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EDUCATION

Minden High School Selected As Amazon Future Engineer School

Minden, La - Minden High School has been selected as an Amazon Future Engineer (AFE) School. This is a partnership between Amazon and Project STEM to improve access to computer science education in communities currently underrepresented in the technology field.

According to U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, there are 1.4 million available jobs related to computer science, but only about 400,000 computer science graduates with the skills to apply for those jobs. Amazon and Project STEM are collaborating to address this gap by sponsoring teachers and administrators who are committed to bringing computer science to their school.

"It provides full curriculum in STEM activities: in science, technology, engineering and math," said Minden High School Educator Laura Haley. "For me, it's going to supplement curriculum that we are already providing for Jump Start students."

The Jump Start Program allows Webster Parish students to obtain credentials before graduating high school. Haley instructs students who are obtaining credentials as Certified Internet Web Professionals. She had to apply and be accepted into the AFE program.

Haley's students will work with Amazon engineers to learn about computer coding and how computers operate. Students will learn about the coding taking place at Amazon facilities and the robotics that are being used by the company.

"I want my students to realize that every computer is only as smart as the person behind it," said Haley. "If they can put the code in, they can do anything they want with any machine."

Students are also eligible for scholarships and internships at Amazon.

For more information, contact Ed Walsh with Romph Pou Agency at (318) 424-2676 ext. 345.

COMMUNITY

Chiefs' Star Sneed participates in J.L Jones Mardi Gras Parade



WILL PHILLIPS/PRESS-HERALD PHOTOS

This past Tuesday the students of J.L. Jones Elementary held a Mardi Growth Parade, an event which celebrated the season of Mardi Gras while also allowing students the opportunity to showcase and take pride in the progress that they have made over the course of the school year.

Students each held signs that displayed their particular areas of growth, whether that be mathematics, English, science, etc. Defensive Back for the Kansas City Chiefs, L'Jarius Sneed, came out to participate in the parade and show his support for the students of J.L. Jones and their progression in their education. Alongside Sneed were the Krewe des Ambassadeurs, dressed in vibrant Mardi Gras fashion, helping to bring the spirit of the holiday alive for all the kids to enjoy.

HISTORIC

Appeal for Huffman Management delayed at City Council

WILL PHILLIPS
Minden Press-Herald

Recently some controversy has arisen in the Historic District of Downtown Minden concerning Huffman Management's plan to have their recently acquired property, formerly home to Grace Estate, turned into a Bed & Breakfast/Event Center.

The controversy more so centered around the event center, with some residents of the historic district bringing up worries that the center would lead to disruptions in the neighborhood, whether that be traffic, noise, etc.

Huffman Management went to the planning commission in order to be granted the same variances that Grace Estate had prior, those being using the property as a Bed & Breakfast and an event center, with the main difference being changing the variance Grace Estate had to operate a tea room to instead be a varience to operate a ten-seat bar.

At the initial planning commission, concerns were raised regarding having a bar in the neighborhood, so that idea was scrapped and then brought back to the table with just the B&B and Event center. The variance for the B&B passed and

the variance for the event center failed.

That brings us to Wednesday morning, where Jim Huffman presented an appeal to the City Council to be granted the event center variance. During the course of this meeting, Huffman spoke about his vision for the business and the concessions that he has made to his plans for the event center in order to address the concerns that had been raised against it.

"As a company and as a family, let me first state that we are neighbors of this home. We've been in the hospitality industry since 1979," said Huffman.

"Basically, all we're asking for is for us to continue to do what is currently being done. We're not asking for any variances that haven't already been granted, and we're willing to even not utilize some of the variances that have already been granted to that home, such as the tea room portion."

First addressing the traffic concern, Huffman started off by stating that the main road that was cause of worry due to possibly being too narrow, Sylvan Place, could indeed have two cars pass one another, and had pictures to prove the point.

Later he also stated that he reduced the max occupancy from 500 to 100 to address these concerns as well.

"Some things that you may have heard in the past is that the street next to it is too narrow, and can't hold two car traffic without going into other people's yards. That's not true and I do have photos to prove that."

Another of the complaints levied against the event center was that noise would be generated from the establishment during the event. To address this, Huffman agreed that they would not allow live bands to play at the venue and that no firework shows would take place there as well.

"You may have heard that this will bring noise issues. At this point we're willing to say we want to be good neighbors. Therefore we will not book any bands or any events with bands at that event center," said Huffman.

"In spite of the fact that there's only been three fireworks shows, you may have heard that fireworks create an inordinate amount of sound. And as a company we've said ok, we want to be good neighbors, we won't have any fireworks."

Later during the discussion

Councilman Terika Williams-Walker of Dist. B brought up the fact that live DJs could possibly produce too much sound as well.

"My question is, I see where you say no outdoor bands, but what about a DJ? It's still noisy," said Walker.

On the spot, Huffman agreed that there would be no DJs, stating, "Ok, no DJ. No bands whatsoever, no noise whatsoever, with the exception of laughing children."

Later Walker also brought forth the possibility of reducing the max occupancy even further, having the occupancy that had already been reduced from 500 to 100 changed from 100 to 50. While the effect this would have on tackling potential concerns is debatable, it once again demonstrated a willingness on behalf of Huffman Management to make whatever concessions were deemed necessary in order to be granted the variance.

"Right here where you said the event size should not exceed 100 people. Have you thought about decreasing that number from 100 to maybe fifty?" asked Walker.

Huffman responded, "Ok, done. 50."

With the main con-

cerns being addressed, Huffman then clarified why exactly it was so important to be granted the variance for the event center in the first place, the main concern being allowing those who utilize the event center to take advantage of the outdoor spaces as well.

"The reason why we need the event center classification is because, without it, we cannot advertise for meeting space, we cannot advertise for family reunions, military reunions, we cannot host those things in our home," said Huffman.

"I was asked once, 'if you're really focused on family reunions, and you're really focused on smaller events, why don't you say you'll just only do what's inside your home?' That seems like a fair request, but, given some of the hurdles that we have faced recently, I'm afraid that will lead us down a path that would have police officers called when we have a family reunion and we have a bouncy house behind the house. I'm afraid if I allow ten people to barbecue on my back lawn, that I won't be holding up to my end of the bargain, which is to only have events inside the home."

"Knowing that that is

the threat, I would request that we allow the variance to go through as an event center with the assurances, no fireworks, no live bands. We will control the noise at that home, but we do request the event center include the grounds, and again, should include the grounds because of family reunions, having barbecues, children having bouncy houses, ladies wanting to have a tea party on the front lawn," said Huffman. "It's those kinds of events that we do want to continue to be able to have."

Of course there were those in attendance that were there to voice the supposed concerns of the residents of the historic district, those being Catherine Hunt, Emily Hunt, and Leslie Rainer.

However, few to no new concerns were raised during this meeting that hadn't already been addressed. Multiple times they referenced signatures for a petition that they had acquired in late January.

"When you say a few though, we have 65 signatures that represent 45 households. How is that a few?" said Catherine Hunt.

Emily Hunt added, "We collected signatures See, **APPEAL**, Page 3



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LIONS CLUB

Louisiana Lions Camp Begins its 65th Year

Special to the Minden Press-Herald

The summer of 2022 marks the beginning of the 65th year of operation of the Louisiana Lions Camp, with 61 of those years in Leesville, La. On July 9, 1961, the first camping session opened at the camp, which is located six miles north of Leesville on 185 acres of piney woodlands. To date, over 26,000 children have attended camp.

Lions across the state are actively working to see that youth with diabetes, pulmonary disorders, physical and mental challenges, and childhood cancer are able to experience a life-impacting week at their summer place.

The camp will operate a one-week session for youth with pulmonary disorders ages 5-15. Please visit www.camp-pelican.org to register. Two one-week sessions will be held for mentally challenged children ages 8-19; two one-week sessions for the orthopedically challenged and hearing/visually impaired children ages 7-19; and

one week-long session for youth with diabetes ages 6-14. Please visit www.lionscamp.org to register. A one-week session will be held for youth with hematology/oncology disorders ages 6-14. Please visit www.campchallenge.org to register.

All camps will be held during the months of June and July. Children will enjoy a full range of summer camp activities such as swimming, arts and crafts, archery, air riflery, all sports, fishing and other outdoor activities.

The Louisiana Lions Camp is funded by the hard work and voluntary contributions of Louisiana Lions Clubs, as well as non-Lion organizations and caring individuals. Campers attending these summer sessions must be sponsored by a Lions Club, Lioness or Leo Club. This ensures that the camp is truly a statewide project that serves every section of Louisiana.

For more information or for assistance completing the online application, call Lion Ray Cecil, certified camp director, at (337) 239-6567.

EDUCATION

Head Start teachers in 3 states suing over Biden administration’s COVID vaccination mandate

(The Center Square) – Head Start teachers in Louisiana, Ohio and Virginia are suing the Biden administration over a nationwide COVID-19 vaccination mandate for the federally funded program.

Elizabeth Etherton, a preschool teacher at Fairfax County Public Schools in Virginia, has filed a lawsuit in U.S. District Court over a threatened termination Monday for failing to take a COVID-19 vaccine.

The lawsuit, which was filed last week, followed a similar case involving Head Start teachers Sandy Brick in Louisiana and Jessica Trenn in Ohio, challenging an “interim final rule” by the Office of Head Start under the Department of Health and Human Services.

The rule, issued Nov. 30, requires all staff, contractors and volunteers to receive a second dose of a COVID-19 vaccine by Jan. 31. The order also required all adults and children over 2 years old in the program to wear masks.

“I love my job and it breaks my heart to think I may lose the opportunity to work with my students over this federal mandate,” Etherton said. “I did everything I could to adapt to challenges

over the last two years. I taught from home. I stayed late to clean my classroom. I followed the procedures, participated in weekly testing, and submitted a medical exemption saying I could not receive this vaccine. But that wasn’t enough. So many teachers are in this position and this lawsuit is my last resort to protect myself and others like me.”

Etherton, Brick and Trenn are among about 280,000 Americans employed in programs that receive federal funding through Head Start. Those programs are largely nonprofits or run through local public school districts and serve children age 2-5 from low-income families. The Head Start programs offer services beyond traditional preschool by providing nutrition, social skills and other support for students. The federal vaccination mandate applies to teachers as well as volunteers, estimated at about 1 million people.

The teachers are represented by the national, nonprofit law firm Liberty Justice Center. In Louisiana and Ohio, attorneys with the Pelican Institute for Public Policy are assisting with the case. The Liberty Justice Center and Pelican

Institute partnered for a similar effort to block the Biden administration’s vaccine-or-test mandate for private businesses that was overturned by the U.S. Supreme Court last month.

“This mandate is yet another example of the federal government’s relentless, illegal effort to control the private choices of Americans,” said Daniel Suhr, managing attorney at the Liberty Justice Center. “The Biden Administration does not have the authority from Congress or the U.S. Constitution to issue blanket vaccine and mask mandates.”

Attorneys representing the Louisiana and Ohio teachers are seeking to join a federal lawsuit brought by 24 states regarding the Head Start vaccination mandate. In January, U.S. District Judge Terry Doughty granted a preliminary injunction to block the mandate for the 24 states, which includes Ohio and Louisiana. A separate lawsuit in Texas also resulted in a judge blocking the mandate, Suhr said.

“The government has not appealed yet in the Texas or Louisiana cases,” he said. “We have asked for our teachers to be consolidated or merged into the state case ... and

that request is currently being briefed.

“Hopefully, we’ll get all those cases merged so they can be resolved on the same track,” Suhr said.

Once appealed, the cases would head to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, the same court that enjoined the private employer vaccine mandate before it was ruled unconstitutional by the Supreme Court.

In Virginia, a state that is not a party to the broader state lawsuits, Etherton remains under the government vaccine ultimatum.

“I think part of the reason they have not appealed is because the rulings are only effective in the states that brought the cases,” Suhr said.

All of the cases center on the same legal argument: the Head Start statute does not give the U.S. government authority to implement a vaccination mandate, while the individual teacher cases also assert violations of personal freedoms.

“Courts have consistently recognized the liberty each of us has to make medical decision affecting our lives,” Suhr said. “We feel a government mandating a vaccine invades that individual liberty.”



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OBITUARIES

Glenn Honley

Funeral services celebrating the life of Glenn Honley were held Wednesday, March 2, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. at Eastside Missionary Baptist Church in Minden, Louisiana with Rev. Chet Johnson and Rev. Richard Methvin officiating. Interment followed at Lane Memorial Cemetery in Sibley, Louisiana. The family received friends Wednesday, March 2, 2022, at 1:30 p.m. at the church prior to the service.

Glenn was born March 9, 1941, in Shreveport, Louisiana and entered into rest February 27, 2022, in Minden, Louisiana.

He is preceded in death by his parents, George and Armor Honley, son William George Honley, daughter Stacey Kirk, sister and her husband Maudine and Jack

Hooker, and brother-in-law Tom Diviney.

He is survived by his wife Carol Powell Honley of Minden, son. Ronnie Reno (Alicia) of Heflin; daughters, Cindy McCormick (Jeff) of Minden and Lou Lehrmann (Kyle) of Trenton, Texas; sister, Claudine Dinney of Shreveport; 10 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and 2 great great- grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be A.J. Shelley, Ross Reno, Colton Reno, Casey Powell, Clint Powell, Tyler McLemore, John Hunter, and Greg Hunter.

Honorary pallbearers will be Senior Men's Sunday School Class.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to Eastside Youth Mission Fund at Eastside Missionary Baptist Church, 1201 Park Ave., Minden, Louisiana 71055.

Rose-Neath Funeral Home
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Brenda Miller Reeves

Brenda Miller Reeves of Minden, Louisiana entered rest March 1, 0222 in Minden, Louisiana. She was born November 16, 1942, in Evergreen, Louisiana. She was a member of the Church of Christ, loving mother, and grandmother. Most important to Brenda was her family.

She is preceded in death by her husband Leonard

Wayne Reeves, brother, Glenn Miller and sister, Shirley Valentine.

She is survived by her sons, Jimmy Reeves and wife Kim, Eddie Reeves, and Billy Reeves and wife Susan all of Minden; grandchildren, five and a number of great grandchildren.

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EDUCATION

Philanthropic Dollars Providing Louisiana Children Access to Summer Learning Program

Baton Rouge, LA (March 1, 2022) — Understanding that far too many children across Louisiana are entering kindergarten unprepared, the Overdeck Family Foundation has partnered with national education nonprofit Waterford.org to provide a solution for 1,000 children. Waterford Upstart is a research-based and third-party validated PreK learning program done in the home and, thanks to this funding, will cost families nothing to participate this summer.

Waterford Upstart is an in-home, personalized PreK learning solution that prepares children for kindergarten by giving families the tools they need to become the first and most influential teachers of their children. Those tools include a computer, internet access and phone calls from a coach offering tips to facilitate the academic in-

struction offline, as well.

In June, children in Louisiana will begin learning to read using Waterford Upstart Summer Learning Path for 20 minutes a day, five days a week. There is a math-and-science component families can take advantage of, if they choose.

“My favorite aspect of the program, what I call the ‘secret sauce,’ is the way adults are encouraged to engage in their child’s learning. It builds confidence in both caregiver and child. And when families are involved in a child’s education, research shows the child does better,” Waterford.org national spokesperson Kim Fischer said.

Overdeck Family Foundation has a goal of providing all children the opportunity to unlock their potential.

The mission of Waterford.org is to achieve universal literacy through

equity, access and parent empowerment. Summer Learning Path is a condensed version of the full-year Waterford Upstart program. It was created at the start of the pandemic to provide an academic boost for children who were removed from their classrooms.

“We just want kiddos reading and learning with confidence from the moment they enter the classroom,” Fischer said.

Research shows that the average Waterford Upstart graduate enters kindergarten reading at nearly a first-grade level and maintains those gains through the fourth grade.

Families who believe their children could benefit from Waterford Upstart Summer Learning Path can enroll today by going to [waterford.org/summer](#) or calling 1-888-982-9898.

Appeal: Item was ultimately removed from the agenda

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throughout the historic district and down Pennsylvania, and I can tell you these people excitedly signed our petition.”

However the concerns that residents of the historic district would have had at that time, noise, traffic, etc., would have been addressed by the concessions Huffman Management has made.

The only other relevant concern brought forward was that of an overarching desire to keep the historic district entirely residential, despite the fact that Grace Estate had been granted these same variances.

“As neighbors, we feel like we’re defending our neighborhood, and we’re having to do it over, and over, and over, and over, again. I’m sick of having these meetings. There’s a reason why the planning commission is only supposed to hear this once a year. And then there’s supposed to be an appeal,” said Emily Hunt.

“When all we want is for our

residential area to be in fact, residential.”

Nearing the end of this particular discussion, Huffman once again restated his willingness to make whatever changes necessary to make sure his business would not affect the lives of their neighbors while also pointing out the hypocrisy of some of the most vocal opponents of the variance, stating that in the past they had attended events at Grace Estate similar to the ones he plans to hold there in the future.

“Bottom line is, a lot of my opponents have asked for certain things. No fireworks. We said ok, no fireworks. They said, bands too loud. We said ok, no bands. We keep taking our dream, and what we want, and we keep shrinking that down, smaller and smaller, and smaller, to appease those very loud negative individuals, that continuously bring up the negativities of the place, not admitting that they attended

multiple events,” said Huffman.

The longer the discussion went on, the more it became a back and forth between Huffman and Rainer, Catherine Hunt, and Emily Hunt, more so than the original goal of the discussion, which was supposed to be Huffman’s appeal to the City Council.

Bringing this fact to life, Bloxom proposed the decision that was ultimately made, which was to table the discussion to allow more time for Huffman and residents of the historic district to discuss the matter further with the new concessions in mind, and hopefully come to a mutual agreement.

“Mr. Huffman, I’m sorry to do this to you, but I really believe we should just remove this from the agenda, let the historical people have a meeting, make their reference, if they have to come back to us then, let’s address it in April,” said Bloxom.

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OPINION

White: Upskill your employees at no charge

Beginning in July 2022, a new financial assistance program that is often referred to a TOPS for adults will launch in the state of Louisiana. The M.J. Foster Promise Program, named in honor of former Louisiana Governor Mike Foster, is a state fund that will provide financial support for students to earn credentials that align to high-demand jobs in growing industry sectors in Louisiana. The fund is capped at \$10.5 million in this inaugural year, so awards will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. All public two-year community and technical colleges in Louisiana are eligible training providers as well as accredited proprietary schools licensed by the Board of Regents.

For employers in the targeted industry sectors, including construction, healthcare, information technology, manufacturing, and transportation and logistics, consider this an incentive to upskill your existing entry level employees who show potential for growth within

your company. Use this program as a way to show your employees you care about their professional growth, and you want to help them invest in their futures. Most community and technical colleges now offer critical training programs in nontraditional hours, as the traditional student for them is one that is over 21 and has a job, so consider offering flex time for your employees that want to pursue training under the program.

There are eligibility requirements for the program, it is not intended for every adult; the goal here is to remove the financial barrier that is often the one thing holding back adults who do want to improve their skills. The program is for Louisiana residents 21 or older and who meet the following criteria:

1. Meet a family income that does not exceed 300% of the Federal Poverty Level (see below) or be unemployed or underemployed for six months prior to receiving grant.

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2. Have earned a high school diploma or equivalent or co-enroll in a qualified program of study and in a program to earn high school credential.

3. Have not previously earned an undergraduate degree at the associate level or above.

4. Be a Louisiana resident and U.S. Citizen.

5. Commit to reside in Louisiana one year after completion and to perform 20 hours of community service, an internship, or a mentorship annually to maintain the award.

Incarcerated individuals and those who have been convicted of any crime of violence are prohibited from receiving M.J. Foster Promise funds. The program will serve as a “last dollar” award, which means all applicants will be required to complete the FAFSA to determine eligibility for other sources of federal aid or demonstrate eligibility for federal aid. The Promise funds would apply to any balances after federal, state, or institutional aid has been disbursed, so award amounts will differ student by student.

In this hyper competitive environment for talent faced by employers, showing your employees that you want to help them grow in their professional development is one way to stand out from the crowd and likely increase retention. To view the list of qualified training programs, which can range from a technical certificate to an associate's degree, visit: <https://mylosfa.la.gov/students-parents/scholarships-grants/mjfoster/>

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OTHER OPINION

Flawed leadership emboldens Russia, China, and Iran

Surely we recognize the great dangers to our country from across the globe and the desire of ruthless nations to seize the opportunity and fill the vacuum when they witness American weakness, either because we are unaware or incapable of stopping the advance of evil.

Does anyone believe this would be going on if Pres. Trump were still president? In fact, in a recent poll published by The Hill, 62 percent of Americans say that Russian President Vladimir Putin would not have invaded Ukraine under President Trump.

Do we really believe it's a mere coincidence that Russia is invading a sovereign country and China is looking at Taiwan like a shark does at chum in the water while Iran continues doing what it has never stopped doing—perfecting the enrichment of uranium so that it may realize its dream of a nuclear weapon that it would deploy against Israel and ultimately the U.S.

The eternal principle of nations and war has never changed: perceived weakness begets attacks and war. That's how America is perceived by our adversaries and that is why these dangerous, highly volatile actions are occurring across the globe.

How could it be otherwise? After the Afghanistan debacle, why would our enemies think any differently?

Remember how the U.S., in

an impotent and humiliating fashion for the world's only superpower, abandoned Afghanistan last year. In so doing, we gifted to the Taliban—our terrorist enemies who gave Al Qaeda the staging area to plan the September 11, attacks—\$86 billion in military hardware.

Why didn't befuddled Pres. Biden give this \$86 billion in military hardware to Ukraine's brave President Zelensky, who refused the U.S. offer to evacuate Ukraine, saying “I don't want a ride, I want an anti-tank ammunition.”

Recall that the U.S. has also now abandoned the energy independence we had achieved during the Trump years, forcing us back into a situation in which we are relying on foreign oil—from countries, many of which hate us—to sustain our national economy. By the way, oil at \$100 a barrel not only hurts American citizens, it puts billions into Russia's war effort as well as Iran's nuclear program. In fact, according to Forbes, in 2021, Russia accounted for 21% of all U.S. gasoline imports for a total of \$12.78 billion. Right now, the Biden Administration is importing roughly 600,000

barrels per day of liquid hydrocarbons from Russia. (energyintel.com). At the current rate of \$100 per barrel, the fact is our nation is currently helping to fund Putin's war machine against Ukraine at the rate of \$60 million per day.

What we are seeing in Ukraine and elsewhere is the result of the madness of AOC's Woke Environmental policy—a compromise of the U.S. and Ukraine's energy and military security.

And we are again learning through the conflict in Ukraine that energy security is also the key to global security and stability. As President Trump has noted, energy security is national security.

President Putin has for many years had designs on making Russia more than a regional power (as a KGB officer at the time, Putin would have never supported Gorbachev's dismantling of the former Soviet Union) while China has salivated over Taiwan for decades and now sees an opening with a U.S. still distracted by and reeling from the China virus and the flaccid leadership of the Biden Administration.

For their part, the Chinese Communist Party has made clear that it will do whatever it determines is necessary to win what it sees as an inevitable war with the U.S. Economically, militarily, and geographically, the United States faces a stark and growing threat from

China. We have known this for some time but recent examples of cyberterrorism, hacking, industrial espionage, and the theft annually of hundreds of billions of dollars of intellectual property highlight this fact.

Recent news has also highlighted the fact that Russia and China have conducted joint military exercises and are helping Iran avoid economic sanctions. Russia and China have also reportedly developed hypersonic missiles, a fact that apparently surprised U.S. intelligence.

Regarding Iran, the Wall Street Journal previously stated that “Iran has been scaling up its nuclear program since mid-2019, a year after the Trump administration exited the nuclear deal and then imposed sanctions. Iran then breached the limits on its uranium stockpile, the purity of the nuclear fuel it was producing and resumed work at the underground Fordow site.”

That's where we are. The Biden Administration simply must respond to these growing threats with clarity, strength, and resolve or else the result will be catastrophic for the world and for the United States. In the meantime, we should continue praying for our nation and for the brave freedom fighters in Ukraine.

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EDITORIAL ROUNDUP

WSJ: Biden missed an opportunity with State of the Union

President Biden is no Olaf Scholz. The new Chancellor upended decades of center-left German defense and energy policy this week after Vladimir Putin invaded Ukraine, and Mr. Biden had a similar opportunity in his State of the Union address Tuesday. He missed the moment. The President remained on the same policy course of his first year, albeit dressed up in new anti-inflation packaging.

More defense spending to meet the threats from autocrats? No. A new appreciation for the contribution of fossil fuels to American and European security? Not a word. A note that government spending contributed to the highest inflation in 40

years? Nope. A word of praise for the private Pharma innovation that developed Covid therapies and vaccines? He proposed government price controls instead.

Mr. Biden did offer stirring support for Ukraine and its fight for freedom, which received bipartisan applause. His Administration deserves credit for helping to rally Europe and other nations to impose sanctions and provide more military aid. He was properly condemning of Mr. Putin.

But his self-congratulation ignored the failure to deter the Russian autocrat. “We were ready” if Mr. Putin invaded, Mr. Biden said. But if the U.S. had been ready, Mr. Putin wouldn't have in-

vaded. The Russian invaded because he thought the West would do little. And Mr. Putin finds himself in a struggle now because of the bravery of 41 million Ukrainians, not the strength of Europe or the United States.

What we also didn't hear was a vow that Russia will not be allowed to conquer and hold Ukraine. There was no warning to Mr. Putin not to launch missiles into residential neighborhoods or surround and starve cities into submission like a medieval siege. This was not Harry Truman at the dawn of the Cold War calling the world to meet a new danger.

On his domestic agenda, Mr. Biden acknowledged inflation, as he had to given

the polls. But he blamed rising prices on the pandemic and greedy businesses, and his solutions are to unleash prosecutors and antitrust cops, and to spend even more money on social welfare and entitlements. His most other-worldly line was that his program would “cut energy costs for families an average of \$500 a year by combating climate change.”

The entire point of his climate agenda is to raise the price of energy for Americans by reducing the supply and increasing the cost of coal, oil and natural gas. His regulators are working to do that every day in every way. It was as if the horror of the last week, which exposed the folly of Europe's dependence

on Russian oil and gas, had never happened. The climate left still has a choke hold on this Presidency.

An anxious world is looking for American leadership in a dangerous new era. Instead Mr. Biden offered a rehash of his first-year domestic agenda that has brought him to his low political ebb. It's dispiriting that a White House facing so many daunting challenges could come up with so little. The President really does need to fire some people and get better advice.

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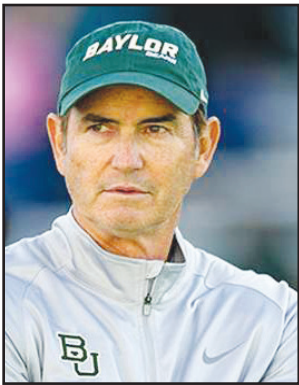
Briles out at GSU less than week after hire

By The Associated Press

Art Briles' tenure as offensive coordinator at Grambling State is over less than a week after it started.

The former disgraced Baylor coach said he didn't want to be a "distraction" at the prominent HBCU with a storied football program in northern Louisiana, leaving the program just five days after he was surprisingly hired by coach Hue Jackson.

"Thank you for giving me the opportunity to be part of your coaching staff at Grambling State University," Briles said in a statement released Monday. "Unfortunately, I feel that my continued presence will be a distraction to you and your



ART BRILES

team, which is the last thing that I want. I have the utmost respect (for) the university, and your players."

Briles has been a pariah in college football since 2016, when he was fired by Baylor after an investigation concluded he and his staff took no action against players named in

sexual assault allegations.

ESPN first reported that Briles would not coach at Grambling. It wasn't immediately clear whether Grambling asked Briles to resign or the coach did so on his own.

The baggage surrounding Briles was well-known, but that didn't stop Jackson from making the hire last week. The 66-year-old Briles coached briefly in Italy and then at a Texas high school after he was dismissed from Baylor.

Grambling's decision received renewed attention Monday when a three-day old social media statement from the Hue Jackson Foundation gained traction. It was the latest in an avalanche of criticism for the university.

The foundation's statement said that Briles' hiring "will be instrumental in teaching others the importance of knowing how to prevent victimization, proper reporting procedures, provide adequate resources to individuals who have been victimized and develop strong law enforcement partnerships within the community."

Former Grambling quarterback Doug Williams — the first Black quarterback to win a Super Bowl with Washington in 1988 — was one of many who voiced his displeasure with the school's decision to hire Briles in the first place.

The NFL executive with the Washington Commanders said the foundation's statement didn't

sway his opinion.

"I don't know what you get from that statement," Williams told the AP on Monday. "I don't think anything needs to be added. Everybody knows what I think about it. I'm not going to change."

In the Baylor case, the NCAA infractions panel stated that Briles "failed to meet even the most basic expectations of how a person should react to the kind of conduct at issue in this case. Furthermore, as a campus leader, the head coach is held to an even higher standard. He completely failed to meet this standard."

Baylor paid Briles more than \$15 million after firing him. He later acknowledged making mistakes and apologized for "some bad things"

that happened under his watch.

This isn't the first time a coach has attempted to hire Briles since 2016. Southern Miss coach Jay Hopson attempted to hire Briles as the program's offensive coordinator in 2019, though university administration eventually vetoed it.

Briles was considered one of the top offensive coaches in the country when he led Baylor from 2008-15, leading the program to a 65-37 record. His spread offense kept the Bears regularly ranked in the AP Top 25 and the program had four 10-win seasons in a five-year span from 2011-15.

Jackson is the former head coach of the NFL's Oakland Raiders and Cleveland Browns.



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Panthers advance to quarterfinals

The fifth-seeded Doyline High School Panthers roared to an 89-66 win over 12th-seeded Bell City on Tuesday night to advance to tonight's quarterfinals round of the Class B boys basketball playoffs. Jamaria Clark (3) and the Panthers will next play at No. 4 seed Laccasine at 6 p.m. today.

Dunkin' Dogs victorious in home finale

Minden Press-Herald Sports Service

RUSTON — After a sluggish offensive start, Louisiana Tech poured it on in the second half to come away with a 67-54 victory over Old Dominion on Wednesday night in the final home game of the season inside the Thomas Assembly Center on Karl Malone Court.

LA Tech (21-8, 12-5 C-USA) could barely find the bottom of the net in the early going, making just three of its first 20 shot attempts including a string of 10 straight misses.

As a result, ODU (12-18, 7-10 C-USA) built a 23-12 lead with 6:06 to play in the first half. However, the Bulldogs finally found a little rhythm offensively, going on a 9-0 run and ultimately only finding themselves down 25-27 at half-time.

The second half was a completely different story. The team got the ball inside to Kenneth Lofton, Jr. who after getting double teamed, kicked it out to Cobe Williams and Amorie Archibald for back-to-back 3-pointers on the first two possessions of the stanza.

Tech's hot shooting continued as Keaston Willis made a pair of threes and Williams drained three more in the span of two minutes



PHOTO BY KYLE KAVANAUGH/COURTESY LA TECH COMMUNICATIONS

Louisiana Tech's Cobe Williams (24), Xavian Christon (21) and Amorie Archibald (3) are pictured celebrating during Wednesday night's win over Old Dominion in the Thomas Assembly Center.

to put the Bulldogs up 53-37, forcing a Monarch timeout with 12:20 to go.

The lead never got to single digits as LA Tech poured in 42 second-half points while making 15 of its 29 field goal attempts, including seven three-pointers as well as a perfect 5-of-5 from the foul line. Williams finished with a game-high 19 points while Archibald added 18 and Willis 12.

Lofton, Jr. chipped in with seven points, nine rebounds and six assists.

ODU was held to 39 percent shooting for the game and made just three shots from beyond the arc.

Three Monarchs scored in double figures, led by Austin Trice who had 18 points and 12 boards.

LA Tech closes out regular-season play on Saturday at UAB.

Techsters top Old Dominion to maintain division lead

Minden Press-Herald Sports Service

NORFOLK, Va. — Timely. Tough.

Those words personified Louisiana Tech down the stretch Wednesday night as the Lady Techsters left Norfolk, Virginia with a crucial conference road 65-62 win over Old Dominion inside the Chartway Arena to keep their hold over the conference USA West division lead. The road win also marked No. 400 in Lady Techsters' history.

Louisiana Tech (18-10, 10-7 C-USA) got off to a fast start, going 10-11 from the field to put up 22 points in the first stanza behind eight early points from Anna Larr Roberson to lead Old Dominion (22-7, 12-5 CUSA) 22-11 after 10 minutes of play.

Coming off a career-high 44 points two games ago, Roberson finished the night with 31 points on 10-13 shooting, including 1-2 from three, and a perfect 10-10 from the free-throw line. Roberson also added eight rebounds, two steals, and two blocks on the night.

In the second quarter, the Monarchs responded in a big way with a furious 11-0 run while forcing five Techsters turnovers on their first five possessions to cut the lead to 22-20 with 7:34 left in the second quarter.

The next two-plus

quarters were back-and-forth as the Techsters continued to make big play after big play.

Freshman Robyn Lee hit a corner jumper to tie the game at 52 with 7:50 to play in the game, but ODU quickly stretched the lead back to four.

The final eight minutes felt like a heavyweight fight with both teams exchanging blows and answering with one play after another in a game that saw seven ties and twelve lead changes down to the final minute.

An ODU layup with 25 seconds remaining moved the Monarchs back up one (63-62), but after a LA Tech timeout, Lee connected on a baseline-driving jumper with 10 seconds on the clock to move back ahead (64-63).

An Amaya Brannon steal on the ensuing possession plus two more made free throws from Roberson clinched the win the Techsters.

Tech shot 59 percent from the floor on 23-39 shooting while ODU shot 41.8 percent on 23-55 for the game. ODU has held teams to a league-best 54.8 ppg and only 39.9 percent shooting on the year.

Robyn Lee (11 points) and Salma Bates (10 points) joined Roberson with double-digit scoring efforts for the Lady Techsters.

Bates also tied a season-high with six assists.



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Louisiana Tech's women's basketball team celebrates Wednesday night after earning a 65-62 road win at Old Dominion.

Grambling softball falls at Northwestern State

Minden Press-Herald Sports Service

NATCHITOCHES — The Grambling State University softball team took a trip to Northwestern State University on Tuesday evening falling to the Lady Demons, 8-1.

Ja'Lynn Bonner and Payton Shells stood on the mound for the Lady Tigers allowing a combined 10 hits and eight runs.

Grambling State (7-6) scored its first run in the top of the first inning as Nyah Jones hit an RBI single to left field to plate India Wells.

Northwestern State (10-6) was held scoreless until the bottom of the third inning when Kat Marshall hit a three-run home run putting the Lady Demons on top 3-1.

Marshall hit another three-run homer the next inning to boost NSU to a 7-1 advantage. The Lady Demons scored one more run in the fifth inning, but the damage was done as Grambling State was unable to answer.

Grambling State finished with three hits, one run and no errors.

Northwestern State finished with

10 hits, eight runs and one error.

Payton Shells (0-1) took the loss for the Lady Tigers allowing five hits and three runs.

Maggie Darr walked away with the win for Northwestern State recording nine strikeouts and allowing one run.

Grambling will next travel to Oklahoma City, Okla. to play in the Red Dirt Classic today and Saturday.

Grambling State will play its first game at 11:30 a.m. today against Oklahoma City.

SPORTS

SLU hands Diamond 'Dogs fourth straight loss

Minden Press-Herald Sports Service

HAMMOND — The Louisiana Tech baseball team fell short Wednesday, dropping its fourth straight to Southeastern 4-3 on Wednesday night at Pat Kenelly Diamond at Alumni Field.

LA Tech (5-4) right-hander Jarret Whorff got the nod on Wednesday with a limited pitch count, throwing the first two innings, striking out two Lions and also walking two.

Jackson Lancaster came in relief of Whorff as he scampered through trouble early in his outing. Lancaster walked the first two batters he faced and Southeastern (4-5) centerfielder Tyler Finke drove a one-out double to left field that brought in the first two runs.

Walker Burchfield's first hit as a Bulldog came on a two-run home run in the fourth inning to even the score back up at 2-2.

Cole McConnell was 2-for-4 on the night leading the LA Tech offense. McConnell singled to lead off the sixth inning and eventually came around to score on a two-out wild pitch to put the Bulldogs on top 3-2.

The Lions regained the lead in the seventh inning. The first two batters reached base on hit-by-



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Louisiana Tech's Taylor Young slides safely into third base Wednesday night at Southeastern Louisiana University.

pitches. Tristan Welch came around to score on a throwing error. Two batters later, Evan Keller delivered a two-out single to bring in the go-ahead run.

LA Tech next travels to Lake Charles and will meet McNeese State for a three-game set today, Saturday and Sunday.

First pitch is set for 6 p.m. today at Joe Miller Ballpark.

G-Men downed at home by Bethune-Cookman, 69-63

Minden Press-Herald Sports Service

GRAMBLING — A last-minute comeback attempt wasn't enough for the Grambling State Tigers to come out on top of the Wildcats as they dropped a 69-63 decision on Monday night in their last home game of the season at the Fredrick C. Hobby Assembly Center.

A'Mari McCray recorded a double-double registering 12 points, 14 rebounds and one assist. Cameron Christon led the Tigers' offense with 18 points, three rebounds and two assists. Prince Moss followed scoring 14 points and four rebounds.

Grambling State (11-17, 9-7) scored first with a tip in from A'Mari McCray at the 19:11 mark.

Bethune-Cookman (9-20, 7-10) jumped ahead of GSU, 16-11, at 11:16 as Marcus Garrett nailed a 3-pointer.

The Wildcats led for nearly nine minutes before Grambling State's



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Grambling State's Amari McCray (4) looks to set up a shot Monday in the Tigers' home game against Bethune Cookman at the Fredrick C. Hobby Assembly Center.

Prince Moss tied the at 23 then took the lead, 24-23, with two good free throws at the 2:35 mark of the second quarter.

BCU went into the half with a 32-26 lead.

Grambling State tied the score at 36 with a jumper from Tra'Michael Moton at the 16:58 mark of the third quarter.

Bethune-Cookman climbed back into the game to tie it at 49 after trailing the Tigers by as much as 11 points.

The Wildcats took the lead with 8:00 left in the game, 50-49.

BCU held an eight point lead, 61-53 when Joe French went up for a jumper at the 3:44 mark of the final stanza.

The Tigers cut the deficit to two, 62-60, with 53 seconds left in regulation as Prince Moss slammed home a monster dunk.

But Bethune-Cookman went on a 7-3 run to close out and top the Tigers 69-63.



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Grambling State's Justice Coleman (12) led the way with 20 points as the Lady Tigers defeated Bethune-Cookman on Monday at the Fredrick C. Hobby Assembly Center.

Lady Tigers hold on to defeat BCU Wildcats, 83-73

Minden Press-Herald Sports Service

GRAMBLING — In the final home game of the season, the Grambling State University women's basketball team sailed to a huge 83-73 victory over Bethune-Cookman in a Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) contest on Monday night at the Fredrick C. Hobby Assembly Center.

It was the Justice Coleman and Ariel Williams show for the Lady Tigers, with both players posting big scoring numbers. Coleman tossed in a team-high 20 points on 7-of-19 shooting with two rebounds and one steal, while Williams contributed 19 points to go along with six assists, four rebounds and two steals.

Both players also knocked down key shots

from behind the arc. Coleman went 4-for-8 from long range and Williams drained 4-of-5 from deep.

Alexus Holt also had an efficient night, scoring 12 points with eight assists, five rebounds and a game-high five steals.

Morgan Beachem had the hot hand for the Wildcats, contributing a game-high 24 points.

Grambling State (12-15, overall, 9-7 SWAC) sprinted to a quick 10-0 lead with 6:11 to play in the opening period.

Coleman knocked down a 3-pointer giving the Lady Tigers a 17-6 lead over BCU (5-21, 4-13). GSU carried a 23-16 advantage into the second quarter.

Then Coleman opened the second frame with another 3-pointer, putting the Lady Tigers

back up by double-digits, 26-16. Shortly after, Williams drained a shot from long range, extending the lead to 31-16 with 8:31 to go in the first half.

Williams drilled another shot from behind the arc, building an 18 point advantage, 41-23 with 5:07 left until the half.

In the third quarter, GSU led by 21 points five different times, including at the conclusion of the period on a Trasity Totten layup that put the Lady Tigers up 70-49.

Grambling State claimed its biggest lead of the contest, 75-49, when Phylcia Allen scored a fast break layup.

BCU outscored GSU 24-13 in the closing period, but the game was already well in hand for the Lady Tigers.

Grambling baseball edged at Mississippi State, 2-1

Minden Press-Herald Sports Service

STARKVILLE, Miss.— The Grambling State University baseball team took No. 9 Mississippi State to the wire, but couldn't pull off the upset bid, falling 2-1 to the Bulldogs at Duly-Noble Field on Tuesday evening.

Starting pitcher Jacobrey Boudreaux (0-1) kept MSU batters off balance for the majority of the night, not with sizzling fastballs, but a mix of off speed pitches and placing a premium on placement. Boudreaux pitched 6.0 innings, surrendering two

runs on five hits with five strikeouts and two walks.

Much like the Bulldogs, GSU wasn't able to get much going at the plate, scattering five hits through the contest.

Parker Stinnett (1-0) earned the win for MSU, entering in relief of Jack Walker in the sixth inning. Stinnett held GSU to no runs on two hits and eight strikeouts in four innings of work.

With one away in the top of the second inning Grambling State (2-5) strung together back-to-back hits to put a runner in scoring position. Aries

Gardner hit a shallow fly ball that dropped in left field, then Keylon Mack singled down the right field line to move Gardner to third base. Gardner scored on a wild pitch to put GSU on top 1-0.

Mississippi State (5-3) picked up its first hit in the bottom of the fourth on a Tanner Logan single to left field. The Bulldogs tied the game at 1-1 in the bottom of the fifth on sacrifice fly to right field.

MSU scored the go-ahead run in the bottom of the seventh inning when Brad Cumbest stroked a home run.

Tech softball takes home win over SLU

Minden Press-Herald Sports Service

RUSTON — Despite stranding 11 runners on base, including leav-

ing the bases load three times, Louisiana Tech managed to earn a 2-1 win over Southeastern Louisiana Wednesday at Dr. Billy Bundrick Field.

The Lady Techsters will play a tourney at UL-Lafayette starting today.

Good News

GOOD NEWS

The Love of God

Many times we have heard the great hymn (The Love of God)- Billy Graham Crusades, Church revivals, Sunday worship services, or at funerals. It is always appropriate to sing about this great love. In fact, the Bible teaches ‘there is no greater love than God’s love.’

It was His great love that led Him to ‘create man in His own image’ (Gen 1). His love was extended to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob with

the everlasting promise to ‘make them into a great nation.’ (Gen 12, 24, 28). Moses experienced God’s great love all through the Wilderness to the extent God was willing to be ‘pushed’ by ungrateful people.

Throughout the Old Testament, we see over and over God extending His love to disobedient children. Yet, they rejected Him.

The silent period between the Old and New Testaments does not mean “God was sleeping,” but that He was working to bring into play His final display of love....sending forth His only begotten Son to die for the sins of mankind (John 3:16-18). The world has not been the same. Read 1 Cor. 13 and meditate on Paul’s interpretation of God’s strong love ‘put into action.’



Bill Crider

Some have not been willing to receive this ‘agape’ love. It is so foreign to what they believe is reasonable. Other gods, through the ages, have ruled through fear, inflicting death and other horrible burdens on their followers. But Jesus came forth with a heart of love directly from the side of Almighty God Himself.

Love in action – can be seen in all of Jesus’ deeds. He came only to do what the Father had

commanded Him to do (John 5 19-22). He challenges us to ‘watch where God is working and join Him at work in the world today.’ Giving ourselves away for the love of God brings eternal rewards we can only imagine. Investing our lives in the lives of others, by showing God’s forgiving love, is the substance our heavenly rewards are made from.

There is no way to exceed the limits of God’s love (Romans 8). We

cannot out-love God no matter how much we try to love our families, etc. This week, renew the spirit of this great hymn by singing it in times of personal worship: “O Love of God, how rich and pure; how measureless and strong; It shall forevermore endure; the saints’ and angels’ song.”(F.E.Lehman).

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THE UPWARD LOOK

Dwelling, Rooted, and Grounded

“so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being rooted and grounded in love,” Ephesians 3:17 NASB

Paul prays that the believers would continue to grow in their faith. The initial faith of salvation must continue to grow into a sanctifying faith that allows the indwelling and abiding Christ to reign and rule all aspects of one’s life. When Christ is at home in the heart and life of the believer, there will be faithful obedience to His Word and His will. Like a seed planted in rich fertile soil,

this growing faith must be rooted and grounded in a deep love, in God’s love, that nourishes and stabilizes the life.



Max Hutto

Lord Jesus, may You dominate all my life so that I am growing close to You, being guided and directed by Your Word. May Your love and grace flow in and through my life.

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LET NOT YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED

Noah (continued from last week)

The people watched Noah building the Ark. I’m sure they talked about that crazy man building a boat where there is no water. It took him 40 years to complete the boat, and then it started to rain. It rained 40 days and 40 nights. Then the Ark began to float. The people tried to get on the Ark, but the door was locked, so they all drowned. The Ark floated and, when it quit raining, the Ark was left on Mount

Ararat. Noah stayed on the Ark for several days and released a raven which came back to the Ark. He then released a dove, and it came back with olive leaves. Noah knew the water was gone. Come soon Lord Jesus.



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INSPIRATION

Pray

When I write these articles my goal is always to inspire someone. This writing is no different from the others and I want to inspire you all to do one thing more and that is pray. The best way to communicate with God is through ceaseless prayer and constant submission to his will. We live in troubling times as a phrase I hear all too often now and my response to that is we have always lived in troubling times and God has always given a solution. So what do we do and how do combat the sorrow? Simple we pray and we rejoice in the knowledge that our God is not limited by the obstacles of this world and as we cast our

lives on him he removes those limits from us as well. Your release from the burdens of this world can start today and all you have to do is pray. Matthew 11:28-30 NLT says “Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light.”



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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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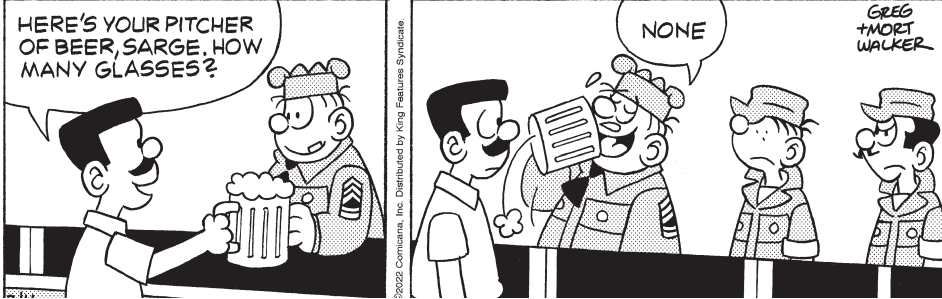
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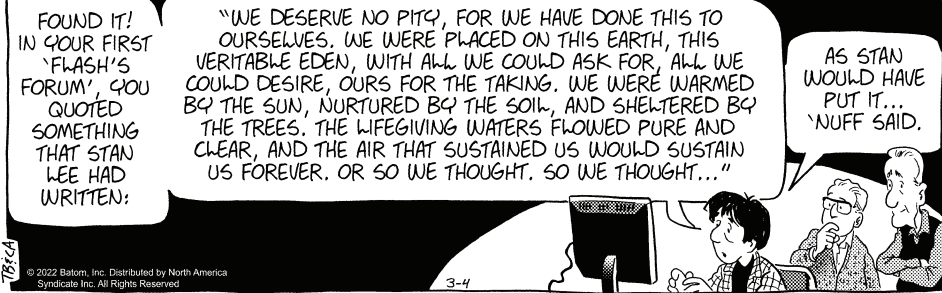
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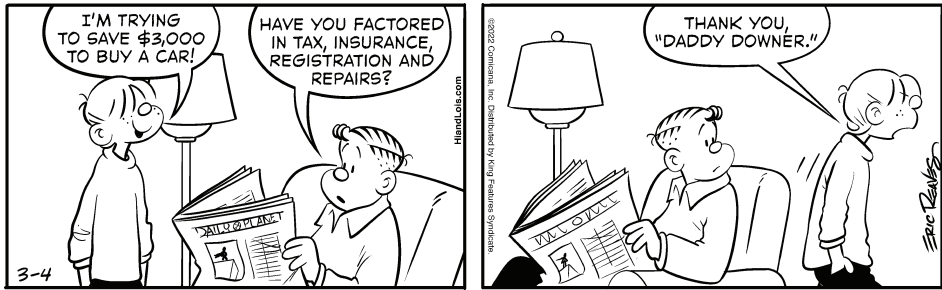
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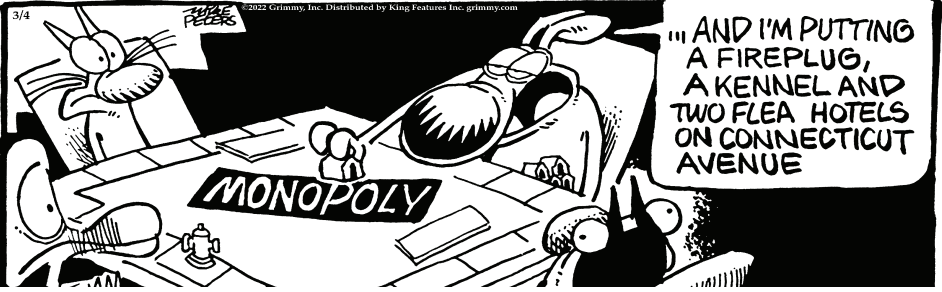
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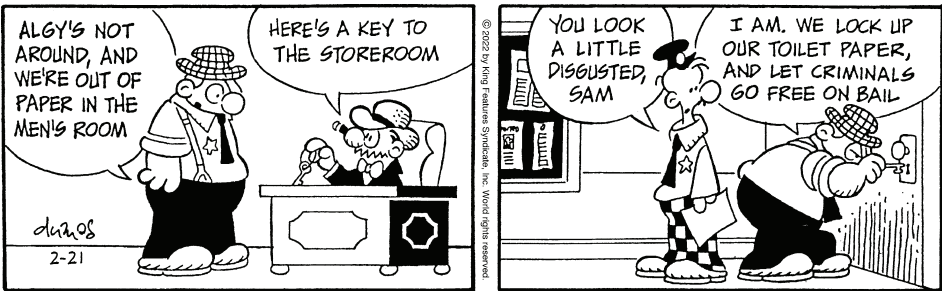
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CRYPTOQUIP

3-4 CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday’s Cryptoquip: IF YOU AREN’T DEPOSITING THE FUNDS INTO YOUR ACCOUNT, YOU CAN’T GET RICH. NO PAY-IN, NO GAIN.

Today’s Cryptoquip Clue: Q equals L

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

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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.

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Call to place your ad!

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NOTICE

Webster Parish Special Education will be destroying all Special Education records for students who exited the program on or before May 2016 and /or have reached their 27th birthday (birth year of 1994). If you would like your records, contact the Webster Parish Special Education Office at (318) 377-7052 before Tuesday March 15th. You must provide a picture ID and your signature will be required to obtain these records.

March 1, 2022
March 4, 2022
March 8, 2022
March 11, 2022
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INVITATION TO BID

The Minden Housing Authority will be accepting bids for Painting and Vacant Unit Cleaning Services. The painting will involve repairing holes in drywall, sealing stains, and fully painting vacant units, including doors, interior trim, and storage rooms. The paint will be supplied by the agency. The cleaning will involve all rooms in the vacant units, including windows, ceiling vents, stove, range hood, refrigerator, sinks, toilets, shower walls, tubs and floors. All cleaning tools and cleaning chemicals must be provided by the cleaning service. To schedule an inspection please call Jeff Whaley at 318-377-6994. If no answer, please leave a message. The Minden Housing Authority reserves the right to reject any bids.

March 1, 2022
March 4, 2022
Minden Press-Herald

SHERIFF'S SALE

FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION VS. CHARLES JOSEPH JURASZEK AND VIVIANNE MAEGENTRY JURASZEK

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 79767

By virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued out of the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, in the above styled and numbered suit and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder for cash WITH the benefit of appraisal and according to law at the principal front door of the Courthouse in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana on WEDNESDAY, April 6, 2022, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

LOT TWO (2), PARKSIDE LANDING SUBDIVISION, UNIT 2, a subdivision in Webster Parish, Louisiana as per that plat recorded in Plat Book 4, Page 48 and 48B of the Conveyance Records of Webster Parish, Louisiana, together with all buildings and improvements located there; subject to restrictions, servitudes, rights-of-way and outstanding mineral rights of

record affecting the property.

That certain manufactured/mobile home situated on the above described property, being a 2008 Cappaert Manufactured Housing, Serial No. CHVM050885625-994 A/B, which said manufactured home/mobile home was immobilized pursuant to Affidavit to Immobilize Manufactured Home dated May 23, 2008 and filed for record as Instrument No. 504578 of the records of Webster Parish, Louisiana.

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

March 4, 2022
April 1, 2022
Minden Press-Herald

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

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 Police 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.

March 4, 2022
March 8, 2022
March 18, 2022
March 29, 2022
Minden Press-Herald

Village of Dixie Inn

Special/Workshop Session
February 25, 2022

NOTICE: THESE MINUTES HAVE NOT BEEN FORMALLY APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen for the Village of Dixie Inn met in special/workshop session on February 25, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, Dixie Inn, Louisiana with the following members present: Mayor Kay Hallmark-Stratton, Aldermen Donna Hoffoss, Judy McKenzie, and Lance Milligan.

The meeting was called to order and the invocation was given.

There were no public comments or additions to the agenda.

Mayor Kay Hallmark-Stratton welcomed all in attendance.

Discussion was held regarding the 2022-2023 budget. Another meeting will be held in March to go over budget figures.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Judy McKenzie and seconded by Donna Hoffoss. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

ATTEST:
Kay Hallmark-Stratton Mayor

March 4, 2022
Minden Press-Herald

PUBLIC NOTICE

Sealed Bids for CMTS Asphalt Road Repair will be received at Post Headquarters, Camp Minden Training Site, (Building 100, 1st Floor Conference Room 120), 100 Louisiana Ave., Minden, Louisiana 71055 until 10:00 a.m. CT, Tuesday, March 29, 2022, and immediately opened thereafter.

ANY PERSON REQUIRING SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS SHALL NOTIFY 1LT LUKE A KING OF THE TYPE(S) OF ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED NOT LESS THAN SEVEN (7) DAYS BEFORE THE BID OPENING.

Complete Bid Documents for this project are available in electronic form. They may be obtained without charge and without deposit from Luke A King. Printed copies are not available from the Project Manager, but arrangements can be made to obtain them through most reprographic firms. Plan holders are responsible for their own reproduction costs. Questions about this procedure shall be directed to the Project Manager at **Luke A King, CFMO Facility Maintenance Area Coordinator, Office 137, 100 Louisiana Avenue, Minden, Louisiana 71055. Phone (318) 299-4259. Attention: Luke King, CFMO-FM Area Coordinator. E-Mail Address: luke.a.king7.mil@army.mil.**

A Mandatory Pre-Bid conference and site visit is scheduled: **10:00 a.m. CT, Wednesday, March 16, 2022 Post Headquarters, Camp Minden Training Site, (Building 100, 1st Floor Conference Room, 120), 100 Louisiana Ave., Minden, Louisiana 71055. Attendance at this Conference is mandatory.** Prospective bidders must attend the Pre-Bid conference in order

to submit a bid. **The Pre-bid conference shall be conducted within appropriate guidelines concerning COVID-19: example: Social Distancing.** The Point of Contact is 1LT Luke A King, Email: luke.a.king7.mil@army.mil. Office: 318-299-4259.

BIDS SHALL BE ACCEPTED ONLY FROM CONTRACTORS THAT ATTEND THE ENTIRE MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE.

ANY PERSON REQUIRING SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS SHALL NOTIFY 1LT LUKE A KING OF THE TYPE(S) OF ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED NOT LESS THAN FIVE (5) DAYS BEFORE THE MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE.

All Bids must be accompanied by Bid Security equal to five percent (5%) of the Base Bid and Additional Bid Items (ABI) and must be in the form of a certified check, cashier's check or bid bond.

Bids shall be accepted from Contractors who are licensed under LA R.S. 37:2150-2192 for the classification of **HIGHWAY, STREET, AND BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION.** Bidder is required to comply with provisions and requirements of LA R.S. 38:2212(B)(5).

The successful Bidder will be required to furnish a Performance and Payment Bond written by a company licensed to do business in the State of Louisiana, equal to 100% of the Contract amount, including Additional Bid Items (ABI), if required.

No Bid may be withdrawn for a period of forty-five (45) days after receipt of Bids except under the provisions of LA R.S. 38:2214.

Electronic Bid Documents may be submitted by Contractors to the Construction & Facilities Management Office by submitting their bid along with their bid security to <https://www.centralauctionhouse.com/>. Electronic bids must be submitted so as to be posted prior to **10:00 a.m. CT, Tuesday, March 29, 2022.** Hard copies of the contractor's electronically submitted packet must be sent to the Camp Minden Training Site Construction and Facility Management Office, ATTN: Attention: Luke King, CFMO-FM Area Coordinator. **Post Headquarters, Camp Minden Training Site, (Building 100, Office# 137), 100 Louisiana Ave., Minden, Louisiana 71055.** Contractors MUST attend the mandatory Pre-Bid conference scheduled for **10:00 a.m. CT, Wednesday, March 16, 2022,** at the listed above location in order to submit an electronic bid.

The Owner reserves the right to accept or reject any and all Bids for just cause. In accordance with directives and guidance published by Facility Planning and Control, the Louisiana Revised Statutes, the provisions and requirements of those stated in the advertisement for bids and those required on the bid form shall not be waived. The Louisiana Military Department Deputy Director for Contracting and Purchasing and the State Contracting Officer do not possess authority to waive any informality incidental thereto. The Owner shall incur

no obligation to the Contractor until the Contract between Owner and Contractor is fully executed.

The Louisiana Military Department is a participant in the Louisiana Initiative for Small Entrepreneurships (SE) Program (the Hudson Initiative) and the Veteran-Owned and Service-Connected Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Entrepreneurships Program (the Veteran Initiative). Bidders are encouraged to consider participation.

February 25, 2022
March 4, 2022
March 11, 2022
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SHERIFF'S SALE

MIDFIRST BANK VS. BILLIE RATLIFF

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 79773

By virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued out of the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, in the above styled and numbered suit and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder for cash WITH-OUT the benefit of appraisal and according to law at the principal front door of the Courthouse in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana on WEDNESDAY, April 6, 2022, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

Begin at the Northwest Corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (NW/C of NW/4 of SE/4), Section 31, Township 23 North, Range 10 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana, thence run South 516 feet along the East right-of-way of the Parish Road to the point of beginning of the property herein described. From the point of beginning run South along the East line of the Parish Road right-of-way a distance of 210 feet and to the North line of the right-of-way of the Porterville-Sikes Ferry Road; thence 105 feet along said North right-of-way line in an Easterly direction, thence run North 210 feet, thence run West 105 feet to the point of beginning and

Begin at the Northwest Corner of the Northwest of Southeast Quarter (NW/C of NW 14 of SE/4), Section 31, Township 23 North, Range 10 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana, thence run South 482 feet along the East right-of-way of Parish Road to the point of beginning of property herein described, thence continue South 34 feet to the Northwest Corner of lot owned by J.W. Rhymes, now or formerly, thence run in an Easterly direction along the North line of the said J.W. Rhymes lot 105 feet, more or less, to Northeast Corner of said lot, thence run North 54 feet, thence run West 105 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning.

SOLD SUBJECT

TO ANY SUPERIOR LIENS, MORTGAGES OR PRIVILEGES THERETO.

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March 4, 2022
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LAND FOR SALE

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

AUCTIONS

McKibben Living Estate LIVE Auction
Saturday, March 5, 2022 starting at 10:00 am CST
Challenger Motorcoach
Ford 3930 tractor with front end loader
Farm implements
Toyota Tundra, 4 door
Kia Rio
Honda Rancher 4x4 4-wheeler
EZ Go electric golf cart
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FOR SALE

For Sale
Queen bed set with mattress, dresser, mirror, and nightstand. \$600 for the set. Call 377-2442

GARAGE/ESTATE SALES

410 W. Todd, Minden.
8am-1pm
4-family garage sale. Furniture, kitchen items, baby stuff, clothes & shoes for children through adults. Lots of everything!

TWO FAMILY GARAGE SALE

1101 Ridgewood Circle
Minden, LA 71055
Friday March 4th and Saturday March 5th
7:30a.m.-1:00p.m.
Fireplace Mantel, Furniture, Dressers, Mirrors, Desk, Plants, Dishes, Housewares, Designer clothes, Clothes, Christmas decor, Baby Toys, Home Decor, old wooden doors. Cash Only!

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

DELIVERY DRIVERS NEEDED New Higher Pay Scale !
Bill & Ralph's Inc.
118 B & R Drive, Sarepta, La. 71071

Accepting Applications For Delivery Route Drivers with a CDL(Class A) Drivers License.

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.

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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

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PROBATE DOCKET NO. 16,365

OF

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26TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

JAMES GREGORY LOFTIN

:

WEBSTER PARISH, LOUISIANA

NOTICE OF SALE

STATE OF LOUISIANA:

PARISH OF WEBSTER:

NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT STEPHANIE ELAINE ROBINSON LOFTIN, Natural Tutrix for the minor child, JAMEE DIANNA LOFTIN, has petitioned this Court for authority to sell the property attached in Exhibit "A", at private sale in accordance with the provisions of Article 3281 of the Louisiana Code of Civil Procedure, with the property to be sold for a total sales price of FORTY THOUSAND AND NO/100 (\$40,000.00) DOLLARS, and the petitioner shows that this offer is fair and reasonable and desires to obtain from the court authority to sell the property, to include the sale of the minor's undivided interest therein.

Any heir or creditor who opposes the proposed sale must file his opposition within ten (10) days from the date on which the last publication of this notice appeared.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT

26TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT CLERK OF COURT

BY:

Deputy Clerk

Published in the Official Journal on the _____ day of _____, 2022.

EXHIBIT A

A 4.85 acre, more or less, tract of land located in the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NE/4 of SW/4), Section 21, Township 18 North, Range 8 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana, more particularly described as follows:

Begin at a found 1/2 inch bent iron pipe located at the Southeast Corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, said Section 21, and run South 89 degrees 20 minutes 44 seconds West for a distance of 225.52 feet to a set 3/4 inch iron rod, for the Point of Beginning; thence continue South 89 degrees 20 minutes 44 seconds West for a distance of 256.89 feet to a set 3/4 inch iron rod; thence run North for a distance of 766.21 feet to a set 3/4 inch iron rod; thence run North 03 degrees 19 minutes 51 seconds West for a distance of 54.33 feet to a found 1/2 inch iron pipe; thence run North 86 degrees 36 minutes 49 seconds East for a distance of 247.82 feet to a found 5/8 inch iron rod; thence run South 03 degrees 27 minutes 14 seconds East for a distance of 209.90 feet to a found 1/4 inch iron pipe; thence run South for a distance of 622.63 feet to the Point of Beginning.

AND SUBJECT to a servitude across Tract B as shown on plat of survey prepared by Paul W. Culpepper, Registered Land Surveyor, dated August 5, 2016 as described hereinbelow:

Tract B (50 Foot Servitude):

A 50.00 foot wide strip of land, containing 0.42 acres, more or less, in the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NE/4 of SW/4), Section 21, Township 18 North, Range 8 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana, more particularly described as follows:

Begin at a found 1/2 inch bent iron pipe located at the Southeast Corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, said Section 21, and run South 89 degrees 20 minutes 44 seconds West for a distance of 482.41 feet to a set 3/4 inch iron rod; thence run North for a distance of 766.21 feet to a set 3/4 inch iron rod; thence run North 03 degrees 19 minutes 51 seconds West for a distance of 54.33 feet to a found 1/2 inch iron pipe, for the Point of Beginning; thence run North 03 degrees 27 minutes 35 seconds West for a distance of 363.72 feet to a point located on the apparent South right of way of Harvey Barbershop Road; thence run North 86 degrees 32 minutes 26 seconds East for a distance of 50.00 feet along said apparent right of way, to a point; thence run South 03 degrees 27 minutes 35 seconds East for a distance of 363.79 feet to a point; thence run South 86 degrees 36 minutes 49 seconds West for a distance of 50.00 feet to the Point of Beginning.

March 4, 2022
March 8, 2022
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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.

Attorney
Bill Gordon & Assoc., Social Security Disability Attorneys, 1-844-883-2045 FREE Consultations. Local Attorneys Nationwide [Mail: 2420 N St NW, Washington DC. Office: Broward Co. (TX/NM Bar)] (LA-SCAN)

PROBLEM CREDIT REPORT? Lexington Law helps works to challenge inaccurate negative items including identity theft, collections, late payments, liens and more from your credit report. Call for a free credit repair consultation: 1-888-521-0958 John C. Heath, Attorney at Law, PLLC, dba Lexington Law Firm. (LA-SCAN)

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ATTENTION OXYGEN THERAPY USERS! Inogen One G4 is capable of full 24/7 oxygen delivery. Only 2.8 pounds. FREE information kit. Call 1-855-874-9438. (LA-SCAN)

Attention: Oxygen Users! Gain freedom with a Portable Oxygen Concentrator! No more heavy tanks and refills! Guaranteed Lowest Prices! Call the Oxygen Concentrator Store: 1-855-382-4168 (LA-SCAN)

Looking for assisted living, memory care, or independent living? A Place for Mom simplifies the process of finding senior living at no cost to your family. Call 1-877-334-0015 today! (LA-SCAN)

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Portable Oxygen Concentrator May Be Covered by Medicare! Reclaim independence and mobility with the compact design and long-lasting battery of Inogen One. Free information kit! Call 855-636-1667 (LA-SCAN)

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FROM THE BACK PORCH

Fried pies and other memories

I just finished making fried apple pies. I've had these on my mind for several days but had not been able to get to it. Last week was a cold, rainy week and would have been an excellent time to be in the kitchen. However I was detained for a few days as we had a contractor on site to remodel my bathroom, installing a shower that was needed due to the aging of the occupants. And his port of entry was my kitchen door so there was no way I was going to interfere with his coming and going. This job was planned two years ago, but we were unable to find a dependable contractor who would follow through. We suddenly came upon this one, by word of mouth, and he did what he said he would. He showed up when he said he would and stayed on the job, completing it in four days. Finally, this week, I made it to the kitchen and made my pies. As I was rolling the dough, I could see Mama in her kitchen, rolling out dough using a glass to roll with. I don't remember her ever having a rolling pin, but nothing deterred her from creating delicious treats with what she had. Although I made apple pies, they are not my favorite. My fa-



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vorite was always the chocolate pies Mama made, using a mixture of sugar and chocolate, topped with butter encased in the flaky pastry crust. I have made these, especially when the kiddos were still at home, but I don't make them very often now. When Mama made fried fruit pies, there was some long-time preparations required for them. She often made pies with dried peaches she had prepared ahead if time. We would help "cut off" peaches to be dried and stored for later use. After all the peaches were cut off from the seed, Mama placed a sheet on a shed or other place in the sun to begin the drying process. They were all sun-dried over a period of time and stored in a cloth flour sack. Those dried peaches were a treasure as it meant there would be some peach desserts throughout the year. Sometimes these fried pies would be included in our school lunches. We had to carry lunches for several years, until the school finally installed a lunchroom. That lunchroom was probably a relief to a lot of mothers. I know it was to ours, as there were four of us to prepare lunches for. She always managed to pack a treat in our lunch, a "sweet" of some kind. She was

a very inventive person in the kitchen and could come up with some different treats, usually which took a lot of time to prepare. Probably my favorite was saltine crackers put together, not with peanut butter, but with chocolate fudge icing. The salty and the sweet made an excellent treat and was often envied by our friends. We would share, but were a bit reluctant to do so. Our parents, as well as others during those years, had to be inventive and "make do" as many items needed in a household were rationed. They were survivors of the Great Depression and then hit with the sacrifices required by World War II. I remember that sugar was a precious commodity and families received stamps required to purchase that along with many other items. There was a man who lived near us that had a truck and he was always willing to swap his sugar stamps for gasoline stamps. Since we didn't go very much, that was a good deal. It meant Daddy could always have sugar for his coffee and a sweet dessert. He could easily make that deal when it came time. It's strange how the thought of fried pies can set the mind to wandering. And it can conjure up such sweet and precious times.

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