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Reclaiming history

Assumed-to-be-lost time capsule is found during renovations to gazebo

WILL PHILLIPS
Minden Press-Herald

While city workers were preparing the area around the gazebo in Jacqueline Park early Tuesday morning, a thought-to-be-lost piece of history was found once again.

In Minden back in 1976, The Greater Minden Chamber chose to bury a time capsule as part of their bicentennial celebration of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

Buried in Jacqueline Park in October of 1976, the time capsule contained all manner of memorabilia, artifacts, and other documentation of life in Minden and throughout the country during the 1970s. It was originally scheduled to be reopened 100 years later in 2076.

So how did it come to be lost? Roughly two decades ago the monument hosting the time capsule was vandalized. At the time it was assumed that the contents of the capsule had been removed as well. However, it turns out that there were two components to the capsule: the one buried deep below and another, more shallow component, buried directly under the monument. The shallow one was found after the monument had been vandalized, leaving many to believe that the time capsule had been retrieved.

It wasn't until city employees were working around the gazebo, prepping it for Minden's upcoming event Boots on the Boulevard, that the deeper component was found. While digging up some of the sidewalk around the gazebo, city employees happened upon an odd looking object.

After carefully excavating it and chipping away at the concrete surrounding it, the time capsule with the date 2/19/76 was uncovered. There was no date indicating that it was not supposed to be opened until 2076 on the capsule's surface, and curiosity got the best of those who found this



Workers with the City of Minden unearth a time capsule that was buried in Jacqueline Park and thought stolen.



This bible, donated by Larry Reed, was one of the artifacts inside the time capsule.

long lost treasure.

Opening the capsule revealed many pictures,

cassette tapes, books, and other tokens from the 1970s. Most notably,

it contained a recording of a speech from the day it was buried, a pocketbook donated by one Tom Colten that is attached to a savings account that held \$50 at the time of burial, and a Bible donated by one Larry Reed.

The capsule and its contents were taken to the Dorcheat Museum, and the decision on what to do with them remains to be seen.

If the city employees hadn't dug as deeply as they did and had continued with their plans of pouring a four inch slab of concrete, this time capsule would never have been found. Whether it be luck, fate, or divine intervention, the powers-that-be saw fit to allow this piece of Minden's history to be rediscovered.

LEGISLATION

Let the music play

Local Radio Freedom Act aiming to help stations like KASO/KBEF

AMBER MCDOWN
Minden Press-Herald

The Local Radio Freedom Act is attempting to protect small radio stations, like KASO/KBEF here in Minden, from having to pay additional fees for playing music.

Broadcast radio pays royalties on musical compositions, which are typically owned by the songwriters or music publishers. Digital or "streaming" radio pays royalties for both the musical compositions and for sound recordings which are usually owned by the recording artists and music labels. There has been a repeated push to change this so that broadcast radio must also pay both.

The royalties are paid through different performance rights organizations (PROs), each of which offers different selections of music. KASO/KBEF has been paying three different PROs and has just added a fourth in order to access a wider variety of music for its listeners. Since KASO/KBEF has both broadcast and streaming radio, they are paying the musical composition royalty twice and

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Mark Chreene
KASO/KBEF

the sound recording royalty once to each of those PROs.

"We have blanket agreements that we pay an agreed upon percentage that is negotiated by [the PROs]," said Mark Chreene of KASO/KBEF radio. Rates are billed monthly or quarterly, depending on the agreement.

When asked about how additional fees might affect KASO/KBEF, Chreene said, "For a small station like us, it would price us out of business. There's no way we could afford to do it. To be honest, the rates I have to pay for royalties is already a pretty good clip. It's a lot at the end of the day."

"Radio has had a See, **RADIO**, Page 3

SCHOOLS

WPSB: Teachers, counselors can drive school buses

AMBER MCDOWN
Minden Press-Herald

At the meeting of the Webster Parish School Board on Monday, board members approved a measure that will allow full-time teachers and counselors to drive school bus routes. This would entitle them to collect a check for teaching, another for driving, plus the related benefits.

"In a lot of areas we have a severe bus driver shortage right now," said Superintendent Johnny Rowland. There are currently three teachers driving routes in the parish.

Teachers and counselors are the only employees that will be able to perform this double-duty because they are exempt employees who cannot be paid overtime. Teachers who choose to take this on will not be al-

lowed to "shortchange" their teaching rolls by, for example, leaving classes early to prepare for their bus routes. They will also find that they will be working the lunch duty schedule since they will not be available for the morning and afternoon duties.

When asked if this measure might prevent new

people from getting the opportunity to drive, Supervisor of Transportation Jeff Franklin smiled and replied, "I hope that happens." Franklin stated that they usually hire new drivers from the substitute list but, right now, there is no sub list.

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ROWLAND

NLTCC, others, to mark Community College Week March 21-25

STAFF REPORT
Minden Press-Herald

Next week, March 21 - 25, 2022, the Louisiana Community and Technical College System (LCTCS) will partner with Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA) to celebrate Louisiana Community College Week statewide on the campuses of the 12 colleges within the system.

The purpose of Louisiana Com-

munity College Week is to inform prospective students of all ages about the colleges, programs offered, and the potential careers that those programs can develop them for.

Northwest Louisiana Technical Community College (NLTCC) will host campus tours,



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free health screenings and vitals checks at our Minden Campus, Coffee with the Chancellor opportunities, and more!

Currently among the most productive and fastest growing two-year college systems in the nation, Louisiana's community and technical colleges have garnered national recognition for their innovative and workforce-centric approach to education and training.

"Inspired, Equipped and

Ready to Work is not just our motto, it's our culture as a college. Everything we do as a college is focused on helping our students achieve their life goals," said Dr. Earl Meador, Chancellor of Northwest Louisiana Technical Community College. "We are excited about the opportunity to show off all three of our campuses during Community College Week, and invite the community to stop by and see all that we have to offer."

For more information about other academic and workforce programs or for a list of events, times and locations for Community College Week activities, visit www.nltcc.edu/students/campus-events.

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WEBSTER & MORE

SCHOOLS

WPSB Employee of the Month



AMBER MCDOWN/MINDEN PRESS-HERALD
Sarah Martin was recognized as Employee of the Month for March 2022 by the Webster Parish School Board during their monthly meeting on Monday evening. Ms. Martin serves the students of Webster Parish as a Speech Therapy Facilitator.

“Sarah Martin is a joy to work with,” stated her letter of recommendation. “Her positive, fun attitude makes coming to work a pleasure. She is a very knowledgeable speech pathologist. She’s always taking her time to teach new speech pathologists. She is extremely hard-working and has spent many hours at home working on reports and other paperwork to ensure that staff and students have everything that they need. She is very professional and is easy to work with. The students love Sarah because they can tell that she loves them.”

The award was presented by Mr. Rodney Taylor of Taylor and Sons.

LIFE

Become a Master Gardener

Ever dreamed of becoming a Master Gardener? Now is your chance. The LSU AgCenter is accepting applications for the next Northwest Louisiana Master Gardeners class, scheduled for January through March. Membership is open to all adults in Northwest Louisiana. Master Gardeners are the volunteer arm of the LSU AgCenter. They are trained in horticulture in exchange for 40 hours of volunteer service, sharing what they

have learned with other gardeners. Volunteer opportunities include organizing and staffing the annual garden tour, annual seminar, along with the spring Plant Sale, teaching children about gardening, creating, and maintaining demonstration gardens and assisting in local parish extension offices. Topics include insects, plant health, vegetables, fruits, turf, ornamentals and more. Classes will be held from

6 p.m. to 9 p.m. every Thursday for 10 weeks, starting July 14, 2021. Attendance at all classes is required for certification. There is a \$155 registration fee, which covers the cost of training manuals, publications and supplies for the class. If you register by May 1, 2022, you will receive a \$25 discount. Class size is limited, and the registration deadline is June 1, 2022. Call 318-927-3110 or 318-371-1371, to request an application, or download one at www.phlmg.com.

EARLY VOTING SCHEDULE March 26, 2022

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410 Main St., Minden
Saturday, March 12th
- Saturday, March 19th
Excluding Sunday
8:30 AM until 6:00 PM

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101 Machen Dr., Springhill
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- Thursday, March 17th
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OBITUARIES



Huey L. Taylor

The President of Benevolent Funeral Home and Life Insurance Company, Mr. Huey L. Taylor passed away on March 12, 2022, surrounded by his loved ones. Mr.

Taylor joined the Staff of Benevolent in 1949 and continued to serve until his death.

Funeral Service was held on Thursday, March 17, 2022, at 11:00 am at Greenwood Acres Full Gospel Baptist Church in Shreveport, Louisiana. Viewing wason Wednesday, March 16, 2022, from 12:00 Noon to 6:00 pm. The Family hour will be from 6:00 – 8:00pm in the Chapel of Benevolent Funeral Home – Shreveport.

Billy Q. McMullan

Billy was born October 13, 1937, in Bailey, Mississippi and entered rest March 13, 2022, in Homer, Louisiana. There will be a private service fulfilling Billy’s wishes.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Carolyn McMullan daughters, Cathy Wiggins and Lisa Clayton; granddaughter, Michelle Zemaitaitis and great granddaughter, Emma Zemaitaitis.

He is survived by his son, Billy Don McMullan of Provencal; son-in-law, Robert Clayton of Heflin;

brother, L. D. McMullan and wife Nila of El Dorado, Arkansas; grandchildren, Dustin Clayton and wife Rachel and Carly Patrick and husband Dennis, and great-grandchildren, Abby Zemaitaitis, Madison Clayton, Hallee Clayton, Clayton Reynolds, Lilly Reynolds, and Corbin Patrick.

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Mae Grace “Patsy” Johnston



Funeral services celebrating the life of Mae Grace “Patsy” Johnston will be held Wednesday, March 16, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. at Rose-Neath Funeral Home Chapel in Minden, Louisiana with Rev. A.W. Smart officiating. Interment will follow at White Hall Cemetery in Haynesville, Louisiana. The family will receive friends at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday prior to the service.

Patsy was born January 21, 1932, in Ringgold, Louisiana and entered rest March 14, 2022, in Shongaloo, Louisiana.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Oscar and Catha Russell and siblings, Shirley R. Miller, Billy Lance Russell, and Daisy R. Smitley.

She is survived by her husband of 68 years, Robert

Glenn Johnston; son, Rene Johnston and wife Risa; daughters, Glenda Prince and husband Donny and Lori Anne Johnston; grandchildren, Angela N. Sims, Laura N. LeBlanc, Amy J. Marcantel and husband Jason, Justin Johnston, and Ron Coleman and wife Ashley; great grandchildren, Peyton Carter, Parker Bailey, Philip Sims, Hunter and Aiden LeBlanc, Ella Coleman, Sydney Johnston, Lily Giddens, and Lucy Giddens, Bailee and Jed Marcantel; and great great grandchildren, Paislee Reese Carter and Averie Claire Bailey.

Pallbearers: Peyton Carter, Ron Coleman, Hunter LeBlanc, Aiden LeBlanc, Parker Bailey, Justin Johnston, and Gene Haynes III.

Honorary pallbearers: Russell Day, Tommy Russell, Gary Smitley, and Danny Nixon.

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Doug Woods

A memorial service were held at Northside Church of Christ, 615 Constable Street, Minden, Louisiana, Tuesday, March 15, 2022, at 2:30 p.m. with Pastor Pate officiating.

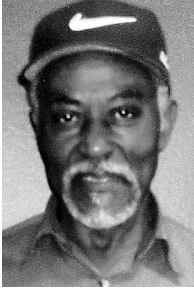
Doug Woods of Minden entered rest March 12, 2022, in Minden,

Louisiana. He was born July 18, 1967, in Port Arthur, Texas. Doug was a retired heavy equipment operator.

He is survived by his sister, Donna Halliburton and fiancé, Brenda DeLoach and her daughter, Nicole DeLoach and son Greg DeLoach.

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Jewel Smith



It’s 4:30 AM in the fields. Cowboys from all over are stirring with first light. Reveille, the Army trumpet wake up call, is blaring through the speakers, yet one cowboy has kicked up his boots and gone home. Jewel Smith passed on March 13, 2022. Jewel loved late nights at trail rides, the deep roar of a train horn, a strong horse, pancakes smothered

in syrup, and his family, not necessarily in that order. From his perfectly pressed shirts and creased wranglers to his crisp suits and sunglasses, Jewel was a man that we aspired to be like or be around. He spent his life in service, starting with serving in the Army in Vietnam, 30 years with Kansas City Southern where he was the 2nd black Engineer in the state of Louisiana, over 40 years as an usher at New Zion Baptist Church, President of Bayou Riding Club, and serving as wagon driver with the Northeast Trail Riders Association for over 20 years. Jewel will finally rest.

Services for Jewel will be 11:00 AM Saturday, March 19, 2022 at Zion Hill Baptist Church in Doyline.

More improvements coming to Webster Parish Schools

AMBER MCDOWN
Minden Press-Herald

The Webster Parish School Board approved a number of work requests for making improvements to schools during the scheduled monthly meeting on Monday.

The District 6 ½ Cent Sales Tax Fund will pay for the following work: E.S. Richardson Elementary will upgrade some older model security cameras and relocate two servers; Phillips Elementary will have 51 new mortise locks installed by A & A Building Specialties; Mechanical

Concepts will be replacing one Daikin compressor and inverter board at Webster Jr. High; Homeland Safety System will be upgrading the CMS video monitoring system for the SRO office at Minden High; Johnson Controls will be replacing the IGST board on Boiler #3 at Minden High; and Mechanical Cooling Services will be replacing seven variable frequency drives on the HVAC system at Webster Jr. High.

The Shongaloo Building Fund will be paying Mechanical Cooling Services to replace a thermo-couple in the boiler at North Webster Lower Elementary.

The Consolidated 3 Maintenance Fund will be used at Lakeside Jr/Sr High to replace damaged toilets in the public restrooms, and it will also pay Turf and Landscape Solutions for yearly turf maintenance.

The Doyline Maintenance Fund will be used to replace the existing sign at the Softball/Baseball Complex, to pay Turf and Landscape Solutions for yearly turf maintenance, to

pay Homeland Safety Systems for adding two new cameras to the concession area, and to pay Mechanical Concepts for replacing a condenser fan motor, a control board, a compressor, and an inverter board.

The Webster Parish School Board’s next meeting will be on April 4 at 6 p.m. They meet at the school board office, and the public is welcome to attend.

NEW Obituary Submission Guidelines

- All obituaries must be typed to avoid any errors.
- Deadline for obituaries is 3:00 p.m. two days prior to the publication date.
- A proof can be provided via email if requested.
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- Obituaries may be submitted by bringing a typed copy by our office at 203 Gleason St., Minden, or emailing to obits@press-herald.com.

If you have any further questions please call our office at 318-377-1866

RADIO

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unique relationship with the music industry for years,” said Chreene. Broadcast radio, which is free to listeners, offers free promotion of music—giving artists an audience and promoting tours and events for performers. In the Local Radio Freedom Act it states, “the sale of many sound recordings and the careers of many performers benefited considerably from airplay and other promotional activities provided by both noncommercial and advertiser-supported, free over-the-air broadcasting.”

Local radio provides localized information, supports local fundraising, and helps bring the community together. People far and wide tune in to the St. Jude Auction every year. It is very rare nowadays to find high school sporting events covered on the radio, but our station still does it. “And it’s unusual to have two local radio stations in one community like we do,” said Mark. “That’s unique as well.”

“What Congress is proposing would help to protect us from having additional fees that would probably shutter a lot of us for good,” said Mark. “And then you’d have a lot of communities that would be losing their stations just be-

cause they can’t afford to keep them open.”

Losing your local station would probably not be a temporary situation. There are only a limited number of radio frequencies available. Larger stations and broadcast chains will buy local stations for their radio frequency band, but will use it to broadcast network news and programming, not local. This is what happened to Springhill’s station.

Local radio is supported almost exclusively by advertising—and mostly local advertising at that. During COVID many local businesses have struggled. “When those guys struggle, we struggle,” Mark said. “We’re only here as long as we have the support of our community, and through the advertising of small businesses that are here. The bulk of what keeps us going is home-spun dollars.”

The Local Radio Freedom Act is bipartisan. The bill was introduced in May of 2021 by Representative Kathy Castor, a Democrat from Florida. Representatives Mike Johnson and Julia Letlow, both Republicans from Louisiana, are co-sponsors. The bill has currently been referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet.

DRIVERS

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“Typically, the last couple of [certification] classes I’ve done have been pretty large, but if I’ve gotten two people out of those classes that have stayed with me and gotten the certification, I’ve been really lucky,” Franklin said. Several of his bus drivers will probably be retiring soon, so that presents even more

difficulties for the future.

New certification guidelines started in February, which will add time to the process of training new drivers. The next certification class for drivers begins in April. “I just hope we can get a few more people to drive routes for us,” said Franklin. “We’re in a great need for some help.”

BIRTHDAYS FOR

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MARCH 18, 2022
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Kylie Dutton
Debbie Carrell

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OPINION

Oil windfall tax makes a bad situation worse

DANIEL SAVICKAS
Special to the Minden Press-Herald

Gas prices are in the news again for all of the wrong reasons. According to data from AAA, the national average price for regular gas is now roughly \$4.33 per gallon. In some states (like California), the average is as high as \$5.74 per gallon. These figures represent a 51 percent increase from this time last year. Part of this has been attributed to the impact of the war in Ukraine. However, U.S. government policies toward spending and energy have no doubt been a major cause. And, the response of some members of Congress is to make the cost of gas even higher with a new tax.

U.S. Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse (D-R.I.) and U.S. Rep. Ro Khanna (D-Calif.) have introduced legislation that would impose a steep “windfall” tax on American oil companies. The proposal would create a tax on profits that oil companies make above \$66 per barrel. Those profits would be taxed at the staggeringly high rate of 50 percent. The proceeds from that tax would then be used to create another stimulus check – \$240 for individual filers and \$360 for joint filers.

This proposal is a disaster

for a number of reasons and reflects the fundamental misunderstanding many Washington policymakers have about soaring gas prices. The first is the disregard for the role government policy has had on price inflation. The U.S. federal government has spent as much money in the last five years as it did in the prior eight years. The U.S. also imposed strict sanctions after the Russian invasion of Ukraine, which impacted global supply. To attribute price hikes to “corporate greed” as Sen. Whitehouse and Rep. Khanna did, is to ignore the impact of their own policy-making and to miss the point entirely.

This view of economics supposes that the relatively low prices for a barrel of oil until now have been because of corporate altruism on the part of the same companies now being maligned as greedy. The true explanation is a tad more complex than policymakers would care to admit. Oil companies are responding to global economic forces, which at the moment are making it more costly to bring supply to the market. Prices are rising, producers are incurring greater costs and markets are anticipating the need for new sources of supply.

Another contradiction in the

way Washington Democrats are approaching this issue is in their discussion of supply. In a public comment, White House press secretary Jen Psaki accused the oil industry of purposely refusing to drill so prices would go up. Psaki cited the fact that there are 9,000 permits not in use. This also misses the mark. While there are unused permits, the federal government has paused leases on federal lands for oil companies. Permits and leases are only one part of a longer production process where the federal government has erected and maintained barriers to increased production.

At a time where U.S. Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm has pushed oil companies to produce more oil, the administration has a pause on leases and Congress is trying to further dissuade more production. Rapidly ramping up production would create millions of dollars of risk for these companies. Costs will rise, and prices usually follow. Bills like the Whitehouse-Khanna proposal would obliterate the incentive to assume such risks. The messaging is not in sync with actual policy coming from Capitol Hill.

Further, the guidelines set in the Whitehouse-Khanna bill

are arbitrary at best. The \$66 per barrel threshold is based on “the average price of oil between 2015 and 2019.” No justification was given for why that metric was used or why such a short window of time was used to generate it. In the midst of rampant inflation, a waning pandemic, and conflict in Eastern Europe, the current global market price sits at just under \$100 per barrel. A \$66 benchmark is out of touch with clear and present realities in the market.

The solution to lagging global oil supply is to incentivize production wherever possible, not to seek out ways to punish those who might. Higher prices are part of incentivizing said production. The solution to rising inflation is to cut government spending, not to create a new entitlement on the back of that aforementioned punishment.

The Khanna-Whitehouse proposal on oil “windfalls” manages to consolidate much of what has gone sideways in Washington in recent years. Not only will it fail to address the current issues, it will exacerbate those problems.

DANIEL SAVICKAS IS GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS MANAGER AT THE TAXPAYERS PROTECTION ALLIANCE.

OTHER OPINION

Biden proposes no real relief for high gas prices

In an effort to punish Russia for its invasion of Ukraine, Pres. Biden, by executive order this past week, banned the importation into the U.S. of oil and other energy sources from that country. What this means is that no new Russian shipments of oil, liquified natural gas, coal, or various other petroleum products will be allowed into the U.S. Obviously, this will immediately drive gas prices higher than they even are right now.

Further, the misguided policy of America buying Russian gas from a criminal dictator will, in fact, not end for 45 days after the implementation of the order. In effect, this means that for 45 days after this announcement, we will continue to pay war criminal Putin, a serial murderer and perpetrator of war crimes, for roughly six hundred and fifty thousand barrels of oil per day at a rate of significantly over \$100 a barrel which amounts to between 60 and 70 million dollars per day of American money—which will continue to fund Putin’s War Machine against innocent Ukrainian men women and children.

The question is not whether it’s a good political or foreign policy decision to ban the importation of Russian oil and natural gas into our country in response to its brutal and unjustified invasion of Ukraine. Of course it is. The fundamental question is—knowing as we do that energy security is national

security—why we are dependent on Russia or any other country for our energy in the first place.

In Pres. Trump’s last month in office, Jan. 2021, America was producing more oil than it was consuming for the first time in 50 years and was exporting energy to the EU. The Trump Administration had made America energy independent,



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nerable to Putin through the consumption of Russian oil.

However, under the Biden Administration we’ve gone from energy independence back to dependence and are now reduced to begging Venezuela, Saudi Arabia, OPEC and perhaps even our archenemy, Iran, for oil. Why? Mostly to satisfy the green energy delusions of the Climate Change religionists. That’s an embarrassing and untenable position for the world’s only superpower to be in.

The easiest and fastest answer is what, in addition to giving hope to millions of struggling

American citizens, will drive the domestic energy market up. Have President Biden announce that we are going to reopen and re-invigorate the U.S. oil and gas industry. Repeal all so-called “green” regulations prohibiting the production and development of American energy.

The Biden Administration could make permits faster and easier to procure and make capital and financing available for energy exploration, rather than allow the hostility of the Labor Department which requires investors to consider the “impact of climate change on their investments”; or the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) which is expected to issue a rule soon requiring companies and their equity partners to publicize their carbon emissions. (It’s worth noting that President Biden has now nominated Sarah Bloom Raskin to be a top official at the Federal Reserve. Her primary goal, reflecting her disdain for fossil fuels, is to try to use financial regulations to force capital away from fossil fuel investment and into green energy.)

In light of all of this, it is amazing that any oil and gas development or production occurs in the U.S.

Obviously, the best decision now would be to boost America’s energy security—and, again, energy security is national security—by taking the brakes off of our domestic energy industry including taking steps

such as restarting the Keystone pipeline and ending all the attempts to block new lease sales in federal areas.

One possibility is reviving the shale industry—including our Haynesville Shale—because shale producers are able to get moving more quickly. “Shale fracking, unlike traditional drilling, can increase production quickly, producing in a matter of months rather than the years it can take for the “old school” way of drilling oil.” (Money & Markets, Shawn Ambrosino, 3-7-22). This, of course, would require the rapid procurement of oilfield workers, equipment, and materials.

In a perfect world, we could perhaps snap our fingers and transition ourselves to a carbon-free world. However, that’s not the world we live in. The world we live in is not going to be able to be free of fossil fuels for decades if not generations. Renewable energy sources can’t come anywhere near meeting America’s energy needs right now. In the meantime, the self-inflicted harm the Green leftists are doing to our country is increasing the leverage over us of Russia, China, and Iran, making us vulnerable and compromised.

This anti-American policy madness which seeks to unwind modernity must end before it is too late.

ROYAL ALEXANDER IS A SHREVEPORT ATTORNEY

EDITORIAL ROUNDUP

WSJ: A question for President Biden regarding oil and gas

Every so often President Biden makes himself available to the press to ask a question—when he’s not walking to or from a helicopter—and we have a suggestion for the next opportunity:

“Mr. President, will you do everything in your regulatory power to make it easier for American companies to produce more oil and gas to make the U.S. and its allies in Europe and elsewhere less dependent on Russian energy?”

The question is straightforward, and the goal is to elicit a straight answer that gets to the heart of the current geopolitical moment. Oil and gas prices are soaring amid fears of reduced global supply. The Ukraine invasion has shocked Western Europe into recognizing that its reliance on Russian supplies has made it vulnerable to Vladimir Putin’s blackmail.

In the U.S., consumers are increasingly dismayed by rising gasoline prices,

which are weighing on pocketbooks and could result in a Democratic Party wipeout in November. Mr. Biden has dispatched officials to cajole the Saudis to pump more oil, but they won’t take the President’s call. The mob bosses of Venezuela and Iran will have to be bribed with U.S. sanction concessions to be able to sell more.

Why not do everything possible to expand American energy production instead? The question will give the President a choice. If he says yes, we can hold him to that policy standard. But if Mr. Biden says no, we’ll know he’s siding with his climate emissary John Kerry and the progressive left against the urgent economic and strategic interests of the United States. The voters can judge accordingly.

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President Joe Biden delivers remarks on voting rights, Tuesday, January 11, 2022, at Morehouse College in Atlanta. (Official White House Photo by Adam Schultz)

SPORTS

North Webster tops MHS in softball scorefest

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Minden Press-Herald

Offense wasn't a problem on March 10 as the North Webster and Minden High School softball teams combined for 45 runs in a 25-20 win for the Lady Knights.

North Webster totaled 13 hits in the game while Minden had 17.

The Lady Knights used a big second inning in which they scored 10 runs with Adrayanna White, Aniyah Davis, Carlie Campbell, Meagan Maxwell, Sydni Garmany, and Paige Timmans all recording runs batted in during that stanza.

Stolen bases played a key role in the game. North Webster opened up an early lead in the second inning when the Lady Knights scored two runs on a stolen base before Minden tied the game at 18-18 in the bottom of the fifth inning, scoring a run on a stolen base.

The game was tied at 18-18 in the top of the sixth when a Crimson Tide error allowed North Webster to take a lead it would

hold the rest of the way.

North Webster totaled 13 hits in the game with Chloe Ray, Maxwell, Campbell, and White each recording multiple hits for the Lady Knights.

Minden countered with 17 hits as Leigha Kennon-Gilbert, Ella Floyd, Hollyn Edge, Ada Faith Gilbert, and McKenzie all recorded multiple hits for the Lady Tide. Floyd and Kennon-Gilbert had four hits each for MHS with Kennon-Gilbert blasting a double in the first inning, another double in the third, a single in the fourth, and a triple in the fifth.

Kennon-Gilbert also led Minden with three stolen bases in a contest that the Lady Tide swiped a total of 13 bases.

Alivia McKenzie was in the circle for Minden and went two and two-thirds innings, allowing eight hits and 19 runs while recording one strikeout. Kendall Lynn threw four and a third innings in relief out of the bullpen.

— Stats provided by
GameChanger.com



COURTESY PHOTO

The North Webster Lady Knights outlasted the Minden Lady Tide in a 25-20 high-octane offensive showdown last week to move to 4-8 on the season.



COURTESY PHOTO

Crimson Tide baseball falls at Haughton

The Minden High School baseball team (above) fell to 5-4 on the season with a 7-4 road loss at Haughton on Wednesday. Andrew Cooper hit a two-run home run for MHS while Brody Bowers went two-for-two at the plate and Parker Salas hit a double for the Crimson Tide, which is slated to play in the North Webster Tournament this weekend.

Parish baseball power rankings

(Rankings/information provided by GeauxPreps.com)

TEAM	RECORD	CLASS/POWER RANKING
Minden	5-4	4A/17th (17.6667)
North Webster	6-5	3A/14th (16.6364)
Lakeside	4-5	2A/28th (15.0000)
Doyline	3-4	B/13th (15.8571)

Parish softball power rankings

(Rankings/information provided by GeauxPreps.com)

TEAM	RECORD	CLASS/POWER RANKING
Minden	10-2	4A/Second (22.900)
North Webster	4-6	3A/28th (15.2500)
Lakeside	2-9	2A/31st (11.0909)
Doyline	6-2	B/Ninth (25.2500)

LSU to start Women's NCAA Tournament play as No. 3 regional seed

Minden Press-Herald Sports Service



BATON ROUGE — The LSU Tigers (25-5) are the No. 3 seed in the Spokane Region of the NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament and will play host to No. 14 seed Jackson State inside the Maravich Center at 4 p.m. Saturday.

Saturday's game will be televised on ESPNU.

LSU is in the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 2018 when the Tigers were a No. 6 seed, also in the Spokane Regional. The last time LSU was a No. 2 seed was in

2008 when the Tigers went on a run to their most recent Final Four. LSU has not hosted first and second round games since 2014 when it was a No. 7 seed.

In Head Coach Kim Mulkey's first season leading the Tigers, LSU has exceeded expectations. After winning nine games last season, LSU has won its most games in a season

since 2007-08. Mulkey has reinvigorated a program that once went to five consecutive Final Fours. LSU's improvement from last season to this season is the greatest turnaround by a first-year head coach in SEC history.

The Tigers showed great potential early in the season and jumped into the AP Poll following their first ranked win over No. 14 Iowa State on national television. Riding an 11-game win streak into conference play, LSU opened SEC play with a road victory at No. 13

Georgia before defeating No. 23 Texas A&M at home. LSU's win streak was snapped against No. 1 South Carolina in a game where the Tigers competed from start to finish against the nation's top team. Closing the regular season with eight straight wins, LSU took down No. 17 Georgia and No. 17 Florida at home and No. 16 Tennessee on the road in the regular season finale to earn second place in the SEC.

Mulkey's team features a veteran attack that has its starting five averaging

over 22 years old. Khayla Pointer is the leader on the court, on pace to set new career marks for points per game, rebounds per game and assists per game.

LSU is hopeful to have Morris back to the court. She suffered a sprained MCL on Feb. 24 against Alabama and has been rehabbing to be ready for the NCAA Tournament.

In the post, Faustine Aifuwa and Autumn Newby have played physical basketball with great defense and elite rebounding. They have been playing some of their best basketball late in the season.

Burchfield powers Diamond 'Dogs past Louisiana-Monroe, 8-4

Minden Press-Herald Sports Service

MONROE — Louisiana Tech defeated UL-Monroe 8-4 Tuesday night at Warhawk Field.

LA Tech (12-5) plated five runs in the top of the first inning to jump out early on. Steele Netterville singled as Cole McConnell came around to score on the play from a throwing error. Bryce Wallace recorded a two-run single to take a 4-0 lead.

The Bulldogs batted around in the top of the first inning and three different hitters were hit-by-pitch.

Walker Burchfield homered twice in the ball

game with a solo shot coming in the third and fifth inning. Burchfield became the first Bulldog this season to record a multi-HR performance.

"He's just a good hitter," Tech coach Lane Burroughs set of Burchfield. "He has good at-bats. He knows how to evaluate balls and strikes. He takes his walks. When he gets underneath one pull-side we know it's going out of the ballpark. Those were big hits for us and he will give you some quality at-bats."

Greg Martinez got the start earning his second win. Martinez hurled four innings, giving up one run, striking out five and



no walks.

Wallace and Netterville both tallied two-hit nights in the win while Wallace collected two RBIs.

McConnell ripped a clutch two-out RBI single to right field in the fifth as Wade Elliott came around to score to go up 8-1.

"If we don't have the five-run first we may not win the ball game," Burroughs said. "We took advantage of the hit-by-pitches, walks and we talk about that all the time.

Those are the ingredients of a big inning. That inning was huge. We didn't swing at bad pitches, we got on base and we kind of got it going."

ULM (4-11) outthit LA Tech 11-10 in the contest but stranded 13 baserunners. Bulldog pitching worked its way out of jams in the sixth and the ninth inning when the bases were left loaded to end the game.

Warhawk center fielder Mason Holt led the charge on offense going 3-for-5 with an RBI single in the eighth.

LA Tech next opens up conference play in San Antonio at 6 p.m. tonight against UTSA.



PHOTO BY TOM MORRIS/COURTESY OF LA TECH ATHLETICS

Louisiana Tech's Walker Burchfield blasted a pair of home runs Tuesday night at Louisiana-Monroe to become the first Bulldog to hit multiple dingers in a game this season.

SPORTS

LSU men's hoops to tip off NCAA tourney today

Minden Press-Herald Sports Service

BATON ROUGE — The LSU Tigers were selected for the NCAA Tournament for the third-straight event, as LSU was named a No. 6 seed in the Midwest Region during the nationally-televised selection show on Sunday.

The Tigers will face No. 11-seeded Iowa State (20-12) in the first round at 6:20 p.m. today at Fiserv Forum in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

This will be the first meeting between the programs.

The game will be televised by TBS.



The winner of the first-round game will face either No. 3-seeded Wisconsin or No. 14-seeded Colgate on Sunday.

LSU has now advanced to the NCAA Tournament in 2019, 2021 and 2022 (the 2020 tournament canceled by the COVID-19 pandemic), the first time LSU has gone to at least three-consecutive tournaments since the 10-year run from 1984-93.

The Tigers are coming off a 1-1 performance in the Southeastern Conference Tournament. LSU was one of seven teams selected for the NCAA Tournament this season. LSU was 9-9 in the league during the regular season, part of a five-way tie for fifth.

LSU last played a game in Milwaukee in the 2012 portion of the 2012-13 season against Marquette.

Here is the opening statement from Interim Head Coach Kevin Nickelberry Sunday evening after the NCAA Selection Show: “Obviously, this time

a couple of days ago, I didn't think I would be sitting here, but in life, in the world, there's a lot of things going on. There's a lot of adversity in the world, so this is a tough situation for everybody, but right now I'm charged with the responsibility of getting these young men focused for the task at hand, which is the NCAA Tournament. I feel confident that this staff can lead these young men—even in these challenging times — to where they want to be.

“They've had a great year; these guys have earned the right to be here.

Darius Days has had an unbelievable career. This is his third straight NCAA Tournament; it would've been four, I think, if not for COVID. He's done an unbelievable job of being a leader this year. He's earned the right with the other guys as a really young team, youngest in the SEC, and one of the youngest teams in the country. This team was obviously heartbroken, but these guys are resilient. They know the task at hand. We're going to love them up and make sure they know, at the end of the day, adversity will bring us together. We'll

play together, we'll play for LSU, their families and more importantly, we'll play with integrity and character. I can promise you that. We'll go out and play for LSU, play for those letters on the front of our jerseys. Those guys are committed to that, they're excited about this opportunity.

“My staff is excited about this opportunity. This is easy for us. This is what we do. Basketball is what we do, so yes, it's been a tough couple of days, but at the end of the day, you're asking us to go out and play basketball.”

Grambling baseball downed on road at Arkansas, 14-1

Minden Press-Herald Sports Service

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — The Grambling State University baseball team suffered a 14-1 setback at No. 3 Arkansas on Tuesday evening at Baum-Walker Field.

GSU starting pitcher Roy Peguero (1-1) was saddled with the loss after working four full innings, allowing five runs, two earned, on four hits with one strike-out and two walks.

Grambling State was only able to manage two hits, while committing four errors on defense. Terry Burrell III and Shemar Page accounted for all of the offense for the Tigers, with Burrell going 1-for-3 with a leadoff single in the opening inning. Page went 1-for-3 with a RBI.

Mark Adamiak (2-0) earned the victory for Arkansas, allowing one run on two hits with six strikeouts and one walk in four

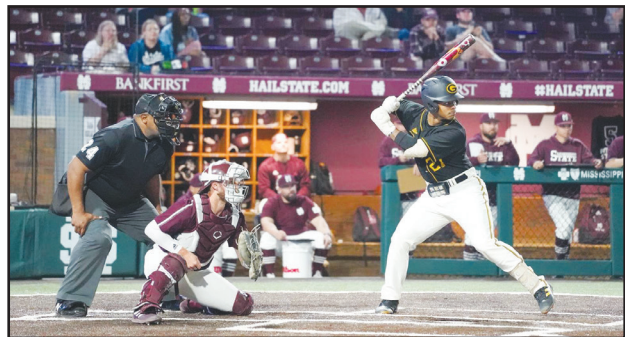


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Grambling State batter Aries Gardner, pictured during a March 1 game at Mississippi State, went 0-3 at the plate Tuesday night during the Tigers 14-1 loss at Arkansas.

innings of work.

Grambling State jumped on top of Arkansas in the top of the first inning when Shemar Page laced a two-out, RBI single down the right field line, scoring Cameron Bufford from first base to go up 1-0.

Arkansas responded in the bottom of the second inning, scoring three runs

on one hit to claim a 3-1 advantage.

The Razorbacks plated three more runs in the fifth, highlighted by a two-run homer by Michael Turner. Arkansas carried a 7-1 lead into the sixth.

Leading 10-1 in the bottom of the eighth, Braydon Webb ended the game with a grand slam, capping the 14-1 victory.



COURTESY PHOTO

Glenbrook Jr. High fishers haul in big catch

The Glenbrook Jr. High fishing tandem of Eli Still and Gage White took third place at the 2022 Junior State Championships held at Lake Caddo last weekend with a two-catch total of 10 pounds and 13 ounces.

Ides of March bring turkey scouting

GLYNN HARRIS
Special to the Minden Press-Herald

Back in the early and Sitting down at my computer this past Tuesday to begin this column, I am reminded that the day's date, March 15, is a date when lots of folks use extra care. It's the Ides of March.

History reveals that actually, Ides of March signifies the date of the first new moon of the month and ancients celebrated the day with gaiety and rejoicing. Somehow the term became a bad omen. It became associated with the Shakespeare play “Julius Caesar” where a warning was given to Caesar to “beware the Ides of March.” March 15 was the day he was assassinated.

OK, so what do the Ides of March have to do with turkey hunting. Not a thing that I can think of except instead of Caesar being assassinated, around this time of year around the country, lots of gobblers are meeting the same fate.

I have never taken a gobbler on March 15 but of the gobblers I have to my credit, eleven were taken in the month of March, two incidentally, on March 29, my birthday.

I got my first buck in 1967, my biggest buck in 1998 with dozens scattered down through the years. I have no record of the actual number or dates I got these deer. With turkeys, however, I have a record of every single one of the 41 gobblers I have downed, photos of each, date taken and location and stats on each. Does that tell you anything? It means that hunting wild turkeys has



COURTESY PHOTO

Writer Glynn Harris shows off one of the many big gobblers he has taken down in the month of March over the years.

been my passion since that first one came in strutting to my gun on April 13, 1992.

I was hunting at the invitation of an outdoor writer friend, John E. Phillips who arranged the trip for me. I had never hunted turkeys before and I didn't want to go at first because April is when the bream are bedding and big bass are in the shallows. When he dangled a few juicy tidbits in front of me, like air fare, guide, gun and all the amenities, I decided maybe the bream could wait a few

weeks.

When my guide started calling that morning, I heard the first gobbler I had ever heard and watched as a big Alabama long-beard came strutting up, white head shining like a softball an early morning sun highlighting his iridescent colors, I experienced something I had never felt while hunting. My heart was pounding so hard I was afraid the turkey could hear the beat. When my shot was true and as I was standing on the neck of my first flopping gobbler, I

made a vow right then and there that this was something I was going to learn even if I ran off every gobbler in the country while I was learning.

That was in 1992 and I killed my last gobbler in 2017, a span of 25 years. I have been fortunate to get to travel around the country after gobblers and have been blessed by being able to take the four sub-species in the country, Eastern, Osceola, Rio Grande and Merriams, laying claim to the Wild Turkey Grand Slam.

The Eastern subspecies, obviously, has predominated in my records because they are located in not only Louisiana but in more states than the other birds. Of the 41 gobblers I have taken, 25 of them were Easterns followed by 13 Rio Grande, two Merriams and one Osceola.

So what do the Ides of March have to do with turkey hunting? It means that by mid-March, turkey hunters need to be in the woods listening for early morning gobblers from the roost, scouting to look for not only turkeys but sign they are there, things like tracks, droppings, dislodged feathers, strut markings.

The season opens in Area A on April 2 so it's high time for you to forget about any jinx or bad omen and be in the woods locating birds you'll be hunting in a few weeks. As far as I know there is no such thing as the Ides of April.

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FISHING REPORT

BUSSEY BRAKE – Some good bass and crappie are still being caught this week. Contact Honey Hole Tackle at 323-8707 for information.

BLACK BAYOU – Fishing is slow. No report this week. Contact Honey Hole Tackle Shop 323-8707 for the latest information.

OUACHITA RIVER – The river is high and rising. No fishing reports this week. For the latest information, contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

LAKE D'ARBONNE – The bass are in transition with some moving shallow and some still deep in the channels. Crank baits and soft plastics are best bets. Ditto for the crappie as they're beginning to move toward the shallows for the spring spawn while some are still holding back. Some have also been caught below the spillway in the bayou. Shiners and jigs are both working. Bream have not started yet, but 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 good on shiners and jigs with some still hanging out in deep water out from the dam. Best fishing has been at night fishing shiners around the lighted piers. Bass are starting to move more shallow with best catches made on spinners and plastic lizards in water around 5-feet deep. A few stripers have been caught in deep water on shad

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

CANEY LAKE – TWith cold windy weather this week, both bass and crappie have slowed down a bit. However, now that temperatures are moderating, look for both to begin moving to shallow spawning areas. Bass should be best on jigs and creature baits while crappie will hit both shiners or jigs. No report on bream or catfish. For information contact Hooks Marina at 249-2347, Terzia Tackle at 278-4498 or the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

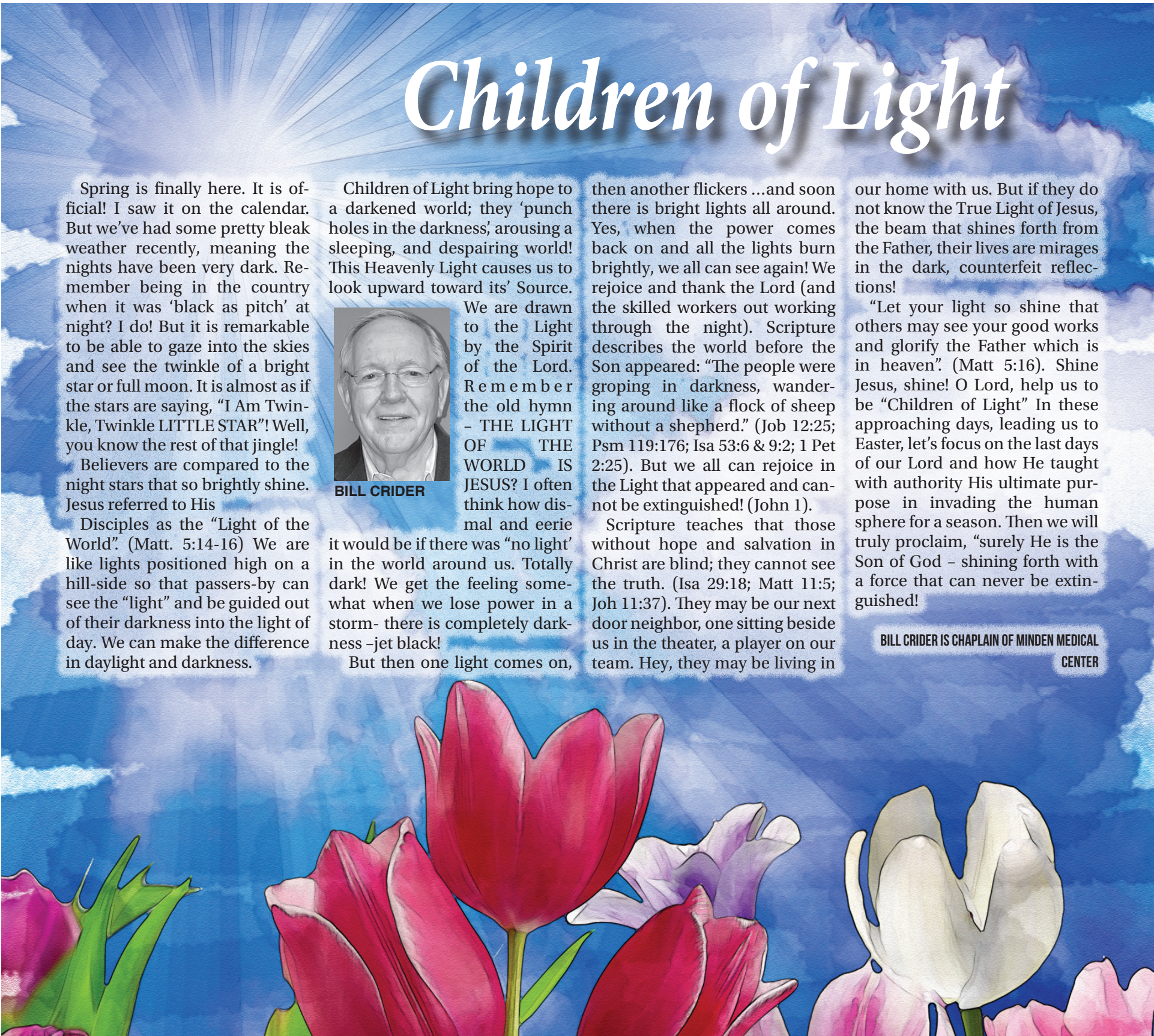
LAKE POVERTY POINT – Catfishing has been good on cold worms with crappie fishing starting to improve in the coves in fairly shallow water on jigs or shiners. Ditto for bass are they are moving shallow as well. No report on bream. For latest reports, call Poverty Point Marina at 318-878-0101.

LAKE ST. JOHN – The water is slowly rising again and boat launching is now possible. Catfishing has been good while crappie and bass have been fair. No report on bream. For information, call Ken Mahoney at 318-201-3821.

LAKE YUCATAN – The water is high and over the roads but should begin falling next week. Look for good fishing once it gets down. For information, call Surplus City Landing at 318-467-2259.

— Glynn Harris

Good News



Children of Light

Spring is finally here. It is official! I saw it on the calendar. But we’ve had some pretty bleak weather recently, meaning the nights have been very dark. Remember being in the country when it was ‘black as pitch’ at night? I do! But it is remarkable to be able to gaze into the skies and see the twinkle of a bright star or full moon. It is almost as if the stars are saying, “I Am Twinkle, Twinkle LITTLE STAR!” Well, you know the rest of that jingle!

Believers are compared to the night stars that so brightly shine. Jesus referred to His

Disciples as the “Light of the World”. (Matt. 5:14-16) We are like lights positioned high on a hill-side so that passers-by can see the “light” and be guided out of their darkness into the light of day. We can make the difference in daylight and darkness.

Children of Light bring hope to a darkened world; they ‘punch holes in the darkness’, arousing a sleeping, and despairing world! This Heavenly Light causes us to look upward toward its’ Source.



BILL CRIDER

We are drawn to the Light by the Spirit of the Lord. Remember the old hymn – THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD IS JESUS? I often think how dismal and eerie

it would be if there was “no light” in the world around us. Totally dark! We get the feeling somewhat when we lose power in a storm- there is completely darkness –jet black!

But then one light comes on,

then another flickers ...and soon there is bright lights all around. Yes, when the power comes back on and all the lights burn brightly, we all can see again! We rejoice and thank the Lord (and the skilled workers out working through the night). Scripture describes the world before the Son appeared: “The people were groping in darkness, wandering around like a flock of sheep without a shepherd.” (Job 12:25; Psm 119:176; Isa 53:6 & 9:2; 1 Pet 2:25). But we all can rejoice in the Light that appeared and cannot be extinguished! (John 1).

Scripture teaches that those without hope and salvation in Christ are blind; they cannot see the truth. (Isa 29:18; Matt 11:5; Joh 11:37). They may be our next door neighbor, one sitting beside us in the theater, a player on our team. Hey, they may be living in

our home with us. But if they do not know the True Light of Jesus, the beam that shines forth from the Father, their lives are mirages in the dark, counterfeit reflections!

“Let your light so shine that others may see your good works and glorify the Father which is in heaven”. (Matt 5:16). Shine Jesus, shine! O Lord, help us to be “Children of Light” In these approaching days, leading us to Easter, let’s focus on the last days of our Lord and how He taught with authority His ultimate purpose in invading the human sphere for a season. Then we will truly proclaim, “surely He is the Son of God – shining forth with a force that can never be extinguished!”

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THE UPWARD LOOK

Filled with Christ’s love

“and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.” Ephesians 3:19 ESV

Paul prayed that the believers’ lives would be filled up, consumed by, and overflowing with God and His boundless love. The more one understands the love of Christ, a love that willingly provides the perfect atoning sacrifice for our sin, the more amazed and awestruck one feels and the more one worships and praises God and obediently follows His Word. Greater than having all knowl-



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edge is allowing God’s love to fill one’s life, to totally flood and immerse oneself in God’s presence.

Lord Jesus, as I grow in my comprehension of Your great love, I desire to know You more and to honor You in all that I do. Fill my life to overflowing with Your grace and love.

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LET NOT YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED

The furnace

Daniel’s three friends Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego refused to bow to the king. They were told that if they would not bow they would be burned alive in a hot furnace. They said they would not bow and that, if they died, they would be free from him. The king’s men heated the furnace hotter than necessary, and the soldier that threw them inside was slain from the heat. The three

Hebrews were thrown in but were not harmed. The king saw them unharmed and also saw a fourth man in the flames that “looks like the Son of God.” He called them out of the furnace and there was a smell of smoke on them. That’s when King Nebuchadnezzar became a God fearing man. Come soon, perfect Savior.



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SUDOKU

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Level: Advanced

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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5	2	7	8	4	9	1	3	6
9	8	6	1	3	7	4	2	5
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ANSWER:

COMICS

BLONDIE I DEAN YOUNG AND JOHN MARSHALL



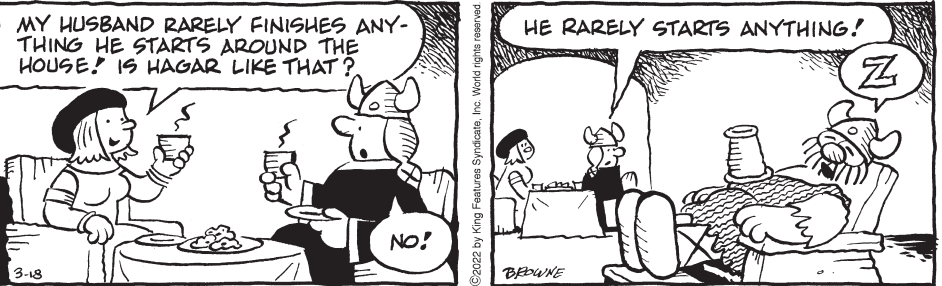
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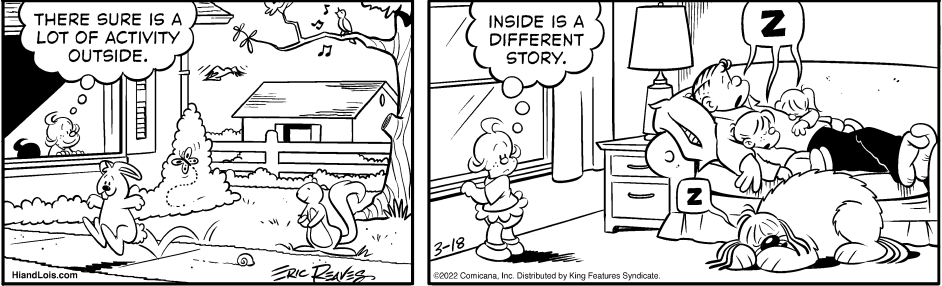
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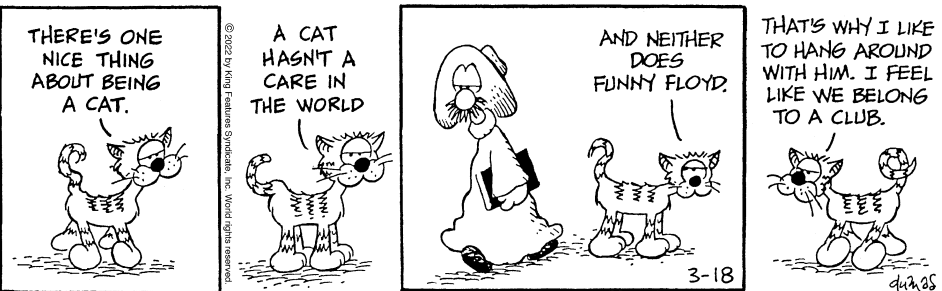
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MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM I MIKE PETERS



SAM AND SILO I JERRY DUMAS



CRYPTOQUIP

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CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday’s Cryptoquip: NEWLY DISCOVERED SPECIES OF SWINE THAT HAVE SMILES ON THEIR FACES ALL THE TIME: GRINNY PIGS.

Today’s Cryptoquip Clue: J equals P

FUN & GAMES

CLASSIFIEDS

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

Classified Rates

Pricing is easy!

\$7.75

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

Garage Sales

No word limit.

\$11

One Day

\$16.50

Two Days

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

* Garage Sale ads must be prepaid.

Deadlines

Ads

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

Public Notices

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

Payments

Cash Checks, Billing

Real Estate Notice

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

Grow Your Business

Call to place your ad!

PLACE YOUR AD TODAY!
377-1866

The Town of Sibley, LA and the LACPC Cooperative Purchasing Joint Commission (a Louisiana Revised Statute 33:1324 joint commission comprised of municipal members) seek proposals and pricing for Fire Department Rescue Pumper Trucks that match the specifications provided in the solicitation documents. The Town of Sibley, LA intends to purchase one (1) new Rescue Pumper Truck. The LACPC intends to choose to place under a supply contract the Rescue Pumper Truck that best fits the needs of its commission members. Specification and price proposals will be accepted online at <https://lamats.eauctionservices.com> only, no later than Monday, March 28, 2022, at 3:00 pm. Unless waived, interactive final pricing will be conducted online at <https://lamats.eauctionservices.com> on March 30, 2021, commencing at 11:00 am for a minimum of 30 minutes. Proposers will be provided instructions for placing final price bids prior to the commencement of bidding. Proposers must register at <https://lamats.eauctionservices.com> to access specifications and to submit proposals.

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SHERIFF'S SALE

GIBSLAND BANK & TRUST COMPANY VS. THE UNOPENED SUCCESSION OF DOROTHY TAYLOR WASHINGTON

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 79717

By virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued out of the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, in the above styled and numbered suit and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder for cash WITH the benefit of appraisement and according to law at the principal front door of the Courthouse in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana on WEDNESDAY, March 23, 2022, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

Beginning at the Southeast corner of the Southwest quarter of South-west quarter, Section 16, Township 19 North, Range 9 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana, run West along Section line 70 yards to point of beginning; thence continue West 70 yards, thence North 70 yards, thence East 70 yards, thence South 70 yards to the point of beginning.

SOLD SUBJECT TO ANY SUPERIOR LIENS, MORTGAGES OR PRIVILEGES THERETO.
Said property seized is that of the defendant and will be sold to satisfy a judgment rendered in our Honorable Court.

JASON R.

PARKER Sheriff & Ex-Officio Auctioneer Webster Parish, Louisiana

Linda Vaughan - Deputy

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**Webster Parish Police Jury
401 Main Street ---
P.O. Box 389
Minden, Louisiana
71058-0389
Phone# 318-377-7564
Fax# 318-371-2366
lbalkom@sudden-linkmail.com**

March 4, 2022

INVITATION FOR BID

The Webster Parish Police Jury solicits sealed bids for the following:
2-Two (2) New 2022 or Newer Tag-A-Long Trailers 22 ½ Ton

The proposals must be in the hands of the undersigned no later than **2:00 p.m., Monday, April 4, 2022 in the - in the Courthouse House Annex meeting room of the Webster Parish Police Jury, 401 Main Street, Minden, Louisiana 71055.** The bid forms and specification sheets are available at no charge in the office of the Secretary-Treasurer, Webster Parish Policy Jury. Successful bids will be approved at the Regular Meeting, Webster Parish Police Jury on April 5, 2022.

The Webster Parish Police Jury is a tax-exempt governmental agency.

The Webster Parish Police Jury abides by the requirements of the Louisiana Bid Law.

ALL BIDS SUBMITTED MUST BE CLEARLY MARKED. Webster Parish Police Jury – "BID ENCLOSED"

The Webster Parish Police Jury is a tax-exempt governmental agency. The Webster Parish Police Jury complies with the State of Louisiana Public Bid Law as stated in LA R.S. 38:2211. The Webster Parish Police Jury reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive informalities or to accept the bid, which may best serve its interest.

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March 8, 2022
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I, Ronda Miller, administrator, am asking to sell succession property of Delma L. Brantley Sr. and Susie L. Harrison Brantley. Docket #17485.

**March 15, 2022
March 18, 2022
March 29, 2022
April 1, 2022
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NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND BLACKBEARD OPERATING EAST, LLC

The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality and Blackbeard Operating East, LLC (Respondent), Agency Interest Number 4599, et al., have entered into a proposed settlement agreement, Settlement

Tracking No. SA-MM-21-0063, concerning the State's allegations of environmental violations by Respondent at its facility in Webster Parish, Louisiana, which allegations are set forth in Notice of Potential Penalty, Enforcement Tracking No. MM-PP-16-01030.

The Department of Environmental Quality will accept comments on the proposed settlement for the next forty-five (45) days. The public is invited and encouraged to submit written comments to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Office of the Secretary, Legal Division, Post Office Box 4302, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821-4302, Attention: Jay L. Glorioso, Attorney. All comments will be considered by the Department of Environmental Quality in reaching a decision on whether to make the settlement final.

Terms and conditions of the proposed settlement agreement may be reviewed on the Department of Environmental Quality's website at www.deg.louisiana.gov, by selecting *About LDEQ, Enforcement, and Settlements*. The document may also be viewed at, and copies obtained from, the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Public Records Center, Room 127, Galvez Building, 602 North Fifth Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802. To request a copy of the proposed settlement, submit a completed Public Record Request Form (DEQ Form ISD-0005-01). The form and instructions for completion may be found on the DEQ Website at the following address: <http://deg.louisiana.gov/assets/docs/GeneralPublicRecordsRequestForm.pdf>, or by calling the Customer Service Center at 1-866-896-5337.

Pursuant to La. R.S. 30:2050.7(D), the Department of Environmental Quality may hold a public hearing regarding this proposed settlement when either of the following conditions are met: 1) a written request for public hearing has been filed by twenty-five (25) persons, by a governmental subdivision or agency, or by an association having not less than twenty-five (25) members who reside in the parish in which the facility is located; or 2) the secretary finds a significant degree of public interest in this settlement.

For further information, you may call the Legal Division of the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality at (225) 219-3985.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Minden Planning Commission Meeting

April 7, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.

Pelican Room - Minden City Hall

On the agenda is a request from Ace Hardware, lessee on property owned by Catherine Associates, LLC, for a parking space variance on property located at 807 Homer Road. This property is zoned B-4 (Hwy. Commercial).

The purpose of this

parking space variance is to reduce the required number of parking spaces for this business.

Legal Description:
LOT FRONTING 200 FT. ON U.S. HWY. #79 X 300 FT. IN SE/4 OF NW/4 SEC. 23-19-9

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 MARCH 14, 2022.

The Minden City Council met at City Hall, Minden, Louisiana, beginning at 5:30 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Terry L. Gardner, Wayne Edwards, Vincen Bradford, Michael Roy and Pam Bloxom. Absent: Terika Williams-Walker. Prayer was offered by Michael Roy and Vincen Bradford led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Gardner welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Mayor Gardner declared a Public Hearing open regarding the reapportionment of the council districts in accordance with the 2020 Census of Population and appropriate federal and state laws. Mr. Doug Mitchell of North Delta Planning of Monroe, Louisiana presented Plan 1 for the city to review. Plan No. One (1) was discussed at length. A question and answer period followed his presentation. With no further questions or comments offered from the council and no questions or comments offered from the audience, Mayor Gardner declared the Public Hearing closed and the Regular Session open at 5:41 p.m.

Michael Roy moved to adopt and approve and to publish Ordinance No. 1127, an Ordinance adopting a Reapportionment Plan for Minden City Council Districts in accordance with the 2020 Census of Population and Appropriate Federal and State Laws, and further providing with respect, thereto, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Wayne Edwards and the vote was as follows: Ayes: Wayne Edwards, Vincen Bradford, Michael Roy and Pam Bloxom. Nays: None. Absent: Terika Williams-Walker. Abstain: None. The motion carried. (The ordinance defines the plan as "Plan 1" as presented by demographer Doug Mitchell.)

There were no public announcements, council comments were heard and the meeting was adjourned.

Terry L. Gardner, Mayor

ATTEST:

Michael Fluhr, Acting City Clerk

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ORDINANCE NO. 1127

STATE OF LOUISIANA

CITY OF MINDEN

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A REAPPORTIONMENT PLAN FOR MINDEN CITY COUNCIL DISTRICTS IN AC-

CORDANCE WITH THE 2020 CENSUS OF POPULATION AND APPROPRIATE FEDERAL AND STATE LAWS, AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, reapportionment of City Council districts is required after each decennial census; and

WHEREAS, the City of Minden contains five council districts from which one council member is elected from each district; and

WHEREAS, such reapportionment plans must meet all Federal and State requirements; and

WHEREAS, City Council members have examined the current apportionment plan, with the assistance of fully qualified demographers and planners, and determined that the current apportionment plan must be reapportioned;

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by City Council of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana, that Plan 1 of Reapportionment attached to this ordinance is hereby adopted, subject to proper public hearing, public access, and proper advertising.

This ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after it has been published in the official journal of the City of Minden, Louisiana.

This ordinance was introduced and adopted on the 14th day of March, 2022. NOTICED PUBLICED on the 8th and 11th days of March, 2022.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Minden Council upon motion by Michael Roy and duly seconded by Wayne Edwards on this 14th day of March, 2022, by the following vote:
YEAS: Wayne Edwards, Vincen Bradford, Michael Roy and Pam Bloxom
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Terika Williams-Walker
ABSTAIN: None

TERRY L. GARDNER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

HEATHER FEEBACK, Assistant City Clerk

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1FDLE40S6VHA06882 is stored at 1422 Sibley Rd, Minden, LA, 71055. If all current charges are not paid and vehicle claimed by the owner by 03/30/2022 a Permit to Sell may be obtained.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The City of Minden hereby advertises for bids for the purchase of

TWO (2) NEW 2,540 GPM RETURN ACTIVATED SLUDGE SCREW PUMP PARTS

Bid No. 12-2022

Separate sealed bids will be accepted in the office of the City of Minden City Clerk, City Hall, Minden, Louisiana, until 10:30 a.m. on Monday, April 04, 2022 at Minden City Hall, located at 520 Broadway, Minden, LA. The sealed bids will be publicly opened and read aloud shortly after the 10:30 a.m. submission deadline on Monday, April 04,

2022 at the Cypress Conference Room located at Minden City Hall, 520 Broadway Street, Minden, Louisiana 71055. Late bids will not be accepted. Faxed bids cannot be accepted and will be discarded. The City of Minden is not responsible for the timely delivery of bids by the USPS or any other carrier.

Any bids received after the above time will not be accepted under any circumstances.

Any uncertainty regarding the time a bid is received will be resolved against the bidder.

Only bids written in ink or type written, and properly signed by a member of the firm or authorized representative, will be accepted. Pencil and/or photo-static figures or signatures will disqualify bid. However, electronic signatures as defined in LA-R.S. 9:2602(8) may be acceptable.

Electronic Bidding: Contractors are provided the option to submit bid for public contracts through a uniform and secure electronic interactive system. Comply with electronic bidding as stated in the Louisiana Bid Law R.S. 38:2212.1.

Bid related materials may be found online and electronic bids may be submitted at www.BidExpress.com.

Bidding Documents: Bid specifications may be obtained at the City of Minden Public Works Department, 520 Broadway, Minden, LA 71055, (318) 377-2144.

Bid specifications 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 at 888-352-2439.

Bid Proposal: Bids shall be received from bidders only on the bid form included in the bidding documents, as provided in the Louisiana R.S. 37:2162(b). A single lump-sum bid shall be submitted.

Bid Withdrawal: Bids shall not be subject to withdrawal by bidder for a period of forty-five (45) calendar days after the bid opening, except as provided for in the Instructions to Bidders.

Award, Waiver and Rejection of Bids: The contract will be awarded pursuant to the requirements of applicable local and state laws and regulations. To the extent permitted by such laws and regulations, the City of Minden reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality or irregularity in any bid received. Refer to the Instructions to Bidders for any forms required to be submitted with the bid.

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TNT Storage, LLC, owner of East 80 Storage, (318-377-9733) located at 14963 Hwy. 80 East, Minden, will have units to auction on www.StorageAuctions.com starting 3-18-22 and ending on 4-1-22 at 10:00 am. East 80 - #88 Debra Rushing: EMT Spine Board, drum stool, college textbooks, misc. items. - #108 Willie Moore: lawn mower,

art work, tools, shower bench - #109 Willie Moore: lawn mower, vacuums, floor tile - #110 Willie Moore: gas fireplace logs, chairs, organ, home decor - #142 Arillian Rushing: heater, filing cabinet, vintage Tupperware, table, coffee maker, misc. items - #160 Arillian Rushing: sewing machine, bedroom suit, couch, chairs, crib, yard tools

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LAND FOR SALE

Buy land or lease land for hunting. MC (318) 465-4733

EMPLOYMENT

BOX TRUCK DELIVERY DRIVER New Higher Pay Scale! Bill & Ralph's Inc. 118 B & R Drive, Sarepta, La. 71071 Accepting Applications For Box Truck Delivery Driver Must have at least a Class D License. Training for CDL-A will be available, if interested, but not mandatory. Free Medical Insurance for Driver, Family Medical Insurance available. Dental and 401K Benefits, Hourly plus Incentive Pay, Yearly Safety Bonus Pay, Monthly Safety/Performance Pay. Apply at Bill & Ralph's Contact Mickey Hodges at (318)539-2071 mickey.hodges@billandralphs.com COOK POSITION Webster Parish Head Start is taking applications for the immediate opening for the position of cook at the Mother Goose Land Center. Applicants must have a high school diploma with experience working in food service. Applications can be picked up at the Head Start Administrative Office at 111 Murrell Street, Minden, LA.

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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.

Small

Ads

Work

EARLY VOTING SCHEDULE
March 26, 2022

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS OFFICE
WEBSTER PARISH COURTHOUSE
410 Main St., Minden
Saturday, March 12th - Saturday, March 19th
Excluding Sunday
8:30 AM until 6:00 PM

SPRINGHILL CIVIC CENTER
101 Machen Dr., Springhill
Saturday, March 12th - Thursday, March 17th
Excluding Sunday
8:30 AM until 6:00 PM

To view your sample ballot and obtain additional information regarding voting and elections visit www.GeauxVote.com or contact your local Registrar of Voters office at 377-9272.

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CITY OF MINDEN IS HIRING:
City Clerk/Tax Office FT
Admin. Secretary FT
Custodian FT
Economic Development Dir. FT
Lineman (A) FT
Maint. Helper FT&PT
Police Officer FT
Equipment Operator FT
Heavy Equip. Operator FT
Laborer PT
Water/Wastewater Collection Operator
Water/Wastewater Collection Maint. Tech FT

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.

Maintenance Supervisor
Presbyterian Village of Homer, a Skilled Nursing & Rehabilitation Facility in Homer, Louisiana, is now taking applications for the position of Maintenance Supervisor. Individuals must apply in person at 3700 US Hwy 79 South in Homer, Louisiana.

Applicants should possess the following skills:

- Minimum of a high school education or equivalent
- At least two (2) years job experience in a similar environment working with preventive maintenance of equipment and appliances
- General knowledge of basic plumbing, electrical, carpentry, grounds maintenance, vehicles, etc., and the skills for repair, maintenance, or installation of such things
- Ability to manage one (1) or more departments and to supervise a crew of workers (train new employees, schedule job assignments, procure goods and services, etc.)
- Ability to communicate effectively with others
- Strong work ethic and time management
- Team-oriented mindset and good interpersonal skills
- Ability to develop and maintain positive, productive relationships with outside vendors, contractors, service workers, and suppliers
- Adequate and reliable, personal transportation
- Understanding that being on-call around the clock (after hours and on weekends and holidays) for potential facility and grounds maintenance emergencies is a necessary job requirement

For more information, please call Jimmy Williams, Administrator at (318) 927-6133.

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for a part-time position.
Please contact
WALTER
at (318) 377-8518
for more information.

WPC
WEBSTER PRINTING COMPANY

Attorney
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Independent Contractor- Customer Service
NOTE: Serious applicants only. Applicants should check emails daily as they are our primary source of communication.
HOW TO APPLY
Read in its entirety: To be considered, applicants MUST complete an application on the company's website www.virtuallyathome.net. Ensure that you meet the requirements listed below before applying.
Job Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:
Answer incoming calls routed to home phone regarding product and services
Respond to customer's needs and follow up
Maintain a knowledge of products and services offered.
Obtain First Call Resolution
Notate calls efficiently in the system.
Requirements:
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Must have a computer, internet, and home phone. No VOIP services. No satellite
Must be fluent in English
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Must be Self Driven & Motivated
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FROM THE BACK PORCH

A writer recounts her journey in journalistic prose

As I was contemplating writing my column this week. I began to think about the many such contributions I have submitted and seen appear in print. I tried to recall when the first one appeared and sought out a scrapbook showing the first such efforts. It's hard to believe it was on my birthday in 1967. i would like to share how it came about.

When I was a young stay at home mother, I contributed what was known as community news to a local newspaper. Each community had such a "reporter" and thus the area populace could see what was happening throughout the parish. I later branched to other newspapers and was soon "stringing" for the Shreveport Journal.

Then in 1966, we decided that I would go to college, seeking a degree and teaching certificate. So at age 30, the year our youngest started to school, I also started school. It was a frightening experience for me, but soon I began to enjoy it and for four years I commuted to Magnolia to earn my degree. I stayed home with the children during the summers.

I enjoyed writing and seeing my words in print so much that I worked in some journalism courses as my electives, as it was not available as a minor specialty.

After my second summer of college the editor called and asked me to work while I was out of school. This was another experience I was not quite ready for, but I took the chance anyway.

As I became familiar with the routine, I boldly asked the editor if I could try my hand at a weekly column. She said, " Like a recipe each week?" I quickly explained that was not what I wanted to do and went on to share my dream of writing . She gave me the opportunity and it has made a world of difference to me. I then worked another summer for her and when I graduated, all ready to look for a teaching position, she urged me to take the job full-time. Another family member of the editor, who was also with the newspaper, begged me to reconsider.

I felt honored that they believed in me enough to offer me the full-time position but I could not give up my dream and what I had worked so hard for.

My second column was about life experiences as a Little League mother. I would like to share it with you.

"I became a new mother this summer, a Little League baseball mother. I suffer, along with mothers across the nation, all the jitters that accompany new motherhood. I sit and watch my two youngest offsprings, who are nine and seven, struggle to learn the mechanics of a game relatively new to them and

I feel the same old ache I felt as I watched them make their first wobbly steps. I say the game is relatively new to them because this is the first time they've tried it with rules and regulations. Always before, they had played backyard baseball where rules could be bent to suit their moods.

" I wince as I watch the ball whiz toward the batter with speed and accuracy heretofore thought impos-

sible for such young pitchers. I ache to tell him to slow that pitch, as the batter standing there hoping to make contact with the ball is my own dear son, yet I know I can't. What would my son do if the pitcher lost control of the ball? All these things race through my mind while I endeavor to stay calm and undisturbed. I surmise the coach would console each mother, if it were possible, with words similar to those

offered by the family doctor to the anxious expectant father, "Brace up, we haven't lost a father yet." And in all probability, they haven't lost a Little League mother yet. "After the first few games, I became more confident in the boys as they displayed skill I never knew they possessed. While not claiming they are experts, by any means, I do detect an improvement over their first efforts and as is characteristic of all mothers, I feel pride in their accomplishments. "I follow the busload

of boys (and a small female cheering section) all over: to Homer, Emerson and Bradley thus far. I have actually become a real baseball fan. I never even liked it before, and I yell at all the players and even fuss at the umpire. My oldest child, a member of the cheering section, informed me one day that she could hear me "all over the. place." I think she contributed this in an effort to calm me down but I will probably just continue to yell; anyway, until my boys grow older. Never can tell, I might eventually outgrow it."

Since these first efforts to express myself in the printed word, I have written many columns, lots of feature stories as well as regular news. I even went to work for that newspaper after I retired from teaching and enjoyed three years working for them. Before I left, I had been dubbed News and Features Editor. Never know what can result by asking for what you want.



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