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Stopping crimes with K9s

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The Minden Police Department's K9 units have been busy recently with training and demonstrations.

Last week Lieutenant Curry and Lieutenant Hammontree, the K9 handlers for Minden's Police Department, attended two days of training at the Jackson Parish Sheriff's Department. Michael Kmiecik of Sheepdog Guardian Consulting explained updates to laws regarding K9 units in areas including industry standards, training/certification standards, police service dog operations, search and seizure, liability concerns, and courtroom testimony.

As laws of operation can vary between local, state, and federal jurisdictions, being up-to-date on the latest changes can affect how well charges will stand up in court. "Classes like these better prepare Officers to deal with the tense and rapidly evolving situations they deal with on a daily basis," stated the Minden Police Association's Facebook post. The Minden Police Association funded this training.

And on March 14th, LT Curry with K9 Brams provided a K9 demon-



COURTESY PHOTOS

LT Curry with K9 Brams provided a K9 demonstration to the students at Lagniappe Montessori School earlier this March with Officer Clingan wearing the bite suit.

stration to the students at Lagniappe Montessori School. Curry and Brams showed the discipline, strength, and power of a K9. Officers McIver and Clingan assisted with Officer Clingan taking the exciting part of "criminal" by wearing the bite suit.

The Minden Police Department is proud to possess two K9 units: LT Curry with K9 Brams and LT Hammontree with K9 Tigo. These units have helped the police to quickly and accurately make drug arrests to help keep our streets a little safer.



PODCAST

"Truth Be Told" podcast affirming faith in America

AMBER MCDOWN

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Congressman Mike Johnson and his wife, Kelly, recently released their first podcast in a series entitled "Truth Be Told" to, as Mike said, "review current events through the lens of eternal truth."

Mike Johnson represents fifteen parishes in northwest Louisiana in the U.S. Congress and he also has almost twenty years' experience litigating constitutional law cases. Kelly Johnson, a former Webster Parish teacher, is a licensed pastoral counselor. Together they would like to use this platform to "educate, empower, and equip more people to stand for their faith and help defend these precious freedoms that we have," said Mike.

"For more than two decades now, we've been working together on the front lines of the culture," Kelly said. "We became more burdened over the years by what was happening in our country and our communities, and that led to us presenting seminars," Mike continued. "Most or all of the problems we're facing right now are symptoms of a larger root problem.

I think the problem is that we've forgotten who we are."

In their first podcast, the Johnsons talk about why America is so great and the significance of our inalienable rights—the rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Their position is that a biblical worldview is the foundation of the country.

"If there's no God to endow us with our rights, where do our rights come from? Government. So the government becomes our god. If the government gave you your rights, then guess what—the government can take them away," Mike said. "Right now we no longer believe that the purpose of government is to secure our God-given rights which the Constitution stated. Instead, it is to determine and grant us our rights. We've replaced Father God with Mother Nature and Uncle Sam."

"With the growing unrest, the growing fears of so many people, the growing recognition that we're just terribly off-course as a nation somehow, I think it is inevitable now that the pendulum is about

to swing. The question is this: in what direction?" asked Mike. "This is a very important time—for all believers, for patriots, for everyone who loves and cherishes what it means to be an American—to be prepared with an answer. We need to understand and remind ourselves about our core principles so we can pass them along to the next generation."

Their first episode, "Can America be Saved?," has already been ranked in the top 5% for podcasts. When asked why he thought it was so popular, Mike said, "There's not a lot of people taking a biblical perspective on current events and issues. The vast majority of people in this country still agree with these old, time-honored values that we believe in and have been raised on. I think it's refreshing [for them] to hear voices that affirm that."

Another aspect that people admire about Mike and Kelly's podcast is its air of hopefulness. "We have to be hopeful. We have to be optimistic," Mike said. "We live in the greatest country in the world, and we're

convinced that God is not done with America yet. We have no choice—we have to fix this country. We've got to preserve our freedoms. And we believe we can, so it's hopeful because that's who we are."

The Johnsons' intent is to have their podcast reflect their family dinner-table conversations. "We want to be talking about things that are really meaningful to people—that has application to their life," said Mike.

The second episode, "What is 'Conservatism' and Why Does It Matter So Much?," was released last week. In upcoming episodes, they will discuss a broad range of topics, including one they had planned on the long term effects of unresolved childhood trauma. "This is right in line with the stuff Kelly has been studying and trying to help people with," Mike said. "I'm really excited to ask questions of her—pick her brain a bit. She does all this marriage and family counseling. She has such great insight."

"Truth Be Told" can be found on most podcasting platforms, including Amazon Music and Apple Podcasts.

CRIME

Phone charger hanging in mirror leads to two drug arrests

STAFF REPORT

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A Webster Parish Sheriff's Deputy initiated a traffic stop because the driver's view was obstructed by a cell phone charger hanging from the rear view mirror. The deputy identified Gregory Lemons as the driver and Gregory Stroud as the passenger, who would ultimately be arrested on drug charges later in the traffic stop.

Shortly after initiating the traffic stop, the deputy noticed Lemons acting nervous. "He was very talkative, trying to change the subject of the traffic stop to deputies at the sheriff's office that he knows," the booking report stated.

While conducting the traffic stop, dispatch advised the deputy that Lemons had a suspended license. The deputy asked Lemons to step out of the vehicle to speak with him further.

"When asked if there was anything in the vehicle, he stated that there was not, then gave me consent to search," the report stated. Upon searching the vehicle, the

deputy located a suspected methamphetamine pipe concealed under the steering wheel and a small black magnetic box concealed under the passenger side of the rear bumper. "Inside the box I located 2 small baggies containing suspected methamphetamine," the report stated.

While conducting the search the deputy also asked Stroud to step out of his vehicle. Upon patting down Stroud, the deputy identified a cigarette pack concealed in his sock containing two suspected marijuana cigarettes.

Neither occupant claimed the methamphetamine. Both subjects claimed the other concealed it.

Both Lemons and Stroud were placed under arrest and transported to BDCC for booking on the charges of distribution of a schedule II substance, possession of a schedule I substance, and possession of drug paraphernalia, with Lemons receiving additional charges for driver view obstruction and driving under suspension.

GOVERNMENT

Lawmakers advance measure to ban vaccine passports on Louisiana driver's licenses

(The Center Square) – A Louisiana state representative wants to ban the Office of Motor Vehicles (OMV) from including vaccination status on driver's licenses, though some say the move is unnecessary.

The House voted 58-23 to approve House Bill 232, sponsored by Rep. Kathy Edmonston, R-Gonzales, to prohibit the OMV from including vaccination information on driver's licenses or state ID cards.

The bill also would prevent the OMV from using vaccine status in decisions on issuing or renewing licenses or ID cards.

"This bill is prohibitive, preemptive and proactive," Edmonston said last week on the House floor. "Overwhelmingly, citizens in my area and some of yours have asked that the driver's license not become a vaccine passport to be used for any type of medical information."

"This bill keeps the driver's license for driving purposes only," she said, noting that blood type is currently the only medical information published on state driver's licenses and IDs.

Edmonston pointed out that LA Wallet, the state's digital driver's license app, allows users to include COVID-19 vaccination status, if they choose.

Rep. John Stefanski, R-Crowley, questioned Edmonston over the need for HB 232 during the floor debate.

Edmonston confirmed that including vaccination status on state issued driver's licenses and IDs would require the Legislature to approve a law to allow it, and Stefanski argued Edmonston's bill does not change that reality.

"I don't disagree with what you're doing, I just don't think the legislation may be necessary," Stefanski said.

"Then don't vote for it," Edmonston shot back.


Rep. Barry Ivey, R-Baton Rouge, implied the legislation may be beneficial in the event the executive branch uses the Administrative Procedures Act to circumvent the Legislature to impose a rule that's not expressly authorized by lawmakers.

Ivey pointed out LA Wallet allows residents to include vaccination status, something lawmakers never approved.

Others argued HB 232 is "taking a liberty away" from folks who would prefer to include the information on their license.

"I should have the liberty to have on my driver's license anything I want to," Rep. Robby Carter, D-Amite, said. "You're trying to take away my liberty."

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EDUCATION

Lawmakers to education officials: Find money for special ed classroom cameras

(The Center Square) – Senators on the Louisiana Education Committee have tasked state education officials with finding money to install cameras in self-contained classrooms for special education students, and they approved a bill to set a deadline for schools to create camera policies. Committee members voted unanimously this week to approve Senate Bill 45, sponsored by Sen. Franklin Foil, R-Baton Rouge, to set a Dec. 31 deadline for schools to “adopt policies relative to the installation and operation of cameras that record both video and au-

dio in a classroom upon the written request of a parent or legal guardian.” The measure stems from complaints from parents of nonverbal special needs students who repeatedly have requested cameras to monitor how their children are treated in school. Foil sponsored a successful bill last legislative session that tasked schools with creating a camera policy, but the bill did not include a deadline and many schools have not complied, Foil told the committee Wednesday. “We thought it was an important policy because kids who are in these self-

contained classrooms for the most part are nonverbal, cannot advocate for themselves, and it’s a way to protect both the kids and the teachers,” Foil said. “Some school districts have gone forward and developed policies, and others have not. “And the parents would like to see the school districts at least develop a policy so when and if funding becomes available, it can be enacted fairly quickly,” he said. Foil’s previous bill and SB 45 do not require schools to install cameras, but instead mandate schools create policies for parent requests and in-

stall cameras “if funding becomes available.” Two mothers of nonverbal students pleaded with the committee to pressure schools to comply with the law, and to find a way to motivate schools to work with parents. Both women said they have exhausted their efforts locally to press the issue without success. Lawmakers questioned the cost of installing cameras in self-contained classrooms statewide, which Foil estimated at about \$6 million. Department of Education officials testified that schools received well over \$3 billion in federal COVID-19

funding, but schools are restricted in how they can spend the funds. Sen. Katrina Jackson, D-Monroe, asked education officials to report back to the committee with a more specific total cost to install cameras in self-contained classrooms statewide, “and if anywhere, where can you locate that funding in your budget.” Senate Appropriations Committee Chair Sen. Mack White, R-Baton Rouge, pointed to the billions of dollars allocated to schools from the state and federal government, and he suggested it would be in schools’ best inter-

ests to find a way to fund the cameras. “I’m not going to tell you what to do, but it seems like a reasonable ask to me, \$6 million out of \$3.5 billion. We send out about \$6 billion in (state school funding) already to the locals,” White said. “We do a lot of things, like they want a \$1,500 pay raise this year. You know, so I would ask them, we’re going to try to get you \$1,500, try to get a little bit of this money spent on cameras, they’re not real expensive.”

LEGISLATION

Lawmakers override Edwards’ veto of congressional redistricting maps

(The Center Square) – Louisiana lawmakers voted Wednesday to override Gov. John Bel Edwards’ veto of the congressional redistricting map they approved last month before quickly concluding a special session that lasted about three hours. The Louisiana House voted, 72-31, and the Senate voted, 27-11, to override Edwards’ veto of House Bill 1 and Senate Bill 5, identical measures that establish new congressional districts for the next decade. The vote was the first time since 1993 the Legislature successfully mustered the two-thirds majority in both chambers to overrule a gubernatorial veto. Edwards vetoed the legislation March 9 “because it does not add a second majority minority district and runs afoul of federal law,” he wrote. Democrats and voting rights activists argued throughout the special redistricting session in February the state’s growing Black population – now at about one-third of the total population – deserves the opportunity to elect a representative of their choice in two of Louisiana’s six congressional districts. Republicans countered that diluting the existing minority majority district to create another could result in no opportunity and repeatedly cited competing priorities in the process, including state and federal laws and criteria set by the Legislature last year. Rep. John Stefanski, R-Crowley, presented HB 1, sponsored by Speaker

Clay Schexnayder, R-Gonzales, in the House for the override vote, stressing the chamber’s constitutional duty to create new congressional districts every decade. “Most of you understand why we’re here today,” he said. Reps. Denise Marcelle, D-Baton Rouge, and Royce Duplessis, D-New Orleans, spoke up in opposition to HB 1 to urge a “no” vote on the override. Marcelle questioned Stefanski on why lawmakers bothered to gather public input on the map, which overwhelmingly called for a second minority majority district, if they did not intend on incorporating the feedback. She also cited several other proposed maps that did include a second minority majority district that were disregarded in committee. “I’m not interested in rehashing that,” Stefanski said. Duplessis cited the 4.4% increase in the Black population between 2010 and 2020, argued the redistricting process was “rife with politics” and alleged HB 1 violated the Voting Rights Act of 1965. “If it put the people first, we’d have a map with two districts for African Americans in this state,” he said. Sen. Sharon Hewitt, R-Slidell, sponsor of SB 5, told her colleagues she believes in her “heart of hearts” the map in the bill is the best possible provided the restraints on the redistricting process spelled out in state and federal law. She also quoted a passage from the Voting

Rights Act of 1965 that explicitly states minority districts need not be proportional to the population. “Unfortunately, this is not something you can do on emotion. We have to follow the state and federal laws,” she said. “And it does matter where they live.” Several Black senators offered their thoughts on the vote and what it meant for the chamber and state. “What this bill represents is a violation of the U.S. Constitution,” said Sen. Karen Peterson, D-New Orleans. “I don’t feel seen. I don’t feel equal.” Peterson said a successful override means Black residents are “being ignored, just like my ancestors, hundreds of years

later.” Sen. Gerald Boudreaux, D-Lafayette, and others who addressed the upper chamber said Wednesday’s vote would not be the final step for congressional redistricting, pointing to at least one pending lawsuit challenging the legislation. “My solace comes in that there’s another step in the process, and it will be in the courts,” Boudreaux said. Edwards said he was disappointed by the vote but not surprised. “Unfortunately, this demonstrates that the state of Louisiana, even in 2022, isn’t ready to come out of some form of supervision,” he said, referencing the state’s history with federal preclearance.



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Continued from Page 1 ing to take the privilege of saying I’m immunized away from me by saying I can’t put it on my driver’s license.” Edmonston countered that the option is available through LA Wallet. Rep. Marcus Bryant, D-New Iberia, said LA Wallet is not accepted as proof of vaccine status at airports or other venues, while driver’s licenses are accepted as official documents. “I know what you want, I understand it and I’m voting for your bill, I just wish you would leave the window open or the option open – because we can’t use LA Wallet at the

airport, we can’t use it when we’re going through customs, we can’t use it in other states – that we allow it to be put on our license that we have been vaccinated,” he said. “I would be grateful if you did leave it up to the person,” Bryant said, “but not mandate that any state agency have the authority to do it without that person’s consent.” The bill now moves to the Senate for consideration. Gov. John Bel Edwards vetoed an identical bill sponsored by Edmonston last year because he argued it “contributes to the false narrative that the COVID-19 vaccines are anything other than safe and incredibly effective.”

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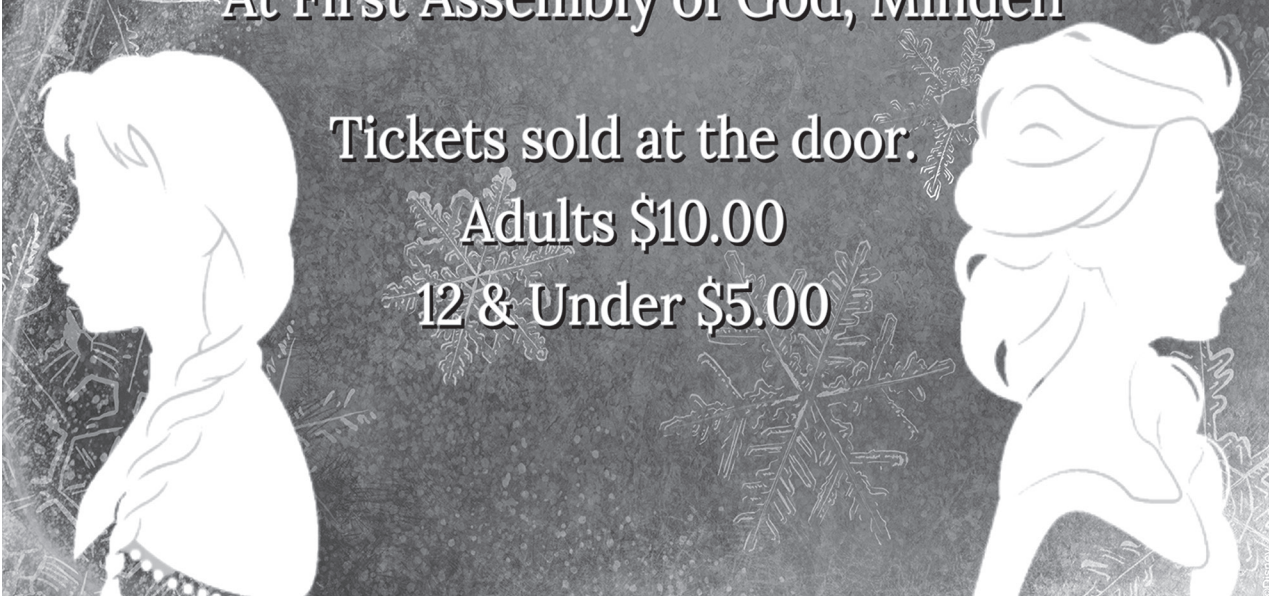
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OBITUARIES



Gerald Wayne Reeves

Gerald Wayne Reeves, 73, of Ruston, Louisiana, passed from this earthly world to his heav-

enly home suddenly on the morning of March 27, 2022, from what is believed to be a heart condition.

Gerald was born in Shreveport, Louisiana, on September 2, 1948, to Patsy R. Gaddis and Billy L. Reeves. After graduating from Fairpark High School in Shreveport, he attended Louisiana Tech University and earned his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. Gerald began his retail career with West Brothers of Minden, Louisiana, and worked in South Louisiana and in Arkansas. He then began his work with Bealls Department Store as the Manager in Camden, Arkansas, where he met “Mrs. Rosemary” the love of his life. They were married in May of 1975 and moved to Minden, Louisiana, to continue as a Bealls manager. He finished his career as the Director of the Louisiana Tech bookstore where he was affectionately known as “Uncle Gerald.” There he touched the lives of many students, employees and other faculty members who he continued to love to see around town from time to time.

During those years at Louisiana Tech and into retirement, he loved to spend time with his friends, “the Bubba Boys,” and other “Brothers” as he would call them. They enjoyed coffee in the mornings, traveling, and watching Louisiana Tech baseball games when not spending time with his grandchildren. He even found time to work part-time for Bienville Medical Inspiration Outpatient Counseling Center.

Gerald and Rosemary attend Temple Baptist Church in Ruston. He was a faithful follower of Christ. Through the years he served as a Deacon at First Baptist Church in Minden, Louisiana, and was 4th Grade Sunday School teacher. He was a wonderful Bible Drill leader and enjoyed chaperoning youth mission

trips. Anyone who knew Gerald knew him to be kind, genuine, and incredibly funny. He could make anybody laugh with his antics. He was the kind of man that never met a stranger. He always wore a smile, and his big, bountiful energy could be felt the minute he walked into a room. His loud hollers of, “Hey, brother” or “Haooo” announced his presence and was an invitation to his world. His laugh was loud and contagious and will be greatly missed.

Known by his family as “Nanoo” after his first granddaughter, Emma Jane, affectionately labeled him, he was the pillar the family depended on. He was deeply loved and will be missed more than words can express.

Gerald is preceded in death by his father, Billy L. Reeves; his special nephew Allen Vaughan; great-nephew Justin Vaughan; and his beloved German Shepard, Cooper. He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Rosemary Nussey Reeves; daughter and son-in-law Stephanie and Mike Reeves of Simsboro, LA; son and daughter-in-law Brian and Dianna Reeves of Keller, TX; four beloved grandchildren Emma Jane, Michael, Sophia, and Spencer; his mother Pat Reeves of Shreveport, LA; his sister Beverly Reeves, and two brothers, Billy Reeves (Renee) and Randall Reeves (Marica); his sister-in-law and brother-in-law Connie and Mike Vaughan; sister-in-law and brother-in-law Debbie and Tony Nussey; sister-in-law Christine Olvey, along with several special nieces and nephews whom he loved very much. A memorial service to honor Gerald will be held Thursday, March 31, 2022, at 2 pm at Temple Baptist Church in Ruston, Louisiana, under the direction of Kilpatrick Funeral Homes. A time for visitation will be prior to the service at 1 pm with burial to follow the service at Kilpatrick Memorial Gardens. Officiants will be Reverend Reggie Bridges and David Harrell with special music provided by Richard Hood. Pallbearers will be Billy Chanler, Dr. Michael Chanler, Matt Hunter, Tony Nussey, Gary Vaughan and Tim Vaughan. Honorary Pallbearers are Jerry Drewett, Danny Fitzpatrick, Ed Griswold, Joe Thomas, Sammy White and Ronnie Wiggins. In lieu of flowers, please consider memorials made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital or Temple Baptist Church.



William “Bill” Gene Toelkes

William “Bill” Gene Toelkes entered into heaven on March 27, 2022 at home with his wife and daughter by his side.

Bill was born on January 28, 1950 in Hays, Kansas to Donald Gene Toelkes and Patricia Jean Turnbull Toelkes. He grew up in Minden, Louisiana and graduated from Minden High School in 1969.

He joined the United States Marine Corps in 1969 and served as a reservist for six years.

He went to work for Goodyear in Trenton, Missouri where he met and married Linda Taul on September 11, 1971. He knew she was the one when he saw her in her 1963 red Chevy Impala. He and Linda had one daughter, Sonja. His daughter was his world.

Bill worked in the Oil and Gas industry for 46 years. He started out in the warehouse at Bovaird Supply Company in 1971. He worked his way up to Vice President of Operations. He went on to work for Continental Emsco, Wilson Supply, Bell Supply, and PCC. He retired in 2017. Everyone knew that if you needed to know what to do to get the job done you called Bill.

Everyone in the family will remember Bill’s sense of humor. If there were antics or pranks involved, you knew where to look. Bill would want to be remembered as a great hunter and golfer...even if that

wasn’t always the case.

Bill was a member of Wesley United Methodist Church in Greenville, Texas and a member of the Covenant Sunday School class.

He loved his family. His most fun and cherished times in retirement were fishing with Andrew and watching Lizzie cheer.

Bill loved to travel. Some of his favorite memories were taking family vacations. He loved going to Hawaii, New Orleans, Las Vegas, Alaska, and Disney World with the grandkids. He loved our yearly trips to Beavers Bend and was always up for a good night of roasting smores, shooting pool, and playing poker with Andrew and Elizabeth.

He loved family get-togethers at Thanksgiving and Christmas. Christmas service at church was one of his favorite traditions. He loved music from the 50’s and 60’s. He liked to sing these old songs to his grandkids.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents. Still carrying on his legacy are his wife Linda, daughter Sonja Toelkes Cavett and her husband Chris, grandchildren Andrew Parker Cavett and Elizabeth Ann Cavett, sisters Judy Miller and Donna Marsalis, and brother Rodney Toelkes.

A celebration of life is scheduled for April 9, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. at Wesley United Methodist Church in Greenville, Texas with a reception to follow. Reverend Chris Yost will officiate.

Arrangements are being handled by Lynch Funeral Service in Greenville, Texas. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the General Fund at Wesley United Methodist Church P. O. Box 864 Greenville, TX 75403. Please visit lynch-funeralservice.com to make online condolences.

band, Byron Lear and son David Lear.

She is survived by her son, Steven Lear of Shreveport; daughter, Denise McCormick and husband Johnny of Minden; sisters, Sarah Talbert of Pitkin, Ruby Mathews of Minden, and Patricia Kellogg of Springhill; brother, Charles “Toby” Anderson and wife Patricia of Shreveport; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren and one great on the way.

Pallbearers will be Ryan Strange, Charles Linder, Blake Purland, Jason Anderson, Ray Anderson, and Gary Don Mathews.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to LMBIS, 102 Seminary Drive, Minden, Louisiana 71055 or Shriners Children’s Hospital.

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Doris Jean Lear

Funeral services celebrating the life of Doris Jean Lear will be held Saturday, April 2, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. at Eastside Mis-

sionary Baptist Church in Minden, Louisiana with Rev. Chet Johnson and Rev. Kevin Arinder officiating. Interment will follow at Gardens of Memory in Minden, Louisiana. The family will receive friends from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. Friday, April 1, 2022, at Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Minden.

Doris was born August 14, 1937, in Winnfield, Louisiana and entered into rest March 29, 2022, in Minden, Louisiana.

She is preceded in death by her hus-

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OTHER OPINION

Don't mess with the app stores

DAN SAVICKAS
Special to the Minden Press-Herald

It seems as if there is an app for almost everything on smart phones lately. Consumers have options ranging from mindless games to online dating available instantly at their fingertips. These massive digital marketplaces are made possible because of agreements made between app developers and companies like Apple and Google, who run these marketplaces. Unfortunately, a Louisiana bill is threatening the functionality and effectiveness of these marketplaces, and consumer security as well.

The bill in question, HB 641, would force app store providers to allow third-party in-app payment processing systems. This jeopardizes the careful balance struck between distributors and app developers. Distributors can give developers access to their broad platforms like the Apple App Store or Google Play Store at very little cost. They do this by requiring developers to use the same payment processing systems, so they can take a small share of the generated revenue. It's a win for both parties.

However, multi-billion-dollar developers like Epic Games and Match Group want to circumvent this requirement altogether to avoid these revenue sharing agreements. Forcing app store providers to allow them to do so is a giveaway to these developers and a backdoor tax on consumers. Often, the reason device manufacturers and operating system providers can offer services at such a low cost is because of these agreements. Without them, they will have to offset those losses by charging more on the front-end for consumers, such as when they purchase a smart



PHOTO BY JAMES YAREMA ON UNSPLASH

device. Big developers benefit while consumers suffer.

The logic behind HB 641 also ignores the fact that app developers already have a bevy of options to collect revenue outside of the distributors' payment processing system. Users can make downloads and purchases on their phone's web browser without going through the apps or app stores. Companies like Spotify and Match market gift cards for their apps in retail stores that can be purchased and redeemed without going through the unified processing system. Alternatives already exist. This legislative push is not about creating an alternative, but making it easier for developers to make money on the backs of platforms without having to share revenue.

There is also the question of security. The insistence of distributors on a single payment processing system is not purely for the sake of recouping costs. It also helps them ensure that transactions taking place on their devices are secure and not fraudulent. This saves them

the time and effort it would require to vet hundreds, if not thousands of different payment systems. It also builds trust with consumers, who will know that in-app purchases they make are secure and they are not jeopardizing their sensitive personal information, such as credit card numbers and addresses.

Given that HB 641 is a state bill, the logistics of its implementation would be a nightmare were it to pass. One of two scenarios would transpire, after expensive and protracted litigation in which the state is unlikely to prevail for myriad reasons, not least of which is attempting to regulate interstate commerce. The first is that companies like Apple and Google will have to develop an entirely different framework for dealing with app purchases inside Louisiana's borders. This would be a costly, inefficient endeavor and would raise costs across the nation, putting the Louisiana legislature in the position of just having raised costs on millions of consumers

they do not represent.

The second is that these companies will limit their business dealings in Louisiana. Given the importance and prevalence of these technologies, this would be a devastating blow for residents. The legislature would effectively be making it more complicated and costly to do business in the state. If these companies find the first scenario outlined above too onerous and expensive, the tech exodus from Louisiana would be very real and very costly.

The final, most straightforward issue with a bill like this is that it is a solution to a problem that simply does not exist. No one is forcing app developers into these agreements. They are free to walk away from the table if they don't find the terms acceptable. However, they want access to the digital marketplaces offered and secured by distributors. And, distributors want a portion of revenue from app transactions. Both parties have something the other wants. So, they make a deal through a simple negotiation. Unfortunately, under HB 641, one party in this negotiation is presumed to have some sort of entitlement without making a concession to the other. This is antithetical to our free market system.

As the nation has learned over time, when government picks winners and losers in the market, there are severe consequences for the broader economy and for consumers. With HB 641, those consequences are already evident and predictable. It is Louisiana residents who stand to bear the brunt of fiscal and security consequences.

DANIEL SAVICKAS IS THE DIRECTOR OF TECH POLICY AT THE TAXPAYERS PROTECTION ALLIANCE.

OTHER OPINION

Lift tariffs to help supply chain problems

CARLOS SOLÓRZANO-CUADRA
Special to the Minden Press-Herald

One of the pervading headlines throughout the past year focused on just how much global supply chain disruption issues have affected American businesses and consumers across the country. Bottlenecks have created significant uncertainty for many businesses, so much so that President Joe Biden met with industry leaders at the White House several times to discuss the situation at the end of last year.

Unfortunately, these problems are likely to continue. Industry experts and business leaders are warning that these same supply chain problems could last throughout this year and potentially beyond. This will keep significant strains on businesses and families as they navigate continued uncertainty in the economy brought on by higher prices and higher costs

of doing business.

Taken together, this now becomes one of the Biden administration's biggest challenges as it faces a contentious midterm election season in the year ahead. How can President Biden and the economic leaders in his administration ease the burden that businesses are facing and will likely continue to face in the years ahead? Perhaps a solution could be found in how the Biden administration approaches global trade.

To date, President Biden has left former President Donald Trump's signature tariffs on imports from China largely untouched, as he and United States Trade Representative Katherine Tai work to better define how the administration will handle trade with China. However, this inaction has had serious consequences for U.S. businesses, as tariffs make the materials and products they need to run their business

more expensive. If they can't absorb the costs, they are faced with serious challenges that can lead to job loss and can force businesses to pass a portion of the costs on to consumers.

Why? Because tariffs are not paid by other countries. They are taxes paid to the U.S. government by American businesses and consumers. The longer these tariffs are left in place, the higher the costs become for industries across the nation. The costs currently sit at just under \$130 billion and counting.

The Biden administration should make it a priority to finally lift these tariffs and relieve American businesses of something that has held them back for more than three years. Lifting the tariffs now would be smart policy, particularly as businesses deal with the continuing strain of supply chain issues, and would provide

businesses, workers, and families with some much-needed peace of mind until these supply chains can recover.

Many of the challenges we faced last year did not end when the calendar turned over to 2022. To ease the burden, the Biden administration should take every action under its control to make it easier for businesses to deal with these challenges, starting with the trade war. Use of tariffs was misguided policy from the start that was always bound to do more harm than good, and we've seen it play out in real time as the trade war approaches its fourth anniversary. For the good of our businesses, families, and communities, it is time to put an end to the trade war and tariffs.

CARLOS SOLÓRZANO-CUADRA IS THE CEO OF THE HISPANIC CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE OF SAN FRANCISCO.

EDITORIAL ROUNDUP

WSJ: Biden needs new advisors, help from Congress

More or less the whole world—including his own advisers on background—has criticized President Biden for his latest gaffe in saying in his Warsaw speech on Saturday that Vladimir Putin “cannot remain in power.” There’s no need to pile on. And someone should say that Mr. Biden’s unscripted remark did have the virtue of telling the truth that the problem in Russia won’t end even if Mr. Putin orders his troops out of Ukraine.

Mr. Biden’s remark, even after its repudiation on Sunday by Secretary of State Antony Blinken, may well make it harder to negotiate with Mr. Putin over Ukraine or anything else. And Mr. Biden’s habit of misstating his own policies—no fewer than three times during his European trip—is especially dangerous amid an international crisis.

Then again, the same critics who are lambasting Mr. Biden helped to hide his obviously fading capacities in the 2020 campaign. They circled the wagons around his Delaware basement because they thought he was the only Democrat who could defeat Donald Trump.

The reality is that we have to live with

Mr. Biden for three more years as President. And please stop writing letters imploring us to demand that Mr. Biden resign. Do you really want Vice President Kamala Harris in the Oval Office? She was chosen as a bow to identity politics to unite the Democratic Party in the election campaign, not for her ability to fill the President’s shoes. In the last 14 months she has failed to demonstrate even the minimum knowledge or capacity for the job. We are fated to make the best of the President we have.

In that regard, Members of Congress of both parties will have to play a more assertive role, and the good news is that they have been doing so to good effect on Ukraine. Congress has stiffened Mr. Biden’s resolve on sanctions and military aid. The pattern is that the White House resists a tougher policy until it faces a defeat or difficult vote on Capitol Hill. Bipartisan coalitions of the willing will be even more important as the war continues, and threats from Iran, China and North Korea escalate.

As we’ve argued, Mr. Biden would also be wise to bring some high-profile con-

servatives and Republicans into his Administration. In 1940, as the prospect of world war approached, FDR brought in experienced GOP internationalists Henry Stimson as Secretary of War and Frank Knox as Secretary of the Navy. They built credibility with the public and on Capitol Hill for the hard choices to come.

Harry Truman worked with GOP Sen. Arthur Vandenberg to build support for NATO at the dawn of the Cold War. Jimmy Carter at least had the hawkish Zbigniew Brzezinski as his national security adviser when the Soviets tried to exploit Mr. Carter’s weakness.

Mr. Blinken has shown impressive energy as Secretary of State, and he was right in advising Mr. Biden not to withdraw in toto from Afghanistan. But Mr. Biden desperately needs to diversify the advice he gets beyond the liberal internationalists who dominate his councils. Susan Rice, Ron Klain and Jake Sullivan have the Afghan failure on their resumes.

Better advice is needed because Mr. Biden is right that the Russia problem won’t go away as long as Mr. Putin sits in the Kremlin. This doesn’t mean open

advocacy of regime change is wise. Russians will have to decide if Mr. Putin must go.

But Mr. Biden’s muscular assertions in the written text of his Warsaw speech need to be supported by more than rhetoric. The U.S. and the West need to urgently restore and strengthen the credibility of their military and diplomatic deterrents. More hawkish advisers would send a more determined signal to the world—and especially to adversaries.

The world is entering the most dangerous period since the Soviet Union collapsed, and perhaps since the 1930s. The COVID crisis obscured the trend, but the dangers have become obvious as adversaries have reacted to what they perceive to be the American decline, division and weakness at the root of the Afghanistan debacle. Mr. Biden needs to back up his Warsaw words with a defense buildup and far more diplomatic realism to confront the great risks ahead.

SPORTS



COURTESY PHOTO

Doyline’s Clark honored

Doyline High School junior Jamaria Clark has been named a Louisiana Class B All State boys baseball second-team selection as voted on by the Louisiana Sports Writers Association. Clark averaged 31 points per game last season for the Panthers.

DBU beats Bulldogs in Top 21 showdown

T. SCOTT BOATRIGHT
Minden Press-Herald

RUSTON — No. 21 Louisiana Tech left 13 baserunners stranded Tuesday night as the Bulldogs fell to No. 17 Dallas Baptist in baseball action at the Love Shack.

“Those were two really good teams playing tonight,” said Tech coach Lane Burroughs. That was a regional type of game. I told our guys after the game, that’s what those games look like. We saw really good arms on both sides throwing 95 mph and up. Obviously, we do not like to lose. Nobody hates losing more than me. But like I tell the guys all the time, if you compete and play hard and leave it out there I have no problem with it. And we did that tonight. We competed our tails off. We competed to the last out. Sometimes it doesn’t go your way and it didn’t tonight.”

The ballgame was scoreless through the first two innings before the Patriots got on the board first as Nate Rombach came around to score on a wild pitch in the third.

Dallas Baptist led off the top of the fourth with three hits to score a pair of runs.

LA Tech finally lit up the score-



PHOTO BY GRACIE KIMBRELL/COURTESY OF LA TECH ATHLETICS COMMUNICATIONS

Louisiana Tech left 13 runners on base Tuesday night as the Bulldogs lost to Dallas 7-4 at JC Love Field.

board in the fifth inning thanks to a Cole McConnell RBI single up the middle. Steele Netterville followed with a single and Phillip Matulia drove him in with a single to center field. All three hits came with two out to cut DBU’s lead 3-2.

But the Patriots answered with a two spot in the sixth on a throwing error and a fielder’s choice

“The wind was blowing in really

hard,” McConnell said. “We got on some balls. Steele Netterville and Walker Burchfield both hit balls that would normally be no-doubt-ers. But so did (DBU). It’s really hard to split a gap with the wind.”

Tech’s Greg Martinez suffered his first loss of the season going three innings allowing six hits, three earned runs and striking out two batters.

Lady Tide rolls past Northwood



MINDEN PRESS-HERALD PHOTOS BY T. SCOTT BOATRIGHT

Coach Shelby Leach (left) saw her Minden High School softball team get back in a winning track on Tuesday as the Lady Tide rolled to a 10-0 win over Northwood.

Minden plates 10 runs off of 12 hits vs. Falcons

T. SCOTT BOATRIGHT
Minden Press-Herald

The Minden High School softball team started strong and threw the knockout blow in the fourth inning Tuesday as the Lady Tide took a 10-0 home win over Northwood.

Minden’s Jacey Adams hit a two-single to open scoring for the Lady Tide in the bottom of the first inning and MHS added another pair of runs in the bottom of the second to move out in front

with a 4-0 advantage.

The Lady Tide doubled that lead in the fourth inning as Ella Floyd, Ada Faith Gilbert, Alivia McKenzie and Kendall Lynn all drove in runs.

Kylie Ryan, Leigha Kennon-Gilbert, Adams, and Lynn all had multiple hits for the Lady Tide with Ryan smashing a two-run homer in the bottom of the fifth to cap off the win.

Ryan also pitched for the Lady Tide and picked up the shutout win.

Parish softball power rankings

(Rankings/information provided by GeauxPreps.com)

TEAM	RECORD	CLASS/POWER RANKING
Minden	14-5	4A/Third (25.3158)
North Webster	8-11	3A/25th (19.4474)
Lakeside	4-11	2A/31st (14.4667)
Doyline	9-5	B/12th (24.2143)

Lady Techsters fall to Demons on road

Minden Press-Herald Sports Service

NATCHITOCHES —It was a night short on highlights for Louisiana Tech.

Northwestern State’s Sage Hoover struck out 11 batters and led the Demons to a 6-2 win over the Lady Techsters at Lady Demons Diamond Tuesday night.

Hoover struck out the first three batters of the game and never looked back as NSU got a pair of home runs in defeating Tech for the second time this season.

Kat Marshall hit a 2-run home run off Tech starter Emma Hutchinson with two outs in the bottom of the second inning to give NSU the early advantage.

Tech (20-14) responded in the top of the fourth inning. Amanda Gonzalez was hit by a pitch for the 12th time this year, and Caroline Easom followed with a no-doubt shot over the left centerfield wall, tying the game at 2-2. It was Easom’s third home run of the year.

But that was it for Tech.

Northwestern State plated two



PHOTO BY GRACIE KIMBRELL/COURTESY OF LA TECH ATHLETICS COMMUNICATIONS

Louisiana Tech’s Kate Cooper closes in on a catch Tuesday evening at Northwestern State University.

runs in the bottom of the fourth to retake the lead and added two more in the fifth.

Tanjala Smith had two of Tech’s four hits in the game while Easom

and Kara Goff each added a hit.

Hutchinson (5-5) took the loss, allowing four runs — three earned — on five hits and one walk with one strikeout.



COURTESY PHOTO

The Minden High School baseball team saw a close game get away late as North Webster plated a run in the bottom of the seventh to earn the walk-off win.

Parish baseball power rankings

(Rankings/information provided by GeauxPreps.com)

TEAM	RECORD	CLASS/POWER RANKING
Minden	10-6	4A/17th (20.6250)
North Webster	11-8	3A/11th (20.1579)
Lakeside	11-6	2A/14th (21.2941)
Doyline	7-6	B/12th (20.6923)

SCORES

North Webster 6, Minden 5
Doyline 14, Bossier 2

GSU’s Holt named to BOXTOROW All-American Team

Minden Press-Herald Sports Service

GRAMBLING — Grambling State University graduate guard Alexis Holt was named to the BOXTOROW All-American Team on Wednesday.

Holt, a First Team All-Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC)

performer and SWAC All-Tournament team selection, played in all 30 games for Grambling State. She averaged 36.6 minutes, while contributing 17.0 points, 5.3 rebounds, 3.5 assists and 2.0 steals per game. In addition, the Epps, La. native shot nearly 41 percent

from the floor and 74.2 percent from the foul line.

In the conference tournament, Holt played all 40 minutes in a quarterfinal win over Alabama A&M where she registered 15 points, six rebounds, five assists and two steals. In the semifinal loss to Alabama State, Holt placed

the Lady Tigers with a game-high 24 points, six boards, five assists and one steal.

Joining Holt as First Team All-Americans were Andriana Avent and Ataiya Bridges (Texas Southern), Ayana Emmanuel (Alabama State), Zaay Green (Arkansas-Pine

Bluff), Dariauna Lewis (Alabama A&M) and Ameshya Williams-Holliday (Jackson State).

Jaia Alexander (Coppin State), Camille Downs and Deja Francis (Norfolk State), Anzhane’ Hutton (Howard), Chanin Scott (North Carolina A&T State) and Nylah Young

(Hampton) were named Second Team All-Americans.

Jackson State swept the major awards as Williams-Holliday was named the BOXTOW Player of the Year, while Tomekia Reed earned the BOXTOROW Coach of the Year honor.

Good News

GOOD NEWS

RETURNING TO JERUSALEM FOR THE LAST TIME

Once Jesus recognized that his teachings concerning his mission on earth was being understood by the disciples (see Matt 16:13-20), He turned toward Jerusalem and headed South for the last time. Matt 16: 21 tells how Jesus began to explain to his disciples (again) that “He must go to Jerusalem, suffer at the hands of the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and ultimately be killed and on the third day be raised from the grave to ascend to the Father in heaven.” Although they did not fully understand him or believe him – it seems, the intensity of his teaching

began to mount with speed.

Peter continues to try to stop Jesus from talking about these morbid things. What He was saying was far from the kind of words they wanted to hear from their king who would rise with power over the Romans and expel them from their land.” Surely Peter was beginning to see that this was not going to happen, yet he still tried to stall Jesus’ plans. Being with Jesus, James and John on the Mount of Transfigura-

tion would surely clarify his thinking!

Oh but, No! He wanted to stay up on the mountain top with Jesus (just like we all want to do sometimes)

“and let the rest of the world go by.” There was Moses. Elijah and Jesus –and these disciples and they failed to grasped the significance of the moment. 17:5 God, Himself, speaks and

the disciples heard Him say, “This is my beloved Son, whom I love, with Him I am well pleased. Listen to Him!” From this point forward, Jesus’ teaching became

more intense, using every opportunity to state truths concerning His power to forgive sin and to heal the sick, blind and lame. He taught them many parables, some with strong and straightforward meanings and applications, like this: seeking the lost sheep; forgiving a brother who sins against you, divorce, the vineyard workers and healing the two blind men. One feels the urgency in his methods to ‘cramp much into these last few days with his disciples.’

With each event, there were reminders of the shadow of the Cross in the distance.

The cross became brighter as they neared Jerusalem for it had been revealed to him what was in store upon reaching the city. However, Jesus – the Son of God – knew the details for He quoted them from the Old Testament prophecies. He knew they spoke of Him and what the Father had laid out before him. So the narrow path led them down to Bethphage, on the edge of Jerusalem, where they would eat the Passover meal.

The walls of Jerusalem were echoing with shouts of ‘Hosanna, Hosanna – Blessed be the kingdom of our father, David.’ Mark

11:10-11. He was fulfilling the prophecy of Zechariah 9:9 by riding into town on a colt of a donkey that had never carried a rider. Their pent-up hopes were revealed by their enthusiasm to crown him king. For 600 years the people of Israel had been waiting for this moment, and now, the time has come – ‘our king is here!’ Today, he was making a triumphant entry, but wait and see what happens next to the Son of Man.

BILL CRIDER IS CHAPLAIN OF MINDEN MEDICAL CENTER



Bill Crider

THE UPWARD LOOK

Glory to God

“to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.” Ephesians 3:21 NASB

as the gospel of Christ is proclaimed to every generation. God will be praised throughout eternity for His greatness and grace!



Max Hutto

God and God alone deserves glory! He deserves glory, honor, and praise for all that He has done to provide salvation, redeeming sinful people by His grace through faith in Christ. He deserves glory, honor, and praise for all that He has done to unite together Jewish and Gentile believers from all races and people groups into one body, the church, in Christ. God will be praised

Lord God, I add my voice to the church in heartfelt worship to You for You are worthy to be praised. May all that I say and do bring You glory, honor, and praise.

MAX HUTTO IS A BAPTIST MINISTER AND A RESIDENT OF MINDEN. MORE INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND AT WWW.UPWARDLOOK.ORG.

INSPIRATION

Perseverance

Joseph the youngest son of Jacob was like an impossible situation but instead of quitting he persevered. Joseph a dream of being a ruler over many. This includes his brother’s and also his father. Naturally, this dream doesn’t go over well

with his family and ultimately ends in his brother’s selling him into slavery and faking his death.

However, this doesn’t defer the dream. Joseph lived for the Lord and never lost faith and his dream

became reality. Joseph not only became the ruler of Egypt but the ruler of his family. Joseph had many qualities that we should emulate. However, the one I want to focus on in this Writing is perseverance. Joseph was put into what would seem

like an impossible situation but instead of quitting he persevered.

Joseph’s dream was always fated to be a reality because it was also God’s dream. This fact brings us to

my challenge for this message. I challenge everyone to go into the future asking God what his dream is

for their life. The journey might be difficult but the destination will be glorious and all you need to do is

have faith and Persevere. Because we serve a God that always keeps his promises.



Bernard Harris

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

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March 15, 2022
March 18, 2022
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Minden Planning Commission Meeting

April 7, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.

Pelican Room - Minden City Hall

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

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

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

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

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

MIDFIRST BANK VS. BILLIE RATLIFF

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

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

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

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

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Said property seized is that of the defendant and will be sold to satisfy a judgment rendered in our Honorable Court.

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SHERIFF'S SALE

FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION VS. CHARLES JOSEPH JURASZEK AND VIVIANNE MAE GENTRY JURASZEK

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

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

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

That certain manufactured/mobile home situated on the above described property, being a 2008 Cappaert Manufactured Housing, Serial No. CHVM050885625-

994 A/B, which said manufactured home/mobile home was immobilized pursuant to Affidavit to Immobilize Manufactured Home dated May 23, 2008 and filed for record as Instrument No. 504578 of the records of Webster Parish, Louisiana.

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SHERIFF'S SALE

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. VS. LINDA BARNETT KONRAD A/K/A LINDA B. KONRAD A/K/A LINDA KONRAD

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 79839

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, May 4, 2022, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

Lot 8, Lake-View Subdivision, a subdivision of Webster Parish, Louisiana, as per plat recorded in Map Book 3, Page 35 of the Conveyance Records of Webster Parish, Louisiana, together with all buildings and improvements located thereon.

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Linda Vaughan - Deputy

April 1, 2022
April 29, 2022
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SHERIFF'S SALE

GIBSLAND BANK & TRUST COMPANY VS. GREGORY WADE BEENE

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana,

No. 79716

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, May 4, 2022, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

Beginning at the Northeast corner of the South 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Southeast 1/4 of Section 14, Township 19 North, Range 10 West, run South 120 on the East line of the Northwest 1/4 of Southeast 1/4; thence run South 75 degrees West 230 ft more or less to a fence marking the West right of way line of U.S. Hwy 371; thence run South 77 ft more or less along the West right of way line of Hwy 371 to a fence extending westerly to the East right of way line of the Old Minden-Cotton Valley Rd; thence run westerly along the iron fence 238.40 feet, more or less, to the East right of way line of the Old Minden-Cotton Valley Rd; thence continue northwesterly along the east right of way line 460 ft more or less to the North line of the South 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of southeast 1/4; thence run Easterly on the North line of the South 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Southeast 1/4 600 ft, more or less, to the point of beginning, together with all buildings and improvements located thereon, municipally known as 613 Doc Steed Rd, Minden, Louisiana 71055

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

Linda Vaughan - Deputy

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing of the Webster Parish Police Jury will be held on **Tuesday, April 5, 2022** at 10:30 a.m. on the west side of the Webster Parish Courthouse Annex, Police Jury Meeting Room at 401 Main Street, Minden, Louisiana. The Public Hearing is to hear comments concerning the **adoption of Webster Parish Reapportionment Plan 1 of the Webster Parish Police Jury.**

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SHERIFF'S SALE

SELENE FINANCE LP VS. CHARLES E. TRIM, A/K/A CHARLES E. TRIM, SR., CHARLES EDWARD TRIM, CHARLES EDWARD TRIM, SR., CHARLES TRIM, CHARLES TRIM, SR.

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. CV79832

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, May 4, 2022, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

LOT FIVE (5), BLOCK V of the Town of Sibley, AND the NORTH EIGHTY (80) feet of LOTS ONE (1) and TWO (2), AND the NORTH EIGHTY (80) feet of the EAST TWENTY-FIVE (25) feet of LOT THREE (3), all in BLOCK V of the Town of Sibley, Webster Parish, Louisiana (also formerly known as Lanesville) located in the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NW/4 of NE/4) Section 21, Township 18 North, Range 9 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana, as shown by map and plat in Map Book 1, Page 1, Map Records of Webster Parish, Louisiana, together with all improvements thereon and all rights thereto belonging. The Municipal Address of the Property is 124 NE Natchitoches, Sibley, LA 71073

ALSO INCLUDING ONE (1) 2008 RIVER BIRCH MANUFACTURED HOME, being 30 X 80, and bearing Serial Numbers # R B 0 7 A L 1 2 5 1 3 A & R B 0 7 A L 1 2 5 1 3 B, which has been immobilized on the above described property by an Act of Immobilization being filed simultaneously herewith;

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Robert J. Morris A/K/A Robert Morris and

Dana P. Morris A/K/A Dana Morris and/or Anyone knowing their whereabouts, Please contact Richard E. Griffith, Attorney at Law, at 839 Kings Highway, Suite 200, Shreveport, Louisiana 71104, or (318) 222-0337.

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Anyone knowing the whereabouts of Mason Storm Studdard whose last known address was in Columbus, Mississippi, is asked to contact Jack W. Slaid, Attorney-at-Law at (318) 382-1177 or at 1374 Homer Road, Suite 200, Minden, LA 71055.

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FROM THE BACK PORCH

Daffodils are Food for the Soul

If one has been out- doors during these warmer days we’re ex- perienicing, it is almost a sure thing the pan- orama has included lots and lots of daffo- dils.

While reading a little info on the daffodils, I found that jonquil, nar- cissus and others are all members of the daf- fodil family. They may be different in appear- ance, however, a gener- alized term is daffodil.

I like the sound of the word almost as much as I like the beautiful

namesake.

For the past few weeks, these golden treasures have been popping up all around; in yards as well as at old deserted home places.

In early days, these were in almost every yard because of their beauty, their fragrance and they were easy to grow.

There are some in a yard across the road from us, some that were

lovingly planted by Hubby’s mother when she came to make her home near us. They have survived many years of drought, snow and ice but still are faithful to put on their lovely yellow bonnets when springtime ar- rives.

I picked a bouquet of them last week and they added such a de- lightful picture in my kitchen. I noticed to- day, there are still lots

of them blooming so I will be gathering an- other bouquet soon.

As I think about the bright yellow flower, I am reminded of Wil- liam Wordsworth’s poem about daffodils, (strangely) titled “I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud”.

The first verse goes like this;

“I wandered lonely as a cloud

That floats on high o’er vales and hills,

When all at once I saw a crowd,

A host of golden daf-

fodils,

Beside the lake, be- neath the trees

Fluttering and danc- ing in the breeze.”

He concludes with this:

“For oft, when on my couch I lie

In vacant or in pen- sive mood,

They flash upon that inward eye

Which is the bliss of solitude.

And then my heart with pleasure fills.

And dances with the daffodils.”

It is said the daffodil

is a symbol of hope, of overcoming obstacles and finally emerging victorious. I like the ref- erence attributed to the prophet Mohamed.

“Bread may be food for the body, daffodils are food for the soul.”

And I know they were a part of creation that our Heavenly Father placed here for us to enjoy. So, get out and revel in the springtime beauty.

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