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COUNCIL MEETING

Juvenile curfew shutdown with 3-2

vote

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The juvenile curfew ordinance was one of the topics of note during the December Minden City Council Meeting. This ordinance has

been in development over recent months, spurred on by the Safety Initiative Program, which has been working to put forth legislation to curb the recent uptick in crime the City

of Minden has experienced.

"Along with the safety initiative program, the city attorney, and city judge, we have worked tirelessly on a piece of legislation to help lower juvenile and gang-related that are plaguing our city streets," said Justin Smith, President of the Minen Police Association.

'This curfew will give police officers the tools they need to help prevent juveniles from committing or being a victim of violent or destructive crimes. Will this solve the whole problem? where you going, what's No. But it's the first step and an immediate short term and low-cost solution for a very long term

problem that is plaguing our city."

However, some members of the public gave their input, questioning the intentions of the new ordinance and whether it would be effective in its goal of curtailing crime.

Local citizen Dennis Miles said during the meet-ing, "I'm going to ask the council not to go with that curfew." "I have yet to

hear any fact of

the crime that happens from 10 pm to 5 am in the morning. Haven't heard any statistics. I hear that we have a juvenile problem."

"This curfew is an invasion of privacy. How are you going to ascertain who is seventeen and under? You're going to be stopping everybody who looks like they're 17 and under," said Miles.

"No laws are being broken. You see somebody after 10 pm and you think that they're 17 or under. You're going to stop them, ask them for id, where you've been,

DOWNTOWN Christmas in Minden this weekend

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Christmas in Minden is returning back and bigger than ever this year, with countless events taking place all throughout Minden on Saturday, ensuring that everyone can take part in the Christmas season.

The event kicks off Friday evening with the Holiday Trail of Lights Hayride. New this year, the havride will feature tour guides, explaining the significance behind many of the houses and landmarks within Minden's historic district. The Hayride is free, and will start at 6 PM in front of the Minden Civic Center. As a bonus treat, the Young Women's Service Club will be serving Hot Chocolate for \$1 during this time as well, to keep the people warm as they wait in line for the tractor's return.

Saturday is the day most events will be king place, starting bright and early at 9 AM at Geaux Fresh with Brunch and Brunch and Photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Children can use this opportunity to give their Christmas wish lists to Santa in person before he makes his yearly deliveries. Parents can use the opportunity to get some holiday photos as well.

For those an



Countless Christmas activities for all ages to enjoy will be taking place throughout Downtown for the return of the Annual Christmas in Minden event.

help event-goers start the day off right.

Starting at noon, the Wimberly agency will be hosting a Smores Bar. Event goer can build their own smores, and roast their own marshmallows over the fire, providing a nice way to warm up between Christmas activities.

Starting at 1 PM, experience classic holiday magic by listening to the enchanting reading of Twas the Night Before Christmas taking place in front of the Stewart Center. The Shreveport Symphony will play in between reading and interactive games to follow. They will also feature a self-guided Book walk that will be set up along Main Street from MMC to the library.

Also at 1 PM, Eastside Missionary Baptist Church will be holding a performance of "Christmas begins with Christ featuring Charlie Brown and Friends." Hot chocolate and cookies will be served following the matinee performance. A second performance will be held Sunday starting at 6 very own ornament keepsake to take home and hang on their tree. Kids **Ornament Crafting & Face** Painting. All supplies are provided by Main Street. Starting at 2 pm, free face painting will also be made available.

For the kids that can't stop stirring while they wait for Santa to come this way, the City of Minden will be hosting a North Pole Children's Area from 10 PM to 2 PM in the Civic Center parking lot, will activities for all ages in cluding Bounce Houses, Pony Rides and more! Throughout the day

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in your pockets. It's all an invasion of privacy." Given the line of ques-

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appetite for brunch, the Broken Bean will be serving festive cups of hot chocolate or coffee to pm.

Between 1pm to 4 pm, families should be sure to drop by City Artworks, where kids can craft their See, CHRISTMAS, Page 2

COVID

House committee rejects rule adding COVID-19 vaccine to Louisiana's K-12 immunization list

(The Center Square) The Louisiana House Health and Welfare Committee has rejected a Louisiana Department of Health rule that would have added approved COVID-19 vaccines to the list of required immunizations for children to attend K-12 schools.

The committee's bipartisan 13-2 vote sets up a potential showdown with Gov. John Bel Edwards, who has said he will override the Louisiana Legislature if necessary.

Monday's hearing coincided with a regulatory rule process that began in September and managed to avoid any previous public hearing or public comments during the required comment period. Critics have alleged the proposed rule has been designed to avoid backlash.

Monday's marathon meeting was an opportunity for state lawmakers in the GOP-controlled Legislature to express concerns as well as confront State Health Officer Joseph Kanter, who appeared with the Department of Health's top lawyer and a department epidemiologist.

Nearly two dozen legislators testified before the committee, along with House Speaker Clay Schexnayder, R-Gonza-les; Attorney General Jeff Landry; vaccine skeptic Robert Kennedy Jr.; and an estimated 200 parents and state residents who submitted public comment requests – the vast majority of whom spoke in opposition to the school vaccine mandate.

Schexnayder opened the eight-hour hearing by saying the proposal was "a line in the sand."

"I am not an anti-vac-cine person," he said. "I never imagined that before COVID I would have to come and take a stand against the administration on mandating a shot for school-age students against the will of their

parents."

Landry asserted the Edwards administration effort, which would have the force of law, violates the Health Department's legislatively-delegated authority.

Landry said the department only can require vaccines that "prevent" disease and COVID-19 vaccinations do not stop fully vaccinated individuals from getting infected or transmitting the virus.

"I'm asking you to take back the police powers of this state," Landry said. "We cannot allow the executive branch to bypass the constitutional responsibilities of this Legislature by allowing them to create policy in law using executive fiat. That is absolutely the job you are charged with doing.

Robert Kennedy Jr., chairman of the Children's Health Defense nonprofit and son of late U.S. Attorney General Robert Kennedy, gave a presentation warning of

adverse COVID-19 vaccination effects.

accused Kennedv vaccine-maker Pfizer of skewing data during shortened clinical trials and said the U.S. Food and Drug Administra-tion rushed to approve an "experimental product." Kanter later called the presentation "gross misinformation.

Kanter thanked the Health Department's roughly 7,000 employees and affiliated health officials during his opening statement and objected to calling the proposed vac-

cine rule a "mandate." Citing broad opt-out provisions, Kanter said, This rule change is a priority for the Department of Health because we believe the loss of life endured throughout the 21 months of this pandemic, and particularly the loss of young life, has simply been untenable."

"Vaccines are our single greatest tool to fight back against COVID-19's profound toll," he said.

The rule would apply to 16- and 17-year-olds but would extend to students as young as age 5 pending FDA approval. Rep. Julie Emerson, R-Carencro, said the way the rule is written, the Legislature would not have an opportunity to weigh-in at that time.

Rep. Laurie Schlegel, R-Metairie, said that as former pharmaceutical company employee, she was "far from an antivaxxer," but the issue centered on "parental rights." Rep. Kathy Edmonston, R-Gonzales, said Louisi-ana would join California as the only states mandating COVID-19 vaccines for K-12 in-person learning if the rule was final-

ized. "I have had numerous conversations, phone calls, social media responses, emails and a survey in my district. I have not had one person tell me that the COVID shot should be added to

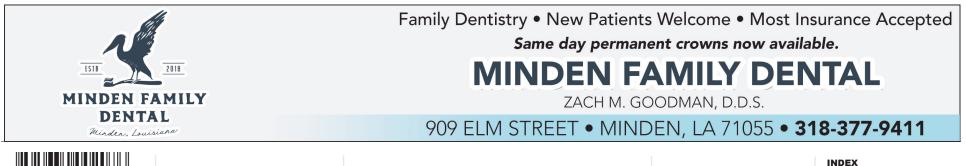
the schedule," Edmonston said.

Rep. Dustin Miller, D-Opelousas, thanked Kanter and the Health Department officials in attendance for their "courage and compassion" during the pandemic.

Miller asked Stephen Russo, the department's top lawyer, whether Edwards and Kanter could have simply exercised their public health emergency powers to require COVID-19 vaccines in schools instead of implementing it through the Administrative Procedures Act.

"Yes, sir, I believe we could have," Russo said.

Rep. Kenny Cox, D-Natchitoches, asked how many children had died since the pandemic. A department epidemiologist said 125,000 children had tested positive and 18 had died, of which 14 had comorbidities.





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LDH reports 3 additional probable Omicron variant cases in Louisiana

BATON ROUGE (Dec. 8, 2021) -- The Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) is reporting 3 additional probable cases of the Omicron variant of CO-VID-19 in Louisiana.

One of the cases involves an individual in Region 4 (Acadiana area) who traveled internationally. This individual did not require hospitalization.

The other 2 cases involve individuals in Region 1 (Greater New Orleans area). We do not have additional information on these two cases at this time.

This brings the total number of Omicron cases in our state to 4 - 3 probable and one

confirmed. The first Omicron case in Louisiana was identified on Dec. 3.

"These new cases of Omicron should serve as a reminder of the ongoing threat of CO-VID especially as we get ready to gather for the holidays," said State Health Officer Dr. Joseph Kanter. "The best way to protect yourself and your loved ones is get vaccinated and get the booster."

The CDC and LDH recommend everyone 5 years of age and older get vaccinated and that everyone 18 years of age and older get a booster if eligible. The CDC also recommends wearing a mask in cer-

tain settings.

On Nov. 26, 2021, the World Health Organization (WHO) classified a new variant, B.1.1.529, as a Variant of Concern and has named it Omicron. This new variant was first reported to the WHO by government officials in South Africa. Since that time, it has been detected in 50 countries and more than 19 states.

Information is still emerging, but Omicron includes multiple mutations across the SARS-CoV-2 genome. There is concern this new variant may be more transmissible than previous strains and that Omicron may

carry an increased risk of reinfection compared to other variants of concern. We expect to learn more about Omicron in the coming days.

LDH has established a network of laboratories to conduct genomic sequencing on positive SARS-CoV-2 specimens in order to track circulating SARS-CoV-2 lineages, including newly emerging variants such as Omicron. Epidemiologists, laboratorians and researchers will continue to closely monitor these data in order to continue to identify Omicron cases in Louisiana.

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Christmas: Parade begins at 5pm downtown

from 10 am to 4 pm, be sure to take a stroll down Minden's brick streets and check out the businesses taking part in Minden Main Street's Storefront/Window Decorating Contest. It's also a great time to shop for Christmas presents, stop for a meal or beverage, all the while, delighting in our Historic Downtown.

Another contest taking place is the Mistletoe Town Tree Decorating Contest hosted by Minden Medical Center. In the Minden Medical Pavilion parking lot starting at 4 pm, beautifully decorated Christmas trees will be featured for families o go and take some nice holiday pictures with. Attendees will also be able to vote on their favorite Christmas tree decorated by local businesses. Also, from 3 pm to 5 pm, pictures with the Grinch from "The Grinch Who Stole Christmas" will be able to be taken at Foot

Open House & Bake Sale. Taking place at their office on 402 Broadway Street from 3 pm to 5 pm, stop in to support their cause and choose from homemade cookies, cakes, pies, candies, cupcakes, jams, jellies and more!

Starting at 5 pm in Downtown Minden, the Minden Christmas Parade. This year's theme will be "Twas The Night Before Christmas." The parade will begin at the corner of Elm Street and East and West Street and end at the same location. After the parade con-



cludes, head over to the front of the Minden Civic

will be announced.

Minden this Saturday to This weekend, all that find all matter of holiday

and Ankle Specialist.

For those waiting to grab a sweet treat before the Christmas Parade, stop by Seeds Women's Center for their Christmas

Center for the lighting of is to be enjoyed about the Minden's Christmas Tree. Here the winners of the Parade, Storefront Contest, and Christmas Tree Decorating Contest

the Christmas season can be found all throughout Minden. One will need not but take a leisurely stroll through downtown

cheer being shared by one and all. A time to come together, and celebrate a time of year that's near and dear to everyone's hearts.



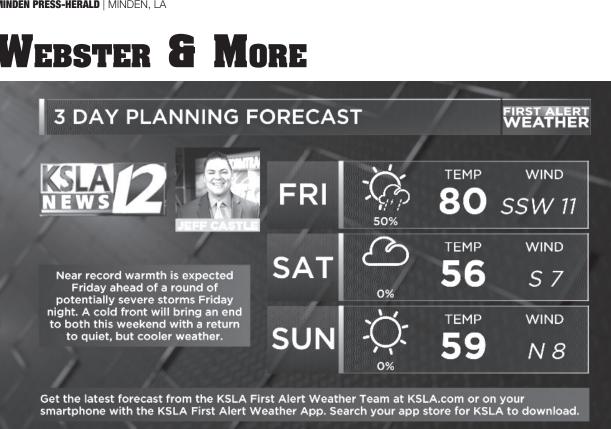
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OBITUARIES



Willie Davis Moore

Celebration of Life Services for Willie Davis Moore will be held Saturday, December 11th at 10:00 A.M. at St. Rest Baptist Church with Rev. Gwendolyn Pabon, officiating. Interment will follow at the Pilgrim

Rest B.C. Cemetery.

Willie D. Moore was born April 27, 1943 in Sibley, Louisiana to Phillip Larry Moore and Leonna Hall Moore. Willie accepted Christ at an early age. In his latter years, he united with the Mt. Zion CME Church where he was a dedicated member of the Male Chorus and Men's Ministry.

Willie D. was a member of the 1962 class of Webster High School where he was a stellar pitcher for the Mighty Wolves baseball team. He was employed by McInnis Construction for forty-five years before retiring. Willie was also an avid fisherman.

Willie Davis Moore departed this earthly life on December 6th in Bossier City, Louisiana. He was preceded in death by his parents; grandson, Jon C. Moore; great granddaughter, Tijah McGlothen; siblings: Ellis Moore, Joe L. Hall, Treabie Henderson, Eddie Moore, Kermit Moore; Phillip Moore, Armedia Roach, and Iuanita Moore.

He leaves to cherish his precious memories, his significant other of 51 years, Dorothy Warren; two daughters, Randa Gail Moore and Tammy Elaine Moore; three sons, Keith Warren (Michelle), Kenneth Jackson (Vernelli), and Kevin Jackson (Mary); twelve grandchildren; twelve great grandchildren; three sisters, Vornell Moore, Minnie Ola Moore, and Mary Alice Moore; two brothers, Bobbie Moore and Ricky Moore; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Visitation will be held Friday, December 10th in the chapel of Kennon's Mortuary from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM Services are entrusted to Kennon's Mortuary.



Anita Fields-Gold, Ph.D., RN, PGM Ruth Chapter #16

On Tuesday, December 7, 2021, Anita Fields-Gold, entered eternal life. She was born on October

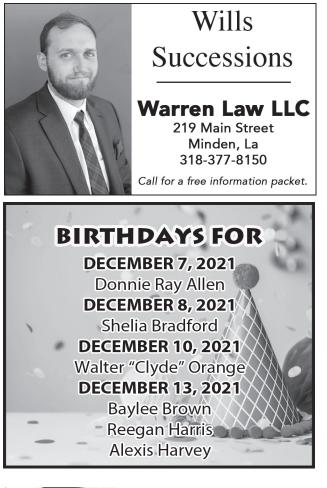
29, 1940 in Amarillo, TX to Maureen (Craig) Bates and Dara Bates.

Her career in the field of nursing began in 1962 with a Diploma in Nursing from Jefferson Davis Hospital School of Nursing, Houston, TX. She continued her nursing education with a BSN, MSC, and Ph.D. in nursRed Cross Ann Magnusen Award, the Charter Louisiana Nursing Foundation Nightingale Award, Nurse of the years in Shreveport and Lake Charles District Nurses' Association, and the Daisy Award for Lifetime Achievement in Nursing and Education.

Being president of the Louisiana State Nurses' Association for two terms (four years).

Instructing and guiding over 1,400 nursing students to careers in nursing, plus planning and overseeing the construction of two buildings for nursing on the MSU campus and initiating accreditation for the BSN program an initiating the ADN and master's degree programs.

Dr. Fields-Gold served Acts Theatre for the past 25 years as President, Treasurers, Producer and Actress. She won Best Actress in "Solid Gold Cadillac" She was passionate about her support of Acts and was an accomplished thespian.





Shawn E. Kaffka

Services celebrating the life of Shawn E. Kaffka will be held Saturday, December 11, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. at Ruston First Baptist Church in Ruston, Louisiana with Bro. Chris Craig officiating. Interment will follow at Craig Cemetery in El Dorado, Arkansas under the direction of Rose-

Neath Funeral Home in Minden, Louisiana. The family will receive friends at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the church prior time of service.

Shawn was born March 4, 1977, in Shreveport, Louisiana and entered into rest December 8, 2021, in Minden, Louisiana. He served as the director of Camp Harris in Minden, Louisiana.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Lucille James, Marie and Walter Kaffka and uncle, Kenny James.

He is survived by his wife Laurie Kaffka; sons, Joshua and Noah Kaffka all of Minden; parents, Kenneth and Shirley Kaffka of Stonewall; father-inlaw and mother-in-law, Thomas and Vicky Ham of Spearsville; sister, Keena Ogle and husband Robert of Stonewall; brother-in-law, Tommy Ham and wife Angie of Springfield, TN, and nephews, Bryan Ham of Springfield, TN and Trace Allen and Trent Ogle of Stonewall.

Pallbearers will be Luke Hockenjos, Brandon Digilormo, Robert Ogle, Todd Free, Tommy Ham, Brad Wolfe, Garrett Allison, and Josh Sanderson.

Honorary pallbearer will be Bryan Ham.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Camp Harris or American Cancer Society.

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ing, focusing the advanced degrees on Nursing Education.

Throughout the years, Anita was an Operating Room (OR) Nurse at M.D. Anderson, Houston, TX, Operating Room Instructor and PT, St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing, Ft. Worth, TX, Louisiana Army Ammunition Plant, Sperry-Rand, Industrial nurse, Confederate Memorial School of Nursing, OR instructor, Med Surg Instructor, Shreveport, LA, Northwestern State University, Instructor and Course Coordinator Med-Surg Nursing, Assistant Professor, Developer, and Coordinator of initial Nursing C.E. Program at McNeese State University, College of Nursing Director and Dean, retiring after twenty-one years and awarded Dean Emeritus.

During her career in Lake Charles, she served on boards of directors for the SWLA Chapter of the American Cancer Society, The State Board of the American heart Association of Louisiana, the State Board of Examiners of Nursing Home an Administrators, Past President of the Alpha Gamma Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma International and the Quota Club.

She was a member of the American Red Cross and was awarded the National Nightingale Award in 2002. She was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Legend in Nursing Award from the Daisy Foundation and was asked to list her favorite memory of her nursing career, her response: "There are too many to list, but three stand out".

These awards especially - The National American

She was a member of Krewe Bon Coure for six years and served on Board of Trustees at Temple Sinai.

Anita was also passionate about The Order of The Eastern Star. She joined by initiation February 11, 1975. Moving to the Lake Area in the early 80's she joined on of the oldest local chapters, Ruth Chapter #16, in 1981. After serving as Worthy Matron, she was appointed as District Deputy Grand Matron (representing the Worthy Grand Matron) in 1984. She was appointed to many state committees over the years and was chosen to lead the state Grand Chapter in 1996-1997 as Worthy Grand Matron. She continued to serve her local chapter in many offices over the years. She also served as a General Grand Chapter (International) Committee member for the years 2010-2013. She will be greatly missed by the members of her chapter.

Left to cherish her memory is her loving husband of 21 years, Maurice Gold; daughter, Debra Foreman and husband Daniel; nephews, B.G. Clark and wife Debra, Dara Clark; a sister in-law, Susan Clark.

Visitation will be at Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, 715 Kirkman St., Lake Charles, Thursday, December 9, 2021, beginning at 12:00pm until 2:00pm. The service will be officiated by Rabbi Barry Weinstein. Immediately followed by an Order of the Eastern Star Service.

Words of comfort to the family may be expressed at www.johnsonfuneralhome.net

Council: Full staffed Police Department seemed to push concerns of council

Continued from Page 1 tioning, Councilman Micahel Roy of Dist. D asked City Attorney Jimbo Yocom if he had noticed an increase in crime committed by juveniles recently.

"I can't give you an exact number. I can tell you this, the amount of juveniles committing violent crimes are up. The number of violent crimes, and crimes period, committed by juveniles are definitely up over the last year, year, and a half," said

Yocom.

Wayne Councilman Edwards of Dist. A vocalized his indecisiveness on letting this ordinance pass, instead stating that his focus was more so on the staffing of the Minden Police Department.

"I'm kinda stuck in the middle on this ordinance, but what I will say is that I would like to see our police department fully staffed, so you can provide services in areas where we're having repeated crimes. Most of the time you don't have enough staff available to respond to the calls," said Edwards.

"One of the worst things I think we can ever do, is to put an ordinance or procedure in the place that we can not afford to enforce. I would like to see you have a larger staff, so for the area with repeated crimes, you can be there."

"Last month I think you said District A had 61 incidents, so be it, most of that occured in the same area. If we had patrols available for those areas, there's no doubt in my mind that would decrease some of it," said Edwards.

Ultimately, the ordinance did not pass, failing with 3 votes opposed, those being Councilmen Wil-Edwards, Terika liams-Walker of Dist. B, and Vincen Bradford of Dist. C, and two votes in favor, those being Councilmen Michael Roy of Dist. D and Pam Bloxom of Dist. E.

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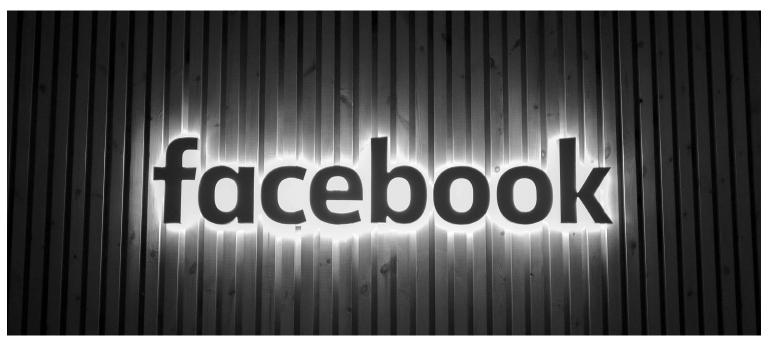


PHOTO BY ALEX HANEY ON UNSPLASH

How platform transparency could help build antitrust cases

KALEV LEETARU Special to the Press-Herald

There is growing bipartisan concern over the power Silicon Valley's oligopolies wield over American society. Amazon alone controls 72% of U.S. adult book sales, Airbnb accounts for a fifth of domestic lodging expenditures and Facebook accounts for almost three-quarters of social media visits.

Just two companies, Apple and Google, act as gatekeepers to 99% of smartphones, while two others, Uber and Lyft, control 98% of the ride-share market in the U.S. Yet, for government to take robust antitrust action against Silicon Valley requires the kind of data it currently lacks: documenting the harm this market consolidation inflicts on consumers. A new RealClearFoundation report offers a look at how amending Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act to require platform transparency could aid such antitrust efforts.

When it comes to Silicon Valley's social media platforms, they have long argued that antitrust laws don't apply to them because their services are promarket share stands at more than 40%, and while the company states it does not employ "differential pricing," e-commerce platforms increasingly base pricing on factors as diverse as search history, home address, in-store vs. online and even Mac vs. PC usage, to name just a few. As major brands like Target also move toward contextual pricing, it is only a matter of time before the majority of e-commerce platforms employ it.

Beyond price, the growing consolidation within entire industries to just a handful of companies means the policies of those companies can have outsized economic impacts on American life, often in unexpected ways.

In 2019, I asked Uber how it ensured that the ratings its drivers assign to passengers did not unfairly penalize older and disabled riders who require additional time to enter and exit vehicles, given that low ratings can result in being banned from the service. A spokesperson pointed to its non-discrimination policy, but went on to note that its community guidelines explicitly require that riders "always try to be on time for your ride ... because nobody likes to wait"; the spokesperson did not comment further when pressed on the impact of this policy on the disabled. Last month, the Department of Justice sued Uber for charging wait fees to disabled users in violation of the Americans With Disabilities Act. Similarly, in 2018 I asked Facebook to explain why it built its advertising system to allow housing, employment and credit advertisements to explicitly exclude women, older people and minorities in violation of federal law and its own policies, cutting them off from economic opportunities. A spokesperson emphasized that it was the responsibility of advertisers to comply with discrimination laws and did not comment further when asked why it did not simply remove those options for protected ad

classes. It was not until the following year. after settling a series of lawsuits by civil rights organizations, that the company finally removed the ability of advertisers to exclude legally protected groups from seeing housing, employment and credit ads. Yet just months later it was shown that the company's algorithms had learned to continue targeting ads based on those removed categories by identifying non-protected demographic and interest information that were highly correlated with them.

Uber's decision to charge a "wait time" fee meant higher costs for the disabled across 69% of the American ride-share market. Facebook's decision to allow housing, employment and credit ads to explicitly target or exclude users based on age, race and gender and to resurrect redlining using pinpoint geo-fencing, impacted the economic opportunities seen by 69% of American adults.

A common theme among all of these examples, from Amazon's 2000 pricing experiment to Uber and Facebook's discriminatory policies, is that they came to light not through voluntary disclosures by the companies, but rather through external scrutiny and data. Yet, these discoveries remain the exceptions. Despite their vast internal stores of data, the companies typically refuse to confirm even the most basic of statistics, such as the number of tweets sent each day or the criteria their algorithms use to set prices. What if companies were forced to share basic pricing information? After the federal government required hospitals to begin sharing their previously confidential pricing data by earlier this year, journalists and researchers have been able to document substantial differences between what different patients pay for the same procedure, offering critical insights to policymakers. Imagine if all e-commerce sites with more than a certain number of users were forced to publish hourly snapshots of

the maximum and minimum prices they charged for each item on their site, allowing similar external scrutiny. Such data could be embargoed and released monthly to prevent competitive misuse while still offering critical transparency into just how much of an impact differential pricing is having on American consumers.

Similarly, what if "free" adsupported platforms with more than a certain number of users had to offer each of their users a monthly report detailing every purchase, sale or collection of their personal data and how much money, including ad revenue, they made from that user and all of the companies and governments that purchased access to their data? This would allow tracking of how the amount and value of our data that we essentially barter for access to these platforms is steadily increasing and would provide evidence as to whether the hidden price we pay for social platforms is steadily increasing.

As foreshadowed by Tik-Tok, future top social media e-commerce platforms may not be American companies or even have a physical or financial presence in the U.S., complicating antitrust enforcement. Making these requirements transparency an amendment to Section 230 would ensure disclosure even for such companies, providing critical visibility for policymakers to understand their impact on American society.

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The question must be asked: If the amount and intimacy of that data increases alongside a company's market dominance, are antitrust conditions of rising "prices" satisfied?

Moreover, that same data is being increasingly used to determine what we pay for goods and services through "differential pricing." In 2000, when Amazon experimented with charging different users different prices for the same items (though the differences were randomly selected rather than personalized), it had just 20 million users. Today Amazon's In the end, antitrust regulation will struggle until policymakers and the public can see for the first time the true economic cost of Silicon Valley's ever-growing consolidation.

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EDITORIAL ROUNDUP

Chicago Tribune: Putin and his desire to own Ukraine

In July, Russian President Vladimir Putin released a long-winded treatise on Ukraine — the country's history both medieval and modern, its kinship with the Russian Motherland, and its latter-day relations with the West. Mixing truths with half-truths and outright falsehoods, it rested on the dominant theme that the notion of Ukraine as its own nationality, ethnicity, culture and language is a figment, and that Ukrainians and Russians have always been, and always will be, "one people." "I am confident that true sover-

"I am confident that true sovereignty of Ukraine is possible only in partnership with Russia. Our spiritual, human and civilizational ties formed for centuries and have their origins in the same sources, they have been hardened by common trials achievements and victories," Putin wrote. "Together we have always been and will be many times stronger and more successful. For we are one people."

The document was more than a monograph in need of a heavy edit. It serves as a veiled justification for what the former KGB agent has desperately wanted for years — the reabsorption of Ukraine into the folds of Moscow.

So far, it's been an achievement that has eluded the Russian leader. Putin can claim credit for rescuing his country from post-Soviet economic doldrums and restoring Russia to a level of geopolitical prominence. By commandeering free media and neutralizing opposition — often through brutal means — he has cemented his place atop Russian governance for as long as he desires. Ukraine, however, remains for Putin unfinished business.

By amassing thousands of Russian troops near Ukraine's border, Putin has sent a blunt message to the West. Submit to the Kremlin's demand that Ukraine will never join NATO, or watch the tanks roll into Kyiv.

Strategically, Putin sees Ukraine as existential for Russia. Following the Soviet collapse in 1991, former Soviet republics and eastern European satellites of the Kremlin eagerly fell like dominoes into the hands of NATO, the Western military alliance formed as a bulwark against post-World War II Soviet aggression. Keeping Ukraine in Moscow's orbit gives the Kremlin a valuable buffer against further eastward expansion by NATO.

Personally, however, Putin sees Ukraine as a fabricated state, a place with a 1,100-year history inexorably twined with Russia's ancient past. To Putin, Ukraine is Russia as much as Moscow is Russia.

How to respond to Putin's incendiary display of brinkmanship arguably poses President Joe Biden's biggest foreign policy challenge to date. Biden can neither give into Moscow's demand nor thrust NATO into direct military conflict with Russia. Kyiv economically and politically leans westward, but Ukraine isn't a NATO member and therefore does not benefit from the "attack one, attack all" defense commitment that the military alliance applies to all of its member nations.

Ukraine is, however, a sovereign

state with aspirations of joining NATO, and the U.S. and its European allies cannot simply allow Putin to steal land, cities and people with brute force in the same way he pilfered the Crimean peninsula from Ukraine in 2014.

Diplomacy armed with the cudgel of sanctions — punishment stronger than what was imposed on Russia after the Crimean annexation — is the best tack Biden can take. The White House has been mulling sanctions that choke Russia's financial sector, including cutting off the country's access to SWIFT, the international payment system used by the world's banks. Heavy sanctions against Russia's energy sector — the lifeblood of Russia's economy — should also be on the table.

No amount of sanctions will work, however, without a unified front from America's European allies, many of which rely far too heavily on Russian oil and natural gas. For years, that reliance has given the Kremlin powerful leverage over NATO and European Union countries. European nations have known Putin's playbook from the start, and should have been steadily weaning themselves off Russian energy. They haven't, and that drives a wedge into the unity the West needs to put up against Putin now.

Western leaders can only hope that Biden's video call with the Russian leader Tuesday seeded the beginnings of a diplomatic solution out of this crisis. The message to Putin should be unequivocal. Neither Ukraine nor its people are the property of Russia. As a sovereign nation, Ukraine has license to forge its own domestic and foreign policies and pick its own allies - even if they belong to NATO. Military conflict must be avoided, but Russia should be warned that it faces the prospect of becoming a pariah state if it absorbs Ukraine the same way it swallowed up Crimea.

That's a chapter in Russia's history that Putin certainly would regret.

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FROM THE BACK PORCH

LIFE

A few of my favorite things

A few years ago, I decided to gather some of my recipes and have them published in book form so I could share them with family and friends.

These were collected over the years from many sources and are my main "go-tos" when I want to cook for our family, or make dishes to share with friends and neighbors. The book title,

"Favorite Foods Mimi's from Kitchen", tells exactly what is included. Favorites. They came from students, colleagues, friends, family members and some were gleaned from other sources. I have used them and I

thank everyone who so willingly shared their recipes.

A few of my very favorites include special desserts and candies and other treats we always enjoy at Christmas. These have come by way of, first tasting the treat shared by a friend, and then asking for the recipe to be shared. I have never been turned down when I asked for a recipe and therefore, I try to reciprocate.

Many of the recipes have interesting stories with them. One that has been so appreciated is Gail Ward's recipe for peanut patties.

Her son was in my Kindergarten class and around Christmas time he brought me a package of delicious creamy peanut patties.

When I asked where his mother bought them (so I could do likewise) he told me she made them. Okay, here I am talking to a fiveyear old and he's telling me his mother made that luscious sweetness. I had no

HOLIDAY LIFE

reason to doubt his word other than the candy tasted too good to be homemade.

"Are you sure she made these?" "Yes, ma'am," he assured me.

I had to know how to create such goodies so I told him to ask his mother if she would share her recipe. She graciously shared and the next day the young man brought me the recipe. And

I have been making them every Christmas these many years since my Kindergarten teaching days. But only at Christmas because they are so special. Probably the

favorite candy of our family is the

Wash-Martha ington. It is a concoction of condensed milk, butter, confectioners' sugar and lots of walnuts, This is rolled into scone shapes and then dipped in dark chocolate. At first it was favored by our daughter but in recent years our son has adopted it as his favorite also. Each year before the candy is shared, they carry on a light-hearted banter about who will be the first one to get one. (Our son may have the advantage because he lives closer.) This recipe came from Hubby's sister when we were very young newlyweds. It's been around awhile.

One recipe that isn't exactly a holiday treat but is a sweet confection that can be enjoyed year round is one for Gooey Bars. This one was also shared by a student one year when we were making a little recipe book for a Mothers' Day gift. I asked each student to bring a recipe and I gathered them all in booklet form and made copies for each one to have one to take home.

This one is simple, using boxed cake mix, margarine, cream cheese and confectioners sugar. It is exactly what its name implies, sweet and very gooey.

The recipe book for parents was an idea that originated when I was teaching first grade. To create a "cute" surprise for their parents, I didn't ask them to bring a recipe, but to just tell me how to cook something. I wrote down their instructions and they were quite enlightening.

One of the boys chose to tell how to cook bacon. His instructions: "Get a pan and put the bacon in it. Put it on the stove. Turn on the fire and go in the living room and sit down."

Still today when I drive by where that youngster grew up, I have a chuckle about his recipe for cooking bacon. And, I must admit I have done similar to that. Not with bacon but other things, even a cake. So, I could understand his careful instructions.

Also included is a recipe for Chocolate Truffles. After eating my first ones on a trip to New York, I researched the recipe and have made them a few times, usually just for special occasions.

And best of all, my mama's Dark Fruit Cake recipe from the late 1930s or early 1940s. This cake can be found in our house every year at Christmas time.

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Are You Sure

STRANGER FROM A STRANGE LAND

You're Okay? Although the Louisiana mask mandate has been softened (or as often witnessed in Webster Parish, disregarded) the VA hospital in Shreveport shows no signs of letting down its

guard. Lowering defenses is unlikely at a military facility. All employees and visitors regardless of political persuasion and vaccination history must keep DIRK their nose and **ELLINGSON** mouth covered in a sanctioned

paper mask for the foreseeable future. I don't mind. From the outset of the pandemic to the Omicron variant, I've stayed with a better safe than sorry approach.

Overton Brooks Veterans Administration Medical Center sits atop the hill once occupied by Fort Turnbull. During the Civil War, the Confederacy temporarily transferred the Louisiana capital city from Baton Rouge to Shreveport to keep it safe from Union forces. Fort Turnbull was nicknamed Fort Humbug when munitions were dwindling and a desperate Confederate commander built dummy cannons of charred logs to stand guard over the Red River.

Today you don't get inside the VA without interrogation from sentries querying about your health. Do you have any flu symptoms? Fever, headache, diarrhea, loss of taste or smell? Had a recent COVID test? Been

but that was before my time."

"Do you want to know Jesus?"

"I've read my Bible cover to cover." There was no one behind him. I don't mind

discussing religion. When

you're facing death on the battlefield, you get to know God quick. He saved me." "I've heard

there are no atheists in foxholes." I was trying to offer affirmation. He didn't like that

answer either. He entered the hospital disappointed by at least one of its employees.

Then a fellow fever guardian engaged me in conversation. One of those guys with a surname for a first name. Hilton told me although he worked at the VA, his passion was ministry. His calling was Shreveport. He moved here from Alabama and loved the city. Loved the people in need of finding Jesus. He identified me as his next quarry.

His religious upbringing was the Lutheran and Methodist church. Hilton now pastors a non-denominational congregation which he conceded is a denomination in and of itself. So, my final hour at guard duty that day went faster than usual. I enjoyed what I miss most about Missouri, interesting conversation.

"I heard what he said

God's grace is abundant even though times now seem bleak.

If your life is easy and you're keeping a cosmic scorecard encouraged by God's favoritism portrayed for certain people throughout the Bible, then you might take comfort in the cosmology that you've pleased deity. You're blessed because you're clearly a good person.

"But I also want to ask you, do you know Jesus?" Hilton wondered. The same question from a friendlier fellow. Since we both had seminary degrees, subsequent conversation was lively. I think he understood what I was talking about and I understood him.

We talked of Marcan priority, Synoptic Gospel evolution, levels of Christology, and John's Logos preamble. Hilton seemed excited by challenging questions. He was respectful and pastoral. He thought I'd the intellectual aspect of biblical exegesis well in hand but suggested I was weak on the experiential side. My wife Lisa might say the same. He talked of Paul's conversion experience.

Of course, if I have a Road to Damascus experience, I'll renounce my sinful freethinking ways. As a former Christian, I remember how Christians feel and believe. I'm not sure those who don't ask questions reciprocate towards different understandings.

Hilton knocks on the doors of Shreveport neighbors. He says there are many non-Christians in Shreveport. This surprised me. I don't many meet non-Christians anywhere in the south. I asked Hilton the question I didn't ask the veteran. If God saved this particular Christian soldier, was he worthier than those brothers in arms who perished. Hilton gave an honest, albeit unsatisfying answer. "I don't know." This frustrates me about the devout. If you give God credit for saving someone from perilous harm, be that on the battlefield or in a hospital ward, you should give God the blame for those who don't pull through. Unless you want to concede your idea of a loving Creator to something better fitting the evidence. A capricious God. A mischievous God. A cruel God. A God who takes sides. Plenty of those depictions in the Hebrew Scriptures but Christians tell me the New Testament served as a new covenant. The anthropomorphic representations of the God before Jesus might seem fanciful and frightening, but you could argue there are modern day equivalents of God clearly playing favorites. Like many Christians, Hilton's a likeable fellow. Our exchange was definitely the highlight of standing watch at the VA doors. He's a good listener regardless of your testimony. I hope to see Hilton again once we've turned our pistol shaped thermometers into plowshares and pruning hooks.

DAR Celebrates the



FANNIE MOORE

Holiday Season



Dorcheat-Bistineau Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution met on November 16th at the Webster Parish Library. Refreshments were provided by this month's hostesses: Eugenia Bridges, Coyle Gorman, and Jessica Gorman. For this month's program, chapter members shared stories about their ancestors or relatives who served our country. Afterward, we took a moment of silence in remembrance of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. This year marks the 100th anniversary of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery. It serves as a reminder of the soldiers who perished during wartime and remain unidentified or missing. All of these soldiers are commemorated with a single tomb, containing the body of one unidentified soldier.

Our chapter's service project is to provide items to the local women's prison. Chapter members have been donating bags of new t-shirts, socks, and towels to distribute in December.

Dorcheat-Bistineau Chapter met on December 7th at the home of Linda Wood. Lunch was provided by this month's hostesses: Nancy Craig, Linda Wood, and Rachel Harrington. Linda gave her guests a tour of her home, built in the 1880s, which has been in her family for 6 generations. Our program was presented by Lauren Kline, the music director at Emmanuel Baptist Church. Lauren led our members in singing traditional Christmas carols. Cindy Madden, our Chapter Vice Regent, made a beautiful Christmas ornament for each member of our chapter. Each clear glass ornament contained a star from a retired American flag, and an attached tag that stated, "I am but one star from a tattered flag. On June 14, 1777, I was one of thirteen. Today there are 50 of us on a field of blue. We have endured through times of battle and peace. Please keep as a reminder of those who served and sacrificed so that I may continue to wave over the land of the free and the home of the brave.'

We are excited to welcome Jennifer Newman as a new member of our chapter! Her patriot ancestor is Elisha Dodson. He was born in 1758 in Halifax Co., VA, and married Rachel Henry. Elisha was a pioneer Baptist preacher who helped establish churches throughout Tennessee. During the Revolution, he served his country by donating and delivering supplies to the army. He died in Maury Co., TN in August 1828.

Any woman 18 years or older who can prove bloodline descent from a patriot of the American Revolution (1775-1783) is eligible to join DAR. Please like our Facebook page: Daughters of the American Revolution - Dorcheat-Bistineau Chapter, and contact us at dorcheat-bistineau@yahoo.com

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

around anyone with a positive or suspected diagnosis?

I know both sides of the questions because I not only face them daily upon reporting for shifts (my tour as my employer says) but for a few fall days I served as a doorman taking temperatures. They needed volunteers from all departments to cover the three doors of entry. Since the weather was tolerable during that slim window of Louisiana autumn, I signed up. We brandished digital thermometers to gun foreheads and check temps.

Helpful signs expedite the process because you can read faster than I can talk. Like most of the temp takers, I wasn't trying to throw obstacles at colleagues reporting for duty. If you don't have a temperature and you're wearing a kosher mask (not so fast there, Chin Strap Guy) then in you go. You check in both employees and veterans.

A man asked how I was doing as I monitored his brow. I replied that I was okay. Unlike most of these rapid rhetorical greetings, our exchange was to last longer. I was interrogating him. He would return fire.

"Are you sure you're okay?" he demanded. "Yes sir."

"Do you know Jesus?"

I suspected he was crossing into metaphysical territory but I took the question at face value.

"I know who you're talking about."

"Do you know Jesus?" "I know the Jewish carpenter from Nazareth

and was surprised he went there," Hilton said. "You handled it okay but you have to consider his position."

I thought he was talking about the veteran's faith but Hilton was instead talking about race.

"You're a Caucasian in a position of authority questioning a black man."

"Position of authority? I'm a guy taking temperatures."

"You're deciding whether he gets into the hospital or not."

I hadn't considered this and I admitted that to Hilton.

I believe the adage that everyone you meet is fighting a hard battle. The veteran literally so and from his apparent age, I would guess in the jungles of southeast Asia. When I worked for a church, the ministries we most often featured in videos involved outreach to the hard-living, the downtrodden. The people Jesus and the earlier prophets advocated for in the pages of scripture.

I'm not one of the hard-living. Mine isn't a life free of struggle but I'm luckier than most of the population. At no time in my life have I lacked basic necessities. I've never feared for my life.

It often seems the most impoverished among us are the most religious. Perhaps when this world proves such a letdown, sufferers turn to speculative hope towards another existence. An afterlife. Good times are ahead requiring nothing more than belief it is true.

WRITTEN BY DIRK ELLINGSON





Doyline's Brooks Swan (10) tips off against Choudrant's Amarion Simonton to open Tuesday's game won by the Panthers by the score of 67-64.

Panthers roar past Aggies

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Doyline High School's boys basketball team has roared out to a 9-0 start after winning at Choudrant by the score of 67-64 on Tuesday.

The Panthers also defeated Stanley 69-56 on Monday night.

Tuesday's win over Choudrant was a tight, back-andforth affair the whole with the Panthers leading 23-18 after one quarter of play before the Aggies went into the locker room lead 32-20 at halftime.

But the Panthers battled back to grab a 47-45 lead heading into the final stanza before holding on for the final three-point win.

Jamaria Clark led the Panthers with 29 points while Jamari Markray added 23 and Demarion McClendon and Cayden Mingo chipped in with six points each.

Parker Simonton led Choudrant with 18 points while Lachlan Thomson chipped in with 13 and Amarion Simon-

ton added 10.

In girls action, the Lady Panthers won 46-43 at Choudrant on Tuesday.

Minden

The Minden High School basketball teams fell at Airline on Tuesday, with the boys losing 54-42 and the girls being defeated 59-26.

Lakeside

The Lakeside Warriors took Ringgold to overtime on Tuesday before falling 76-74 in boys basketball action.

Tide standouts recognized



PRESS-HERALD FILE PHOTO

Minden's Daylen Robinson is a first-team All-District 1-4A football team selection as a sophomore.

All-District 1-4A football team announced

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Minden placed 13 players on the 2021 All-District 1-4A football team, with seven members of the Crimson Tide earning first-team accolades.

Tide running back Daylen Robinson, who ranked second in district rushing stats with 1,007 yards and 12 touchdowns on 173 carries, and receiver Jayin Williams, who hauled in 28 passes for 362 yards and three scores were first-team selections for the Tide along with offensive linemen Keilon Heard and Kielyn Combs.

Lineman Makhi Reed,

linebacker Kentravion Lister and defensive back Isaiah Thornton were Minden players selected all-district on defense.

Representing Minden as Second Team All-District selections were offensive lineman Chase Hammons, kicker Carter Barnett, defensive lineman LaDarius Smith, linebacker D'Quontez Ridley defensive back Jacolby Snell, and punt returner Jakobe Jackson.

Earning All-District honorable mentionfor Minden were quarterback Andrew Cooper, receiver Cameron Mitchell, offensive lineman Nolan Garms and linebacker Jakob McCarty.



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Grambling to name new head football coach today

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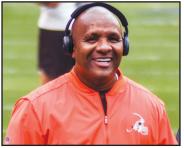
Grambling State has made its choice for a new head football coach and will announce that decision at 10 a.m. Friday at the Fredrick C. Hobdy Assembly Center.

And intead of following a new trend for Historically Black College and Universities for selecing former NFL standout players to be their head coaches, reports say that will name Hue Jackson, former head coach of the NFL's Oakland Raiders and Cleveland Brown as new head coach of the G-Men.

This past season Jackson served as offensive coordinator at Tennessee State under head coach Eddie George, a former standout for the NFL's Titans.

At Tennessee State Jackson headed an offense that ranked fifth in scoring, fifth in total offense and second in passing offense in the Ohio Valley Conference.

Geremy Hickbottom, a graduate transfer and former starter for Grambling, threw 12 touchdowns and four interceptions



Jackson

this past season for TSU under Jackson's oversight.

GSU fired Broderick Fobbs last month after eight seasons during which he compiled a record of 54-32, including a 12-1 finish in 2016 and National Black Championship.

Grambling finished 3-7 finish this past season thanks to a big waning seconds field that led to a 29-26 win over Southern in the 48th annual Procter & Gamble Bayou Classic at Caesar's Superdome in New Orleans on Nov. 27.

Jackson started his coaching career at the collegiate level in the late-1980s, but he cracked into the NFL in 2001 and remained a coach at that level including one year as the Oakland Raiders head coach and three atop the Cleveland Browns — through 2018.

His first coaching role was as a graduate assistant at the University of the Pacific before moving on to Cal-State Fullerton, Arizona State, California and Southern California.

Then Jackson made the jump to the NFL as running backs coach and offensive coordinator for Washington before becoming, among other NFL jobs, head coach for the Raiders in 2011, and head coach of the Browns from 2016-18.

LA Tech represented on All-Conference USA squad

Minden Press-Herald Sports Service

RUSTON — Louisiana Tech deep snapper Reeves Blankenship earned first team all-Conference USA honors while linebacker Tyler Grubbs and punt returner Smoke Harris each landed on the league's second team announced by the conference office Tuesday.

Wide receiver Bub Means and defensive lineman Ben Bell both earned a spot on the Conference USA All-Freshman Team while 12 more Bulldogs earned honorable mention all-league accolades.

Blankenship earned



all-conference honors for the fourth straight year, after being named honorable mention in 2018 and second team all-league in 2019 and 2020. He has been rock-solid for the Bulldogs during his entire career, never recording a bad snap on either punt,

field goal or extra point attempts.

Grubbs led the Bulldogs with 97 tackles this season, including 10 tackles for loss for minus 38 yards. The "Covid Freshman" had 44 solo tackles, 53 assisted tackles, 2.0 sacks (for minus 24 yards), four pass breakups, three quarterback hurries, two forced fumbles and one fumble recovery. He had three double digit tackle games, including 13-tackle efforts against SMU and Southern Miss.

Harris was one of the top punt returners in the country, ranking No. 3 in Conference USA and in the top 20 in the country averaging 8.9 yards per return. Harris returned 22 punts for 195 yards, including a 67-yarder in a win over North Texas. He had a career-high 81 yards in punt returns in the North Texas game.

Means was named to the Conference USA all-Freshman team after recording 22 catches for 420 yards and two touchdowns during the season. Means averaged a teambest 19.6 yards per reception, which included a 72-yarder for a TD in the season opener against Mississippi State. His 19.6 yards per reception ranked in the top 5 in the league and top 20 in the country.

Bell earned a spot on the all-rookie team after recording 27 tackles on the season, including 6.0 TF for minus 19 yards. He recorded 3.5 sacks on the season and two quarterback hurries and two forced fumbles. Bell recorded a career-high six tackles in a win over Southeastern Louisiana and five against Mississippi State.

The Bulldogs saw a dozen players earn honorable mention all-Conference USA honors, including: WR Smoke Harris, WR Tre Harris, OL Abraham Delfin, OL Josh Mote, DE Mykol Clark, DT Keivie Rose, LB Trey Baldwin, LB Ezekiel Barnett, DB Baylen Buchanan, DB Khalil Ladler, DB BeeJay Williamson and PK Jacob Barnes.

Dunkin' Dogs Kenneth Lofton Jr. earns dual Player of Week honors

Minden Press-Herald Sports Service

RUSTON - After helping Louisiana Tech claim two victories this past week, Kenneth Lofton, Jr. was named Conference USA and LSWA Player of the Week in announcements made on Monday.

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Lofton, the second-year freshman who was named

to the Naismith Trophy and Karl Malone Award watch list, averaged 23.0 points and 10.5 rebounds in the Bulldogs win over SWAC preseason favorite Texas Southern and on the road at Santa Clara.

Good News

GOOD NEWS

It Came to Pass in Those Days....

It came to pass in those days....we read again in Luke 2. And so it was there in lowly Bethlehem, in a noisy stall, an anxious young mother was giving birth to her first born child. An anxious father doing all he knew to do, assisted her. (Let's remember this was their first child and their mothers were not there to help.) Startled animals all around (perhaps); maybe other lodgers crowded the stall, given the same directive as the young couple..."do the best you can under the circumstances.' Perhaps all were clustered among the hay and animals. To be sure, this was not an antiseptic, germ-free surrounding we would find in our local hospital for such an occasion. Away in a manger, no crib for a bed; the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head....

Holy Scriptures reveal the humbleness and isolation in which "God became man"

that night. The world around them continued to ramble on, pushing and shoving through the streets of this tiny little town, tax-payers just doing what Caesar

had decreed.

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Bill Crider

the place of their birth to register for tax purposes.' But Mary and Joseph's lives would take a different path. Born a King in Bethlehem, His kingdom shall live forever and ever.

"...the time had come that she should be delivered." Surely Joseph tried to locate a midwife to assist Mary. After all, there were just some things about this process that women are best suited to handle. And he was inexperienced, remember? Just as Mary had been pondering the how's, why's and what's in her heart, don't you suppose Joseph had entertained many of the same questions in his mind? I do! I would have! Let's remember Gabri-

> el had appeared to Joseph as well as Mary! Mary/Joseph: did you know your baby boy would someday walk on water; did you know this little babe would save your

sons and daughters?

And there in the cattle stall....the Savior of the world, the Promised Messiah, the Son of God...made His entry into human history. He divided time, changed the world and ushered in a new order that will not be broken. John writes, "the Word became flesh and dwelt among us". And heaven's chorus began to sing, "Glory to God in the Highest...Joy to the world, the Lord has come.."

And what had been

now became a reality. It must be announced to the world. The startled shepherds were the first to receive this proclamation. And soon the Good News spread through the countryside. They could not keep this wonderful news to themselves! They must "go and tell" - their only possible response. As daybreak began to appear, the world around them probably was going about its usual: the rooster crowed, the cattle went through their routines, the newcomers in town were busy getting registered or making plans to return to their homes. Most were unaware that 'right under their nose' a King was born, one that would change the course of all history. In fact, history would become HIS-STORY! "And His kingdom shall know no end...forever and ever,

and ever. Amen!" As earth provided the scene for this miracu-

promised to mankind lous birth, the heavens above were doing their part to announce this long-sought arrival. There was such a magnificent display of God's powerful exclamation of "look, this is MY SON in whom I am well pleased!" It could be seen by everyone who were anxiously awaiting for such Divine action. Magi from the East saw this astonishment and received it as an announcement. The Star appeared in such a way, in just a few days they were on their way, camels loaded with gifts for the Messiah. Though some time had passed when they finally arrived in Bethlehem, their response was "go and see!" Come to Bethlehem and see Christ, the new born King.

Today we celebrate this humble birth of the Christ Child. Over these 2,000 years since that Holy Night, the world continues to push and shove along a reckless path toward 'nowhere'. Many still choose not to see the star shining brightly announcing the King. Countless ones refuse to hear the angels sing "Hosanna! Glory to God in the highest; a Savior has been born".

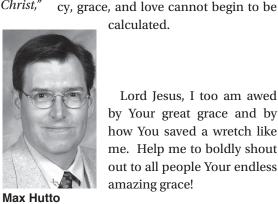
But like the shepherds on the hillside that night, privileged to come to the manger and be among the first to see the Christ Child, we have been awarded a glimpse of heaven's glory through our salvation in this same Jesus. We celebrate His birth by recommitting our faith in believing Jesus is the Son of God, He is the Crucified Lord who was buried in a borrowed tomb. Yes, He is the Resurrected Lord and the coming King! Truly this is the Promised Messiah! He's coming again... in the Eastern sky...Jesus, my Lord! Have a blessed Christmas!

> **BILL CRIDER IS CHAPLAIN OF MINDEN MEDICAL CENTER**

THE UPWARD LOOK Unfathomable Riches

"To me, the very least of all saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unfathomable riches of Christ," Ephesians 3:8 NASB

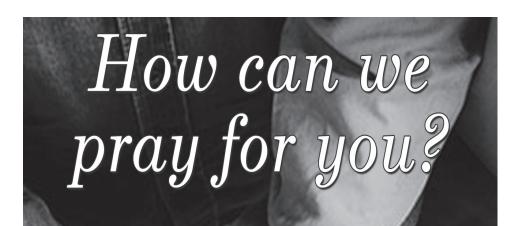
Awestruck by the greatness of God's grace and his own unworthiness, Paul declares that he is the least of all God's people. While Paul seemingly sees himself as a humble nobody, he is overwhelmed by the privilege God gave him to preach the gospel of grace to the Gentiles, to proclaim salvation in Christ to all non-Jewish people. Paul is overcome by the unfathomable, unsearch-



Lord Jesus, I too am awed by Your great grace and by how You saved a wretch like me. Help me to boldly shout

able, unmeasurable riches of Christ.

The depth and breadth of Christ's mer-



out to all people Your endless amazing grace!

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

LET NOT YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED

Deceived

After that, Laban gave him Rachel as his wife. He also married Leah's maid and Rachel's maid.

They had twelve sons who became the twelve tribes of Israel. He worked for Laban for twenty

years. After twenty years, he deceived Laban and went back to his homeland. He got word that

Esau was coming to meet him with 300 men. Jacob was afraid that Esau would kill him and his



Mack Ford

the one who started the deception and, as a result, she never saw Jacob again. She died before Jacob came

family, but he was coming to wel-

come his brother. Jacob's mother was

home. She paid a great price for her

deception. Come soon Lord Jesus.

MACK FORD IS A LOCAL RESIDENT OF WEBSTER PARISH

INSPIRATION

As Americans, most of us enjoy some form of leisure time activity.

Those activities could include sporting

events, concerts, and even movies. Though these activities might be different from one another they are

also very similar. In every one of these situations, you find yourself in a large group often comprised of

familiar and unfamiliar people. Despite the group's differences, they have one major similarity they all

enjoy this particular activity and they are all partaking in this shared experience. This creates common

ground and an avenue for communication with people you otherwise might not talk to. This raises the

question of why can't our Christian walk provide the same experience? We are not instructed to only



Bernard Harris

article is to go out and be the light of Jesus for at least one

person this week by using common ground.

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comfortable around but we are instructed to minister to all the

world. Take, for instance, the movies we sit for 2 hours with strangers where we laugh, cry, get angry,

and fall in love and we do all of this while sitting in the dark and trying to remain quiet. If we can have

such a powerful experience sitting silently in the dark imagine what we could do out loud

My challenge for everyone reading this

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Public Participation Group, P.O. Box 4313, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4313. Emails may be submitted to DEQ.PUBLICNO-TICES@LA.GOV and faxes sent to (225) 219-3309. Persons wishing to receive no-tice of the final permit action must include a complete mailing address when submitting comments Please see additional instructions for comment submission, hand delivery and information regarding electronic submission at http://www.deq. louisiana.gov/page/ the-public-participation-group or call (225) ž19**-**3276. If LDEQ finds a significant degree of public interest, a public hear-ing will be held. LDEQ will send notification of the final permit deci-sion to the applicant and to each person who has submitted written comments or a written request for notification of the final decision The Solid Waste Permit Renewal Application is available for review at the LDEQ Public Records Center, 602 North 5th Street, Baton Rouge, LA. Viewing hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (except holidays). The available information can also be accessed electronically on the Electronic Document Management System (EDMS) on the DEQ public website at www.deq.louisiana. Additional copies may be reviewed at the 521 East & West Minden, LA 71055 and the Northwest

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District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, in the above styled and numbered suit and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder for cash WITHOUT the benefit of appraisement and according to law at the principal front door of the Courthouse in the City of Minden, Webster Parish. Louisiana on WEDNESDAY. January 12, 2022, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

A 18.26 acre, more or less, tract of land located in the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (NE/4 SE/4). Section 21, Township 18 North, Range 8 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana, more particularly described as follows

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Webster Parish,	Mayor Terry Gardner,
Louisiana	Wayne Edwards,
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Wayne Edwards

moved to accept the

action of the Minden

Fire & Police Civil

Service Board and

as an Officer First Class in the City of Minden Police Depart Agreement, as presented. The motion ment. The motion was dulv seconded by was duly seconded by Michael Roy and car-Pam Bloxom and carried unanimously. ried unanimously. Said solution is attached asked for a motion to and made a part of regarding a Minden these minutes. Planning Commis-Michael Roy sion appeal request moved to enter into presented by MGM an Intergovernmental **Development Group** Agreement with the on property owned by Webster Parish Sheriff Anti-Pest and Veitch, for Inmate Labor for Inc. located at the Litter Abatement and municipal address of authorize the Mayor to 711, 715, 719 and 723 sign the agreement, as Germantown Road for presented. The motion was duly seconded by Wayne Edwards a zoning change from R-1, Single Family Residential to R-2 and the vote was as Multifamily Residential follows: Ayes: Wayne Edwards, Michael Roy on the property for the purpose of constructand Pam Bloxom. ing a 50-unit, gated. Nays: Terika Williamssenior citizen retire-Walker and Vincen ment community. The Minden Planning Com-Bradford. Absent: None. Abstain: None. mission voted to deny The motion carried the zoning change Upon motion by at a meeting held on December 2, 2021. Vincen Bradford and duly seconded by Pam Mayor Gardner asked Bloxom, the council unanimously agreed to authorize the City Clerk for a motion three times and no motion was forthcoming from to advertise for bids the council. Therefore. for one (1) Backyard Track Unit with a Pole the Minden Planning Dolly, as presented. Michael Fluhr, Commission's denial of the zoning change stands Acting City Clerk, Michael Roy moved presented the Budget/ to adopt Ordinance Financial Report for the month of October, No. 1123, An Ordinance to Amend and 2021. No motion was Reenact Chapter required 34, Criminal Code, Upon motion by Article VIII. Offenses Wayne Edwards and duly seconded by Mi-chael Roy, the council Affecting Minors, to add Sections 34-267 thru 34-273. Curfew for unanimously approved Juveniles, to the Code the Police Report for of Ordinances, City of October of 2021, as Minden, State of Louipresented. Upon motion by Wayne Edwards and siana, as presented. The motion was duly duly seconded by Terika Williams-Walker, seconded by Pam Bloxom and the vote was as follows: Ayes: the council unani-Michael Roy and mously approved the Pam Bloxom. Nays annual Fire Report. Wayne Edwards as presented, and to Terika Williams-Walker approve payment to and Vincen Bradthe volunteer firemen ford. Absent: None. in the amount of Abstain: None. The \$20.00 per call, as well motion failed. as, other monies as Michael Roy moved allocated in the report. to adopt Ordinance Public comments No. 1124, An Ordiwere heard. Council nance to Amend and comments were heard Reenact Chapter 78 and the meeting was Streets, Sidewalks and adjourned. Other Public Places, Article 1. In General to add Section 78-5, Terry L. Gardner, Use of Parks and City Mayor Owned Property for ATTEST: Gatherings, Meetings, Parades, etc. and Section 78-6, Special Events where Secu-Michael Fluhr rity Control or Traffic Acting City Clerk Control are Necessary, to the Code of December 10, 2021 Ordinances, City of Minden Press-Herald Minden, State of Louisiana, as presented.

Bloxom and the vote

Cash Checks, Billing

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PLACE YOUR AD **TODAY!** 377-1866 Deputy December 10, 2021 Minden Press-Herald SHERIFF'S SALE COMMUNITY LOAN SERVICING, LLC, A DELAWARE LIMITED LIABILITY **COMPANY** VS. THE UNOPENED SUCCESSION OF NORMA ELIZA-BETH FORD COK-ER A/K/A NORMA ELIZABETH FORD COKER A/K/A NORMA ELIZA-**BETH FORD A/K/A** NORMA E. FORD A/K/A NORMA FORD A/K/A NORMA ELIZA-BETH COKER A/K/A NORMA E. COKER A/K/A NORMA COKER A/K/A NORMA FORD COKER <u>A/K/A NORMA F.</u> COKER In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana. No. 79662 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-OUT the benefit of appraisement and according to law at the principal front door of the Courthouse in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana

on WEDNESDAY, January 12, 2022, During the legal

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CARLY COLLIER TO APPROVE THE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 1. 2021 SECONDED BY JAKIE DANIELS. THERE WERE NO COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE MOTION CARRIED. AYES: 2 NAYS: 0 AB-SENT: 1 ABSTAIN: 0 A MOTION WAS MADE BY JAKIE DANIELS TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 2021 FINANCIAL STATE MENTS, SECONDED BY CARLY COLLIER THERE WERE NO COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE, MOTION CARRIED AYES: 2 NAYS: 0 AB SENT: 1 ABSTAIN: 0 DISCUSSION OF CAMPERS BEING MOVED INTO THE CITY LIMITS OF DOYLINE. A MOTION WAS MADE BY CARLY COLLIER AND SEC-ONDED BY JAKIE DANIELS TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2021-5 APPOINT-ING SHANE AS REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE WEBSTER PARISH SALES AND & USE TAX COMMIS-SION JOHNNY MONT-GOMERY, MAINTE-NANCE REPORT. SHANE JONES, VILLAGE CLERK, GAVE THE CLERK'S REPORT. MIKE DUNAWAY, SEWER OPERATOR-ABSENT ROBBY HAYDEN, CHIEF'S REPORT: ABSENT A MOTION WAS MADE BY JAKIE DANIELS TO AD-JOURN THE MEET-ING, SECONDED BY CARLY COLLIER THERE WERE NO COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE MOTION CARRIED. AYES: 2 NAYS: 0 AB-The motion was duly SENT: 1 ABSTAIN: 0 seconded by Pam

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	Loss Budget	proposed			
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	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	0.05	
41403 · Beer Tax	0.00	405.00	-405.00	0.09	
41404 · Beer License	0.00	228.00	-228.00	0.09	
41406 · Fines & Bonds	0.00	75,500.00	-75,500.00	0.05	
41408 · Franchise Tax LP&I, & SW Nat	0.00	15,000.00	-15,000.00	0.09	
Total Income	0.00	132,358.00	-132,358.00	0.07	
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	6,000.00	-6,000.00	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 - Legai	0.00	7,500.00	-7,600.00	0.0	
64200 · Mayor Expense	0.00	7,800.00	-7,800.00	0.0	
64900 - Office Supplies	0.00	7,000.00	-7,000.00	0.0	
65000 - Payroll Expenses	0.00	108,000.00	-108,000.00	0.0	
65500 - 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 66275 - Police Office Expense	0.00	1,100.00	-1,100.00	0.0	
66300 - Police Salaries	0.00	700.00	-700.00	0.0	
66380 - Police Uniforms	0.00	50,000.00	-50,000.00	0.0	
66390 · Police Supplies	0.00	110.00	-110.00	0.0	
66510 · Printing & Reproductions	0.00	4,700.00	-4,700.00	0.0	
66650 · Prisoner Housing	0.00	1,200.00 520.00	-1,200.00	0.0	
66700 · Professional Fees	0.00		-520.00	0.0	
67125 · Repairs and Maintenance	0.00	17,000.00	-17,000.00	0.0	
67200 · Supplies	0.00	400.00		0.0	
67300 · Telephone & Pager Expense	0.00	4,600.00		0.0	
68400 · Travel Expense	0.00	13,300.00		0.0	
68450 · Uniforma	0.00	1,300.00		0.0	
68950 · Utility Salaries	0.00	28,000.00		0.0	
68999 · Utilities	0.00	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	
10 PM Town	of Cotton Valley -	Town Hall			
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Jan - Dec ZZ	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
0.00	6,500.00	-6,500.00	0.0%
0.00	6,500.00	-6,508.00	0.0%
0.00	6,500.00	-8,500.00	0.0%
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Ordinary Income/Expense	Dull - DOC AL	Dunger	4 Over Budget	% of Budget	
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%	
Nat Ordinary Income	0.00	86,000.00	-86,000.00	0.0%	B
let income	0.00	86,000.00	-86,000.00	0.0%	
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Ordinary Income/Expense Income					R
40000 · Water & Sewer Sa	ales 0.00	465,000.00	-465,000.00	0.0%	
40100 · Bulk Water Sold	0.00	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		0.0%	
62700 · Dues & Subscrip 63000 · Fuei Expense	tions 0.00 0.00	1,850.00		0.0%	
63100 · Insurance Expen		3,200.00		0.0%	IK
63250 · Materials & Supp		3,200.00		0.0%	
66500 · Postage & Delive		2,500.00		0.0%	
67200 · Repairs & Mainte		37,700.00		0.0%	
68200 · Trash Services	0.00	75.000.00		0.0%	
68600 - Utilities Expense		41,000.00		0.0%	I E
Total Expense	6.00	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 Inco	ome 0.00	173,090.9	1 -173,090.91	0.0%	4 -
75000 · Other Income	0.00	21,000.0		0.0%	to
Total Other Income	0.00	194,090.9	1 -194,090.91	0.0%	
Net Other Income	0.00	194,090.9	1 -194,090.91	0.0%	MPH
Net Income	0.00	481,390.9	481,390.91	0.0%	at
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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 offic 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 packe from the location listed below

> Webster Parish Police Jury Office of Community Services 208 Gleason Street Minden, LA 71055

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE TURNED IN AT WEBSTER PARISH OFFICE OF COMMUNITY SERVICES LOCATED AT 208 GLEASON STREET MINDEN, LA ON THE SPECIFIED DATE AND TIMES GIVEN

Equal Opportunity Housing/Employer/Program/Provider

Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

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CITY OF MINDEN IS HIRING:

Full-time Research and Marketing Associate

The Research and Marketing Associate is responsible for collecting economic and business related statistical information; inventory of available commercial real estate including vacant land within the City of Minden; develop and/or maintain the Department's social media presence and website; provide assistance at workshops and conferences, special events, and meetings that are either sponsored, approved and/or attended by the Department Director; provide administrative and clerical assistance to the Director.

Education/Experience/Job Requirements:

- College degree preferred. High school diploma or GED supplemented by courses in Economics, Business Administration, Public Administration, Urban Planning or a related field
- Strong capability at problem-solving.
- Good oral and writing communication skills.
- Mathematically proficient particularly with financial data.
- Highly proficient at computer office machines especially software involving: Microsoft Office Suite products including Excel, PowerPoint, Publishing, Word, and Access.
- Good organizational skills a must.
- Must have a car and a valid driver's license.

CITY OF MINDEN IS HIRING:

Part-time School Crossing Guard

This position keeps our school children and pedestrians safe while crossing in school zone areas.

Education/Experience/Job Requirements:

- Must be able to work one to one and half hours in the
- morning and in the afternoon when school is in session. Ability to communicate with children and pedestrians in a
- courtesy, appropriate manner.

Current and valid Louisiana driver's license required. To see a brief job description of any of our openings, or if you

would like to apply, please go online www.mindenla.org/job-listings/ or come by Minden City Hall, 520 Broadway St. Minden, LA to apply in person. Background checks and drug screens will be given

The City of Minden is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

CITY OF MINDEN IS HIRING:

Full-time Utilities Clerk I

This person works in the light & water utilities office at City Hall collecting payments of utilities for City of Minden citizens. Education/Experience/Job Requirements:

- High school diploma or GED required.
- To see a brief job description of any of our openings, or if Three to six months experience in related field, i.e. cashier, you would like to apply, please go online www.mindenla.org/ bank teller, etc. job-listings/ or come by Minden City Hall, 520 Broadway St. Ability to communicate effectively verbally and in writing Minden, LA to apply in person. Background checks and drug Must be able to make calculations rapidly and accurately, screens will be given. accurately count money, make change, write receipts, and The City of Minden is an Equal Opportunity Employer. key punch payments on computer. To see a brief job description of any of our openings, or if you would like to apply, please go online www.mindenla.org/ job-listings/ or come by Minden City Hall, 520 Broadway St. Minden, LA to apply in person. Background checks and drug screens will be given. The City of Minden is an Equal Opportunity Employer. **OAKTREE II APARTMENTS** 1305 School Street Ringgold, LA 71058 LOOKING FOR A REALLY NICE PLACE TO CALL HOME? You should come see us at Oaktree II Apartments! We are accepting applications for our spacious 1 & 2 bedroom units. (Some income restrictions will apply under USDA-Rural Development guidelines) Call our Property Manager at (318) 894-8694. P.O. Box 3401 Shreveport, LA 71133 (318) 621-9263 TDD 1-800-947-5277 This Institution is an Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer." Professionally Managed By: Pines Road LLC HARVEST MANOR WALNUT RIDGE **BURNHAM-RHONE ESTATES** APARTMENTS APARTMENTS 100 Walnut Ridge Lane 995 East Road 1314 Lee Street Princeton, LA 71067 Sarepta, LA 71071 Minden, LA 71055 STALL AT 1 2 R D 522 LOOKING FOR A REALLY LOOKING FOR A REALLY LOOKING FOR A REALLY NICE PLACE TO CALL NICE PLACE TO CALL NICE PLACE TO CALL applications. **HOME?** HOME? **HOME?** applications. You should come see us at You should come see us at You should come see us at Walnut Ridge Apartments! Burnham-Rhone Estates! Harvest Manor Apartments! We are accepting We are accepting We are accepting applications for our applications for our spacious applications for our spacious spacious 1 & 2 bedroom units. 1 & 2 bedroom units. 1, 2 & 3 bedroom units. (Some income restrictions will apply under (Some income restrictions will apply under Some income restrictions will apply under USDA-Rural Development guidelines) USDA-Rural Development guidelines) USDA-Rural Development guidelines) Call our Property Manager at Call our Property Manager at Call our Property Manager at (318) 949-9336. (318)377-8103. (318) 994-3311. "This Institution is an Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer." Professionally Managed By: Pines Road LLC "This Institution is an Equal Opportunity "This Institution is an Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer." Professionally Managed By: Pines Road LLC Provider and Employer Professionally Managed By: Pines Road LLC P.O. Box 3401 P.O. Box 3401 P.O. Box 3401 Shreveport, LA 71133 (318) 621-9263 TDD 1-800-947-5277 Shreveport, LA 71133 (318) 621-9263 TDD 1-800-947-5277 Shreveport, LA 71133 = (318) 621-9263 TDD 1-800-947-5277 ROSE HILL ESTATES 100 Rose Hill Lane Minden, LA 71055 LOOKING FOR A REALLY NICE PLACE TO CALL HOME? You should come see us at Rose Hill Estates! We are accepting applications for our spacious 1 & 2 bedroom units. (Some income restrictions will apply under USDA-Rural Development guidelines) Call our Property Manager at (318) 371-2871. 'This Institution is an Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer." P.O. Box 3401 Shreveport, LA 71133 Professionally Managed By: Pines Road LLC (318) 621-9263 TDD 1-800-947-5277

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SHERIFF'S SALE

REGIONS BANK D/B/A REGIONS MORTGAGE THE UNOPENED SUCCESSION OF **GLORIA JOYE** MAKOWSKY A/K/A **GLORIA CHILDS** MAKOWSKY, GLO-RIA CHILDS, GLO-RIA J. MAKOWSKY, JOYE MAKOWSKY AND THE OPENED SUCCESSION OF SAMUEL MARTIN MAKOWSKY A/K/A SAMUEL MAR-TIN MAKOWSKY, JR., SAMUEL M. MAKOWSKY, JR., SAMUEL M. MA-<u>KOWSKY</u>

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

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

A 5.00 acre, more or less, tract of land located in the Southeast Quarter in our Honorable of the Southwest Court. Quarter (SE/4 of SW/4), Section 20, JASON R. PARKER Township 19 North, Sheriff & Ex-Officio Range 10 West, Auctioneer Webster Parish, Webster Parish, Louisiana, more Louisiana particularly described as follows:

Linda Vaughan -Deputy

November 12, 2021 Southwest Corner December 10, 2021 Minden Press-Herald

Southwest Quarter (SW/cor. SE/4 EMPLOYMENT SW/4), Section 20, Presbyteand run East 208.45 rian Village of feet along the South line of Section 20. Homer is hirsaid line located in ing CNA's all Elmo Burton Loop, shifts, LPN's to a set 5/8" iron all shifts, and rod for the POINT weekend RN's. OF BEGINNING; thence run North For more infor-350 feet to a set mation, please 5/8" IRON ROD; call (318)927-THENCE RUN 6133 and East 624.06 feet to a set 5/8" iron ask for Alex rod; thence run Vansickle for South 0 degrees 33 **RN/LPN/CNA** minutes 43 seconds East 350.02 feet

pin on the South line of Section 20; thence run West 627.49 feet along SCHOOL Survey prepared by Paul W. Culpepper, ZONES Registered Land

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RIOR LIENS, MORTGAGES **OR PRIVILEGES** THERETO.

Said property seized is that of the defendant and will be sold to satisfy a iudament rendered



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PLAY FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN A CHRISTMAS HAM & ENJOY HOLIDAY SAVINGS & SELECTIONS AT LOCAL STORES.

"Join the Fun" TODAY!!

Area merchants, in conjuction with the Minden Press-Herald are giving away 28 hams. Winners will appear in the Minden Press-Herald Tuesday, December 14th. The Ham Giveaway will be published November 24th, December 3rd and December 10th.

- 1.) Clip ham coupons on this page. Coupons must be deposited at the business whose name appears on the coupon.
- 2.) Coupons may be deposited by anyone over 16 years of age. No coupons will be accepted by mail.
- 3.) Enter as often as you like, one entry per person per store visit.
- 4.) No purchase necessary. You do not have to be present to win.
- 5.) If you are a winner, pick up the certificate at the store that has drawn your name. Certificates must be redeemed at the grocery store indicated on the certificate no later than December 23rd, 2021.
- 6.) Employees of the Minden Press-Herald and their families are not eligible.