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## EDUCATION

### Webster Parish Schools Celebrate Dr. Seuss's Birthday



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Mother Goose Landing, along with other schools across the parish, took part in National Read Across America Day this past week. Falling on Dr. Seuss's birthday, Mother Goose Landing decided to invite Webster Parish Libraries' Children's Librarian Kaitlyn Taylor out to read some of Dr. Seuss's classics to the students there.

## EDUCATION

### Judge Sentell facilitates civic learning at Glenbrook

AMBER MCDOWN  
Minden Press-Herald

Judge Sherb Sentell recently visited Glenbrook School to teach information about 1st Amendment Rights as part of the Judges in the Classroom program.

Judges in the Classroom was started twenty years ago by Judge Benjamin Jones as an outreach program with the goal of assisting teachers in educating students about government and the court system. Judges visit schools to teach lessons or classes come to the courthouse to see the process in action.

As part of the program, students study the U.S. Constitution and the Declaration of Independence as well as the branches of government and how they interact. They also learn about Louisiana's Constitution and our state's judicial system. Students can participate in mock trials to get some hands-on experience in how the system works.

"It's very interesting that children as young



AMBER MCDOWN/MINDEN PRESS-HERALD

Minden City Court Senior Judge Sherb Sentell teaches Glenbrook students about their 1st Amendment rights.

as 4th grade can understand most of these concepts fairly well, and they can ask some very interesting and surprisingly deep questions," said Judge Jones about the program.

When Judge Sentell visited Glenbrook, he used "Crime, Consequences and the Power of Choice" by Louisiana Supreme Court Justice Scott J. Crichton as the premise for how social

media, cyberbullying, and sexting relate to our 1st Amendment rights concerning free speech.

"Judge Sentell's presentation was sensational," said Dr. Naomi Coyle, Assistant Headmaster in Charge of Instruction for Glenbrook School. "The students not only enjoyed his presentation but also learned a lot."

Chief Justice John Weimer feels like this program is incredibly important. In an email

to all Louisiana judges he stated, "I suggest that more time spent in classrooms, demystifying for inquisitive young minds how cases are decided, might result in less time spent in the courtrooms, to the benefit of all society."

For more information about this program, you can contact the Louisiana Center for Law and Civic Education at [lccle.org](http://lccle.org).

## COMMUNITY

### Minden Police Department joins Neighbors by Ring

AMBER MCDOWN  
Minden Press-Herald

The Minden Police Department is now taking part in the community-safety app called Neighbors by Ring. The Neighbors by Ring app issues real-time crime and safety alerts to communities.

"The Neighbors App uses your address to create a radius around your home. If anyone shares an alert on the app about crime or safety within that radius, you'll get a notification on your phone and tablet. Conversely, if you share an alert on the app about a crime or safety issue in your radius, your neighbors will also get a notification on their phones and tablets. You can then comment on these alerts to provide additional information about local issues, give tips to avoid affected areas, share photos or videos to help neighbors stay on the lookout, etc.," says the Neighbors by Ring website.

Having the Minden Police Department participating means that your alerts will not only be coming from other Neighbors, but from a department that can pro-

vide pertinent facts. "The Minden Police Department can view what local residents have posted publicly to Neighbors and can now chime-in with relevant updates or safety alerts to help residents stay informed," said the Facebook post from the Minden Police Association.

In other places the app has been used to help stop strings of car break-ins and package thefts as well as reuniting missing pets with their owners. If used correctly, this could allow the people of Minden to be easily made aware of changing situations in their neighborhoods.

It is important to remember that this is not intended as a way to contact the police with information or for emergencies. The app is designed to allow neighbors to alert neighbors; for the police, this will allow them to disperse information to the specific areas that are affected.

If you have information about a crime to report, please call the Minden Police Department at (318) 377-1212, and if there is an emergency, call 911.

## CRIME

### Local disturbance leads to meth arrest

STAFF REPORT  
Minden Press-Herald

Four people were arrested on Saturday after the police were called to investigate a disturbance on Miller St.

When the officer arrived at the 300 block of Miller St., he found Jackie Hickey outside the apartment near several broken items and an open bottle of vodka. Hickey told the officer that two of her relatives were fighting inside. Inside, the officer found Wesley Griffith, who reported that the people who had been fighting were hiding in the back bedroom.

At this point, the officer radioed for more units. Once the officers arrived, they began giving loud verbal commands for the people to come out.

When no one responded, the officers entered the main bedroom and found Skyler Martin hiding behind the bed. Jeremy Shane Patterson was located in the bathroom but refused, multiple times, to come out.

"After about 3 minutes of warnings and commands I deployed a burst of chemical spray to Patterson's face," said the officer in the arrest record. "Patterson still refused

multiple times to comply with officers. When Patterson got close enough to the door, [the other officers] grabbed Patterson. As we were pulling Patterson out of the bathroom he grabbed my ballistic vest with his left hand and all three of us went to the ground."

Patterson refused to be handcuffed. The officers had to employ "hard hand strikes" in an attempt to gain his compliance. Eventually, they were able to force Patterson's hands into the cuffs.

During the investigation that followed, a purse containing 0.69 grams of methamphetamine was found in the cushions of the couch. A digital scale and plastic baggies were also found in the same area. Hickey said the purse was hers but claimed "she had not smoked meth in almost a week."

Jackie Hickey was arrested for possession of methamphetamine; Wesley Griffith was arrested for three existing warrants; Skyler Martin was arrested for outstanding warrants, disturbing the peace, and resisting an officer; and Jeremy Patterson was arrested for disturbing the peace, fighting and resisting with force or violence.

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# WEBSTER & MORE

LIONS CLUB

## Ted Brode to be guest speaker at this week's Lions Club meeting

Special to the Minden Press-Herald

Guest speaker for the Thursday, March 10 meeting of the Minden Lions Club will be Ted Brode. His topic will be "Louisiana's role in our victory in the American Revolution."

Brode was born and raised in Monroe and is a 1964 graduate of Neville High school. He graduated from Northeast Louisiana State College in 1969 with a bachelor's degree in education. During college, he had signed on with the Army ROTC, so immediately upon graduation he became a second lieutenant in the infantry. While at Fort Benning, Ga., Brode applied for and was accepted into Rotor Wing School. He was trained as a helicopter pilot at Fort Wolters, Texas, and Fort Rucker, Ala.

Brode served three years in the military, including a tour in Viet-

nam as a gunship pilot flying the UH1-C. When the "Charlie Models" were retired, he flew the "Nighthawk" (an armed UH1-H) at Plieku. Most of Brode's flight hours were night-combat missions.

Following military service, Brode returned to Louisiana and began teaching at Riser Jr. High School in West Monroe. Soon after, he married Phyllis Thompson, with whom he had four children. He is now grandfather to five grandchildren. Brode earned a master's degree plus 30 in education and taught all the various histories covered in the middle schools over the 37 years of his employment at that one school before retiring in 2008. After retirement, he taught at the private Geneva Academy in Monroe. He served over 20 years a deacon at Oak Grove Baptist Church and then at Auburn Avenue Pres-

byterian Church as a  
deacon and elder.

Brode joined the Sons of Confederate Veterans in 1987 and has served in many capacities over the years, including camp treasurer, camp lieutenant commander, camp commander (15 years), brigade commander, division first lieutenant commander, and division commander. In 2010, he joined the Sons of the American Revolution, later serving as chapter treasurer and now chapter president. Brode is also the state society commander of the Louisiana Society Color Guard.

For most of his 67 plus years, Brode has been keenly interested in history - pretty much a life's work.

The Minden Lions Club meets Thursdays at noon at the American Legion Memorial Home, located at 119 Pine St. in Minden.

## BLOTTER

## Recent arrests in Webster Parish

Desmond Kelly, 49, of the 100 block of Emerald Drive, was arrested for public intoxication.

Latravion Minix, 31, of the 600 block of Chestnut Street, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

Justin Bailey, 33, of the 200 block of Clerk Street, was arrested for monetary instrument abuse and possession of a schedule II substance.

Courtney Vining, 30, of the 200 block of Clerk Street, was arrested on a warrant.

Simon Theus, 28, of the 200 block of Baker Street, was arrested for possession of a schedule I substance.

Eric Linen, 27, of the 9000 block of Esther Street, was arrested for resisting an officer by flight and speeding.

Gene Kemp, 27, of the 1100 block of Bayou Ave, was arrested for being a fugitive of the WPSO.

Schmika Frnaxis, 42, of the 100 block of Shreve Drive, was arrested for expired registration, no child restraint, and driving with an open container.

Kyle Covington, 29, of the 900 block of Dogwood Lake Road, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

Keamber Franklin, 18, of the 1000 block of Cherry Street, was arrested for being a fugitive of the

WPSO.

Glenda Cleark, 57, of the 600 block of Harris Street, was arrested for being a fugitive of the WPSO.

Derrick Carey, 32, of the 100 block of Oaktree Lane, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

Wesley Griffith, 39, of the 100 block of Oaktree Lane, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

Jackie Hickie, 68, of the 100 block of Miller Street, was arrested for possession of a schedule II substance.

Shane Patterson, 47, of the 1100 block of Victory Drive, was arrested for resisting with force or violence, and disturbing the peace through fighting.

Skyler Martin, 24, of the 500 block of Sugar Creek Road, was arrested for resisting an officer, and disturbing the peace through fighting.

Melinda Patton, 33, of the 1300 block of Shepard Street, was arrested for two counts of possession of drug paraphernalia.

James Compton, 26, of the 700 block of N. Acres Circle, was arrested on two warrants.

Kobe Sheppard, 19, of the 300 block of Willis Road, was arrested for simple criminal trespassing.

Jimmie Hawkins, 61, of the 200 block of Rayner Road was arrested on a warrant.

Brandy Looney, 43, of the 500 block of 5th Street, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

Tausha Williams, 41, of the 1000 block of Jacob Knott Road, was arrested for driving under the influence, careless operation of a motor vehicle, no driver's license, and negligent vehicular injury.

Virginia Helmer, 31, of the 1000 block of Riddle Lane, was arrested for theft of a motor vehicle.

Jacob Heckendorn, 25, of the 400 block of Smith Loop was arrested for disturbing the peace.

Naomie Moro, 35, of the 100 block of Kemp Road, was arrested for possession of a schedule II substance, possession of a schedule I substance, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Robert Loud, 58, of the 100 block of NE 1st Avenue, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

Bravion Shyne, of the 500 block of Marion Street, was arrested on a warrant.

Gene Kemp, 27, of the 1100 block of Bayou Avenue, was arrested for contempt of court.

Keamber Franklin, 18, of the 1000 block of Cherry Street was arrested on two counts of introduction of contraband into a correctional facility.

Glenda Calrk, 57, of the 300 block of Gilbert Street, was arrested on two counts of introduction of contraband into a correctional facility.

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FIRST ALERT WEATHER

KSLA NEWS 12

Wet weather is back for Tuesday!  
Light to moderate and heavy downpours are likely as we go through Tuesday afternoon and early evening, but no severe weather is expected. Temperatures continue to dip into the 50s for Wednesday and quickly warm into the low 70s by Thursday.

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OBITUARIES

## Rita Smith

Funeral services celebrating the life of Rita Smith will be held Tuesday, March 8, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. at Rose-Neath Funeral Home Chapel in Minden, Louisiana. Interment will follow at Gardens of Memory in Minden, Louisiana. The family will receive friends at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday prior to the service.

Rita was born March 31, 1947, in Ridgley, Tennessee and entered rest March 4, 2022, in Minden, Louisiana.

She is survived by her son, Roger Smith (Tiffany) of Humble, Texas; daughters, Margarita Bratcher of Minden and Roseanna Hayes of Dubberly; sister, Ellie Marie Young of Sleepy Hollow, Illinois; grandchildren, Olivia Hayes, Jayde Burks, Natalyia Burks, and Fayth Burks; great-grandchildren, Aliyah Raby and Tadeja Jackson, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Rose- Neath Funeral Home  
211 Murrell Street  
Minden, Louisiana 71055  
(318) 377-3412

## Kenneth D. Kelley

Memorial services for Kenneth D. Kelley will be held Wednesday, March 9, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. at First Baptist West Chapel in Minden, Louisiana with Bro. Bill Crider officiating.

Kenneth was born November 16, 1956, in Minden and entered rest March 4, 2022, in Minden, Louisiana. He attended college at Louisiana Tech and Centenary. A lifetime musician and remained a well-known drummer.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Kenneth Dale Kelley, Sr. and Shirley Holcomb-Kelley and brother Don Randall Kelley.

He is survived by his wife, Jerrie Kelley; daughters, Sara Kelley Bailey and Zoe Anne Kelley; daughter-in-law, Brianna Burgess, and granddaughter, Isabella Bailey.

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COMMUNITY

# City of Minden joins “Love the Boot Campaign” with “Boots on the Boulevard”

**WILL PHILLIPS**  
Minden Press-Herald

The City of Minden, the Greater Minden Chamber, and other local business leaders have partnered with the State of Louisiana during their “Love the Boot” campaign and to initiate Minden’s first annual “Boots on the Boulevard.”

“Love the Boot Week is a statewide effort designed by Keep Louisiana Beautiful to bring thousands of citizens together to participate in cleanup and beautification events,

all the while bringing awareness to the littering problem and its negative impacts on Louisiana,” a press-release from the Lt. Governor’s Office stated.

“Boots on the Boulevard” is the title of the beautification event that Minden is creating as a part of this campaign that is hoped to be continued for years to come. The “2022 Boots on the Boulevard” goals are to replace the roof structure on the Jacqueline Park Gazebo, add a lighted welcome sign on Depot Hill, hold second generation tree

planting at Jacqueline Park and Depot Hill, and to install a seating area at Jacqueline Park with engraved honorary bricks.

The honorary bricks are an exclusive perk of the event’s top tier sponsorship. These bricks will be installed at Jaqueline Park and will serve to be a permanent reminder of the contributions these individuals/businesses made to keep Minden beautiful.

“Your brick could be a family name or business or organization,” a letter from Mayor Terry Gardner read. “You could

choose to honor someone special or place a brick in memory of a loved one. A commemorative brick would also make a wonderful gift!”

Your sponsorship will help us reach our goals and will serve as a visible reminder of your commitment to the beautification of our city.”

More information regarding sponsorship for the Boots on the Boulevard event can be acquired by calling the city at 371-4258. Deadline for submission is March 18th.

GOVERNMENT

# Kennedy introduces Tracking Bad Actors Act to protect public from financial crime and abuse

WASHINGTON – Sen. John Kennedy (R-La.) today introduced the Tracking Bad Actors Act to create a public database of people who have committed financial crimes or have civil liability for financial misdeeds. Sen. Cynthia Lummis (R-Wyo.) is an original sponsor of the bill.

“Financial fraudsters prey on investors like vultures. The Tracking Bad Actors Act would help

expose these offenders to protect American families and workers against financial fraud,” said Kennedy.

“The world of finance is too opaque, and the Tracking Bad Actors Act would allow people in Wyoming and elsewhere to easily search a database to determine if their accountant or financial manager has broken federal financial laws. I’m proud to work with Sena-

tor John Kennedy to help consumers and bring greater transparency to our national financial sector,” said Lummis.

The Tracking Bad Actors Act would require the federal government to create a public database of bad actors convicted or held criminally or civilly liable for securities violations. This database would allow investors and brokerage firms to guard against people known to

have engaged in fraud.

This information would be made available to the public, free of charge. To the extent practical, the bill would require the database to contain all enforcement actions agencies have taken.

The database would be operational within three years of the bill becoming law.

Text of the Tracking Bad Actors Act is available here.

GAS BUDDY

# Gas prices increase over 50 cents in past week, highest since 2008

(March 7, 2022) - Average gasoline prices in Louisiana have risen 51.0 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.86/g today, according to GasBuddy’s survey of 2,436 stations in Louisiana. Prices in Louisiana are 69.9 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand \$1.41/g higher than a year ago. The cheapest station in Louisiana was priced at \$3.10/g yesterday while the most expensive was \$4.99/g, a difference of \$1.89/g.

“There are few words to describe the unprec-

edented rise in gasoline prices over the last week, with massive spikes coast to coast in both gasoline and diesel prices, as oil prices jump to their highest since 2008. Forget the \$4 per gallon mark, the nation will soon set new all-time record highs and we could push closer to a national average of \$4.50/gal. California could be heading for \$5.50 per gallon with more stations charging \$6 and beyond,” said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy.

The national average

price of gasoline has risen 46.5 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$4.06/g today. The national average is up 61.1 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands \$1.29/g higher than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

“We’ve never been in this situation before, with this level of uncertainty. As we lose a major global producer under the weight of deserving bipolar-

tisan sanctions for invading a sovereign country, the cost is high. Americans will be feeling the pain of the rise in prices for quite some time, with little good news foreseen.”

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

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OTHER OPINION

# Redistricting 60 years after Shelby vs. Holder

**WILLIAM HAUPT III**  
Special to the Minden Press-Herald

“Elections should be held on April 16th – the day after we pay our income taxes.” - Thomas Sowell

It has been almost six decades since “Bloody Sunday” in Selma, Alabama, when protesters were brutally assaulted by police in an act of defiance against voter disenfranchisement. This one event shifted public opinion and galvanized Congress to support and pass the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

The Voting Rights Act contained provisions requiring states with a history of alleged discriminatory voting laws and low minority turnout to have changes in election laws federally approved. Section 5 of the Act judged which states and districts would be singled out and subjected to “preclearance”.

Passed right after the Civil Rights Act of 1964 when Segregationist Democrats still controlled most southern states, voting laws in every southern state were put under federal scrutiny by the DOJ.

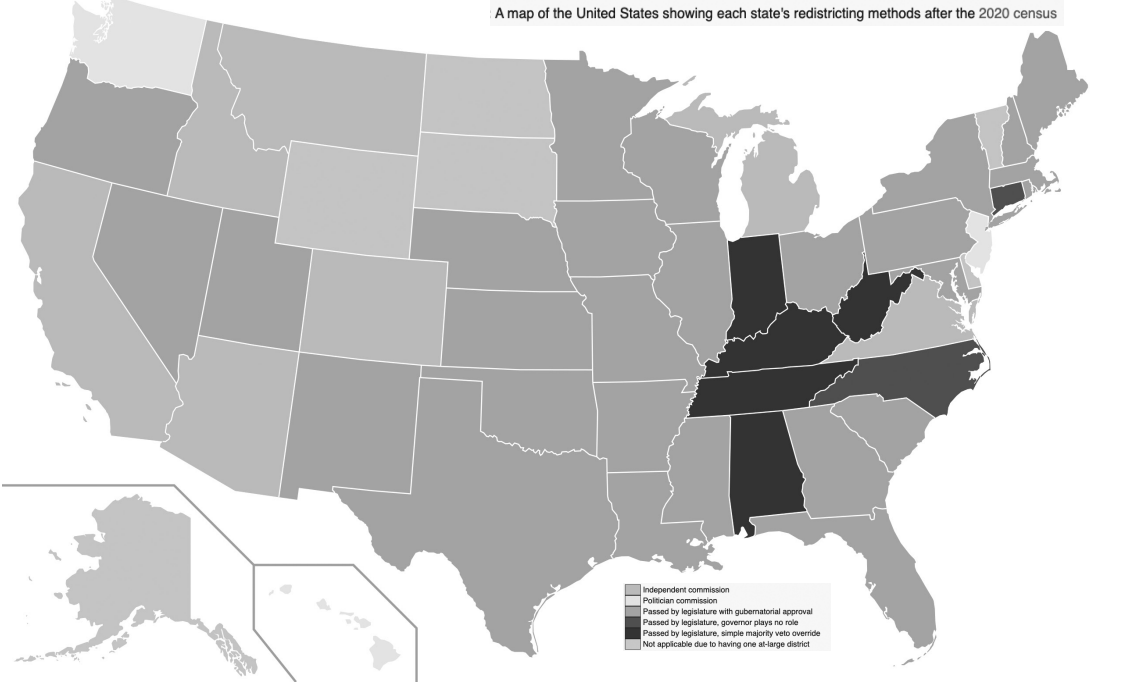
While voter disenfranchisement existed in parts of the U.S. when the Voting Rights Act passed in 1965, within a few decades the states and districts subjected to preclearance became so socially and politically diverse, preclearance had become more of a punishment than an actual necessity.

The presidential election of 2000, the most racially and ethnically diverse in U.S. history, proved that preclearance had not only served its purpose, but it had also worn out its welcome. “If a man does not realize he has reached the end of the road, he will never start a new journey.” – Seneca

In 2008, with Barack Obama running for president, Blacks voted at a higher rate than any time in U.S. history. The Pew Research Center reported Blacks voted at a higher percentage than whites. An analysis of census data showed that Blacks were 12% of the electorate on Election Day 2008.

In 2012, a record number of Hispanics voted and the Black vote increased to 13%, the same as their percent of population. The white electorate share has been in decline since 2000. With Barack Obama on the ticket it proved Blacks have a high share of electoral muscle, if they choose to use it.

“Everyone should have the right to vote, and this includes former felons.” – Alexandria



Ocasio-Cortez

In 2013, Shelby v. Holder, citing the elections of 2008 and 2012, SCOTUS ruled that preclearance was unconstitutional since the South was being singled out unfairly, proven by electorate numbers.

“We can’t continue to punish segments of the nation with 40 year old facts.” -Justice Antonin Scalia

According to Justice Department data, the Attorney General received between 14,000 and 20,000 voting changes per year and over 95% of those changes affecting voting laws were ruled legal.

Today, the South is the most politically, ethnically, socially and economically diverse area in the US. But since 2015, U.S. Rep. Terri Sewell (D-AL) a Black Caucus member, has pitched H.R.4, the Voting Rights Advancement Act to reinstate preclearance in the south. The bill dies in committee each session.

After last year’s record voter turn out, one would think the left’s desire to resurrect “preclearance” is the new definition of insanity? If the Justice Department and the Courts agree there is no need to punish the south any longer, then why are the progressives still trying to reinstate preclearance?

The left has feared 2020 since the Supreme Court ruled on Shelby v. Holder. Now they must face the music. Joe Biden may have won the White House, but the GOP won more key state races. And these in-state GOP victories will be paying dividends for over a decade after Biden leaves office.

The census is a once-a-decade chance to redraw voting districts and cluster like minded voters to account for population changes. This gives those that draw the maps the ability

to maximize areas that favor their party; aka gerrymandering. This is what made the 2020 general election so critical.

Both parties went into the election with a chance to draw congressional districts. And the GOP won big in the states. Republicans are set to control redistricting of 188 congressional seats, or 43% of the entire U.S. House. Democrats will have control of 73 seats, or 17% of the total House.

“If we had more Democrat drawn districts we’d be able to get a lot more bills to the floor.” – Nancy Pelosi

A Pew Research survey in 2010 showed just 24% of those surveyed said they had more faith in the federal government to solve their problems than the states. A similar Emory survey showed that public confidence in state government was 68% higher than it was in the federal government.

When voters are unhappy with Washington, they seek protection from local politicians. Since 2008, states have rebelled against federalism by giving control of their legislatures to the GOP. During the Obama years, Democrats lost more House, Senate, state legislatures and governorships than under any other president. That gave the GOP control over a number of swing state legislatures.

As of January 17, 2022, Republicans had a trifecta in 23 states, and Democrats had 14. Only 13 states had divided governments where neither party held both houses and the governorship. This trend shows that as federalism expands, voters feel more secure with local state GOP leadership.

America was built on local government. Yet the left believes big government is the answer. They use every tool in

their bag of tricks, including accusing the GOP of voter suppression to win federal elections. While they manipulate the upper hand in D.C., the GOP is winning elections in the states.

“The general election is not an organizational exercise. It’s a mass media exercise” - Roger Stone

Mitch McConnell told us, “The map doesn’t win elections.” Those who complain about redistricting forget “maps” don’t influence how people vote. With every neighborhood in America racially diverse today, it is impossible to disenfranchise any group, precinct or district in our nation. In some cases, district maps might give the upper edge to one party, but it is the voters who decide the elections.

America is an entirely different nation today than it was in 1965, when the Voting Rights Act was passed. Most places where there was actual voter disenfranchisement don’t have the same socio-political or cultural makeup today. And most claims about voter suppression or disenfranchisement are sour grapes by sore loser progressives with a dream to federalize every election in our nation.

As Loretta Lynn said: “We’ve Come a Long Way, Baby,” since preclearance. It proves the Court’s ruling on Shelby v. Holder was a long time coming and we do not need to turn back the hands of time. Those who complain about redistricting this year will have a chance to change it in a decade.

Voters, not maps, decide elections. “Research has shown that the perceived style of leadership is the most important thing to most voters in evaluating officeholders and candidates.” - Robert Teeter

EDITORIAL ROUNDUP

## The Advocate: Mardi Gras is magic for Louisiana

If Mardi Gras is so great, one might ask as another Fat Tuesday arrives today, then why hasn’t it been copied across the land?

Maybe it’s because any effort to duplicate Mardi Gras beyond south Louisiana would surely lead to efforts to improve it, making it into something no one would recognize.

The charm of Mardi Gras — and its maddening complication — is its monstrous inefficiency. Even in temporarily shortened form in New Orleans, the parades are longer than any prudent planner would make them. The distribution of beads and other trinkets is random, excessive, profligate — in short, a reveler’s rebuke

to any student of logistics. As for the Mardi Gras diet — king cakes, cocktails, gumbo and goodness-knows-what-else — suffice it to say that it’s a running revolt against restraint.

One can only imagine how a prudent reformer might refine Mardi Gras if it were attempted in some saner city — like Minneapolis or Peoria, say. The parades would be shorter, no doubt, more punctual, with an eye toward keeping everyone on schedule. Transplanted to tamer places, a Mardi Gras menu might replace king cake with bran muffins, bourbon with herbal tea, gumbo with tofu. Departing from the decadence of Fat Tuesday fashion, the revelers in

this morally rehabilitated Fat Tuesday would all wear something not too form-fitting, complemented by sensible shoes.

But the magic of Mardi Gras — the one we know and love — is that it transcends the mean arithmetic of means and ends, the arid geometry of the straight line, the grim insistence that hard fact is somehow invariably better than heady fantasy.

Yes, Mardi Gras is too much — too much noise, too much food, too much stuff, too much togetherness. But like all holidays, it makes a meaning from its heedless plenitude.

Whether it’s the over-the-top feast of Thanksgiving or the overdone celebration of

Christmas, most of our holidays indulge in excess as a civic creed. It’s our way of affirming abundance — our simple faith that life’s fortune, even spent generously, bears the seeds of its own renewal.

Mardi Gras arrives at just the right time each year — after the merriment of yuletide has passed, and a weary world needs a bridge between the cheer of Christmas and the promise of Easter.

Even during the depths of a worldwide pandemic, Louisiana found a way to celebrate Carnival last year. The parades rested but house parades took their place.

So much has happened since last year’s Mardi

Gras. The country has been touched by violence and anguished by politics that grow more divisive by the day, and not rumors of war but the real thing overhang this year’s celebration. Given the continuing threat of coronavirus infections — dozens of children, among thousands of deaths in Louisiana — restraint may be forced on revelers. We hope and pray that there will be in the wave of excess a sensible caution.

We need Mardi Gras now more than ever, and we welcome its promise of a pause in life’s cares, a chance to party and play.

So let the good times roll, and Happy Mardi Gras to all.



SPORTS

Lady Techsters  
take C-USA  
West hoops title

Minden Press-Herald Sports Service

RUSTON — This is how the west was won. From an 0-4 start to conference USA's West Divisional Champions, Louisiana Tech's Lady Techsters basketball team claimed its first conference title since 2011 with a win over Alabama-Birmingham inside the Thomas Assembly Center Saturday afternoon (82-56).

The title also marks the first for the Techsters since joining Conference USA.

"I'm just really proud of this group," said Tech coach Brook Stoehr. "From the players, to the assistants, to our trainers and managers. I'm just really proud. They have always believed, they kept their heads down — they just worked.

"Great teams have great teammates and that is exactly what we have in the locker room. They just want to win. As a former player in this program I am just so excited to watch them experience this. It's one thing to do that as a player but it is completely different getting to watch it as their coach. I'm just really proud."

Louisiana Tech (19-10, 11-7 C-USA) got off to another strong start, taking a 20-12 lead after the first quarter. Five Techsters scored in the stanza including two 3-pointers from Salma Bates to spark the Techsters' offense. Bates finished with nine points and six assists.

Tech continued to pour it on UAB (15-14, 8-10 C-USA) in the second quarter with runs of 12-0 and 10-0 to build a 24-point lead at halftime (44-20).

The Techsters and Blazers traded baskets for most of the third quarter as Tech was led by Lotte Sant who hit two of her four three-pointers in the quarter. Sant finished with a season-high 12 points.

UAB shaved five points off the lead, sending Tech 10 minutes away from the title up by 19 (56-37).

The Lady Blazers continued to fight in the fourth as the lead was trimmed to 15 (60-45) with 7:32 to play, but the combination of Keiunna Walker, Anna Larr Roberson, and Robyn Lee helped close the final minutes outpacing UAB 22-11 down the stretch for the 82-56 win.

Walker (20 points), Roberson (19), and Lee (11) all joined Sant in finishing the night in double scoring figures.

Walker's game-high 20 points was her 11th game this season with 20+ points as she also finished in double figures in 28 of her 29 games this season. Walker also flirted with another triple-double adding eight rebounds and six assists while nabbing four steals and drawing three more charges. She now has 40 on the year.

Roberson finished the regular season finishing in double figures 25 of her 28 games. Lee topped double figures for the sixth time.

Amaya Brannon also chipped in seven points and led the Techsters with seven rebounds.

Tech shot 50 percent on the night (33-66) and 58.8 percent from 3-point range (10-17) while UAB hit 21-49 shots for 42.9 percent and was 4-11 in 3-point shooting (.364).

The Louisiana Tech will take on the winner of the Western Kentucky/UAB game, a matchup that will take place at 1:30 p.m. CT inside the Ford Center Wednesday inside The Star.

Tech's first game in the tournament will take place on Thursday, Mar. 10 at 1:30 p.m. on Court A inside the Ford Center at The Star in Frisco, Texas.



PHOTO: BY KYLE KAVANAUGH/LA TECH ATHLETICS COMMUNICATIONS  
Louisiana Tech women's basketball coach Brooke Stoehr, the Lady Techsters and staff members are pictured celebrating after clinching the Conference USA West Division title on Saturday.



COURTESY PHOTO

Panthers' playoff run comes to end

A 10-point run by Lacassine in the fourth quarter was too much for fifth-seeded Doyline to overcome Friday night as the fourth-seeded Cardinals defeated the Panthers 74-66 in quarterfinals action of the Louisiana Class B boys basketball playoffs.

Dunkin' Dogs downed at Alabama-Birmingham

Minden Press-Herald Sports Service

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — After a back-and-forth first half between Louisiana Tech and UAB, the Blazers held the lead for the entire second half to hand the Bulldogs an 87-74 loss on Saturday afternoon in the regular season finale at Bartow Arena.

The first 20 minutes featured six ties and a flurry of lead changes as LA Tech (21-9, 12-6 C-USA) was down 39-36 going into halftime. The Bulldogs got two free throws from Amorie Archibald on their opening possession of the second half, but that was as close as they would get as the Blazers ended up building as much as a 15-point lead.

The 'Dogs did much of their offensive damage inside with 40 points in the paint. Kenneth Lofton, Jr. was a big part of that, recording his 16th double-double with 20 points and 10 rebounds.

However, UAB (24-7, 14-4 C-USA) matched that scoring inside while also getting five three-pointers apiece from guards Michael Ertel and Jordan Walker.

LA Tech looked out of it, down 75-61 with 3:52 to go, but its full court pressure forced back-to-back turnovers and in the span of 20 seconds they scored seven straight points to get to within seven.

The Bulldogs nearly



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A 20-point effort by Louisiana Tech's Kenneth Lofton Jr. (with ball) wasn't enough Saturday as the Dunkin' Dogs lost 87-74 on the road at Alabama-Birmingham.

got a defensive stop on the following possession, but Archibald was whistled for fouling Ertel on a three-point attempt that resulted in three made three throws to put the visiting team back down double-digits.

Cobe Williams and David Green were the recipients of back-to-back assists by Lofton, but the Blazers closed out the game on a 9-2 run.

LA Tech shot 47.5 percent from the field, but could only manage six 3-pointers. Half of

those came from Keaston Willis who had 11. Archibald and Williams added 14 and 12 points, respectively.

UAB was efficient in all three phases — 56.1 percent from the field, 47.6 percent from 3-point range and 86.7 percent from the foul line. Jordan Walker and Ertel combined for 44 points.

"Any mistake we made today, UAB made us pay," said Tech coach Eric Konkol. "We are talking small mistakes like a missed rotation, bad feet, fouls. They scored in every single

way possible. I was very pleased with the way we took care of the basketball. I did not think we lacked in effort today."

With the conclusion of the regular season, Louisiana Tech is the West No. 3 seed in the 2022 Heritage Landscape Supply Group C-USA Basketball Championships in Frisco, Texas.

LA Tech, which finished conference play with a 12-6 record, will await the winner of the FIU/Marshall game, a matchup that will take place at 6 p.m. Wednesday.

GSU baseball drops series finale vs. EIU

Minden Press-Herald Sports Service

GRAMBLING — The Grambling State University baseball team suffered an 11-0 loss, in eight innings, to Eastern Illinois on Sunday afternoon at Wilbert Ellis Field at R.W.E. Jones Park.

Keylon Mack accounted for two of GSU's five hits, going 2-for-3.

Cameron Bufford, John Garcia and Trevor Hatton registered one hit each.

Connor Rudy (0-3) got the start on the mound for the Grambling State (2-8), surrendering eight runs, two earned, on nine hits with three strikeouts in 4.0 innings.

Cameron Doherty (2-1) picked up the win for

EIU, going 7.0 inning, striking out eight batters and allowing no runs on four hits.

Eastern Illinois (6-3) opened the scoring in the third inning when Nathan Aide hit a two-RBI single through the middle of the infield, giving the Panthers a 2-0 lead.

EIU scored six un-

earned runs pushing its advantage to 8-0.

The Panthers added three runs over the next four innings, notching the 11-0 win.

Grambling State gears up for a midweek home game versus Wiley College on Tuesday. First pitch is set for 6 p.m. at Wilbert Ellis Field at R.W.E Jones Park.

G-Men fall, Lady Tigers roar on road vs. Alabama State

Minden Press-Herald Sports Service

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — The Grambling State University men's basketball team fought to the end on Saturday afternoon, but it wasn't enough as the Tigers ended the regular season with a 78-75 loss to Alabama State in a Southwestern Athletic Conference game at the Dunn-Oliver Acadome.

Grambling State (11-

19 overall, 9-9 SWAC), which has dropped six out of its last seven games down the stretch, will look to rebound in next week's SWAC Men's Basketball Tournament. Alabama State (9-21, 8-10) remained alive for a potential tournament berth.

Cameron Christon led Grambling State with 21 points, on 6-of-10 shooting, with five rebounds and three assists. Prince

Moss tallied 15 points, eight boards, one assist and one steal, while Tra'Michael Moton added 11 points, three assists and a pair of rebounds. Malik Lamin registered 10 points, a team-high nine boards and one steal.

The G-Men will open the SWAC Tournament as the No. 6 seed, and will take on No. 3 seed Southern University at 2 p.m. Thursday at Bartow

Arena in Birmingham, Alabama.

The Tigers earned the No. 6 seed completing the regular season with an 11-19 overall record and going 9-9 in conference play.

• The Grambling State University women's basketball team trailed by as many as 16 points early in the third quarter, but used a big second half to complete the season sweep of Alabama State,



64-56, in a Southwestern Athletic Conference game on Saturday afternoon at the Dunn-Oliver Acadome.

GSU (13-16 overall, 10-8 SWAC), which shot 13 percent from the floor in the second pe-

riod, fell behind 32-16 early in the third quarter before outscoring Alabama State, 50-26, in the final two periods to earn the season sweep.

The Lady Tigers will open the 2022 Cricket Southwestern Athletic Conference Tournament presented by Mountain Dew, as the No. 7 seed, and take on No. 2 seed Alabama A&M at 11 a.m. on Wednesday.



SPORTS

LA Tech falls in finale but takes series at McNeese

Minden Press-Herald Sports Service

LAKE CHARLES — Louisiana Tech was defeated by McNeese State Sunday afternoon 5-2 at Joe Miller Ballpark.

LA Tech (7-5) finished the five-game road trip 2-3 with the two wins coming Friday 21-5 and Saturday 11-3 in Lake Charles.

McNeese (8-4) scored one run in five different innings Sunday afternoon.

The Cowboys drew first blood from a solo home run from Brad Burckel in the first inning. They added one in the third on a steal of home with two outs. Peyton Johnson added to the run total with a solo home run in the sixth inning.

Three Cowboys pitchers threw in the contest. Brian Shadrick earned the win tossing and allowing only one run on two hits. Cameron Foster earned the save completing the final three innings.

The Bulldog bats were not able to find a rhythm at the plate in the loss, only plating two runs on six hits.

Cole McConnell led the offense going 3-for-3 at the plate and bringing in Steele Netteville with an RBI single in the eighth. Bryce Wallace collect-

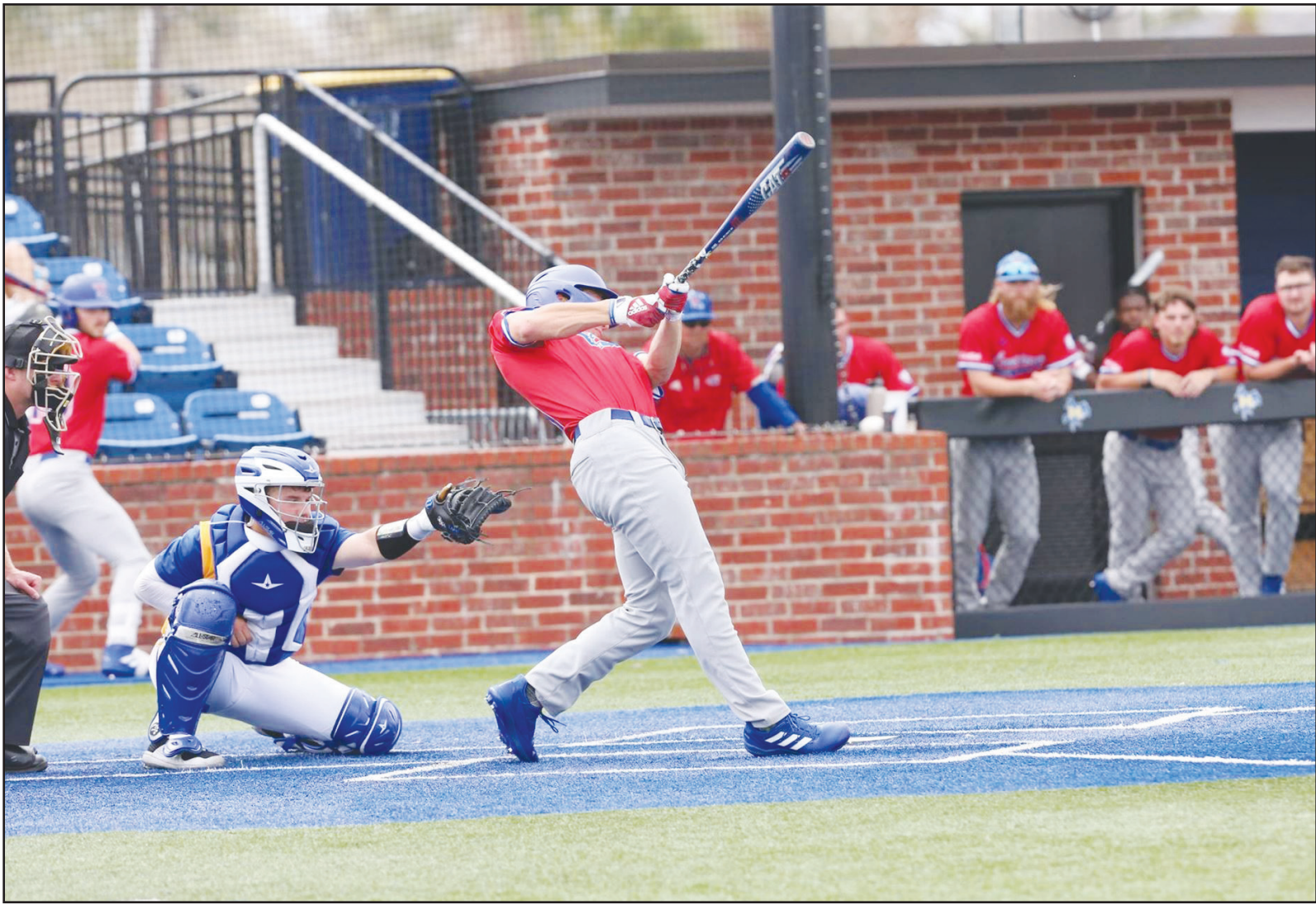


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Louisiana Tech’s Cole McConnell (batting) went three for three at the plate Sunday as the Bulldogs lost their series finale at McNeese State after defeating the Cowboys on Friday and Saturday.

ed the other RBI with a groundout in the sixth inning.

Jarret Whorff got the

loss moving to 0-2 on the year. The right-hander went 3.1 innings, allowed three earned runs and

struck out five.

Kyle Crigger ate up crucial innings for LA Tech, keeping the game tight.

Crigger went 4.2 innings, allowing two runs and struck out five.

LA Tech is home for

the next five games. The University of Louisiana-Lafayette visits J.C. Love Field at 6 p.m. today.

MLB reacts angrily to locked-out players, season still off

NEW YORK (AP) — Major League Baseball reacted angrily to the latest offer by locked-out players when bargaining resumed Sunday, accusing the union of backtracking and showing no sign of a breakthrough to get the derailed season back on track.

The squabbling sides talked for 95 minutes on the 95th day of the lockout, largely restating their positions to each other.

Talks broke off Tuesday after nine days of negotiations in Jupiter, Florida, and Commissioner Rob Manfred canceled the first two series of the season

for each team, a total of 91 games.

If Manfred cancels two additional series through April 13 and 14, he would wipe out 93 more games and increase the total to 184.

That would move to the verge of threatening players with the loss of ser-

vice time and delayed free agency.

This was the first meeting since last Tuesday. Manfred was in the MLB offices Sunday but did not attend the bargaining session, aimed at starting the first season delayed by labor strife since 1995.

The union followed the

four-day recess by putting many of its proposals in writing.

“We were hoping to see movement in our direction to give us additional flexibility and get a deal done quickly,” MLB spokesman Glen Caplin said. “The players’ association chose to come back to us with a

proposal that was worse than Monday night and was not designed to move the process forward. On some issues, they even went backwards. Simply put, we are deadlocked. We will try to figure out how to respond, but nothing in this proposal makes it easy.”

Louisiana’s catfish ‘grand slam’

GLYNN HARRIS

Special to the Minden Press-Herald

The most satisfying thing I have accomplished in my lifetime of hunting has to be the completion of my wild turkey Grand Slam in 2003.

There is another grand slam I have to my credit that I’ve thought little about. In fact, I’ve completed this feat several times, as far as I can recall. This “grand slam,” while not gaining me but a snippet of the acclaim I got from my wild turkey slam, was legitimate and what is significant about that is that I got the series of slams all right here in my home state.

What am I talking about? Catfish. I’ve been successful in landing the four species of catfish that live in Louisiana’s fresh waters — the flathead, blue, channel, and bullhead, and I’ve done it several times over.

If you fish at all within the waters of Louisiana, you have no doubt duplicated my feat; you’ve caught all four species at one time or other and you probably never even thought of the possibility that you gained a measure of notoriety by landing a Louisiana Grand Slam of catfish.

Let’s examine more closely the four species that make up the Bayou State Catfish Grand Slam.

FLATHEAD CATFISH

There is no way to pin down the absolutely best spot to catch a flathead catfish in Louisiana because they inhabit practically all of our lakes, rivers and larger streams. These are the fish mostly sought after by anglers bent on a night



PHOTO BY GLYNN HARRIS

Channel catfish are on the menu of eateries everywhere and make for fine table fare.

of “setting out hooks.”

A trotline or several limb lines are baited with live bait, such as bream, small bullheads or goldfish, with a return trip the following morning to see what’s there. Finding a 40-pounder on your hook is not at all uncommon.

BLUE CATFISH

If you are looking for genuine heavyweights, blue catfish, especially those that inhabit our larger lakes and rivers, can grow to extreme sizes.

Ancient records boast of blue catfish weighing in

the 250-300 pound range although the Louisiana record, caught in the Mississippi River in 1997, tipped the scales at 105 pounds. Again, no doubt larger specimens have been taken on trotlines and set hooks.

Blue catfish can be caught on a variety of baits, from live or cut shad to big crawfish to stink baits containing tainted chicken blood or rancid cheese.

Blue cats are the primary target of commercial fishermen but are also sought by recreational anglers.

CHANNEL CATFISH

When it comes to popularity, no catfish approaches the channel cat in popularity. These are the filets and small fiddlers you find on the platter at catfish restaurants all across the state. While these fish are generally pond raised, which controls their diet, wild caught channel catfish are also delicious on the table.

Around Louisiana, they are everywhere. Blindfold yourself, take a Louisiana map and jab a finger anywhere on the map and chances are, your digit is resting near a good spot to catch channel cats.

BULLHEAD CATFISH

While Louisiana keeps no records on bullheads, the largest ever caught and entered in the records weighed about 9 pounds and was caught in Michigan.

Those we caught as boys on Molido Creek down home weren’t called bullheads; they were “mud cats” to us. Perhaps it was that name that caused us to shy away from them when they ended up on the table.

Bullheads live in practically every lake, pond, creek or slow-moving bayou all over the state. They are easy to catch and when cleaned properly and soon after being caught, they can be rather tasty when fried up golden brown.

Completing a wild turkey Grand Slam is quite a feat. A Louisiana Catfish Grand Slam is not so bad itself.

GLYNN HARRIS’ OUTDOORS APPEARS TUESDAYS OR FRIDAYS IN THE MINDEN PRESS-HERALD.

FISHING REPORT

**BUSSEY BRAKE** – Big news this week involves Shane Hodge of Farmer-ville, who landed a 3.65 pound white crappie that when certified will likely be the second largest white crappie ever caught in Louisiana.

**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 on a rise and fishing has been slow this week. For the latest information, contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

**LAKE D’ARBONNE** – A good many crappie are being caught and most are still along the edges of the deeper channels. Some nice sized slabs are being caught on shiners or jigs. Bass fishing has been off and on as they are trying to move up as water temperatures warm and then headed back deep when temperatures drop. Bream fishing has not yet kicked off for this year 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 continues to be best fishing shiners in deep water out from the dam while some have been caught on yo-yos baited with shiners back in the creeks. Also some are being caught around deep submerged brush on shiners or jigs. Bass fishing has been best with anglers starting shallow and moving deeper until they find the fish. Spinners and lizards are pick-

ing up a few. Catfish are biting cold worms. No report on bream or stripers. For the latest information, call Misty at Kel’s Cove at 331-2730 or Terzia Tackle at 278-4498.

**CANEY LAKE** – Bass are starting move up. The big bass have really showed out this week with five over 10 pounds reported. Largest two were a 13.21 pounder caught by Dusty Nomey and a 13.1 pound fish caught by Jerry King. Jigs, creature baits, crank baits and soft plastics seem to be working best. Some nice crappie are being caught mostly out from the dam in deep water on 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 mostly frying sized fish caught. Crappie fishing has improved on the north end of the lake on shiners and jigs. No report on bass or bream. For the latest reports, call Poverty Point Marina at 318-878-0101.

**LAKE ST. JOHN** – The water is still 2 1/2 feet low but the crappie are starting to hit shiners or jigs. No report on bass, catfish or bream. For information, call Ken Mahoney at 318-201-3821.

**LAKE YUCATAN** – The water is rising rapidly will soon be over the road to the landing. No fishing this week. For information, call Surplus City Landing at 318-467-2259.

— Glynn Harris



# FUN & GAMES

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13 New England cape

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31 “... and — a good night”

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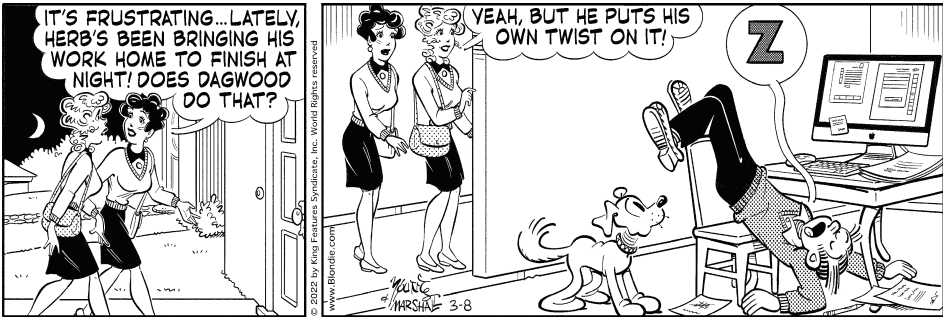
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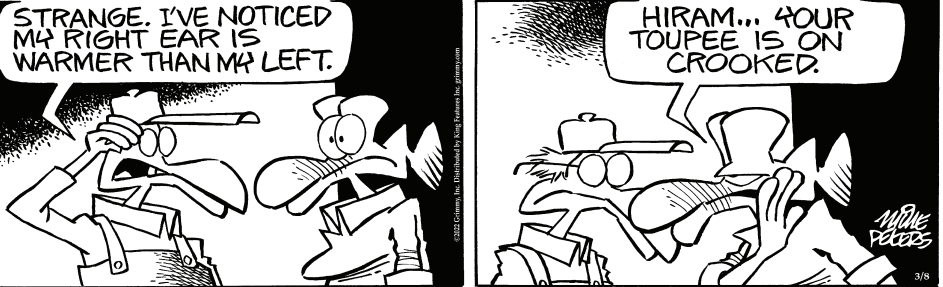
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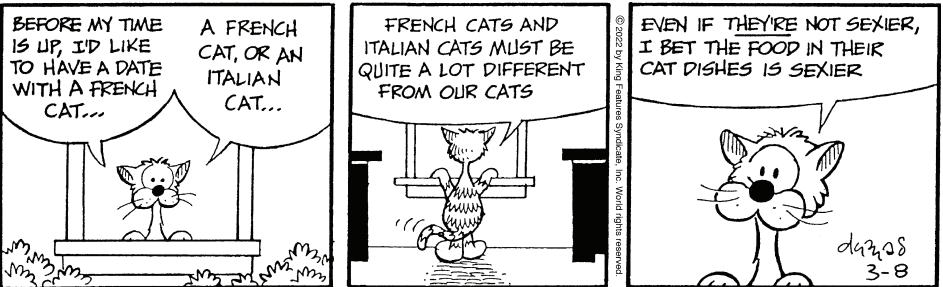
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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WELL-KNOWN DRAMATIC ACTOR WHO'S JUST WILD ABOUT JAPANESE PINBALL MACHINES: AL PACHINKO.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: C equals Y

# FUN & GAMES

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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  
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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

INVIATION 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.

March 4, 2022  
March 8, 2022  
March 18, 2022  
March 29, 2022  
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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Notice is hereby given that the Webster Parish School Board will receive sealed bids from LA licensed general contractors until 2:00 P.M., Thursday, March 24, 2022, for:

JOB #2021-14 ALTERATIONS TO BROWNING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SPRINGHILL, LOUISIANA

Bids will be accepted until the date and time specified and will be publicly opened and read aloud at that time in the School Board's Office, 1442 Shepard Street, Minden, Louisiana 71055. All submittal packages will be stamped or marked to acknowledge timely receipt. Sole responsibility for proper mailing or delivery of any bid in compliance with this advertisement is that of the bidder. Bids received after the date and time of opening will not be considered.

A non-mandatory Pre-bid Conference will be held at 10:30 A.M. on Monday March 14, 2022 at the job-site: 505 Herrington Dr., Springhill, Louisiana 71075. Bidders must check in at the office.

All bids must be accompanied by bid security equal to five percent (5%) of the base bid and all alternates and must be in the form of a certified check, cashier's check or bid bond written by a company licensed to do business in the State of Louisiana.

Complete bid documents may be obtained from Yeager, Watson & Associates, LLC, 118 S. Trenton St., Ruston, LA 71270-4432, (318) 202-5708, upon receipt of deposit of \$100.00 for each set of documents. The deposit is fully-refundable to all plan holders upon return of the documents, in good condition, no later than fifteen (15) days after receipt of bids. The deposits for all other sets of documents will not be refunded. Bid-related materials and electronic submittal of bids may be found at: WWW.CENTRAL-BIDDING.COM. For questions relating to the electronic bidding process, please call Central Bidding at (225) 810-4814. Electronic bid documents are also available for a purchase price of \$20 from the architect's office or by membership to following Plan Rooms: LAGC, ConstructConnect, Dodge, or ISqFt.

The Webster Parish School Board is an equal opportunity agency dedicated to a policy of non-discrimination regarding Title VI, the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

The Webster Parish School Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

/s/ Johnny Rowland  
/t/ Johnny Rowland, Secretary Treasurer Webster Parish School Board

February 22, 2022  
March 1, 2022  
March 8, 2022  
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Public Hearing To Be Held  
The City of Minden, Louisiana will be holding a public hearing concerning the reapportionments of Districts 1-5 inside the city limits of Minden. The public hearing will be held on March 14, 2022, at the City Council Meeting Room at 5:30 p.m.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, you may contact the City during business hours.

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The Town of Cotton Valley will be accept-

ing sealed bids for the vehicles listed below. Bids can be dropped off at 478 Resident St. or mailed to PO Box 415, Cotton Valley, La 71018. Last day sealed bids will be accepted is 03/11/2022. Additional information contact Amy Stewart at 318-832-4283.

1. Gray Ford Crown Vic.  
VIN: 2FAFP-71W51X101836  
Transmission problems

2. White Ford Crown Vic.(No front guard)  
VIN: 2FABP7B-V8AX139839  
Transmission problems

3. White Ford Crown Vic(with front guard)  
VIN: 2fahp-71w96x160372  
Transmission problems

4. Dark gray Crown Vic  
VIN: 2F1FP-71W64X107178  
Unsure of the issues with this vehicle

5. White Ford Crown Vic  
VIN: 2FAFP-71W76X13485  
Unsure of the issues with this vehicle

6. Blue Crown Vic  
VIN: 2FAFP-71W32X149014  
Unsure of the issues with this vehicle

7. Blue Crown Vic  
VIN: 2FAFP-71WSYX11236  
Unsure of the issues with this vehicle

8. Chevy 2500 Truck W/Tool Boxes  
VIN: 1GCH-C2360YF155  
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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.

FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF PRECINCTS AND POLLING LOCATIONS THAT WILL BE USED FOR THE ELECTION TO BE HELD MARCH 26, 2022.

1	SPRINGHILL CIVIC CENTER	101 MACHEN DR	SPRINGHILL
2	SPRINGHILL CIVIC CENTER	101 MACHEN DR	SPRINGHILL
2B	SPRINGHILL CIVIC CENTER	101 MACHEN DR	SPRINGHILL
3	SPRINGHILL CIVIC CENTER	101 MACHEN DR	SPRINGHILL
4	SPRINGHILL CIVIC CENTER	101 MACHEN DR	SPRINGHILL
5	SPRINGHILL CIVIC CENTER	101 MACHEN DR	SPRINGHILL
6	CULLEN MUNICIPAL BUILDING	405 COYLE AVE	CULLEN
8	SAREPTA COMMUNITY BUILDING	210 VINES ST	SAREPTA
9	NEW SHONGALOO CIVIC CENTER	119 HWY ALT 2	SHONGALOO
10	NEW SHONGALOO CIVIC CENTER	210 VINES ST	SHONGALOO
11	SAREPTA COMMUNITY BUILDING	6245 HIGHWAY 160	SAREPTA
12	NORTH WEBSTER UPPER ELEMENTARY	6245 HIGHWAY 160	COTTON VALLEY
13	PLEASANT VALLEY UMC ACTIVITIES BLDG	1835 EVERGREEN RD	COTTON VALLEY
14	EVERGREEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT	1835 EVERGREEN RD	MINDEN
15	MINDEN COMMUNITY HOUSE	16835 HWY 371	MINDEN
16	J E HARPER PATHWAY TO EXCELLENCE SCHOOL	711 GLADNEY ST	MINDEN
17	J E HARPER PATHWAY TO EXCELLENCE SCHOOL	618 GERMANTOWN RD	MINDEN
17A	WEBSTER COURTHOUSE ANNEX (WEST ENTRANCE)	618 GERMANTOWN RD	MINDEN
18	MINDEN CIVIC CENTER	401 MAIN ST	MINDEN
24	MINDEN CIVIC CENTER	520 BROADWAY ST	MINDEN
25	PHILLIPS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	811 DURWOOD DR	MINDEN
25A	PHILLIPS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	811 DURWOOD DR	MINDEN
26	MINDEN CIVIC CENTER	520 BROADWAY ST	MINDEN
27	MINDEN CIVIC CENTER	520 BROADWAY ST	MINDEN
28	MINDEN COMMUNITY HOUSE	711 GLADNEY ST	MINDEN
29	J E HARPER PATHWAY TO EXCELLENCE SCHOOL	618 GERMANTOWN RD	MINDEN
31	MINDEN COMMUNITY HOUSE	711 GLADNEY ST	MINDEN
32	DUBBERLY FIRE STATION	838 HIGHWAY 532	DUBBERLY
33	MINDEN CIVIC CENTER	520 BROADWAY ST	MINDEN
34	MINDEN CIVIC CENTER	520 BROADWAY ST	MINDEN
35	SIBLEY CIVIC CENTER	127 SE FOURTH AVE	SIBLEY
36	DUBBERLY FIRE STATION	838 HIGHWAY 532	DUBBERLY
38	HEFLIN CIVIC CENTER	116 N MAIN ST	HEFLIN
39	HEFLIN CIVIC CENTER	116 N MAIN ST	MINDEN
40	SIBLEY CIVIC CENTER	127 SE FOURTH AVE	SIBLEY
41	DOYLINE HIGH SCHOOL	376 COLLEGE ST	DOYLINE
42	DOYLINE HIGH SCHOOL	376 COLLEGE ST	DOYLINE
43	FIRE DISTRICT #7, FIRE STATION #5	11217 HIGHWAY 80	MINDEN

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SUCCESSION : PROBATE DOCKET NO. 16,365  
OF : 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  
26<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT CLERK OF COURT  
BY: s/ Holly Vining 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.

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**Maintenance Supervisor**

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