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Main Street Medical officially opens it's doors



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Main Street Medical opens it's doors with a ribbon cutting that took place on Thursday, December 2 in downtown Minden. Nestled in the heart of downtown Minden is Minden's newest family practice clinic, Main Street Medical. The clinic is just footsteps away from Minden Medical Center streamlining the process of labs, x-rays, and any other outpatient referrals you may need for your visit. Patients will feel right at home in the cozy lobby of Main Street Medical. They offer coffee, sodas, and refreshments for patients to enjoy during their minimal wait time. The clinic walls boast a local sense of style with artwork throughout from Minden's very own local artist, Ben Ware.

TELEVISION

How Minden got chosen for HGTV's Home Town Kickstart

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It was recently announced that Minden had been selected as one of the six small towns to be featured in the upcoming season of Home Town Kickstart, a new renovation series slated to premiere in spring 2022. HGTV personalities supported by Home Town stars Ben and Erin Napier will lead three projects in each town: refresh the home of a local hero, give a small business a beautiful upgrade and reinvigorate a public space to enhance the residents' quality of life and engender community pride.

So how did this opportunity come about for the City of Minden? Sara McDaniel along Rachel Miller are both residents who had a knack for restoring old properties. In fact, the two initially met when Miller shared her preferred contractors when McDaniel initially pur-

chased the dilapidated McDonald Street Home. However, their knack for revitalization didn't stop at their homes. They along with graphic designer and local resident Patrick Miller can be credited for the creation of the recent murals that have gone up in Downtown Minden.

Applying to Home Town Kickstart is another one of their successful ventures. "Rachel Miller got that ball rolling, and she sent the initial letter of inquiry to the network, and almost immediately we got a response from the casting director, and she said we would love to have Minden apply," said McDaniel.

Applying for the show meant independently producing their own small show about why Minden should be selected. "Two years ago Rachel and I got in gear, and with the help of Patrick Miller, who is a graphic designer, and her two children,

who have helped us with drone and video footage, we, in essence, produced a little television show about Minden," said McDaniel.

However, the first time they applied was actually two years ago, where unfortunately Minden lost out to another town from Alabama. "We were super sad. We were devastated, but we were like that's ok. We learned a lot about us, about Minden in the process, so we're going to continue this dream that we have," said McDaniel.

"This summer, we get wind that HGTV Hometown is casting for another season. So we re-applied, again. Had to go through and produce a whole nother TV show about Minden. And we all know the rest of the story, we got it this time."

Towns featured by brands such as HGTV and People get boons to their local economy, both from the money spent by the television crews while



they're in town, but most notably from the tourism that comes as a result of the added visibility.

"They are seeing an influx of tourists into those towns that are coming to see these spaces that HGTV promotes. That increases your occupancy taxes, your sales taxes, it might increase our property values. So we are so excited to have them coming to our town," said McDaniel.

UTILITY CHECK

Sanitary Sewer Smoke Testing Program starting Tuesday in Minden

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Duke's Root Control will be performing a Sanitary Sewer Smoke Testing program for Minden, LA this next week. These tests will assist the city in locating breaks and defects in the public utility sewer system.

"Smoke testing is one of the most cost-effective methods of locating breaks and defects in the sewer system (sewer mains, service laterals, cross or illegal connections). The smoke is an indication of inflow and infiltration that can enter a sewer system during a rain event and is not desirable. This reduces the capacity at the sewer plant, increases treatment costs and can lead to overburdening of the sanitary system, possibly leading to overflows," a press release from Duke's stated.

During the test, some

residents may notice smoke coming from vent stacks on buildings or from holes in the ground. The smoke has no odor, is non-toxic, non-staining, does not create a fire hazard, and will dissipate in a few minutes.

To prepare for this test, residents are asked to pour one gallon of water into basement floor drains and any unused sinks during these two days. For those that won't be home during the test, it is recommended that they open bathroom/laundry windows and to close the doors to those rooms before you leave.

Should there be any concerns, we have a call center to handle resident issues at 888-655-4085. Please feel free to direct any impacted property owner to that phone number, where the City of Minden will be logging calls.

GAS BUDDY

Gas price continue on the decline

(December 6, 2021)

- Louisiana gas prices have fallen 3.5 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.04/g today, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 2,436 stations in Louisiana. Gas prices in Louisiana are 12.0 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand \$1.20/g higher than a year ago. The cheapest station in Louisiana is priced at \$2.41/g today while the most expensive is \$3.39/g, a difference of 98.0 cents per gallon.

"The downturn in average gas prices continued to gain momentum last week as oil prices remained at a hefty discount. This is largely due to continued anxiety over the omicron variant and because some countries have begun issuing lockdowns, keeping motorists in some countries from consuming as much fuel," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy.

The national average price of gasoline has fallen 5.3 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.34/g today. The national average

is down 6.9 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands \$1.19/g higher than a year ago.

"While the Great Lakes region, the fastest to see prices respond to market fluctuations, is seeing hefty monthly declines approaching 30 cents per gallon, much of the rest of the country is lagging behind. But, we will see precipitous declines in the next week or two as stations continue to sell through higher priced inventory before slowly lowering their prices. It's not impossible given the conditions that price wars, where stations lower their price significantly, could emerge as stations now have considerable room to lower prices," said De Haan.

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

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GOVERNMENT

Troopers Have Seized Over \$6 Million Worth of Illegal Narcotics in Last 30 Days

On December 1st, Troopers from the Louisiana State Police made a routine traffic stop on I-12 in St. Tammany Parish. While investigating, Troopers were able to locate and seize 18 kilograms of suspected methamphetamine (picture attached). The street value of this amount of methamphetamine is estimated at \$2.2 million. After discovering the illegal narcotics, Troopers arrested 47-year-old Ricardo Guevara of Texas for drug-related charges and booked him into St. Tammany Parish Jail.

In the last 30 days, patrol Troopers from all over the state have seized over \$6 million in illegal narcotics during the course of numerous traffic stops. Troopers seized approximately 37.5 kilograms of methamphetamine worth an estimated \$4.6 million, 3.5 kilograms of cocaine worth an estimated \$105k, 577 pounds of marijuana worth an estimated \$1.6 million, along with a variety of other illegal narcotics on our highways.

Louisiana State Troopers will continue to provide the citizens of Louisiana a safer community through proactive drug-related enforcement and cooperative efforts with local and federal law enforcement agencies. Troopers will target local and multi-state drug trafficking organizations by enforcing all state and federal laws governing the illicit manufacturing, distribution, sale, and use of drugs.

HUNTING

Chronic wasting disease found in deer in southern Arkansas

(AP) — Chronic wasting disease has been found in a deer in southern Arkansas, near the Louisiana state line, the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission reported Thursday.

The deer was harvested in the Felsenthal National Wildlife Refuge in Union County, the commission said, and a sample was confirmed with the fatal disease that affects deer, elk, caribou and moose in 26 states nationwide.

There are no reported cases of CWD in humans, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, but the agency recommends against eating infected meat.

The source of CWD found in the Arkansas deer is unknown as the nearest known positive case was 120 miles (193 kilometers) away in Issaquena County, Mississippi, and is more than 200 miles (322 kilometers) from the nearest known positive case in Arkansas, the commission said.

“With this positive case being so far from any previously known source, we’ve already begun working on ways to gather more samples from the surrounding area to determine the extent of the infection in this part of the state,” said Cory Gray, chief of the AGFC’s Research Division.

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission on Thursday declared an emergency ban on feeding and baiting in nearby Morehouse and Union parishes beginning Monday. The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries said it will increase surveillance for the disease in those parishes.

Chronic wasting disease is spread by contact with infected saliva, blood, urine, feces, food, water and soil.

Symptoms in the animals include weight loss, excessive salivation, teeth grinding, head tremors, excessive urination and thirst, lowering their heads and separating from their herds, according to the commission.

JOBS

Louisiana’s unemployment rate falls to 4.3% amid job growth and labor force concerns

(The Center Square) – Louisiana’s unemployment rate continues to trend downward according to new data from the Louisiana Workforce Commission (LWC), though the state still lags behind its pre-COVID-19 job numbers.

Louisiana’s unemployment rate fell to 4.3% in October, the most recent information available, showing a significant improvement from the same period last year when the unemployment rate was 7.5%.

“The rate also shows a decrease of 0.6 percentage points from the September 2021 revised rate of 4.9 percent,” the agency said.

The figures mirror a national trend where the U.S. unemployment rate for the month of October dropped to 4.6%. But Stephen Waguespack, president, and CEO of the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry, is cautioning against too much optimism.

“While this report is good news, we also know there is still hard work to do to get back to pre-pandemic employment levels,” Waguespack said in an email statement regarding the Louisiana jobs report and the U.S. economy.

“There are over 10 million jobs available in the U.S. today, but employers in all industries are scrambling to hire and retain workers while managing other pressures, ranging from supply chain challenges to inflation being at a 31-year high. It’s imperative that leaders at all levels take market-driven actions to get people back to work and rebuild the American economy,” he said.

The Louisiana Association of Business and Industry represents more than 2,000 businesses in the state and serves as the Louisiana chapter of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and National Association of Manufacturers.

According to LWC, an estimated 1,868,100 workers were employed in October, whereas the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported nearly 2 million workers in Louisiana in March 2020, or just before COVID-19 lockdowns led to mass job losses and business closures.

Louisiana’s October 2021 job growth increased in all nine of the state’s major metropolitan areas, LWC said, with each showing declining unemployment for the seventh consecutive month compared to the same months in 2020.

Alexandria, Baton Rouge and Hammond showed the steepest declines, the report showed. New Orleans’s 5.1% unemployment rate was higher than the overall state rate, though it was nearly half of the city’s 9.1% unemployment rate in October 2020.

The leisure and hospitality industry showed the most gains since LWC’s previous jobs report in September 2021, with more than 13,000 new jobs. The construction industry gained 9,800 new jobs from September to October, and the professional and business services industry grew by 8,800 jobs during the period, the report said.

Jobless claims in the state have also declined, as LWC’s most recent unemployment benefits data show 1,628 new claims for the week ending Nov. 20. For the week ending Jan. 2, 2021, nearly 22,500 new unemployment claims had been filed.

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December 10th - 11th, 2021

Join the festivities downtown Minden!
Fireworks Show sponsored by **FIBREBOND®**

Friday, December 10th
Holiday Trail of Lights Hayride
6-9pm Minden Civic Center FREE
Take a tractor-pulled hayride tour of the Historic District and enjoy Christmas Lights and caroling hosted by Webster Parish Tourism
Young Women's Service Club will be serving Hot Chocolate for \$1

Saturday, December 11th
Brunch and Photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus
9am-1pm Geaux Fresh \$
10am-Noon Santa and Mrs. Claus will be visiting. Stop by and give Santa your list. You may take your own photos.

Hot Chocolate and Coffee
10am-5pm The Broken Bean \$
Enjoy a festive cup of Hot Cocoa with all the fixings or Coffee.

Storefront Window Decorating Contest
10am-4pm Downtown Minden
Stroll down Main and Broadway Streets, enjoying our beautifully decorated windows. Plus, shop for Christmas presents, stop for a meal or beverage, all the while, delighting in our Historic Downtown.

Mistletoe Town Tree Decorating Contest
Minden Medical Pavilion FREE
Tree lot open all day to come and go/take pictures.
3-5pm Vote for your favorite Christmas Tree, decorated by area businesses, at Main Street Medical.
3-5pm Pictures with the Grinch at Foot and Ankle Specialist.

Smore's Bar
Noon-2pm Wimberly Agency \$
Build your own Smore and roast it over the fire for a sweet snack before the parade!

Storytime, Music and Games with Santa and Mrs. Claus
1-2pm Webster Parish Library - Stewart Center FREE
Experience classic holiday magic by listening to the enchanting reading of Twas the Night Before Christmas. The Shreveport Symphony will play in between reading and interactive games to follow.
Self-guided Book walk will be set up along Main Street from MMC to the library.

North Pole Children's Area
10am-2pm Civic Center side parking lot
Visit and explore activities for all ages including Bounce Houses, Pony Rides and more! FREE

Kids Ornament Crafting & Face Painting
1-4pm Ornament Crafting City Art Works FREE
Create your very own ornament to hang on the tree. All supplies provided by Main Street.
2-4pm Face Painting City Art Works FREE

Minden Christmas Parade
5pm Downtown Minden

Tree Lighting Ceremony & Fireworks
7pm Minden Civic Center
Join us as we light up the City Christmas Tree! Parade, Downtown Window Contest and Tree Decorating Contest Awards will be announced prior to tree lighting. Fireworks show sponsored by Fibrebond.

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Sunny skies return for the beginning and middle of the work week. Temperatures will stay above average in the low 70s. By Thursday we'll warm around 10 degrees and more above average into the upper 70s. A very warm start to December.

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OBITUARIES



Barry Drew Bostick

Barry Drew Bostick, 62, was born in Shreveport, Louisiana August 6, 1959, and met death November 17, 2021 in Fort Worth, Texas. Barry was the son of the late William H. Bostick Jr. and Noella Broussard Bostick. He was a twin along with his brother Garry. Barry was raised by his parents in Minden and attended school locally, graduating from Minden High School in 1977. He earned a degree in mechanical engineering from Louisiana Tech University in 1984. He started his career as a mechanical engineer at the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Port Hueneme, CA, later becoming a software engineer for the E-3 AWACS at Tinker AFB, OK, Staff Software Engineer at LynuxWorks, Dallas, TX, Embedded Software Engineer at Marietta, GA, and at Fort Worth, TX, where he retired from Lockheed-Martin. He began another

career at USPro as a contract software engineer for Bell Helicopter where he was employed at the time of his death. He loved technology and was very conversant in it. Barry was hard working and committed to learning but also devoted to his family.

Barry is survived by his wife Waraporn ‘Oye’ Bostick, his children Darius, Cyrus (Lewisville, TX), and Kianna (fiancé, Skyler, Watauga, TX) and their mother Freida; his mother Noella Bostick (Minden, LA), his brothers Dwain (Lucy, San Antonio, TX), Don (Houston, TX), Jerone (Kenner, LA), and Garry (Gina, Edmond, OK); an uncle, aunts, nephews, a niece, and cousins; numerous friends, classmates, and acquaintances.

Visitation was Friday, November 26 from 6 – 9 PM at Doyle Funeral Home, 400 East Union Street, Minden. Funeral service for Barry will be held at Saint Paul Catholic Church, 410 Fincher Road, Minden at 11:00 AM Saturday, November 27, 2021. Burial will follow the church’s funeral rites at Sheppard Street Cemetery 306 – 340 Ida Street, Minden. A repast will follow at the church hall behind the church.

Hueylene Burt Jordan

Funeral services for Hueylene Burt Jordan will be held Sunday, December 5, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church Doyline with Bro. Ed Jordan and Bro. Paul Pearson officiating. Interment will follow at Doyline Cemetery in Doyline, Louisiana under the direction of Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Minden, Louisiana.

Hueylene was born December 29, 1934 in Bogalusa,

Louisiana and went to heaven December 3, 2021 in Bossier City, Louisiana.

She is survived by her husband, Benjamin F. Jordan of Doyline; sons, Ed Jordan and wife Sherri of Doyline, Tom Jordan and wife Donna of Red Water, Texas, and John Paul Jordan and wife Cindy of Koran; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

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COVID

Edwards: No known cases of Omicron variant in Louisiana right now

(The Center Square) – Louisiana Gov. John Bel Edwards held a Friday press conference in Baton Rouge to discuss COVID-19 and the emerging Omicron variant, which he said has not been discovered in the state so far. “We haven’t yet detected it in Louisiana; that certainly doesn’t mean it isn’t here,” he said. Edwards urged caution, saying there’s currently a lack of information and the World Health Organization has designated Omicron “a variant of concern.” “The message we want everyone to take away today is that we want people to be aware and concerned,

but not panicked,” said Edwards. State Health Officer Joseph Kanter added that the Omicron variant was first detected in South Africa last week and has spread to 35 countries and six U.S. states: California, Hawaii, New York, Minnesota and Colorado. “The presumption is that there are more cases than has been identified,” he said. Kanter explained that the new variant has 50 mutations, which presents “theoretical concerns.” “As the days and weeks go on, we will either verify or reject those concerns as more data comes in,” he said. Edwards said it’s unclear how Omicron will

affect PCR and antigen testing, virus transmissibility or symptom virulence. He also said it’s unclear how resistant Omicron is to current COVID-19 vaccines. Edwards, a strong vaccine proponent, endorsed the Louisiana Department of Health recommendation for all eligible Louisianans to get fully vaccinated as soon as possible, including boosters. The state’s vaccination rate is 49%. Edwards also embraced adding COVID-19 vaccines to the regular schedule of K-12 school immunizations, though the state attorney general had previously threatened to sue the Health Department if it did.

“While I personally think it would be a mistake, it’ll be up to parents to decide whether their kids get vaccinated or not,” Edwards, a Democrat, said Friday. He told reporters that he hopes to move past school vaccine mandate objections by August in time for the next school year. Edwards also alluded to his extension of public health emergency powers at the end of November, and brushed off questions about new mask, vaccine and lockdown measures. “It’s way too premature to speculate,” he said. “But in a public health emergency... everything is on the table.”

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OTHER OPINION

U.S. Supreme Court hears abortion case

Much of the nation's focus this week has been on the Mississippi abortion case, Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization. This Mississippi law would effectively prohibit ending the lives of pre-born human beings after 15 weeks of pregnancy. This is earlier than the 23-24 week so-called "viability" threshold ("viability" is defined as the ability of the baby to live outside the womb) had been determined to be to this point. It is also important to note that some babies have been born earlier than 24 weeks and have survived, so what we are really saying is that a child's dependence on her mother in the womb—the child's lack of 'viability'—is a legal argument for killing her.

How might the U.S. Supreme Court rule in this Dobbs case and what effect would it have?

Firstly, if the Supreme Court overruled Roe v. Wade entirely it would return the question of protecting the lives of the defenseless unborn to the States and their state legislatures—state representatives, state senators and the governor. Before Roe was decided in 1973—at a time when the unhinged Left said that the unborn were just a 'blob of protoplasm'—political and legislative questions regarding the legal status of the unborn fell under the state's "police powers" – even though then, as now, the unborn were and are biologically human and therefore should be considered to be legal persons as well.

This is why the argument of 'precedent' or 'stare decisis'—that Roe should continue to stand simply because it has stood for 48 years—rings hollow: Roe had no legal, scientific or constitutional legitimacy when it was decided because abortion is not in the Constitution. (Please recall that "precedent" and "stare decisis," which come up at every Supreme Court nomi-

nee's Senate hearing, simply mean that a court is generally obligated to follow a prior decision when it decides a similar case in the future. That makes sense because treating the same legal issues similarly is what provides our nation with stability and lets us know what our law does and doesn't allow. However, please remember that "precedent" and "stare decisis," are merely legal doctrines which may be considered but in no way rise to the level of our U. S. Constitution, the foundational document of our nation.)



ROYAL ALEXANDER

Secondly, the Court could decide not to overturn Roe and instead decide only to affirm the Mississippi law, prohibiting abortion after 15 weeks. This would have a powerful symbolic effect, further signaling the death knell of Roe and abortion on demand because it would be unmistakable that the violent scope of the Roe decision continues to be chipped away.

In its 1973 decision, the Supreme Court in Roe, with great judicial arrogance, took the issue of abortion away from all 50 states and "federalized" the issue, deciding that somehow our Constitution contains a "fundamental" right to abortion. How can this be, you might ask, since the Constitution never mentions "abortion" or any concept or right roughly comparable to it. In fact, in the Declaration of Independence—the prism through which the Constitution must be read—Thomas Jefferson writes that we are all, not born, but "created equal and are endowed by our Creator with certain inalienable rights, among them, life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." Medical science

was primitive in Jefferson's time, but after nine months of pregnancy and awareness of the life in her womb, no mother—then or now—would ever say that her child was "created" at birth. And yet, this lethal legal violence toward the defenseless pre-born—the Child of the Sonogram—was declared by Roe to be a "fundamental constitutional right."

That is why the legal perversion at stake here involves much more than just a landmark decision that has no legal, scientific, or constitutional foundation. It also completely flouts and undermines the democratic principles of self-government set up by our Constitution. Further, it also damages the deeply-held Judeo-Christian belief in the sanctity and intrinsic value of life while also denying the scientific reality of life in the womb—America's most vulnerable and voiceless citizens, unborn girls and boys.

Current scientific and medical knowledge about unborn life is literally light years ahead of the medieval dark ages of prenatal science when Roe was decided in 1973.

At conception, it is a medical fact that an individual with a unique and completely different genetic code from the mother's is created; a new human being who is roughly 50 percent of the time, of a different gender than the mother, and often has a different blood type. The heart of this human being begins to beat at about 21 days after conception, and brain waves are emitted roughly 45 or 50 days after conception. At 10 weeks, the baby is about one and a half inches long and is perfectly formed, in need of only time, nourishment, protection—and love.

The question has never really been, when does life begin? But, rather, when does love begin?

Today, unborn children are operated on while still in the womb and long be-

fore birth for spina bifida and heart defects. How can a baby be a patient and not a person? So, on the critical issue of "when does life begin" the Supreme Court should "follow the science." (I've heard that somewhere ...).The Roe decision also puts a lie to the idea that, as boldly declared in the 5th and 14th Amendments, American citizens cannot be deprived of "life, liberty or property without due process of law." These unborn Americans have had no due process, they have committed no crime ... they've never even taken a breath. How can 9 unelected, life-tenured federal judges, in nothing more than an exercise in raw judicial power, determine the laws of—and the will of the people in—all 50 states.

Nevertheless, overturning Roe, or upholding the Mississippi 15-week ban, is a critically important first step toward vindication of the humanity of preborn Americans.

And we can only pray that, on a future beautiful and glorious day, as the persuasive power of medical science continues to make the humanity of the Child of the Sonogram more and more clear, and America's love and kindness for the weakest and most defenseless members of the human family finally makes the barbarity of abortion unthinkable, another state law will reach the Supreme Court and will be upheld as including pre-born Americans as citizens fully deserving of the protections of "life, liberty, and property" in all 50 states.

May the Supreme Court find the courage to right a nearly half century injustice and take this critical First Step, and then one day, the Second Step to grant millions of preborn Americans the most fundamental constitutional right—the Right to Life.

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EDITORIAL ROUNDUP

Hurricane season is ending, but the crisis endures for many

The end of hurricane season is always welcome hereabouts, so let's circle Nov. 30 on the calendar.

That's especially true this year, as most of southeast Louisiana was assaulted by Hurricane Ida. Ida and Hurricane Laura, which overwhelmed Lake Charles in 2020, tied for the distinction of being the most ferocious storms in terms of wind speed to hit our state since before the Civil War.

For many of us, the inconveniences of a hurricane end when the lights come back on,

which this summer took days or weeks.

But the end of the stormy weather should give us a chance to remember that for many of our neighbors, hurricane hardships are stretching into December and maybe beyond, as they struggle to rebuild their homes and their businesses.

Lake Charles and southwest Louisiana are still recovering from the 2020 hurricane season. They were promised support by two U.S. presidents, and when help arrived in the

form of a congressional appropriation, it was too small to cover the communities' towering needs.

"The amount of money that will eventually filter down to those who need it in southwest Louisiana is a pittance compared to the disaster relief packages that have come to other communities," said Nic Hunter, Lake Charles' mayor.

We fear the same disappointments await residents of Houma, Thibodaux and the River Parishes, which were in the crosshairs of Ida.

The lights are on, but the state has had slow going deploying trailers for homeowners with damage, and the federal government has been even slower.

Congress is dysfunctional, regardless of which party is in power, but when federal disaster support is tardy, residents are unable to return, businesses stay shut, communities atrophy.

THE (BATON ROUGE) ADVOCATE.

OTHER OPINION

Why Louisiana should lead the world in Bitcoin mining

ERIC PETERSON
Special to the Minden Press-Herald

Louisiana has long been a leading state in energy production. Our state is blessed with the energy resources that power portions of the United States and the rest of the world. While the oil and gas industry is used to power homes, cars, and other aspects of everyday life, they can also be channeled into energizing the growing Bitcoin mining industry. Louisiana can become a hub of not only oil and gas but of new and innovative industries by fostering partnerships in the Pelican State.

Bitcoins are the most widely known and valuable cryptocurrency with an estimated 46 million Americans owning some portion of a Bitcoin. Bitcoins are created through a process known as mining. When Bit-

coins transfer from one person to another, it's recorded on a digital ledger that requires computing power to facilitate. The computer that lends its computing power to record the transaction is rewarded with a small amount of Bitcoin. As the number of Bitcoins is capped at 21 million, the race to mine the remaining Bitcoins is on, especially as the price remains over \$50,000.

Bitcoin mining requires two major components. One is computing power for which Bitcoin miners build specialty purpose computers to generate. The other component is electricity. Since the process of mining can be energy intensive, the price of energy can dramatically affect the profitability of mining across the world.

This is where Louisiana has an advantage over every other state in the nation. A recent re-

port from the U.S. Energy Information Administration shows that Louisiana has the lowest average retail price for energy per kilowatt-hour (kWh) at 7.51 cents. This is more than three cents per kWh below the national average. Furthermore, Louisiana energy producers often have a lot of stranded energy assets such as natural gas that they literally dispose of by lighting on fire.

This energy could instead be productively used by partnering with Bitcoin mining companies. Through these partnerships, a new industry would be grown in Louisiana which in turn would bring more jobs for Louisianans. Also, wasted energy resources would instead be used in a productive way that betters the state economy.

Now would be the most opportune time for Louisiana to utilize its advantages in mining

Bitcoin. China, which previously hosted a large amount of mining activity, recently banned all activities related to Bitcoin. As a result, mining in China has essentially plummeted to 0 while mining in the United States has jumped to nearly 40% of all mining activity.

But American Bitcoin mining is not spread across the United States equally. States like New York, Kentucky, Georgia and Texas have been leading the way thanks to lower energy costs and access to low carbon energy. Given Louisiana's natural advantages, why has the state not become a hub for mining activity?

One reason is simply because political leaders have failed to make Bitcoin mining a priority. In Texas, Gov. Greg Abbott hosted meetings with Bitcoin mining associations on how miners can move their operations

to Texas. Texan political leaders believe that Bitcoin mining will not only create jobs, but strengthen the state's electrical grid and help prevent outages from occurring like they did last winter.

Political leaders in Louisiana should follow the leads of other states. It may only take a visionary political leader to meet with and sell Bitcoin enthusiasts on the potential of inexpensive and abundant energy to open the floodgates for a new industry to set up shop in Louisiana. It's time for Louisiana to embrace innovative new industries like Bitcoin. The marriage of Louisiana's natural resources and a new innovative industry can put Louisiana's economy on a new path to prosperity.

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LIFE

INSPIRATION

Awakening Storms Strengthen Us

“God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change change the things I can and the wisdom to know the difference.”

Recently I’ve found myself praying the alcoholics prayer which really calms my soul when I find myself in deep despair -- sometimes hardly knowing which end is up -- or when I find myself in despair as I hear all of the news



SARAH HUDSON-PIERCE

Because hardly a day passes without a national disaster or storm, I am led to share my personal belief -- that we often have to hit rock bottom before we begin to grow -- and that God uses storms to strengthen is.

I have been there. I should know.

Pain can be the tool to till our heart, to allow us to become who God wants us to be although we most likely will never reach that goal..

Having lost my father at an early age age, having known poverty, going to bed hungry every night, I learned early on what its to like to live on the edge of my existence. Being overwhelmed with sadness I cried myself to sleep at the orphanage, feeling so alone.

Had it not been for becoming a Christian before going into the sterile existence of this childcare institution I am not sure that I would be here to

share my story today.

But enough said about that for a moment.

Back in 1989 I met psychiatrist, Dr. Nathan Bender, when I spoke to the Downtown Shreveport Rotary Club. The theme of my talk that day was my ongoing belief that it takes experiencing deep pain before we start to grow. After my talk Dr. Bender approached me, telling me that a number of his patients had confirmed my belief, that it takes deep pain to cause us to reach within to begin our growth process.

Whether some people escape devastating pain I do not know. Perhaps it is because most of us don’t feel safe sharing our hurts with others, afraid of being hurt and gossiped about in the process of trying to be more human and open in our communication, that we never really know what others are going through.

Fortunately today we are less afraid of sharing our traumas.

Of course I know that we never get past the point of being guarded because it is only human to want to protect ourselves. After all we feel that we must first learn to find out if another is trust worthy before we unveil our pain.

I became more open

one step at a time as I tested the waters, seeing just how much truth others could be trusted with. I’ve been helped more often than I’ve been hurt.

It takes being a friend to have a friend.

Just knowing I have a few friends who would go the distance to help me in my emotional and physical needs has given me the strength to survive the wounds of my life.

We need each other. People are placed in our paths for a reason.

I must mention that a retired psychiatrist, Anne Redelfs, author of The Awakening Storm inspired the title of my story today. Having met her at the Marshall Christian Writer’s Conference in 2014 I was impressed with her story of surviving Katrina.

Anyway had it not been for the storms in my life I might be dull and boring even to myself but I am never bored -- not even when I am alone.

Knowing God is in control gives me the serenity to appreciate the life I’ve been blessed to experience and I I want to share my stories giving others the courage to share theirs one step at a time.

I am most grateful that God has always placed those people in my path when I need them the most to get me through the storms in my life.

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LIONS CLUB

‘Experimental aircraft’ the topic for Thursday’s Lions Club meeting



COURTESY PHOTO

Guest speaker for the Thursday, Dec. 9 meeting of the Minden Lions Club will be George Carroll. He will be speaking on the topic of experimental aircraft. George is a graduate of LSUS with a BS in mathematics. He is a former computer store owner and retired from LSUS following 30 years as a network administrator. George is the owner of Nautilus Information Technology, a managed service provider. George is past honorary wing commander, 343 Bomb Squadron, Barksdale Air Force Base. He serves on the citizens advisory board for Chemtrade Refinery Services, is a member of the Downtown Shreveport Rotary Club, and serves as president of the Experimental Aircraft Association - Shreveport Chapter 343. The Minden Lions Club meets Thursdays at noon at the American Legion Memorial Home, located at 119 Pine St. in Minden.

LIFE REMEMBERED

101-year-old returns to Pearl Harbor to remember those lost

HONOLULU (AP) — When Japanese bombs began falling on Pearl Harbor, U.S. Navy Seaman 1st Class David Russell first sought refuge below deck on the USS Oklahoma.

But a split-second decision on that December morning 80 years ago changed his mind, and likely saved his life.

“They started closing that hatch. And I decided to get out of there,” Russell, now 101, said in a recent interview.

Within 12 minutes his battleship would capsize under a barrage of torpedoes. Altogether 429 sailors and Marines from the Oklahoma would perish — the greatest death toll from any ship that day other than the USS Arizona, which lost 1,177.

Russell plans to return to Pearl Harbor on Tuesday for a ceremony in remembrance of the more than 2,300 American troops killed in the Dec. 7, 1941, attack that launched the U.S. into World War II.

About 30 survivors and 100 other veterans from the war are expected to observe a moment of silence at 7:55 a.m., the minute the attack began.

Survivors, now in their late 90s or older, stayed home last year due to the coronavirus pandemic and watched a livestream of the event instead.

Russell is traveling to Hawaii with the Best Defense Foundation, a non-profit founded by former NFL Linebacker Donnie Edwards that helps World War II veterans revisit their old battlefields.

He recalls heading topside when the attack started because he was trained to load anti-aircraft guns and figured he could help if any other loader got hurt.

But Japanese torpedo planes dropped a series of underwater missiles that pummeled the Oklahoma before he could get there. Within 12 minutes, the hulking battleship capsized.

“Those darn torpedoes,

they just kept hitting us and kept hitting us. I thought they’d never stop,” Russell said. “That ship was dancing around.”

Russell clambered over and around toppled lockers while the battleship slowly rolled over.

“You had to walk sort of sideways,” he said.

Once he got to the main deck, he crawled over the ship’s side and eyed the USS Maryland moored next door. He didn’t want to swim because leaked oil was burning in the water below. Jumping, he caught a rope hanging from the Maryland and escaped to that battleship without injury.

He then helped pass ammunition to the Maryland’s anti-aircraft guns.

After the battle, Russell and two others went to Ford Island, next to where the battleships were moored, in search of a bathroom. A dispensary and enlisted quarters there had turned into a triage center and place of refuge for hundreds of wounded, and they found horribly burned sailors lining the walls. Many would die in the hours and days ahead.

“Most of them wanted a cigarette, and I didn’t smoke at that time but I, uh, I got a pack of cigarettes and some matches, and I lit their cigarettes for them,” Russell said. “You feel for those guys, but I couldn’t do anything. Just light a cigarette for ‘em and let ‘em puff the cigarettes.”

Russell still thinks about how lucky he was. He ponders why he decided to go topside on the Oklahoma, knowing most of the men who stayed behind likely were unable to get out after the hatch closed.

In the first two days after the bombing, a civilian crew from the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard rescued 32 men trapped inside the Oklahoma by cutting holes in its hull. But many others perished. Most of those who died were buried in anonymous Honolulu graves marked as

“unknowns” because their remains were too degraded to be identified by the time they were removed from the ship between 1942 and 1944.

In 2015, the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency exhumed 388 sets of these remains in hopes of identifying them with the help of DNA technology and dental records. They succeeded with 361.

Russell’s brother-in-law was among them. Fireman 1st Class Walter “Boone” Rogers was in the fireroom, which got hit by torpedoes, Russell said. The military identified his remains in 2017, and he’s since been reburied at Arlington National Cemetery.

Russell remained in the Navy until retiring in 1960. He worked at Air Force bases for the next two decades and retired for good in 1980.

His wife, Violet, passed away 22 years ago, and he now lives alone in Albany, Oregon. He drives himself to the grocery store and the local American Legion post in a black Ford Explorer while listening to polka music at top volume. When he’s not hanging out with other veterans at the legion, he reads military history and watches TV. He keeps a stack of 500-piece puzzles to keep his mind sharp.

For decades, Russell didn’t share much about his experiences in World War II because no one seemed to care. But the images from Pearl Harbor still haunt him, especially at night.

“When I was in the VA hospital there in San Francisco, they said, ‘We want you to talk about World War II.’ And I said, I told them, I said, ‘When we talk about it, people don’t believe us. They just walk away.’ So now people want to know more about it so we’re trying to talk about it. We’re trying to talk about it, and we’re just telling them what we saw,” he said. “You can’t forget it.”

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SPORTS



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Crimson Tide to play at Airline

Minden High School head boys basketball coach Rennie Bailey (right), pictured talking to players Stafford Bailey (15) and Kell Hawk (20) will lead his Crimson Tide into action at Airline tonight. The Tide stands at 1-4 on the season while Airline is 4-1. The girls game is scheduled for a 6 p.m. start with the boys contest beginning around 7:30 p.m.

Lady Techsters take down Mississippi Valley State

Minden Press-Herald Sports Service

RUSTON — Anna Larr Roberson, Keiunna Walker and Jadona Davis combined for 39 points as the Louisiana Tech women’s basketball team took down Mississippi Valley State, 69-56, Sunday afternoon inside the Thomas Assembly Center.

The Lady Techsters improved to 6-2 overall with the win, while Mississippi Valley State fell to 0-6 overall with the loss.

Defense controlled the first five minutes of the opening quarter as the Lady Techsters forced the Devilettes into tough shot after tough shot, leading Mississippi Valley State to open the contest 2-of-12 (16.7%). Tech meanwhile struggled with the Devilettes’ pressure, committing five turnovers. The result was an 8-4 Devilette lead with 5:30 remaining in the first quarter.

Sophomore Lotte Sant provided a spark off the bench for the Lady Techsters with back-to-back 3-point baskets to push Tech out in front 10-8 with 3:24 remaining in the opening period. A pair of jumpers down the stretch by Davis gave LA Tech a 16-13 advantage



PHOTO: COURTESY LA TECH COMMUNICATIONS

Louisiana Tech’s Jadona Davis (white jersey) scored a season-high 10 points and tied her season-high with four rebounds during Sunday’s win over Mississippi Valley State.

after the first quarter.

The Lady Techsters extended their lead out to as much as five at 27-22 midway through the second quarter with a layup by freshman Silvia Nativi. The Devilettes responded with a quick 5-0 burst to even the score at 27-27 with 3:19 left in the second stanza. Tech used a layups by Davis, Walker and Roberson to take a 34-29 lead into the locker room.

Tech came out of the break with a bunch of energy, sparking a 13-2 run to extend its lead out to 47-33 with 4:19 remaining in the third period.

Five different Lady Techsters contributed to the run, led by four points from Roberson and freshman Robyn Lee. The Devilettes cut

the deficit down to six at 47-41 with a 8-0 run of their own, before Tech extended the lead back out to 51-41 at the end of the third quarter.

Mississippi Valley State hung around with a pair of three by Kerrigan Johnson to cut Tech’s advantage down to 53-47 with 7:34 left in the game. Another 7-0 spurt for the Lady Techsters, including a pair of baskets by Roberson lifted LA Tech to a 64-51 lead and a 69-56 win over the Devilettes.

LA Tech improves to 2-0 all-time against Mississippi Valley State, with both wins coming inside the Thomas Assembly Center.

Tech also improved to 36-2 all-time against current members of the Southwestern Athletic Conference.

LSU bound for Texas Bowl

Tigers set to face Kansas St. on Dec. 4

Minden Press-Herald

BATON ROUGE — LSU will play in a bowl game for the 21st time in 22 years as the Tigers have been selected to face Kansas State in the 2022 TaxAct Texas Bowl, the Southeastern Conference announced on Sunday.

The TaxAct Texas Bowl – played at the home of the NFL’s Houston Texans in NRG Stadium – will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 4. Kickoff is scheduled for 8 p.m. CT and the game will be televised on ESPN.

LSU enters the contest riding a two-game winning streak and with a 6-6 overall record. The Tigers became bowl-eligible



with a 27-24 win over Texas A&M in the season finale.

“Our football team fought hard down the stretch of the regular season to qualify for bowl competition, and we are proud they will be able to extend their season at the Texas Bowl,” LSU Director of Athletics Scott Woodward said. “We know our fans will be excited to see the Tigers back in NRG Stadium, and our players will be eager to take the field for a primetime matchup on national tele-

vision.”

LSU will appear in the Texas Bowl for the second time as the Tigers beat Texas Tech, 56-27, in its other appearance in 2015. Overall, LSU has played in 52 bowl games, which includes a pair of games in the College Football Playoffs in 2019, and has an overall mark of 28-23-1 in postseason games.

The Kansas State matchup will be just the second meeting between the teams with LSU leading the series 1-0. LSU beat the Wildcats, 21-0, in the second game of the 1980 season in Tiger Stadium. Kansas State, a member of the Big 12, is 7-5 overall.



PHOTO: COURTESY LA TECH COMMUNICATIONS

Kenneth Lofton Jr. (with ball) led Louisiana Tech with a game-best 31 points and 14 rebounds as the Bulldogs won 78-57 at Santa Clara on Saturday.

Dunkin’ Dogs victorious at Santa Clara, 78-75

Minden Press-Herald Sports Service

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — Kenneth Lofton, Jr. recorded a game-high 31 points and 14 rebounds and Louisiana Tech went a perfect 13-of-13 from the foul line, including four big makes in the final 10 seconds, to come away with a 78-75 victory over Santa Clara on Saturday inside the Leavey Center.

Lofton was a game-time decision to play in the game due to injury. But the power forward made the start and was unstoppable yet again in registering his second 30-point, 10-rebound game in the past week.

LA Tech (6-2) took its first lead with 9:10 to go in the first half and held it until Santa Clara (6-3) clawed back to tie it up at 66-66 with 2:47 to play.

Lofton then took over, scoring the Bulldogs next eight points including an emphatic two-handed slam dunk to give the vis-

itors a 74-69 edge with 22 seconds to go.

The Broncos would not go away though as Keshawn Justice hit a tough 3-pointer on the ensuing play to get them back to within two. The home squad was then forced to foul to put LA Tech on the free-throw line, which is where Cobe Williams hit nothing but net on both attempts on the 1-and-1. Amorie Archibald did the same to give the Bulldogs a 78-75 lead with two seconds remaining. Justice attempted a game-tying three that was off target, giving LA Tech its second road win of the season.

The ‘Dogs got down 15-7 early, but ended up using a 10-0 run to help open up a 29-21 lead. They ended up taking a 33-32 advantage into the locker room at halftime.

“We talk about being gritty and tough and we were that today,” said Tech coach Eric Konkol. “After the crazy travel day

we had yesterday and not being able to practice. The guys showed a lot of mental toughness, making big shots down the stretch. It was a very physical game. Santa Clara worked with a lot of different speed and length to try to keep the ball out of the paint, but Junior finished so many players. His teammates kept looking for him and did a great job.”

Santa Clara came into the game ranked top 15 in the country in field goal percentage and 3-point field goal percentage. LA Tech limited them to 41 percent shooting from the field and 27 percent from deep on their home floor. Jalen Williams recorded 28 points and Justice had 14.

The Bulldogs shot 42 percent (29-of-69) and made seven of their 22 3-point attempts, three coming from Exavian Christon who finished with a season-high nine points.

No. 17 UConn cruises past Grambling State, 88-59

STORRS, Conn. (AP) — No. 17 UConn got a chance to show its depth on Saturday, playing without two injured starters who will be sidelined for the next several weeks.

R.J. Cole scored 18 points and freshman Jordan Hawkins added 15 to step up and help the Huskies rout Grambling State 88-59.

Isaiah Whaley had 12 points and eight rebounds, and Akok Akok chipped in with 10 for the Huskies (8-1), who are off to the program’s best start



since going 9-0 to open the 2013-14 season.

Starting guard Tyrese Martin missed his second game as he deals with an avulsion fracture of his left wrist, which is expected to keep him out for at least two weeks. Forward Adama Sanogo suffered an abdominal strain and

possible tear in a win Tuesday, and is expected to miss at least three weeks.

“That’s the point of the strength of the pack,” said Cole, who also had seven assists, five rebounds and four steals. “Everybody steps up at any given moment, no matter what the situation is. So, we just told each other that out there, just stay together, stick to our identity and everything will work out.”

Cameron Christon scored all 18 of his points for Grambling State (3-

6) before being injured in the first half, while A.J. Taylor added 10 points and 10 rebounds.

The Huskies led by 17 points at halftime and took its first 20-point lead, 58-36 on 3-pointer by Hawkins less than 5 minutes into the second half. A 3-pointer by Akok made it 72-42.

UConn went on an opening 17-6 run, highlighted by a pair of 3s for Hawkins and Akok converting a lob dunk and a free throw.

The Tigers’ Christon

converted his first four 3-pointers and seven of his 10 shots to keep Grambling in the game, but he had to be helped from the floor after taking an elbow to the head late in the half.

“The way he shot the ball today, he was lights out,” said GSU coach Donte Jackson. “He was making shots left and right and the tough part is that he was carrying us, and in the second half we had to figure out how to keep going from there and we kind of got a little deflated.”

UConn forced 13 first-half turnovers, converting those into 18 points.

The Huskies closed the first half on a 15-4 run, turning a 32-26 lead into a 47-30 advantage at the break.

After Grambling hit 11 of 22 shots in the first half, the Huskies held them to 10 of 31 (32.3%) in the second.

UConn had 19 second-chance points to just four for the Tigers, and out-rebounded Grambling 48-33, including 22-9 on the offensive end.



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Misty Wood, like Barney Fife, had only one bullet when she downed this big buckbeat her to it.

Wood bags buck with last bullet

GLYNN HARRIS
Special to the Minden Press-Herald

One of my favorite television characters was the bumbling, fumbling, ego-driven deputy sheriff in Mayberry.

Of course, I’m talking about Andy Griffith’s deputy, Barney Fife.

One of the outstanding characteristics of Fife was the fact that he was allowed to have a firearm, but Andy had limited him to a single bullet.

When I heard Misty Wood tell her story about a big nine-point buck she got on Nov. 13, I was immediately reminded of Barney Fife and his single bullet. Details to follow.

“I hunt on our family’s property in Lincoln Parish, an 80-acre tract located west of Ruston. I had developed an interest in a big buck that had been show-

ing up on our game cameras for the past month,” Wood said.

Wood, who is a special education teacher’s aide at Choudrant Elementary School, lives in Simsboro with her husband and two daughters. On the morning of Saturday November 13, she had planned to go hunting but since it was quite chilly that morning, she decided to sleep in.

“I really didn’t want to go because it was cold that morning,” Wood said. My husband, though, insisted that I get up and go get on my stand. Knowing the buck had been showing up on camera between midnight and 6:00, he felt like this might be a good day for him to show up. The buck had actually appeared on camera a little after 6:30 recently so he thought I might have a chance at him, so I got up, got dressed and

headed for my stand. He stayed home to watch after our youngest daughter.”

Getting to the woods just before daylight, Wood climbed into her box stand that sits in an 18 year old pine plantation. Shooting lanes have been cleared and a corn feeder set up out from the stand and rice bran is placed on the ground near the feeder.

“I got settled in and was playing with my phone waiting until it got daylight. After it started getting light, I looked up and saw two does and a yearling at the feed. I was watching them for a while when suddenly a good buck stepped out. I finally got my scope on him but I was shaking so bad I had to settle down before taking the shot. I shot and the deer fell,” Wood said.

This is when the story gets interesting. The buck was down but not out and a

second shot was needed to finish the job.

“My problem was this was the only bullet I had for my 7mm 08 rifle and all I could do was watch. I texted my daughter, Daisy, who was sitting on another stand 10 minutes away and told her to hurry over and bring her rifle. She did and I was able to finish the job on the buck,” she said.

The buck was a 9 point with an impressive inside spread of 20 4/8 inches. Main beams were 23 and 21 inches with bases over 4 inches. The buck, aged at 4 ½ weighed 175 pounds.

The buck was taken to Simmons Sporting Goods in Bastrop where it was scored at 142 7/8 inches. The buck unofficially sits at the top of the women’s category for the store’s big buck contest.

Now that Misty Wood has used her last bullet, is her

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 – Crappie fishing has been best fishing around the submerged tops in the river, fishing 12-15 feet deep in 18-20 foot water on shiners or jigs. Bass are fair in the cuts and in deep holes on soft plastics, crank baits and Rat-L-Traps. For the 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 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 wa-

ter 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 – Jigging 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 nightcrawlers. No report on catfish. For information contact Hooks Marina at 249-2347, Terzia Tackle at 278-4498 or the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

LAKE POVERTY POINT – Catfishing has been fair to good with mostly smaller fish being caught. Crappie are biting off and on around the boat slips on shiners or jigs. The was no report on bass. For the 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 – LAKE YUCATAN – The water is slowly falling. Crappie have been fair with shiners working better than jigs. No report on bass or catfish. For information, call Surplus City Landing at 318-467-2259.

hunting season over?

“No,” she said.

“My dad found a box of 7mm 08 bullets in his cabinet so I’m not about to have

my season end.”

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Powell’s career-high 33 points leads Ladies to big road win

Minden Press-Herald Sports Service

The Centenary women’s basketball team picked up a huge road win on Saturday afternoon as the Ladies defeated the Birmingham-Southern College Panthers, 89-82, at Bill Battle Coliseum.

The Ladies (2-6) snapped their six-game losing streak and won on the road for the first time since a 64-55 win at Dallas on Feb. 5, 2019. The Panthers fell to 4-4 with the loss. Saturday was the third all-time meeting between the Ladies and Panthers and first since 2017.

Birmingham-Southern began the game on an 8-0 run but a jumper by Powell tied the game at 12-12 with 4:28 remaining in the first quarter. A layup by Tremie with 1:16 remaining gave the Ladies their first lead of the game at 18-16. A trey by Powell with just seven seconds remaining in the first quarter gave the Ladies a 26-18 lead and then they maintained a safe lead throughout the second quarter.

Centenary took a 54-38 lead at halftime, shooting over 52 % in both the first and second quarter. The Ladies connected on 9-17 attempts in the first quarter (52.9%) and 11-21 in the second quarter (52.4 %). The Maroon and White were hot from beyond the arc early, making 4-5 attempts in the first 10 minutes and made 1-2 in the second quarter.

Junior Destini Powell, a product of Minden

High School, poured in a career-high 33 points to lead the Ladies as she made 11-26 shot attempts overall in 39 minutes and was 3-8 from three-point range. Powell also made 8-11 from the free throw line and grabbed a game-high 16 rebounds. The 33 points is the most scored by a Ladies player in a single game in the division III era (2012-present) and is tied for the third-most points in a single game in program history and is the most points scored by a Centenary player in 17 years. Penny Brill scored 33 on Feb. 16, 1984 and Laura Kizyte did so on Nov. 19, 2004.

Powell’s previous career high in points was 26 which she accomplished twice. She did so as a freshman on Feb. 8, 2020 at Texas Lutheran and last weekend at Ozarks in a 79-58 loss on Nov. 27. Saturday marked Powell’s first double-double of the season and the third time she has reached double figures.

Sophomore guard Addy Tremie (Sulphur) also had a fantastic game as she scored 20 in 37 minutes on 7-14 shooting. She was 3-5 from beyond the arc and 3-3 from the free throw line with 11 rebounds. She reached double figures for the fifth time this season and recorded her first double-double of the season.

Junior F Jazzmyn Jones (Normangee, Texas) joined Powell and Tremie in double figures as she added 14 in 23 minutes and grabbed

six rebounds. She was 4-6 overall from the floor, made six free throws, and tallied one assist. Freshman G Dymon Drumgo (Alexandria, La.) scored six points in 26 minutes, making 3-8 shots overall and grabbed six rebounds. Drumgo added two steals and one assist.

Junior F Amelia Bagwell (West Monroe), freshman G Mary Leday (Opelousas), senior G Jennae Mayberry (Clovis, California), and freshman F Katelyn Simon (Lafayette) each scored four points. Bagwell played just 12 minutes but grabbed eight rebounds on 2-5 shooting overall. She had a pair of assists and a steal.

Leday added three rebounds and two assists along with her four points in 22 minutes on 2-5 shooting. Mayberry played 34 minutes and collected eight rebounds with two assists and two steals. Simon played six minutes and was 2-2 overall and grabbed one rebound.

The Ladies shot 45.2% for the game, their best shooting percentage in a game this season, and went 6-13 (46.2%) from beyond the arc. Centenary’s only offensive struggles came at the free throw line where the Maroon and White went just 17-27.

Centenary had a massive advantage on the boards, grabbing a season-high 64 to just 44 for the Panthers. Six Ladies grabbed at least six rebounds with 42 coming on the defensive end and 22 on the offensive end.



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Former Minden High School standout Desti Powell (right) poured in a career-high 33 points to lead Centenary to a win at Birmingham-Southern College on Saturday.

The Ladies finished with a 38-34 edge in points in the paint and each team wound up with 17 second-chance points. Birmingham-Southern scored 19 fast break points while the Ladies had only two. The Panthers’ bench contributed 37 points while the Ladies’ reserves scored 14.

Birmingham-Southern struggled offensively, shooting just 32.1% overall from the floor and were woeful from 3-point range, making just 9-51

attempts for 17.6%. The Panthers were 19-27 from the free throw line and turned the ball over 21 times while Centenary gave it away 33 times.

McKenna Buckner scored 21 points to lead the Panthers and was the lone BSC player to score in double digits. Seven Panthers scored at least five points and Brooke Westhoelter grabbed seven rebounds to lead the Panthers.

The Panthers outscored the Ladies 24-20

in the third quarter to cut Centenary’s advantage to 74-62 entering the final 10 minutes. A trey by Buckner got the Panthers within four, 79-75, at the 2:39 mark, but the Ladies responded with six straight points.

Powell hit four free throws and Leday made a layup. The Ladies were solid at the free throw line in the fourth quarter, making six of nine. Powell was clutch at the line in the final quarter, sinking six of seven attempts.

FUN & GAMES

CROSSWORD

- ACROSS

1 Chimed

5 Misfortunes

9 Binge

12 Initial chip

13 Oxidation result

14 Hot temper

15 "Home Alone" actor

17 "Ben-Hur" studio

18 Social standing

19 Office notes

21 — d'art

24 Neat

25 Debtors' notes

26 Spandex-like

30 JFK's veep

31 Tennis star Becker

32 "Yoo- —!"

33 Made more powerful

35 TV alien

36 Cartoon frames

37 Famed frontiersman
- 38 Taj —

40 Greek letters

42 Docs' bloc

43 "You Are So Beautiful" singer

48 Thither

49 Hammett pooch

50 Mighty trees

51 Assoc. designer

52 Regretted

53 Pukes
- DOWN

1 "The Big Bang Theory" role

2 Year in Madrid

3 To the — degree

4 Literary categories

5 Tehran's country

6 Galoot

7 Leary's drug

8 Thwarts

9 High-fashion shoe

10 Jason's ship

11 Jewels

16 Garfield, for one

20 D.C. summer hrs.

21 Fixes a squeak

22 Newsom of baseball lore

23 "Nightline" anchor

24 Stumble

26 Freshens the lawn, say

27 Capote nickname

28 Trumpet

29 Oxen's burden

31 Vacuum container

34 Pod

35 Kremlin setting

37 Life story

38 BLT spread

39 Roman god of love

40 "Pistol" of basketball

41 Large amount

44 Buckeyes' sch.

45 Chiang —-shek

46 Heart chart (Abbr.)

47 Blog feed abbr.

Solution time: 22 mins.

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Level: Beginner

Here's How It Works:

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

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ANSWER:

COMICS

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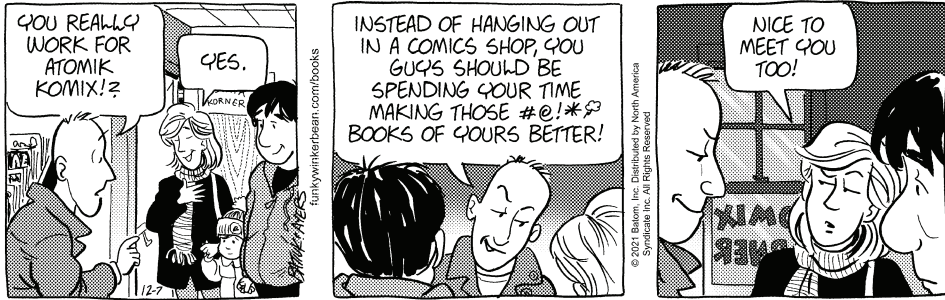
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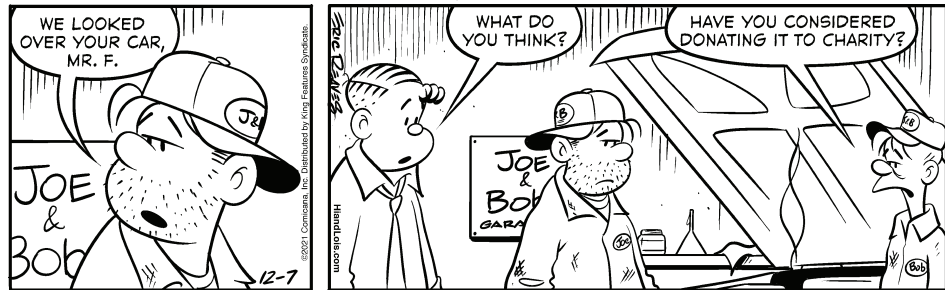
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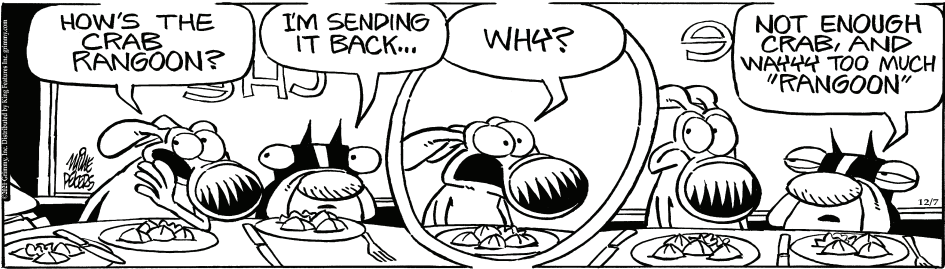
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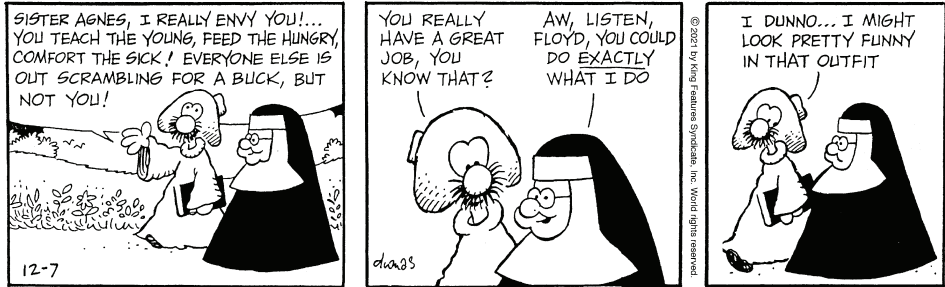
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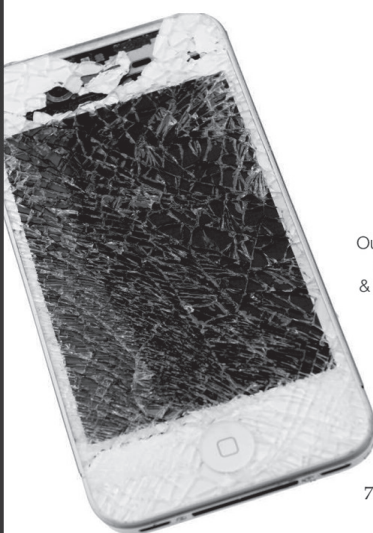
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