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MISS MINDEN 2022

Lemoine Crowned Miss Minden 2022

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This past weekend the 2022 Miss Minden pageant took place where eight young women competed in a variety of different categories in order to determine who would be the best fit to represent our town with the titles of Miss Minden, Miss Spirit of Fasching, and Outstanding Teen.

After a night of fierce competition, ultimately the judges for the pageant made the decision to crown Anna Claire Lemoine as Miss Minden 2022. "It was honestly insane. I started out in the Miss Minden organization as a teen, and just being able to come back and win Miss Minden, and be able to give back to my community as well as encourage other girls to step into the Miss America and Miss Louisiana Organization is just an absolutely humbling experience," said Lemoine.

The other coveted title these young women were competing for is one that represents Minden's German heritage, that being Miss Spirit of Fasching. The judges determined this year's winner to be Courtney Patterson. "A lot was going through my mind. I was extremely excited. This is a title I have wanted for a long time. I've always admired the girls who have held it in the past. It really is an honor. I'm ready to be a leader and fill my position,"

said Patterson shortly after being crowned Miss Spirit of Fasching 2022.

These titles both had Outstanding Teen divisions as well, with Miss Minden Outstanding Teen going to Olivia Blackwelder, and Spirit of Fasching Outstanding Teen being awarded to Izzy Gray.

The morning of the day of the competition the judges met with younger contestants competing for titles of Miss Minden for all age groups. Baby Miss Minden was awarded to Madilyn Crawford. Toddler Miss Minden was awarded to Kristlyn Carter. Petite Miss Minden was awarded to Tessa Adams. Little Miss Minden was awarded to Kensington Pamintuan. Pre-teen Miss Minden was awarded to Landry Edwards, and Junior Miss Minden was awarded to Isabel Sifuentez.

The host of the Miss Minden Pageant, the Young Women's Service Club would like to express their thanks to the sponsors who made this event possible. The Platinum sponsor is Home Federal Bank. Gold Sponsors are Mike's Hometown Spirits, Terry Gardner for Mayor, and Minden Family Pharmacy. Silver sponsors include b1 Bank, Meriwether Wealth & Planning, The Tree Guys, Hugh Wood Specialty Meats, Harper Motors, Cindy Ritchie Walker, Nick Cox, and Minden Family Dental.



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Miss Minden: Anna Claire Lemoine

Miss Spirit of Fasching: Courtney
Patterson

Miss Minden Outstanding Teen: Olivia
Blackwelder

Spirit of Fasching Outstanding Teen:
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WEBSTER & MORE

MLK DAY

MLK Symposium honors students around the parish

AMBER MCDOWN
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On Sunday, January 16th, the MLK Celebration Committee hosted a commemorative symposium honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Students were given awards for leadership, poetry writing and essay writing. Members of the community also offered their personal thoughts on the theme of the event: “The Dream 2022: Stop the Violence—Save Our Youth and Save Our Community.” Due to COVID restrictions, the conference was held via Zoom.

Ms. Breleisha Gilbert presented the awards for Youth Leadership. These students were nominated by members of the community. The committee selected the winners who are outstanding students who “demonstrate their dedication to social action, positive change, building bridges among races, cultures and communities, and who all show important aspects of service.” The winners of the 6th-8th Grade division were Jaydee Tuttle, nominated by Principal Bewanichi Sheppard, and Angel Stewart, nominated by Mr. Ron Anderson, both of Webster Jr. High. In the 9th-12th Grade division, the winners were Minden High’s Arionna Thomas, nominated by Dr. Suzan Bailey, and Tyronn Grider, nominated by Mrs. Janice Givens.

Ms. Felicia Harris presented the K-2 Poetry Contest winners. Blythe Burrell, a second-grade student of J.L. Jones Elementary, won 2nd place,

and Kaden Johnson, a first-grade student of J.A. Phillips Elementary, won 1st place. As Kaden stated, “When we’re all nice to each other, we all can be friends.”

For the essay contest, students were asked to write their essays based on this year’s theme. They were asked to consider how violence affects youth and the community, how Dr. King’s dream can help save youth and the community, and how they can continue the dream and change the future. In the 3rd-5th Grade division all of the winners were students of E.S. Richardson: Ayana Roberson won 3rd place, Turner Wilson won 2nd place, and Wil’lecia Johnson won 1st place. In Wil’lecia’s essay, she exhorts us to make new friends instead of new enemies by following Dr. King’s principles. Webster Jr. High provided the winners for the 6th-8th Grade essay awards. In 3rd place was Tatum Miller, in 2nd was Addison Walker, and the 1st place winner was Brooklyn Davis. In Brooklyn’s essay, she suggests that “coming together at least once a week, if not more, with the community and the youth could make a huge difference.” The high school division, grades 9-12, had winners from a couple of different schools. The 3rd place winner, Devin Harris, and the 2nd place winner, Ada Gilbert, are both students of Minden High. The 1st place winner, Jasmine Sneed, attends Gibsland Coleman High. In Jasmine’s essay, she states that


“hatred and division are taking a toll on our youth and community.” She says “our future is not going to change by doing the same things that obviously hadn’t worked in the past.” Winners will receive certificates and monetary awards later this week. Ms. Krystal Harrison was the presenter for these awards. Mrs. Carita Elkins of E.S. Richardson was given an Amazon gift card to use in her classroom for being the teacher with the most entries in the parish.

After the award ceremony, community members and leaders offered some of their personal thoughts. We heard from such speakers as Reginald Bridges, Tessa Flournoy, Roman Holiday, Derek Parker, and Lt. Tokia Harrison. Dr. Grady Smith, principal of Woodlawn Leadership Academy, said that “if Dr. King had to give a speech today, I believe that a key point of his message would be on the state of black-on-black crime. We have to call for a movement to stop the violence in our own communities, among our own children.” Bobby Stromile, a Caddo Parish juvenile attorney, spoke of counseling minors as they come through the legal system. He tells youth “nothing is given for us, everything is hard.” He counsels them on “the importance of getting an education, staying out of trouble, and also the importance of giving back to your community.” Rev. Clarence Bryant ended his speech by saying, “It takes a village to stop violence.”

BLOTTER

Recent arrests in Webster Parish		
Dennis Lewis , 47, of the 200 block of Pershing Street, was arrested for aggravated assault and disturbing the peace through intoxication.	Cassbriel Rankin, 31, of the 1200 block of Con-table Street, was arrested for failure to appear in court.	Charles McDaniels, 46, of the 200 block of Sumlin Street, was arrested for criminal neglect of family.
Xander Provell, 20, of the 1100 block of Claiborne Street, was arrested for failure to appear in court.	Kiora Sims, 22, of the 700 block of West Street, was arrested on a warrant.	Clint Godwin, 42, of the 3500 block of Franklin Road, was arrested for distribution of a schedule II substance.
Ravi Flournoy, 47, was arrested for resisting an officer by flight, driving with an open container, two counts of running a stop sign, three counts of driving left of center, four counts of failure to signal turn, failure to maintain lane, unsafe turn, and no tail lights.	Derrick Rice, 29, of the 400 block of Talton Street, was arrested for resisting an officer, disturbing the peace, and being a fugitive from Webster Parish Sheriff’s Office.	Frederick Pouncy, of the 100 block of Green-park Road, was arrested for being a fugitive from Shreveport.
Jeffery Walker, 25, of the 100 block of Greenard Street, was arrested on warrant.	Perouz Daemi, 58, of the 1100 block of Long-horn Drive, was arrested for aggravated assault and resisting an officer.	Ashley Cole, 33, of the 700 block of Claiborne Street, was arrested for issuing a worthless check,
Dedrick Miller, 43, of the 1100 block of Shreveport Road, was arrested for disturbing the peace in a violent manner.	Gerald Williams, 51, of the 700 block of Sims Street, was arrested for driving while intoxicated, two counts of running a stop sign, driving without headlights, possession of a schedule I substance, driving with an open container, and expired driver’s license.	Trejan Bradshaw, 22, of the 300 block of Thorns Street, was arrested for simple criminal damage to property.
Natasha Golatt, 32, of the 3200 block of River Street, was arrested on a warrant for aggravated assault.	Timothy Grim, 52, of the 100 block of Eagle Bend, was arrested for interfering with a police investigation.	Anastasia Wilcox, of the 600 block of Marion Street, was arrested for improper supervision of a minor.
JaCorian Germany, 20, of the 500 block of Thompson Street, was arrested on a warrant.	Timothy Grim, 62, of the 100 block of Eagle Bend, was arrested for public intimidation.	Tony Thoams, of the 16800 block of Highway 80 was arrested for a probation violation.
Betsy Rayner, 57, of the 100 block of Charles Trail, was arrested for failure to appear in court.	Seth McLendon, 41, of the 200 block of Grant Circle, was arrested for possession of a schedule I substance and contempt of court.	Clayton Bennett, 25, was arrested for simple criminal damage to property.
Micahel Loud, 50, of the 2000 block of School Street, was arrested for simple criminal damage to property.	Tanquencia Thornton, 31, of the 1300 block of Sheppard Street, was arrested for driving on a road/lane for traffic, driving while intoxicated, driving with an open container, and general speeding.	D’Lundarius Daniels, 28, of the Bayou Dorcheat Correctional Center, was arrested for being a fugitive of the Webster Parish Sheriff’s Office.
James Roton, 40, of the 600 block of Doc Steed Road, was arrested for failure to appear in court.		Stephanie Keeton, of the 100 block of Mattie Lane, was arrested for contempt of court.
Azende Burns, 23, of the 100 block of Tay-		Derrick Lewis, 48, of the 200 block of SE Claiborne Road, was arrested for criminal neglect of family.
		Anthony Williams, 36, of the 600 block of Sibley Road, was arrested for being a fugitive from Shreveport.

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OBITUARIES



Bettye Jo Franklin Swindell

On December 20, 2021 at 3:00 pm, heaven's gates opened wide for it's newest angel, to welcome the homegoing of Bettye Swindell.

The Life Book Bettye Jo Franklin Swindell opened when she was born to the late Anna Dell Cosby of Webster Parish, and the late Lonnie Franklin of Claiborne Parish, on November 7th 1940. Being the youngest girl, Bettye outlived all of her siblings. Bettye's eldest sister, Mildred Johnson, lived in the Minden area. Bettye's middle sister Florence Johnson, lived in the Houston area, Bettye's only brother, who also lived in the Minden area, was Felix Quarles. She lost her husband of 58 years, in February of 2021. She is survived by her only son.

Bettye received her formal education through the Webster Parish School System. She was a graduate of the Webster High School Class of 1958.

After graduating from Webster High, Bettye's academic pursuits would lead her to attend Lincoln University in Jefferson City Missouri. While focusing on education, she also showed talent and a love for photography. Her family and wildlife photos would show a natural ease behind the camera.

After college, Bettye would get married to her college sweetheart, John T. Swindell III, and become a military wife. During that marriage of 58 years, and throughout her entire lifetime, she gave birth to only one child, a boy, John T. Swindell IV.

She would support her family at home, while her husband John, charted his path to success during active duty, serving two tours in Vietnam and a tour in Cambodia, with Special Forces, as a Green Beret.

After her husband's active duty, she went on to earn a Masters in Counseling. Her first endeavor, after obtaining her masters, immediately applied her talents to a study in a women's prison for literacy, as it applies to recidivism. The study was so successful, that it led to the creation of a literacy program that got federally funded, and generated a paid position teaching and providing counseling to the prisoners. Hard work eventually rewarded her with a position at her alma mater, which allowed her to transition into the counseling depart-

ment. Her passion and work ethic lead her to become the full time Director of Student Special Services,

A move to Connecticut would prove to be an opportunity for her to gain employment at Pepperidge Farm, and later Godiva chocolate. At Godiva, she was the lead for VIP customer engagement. Working to fill important orders for A-list celebrities like: Oprah, Martha Stewart, Sean "P-Diddy" Combs, and the list goes on.


She would retire early to take care of her husband John, after dementia started to take it's toll on his daily activities. Ever the good wife, she maintained a high quality of life for her husband until complications with dementia began to prove too demanding to handle by herself. At which time a move back to her home town of Minden would be necessary. Also returning to her church home, built by her only brother Felix, New Light Baptist Church.

Bettye was driven by a demanding spirit of sisterhood and benevolence. As a mentor she would prove to be a natural "team builder", identifying candidates often overlooked by management. As a Soror of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., she would become an active participant in the various community programs. She would eventually go on to become a Silver Star Soror (50 years of service). Girl Scouts of America was one of her dearest loves, mainly because she could mentor directly to girls involved with inner city programs in the New Haven Connecticut area. She was also involved with the Lady Lions Club (Vice-President) because local organizations empower and enrich the entire community. Her benevolence would also have her involved with The Urban League, helping women returning to the corporate job market after incarceration, by providing them with appropriate clothing to comfortably enter the workforce.

Bettye Swindell was a light to any and every room she ever entered. She thrived on mentoring so much so that her mission was to inspire people who would inspire others. Every feather on the wings of this newest angel, each could represent 1000 lives changed. And every tread on her golden stairway has been laid through a thoughtful deed or her saving grace.

She is survived by her only son, John T Swindell IV, and a host of cousins, nieces and nephews that she dearly loved.

She will be laid to rest next to her husband of 58 years, Lieutenant Colonel John T. Swindel III, at the Leavenworth National Cemetery in Leavenworth Kansas.



Helen Butler

Graveside services for Helen Butler will be held Tuesday, January 17, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. at Ebenezer Cemetery in Castor, Louisiana under the direction of Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Minden, Louisiana.

Helen was born February 5, 1926, in Haynesville, Louisiana and entered into rest January 13, 2022, in Arcadia, Louisiana.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George Butler.

She is survived by her daughter, Barbara Lynn Butler of Minden; granddaughter, LeAnn Mansel of Minden; great-grandchildren, Marcus Butler and Mitchell Branch; four great great-grandchildren; and one great great great-grandchild.

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GAS BUDDY

Gas prices have fallen in Louisiana

(January 17, 2022) - Louisiana gas prices have fallen 0.8 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$2.98/g today, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 2,436 stations in Louisiana. Gas prices in Louisiana are 2.0 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand 91.6 cents per gallon higher than a year ago. The cheapest station in Louisiana is priced at \$2.52/g today while the most expensive is \$3.49/g, a difference of 97.0 cents per gallon.

"Average gas prices saw a slight boost over the last week as the rising price of crude oil continues to push prices up. While the rise was fairly tame, some states still saw slight declines. Gasoline demand, aside from motorists filling up ahead of the weekend winter storm, has been lackluster. The real pain at the pump will start in about 4-6 weeks," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy.

The national average price of gasoline has risen 1.3 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.31/g today. The national average is unchanged from a month ago and stands 93.3 cents per gallon higher than a year ago.

"Oil prices continue to edge higher as oil production remains a concern due to unrest in Libya and Kazakhstan, however, some improvement in the latter situation could lead to oil prices being more subdued."

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OTHER OPINION

MLK: The high plain of dignity and discipline

America is the greatest country in the world, not because we all share the same perspectives, but because of our diversity of opinion and our freedom to express that opinion and work through our differences. This has always been the American culture.

The protection of freedom of speech, association, religion, and presumption of innocence have always been core principles in America. Americans have a shared loyalty to these tenets and the foundations prescribed in the Declaration of Independence and Constitution.

In America, reasonable people may differ; open discourse is welcome; dissent is allowed; and equal opportunity is sought. In America, power resides in a free individual; the free exercise of religion is upheld; and our rights emanate from God.

Through the centuries, freedom of speech and association have been keys to major positive reforms in our country. The abolition of slavery, the civil rights movements, and women's suffrage would have not gotten far without freedom of speech and association. When speech is suppressed, the people with the least power are the ones with the greatest to lose. Frederick Douglass called free speech "the great moral renovator of society and government".

The abolition of slavery, civil

rights, and women's suffrage were perceived as offensive to much of the population at the time these ideas transformed America. Advocates like Frederick Douglass, Martin Luther King, Jr., Thurgood Marshall, and Susan B. Anthony did not try to silence their opponents. They knew the anecdote to the suppression of speech is more speech. They benefited from debate. The culture of expression prevailed. No one has a monopoly on all the best ideas.

What is different today is many are not interested in talking about ideas. Many forego tolerance and civility and treating people with respect. Tolerance is replaced with intimidation and bullying and many promote the replacement of debate and discourse with a system of coerced opinion and censorship known as the cancel culture.

Dr. Martin Luther King said in his "I Have A Dream" speech "We cannot drink from the cup of bitterness and hatred" and we must "conduct our struggle in the high plain of dignity and discipline". The cancel culture is the expression of bitterness, intolerance, and hatred Dr.



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King described.

In the early 1950's, in the age of McCarthyism, Senator Margaret Chase Smith stood up to Senator Joseph McCarthy's corrupt and manipulative anti-communist "cancel culture" crusade. She said on the Senate floor "some of the basic principles of America include the right to hold unpopular beliefs and independent thought. Exercising those rights should not cause one single American citizen his reputation or his right to his livelihood, nor should he be in danger of losing his reputation or livelihood merely because he happens to know someone who holds unpopular beliefs. Who of us does not? Otherwise none of us could call our souls our own".

McCarthyism and the cancel culture are most alike in their power to conjure fear. It was fear that kept Senator McCarthy up and running for several years and it is fear - of losing a job, one's good name, one's friends, and fear of saying the wrong thing - that fortifies and sustains the cancel culture.

In his book 1984, George Orwell noted "he who controls the past controls the future and he who controls the present controls the past". With just a cursory look at what is happening around us, it's a terrifying thought. For everyone who spent adult years in the 20th century, this "transformational" idea of canceling has been integral in the most destructive

political systems in human history. Communism, Fascism, and The Third Reich all began with crushing dissent and building of cultural fear.

There will be no resolution of America's many social problems if diversity of thought is silenced and people are intimidated for expressing their beliefs. Without the American culture that welcomes freedom of thought, speech, association, and religious liberty, the American problem-solving ethic based on honest deliberation and mutual learning will not be there for us. This freedom of expression has been a pillar of America's place as a unique force of good in the world.

Even when our political factions and differences make it difficult to build consensus on new directions and policies, the first rule is "do no harm". Culture debate and discourse often prevents us from doing harm. The cancel culture does the opposite. Martin Luther King, Jr. was right. "We must conduct our struggle in the high plain of dignity and discipline."

Freedom of speech, association, and religious liberty is still strong in America, but it looks like more than ever, it needs active defense.

DR. PHILLIP ROZEMAN IS THE FORMER CHIEF OF STAFF AT MINDEN MEDICAL CENTER.

OTHER OPINION

Inflation a hidden, regressive tax on Americans

I am always optimistic about the strength, resiliency, and ingenuity of the American free market economy. However, this economic strength and stability depends upon government creating a level playing field for free market competition, and even more importantly, not to handicap the economy through the imposition of unreasonable laws and regulations.

One of those handicaps includes the less visible, but very real effects of inflation on goods, services, and everything else. In fact, inflation in the U.S. increased faster this past year than it has in nearly 40 years—dating back to the administration of President Jimmy Carter. So, what exactly is inflation?

Well, economists tell us that inflation occurs when consumer demand in the economy rises more than the supply of consumer goods, describing this dynamic as "too much money chasing too few goods." In the simplest terms, the result is a general increase in prices and decrease in the purchasing power of money. Further, from the daily news we know that this supply deficit is caused by several factors, including supply chain problems, reduced production from workers who are away from their jobs due to the coronavirus, and the damaging inflationary policies of the Biden Administration, including ending our energy independence and raising the costs of production and transportation of goods, both of which require huge amounts of energy.

There is also the fact that the Federal Reserve has been "printing" money at a rapid pace and is only now planning to "taper off." Why does all of this matter? Well, because it means our hard-earned dollars pack less "punch;" they don't go as far when we purchase food, energy, housing, and many other of the necessities of life.



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deal by itself, it begins to have a significant impact on our business and family budgets when every one of our consumer choices see a price increase.

Which products have seen some of the highest gains over the past 12 months? meats, poultry, fish, and eggs: 12.5% increase; fruits and vegetables: 5% increase; electricity: 6.3% increase; furniture and bedding: 13.8% increase; women's dresses: 8% increase; jewelry and watches: 7.2% increase; rent of primary residences: 3.3% in-

crease. (Forbes Advisor).

The economists at the Heritage Foundation summarized the impact of inflation on lower income and working families in this way:

"As millions of Americans are experiencing, inflation can be the most destructive and painful tax of all. Lower-income families and working Americans are being especially hard-hit by skyrocketing prices because they spend a greater proportion of their income on things like energy and used vehicles, which are rising faster than the overall rate. For nearly two years, oppressive COVID-19 mandates suppressed the supply of goods and services. The elimination of work requirements for some welfare programs, overly generous unemployment benefits, and rounds of school shutdowns dramatically reshaped the economy, reduced the size of the workforce, and put massive strain on supply chains."

There is another important point to keep in mind. Inflation is a dishonest and regressive form of taxation—yet politicians prefer to impose it rather than cut spending or raise explicit tax revenue to cover the level of spending. (Cato Institute). Why is inflation considered a "regressive" tax? Because, unlike a "progressive" tax which increases as a business or individual's income increases, a "regressive" tax hits the poor and struggling. For example, if the price of a gallon of milk increases from \$2 to \$3, the "inflation tax" hits lower

income individuals harder because that \$1 increase reflects a greater percentage of their disposable income needed for the necessities of life.

Also, the largest expenditure for most households is housing. If you buy your home with a fixed rate mortgage, as upper middle-income households do, you are somewhat insulated from higher housing costs, but if you have to rent your home, there is not much you can do as rent goes higher and higher every year.

One final thought. In addition to the regressive nature of inflation's impact on lower income Americans, the other class of individuals who suffer greatly from inflation are blue collar, average middle-class workers; the people who kept working all through the hard days of the pandemic, including truck drivers, health care workers and many others. They bear the brunt. Why?

Because unlike most federal entitlement programs that are automatically increased to compensate for inflation, the typical American worker doesn't have that protection for his or her wages.

All of the above are likely why recent polling reflects the fact that an uncertain economy with historic—and still rising—inflation are a much greater concern to American consumers than the Coronavirus and all its different variants.

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OTHER OPINION

When will school closures end? Not until we empower parents

JUSTIN OWEN
Special to the Press-Herald

Many kids across the country have begun to return to school after the holiday break. But others have not.

Due to the uptick in COVID-19 cases arising out of the more contagious omicron variant, some 3,500 schools have thus far shut their doors to in-person instruction this spring, according to the Wall Street Journal. On Jan. 5, the Chicago teachers union effectively closed the city's schools, a move that even the city's liberal mayor, herself no stranger to heavy-handed pandemic policies, called an illegal strike.

Parents are fed up. They were understanding when there was limited per-

sonal protective equipment for teachers, students and faculty early in the pandemic because we knew little about COVID-19's spread. But going on two years later, their frustrations are mounting at school districts that have received billions of dollars in federal aid to make their schools a safe environment, yet are still closing their doors and ignoring the science. Couple that with the growing availability of vaccines and other treatment options for younger and younger populations, let alone the fact that omicron has proven to exhibit far less severe symptoms than previous strains, and parents are left scratching their heads.

What are parents to do?

They've shown up to school board meetings and pleaded for reopening. They've demanded - sometimes successfully - that state legislatures limit school districts' ability to close schools and impose mask mandates. Yet the education establishment and government officials repeatedly ignore parents' concerns and sometimes even ignore the new state laws limiting their power. Parents easily can be ignored (although Terry McAuliffe might now regret so flipantly brushing them off) because in most cases, they have little say over their child's education.

That can change. Robust parental choice will finally put parents in the driver's seat. More than half the

states have enacted some type of parental choice program, and even more joined in last year in what was dubbed "the year of school choice." But many such programs are limited to lower-income families or those in certain geographic areas. West Virginia is the only state that effectively has universal educational choice.

That leaves millions of families without recourse. If school districts or the unions that often drive their decision-making refuse to listen, then parents should be able to walk away. All parents should have the ability to take the money we already spend on their child's education and apply it to the school of their choice, be it their zoned public school,

a charter school, a private school, an online school or a combination of all the above.

Parental choice in education has been a necessary option for a long time for families whose children are stuck in schools that aren't serving their needs. Now, many parents are finding that their children can't even be stuck in those schools because the schoolhouse door has been slammed in their faces. State legislators across the country need to not only listen to parents' legitimate concerns, but truly empower them to finally do something about it.

JUSTIN OWEN IS PRESIDENT AND CEO OF THE BEACON CENTER OF TENNESSEE, A FREE-MARKET THINK TANK.

SPORTS

Minden native featured in *Sports Illustrated*

Minden Press-Herald Sports Service

Dr. Kiki Baker Barnes, athletic director at Dillard University and founder of So You Want a Career in Athletics, is featured in the Jan. 11, 2022 edition of *Sports Illustrated* and Empower Onyx series “Elle-evate: 100 Influential Black Women in Sports.”

Barnes, a resident of New Orleans and native of Minden, was highlighted in the feature story for her leadership in collegiate sports and commitment to developing the next generation of women leaders in sports through So You Want a Career in Athletics, a professional leadership development program.

Since 2018, SYWACIA has introduced more than 400 girls and young women to mentorship opportunities, career mapping and notable women leaders in the sports industry. In addition to her leadership roles at Dillard University and with SYWACIA, Barnes serves as the interim commissioner of the

Gulf Coast Athletic Conference. She made history as the first female and the first African American commissioner of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics and is the only female athletic director in the state of Louisiana. Barnes recently received the Nell Jackson Nike Executive of the

Year Award presented by Women Leaders in College Sports and was named 2019 Under Armour Athletics Director of the Year. Read more in the *Sports Illustrated* and Empower Onyx story titled “Dr. Kiki Baker Barnes Is Dedication Her Own Legacy to the Next Generation of Black Women.”



KIKI BAKER BARNES

Dunkin’ Dogs still unbeaten in C-USA play

Minden Press-Herald Sports Services

HATTIESBURG, Miss. — Louisiana Tech made winning plays down the stretch to come away with a 76-62 victory over Southern Miss, sweeping the two-game series on Sunday afternoon inside Reed Green Coliseum. In a game that had 11 ties and eight lead changes, LA Tech (15-3, 6-0 C-USA) was up by three with five minutes remaining. The Bulldogs proceeded to finish the game on a 16-5 run, including scoring the final nine points of the game to extend their winning streak to seven and remain unbeaten in conference play (best start to C-USA in program history). Kenneth Lofton Jr. led Tech with a game-high 23 points. Willis and Cobe Williams joined him in double figures with 14 and 12 points, respective-

ly. USM was held to 32.8 percent shooting for the game. DeAndre Pinckney and Tyler Stevenson each registered 21 points. GRAMBLING — The Grambling State University men’s basketball team handed Southern University their first Southwestern Athletic Conference loss with an 83-77 victory at Willis Reed Court at the Fredrick C. Hobdy Assembly Center on Saturday afternoon. GSU’s Cameron Christon banked in a clutch 3-pointer with 1:16 left to give the Tigers a six-point lead at 77-71. Christon finished the night with 23 points, including an 11-for-11 performance at the free-throw line. GRAMBLING — The Grambling State University women’s basketball team got back on track with a 55-46 home victory over archrival Southern on Saturday afternoon.



COURTESY PHOTO

MHS girls crush Evangel Christian, 58-6

The Minden High School Crimson Tide girls basketball team rolled over Evangel Christian Friday night by the score of 58-6. Minden will next play a girls/boys home doubleheader against Huntington tonight.

Big bucks can hide in little places

GLYNN HARRIS
Special to the Minden Press-Herald

Webster Parish resident Chad Allison has a proven record of being able to waylay trophy bucks. Visit his Shongaloo home and you’ll see proof; he has 21 trophy mounts hanging on the walls of his home. “I own some land in the area and I have other areas that I lease for deer hunting,” Allison said. “However during my years of chasing trophy bucks, I have found that often the biggest buck in the woods tends to hide out in places you might not expect. “Strange as it may seem, I often find bucks right over the backyard fence of country homes, especially when there’s a thicket and when they are pressured by hunters. They feel safer there.” Allison put his money where his mouth is when he got a tip about a big buck hanging out in just such a place, just over the back yard fence of a six acre plot owned by a lady. He talked with her and she gave him permission to try his luck on the buck that was hanging out back there. “With her permission, I put out feed and a trail camera and got photos of a really nice buck on her property. On the morning of Nov. 8, I decided to hunt the big buck. She let me use my bulldozer to make a lane next to an old fence on the property. I like to hunt from a lock-on stand, but with the area so small, I was afraid getting a stand up a tree would be too much noise. “There was a cedar tree that had blown down along the fence so I decided to make me a seat among the branches of the



COURTESY PHOTO

Chad Allison downed this 14 point buck on 6 acres behind the back yard of a country home.”while he was sitting on his back porch.

fallen cedar.” Allison has the type game camera that alerts his cell phone when something trips the camera and he’s able to see what it is. While he was sitting nestled among the branches of the cedar just before daylight, his phone alerted him to a photo of the buck down the lane some 100 yards or so and then the buck was gone. “Just as it started to get daylight, I saw something move 10 feet from where I sat and there was the buck right there in my face,” Allison said. “When I looked up to see what was moving, he saw me move, took off and I figured I had really messed up.” That afternoon, Allison decided to crawl back in the cedar although he had

to wonder if because the buck had seen him that morning, it may not show up again. However, around 4:20 p.m., a doe stepped out at 100 yards and right behind him was the buck. Putting the crosshairs on the buck’s vitals, he hit the trigger and the buck hit the ground. “His rack was impressive, sporting 14 points with only a little over two inches of irregular points,” Allison said. “I’m not really interested in competition but my son’s girlfriend had gotten a buck with her bow and they were taking it to Simmons Sporting Goods in Bastrop to enter in the store’s contest. They suggested that they take mine and I agreed and if they wanted to enter mine in the contest, I didn’t have

a problem with it.” Allison’s buck was measured with a rack scoring 174 2/8 inches of mass and currently sits in fourth place in the men’s division of the contest. Allison shared a secret on downing trophy bucks, stating that his passion is looking for and hunting big bucks. The racks on his walls confirm that passion. “I find those folks who live in the country and who have small patches of land around their houses, Allison said. “After getting permission, I use game cameras to see what’s there and put out feed to draw the deer to me. So far, it’s been pretty successful.” GLYNN HARRIS’ OUTDOORS APPEARS TUESDAYS OR FRIDAYS IN THE MINDEN PRESS-HERALD.

FISHING REPORT

BLACK BAYOU – Fishing is slow. No report this week. Contact Honey Hole Tackle Shop 323-8707 for the latest information. OUACHITA RIVER – Bass are fair in the run-outs from river lakes to river. Crank baits and soft plastics are picking up a few. Crappie have been best fishing around submerged tops 12-20 feet deep in 25-foot water on jigs or shiners. For the latest information, contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707. LAKE D’ARBONNE – Crappie fishing has been best fishing the channel edges in water up to 35 feet deep on shiner or jigs with best jigs this week being the Lite’s Out, Popsicle and Fred’s Special. Bass are in the channels in deeper water with crank baits, jigs and soft plastics picking up some. 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 – Crappie fishing has been best fishing around submerged brush in 25 foot water with shiners or jigs working best. Bass are fair with most running rather small and hitting on a variety of lures. A few bream have been caught off the banks on nightcrawlers. There is no report on stripers or

catfish. For the latest information, call Misty at Kel’s Cove at 331-2730 or Terzia Tackle at 278-4498. CANEY LAKE – Bass fishing has been best fishing deep water with deep diving crank baits, jiggling spoons and tail spinners. Crappie are in the deep water out from the dam with best catches made on shiners or jigs fished near the bottom in 30-35 foot water. Jiggling spoons bounced off the bottom in deep water are fair for yellow bass. No report on catfish. For information contact Hooks Marina at 249-2347, Terzia Tackle at 278-4498 or the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707. LAKE POVERTY POINT – Catfishing has been good on cold worms. Crappie fishing has been best on the south end of the lake on shiner or jigs. No report on bass. For the latest reports, call Poverty Point Marina at 318-878-0101. LAKE ST. JOHN – The water is low; launching boats is a near impossibility. No fishing this week. For information, call Ken Mahoney at 318-201-3821. LAKE YUCATAN – The water is rising and fishing is slow except on the south end where some crappie have been caught. For information, call Surplus City Landing at 318-467-2259.

— Glynn Harris

FUN & GAMES

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8 Stuffing herb
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14 Hockey legend Phil, to fans
15 Home of the Packers
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19 Sturdy tree
20 Spassky's game
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22 Huge
23 Bottom
26 Fear-stricken
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31 Blue hue
32 Lighten
33 Arty area
35 Hinder
36 Sailor

DOWN
37 Soda container
38 Norwegian inlet
41 "It's c-c-cold!"
42 Right angle
45 Actress Russo
46 Chinese brew
48 Diminutive suffix
49 Mosquito barrier
50 Cupid's alias
51 Thames town
52 Multi-purpose truck
53 Compass point

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2 Old Italian money
3 Help a crook
4 Born abroad?
5 City-related
6 Drench source
8 "The Italian Job" actor
9 Tennis champ Arthur
10 Transcript stats
11 Eternities
16 Dark film genre

20 Spy org.
21 Color named for a fruit
22 Journalist Nellie
23 Gist
24 Year in Spain
25 "Gee, ya think?"
26 Alias abbr.
27 Yoga pad
28 Jargon suffix
29 Aachen article
31 Bro or sis
34 '60s chic
35 Challenge
37 El Greco's birthplace
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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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Fun By The Numbers

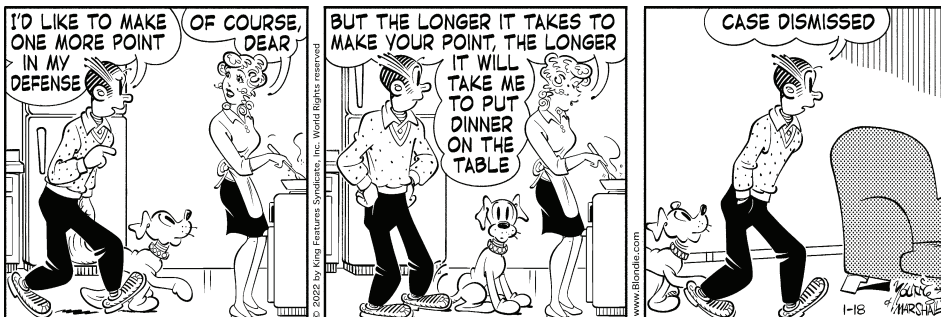
Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

COMICS

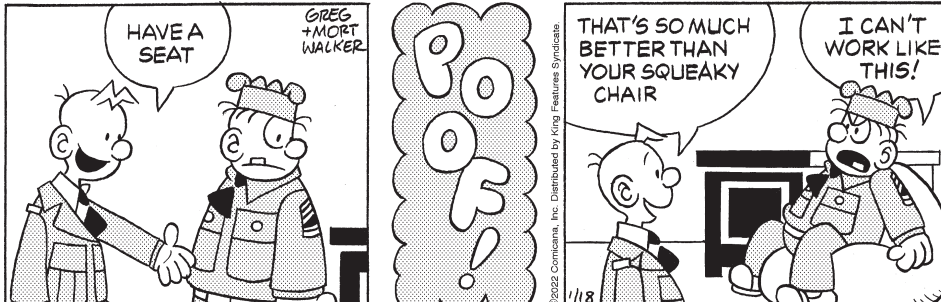
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The Webster Parish School Board is posting a Request for Proposal(RFP) for E-Rate Category 2 for FY 2022. You can access the RFP by going to www.webstersb.org and navigating to Departments, Technology, E-Rate Category 2 – 2022

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Minden Planning Commission Meeting

February 3, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.

Pelican Room - Minden City Hall

On the agenda is a request from David & Delisa Brown for a lot size variance on property owned by them located at the municipal address of 715 Brooks Alley. This property is zoned R-3 (Single Family Residential).

The purpose of this lot size variance request is to tear down the existing residence and place a 2022 manufactured home on the property. According to City of Minden Ordinances, Appendix A Zoning, Section 8.03, the minimum required lot size in an R-3 District is 5,000 square feet. The property at 715 Brooks Alley only has approximately 4,700 square feet.

Legal Description: THE NORTH 55 FT. OF LOT #3 & THE NORTH 55 FT. OF THE WEST 5 FT. OF LOT #4, BLK. "A", S.J. HARRELL SUBDIV.

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

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF MINDEN, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN IN SPECIAL SESSION HELD ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 13, 2022.

The Minden City Council met at City Hall, Minden, Louisiana, beginning at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: Mayor Terry Gardner, Terika Williams-Walker, Vincen Bradford, Michael Roy and Pam Bloxom. Absent: Wayne Edwards. Mayor Gardner welcomed everyone to the meeting. It is noted for the record that Mayor Terry Gardner allowed both council and public comments prior to every vote.

Prayer was offered by Michael Roy and Mayor Gardner led the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon the recommendation of Police Chief Steve Cropper, Michael Roy moved to confirm Benjamin Sparks as a police officer in the Minden Police Department, subject to passing all applicable tests. The motion was duly seconded by Pam Bloxom and carried unanimously.

Vincen Bradford moved to adopt a Resolution Authorizing Execution of the Co-operative Endeavor/ Purchase Agreement between the City of Minden, Louisiana and the Town of Welsh, Louisiana for three (3) Electric Transformers, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Pam

Bloxom and carried unanimously. Said resolution is attached to and made a part of these minutes. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Terry L. Gardner, Mayor

ATTEST:

Michael Fluhr, Acting City Clerk

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PROCEEDING OF THE VILLAGE OF HEFLIN, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN IN REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 6, 2022.

The Hefflin Town Council met at Town Hall, Hefflin, Louisiana beginning at 7:30 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Todd Leake council members Matt Austin, Hallie DeMoss, Chief of Police Paul Migues, Water System Operator Jesse Williamson and Village Clerk Sherry Limosnero. Absent council member Ralph James.

The meeting was opened with prayer offered by Matt Austin and Hallie DeMoss led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Todd Leake welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Upon motion by Matt Austin and duly seconded by Hallie DeMoss, the council adopted the Minutes from December 2, 2021 at Council Regular Meeting held on January 6, 2022 as presented; the motion was approved unanimously.

Hallie DeMoss moved to accept the December, 2021 Operating Financial Statements as presented; the motion was duly seconded by Matt Austin. The motion was approved unanimously.

Upon motion by Matt Austin and duly seconded by Hallie DeMoss, the council unanimously approved Water System Reports for December, 2021.

Hallie DeMoss moved to accept the December, 2021 Police Department Report as presented; the motion was duly seconded by Matt Austin. The motion was approved unanimously.

Upon motion by Matt Austin and duly seconded by Hallie DeMoss, the council unanimously adopted Resolution # 2022-1 WEBSTER PARISH MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL 2021 HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN as presented. Said Resolution # 2022-1 is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Council comments were heard, public comments were heard. There being no further business to come before this Council, meeting adjourned by Council Member Hallie DeMoss.

Attest by: Sherry Limosnero Village Clerk, LCMC Respectfully posted: 01/13/2022 Adopted: Minden Press Herald

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City of Minden
GENERAL INFORMATION FOR BIDDERS
Used Vehicles

Purpose of Bid: The City of Minden, Louisiana seeks sealed bids to sell multiple used vehicles.

Bid Opening: January 31, 2022 - 11:00 am. Minden City Hall, 520 Broadway Street, Minden, Louisiana 71055

Standard Forms: No special form required.

The information for Bidders will also be available online at www.BidExpress.com. If bidding online, all interested Bidders must register for the project online. If Bidders encounter any problems accessing Bid Express, please contact Bid Express.

Delivery of Bids: Sealed envelopes containing bid documents must be clearly marked as:
Bid 01/2022 – 2017 Ford Taurus
Bid 02/2022 – 2014 Ford Taurus
Bid 03/2022 – 2008 Dodge Charger
Bid 04/2022 – 2011 Ford Crown Victoria
Bid 05/2022 – 2013 Dodge Charger
Bid 06/2022 – 1997 Ford Ambulance E350

Each individual Bid is to be addressed to the City Clerk of the City of Minden and delivered to the City Clerk's Office located at Minden City Hall, 520 Broadway Street, Minden, Louisiana 71055.

Questions: Questions concerning the bid must be in writing to the City Clerk's office. Questions will be answered in writing and both questions and answers will be distributed to all Bidders who are on record as having received this Invitation for Bids.

Addenda: If it becomes necessary to revise any part of this Invitation for Bids, or if additional data is necessary to enable an exact interpretation of provisions, such addenda will be provided by mail or fax to all bidders who have requested this Invitation for Bids.

Withdrawal or Modification of Bid: A bid may be withdrawn by written request received prior to the submission deadline. Modifications to bids received prior to the submission deadline will be accepted. Modifications shall be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked ie: "Modification to "Bid 01/2022" or "Bid 02/2022" . No telephone or faxed bid, change in bid, or withdrawal of bid will be accepted.

Pricing Structure: Bidders should submit a bid price with the responsibility for the transportation of the vehicle(s) from the designated location.

Successful Bidder: The bid will be awarded to the highest responsible Bidder (Bidder possessing the skill, ability and integrity to complete the job) and eligible Bidder (Bidder meeting all the requirements set forth in the bid document).

Rejection of Bids: The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids for just cause; such actions will be in accordance with Title 38 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes. No bidder may withdraw his/her bid within five (5) working days after the actual date of the opening thereof. The highest bidder shall be given ten (10) working days from the date of the bid opening to consummate the sale. If said highest bidder fails to consummate the sale within the time allowed, the property will be offered to the second highest bidder. Any person with disabilities requiring special accommodations must contact the City of Minden at (318) 377-2144 no later than seven (7) days prior to bid opening.

Execution of Agreement: The Bidder whose bid is accepted will be notified by phone.

Termination for Default: The City of Minden reserves the right to enforce the performance of this contract in any manner prescribed by law or deemed to be in the best interest of the City of Minden in the event of breach or default of this contract.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
The City of Minden seeks sealed bids to sell multiple used and damaged motor vehicles. Sealed bids marked:

Bid # 01/2022 – One Used 2017 Ford Taurus, Black
Vin #1FAHP2MK5HG105485
Mileage: 94,089

Bid # 02/2022 – One Used 2014 Ford Taurus, Black
Vin #1FAHP2MK5EG159512
Mileage: 128,199

Bid # 03/2022 – One Used 2008 Dodge Charger, Black
Vin #2B3KA43R98H323415
Mileage: 103,765

Bid # 04/2022 – One Used 2011 Ford Crown Victoria, Black and White
Vin #2FABP7BV2BX122407
Mileage: 111,548

Bid # 05/2022 – One Used 2013 Dodge Charger, White
Vin #2C3CDXAT7DH568139
Mileage: 68,493

Bid # 06/2022 – One Used 1997 Ford Ambulance E350, White and Orange
Vin #1FDKE30F1VHB13119
Mileage: 179,417

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EMPLOYMENT

Presbyterian Village of Homer is hiring CNA's all shifts, LPN's all shifts, and weekend RN's. For more information, please call (318)927-6133 and ask for Alex Vansickle for RN/ LPN/ CNA applications. Presbyterian Village of Homer is hiring Dietary Staff and Housekeeping Staff. For more information, please contact Iva Albritton Dietary Supervisor or Mary Holloway Housekeeping Supervisor at (318)927-6133 for applications.

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