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## LOCAL SPOTLIGHT

# All in the FAMILY

## Son of former Minden High basketball coach wins back to back championships

**WILL PHILLIPS**  
Minden Press-Herald

Minden Native Cameron Shaw recently coached the Shreveport Force Basketball Team into earning the title of District 2-3a National Champions in the NCHBC National Homeschool Basketball Tournament that was held this past week in Springfield, Missouri.

“Going in we were ranked 8th or 9th overall in our division,” said Shaw. “We ended up winning the Division 2-3a National Championship in our 18 and under team. We’ve been going to this tournament for years and this is by far the highest we’ve ever finished and the most success we’ve ever had there.”

Ultimately their run was ended in the semi finals of the Undisputed Gold Ball National Championship for division 2, cementing their rank as the number 5 top team out of the 364 other teams that were competing.

To talk more about the team that Shaw coached, Force Homeschool Sports is a program in Shreveport that allows homeschool students the opportunity to participate in an array of athletics including basketball, volleyball, track & field, etc.

“Force is for homeschool students, ten through eighteen years old, who want to participate in sports, which has not always been a possi-



COURTESY PHOTO

**Pictured above are the 18 and under boys Force Basketball team who last week earned the title of Division 2-3a National Champions in the NCHBC National Homeschool Basketball Tournament that was held in Springfield, Missouri.**

bility,” said Shaw. “When people make the decision to homeschool, a lot of the time not being able to participate in sports makes it a tough one.”

Being homeschooled himself, Shaw had been a member of the Force Basketball team for many years before taking up the position of Head Coach. When he took on that position nearly three years ago at the age of nineteen, Shaw was the youngest coach the program had ever seen and was also the youngest coach in the league that they competed in.

“From the administrator’s perspective, it was

a risky decision to hire a 19 year old kid to coach a bunch of 18 year old kids. I think that first year I was able to step in and prove that I was able to do the job successfully. Ever since then we’ve only gotten better and better, and the program has grown way more than I could have ever imagined it would,” said Shaw.

Having played with the team, Shaw decided a little into their freshman year of college that it would be worth it to take up the position of Asst. Coach in the program, which put him in a good position to take over as Head Coach when the

previous one unexpectedly moved before the upcoming season.

“I played with Force all the way up into my junior year and, once I graduated high school, I came on as an Assistant Coach with the guy who had coached me through most of high school. He ended up moving later that August, so the position was open. It was last minute, since in August the basketball season is rapidly approaching,” said Shaw.

“I went and talked to the administrator. At the time I was only 19 years old. I was like I know I’m young, but I would

love to be in this position. I know a lot of these players, and I’ve been a part of this program for a long time, so I know how things run. So if you would give me a chance, I think I could really do a good job here.”

The sentiment held true, as it only took Shaw two years to lead his team to winning the ACEL State Championship not once, but twice, back-to-back. Not only that, but each year the coaches within ACEL all vote on the Coach of the Year, which Shaw has also earned back-to-back.

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## CRIME

### Inmates beat cellmate for “being gay”

**STAFF REPORT**  
Minden Press-Herald

An incident occurred at the BDCC where an inmate was a victim of simple battery at the hands of two other inmates identified as Brandon White and Devonte Jackson.

According to the booking reports for White and Jackson, “He was beaten by two other inmates ... due to the fact that [the inmate] is homosexual.”

“Another inmate walked by the cell [the inmate], White, and Jackson were in and told White and Jackson that [he] was a ‘snitch,’” according to the booking report, and that they needed to make him perform explicit sexual acts because, “he’s gay.”

“Shortly after White started trying to grab [the inmate] around his waist attempting to grab his butt. [He] pushed Jackson’s hands away and then was struck with a closed fist by Jackson. [The inmate] attempted to defend himself but was punched several times by both Jackson and White. Eventually [he] tried to further defend himself by falling to the ground on his knees and tucking his head underneath his arm.”

This continued until another one of their cell mates finally spoke up, stating, “that [the inmate] had enough and they needed to stop.”

As a result of the beating the inmate sustained several injuries to his lower back and facial area. After the incident both White and Jackson were charged with Simple Battery and Hate Crimes.

## EDUCATION

### Science scholarships available through Dorcheat SWCD

Special to the Minden Press-Herald

The Dorcheat Soil and Water Conservation District is now accepting applications for their annual scholarships.

This year the District will give two \$500 scholarships to two seniors in Webster Parish/Dorcheat SWCD who will major in the field of science. This will include medical science. This scholarship includes an additional \$500.00 after the first semester/quarter with a GPA of 3.0 or better.

The scholarships are open to public, private and homeschooled students.

Applications are available at the Dorcheat SWCD Office, 216 B Broadway Street, Minden, LA. 71055.

Deadline is April 18, 2022.

For further information, please call the Dorcheat SWCD office at 318-377-3950 Ext. 3.

## CRIME UPDATE

### Springhill man charged in Plain Dealing homicide

Special to the Minden Press-Herald

Bossier Sheriff Julian Whittington says an arrest has been made in the shooting death of a young man in Plain Dealing in 2020.

Carttavious Qualls, 27, of the 1600 block of Walnut Road in Springhill, was arrested and charged with one count of Second-Degree Murder for the shooting death of

Roderick Shamichael Dewayne Coleman, 19, of Shreveport. Coleman was killed at a residence in the 400 block of Birch Street in Plain Dealing while attending a large gathering at the home on August 23, 2020.

Bossier Sheriff detectives have been aggressively investigating the crime without any substantial leads. Qualls, who was incarcerated in the Bayou Dorcheat

Correctional Center, (BDCC) on an unrelated crime, told correctional officers that he was the killer in the 2020 murder of Coleman. Qualls was then transported from the BDCC to the Bossier Sheriff’s Detective’s Office where he was interviewed by detectives. There he confessed to detectives that he killed Coleman.

With that confession, detectives arrest-

ed Qualls and charged him with one count of Second-Degree Murder. He was booked into the Bossier Maximum-Security Facility. His bond is set at \$500,000.

Detectives are continuing their investigation into the events of that night with three more arrests. KenMonte Gilmore, 24, Russell Heard, 25, Johnterrius Gilbert, 28, were all arrested and charged on one count of

Illegal Use of a Weapons. Gilmore was arrested on Dec. 2, 2021, when he was booked and released on a \$15,000 bond. Heard was arrested on Dec. 7, 2021. Gilbert was arrested on Nov. 9, 2021. Both men are booked into the Bossier Max, with a bond set at \$15,000 each. This case is still being investigated.



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# WEBSTER & MORE

CRIME

## Suspect arrested for gang activity

STAFF REPORT  
Minden Press-Herald

The Minden Police Department and Operation Save Our Streets (SOS) continue to crack down on local gangs in Minden and Webster Parish.

Albert Taylor IV (22) was picked up from the maximum security prison in Bossier Parish and transported to the Minden Police Department for booking on charges of being part of a criminal street gang and patterns



TAYLOR

of criminal street gang activity.

“Back in 2019 is when we started looking into this local street gang calling themselves TTS. In August of 2020 we opened up an investigation on these guys that are actively and publicly displaying their tattoos and signs. We started tracking everything each one of them was involved in where we could tie them all together as a street gang,” said Minden Police Chief Steve Cropper in an interview this past October.

“The individuals are being charged with Criminal Street Gangs and Patterns of Criminal Street Gang Activity, because we can tie them all to that gang. This charge carries with it up to a 10,000 dollar fine and up to a year and a half in prison.”

Albert Taylor IV is the 22nd suspect arrested in reference to the criminal street gang investigation. He was originally arrested in Bossier and, after being booked in Minden, was transported to Bayou Dorcheat Correctional Center.

EDUCATION

## Webster Parish Students design coloring books for special needs students

Special to the Minden Press-Herald

Graphic arts students at Lakeside Junior/Senior High School in Sibley were recently given a unique project. Instructor Lesa Ward had her class design a 12-page coloring book.

The focus of the coloring books was events that happen in the month of March. Students had to research and then design a book. They highlighted many March events, including St. Patrick’s Day and March Madness. Students designed the artwork on their class computers. Some students opted to draw their own artwork.

When the books were completed, the students walked across the hall to hand-deliver them to Jessica Blackwell’s class for students with special needs. “I always have the special needs children in my mind because they’re near and dear to my heart since they are right across the hall,” said Lesa Ward, Vocational Instructor at Lakeside



COURTESY PHOTO  
Lakeside students shown above with their instructor Lesa Ward displaying the 12 page coloring books that were designed for special needs students.

Junior/Senior High School.

“I thought, what is something I can do for them? I know that they like to color, and I researched how we could do it. That’s how it came to be.”

“It was just super special that a teacher at our school gets her students involved with my class,” said Jessica Blackwell, Special Education Instructor at Lakeside Junior/Senior High School.

“It’s nice to see other students support our classroom.”

The graphic arts students walked away with more than just a lesson on designing coloring books. Students called the lesson very fulfilling to be able to design the coloring book and then deliver them to some very happy students.

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

## Shaw: The Coleson Shaw award added to Force banquet

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it I was very surprised. I never expected that, I do what I do because I love it. I try to put as much time and effort into it to win because, if I’m going to do something, I’m going to do it 100%. So I was very surprised and honored, especially because the majority of coaches that I go against are oftentimes double if not triple my age. So to be recognized and voted by them, it was a huge honor the past two years to be voted as Coach of the Year,” said Shaw.

While they have had their fair share of success and recognition, a coach is nothing without their team. And to hear Shaw put it, he couldn’t be more proud of his players and their performance.

“I couldn’t be more proud of the team we had this year. We had a really young team, our starting lineup was two seniors, two sophomores, and freshmen, with most of the guys coming off the bench being freshmen and sophomores,” said Shaw.

“To be at a younger age and still playing against normal high school Juniors and Seniors and guys that are two to three years older than our players. We showed a lot of resilience this year. There

was never any fear or sign of weakness against these guys who may have been older or bigger.”

“The team that I have, they do everything that I ask of them. They give me 110% all the time and we’ve played in a lot of tough games this year, and for a team as young as we are, you wouldn’t be able to tell. These guys just carry themselves with a maturity that comes across as though they’ve been doing it for years. Like I said, I couldn’t be more proud of the team that we have and I’m excited for the future that we have going forwards,” said Shaw.

As is typical with many sports teams, Force holds an Awards banquet each year at the end of the season to recognize particular standout players for their accomplishments. Shaw created his own award, the Coleson Shaw Award, to honor not only his late brother, but the mindset that Coleson brought along with him everytime he was on the court.

“The Coleson Shaw Award is in memory of my younger brother, Coleson, who passed away from cancer. The award represents the hard work and grit that he had. That was one I felt was important to me and represented more

than a regular award that would be given out at typical sporting events,” said Shaw.

“Whenever he was going through his treatment with cancer, and having to fight those battles, his body was weaker than a typical high school kid’s. It was always said from his coach at the time that if Coleson needed a break, he would have to tell him to go take a break, because no matter how he felt, he wasn’t going to stop or go half way with any activity. So that award is presented to a player each year that, no matter what they’re going through, gives me everything they got.”

Ultimately, Shaw’s current goal is to continue to coach a top-tier basketball team as well as helping to grow Force’s sports programs and bring in more athletes.

“I would love for people in Minden, Shreveport, really the north Louisiana area to know that there is an option outside of the regular school to play sports. This is a great opportunity. It’s more than a program, it feels like family when we’re all together. Everybody is very close knit and it’s a wonderful place to be and a wonderful thing to be a part of,” said Shaw.

# VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITES!

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Everyone has an opinion and now it's time to give yours. Vote for your favorite business in Webster Parish! The winners will be announced in the Readers' Choice edition on Friday, April 29, 2022. You may drop the ballot off at the Minden Press-Herald office at 203 Gleason Street in Minden or mail it to the Minden Press-Herald, P.O. Box 1339, Minden, LA 71058. Only one ballot per person will be permitted. No reproductions or faxes will be accepted.

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Favorite High School

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Favorite Homebuilder/Contractor

Favorite Oil Change Location

Favorite Hotel/Motel

Favorite Pharmacy

Favorite Insurance Agent

Favorite Pet Groomer

Favorite Lawn Equipment Dealer

Favorite Pest Control Provider

Favorite Jeweler

Favorite Photographer

Favorite Landscaping/Lawn care Provider

Favorite Pizza Restaurant

Favorite Eye Care Provider

Favorite Physician/Surgeon

Favorite Liquor Store

Favorite Plumber

Favorite Lunch Location

Favorite Public Official

Favorite Middle School

Favorite Women's Apparel Provider

Favorite Appliance Store

Favorite Floor Covering Provider

Favorite USED Vehicle Salesperson

Favorite Tax Preparer

Favorite Tire Store

Favorite Customer Service (any business)

Favorite Dance School

Favorite Mini Storage

Favorite Veterinarian

Favorite Event Destination (or venue where events are held)

Favorite Nursing Home

Favorite Mechanic



# WEBSTER & MORE

OBITUARIES

## Lavonia B. Sorrell

Graveside services for Lavonia Sorrell will be held at a later date at Alvord Cemetery in Alvord, Texas. Lavonia was born May 26, 1929 in Waurika, Oklahoma and entered rest March 21, 2022 in Minden, Louisiana. She is preceded in death by her husband, William

Robert Sorrell; parents, Cloyd and Loyal Ashworth; two sisters and two brothers. She is survived by her sisters, Myrtle Louise Ford of Graham, Texas and Audrey Sue Barton of Minden, Louisiana and brother, Earl Wayne Ashworth of Humble, Texas.

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## Emmitt Ovie Pickett

Doyline, LA - Emmitt Ovie Pickett, age 76, passed away on March 19, 2022, after a battle with Alzheimer's Disease. He died peacefully with his

loving family by his side. Services will be held to celebrate the life of Emmitt Ovie Pickett at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, March 25, 2022, at Hill Crest Memorial Chapel. Interment will follow at Hill Crest Memorial Park. The family will receive friends at 1:00 p.m. until service time. Emmitt, known to most as "Punkin" was born on March 24, 1945, in Minden, LA, to Eugenia and Ovie Felix Pickett. He attended elementary and secondary school in Doyline, where he graduated in 1963. Punkin was quite the athlete lettering in baseball and basketball. He was a member of the State Baseball Championship Team in 1962 and All-State Basketball Player in '62 and '63. He was honored by his classmates as Most Athletic at Doyline High School. He continued his love for playing ball in college where he attended Northeast Louisiana University in Monroe, LA. After college, he joined the Army National Guards and worked at Louisiana Army Ammunition Plant and then for KCS Railroad for 35 years retiring as Conductor. He was a member of First Baptist Church, Doyline. Punkin had many hobbies such as playing league ball, racing his stock car at Hilltop Speedway, and when Louisiana Downs was built... horse racing!! And those who knew Punkin knew how much he loved the sound

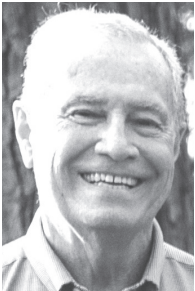
of bell going off and those magical words "and they're off!" Through the years he had numerous winning horses and quite a few favorites... Nitro Chip, Ovie, Benwill, The Pickett Factor, End Up, and Cajun Country. His love and compassion for animals was evident by his support for various animal rescue shelters and rescue centers. His last rescue and companion was his little dog he lovingly named "Webster." Punkin is survived by his son, Russel "Bud" Pickett and wife Jennifer of Shreveport; daughter, Robin Pickett Stewart and husband Chuck of Madison, MS; grandchildren, Benjamin "Ben" Pickett, William "Will" Pickett, Megan Stewart Slee and husband Eric of Madison, MS, Charles "CJ" Stewart III and wife Danielle of Chattanooga, TN; great-grandchildren, Paisley Stewart, Aubree Stewart, Kennedy Slee; sister-in-law, Willie Pickett of Doyline, and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents, O.F. and Eugenia Pickett; brothers, Bobby "Bob" Pickett, James "Wick" Pickett; sister, Marion "Black" McBride; and sister-in-law, Ann "Net" Pickett. Pallbearers will be Cory Pickett, Paul Wilson, David Beaird III, Sonny Cox, Nicky Rawls, and James Serio. Honorary Pallbearers are his grandsons, CJ Stewart, Ben Pickett, and Will Pickett. The family would like to express their appreciation to the doctors and staff at Willis Knighton Hospital in Bossier City. In addition, the compassionate care that was provided to Punkin at Colonial Oaks Nursing Center and Amedisys Hospice will forever be appreciated. Memorials may be made to Alzheimer's Association at [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org). or your favorite animal rescue center.



## Earnest Lynn Elkins

Earnest Lynn Elkins (76) of Calhoun, peacefully passed away from complications due to COVID-19 on March 16, 2022. His wife and daughter were by his side. Lynn was born in the small town of Minden, LA to the late Earnest and Muriel (Dail) Elkins on April 17, 1945 where he grew up with his four siblings until he graduated from Minden High in 1963. After earning his degree in business from Southern Missionary College in Collegedale, TN, and marrying the love of his life Paula, Lynn started his career at Dunn and Bradstreet in Chattanooga. Lynn and Paula lived in TN until their daughter Stefanie was born, after which they moved to Calhoun where they have now resided for nearly 50 years. Lynn then spent the rest of his career in the carpet industry working first at Charter Carpets, then at other industries like Collegedale Interiors, Alden Carpets, Beaulieu of America, and Mohawk Carpets. When he retired he continued to do consulting work. Lynn was known to all as a quiet southern gentleman with a dry wit who greatly respected his work colleagues; from the janitor to the CEO, loved his family fiercely, and was a pillar of leadership in his church and community. His faithfulness to God was unshakable and was evident to all. Lynn's greatest joy however, were his wife and daughter. His loyalty and love for Paula was an example of the most true and selfless love and apparent to all who knew him. He simply adored her and often told his daughter how he thought Paula was the most beautiful woman he had ever laid eyes on. Lynn was also immensely proud of his daugh-

ter Stefanie whom he unwearingly supported, becoming her biggest cheerleader as she traveled all over the world as an archaeologist and art historian. Lynn especially enjoyed history and reading, passions he shared deeply with Stefanie. His knowledge of American history and poetry could rival that of most university professors. He was known for his "words of wisdom" (ok, some of them were ridiculous) and would often share the poems he had memorized or history lessons he had learned, tying them all into an educational experience that was thought provoking and often humorous. He also enjoyed gardening, a passion shared with Paula. Their yearly garden especially produced huge "maters." Another enjoyment they shared was hospitality. From having people over to hosting their many Christmas and "patio parties" over the years, Lynn loved these opportunities to share his latest book recommendations as well as joking around with friends and teasing the kids with his own peculiar sense of absurdity. Lynn is survived by his wife Paula Elkins, daughter Stefanie Elkins and son-in-law Robert Bates, sister Jackie Johnson and brother-in law Richard, brothers Larry Elkins and sister-in-law Mona, John Elkins and sister-in-law Judy, Randy Elkins and sister-in-law Yolanda, as well as nieces and nephews Rick, Randall, Jennifer, Justin, Adrienne, Hilary, and Jonathon. Lynn's family will receive friends at a viewing on Friday evening, 6:00 - 8:00pm at Thomas Funeral Home, 535 Red Bud Rd NE. All are welcome to a Celebration of Life service the following day, March 26 at 3:00pm at the Calhoun Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 1411 Rome Rd SW. You may leave the family online condolences at [www.thomasfuneralhomecalhoun.com](http://www.thomasfuneralhomecalhoun.com) Thomas Funeral Home has proudly been entrusted with the care of Earnest Elkins.



## Rev. Dr. James "Jim" William Kennedy

Rev. Dr. James "Jim" William Kennedy left his earthly home and ran into the arms of his Heavenly Father on Sunday, March 20, 2022. He died in his home after living 80 years filled with love and laughter. Despite many years of illness, Jim was determined to die living as opposed to live dying. Jim was born April 24, 1941 in St. Clair, Missouri to James and Reida Kennedy and was the oldest of three boys. Jim was an extraordinary man who loved Jesus and his family deeply. Due to his warm, gentle spirit, he was loved by those who knew him and freely loved others as well. Jim wholeheartedly fulfilled the pastoral call to tend his flock, which extended far beyond the walls of any church. In addition to his Savior, family, and friends, one of Jim's passions was working in his shop, taking on his ever-growing list of wood-working projects. Never one to be stagnant, Jim also enjoyed reading, writing, and travel as a way to quench his thirst for learning. It was easy to discern what was on his mind by the tune that he chose to whistle. His other joy was

flying airplanes and sharing his love for flying with the other pilots in family. Commissioned to carry on his legacy of love are his wife, five children, and their families. He spent 24 wonderful years with the love of his life, Karen Kennedy. Jim will be forever missed by his children: Karen and Charlie Seifert, Dr. Susan and David Sanderson, Scott and Jessica Glass, Kristin and Jake Hearnberger, and Megan and Ryan Brooks. Memories will be cherished by his grandchildren Chad and Brittany Seifert, Jennifer Hodzic, Colby Seifert, Allie and Taylor Parsons, Anna Sanderson, Jaycee Barron, Tyler Glass, Emilee Glass, Avery Hearnberger, Kennedy Brooks, Caroline Brooks, Anderson Brooks, and John Hearnberger, as well as one great-grandson, Hudson Seifert. He is survived by his brothers Gerald (Stephanie) Kennedy and Jack (Lori) Kennedy. A memorial service will be held at 10:30 A.M., Saturday, April 9, 2022 at the Bailey Funeral Home Chapel in Springhill, LA with Dr. Charles Payne officiating. Visitation will be held prior to the service from 9:30 A.M until 10:30 A.M. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, please send a memorial to the W.H.O. of North Webster or a charity of your choice. Sign our online guest book at [www.baileyfuneral-home.net](http://www.baileyfuneral-home.net)

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OTHER OPINION

History and Civics education matters

Reading, writing, and arithmetic matter. So does history, geography, and civics. With little fanfare last week, Louisiana's Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE), unanimously approved new K-12 education standards in history, geography, economics, and civics. Dr. Cade Brumley, Louisiana State Superintendent of Education, notes these standards teach our children to "understand their obligation as citizens to safeguard America's founding principles".

In creating these standards, BESE and the Louisiana Department of Education (La DOE) followed a process of intense civic involvement. Over the past year, they listened to over 2,000 public comments and involved many people in the work of research and writing teams. By the definition of the La DOE, these standards provide "a freedom framework for children to learn about how Americans have always strived for liberty".

Our leaders in Louisiana

have put the story of America in context for our children. They have taken a proactive approach to the concerns of many parents about critical race theory and other curriculum concerns in our schools. La DOE and BESE recognize critical race theory as a discipline of division – one that promotes judging people only by race rather than by individual character, behavior, and merit.

We owe a debt of gratitude to BESE and the LA DOE for tackling a controversial issue in a proactive way. Instead of focusing on legislating what can and can't be said about a topic in the classroom, this positive approach to teaching history and civics puts focus on a freedom framework. This work



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should be a benchmark for other states facing the same citizen concerns about curriculum.

The story of America will be communicated to this generation in Louisiana based on the principle of pursuit of freedom. Instead of evaluating competing education theories, standards have been built on the theme of Americans drawn together in seeking "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

Our children will learn about the last 250 years of building, maintaining, and improving a free society. Our children will learn about both our achievements and our flaws. They will understand America's role as an exceptional nation and as a country that seeks to learn from her mistakes.

Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. From the Declaration of Independence and the Revolutionary War to the Emancipation Proclamation and the Civil War to the Civil Rights Act and World War II, the American journey of freedom has

been one of struggle and sacrifice. Hundreds of thousands of Americans have given their lives for these ideas. The generations before have preserved it for us at a huge cost and it is now our time to do the same for our children.

In America, reasonable people may differ; open discourse is welcome; dissent is allowed; and equal opportunity is sought. In America, power resides in the free individual; the free exercise of religion is upheld; and our rights emanate from God. This is the America I want to continue for my children and grandchildren. It is why this "freedom framework" we use to teach our children is so important to me. I believe the future of our country depends on it.

DR. PHILLIP ROZEMAN IS THE FOUNDER OF ALLIANCE FOR EDUCATION AND EDUCATION'S NEXT HORIZON AND HAS BEEN HONORED BY CABL, UNITED WAY, AND LOUISIANA STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY WITH THEIR ANNUAL DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS.

OTHER OPINION

Ukraine under siege, a profile in courage

It is an undoubtedly good and positive thing for America and the world to witness unvarnished courage and bravery. That's what we are seeing from the Ukrainian people and their indomitable president, Volodymyr Zelensky. From the beginning, President Zelensky has made clear his intent—and that of his countrymen—to fight the barbaric and unjustified invasion of his country by the Russians. When asked if he wanted a plane ride out of the country to safety for himself and his family he flatly refused saying "I don't need a ride. I need anti-tank ammunition." His strong, faithful wife also stated her position clearly. "My husband will never abandon his country and I'm not leaving my husband. And my children are not going anywhere without me."

There are also a number of reports of Russian casualties due to the proud and ferocious resistance of the Ukrainian military and that Putin miscalculated how difficult his invasion of Ukraine would be.

As the situation worsens hourly—Zelensky this week witnessed Russian forces destroy a fully active Ukrainian maternity hospital as local officials use mass graves to bury thousands—he acknowledged that "the enemy has designated me as target number one, and my family as target number two," he said of wife Olena Zelenska, their son, Kiril, and daughter, Aleksandra. He concluded a call with leaders of the European Union last week with the chilling statement that "this might be the last time you see me alive."

Zelensky has also made clear he won't accept a settlement on Russian terms which would



Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky addresses the U.S. Congress last week, asking for help from the United States in response to a Russian invasion of his country.

mean the slavery and subjugation of his country and his people.

One writer, Steve Brown, describes the stark personal choice Zelensky faces as clearly and powerfully as I've seen:

When you know ...  
That likely you will not live to see your children grow up. ...  
That you will never be able to retire with your precious wife ...  
That you may well be dead before Christmas ...  
That no one from the Free World is sending military to



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help you or your people ...  
That your only hope is a prayer ... And ...  
That prayer is that the Lord of Hosts will supernaturally intervene. ...  
And, that your will is set. You will not leave your people and will go down with the ship.

That courage calls for the Body of Christ worldwide to cry out to the God of all mercy to assign Angel Armies to be deployed and engage the forces of hell to save Ukraine and stop the slaughter of the innocents. So be it, dear Lord, so be it. ... Thy kingdom come ... Thy will be done ... on earth AS it is in Heaven. Amen.

This kind of courage is simply breathtaking, and deeply inspiring.

While the U.S. and other Western countries have pro-

vided military equipment, munitions, and other aid, they can and should do more—such as sending Polish fighter jets, which will be flown by Ukrainian fighter pilots, to Ukraine. We could also quickly and easily provide S-300 surface-to-air-missile systems, helping Ukraine create its own "no fly zone" over its beautiful country and people.

In his powerfully emotional address to the U.S. Congress last week, President Zelensky stated that "the destiny of our country is being decided." He implored America and the free world to "keep justice in history." It's time for NATO and the west to move.

ROYAL ALEXANDER IS A SHREVEPORT ATTORNEY

EDITORIAL ROUNDUP

WSJ: Congress should return to in-person voting

Most Americans have resumed something close to normal life after COVID-19, but not the U.S. House of Representatives. Many lawmakers have become accustomed to the convenience of voting in absentia, and they want to make a supposed emergency measure an accepted practice.

The House has allowed Members to vote by proxy for almost two years, and the COVID-19 dispensation will expire on March 30 unless Speaker Nancy Pelosi extends it another 45 days, as she has many times. Only 101 Representatives didn't vote by proxy at all last year— 78 Republicans and 23 Democrats, according to a Ripon Society analysis. Proxy voting is especially popular on Fridays—on the rare occasions that Congress works more than four days a week.

Proxy voting is no small institutional change, and having a quorum present is essential to House procedures and character. If Members aren't around, it's easier for leadership to ram through bills without debate or amendment. The rough and tumble of negotiation is



Members of the U.S. House of Representatives after the 117th Congress was gavelled into session at noon on Sunday, January 3, 2021.

harder. The Senate — average Member age: 64 — has navigated pandemic risks without proxy floor voting, and vaccines obviate whatever public-health rationale once existed. Lawmakers seem to have thought

better off, say, casting a committee vote while out on a boat, but there's talk of a new system that allows members to vote by proxy for a good reason, or perhaps a certain number of times a year. "The world has changed. Technology is extraordinary," Democrat Steny Hoyer said at a House hearing last week, arguing Congress should adapt like other businesses.

But Members have always missed votes. Voters are best equipped to make distinctions between a Member who isn't available to rename post offices because she's away due to family illness and a Member who skips votes to attend fundraisers and appear on television.

Some Representatives don't want to relocate their families to Washington and thus want more time at home. But serving in Congress is supposed to be public service. Voting is the core duty of Congress, and House Members should respect the office enough to come to the floor when the roll is called.

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SPORTS

Strong start pushes Crimson Tide past BTW

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Minden Press-Herald

Minden jumped all over Booker T. Washington at the start Wednesday as the Crimson celebrated Senior Night with a 16-0 win.

MHS senior Jackson Mayfield led the Tide with three runs batted in while Minden's Jackobe Jackson and Bryson Ranger added two each.

Crimson Tide pitcher Elliott Sheppard recorded five strikeouts to earn the win for Minden, which moved to 9-4 on the year.

**Northwood 19, North Webster 3**

Northwood finished strong with a 10-run seventh inning on Tuesday as the Knights cruised to the big home win over North Webster.

Mcrose and McKenzie led the Knights with three hits each,

North Webster (8-7) will next play host to Converse tonight.

**Lakeside 11, Doyline 1**

Lakeside pitcher Cooper Chase allowed only three hits Monday as the Warriors rode an early lead to victory at Doyline.

Cade Boley, CJ Watts and Jon Jon Dick each turned in three hits for the Warriors while Dick led Lakeside with four runs batted in.



Minden High School's baseball team honored seniors Andrew Cooper (6) and Jackson Mayfield (14) prior to Wednesday's game against Booker T. Washington. The Crimson Tide rolled on to a 16-0 win over the Lions.

COURTESY PHOTO

Diamond 'Dogs outlast LSU in 12-inning showdown

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BATON ROUGE — Louisiana Tech broke out the brooms Wednesday night as the Bulldogs outlasted LSU 7-6 in 12 innings to complete a season series over the Tigers in Alex Box Stadium at Skip Bertman Field.

Tech (15-6, 2-1 C-USA) took an early lead with a three-run first inning. Taylor Young led off with a hard-hit single to center extending his on-base streak to 15 before Cole McConnell followed up with his fifth double of the season. Jorge Corona brought in the first run with a single before

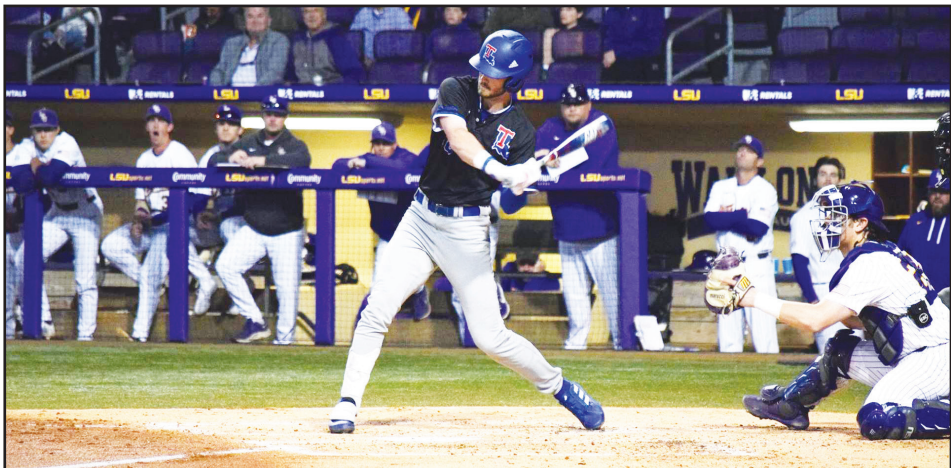


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The Louisiana Tech baseball team completed a season sweep of LSU Wednesday night as the Bulldogs held on to down the Tigers 7-6 in a 12-inning contest at Alex Box Stadium.

Adarius Myers blasted a two-run triple to put the Bulldogs up 3-0.

Tech added a run in the second on a sacrifice fly from Steele Netterville.

The Bulldogs plated two runs in the top of the

ninth to tie the game at 6-6 thanks to an error and three walks given up by LSU. Tech's offense went

hitless from the second inning with no outs until Young hit a double down the left field line in the 11th inning.

"We kind of went dead offensively between the third and the ninth," said Tech coach Lane Burroughs. "We really did not take good swings. There were a lot of punch outs tonight; 20 by both teams. There were some good arms out there too. When they took the lead, we could have easily cashed it in because we weren't doing much. Taylor's (Young) at-bat there at the end drawing a walk. I think people need to know too that when he rolled over on his hand in

the field, it may have broken."

In the 12th inning, Tech's Jackson Lancaster doubled over the LSU centerfielder's head to make a little noise. Bryce Wallace worked a seven-pitch walk. Riggs Easterling then worked a walk. Young earned a walk after going down in the count 0-2 to bring home Lancaster and the game-winning run.

Greg Martinez made his second start for Tech and was dominant through the first four innings striking out six. The right-hander held the Tigers scoreless until facing trouble in the fifth.

NSU defeats Grambling State, 6-3

Minden Press-Herald Sports Svce

NATCHITOCHES — The Grambling State University baseball team led 2-1 through five and a half innings, but a four-run sixth inning helped propel Northwestern State past the Tigers 6-3 on Wednesday afternoon at Brown-Stroud Field.

GSU starting pitcher Roy Peguero had a solid outing, giving up one run on four hits, with three strikeouts and a walk, in five full innings of work. Michael Mims III (0-1)



was charged with loss, tossing 0.1 innings, surrendering four runs on five hits.

John Garcia led the Tigers at the plate, going 2-for-3 and notching his team-leading 18th RBI of the season. Shemar Page and Jarfcur Parker also drove in runs for Grambling State (7-14 overall,

2-1 SWAC).

Northwestern State's Andrew Cossio (1-0) picked up the win, working one inning, allowing one run on one hit.

After a scoreless opening four innings, LaMarcus Jones put the Tigers on the board with a sacrifice fly to right field, giving GSU a 1-0 lead in the top of the fifth inning.

Northwestern State (10-11) responded in the bottom of the inning sacrifice fly of their own, knotting the game at 1-1.

NSU took advantage

of a pitching change in the seventh inning, scoring four runs on five hits, including a leadoff solo home run, to climb on top 5-2.

Shemar Page notched an RBI, scoring Jarfcur Parker on a fielder's choice, cutting NSU's advantage to 5-3 in the top of the eighth.

Grambling State next travels to Baton Rouge for a three game weekend series at Southern University with game one starting at 6 p.m on Friday.

BPCC announces cuts to athletics programs

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Bossier Parish Community College announced Tuesday that it will restructure its athletic department and women's basketball, track and field, and men's cross country.

BPCC released the following statement regarding the restructuring.

"Recently, Bossier Parish Community College made the decision to no longer offer Women's Basketball in addition to Track and Field beginning the Fall 2022 semester. A difficult decision such as this was made after careful con-

sideration of the future of BPCC Athletics as a whole. BPCC wishes to thank Interim Head Women's Basketball Coach Stephanie Williams for her service to our athletes and to BPCC, and we wish her the best in her future coaching endeavors."

BPCC started its women's basketball program in 2013.

Track and field was added in 2019 with Parkway cross country and girls track and field head coach Kent Falting leading the program. Falting also started the cross country program.

BPCC's track team com-



peted in the Texas-Tyler Icebreaker meet Saturday. The team also competed in the Mississippi College Season Opener on March 5.

The school still offers

men's college basketball, baseball, softball and women's cross country.

The softball and baseball complex has recently undergone extensive renovations.

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Minden Press-Herald & Holcomb's Player of the Week



**Andrew Cooper**  
C, Minden HS Baseball

Cooper, a senior for the Crimson Tide, went 8-for-12 at the plate on the week with 10 RBIs. Cooper included six doubles and a home run among his hits on the week.

The Press-Herald Athlete of the Week feature is brought to you every other Friday by Holcomb's Body Shop in Minden.



# Good News

GOOD NEWS

## “THIS IS THE WAY IT IS GOING TO BE, FRIENDS”

Matt. 16:13 sets the stage of our writing this week. As the disciples gathered around Jesus on a hillside in Caesarea Philippi, Jesus asked a puzzling question: “Who do people say the Son of Man is?” At first, they might have thought, ‘why, we have heard you called so many names,’ but they knew He was serious with this question. It demanded a serious answer! They began to speak up: “Some say you are John the Baptist come back to life; Some believe you are Elijah brought back to earth; Some say ‘you sound a lot like Jeremiah...

cause you speak like none we’ve ever heard.’ But then Peter spoke up with a dramatic force: “You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God.” Jesus responded: “Peter, A+.... what you confessed was not revealed to you by mere man, but by my Father in heaven.” Jesus wanted so badly to help the disciples to see spiritually that “this is the way it is going to be in the future.”

This dramatic statement changed the

course of Jesus’ teaching as He turned toward Jerusalem. (Matt 16:21) They could not see it, but Jesus could clearly see the Cross looming above the horizon in the distance ahead. From that point forward, the Cross was always in the shadow of all He did and said.



Bill Crider

16:24: Jesus lays out what is expected of his disciples – men who would follow him as He began his journey to the Cross and beyond. “If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself,

take up his cross and follow me. Whoever wants to save his life will lose it and whoever loses his life for me will find it.” Can’t you hear some of the men mumbling...”What in this world is he talking about? What does he mean about ‘suffering at the hands of the elders and priests in Jerusalem, about being killed and then rising from the grave? And what is this about saving and losing our lives for His sake?’

But there is more: Jesus continued: “What are you willing to give in exchange for your soul? For the Son of

Man Is going to come back to earth in his Father’s glory with his angels and then bring each one his reward according to what he has done.” Now this gave the disciples some ‘food for thought’ as they continued on their journey. In the next few weeks, we will follow them as certain things develop along the way to the Cross.

In this journey, Jesus will pose the same questions to us as to his disciples: “Who do you say that I am? Will you be willing to be my disciple, knowing the demands it places on your life? Can you

drink of the cup and eat of the bread that is offered up as a sacrifice of commitment? All of these lead to the final question He asks us: “What will you do with Jesus? Neutral, you cannot be!” Over the next few weeks, we will explore details concerning the role of Jesus becoming known as the Son of God fulfilling the prophecies of the Old Testament.

BILL CRIDER IS CHAPLAIN OF  
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### THE UPWARD LOOK

#### More Abundantly

*“Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us,” Ephesians 3:20 NASB*

His great love, mercy, and grace, God has redeemed sinful people through their faith in Christ. He has molded these believers from all races into His church.



Max Hutto

Bursting forth from an overflowing heart, Paul concludes his prayer with a wonderful doxology of praise. God, in His immense power through the work of the Holy Spirit, can accomplish more, abundantly more, exceedingly abundantly more, than Paul or we can begin to ask, think, or even imagine. What great things He hath done! To God be the glory! Demonstrating

Lord God, how amazing is Your power that can change a sinner into a saint. I am forgiven, redeemed, and changed by Your immeasurable mercy, grace, and love.

MAX HUTTO IS A BAPTIST MINISTER AND A RESIDENT OF MINDEN. MORE INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND AT [WWW.UPWARDLOOK.ORG](http://WWW.UPWARDLOOK.ORG).

### 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 is 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



Bernard Harris

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.”

BERNARD HARRIS III IS A HAUGHTON FIREMAN AND A LOCAL RESIDENT OF MINDEN

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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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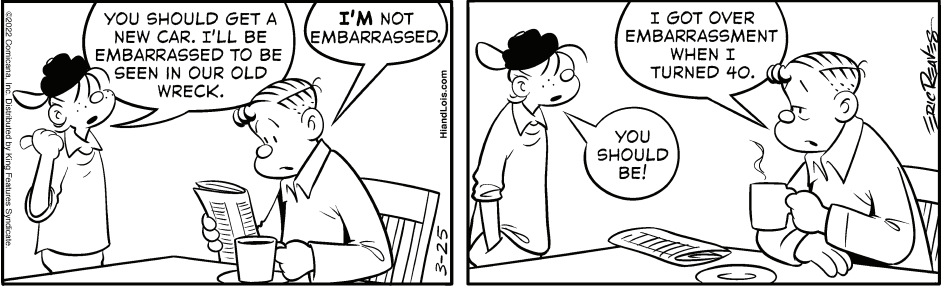
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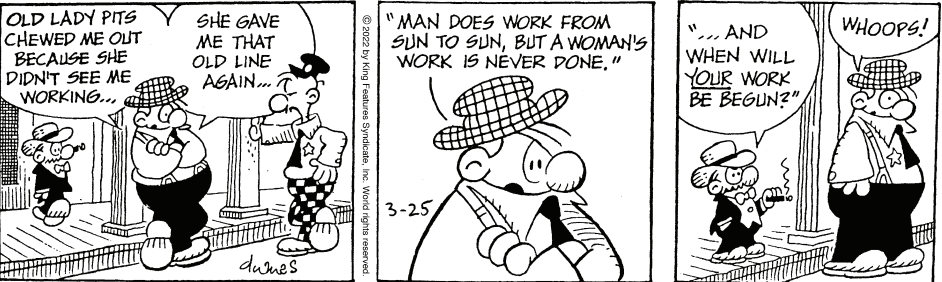
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April 7, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.

Pelican Room - Minden City Hall

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

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

Bid related materials may be found online and electronic bids may be submitted at [www.BidExpress.com](http://www.BidExpress.com).

Bidding Documents: Bid specifications may be obtained at the City of Minden Public Works Department,

520 Broadway, Minden, LA 71055, (318) 377-2144.

Bid specifications will also be available online at [www.BidExpress.com](http://www.BidExpress.com). If bidding online, all interested bidders must register for the project online. If bidders encounter any problems accessing Bid Express, please contact Bid Express at 888-352-2439.

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

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

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

March 18, 2022  
March 25, 2022  
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SHERIFF'S SALE

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR GSRPM LOAN TRUST 2003-1 VS. THE UNOPENED SUCCESSION OF DONALD E. CURRY A/K/A DONALD E. CURRY A/K/A DONALD CURRY

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 78965

By virtue of a WRIT OF FIFA 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 appraisalment and according to law at the principal front door of the Court-house in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana on WEDNESDAY, March 30, 2022, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

Begin at the southeast corner of the south half of the southeast quarter of northwest quarter (SE corner of S/2 of SE/4 of NW/4), Section 7, Township 22 North, Range 10 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana, thence run west 210 feet; thence north 640 feet to the point of beginning of the property herein described; from point of beginning run west 150 feet; thence south 294 feet; thence east 150 feet; thence north 294 feet to the point of beginning, together with all improvements located

thereon and rights thereto belonging.

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

February 25, 2022  
March 25, 2022  
Minden Press-Herald

SHERIFF'S SALE

U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF 2 ACQUISITION TRUST C/O U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION VS. CURTIS RAY CARTER, SR.

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 79820

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 appraisalment and according to law at the principal front door of the Court-house in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana on WEDNESDAY, April 27, 2022, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

EXHIBIT "A"

LOT NUMBER SEVENTY (70), L.T. BROWN SUBDIVISION, located in the West Half of the Southeast Quarter (W/2 of SE/4) Section 28, Township 19 North, Range 9 West, Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana, as per map and plat thereof on file and of record in the Office of the Clerk of Court, Webster Parish, Louisiana, in Map Book 3, Page 71, together with all improvements thereon and all rights thereto belonging. The Municipal Address of the Property is 721 Watterman St., Minden, LA 71055

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JASON R. PARKER Sheriff & Ex-Officio Auctioneer Webster Parish, Louisiana

Linda Vaughan - Deputy

March 25, 2022  
April 22, 2022  
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SHERIFF'S SALE

LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC VS. DONALD WESLEY STEPHENS A/K/A DONALD W. STEPHENS A/K/A DONALD STEPHENS AND MARTHA SPIVEY STEPHENS A/K/A MARTHA S. STEPHENS A/K/A MARTHA STEPHENS

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 79819

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 appraisalment and according to law at the principal front door of the Court-house in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana on WEDNESDAY, April 27, 2022, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

The property described in the Act of Mortgage is described as follows:

Lots seven (7) and the south 5 feet of lot eight (8), block nine (9), Goode Annex to the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana, located in Sections 15 and 22, Township 19 North, Range 9 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana, as shown by plat recorded in map book 1, page 28, together with all improvements thereon and all rights thereto belonging.

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JASON R. PARKER Sheriff & Ex-Officio Auctioneer Webster Parish, Louisiana

Linda Vaughan - Deputy

March 25, 2022  
April 22, 2022  
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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Village of Dixie Inn will hold a public hearing at 11:00 a.m. on April 1, 2022 at the Dixie Inn Village Hall located at 60 Shell Street, Minden, Louisiana. The purpose of the public hearing will be to obtain comments from the public relative to the preparation of a Program Amendment for the FY 2021 LCD-BG Public Facilities Project for sewer treatment plant improvements. The proposed Program Amendment does not add any new activities. The Program Amendment will include increasing the total grant amount and increasing the Construction and contingency activity.

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of the Fair Housing program as a method of continually informing the public of Fair Housing in the Village. Brochures will be available for residents interested in additional information concerning Fair Housing.

Those interested in submitting written comments, particularly those residents of slums and blighted areas and of low- to moderate-income, may do so to: Kay Hallmark-Stratton, Mayor, Village of Dixie Inn, 60 Shell Street, Minden, LA 71055. Any negative comments received will be forwarded to the State of Louisiana, Division of Administration.

All residents, particularly low- and moderate-income persons and residents of slum and blighted areas of the Village are encouraged to attend this meeting. Accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities and non-English speaking persons provided those persons request said accommodations 3 days prior to the public hearing by calling 318-377-6855. The Village can be reached by telecommunications devices for the deaf (TDD) through the Louisiana Relay Service at: TDD Users 1-800-846-5277, Voice Users 1-800-947-5277.

The Village of Dixie Inn is an equal opportunity employer.

March 25, 2022  
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SHERIFF'S SALE

REGIONS BANK DBA REGIONS MORTGAGE VS. THE UNOPENED SUCCESSION OF GLORIA M. TORRES A/K/A GLORIA FAYE TORRES GLORIA FAYSE MORSE GLORIA MORSE TORRES GLORIA F. TORRES AND LEOCADIO TORRES JR. A/K/A LEOCADIO TORRES LEO TORRES JR. LEO TORRES

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 79511

By virtue of a WRIT OF FIFA 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 appraisalment and according to law at the principal front door of the Court-

house in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana on WEDNESDAY, April 27, 2022, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

One certain lot of ground, together with all the buildings and improvements thereon and all the rights, ways, privileges, servitudes, advantages and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, situated in the Parish of Webster, State of Louisiana, designated as Lot No. 12. Revision of Lots 11 thru 23, Braley Subdivision No. 2, Springhill, Webster Parish, Louisiana, as per map and plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the clerk of the District Court and Ex-Officio Recorder in and for the Parish of Webster, in Map Book 2, Page 130. Subject to restrictions, reservations, easements, covenants, oil, gas, or mineral rights of record, if any.

Which has the address of 606 7TH Street Se, Springhill, LA 71075

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LAND FOR SALE

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EMPLOYMENT

COOK POSITION Webster Parish Head Start is taking applications for the immediate opening for the position of cook at the Mother Goose Land Center. Applicants must have a high school diploma with experience working in food service. Applications can be picked up at the Head Start Administrative Office at 111 Murrell Street, Minden, LA.

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.

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.

GARAGE/ESTATE SALES

Saturday March 26th at 8:00 AM. 615 Bradford Street. Lots of ladies shoes sizes 8 1/2 & 9 - new and gently worn. Ladies clothes sizes 16-20. Other items will be available.

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# LIFE

FROM THE BACK PORCH

## Country Roads, take me homeInbox

“Country roads, take me home to the place I belong Louisiana rolling hills, take me home Country roads.”

I’m taking a bit of liberty with John Denver’s haunting song, “Country Roads.” He delivers this with such a wistful voice one can feel the deep longing for a beloved home place. He has been away too long. I have never lived away from my home on country roads, so I can’t feel that longing and desire for another place. However, one can, without ever leaving home, have a yearning for another time in a place that is still there, but has

vastly changed over the years. Our family home place remains, yet it will never be the same. Parents are gone, as are all four siblings. One looks out and sees, not open fields planted in corn and cotton, but that same acreage now grown up in pine and hardwood trees.

The roads, once dusty red dirt roads, are now covered with asphalt. However, they still make those winding paths through the hills of North Louisiana. Once sparsely occupied lands are now dotted with houses, including single-

wides and double-wides. Young families, side by side with aging elders, now make this their homes.

Those country roads will always remain firmly planted in my memory bank. They were our link to the outside world, out of the fields and across the way to Grannie and Pap Wise’s house. They led us to the creek for bream fishing when crops in the fields were at a point we could take a day off. They led to the old swimming hole in the creek that was known by all as the “Wash Hole.”

I never knew where it got its name, but I

know our entire family was always excited when Daddy would say, “Let’s go down to the Wash Hole.” This was usually right after lunch when we had all rested a little from our morning’s work in the field.

Everyone enjoyed the cool water, except Mama, who would never get in. This was where the older siblings learned to swim. I never learned, but enjoyed having rides on Daddy’s back while he was swimming. He would swim out to a log crossing the water, let me off his back and I would sit on the log while he swam a while, then came back for me.

We spent many hours there during those early years.

The country roads

also led us down some unfamiliar areas on Sundays when our parents decided to have a picnic. I never understood why we went in search of a good picnic spot when we had so many beautiful areas almost in our yard. There weren’t a lot of parks and designated picnic areas, so we just drove down some country road until we found a nice shaded open space. There we spread our lunch and enjoyed our outing.

Usually we would have fried chicken, potato salad, pickles (cucumbers, beets, and peaches), along with homemade biscuits, and one of Mama’s layer cakes. Iced tea and Kool Aid were our drinks.

Landowners never

minded when someone chose to have a picnic on their land. Most of the time there was so few cars on the road, it was pretty unusual to come upon families enjoying the byways,

The country roads provided an excellent place for learning to ride a bike. Even if you fell, you weren’t injured when you landed on the soft dirt road.

We spent many hours of leisure time in this endeavor.

As I look back through the years, I can understand how one, without ever leaving home, can long for the country roads to take him home.

Home, which is now just a memory.

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