Initiatives, Dr. Julie Lessiter, said. “Whether it's video game technology, simulation, Unity 3D, development or any other ancillary jobs that exist in this industry, we

can't overstate the importance of normalizing the utilization of technology to spark innovation and creativity in the next generation.”

Interested participants can register online at https://www.lsus.edu/esports?fbclid=IwAR2Dk0maDraUxRli_ddL_cOUHyQcf-2hTmND2nJ18FintpZ2H3w-wpinUb9c

Follow the LSUS social media accounts and Twitch channel for the latest tournament information.

Dunkin' Dogs dominant as Louisiana Tech takes down Texas Southern 87-60

Minden Press-Herald Sports Service

RUSTON — Louisiana Tech was efficient in almost every phase Wednesday night, leading wire-to-wire in an 87-60 victory over Texas Southern inside the Thomas Assembly Center on Karl Malone Court.

LA Tech (5-2) continued to click offensively, eclipsing 80+ points for the fifth straight game while scoring at all three levels — from the field (season-high 33 made field goals), from beyond the arc (10 made 3-pointers) and from the foul line (went 11-of-13).

But it was Tech's defensive play that head coach Eric Konkol wanted to see cranked up a notch, specifically in the rebounding category against one



PHOTO BY SADIE PATTON

Louisiana Tech's David Green (with ball) made five 3-pointers in route to a career-high 19 points during the Bulldogs win over Texas Southern Wednesday night at the Thomas Assembly Center.

of the best rebounding teams in the country in Texas Southern (0-7).

LA Tech ended up setting the tone on that end of the floor as well, holding the Tigers to just 23 first-half points to help

take a 42-23 lead into the locker room at halftime.

Kenneth Lofton, Jr. was starting to take over, juking his defender with the ball to make a three-foot floater to give the 'Dogs a 48-30 edge with 15:09

to play. He immediately came out of the game due to injury, but the offense stayed in rhythm.

Amorie Archibald took over for a stretch, scoring seven straight points. The advantage continued to grow with scoring from all Bulldogs, especially David Green who's fourth (out of five) three-pointer gave the home team their largest lead of the contest at 82-47 with 4:12 to go.

Green ended up scoring a team-high 19 points while Archibald and Lofton, Jr. each chipped in with 15. LaDamien Bradford and Kenny Hunter were not far behind with eight apiece, combining to make all seven field goals.

“I was very concerned coming into this game because of what Texas

Southern has shown in games,” Konkol said. “They have played some really good teams, been ahead at the half in four of them and come down to the wire in several. Rebounding was the biggest

concern. We challenged our team to fight for every rebound out there. I thought holding them to just three offensive rebounds in the first half was a huge measure of where we wanted to be.”



WEEK 13 WINNERS:

1ST: HAZEL BALL

2ND: CARLA B. KEYS

3RD: BUDDY WARD

Good News

GOOD NEWS

CHRISTMAS ANTICIPATION

Christmas at our house was bitter/sweet. It was cold in the old house, 'air-conditioned' for sure in the winter. Cracks and holes, leaky tin roofs, and a long run to the out house, especially early in the morning. The morning routine was the same, Christmas or not! The difference was this: the kids stayed awake most of the night, anxious to see what was happening in the room where the fireplace was... wondering how that fat man was going to come down the chimney and not get ashes or soot on that pretty red suit.

Of course, the anticipation of Christmas began in early fall while we were still busy in the cotton fields. When that Sears' Wishbook arrived, country kids began to 'see visions of sugar plums and a few other things,' in great anticipation of what Santa might leave.

Each night we'd take turns thumbing through the book, marking pages or dog earing them for "return visits". Usually, the boys stopped on the overalls, blue jean section or the tennis shoes and underwear pages.

Of course, the cowboy stuff was everyone's dream for sure. (This was long before The Christmas Story appeared on television)! A cap pistol with a holster to match was the dream of every small boy. Anticipation was alive, and we did not even know what the word meant!

As a 5-year old, I remember one rainy afternoon, when we lived far out in the country, away from almost everyone. An older brother yelled, 'yonder comes Santa Claus'. And we all ran to the front porch to see. Yep, there he was, coming across the foot-log, making his way up the hill, through the gate, coming right toward the porch where we all stood with eyes and mouth wide opened. Then suddenly, fear took over! My younger brother and I made an about-face, hit the front door, making our way to the nearest bed. Under it we went, finding a safe place so that bearded man would not find us. We had an-



Bill Crider

ticipated his coming all year long, but now that he had come to see us, we were so afraid. Like it is today, children are fascinated with Santa as long as he stays a good distance from them, but the closer he comes to them, the more uncertain they become. Many cry out and run if they can to get away from him. We surely did that day.

We did not always have a Christmas tree. "Foolishness", my daddy would say. But when my sisters were older, they began to bring one home and decorate it with 'odds and ends'. Chains of popcorn, moss springs, ice cycles made from gum foil, ropes made from loops of colored paper, etc. Prettiest trees you'd ever see! And under the tree or near the fireplace our shoe boxes were always lined up in a row, with our names printed on them. Imagine Santa putting the wrong thing in a shoe box!

On Christmas morning, after we had raided the shoe boxes, ate the candy and dried

raisins, a few nuts or so, we played with our small toy while waiting for breakfast. It was a very exciting time! In the mid-morning, we would clear the kitchen for daddy to 'do his thing.' This was the only time I can remember liquor being in the house. He needed it for making his 'eggnog'. He knew the recipe (the same each year): A dozen eggs, sugar, and cream and some Jack Daniels to give it "life", he would say. He would give each of children a taste or two if we wanted it. And that was enough to satisfy, believe me! After that was cleaned up and cleared away, the women folks brought out the Christmas lunch.

Pies of all sorts, hen or duck with dressing, baked sweet potatoes, greens and such covered the table.. Usually buttermilk made its way to the table also. For desserts, there was always pecan and potato pies, coconut and fruit cake. You can see what a feast it was. (Really nothing to brag about, but the best we could do)! This is about what Christmas was like at the Crider house. There was not

much celebrating the Birth of Christ, no praying and thanking God for His blessings. Just 'pass the dressing this way." The truth is, it was much like it is today with many folks Just a day to get together and focus on gifts and food.

I am so thankful I became a Christian in college and began to realize more and more the true meaning of celebrating Jesus' birthday. Sondra and I have celebrated some 54 Christmases and count each of them 'special'. Christmas of 1970 was extra special.

We had just moved to Austin, Texas in July. At church we met another young couple who were stationed there in the Air Force. Their baby was due in January, just like ours. Anticipation was unbelievable. We would talk a lot about how Mary and Joseph must have had many conversations about the 'forthcoming birth of their child.'

We read that year, for the first time, Marjorie Holmes' book Two From Galilee. It has always been special to us ever since. As time slowly passed in December, this same anticipation was there as

it was when we were children, yet this time it was of a different nature. Our wives were miserable, the winter was very cold, and we had little money to invest in gifts, saving it all for the expenses coming in January.

Just as children today count off the days on the Advent calendar until Christmas Day, we were counting days until our son was born. In fact, we made two runs, racing across town to the hospital, only to find these were 'false alarms'. We pondered whether Mary experienced the same thing as her time for delivery neared. And so today, as we open December and the journey to Christmas begins, may we be challenged to pause, take deep breathes and reflect on these elements of faith that leads us to the manger again this year with great anticipation: Joy, Peace, Hope and Love.

BILL CRIDER IS CHAPLAIN OF
MINDEN MEDICAL CENTER

THE UPWARD LOOK

A Servant by Grace

"I was made a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of His power."
Ephesians 3:7 HCSB

ing Paul's life into a life of serving Him by calling Paul to preach the gospel of Christ through the dynamic mighty power of God.



Max Hutto

Having been saved by God's grace, Paul was called to be a servant, a helper, a minister, of the gospel by God's grace. Though he did not deserve salvation, God looked upon him with kindness and gracious favor, and He provided salvation through faith in Jesus. In the same way God chose and enlisted Paul to be His minister. God was at work guiding, molding, and transform-

Lord Jesus, help me to lean not on my strength but on Your power as I serve You. Guide me to live for You and to glorify You by telling others of the gospel of grace.

MAX HUTTO IS A BAPTIST MINISTER AND A RESIDENT OF MINDEN. MORE INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND AT WWW.UPWARDLOOK.ORG.

LET NOT YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED

Deceived

Esau was Jacob's older brother. Jacob deceived Esau into selling him his birthright. As a result, his mother sent him to her brother Laban in Syria. On his way there, he spent the night along the way and used a stone pillar for his headrest. He had a dream about God ascending and descending on a long ladder. He said this must be the house of God. He traveled on to

Laban's city and met Laban's daughter Rachel. He worked seven years for Rachel. At the end of seven years,



Mack Ford

Laban deceived him and had him marry his older daughter, Leah. He worked seven more years for Rachel.

To be continued...

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14 Pequod captain

15 Fleet of ships

17 Turkish money

18 Greet silently

19 Records

20 Mountain crest

22 Hurt severely

24 Stallion's mate

25 Imaginary

29 Rage

30 Varieties

31 Baton Rouge sch.

32 Name in someone's honor

34 Afrikaner

35 River blockers

36 Obey a comma

37 Com-mence

40 German mister

41 Ibsen's home

42 Moving, as in a group

46 In — (shortly)

47 Classic Kinks song

48 Vast expanse

49 Electron-ics giant

50 — Bator

51 Furtive laugh

DOWN

1 Justice Dept. agency

2 Seminary subj.

3 Blossomed

4 Leek relative

5 Actor's quest

6 100%

7 "Don't — stranger!"

8 Deli meat

9 Intel product

10 Swiss river

11 Some corp. recruits

16 London gallery

19 Twitches

20 During

21 Excep-tional

22 Shopping centers

23 Pot starter

25 Froth

26 Thrive

27 Applica-tions

28 Entice

30 Read quickly

33 Madness

34 Fir coat

36 Pie variety

37 Fluffy scarves

38 Old U.S. gas brand

39 Hidden valley

40 Spanish greeting

42 Winter ailment

43 Texter's guffaw

44 Born

45 "How frustrat-ing!"

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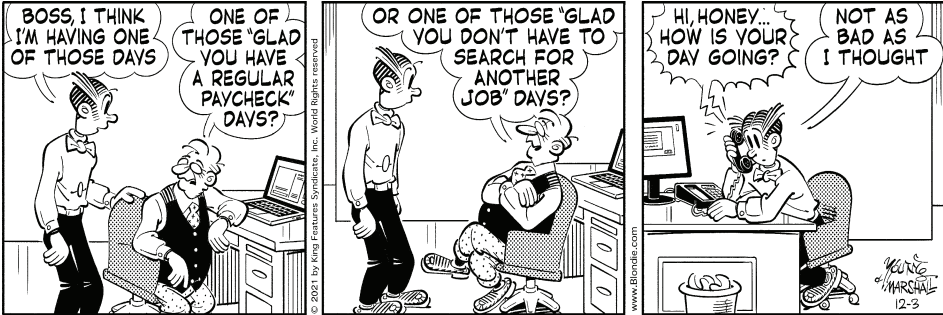
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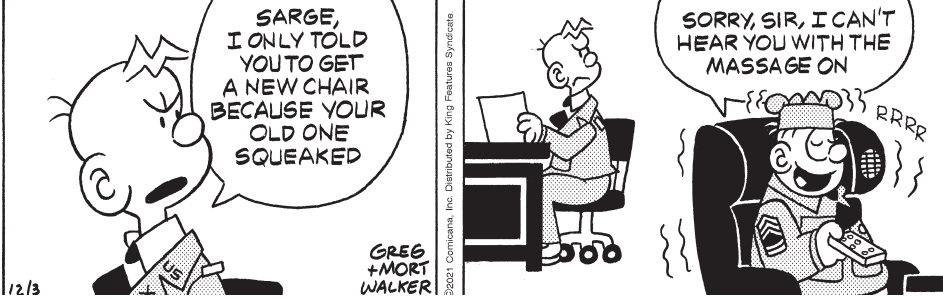
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B1 BANK VS. KEVIN L. WYNNE AND TAMMY WYNNE

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 79650

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 WITH 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, January 5, 2022, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

Begin at the Southeast Corner of the Southeast Quarter of Southeast Quarter (SE/cor. of SE/4 of SE/4) of Section 17, Township 19 North, Range 8 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana, and thence run North 398.67 feet; thence run West 1108.8 feet, more or less, to center of Webster Parish Road No. 130; thence run South 13 degrees East along the center of said road 408 feet, more or less, to the South boundary line of said SE/4 of SE/4 of said Section 17; thence run East to the point of beginning, together with all improvements located thereon and all rights thereto belonging.

AND ALSO a 1995 Belmont Premier 14 ft. x 80 ft. mobile home which is situated upon the hereinabove described property.

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

December 3, 2021
December 28, 2021
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SMALL ADS WORK

Town of Cotton Valley - Town Hall Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual January through December 2022				
3:10 PM 11/02/21 Accrual Basis	Jan - Dec 22	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
41400 - Ad Valorem Tax Income	0.00	41,225.00	-41,225.00	0.0%
41403 - Beer Tax	0.00	405.00	-405.00	0.0%
41404 - Beer License	0.00	228.00	-228.00	0.0%
41406 - Fines & Bonds	0.00	75,500.00	-75,500.00	0.0%
41408 - Franchise Tax LP&L & SW Nat	0.00	15,000.00	-15,000.00	0.0%
Total Income	0.00	132,358.00	-132,358.00	0.0%
Expense				
60050 - Ad Valorem Collection Fee	0.00	2,800.00	-2,800.00	0.0%
60000 - Advertising and Promotion	0.00	1,900.00	-1,900.00	0.0%
60100 - Alderman Expense	0.00	8,000.00	-8,000.00	0.0%
60200 - Audit Expense	0.00	8,750.00	-8,750.00	0.0%
61702 - Contract Labor	0.00	17,100.00	-17,100.00	0.0%
62500 - Dues and Subscriptions	0.00	3,950.00	-3,950.00	0.0%
62600 - Fuel	0.00	11,000.00	-11,000.00	0.0%
63100 - Insurance Expense	0.00	46,000.00	-46,000.00	0.0%
63410 - Legal	0.00	7,500.00	-7,500.00	0.0%
64200 - Mayor Expense	0.00	7,800.00	-7,800.00	0.0%
64800 - Office Supplies	0.00	7,000.00	-7,000.00	0.0%
66000 - Payroll Expenses	0.00	108,000.00	-108,000.00	0.0%
66500 - Payroll Taxes	0.00	13,000.00	-13,000.00	0.0%
66050 - Patrol Car Expense	0.00	5,000.00	-5,000.00	0.0%
66391 - Police Dues & Subscriptions	0.00	150.00	-150.00	0.0%
66200 - Coroner Expense	0.00	1,100.00	-1,100.00	0.0%
66275 - Police Office Expense	0.00	700.00	-700.00	0.0%
66300 - Police Salaries	0.00	50,000.00	-50,000.00	0.0%
66380 - Police Uniforms	0.00	110.00	-110.00	0.0%
66390 - Police Supplies	0.00	4,700.00	-4,700.00	0.0%
66510 - Printing & Reproductions	0.00	1,200.00	-1,200.00	0.0%
66650 - Prisoner Housing	0.00	520.00	-520.00	0.0%
66700 - Professional Fees	0.00	17,000.00	-17,000.00	0.0%
67125 - Repairs and Maintenance	0.00	2,375.00	-2,375.00	0.0%
67250 - Supplies	0.00	400.00	-400.00	0.0%
67300 - Telephone & Pager Expense	0.00	4,800.00	-4,800.00	0.0%
68400 - Travel Expense	0.00	13,300.00	-13,300.00	0.0%
68450 - Uniforms	0.00	1,350.00	-1,350.00	0.0%
68950 - Utility Salaries	0.00	25,000.00	-25,000.00	0.0%
68959 - Utilities	0.00	9,200.00	-9,200.00	0.0%
Total Expense	0.00	380,455.00	-380,455.00	0.0%
Net Ordinary Income	0.00	-248,097.00	248,097.00	0.0%

Town of Cotton Valley - Town Hall Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual January through December 2022				
3:10 PM 11/02/21 Accrual Basis	Jan - Dec 22	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Other Income/Expense				
Other Income				
96000 - Other Income	0.00	5,500.00	-5,500.00	0.0%
Total Other Income	0.00	5,500.00	-5,500.00	0.0%
Net Other Income	0.00	5,500.00	-5,500.00	0.0%
Net Income	0.00	-241,597.00	241,597.00	0.0%

Town of Cotton Valley - Sales Tax Acct. Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual January through December 2022				
3:10 PM 11/02/21 Accrual Basis	Jan - Dec 22	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
3400 - Sales tax Revenue	0.00	86,000.00	-86,000.00	0.0%
Total Income	0.00	86,000.00	-86,000.00	0.0%
Net Ordinary Income	0.00	86,000.00	-86,000.00	0.0%
Net Income	0.00	86,000.00	-86,000.00	0.0%

Town of Cotton Valley - Utilities Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual January through December 2022				
2:58 PM 11/02/21 Accrual Basis	Jan - Dec 22	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
40000 - Water & Sewer Sales	0.00	465,000.00	-465,000.00	0.0%
40100 - Bulk Water Sold	0.00	12,500.00	-12,500.00	0.0%
Total Income	0.00	477,500.00	-477,500.00	0.0%
Expense				
62100 - Contract Labor	0.00	18,500.00	-18,500.00	0.0%
62700 - Dues & Subscriptions	0.00	1,850.00	-1,850.00	0.0%
63000 - Fuel Expense	0.00	3,200.00	-3,200.00	0.0%
63100 - Insurance Expense	0.00	7,250.00	-7,250.00	0.0%
63250 - Materials & Supplies	0.00	3,200.00	-3,200.00	0.0%
66500 - Postage & Delivery	0.00	2,500.00	-2,500.00	0.0%
67200 - Repairs & Maintenance...	0.00	37,700.00	-37,700.00	0.0%
68200 - Trash Services	0.00	75,000.00	-75,000.00	0.0%
68600 - Utilities Expense	0.00	41,000.00	-41,000.00	0.0%
Total Expense	0.00	190,200.00	-190,200.00	0.0%
Net Ordinary Income	0.00	287,300.00	-287,300.00	0.0%
Other Income/Expense				
Other Income				
75100 - ARPA Grant Income	0.00	173,090.91	-173,090.91	0.0%
75000 - Other Income	0.00	21,000.00	-21,000.00	0.0%
Total Other Income	0.00	194,090.91	-194,090.91	0.0%
Net Other Income	0.00	194,090.91	-194,090.91	0.0%
Net Income	0.00	481,390.91	-481,390.91	0.0%

November 19, 2021
November 23, 2021
November 30, 2021
December 3, 2021
December 10, 2021
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PUBLIC NOTICE	
In accordance with federal regulations, the Webster Parish Police Jury Office of Community Services, Section 8 Housing Authority for Webster Parish will begin accepting pre-applications for rental assisted housing and/or placement on the waiting list for such housing. Pre-application packets can be picked up beginning Wednesday, December 15, 2021 during business hours.	
WE WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTING THE FIRST 100 APPLICATIONS	
Complete applications will be accepted on Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at 9:00 am to 12:00 noon and then from 1:00 pm ending at 4:00 pm at the Minden office. The waiting list will close on Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at 4:00 pm or when 100 are received, whichever comes first. No pre-application packets will be accepted other than at the times and date listed above. Persons desiring to apply for rental assistance may obtain pre-application packets from the location listed below:	
Webster Parish Police Jury Office of Community Services 208 Gleason Street Minden, LA 71055	
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