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Community has a fun-filled, packed weekend with events taking place all over the city

Scottish Tartan Festival

AMBER MCDOWN
Minden Press-Herald

There was a great turn out for the Scottish Tartan Festival this year, with many interesting exhibitions and vendors plus wonderful spring weather too. Tartans of many different clans were represented, and numerous people dressed with the spirit of the festival in mind.

There were traditional pipers and modern bands, many dancers, and the parade of clans displaying their names and tartans. People watched cattle herding, blacksmithing, flintknapping, and kilt making. Folk young and old enjoyed the tales of the storytellers and the demonstrations with the broadsword.

A new record was set by Trey Campbell in the haggis eating contest, completing his traditional Scottish "pudding" (made of the heart, lungs, and liver of sheep) in only 41 seconds.

Many people brought their dogs (quite a few in costume), and the dog show was a big success. For the Scottish Breeds division the winners were Freya, a black Scottish Terrier, in first; Yazhi, a Border Collie, in second; and Sally, a white Scottish Terrier, in third. In the All Breeds division Hamish, a Standard Poodle, came in first; Seamus, an Irish Wolfhound, came in second; and Lexi, a Scottish Deerhound, came in third.

Each year the Scottish Society of Louisiana Highlands does a wonderful



job of putting together a festival that is engaging, fun filled, and educational. Overall, it was a beautiful day for the festival and

many people came out to enjoy the sights and, perhaps, to learn something new about their Scottish heritage.



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The Scottish Tartan Festival drew large crowds who enjoyed the sights of Scottish-style dress as well as the entertainment offered. Both people and pets had a "braw" day at Scotland Farms.

Bluegrass Festival benefits Germantown Colony Museum

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Fans of bluegrass music were able to kick back and enjoy some great music at the Bluegrass Festival on Saturday. Bands such as Gent Mountain Grass Burrs, the Monday Night Jammers, James Sadidge & Friends, and several more were appreciated by the good-sized crowd that attended.

The festival was held as

a fundraiser benefiting Friends of the Germantown Colony Museum, a non-profit organization formed to support and improve the Germantown Colony Museum. The museum preserves the original settlement of a group of German settlers who came in search of religious freedom. Complimentary rides to the museum and a guided tour were included as part of the Bluegrass Festival.



The Bluegrass Festival had a good turn out for the Friends of the Germantown Colony fundraiser. People old and young enjoyed sitting back and listening to bluegrass music all day.



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Over 1500 Archers Come Out to First ASA Competition at Camp Minden

WILL PHILLIPS
Minden Press-Herald

This past weekend Camp Minden hosted its first-ever Archery Association Pro/Am competition, the first of a decades-long partnership that was formed through the collaboration of Shreveport Bossier Sports Commission, the Webster and Bossier Police Juries, Visit Webster and, of course, the ASA itself.

"It truly is a team effort, and so many people have been a part of it, and the Louisiana Office of Tourism has been a great sponsor as well, so I just want to say thank you to everyone," said Stacey Brown, Executive Director of the Convention and Visitors Bureau.

This event saw over 1,500 competitors come out to Camp Minden from all over the country. That, along with the television and social media coverage that the competition received, serve as booms for the local economies of the parishes the competition was involved in. They

show an estimated economic impact to Webster, Bossier, and Caddo parishes of up to \$3 million a year.

"This is a kick to a wonderful partnership between the Shreveport Bossier Sports Commission, Visit Webster Parish, and the ASA. Today I know we saw more than 1,500 registrants out at the village, and that means that there were probably more than 2,000 people just in our area shopping, eating, staying the night, spending money, and that means an economic impact for all of our communities," said Serena Gray.

The Archery Shooters Association has been conducting national 3-D Pro/Am archery events for over 25 years, so it's quite the accomplishment to be able to bring in such a recognized organization to host their competitions right here in Webster Parish. Though, if one were to ask any of the organizations or government bodies that were involved in making this a reality,

they would all be quick to credit the others as working together is what made this event possible as well as such a success.

"I just want to say thank you to Webster Parish for tonight and getting everyone together, and Webster Parish Police Jury, y'all have done a phenomenal job joining with the Bossier Parish Police Jury in really making this event happen. But we never would have done it without first, the National Guard and Camp Minden jumping on board and saying yes, we can host this here, so thank you for jumping on board first," said Brown.

Speaking specifically to Mike Tyrell, President of the Archery Shooters Association, Brown expressed thanks on behalf of all involved, stating, "Thank you so much for believing in us and bringing your event here to Shreveport/Bossier, Caddo and Bossier Parish, and Webster Parish as well. We appreciate all that you've done."



MINDEN PRESS-HERALD PHOTOS

Hundreds of archers from all over the country made their way out to Camp Minden this past weekend to take part in the 2022 McKenzie Archery Shooters Association Easton/Hoyt Pro/Am Tour. This event was touted as bringing in millions of dollars in revenue to the local economy through the tourism that it would bring.

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WEBSTER & MORE

ACCIDENT

Reckless driving leaves man in hospital



COURTESY PHOTOS

A Minden man was seriously injured in an automobile accident on Southridge Drive Saturday night. According to a post by the Minden Police Association: “The vehicle failed to negotiate a curve and collided with several trees. Jones had to be extricated from the vehicle after the crash. He was transported to Minden Medical Center with suspected serious, non-life threatening injury.” Minden police officers suspect alcohol and speed to be major factors in this accident. Jones has been cited for reckless operation and driving under the influence.

WASTE

Environmental contaminants found in Pennsylvania Ave area

AMBER MCDOWN
Minden Press-Herald

The Department of Environmental Quality was canvassing the Pennsylvania Avenue area on Friday morning distributing notices regarding contaminants detected in the vicinity. Subsurface samples of soil gas were collected recently in a utility right-of-way area near the old Imperial dry cleaning building on the corner of Pennsylvania and Murrell which contained perchloroethylene (PCE), trichloroethylene (TCE), cis- and trans-1,2-dichloroethene. These compounds are known as chlorinated solvents. Aliphatic hydrocarbons, a petroleum product, were also detected.

“The source of the chlorinated solvent contami-

nation appears to be from historic operations at the former dry cleaning facility,” the notice stated. “It has not been determined how the contamination occurred. Contamination could have possibly resulted from the release of the solvent to a floor drain, operation of a solvent still, lack of dry cleaning machine pans, carryout from transfers of clothes between machines, carryout from muck cleanouts from machines, or solvent waste or other waste mismanagement.”

It is unknown where the aliphatic hydrocarbons originated, but it is hypothesized that they may have come from leaks in underground storage tanks that were once located at 211 and 209 Pennsylvania Avenue. The tanks were closed and



removed in the past.

The employee who was distributing the notices said that contaminants were found in the soil, the

groundwater and, within the building, in the air. The Department of Environmental Quality is continuing to assess the extent of the contamination

and evaluating possible impacts to surrounding properties. If you live or work in the area, they may contact you to request access to your property in

order to assess the extent of contamination. Once they have more information on the areas affected, they will be able to form a plan for remedial action.

GOVERNMENT

Stinson inducted as Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court Judge

RANDY BROWN
Specht Newspapers

In a mid-afternoon ceremony at the Bossier Parish Courthouse on Friday April 22, 2022, Doug Stinson was inducted as the newest judge on the six member 26th Judicial District Court bench, which serves Bossier and Webster Parishes. The ceremony was held in the Bossier Parish Police jury meeting room before a standing room only crowd which included family, friends and community leaders. The audience also included various law enforcement, court and administrative personnel from Bossier and Webster Parishes.

The ceremony began with Judge Mike Craig calling the court into session. Then, 1st Assistant District Attorney, Andrew Jacobs, welcomed the audience and recalled how he had worked with Stinson for many years in the District Attorney’s office. Following Jacobs’ remarks, Stinson’s children (Ainsley, Tanner and Hallie) led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by an invocation delivered by Pastor Matt Lewis of Lifewater Church in Bossier City.

Next, Bossier Sheriff Julian Whittington gave an introduction and told of the Stinson’s family’s long history as one of Bossier Parish’s first families, with two of Stinson’s relatives serving as Bossier Parish Sheriff in the 1800’s. At



that point, Sheriff Whittington laughingly asked Stinson if he ever planned to run for Bossier Sheriff.

Then, in a rare (“once in a lifetime”) moment, Stinson (with his wife Lauren by his side) was administered the Oath of Office by his father, Judge Ford Stinson, Jr. (retired), who served on the same 26th Judicial District Court bench from 1996 to 2014. Following the Oath of Office, Stinson thanked his family, friends and all of those that have supported him throughout his life, career and campaign in delivering an address to the audience as the newest judge on the 26th Judicial District Court bench. The induction ceremony concluded with a benediction delivered by Pastor Doyle Adams of Elizabeth Baptist Church in Benton.

Doug Stinson was elected to the seat on the 26th Judicial District Court bench on March 26, 2022, defeating Allie Aiello Stahl by a margin of 61% to 39%. The vacancy on the 26th Judicial District Court

bench for which Stinson was elected was created when Judge Charles Jacobs resigned last July in order to become the new city attorney for the City of Bossier City, serving under the administration of newly elected Mayor Tommy Chandler who took office on July 1, 2021.

In a candidate profile published in the Bossier Press-Tribune on March 9, 2022, Stinson stated his desire to continue to serve the public in a different capacity as judge and how he wants to make a positive difference for our community as a judge. Stinson is an attorney from Benton. During his legal career, he has had a private legal practice, served as the attorney for the Town of Benton and has served as an Assistant District Attorney for Bossier and Webster Parishes. He comes from a long line of public servants. Stinson has been assigned to Division D on the

26th Judicial District court.



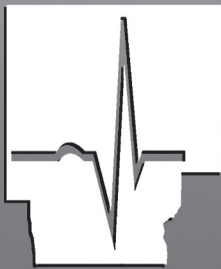
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The Piney Hills LA Master Gardeners hosted their Green Thumb Jamboree at the LSU Ag Center Webster Extension office this past Saturday. As the name implies this event featured horticulture enthusiasts either selling or purchasing the wide variety of plants that were available with some of the vendors offering handmade goods as well. The Louisiana Master Gardener program is designed to recruit and train volunteers to help meet the educational needs of home gardeners while providing an enjoyable and worthwhile service experience for volunteers.



GAS BUDDY

Gas prices potentially on the rise again, tame for now

GAS BUDDY - Average gasoline prices in Louisiana have fallen 1.2 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.82/g today, according to GasBuddy's survey of 2,436 stations in Louisiana. Prices in Louisiana are 19.4 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand \$1.24/g higher than a year ago. The cheapest station in Louisiana was priced at \$3.41/g yesterday while the most expensive was \$4.89/g, a difference of \$1.48/g.

"For the first time in over a month, the national average price of gasoline has risen. Primarily, this was due to oil prices

that had jumped the prior week, pushing up the price that stations pay for fuel and thus causing them to raise prices," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy.

The national average price of gasoline has risen 4.4 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$4.11/g today. The national average is down 13.3 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands \$1.24/g higher than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the coun-

try.

"The rise has been quite tame in most areas, while others have continued to gently decline. But, with the French election now behind us, there is risk that the EU could pursue harsher sanctions on Russia's energy, which could cause oil prices to rise if it happens - something motorists should be on the watch for. In addition, U.S. oil inventories continue to decline, putting additional pressure on prices as the nation's SPR continues to drain and Russia's war on Ukraine remains ongoing. The global imbalance between supply and

demand that led to these higher prices continues for the time being," said De Haan.

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

BLOTTER

Recent Arrests in Webster Parish

Clayton Bridges, 26, of the 800 block of Red Hill Road, was arrested for a violation of a protected order.

Christopher Hogan, 18, of the 200 block of E Wilkinson Street was arrested for felony carnal knowledge.

Morris Kearney, of the 1800 block of Blue Run Road, was arrested for violation of a protective order.

Rocky Farrington, 44, of the 16000 block of Highway 157, was arrested for criminal neglect of family.

Jeremy Priestly, 27, of the 2500 block of Dupont Street, was arrested for driving on roadway laned for traffic, no driver's license, and no insurance.

Kelvin Thomas, 25, of the 2600 block of Beaverwood Drive, was arrested for careless operation of a motor vehicle and resisting an officer.

Brian Sims, 53, of the 300 block of Ellis Drive, was arrested for possession of a schedule II substance, impeding the flow of traffic, obscured view, and being a fugitive of the WPSO.

William Solomon, 26, of the 200 block of Washington Street, was arrested for unauthorized entry of an inhabited dwelling.

Yasmies Frazier, 29, of the 1100 block of Cherry Street, was arrested for disturbing the peace through language.

Breyanna Harris, 20, of the 600 block of Stone Street, was arrested for disturbing the peace through language.

Christopher Maness, 21, of the 000 block of McArthur Street, was arrested on a warrant.

Trevor Clark, 59, of the 700 block of Horton Street, was arrested for simple assault.

Madison Forneau, 19, of the 600 block of Bistin-

eau Line Road, was arrested for possession of schedule I, II, and IV substances, possession of drug paraphernalia, and no license plate light.

Alicia Hill, 43, of the 500 block of Woodard Street, was arrested on a warrant.

Sherrie Harris, 38, of the 600 block of Stone Street, was arrested for domestic abuse battery and simple battery.

Micky Malham, 51, of the 200 block of N Middle Landing, was arrested for simple battery.

Shakur Peters, 28, of the 100 block of Loop Road, was arrested on a warrant and for contempt of court.

David Fowler, 51, of the 100 block of McDade Street, was arrested on a warrant for improper supervision.

Micky Malham, 51, of the 220 block of N. Middle Landing, was arrested on a warrant for simple battery.

Shakur Peters, 28, of the

100 block of Loop Road, was arrested on a warrant for second degree murder distribution of a schedule II controlled dangerous substance.

Kavion Hill, 18, of the 800 block of Woods Street, was arrested on a warrant for illegal use of weapons during crime of violence and aggravated criminal damage to property.

Laurie Fish,, 39, of the 700 block of Goodwill Road, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

Victoria Bertel, 38, of the 200 block of Pearl Street, was arrested for possession of a schedule II controlled dangerous substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, disturbing the peace through public intoxication, and introduction of contraband into a penal institute.

George Jones, 52, of the 200 block of Shreve Drive, was arrested for driving while intoxicated 1st offense and reckless operation of a motor vehicle.

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OPINION

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The United States is growing more dependent on foreign nations for necessities, including potentially hostile nations such as China. As we examined last month, 2021 was the 10th straight year America's trade deficit with the Chinese eclipsed \$300 billion. If that pattern is not alarming enough, though, there's more worrisome activity being undertaken by China: the massive acquisition of American farmland. By the United States Department of Agriculture's own estimate, investments from China held \$2 billion of American agricultural land at the beginning of 2020.

While Chinese ownership is substantial, it is by no means the largest source of foreign ownership. The real concern is the pace at which Chinese agricultural investment abroad is growing, having multiplied more than ten times in less than a decade.

U.S. Rep. Dan Newhouse (R-WA) has been paying close attention to China's American land grab and succinctly stated his concerns when he proposed legislation to address the issue in 2021. "In recent years, the Chinese government has been buying up U.S. agricultural assets. Allowing this practice to continue would lead to the creation

EDITORIAL ROUNDUP

The Advocate: SB322 a detriment to more than newspapers

Making government transparent is always going to be a work in progress. The Louisiana Press Association is at the forefront of providing public notices in a variety of formats, including online portals.

But fundamental to the process is government making the information available. We urge the Legislature to be careful to avoid an abrupt shutdown of the time-tested requirements that are basic to open government.

Senate Bill 322, by state Sen. Fred Mills, R-Parks, would allow — in the name of savings from the small amount of money governments spend on legally required advertising — agencies to only refer readers to a website, email address or

phone number.

This is obviously problematic in a state where about a fourth of residents don't have access to broadband internet at all; others can't afford it if it is available. But the bill also sharply limits what's available to the reader upfront, information for anyone to see without the burden of contacting officialdom.

In an age when raising questions can be intimidating for an average citizen, do we want to add a hurdle to finding out what's going on — whether it's the agenda for a meeting or a sheriff's sale of property, rezoning or any of a thousand other ways government can affect people's lives? Face it, many governments aren't exactly known for being good com-

municators.

Under the new scheme envisioned by SB322, a citizen might have to go through literally hundreds of websites of Louisiana governments for what is today provided in a more accessible format. Today's system also protects governments against lawsuits that they have failed to notify people of actions; we can foresee quarrels over whether an agency's employees in fact provided the information sought by an aggrieved party.

We think the bill's conception of savings is problematic, too. The staffing and tech costs of transparency are today outsourced to news professionals; those costs are going to be part of government budgets without any compensating efficiencies,

tic producers. What's more possible for our state is that the other components of food production, like processing plants, could be acquired and controlled by foreign nations.

One of the lessons learned since 2020 is that a disruption of the global supply chain for any reason has long lasting and broadly felt impacts. It does not matter if that disruption is caused by a pandemic, a strained workforce, or outright acts of war; when the flow of goods stops, everyone is affected. The world has come to understand that food production is just as much an issue of national security as high-tech defense systems. From that standpoint it is no surprise that China is actively acquiring the capacity to produce food for their enormous population. The risk for us is when China's actions come at the expense of American agriculture and Iowa's economy.

Iowa is a land of plenty for producing basic necessities (don't forget our energy industry, by the way). It is in America's national interest to preserve our ability to feed the country and we should be vigilant in protecting that contribution. If we cede that responsibility to a foreign nation, we could be forced into outsourcing food production that is occurring within our own borders.

OTHER OPINION

Immigration comes at a devastating cost to Black Americans

T. WILLARD FAIR
Special to the Minden Press-Herald

Congress continues to relentlessly push immigration policies that'll make Black Americans poorer.

That's not their stated goal, of course. But that'll nevertheless be the end result of their proposal to amnesty millions of illegal immigrants and boost the level of legal immigration.

By many measures, the economic gap between Black and white workers has gotten worse in recent years. In 1970, for instance, Black men earned 59% as much as white men. By 2019, that figure had dipped to 56%.

There is no single explanation for these racial disparities, of course. But decades of mass immigration have

almost certainly made the problem worse.

Consider the years 1940 to 1980 – a period of comparatively lower immigration that generally led to tight labor markets. As immigration policy expert Roy Beck points out in his new book "Back of the Hiring Line," Black men saw their real incomes increase four-fold during those decades. Black men's earnings actually rose faster than white men.

During that same time period, the share of Black Americans who were considered "middle-class" exploded, growing from 22% to 71%.

But progress among Black workers leveled off starting around 1970, five years after Congress passed laws

that significantly increased rates of immigration, from roughly 250,000 per year in the middle of the 20th century to over 1 million annually today.

Many immigrants are indeed hard-working and law-abiding, but the sheer number of newcomers entering the U.S. labor market year after year has created new economic barriers for less-skilled American workers – especially for Black Americans.

Indeed, as the supply of less-educated labor increased due to immigration, competition for jobs requiring a high school degree or less became much greater. And Black Americans suffered disproportionality.

A 2006 paper published by the National Bureau of Eco-

nomic Research estimates that the influx in immigration between 1980 and 2000 "reduced the wage of Black high school dropouts by 8.3 percent, reduced the employment rate by 7.4 percentage points, and increased the incarceration rate by 1.7 percentage points."

Folks on the left used to find this disparate impact disturbing. President Bill Clinton's Council of Economic Advisers plainly warned that "immigration has increased the relative supply of less-educated labor and appears to have contributed to the increasing inequality of income."

But many of them either no longer realize that immigration has negative consequences – or no longer care. Many Black lawmakers

in Congress are working to grant amnesty to over 6 million illegal aliens – a move that'd immediately increase labor market competition and encourage more people to come here illegally in the hopes of future amnesties.

It's undeniable that mass immigration has come at a substantial cost to Black Americans. That doesn't mean that immigrants don't deserve our compassion, or that immigration is the sole cause of racial disparities in our nation.

It simply means that if we want to create a fairer economy, we can no longer ignore immigration's unique contribution to racial inequality.

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SPORTS

Prep baseball playoffs set to start today

T. SCOTT BOATRIGHT
Minden Press-Herald

Minden will open the playoffs at 5 p.m. today as the 14th-seeded Crimson Tide will play host to 19th-seed Pearl River.

The Crimson Tide stands at 15-13 on the



sason while Pearl River is 16-14. North Webster, which won five of its last seven games, barely missed out opening postseason play at home.

The Knights drew the 16th seed in Class 3A and will play at 16th-seed Brusly at 6 p.m. today.

The Knights enter the showdown with a record of 20-13 while Brusly is 9-22.

In Class 2A, Lakeside will open the playoffs at home as the 12th-seeded Warriors will host 21st-seeded Beekman Charter at 6 p.m. today.

The Warriors are 23-8 on the season while Beekman Charter is 15-7.

Doyline will also

start postseason play at home as the 10th-seeded Panthers will play host to 23rd-seeded Castor in the Class B playoffs at 5 p.m. on Wednesday.

The Panthers will head into the contest at 23-8 on the season while Castor is 4-15.

Lady Tiders' rally falls short vs. North Vermilion

T. SCOTT BOATRIGHT
Minden Press-Herald

The Lady Tide tried to rally late in Thursday's second-round Class 4A home softball playoff game against North Vermilion.

But the Patriots' early advantage proved too much to overcome as North Vermilion escaped with a 6-3 win to advance to the third round of postseason play.

North Vermilion took a lead with one run in the third inning before pushing its advantage to 3-0 in the fifth before adding three more in the top of the seventh to put the Lady Tide in a big hole heading into the final inning of play.

The Lady Tiders didn't go down without a fight, with Jacey Adams smashing a two-run homer in the bottom of the seventh before Kylie Ryan doubled and scored on a Ella Floyd groundout.

But North Vermilion pitcher Duhon, who totaled 10 strikeouts on the day, forced a Minden pop-up in the Lady Tide's final at bat to seal the win.

Makaila Duhon held Minden to only seven hits on the day while the Patriots tallied eight of their own.

Floyd and Hollyn Edge led the Lady Tiders with two hits each on the day while Adams led Minden in runs batted in with two.

Ryan pitched all seven innings for Minden, allowing eight hits while striking out five Patriots.



PRESS-HERALD PHOTO BY T. SCOTT BOATRIGHT

Three runs in the seventh innings weren't enough for Minden on Thursday as North Vermilion knocked the Lady Tiders out of the Class 4A softball playoffs.



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Grambling State's Shemar Page needed only 84 pitches Friday night as he completed a perfect game for a 16-0 win over Alcorn State on Wilbert Ellis Field.

Grambling's Page pitches perfect game vs. Alcorn State

Minden Press-Herald Sports Service

GRAMBLING — Shemar Page added to his impressive season on Friday night as the Grambling State University baseball team opened its Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) series with Alcorn State at Wilbert Ellis Field at R.W.E. Jones Park.

Page threw just 84

pitches in a perfect game, collecting a season and career-high 13 strikeouts in the process, as the Tigers won their third consecutive SWAC game and 11th straight over Alcorn State with a 16-0 victory in seven innings.

"I was aware going into the seventh of having a no-hitter, but wasn't aware of a perfect game," Page said. "I

did a pretty good job of getting ahead all night and that was my focus going into the seventh."

The Tigers wrapped up the series sweep over Alcorn State on Sunday with a 26-3 win.

Grambling State outscored Alcorn State, 67-6, in the three games over the weekend and 124-21 in six conference games this season.

Diamond 'Dogs drop rubber match vs. Middle Tennessee

Minden Press-Herald Sports Service

RUSTON — Louisiana Tech let an early lead evaporate Sunday as the Bulldogs dropped the rubber match to Middle Tennessee in 12 innings at J.C. Love Field at Pat Patterson Park.

LA Tech (28-13, 12-6 Conference USA) jumped out on top in the first inning on a RBI groundout from Cole McConnell, his 52nd of the season.

The Bulldogs' Jonathan Fincher worked in and out of trouble in his four innings of work. Bulldog third baseman Logan McLeod saved two runs in the second inning on a diving stop to snare a grounder in the hole and throw out the runner at first to end the frame.

McLeod was 3-for-3 in the contest with a walk and a run scored.

Ryan Harland was solid again out of the pen for LA Tech delivering 3.1

innings giving up one earned and striking out two. Kyle Crigger suffered the loss, but gave an incredible effort tossing 4.2 innings striking out four and giving up three runs, only one being earned in the top of the 12th.

The Blue Raiders scored two runs in the top of the eighth to knot things back up at 3-3. Briggs Rutter scored on a wild pitch and Jackson Galloway singled bringing home their third run.

In the top of the 12th, JT Mabry reached on a throwing error bringing home the go-ahead run and Gabe Jennings doubled down the left field line giving the Blue Raiders a three-run lead.

"We didn't deserve to win the game," said Tech coach Lane Burroughs. "We had multiple opportunities with runners in scoring position. At the end of the day, we didn't get it done and they did."



PHOTO BY TOM MORRIS

Louisiana Tech's Taylor Young heads for home after hitting a home run against Middle Tennessee State on Sunday.

FUN & GAMES

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9 Yoga pad

12 On the Baltic, say

13 Sleeping

14 Flamenco cheer

15 Director of “Apollo 13”

17 Profit

18 Brewer’s kiln

19 Lift

21 Los Angeles athlete

24 Pants part

25 Villain in “Wonder Woman”

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31 Tender spots

32 Abolish

33 Price increase

35 Alpha follower

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37 Loses color

38 Use elbow grease on

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50 Actor McGregor

51 Babe, for example

52 Uses a shovel

53 — good example

2 GI entertainers

3 Toe count

4 Chevy SUVs

5 Statutes

6 “Like — out of ...”

7 Sea, to Henri

8 Speech

9 Supervised

10 Pub orders

11 Head, to Henri

16 Galley item

20 “Feels great!”

21 Cowardly Lion portrayer

22 “Carmen” solo

23 Didn’t stop

24 Hook’s henchman

26 Stir up

27 Noah’s craft

28 Ceremony

29 Secret-protecting docs

31 Baked, as eggs

34 — Claire, Wisc.

35 Galas

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46 — King Cole

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Level: Beginner

Here’s How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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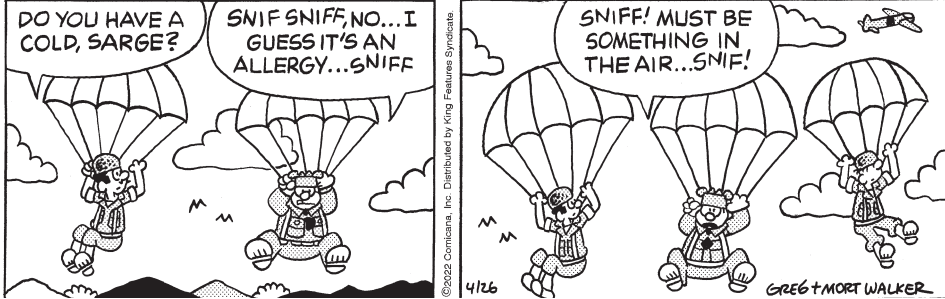
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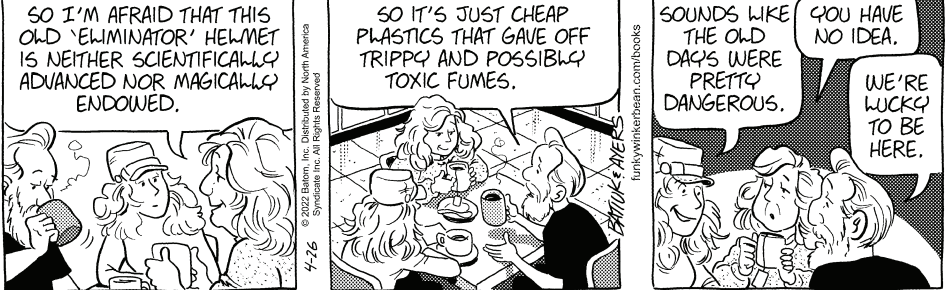
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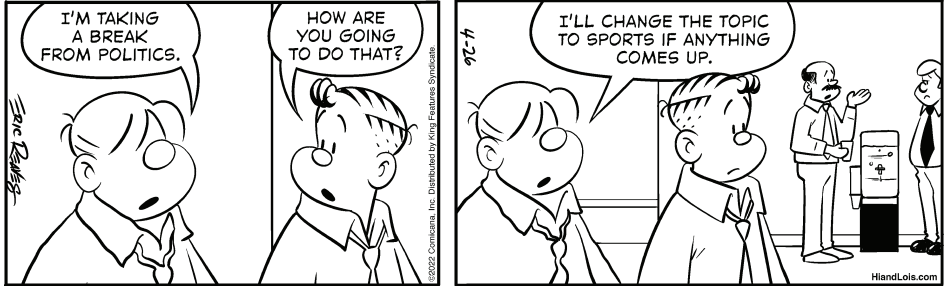
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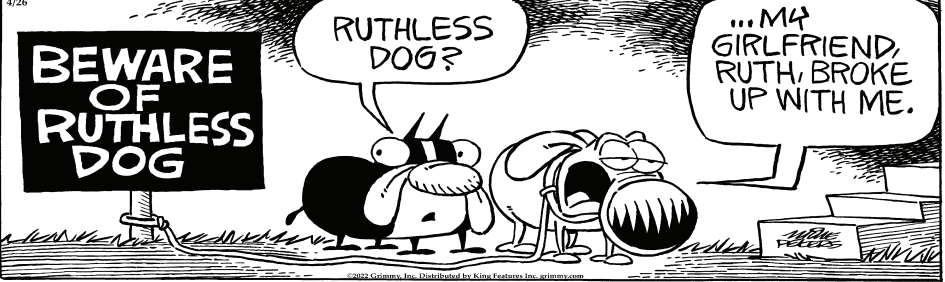
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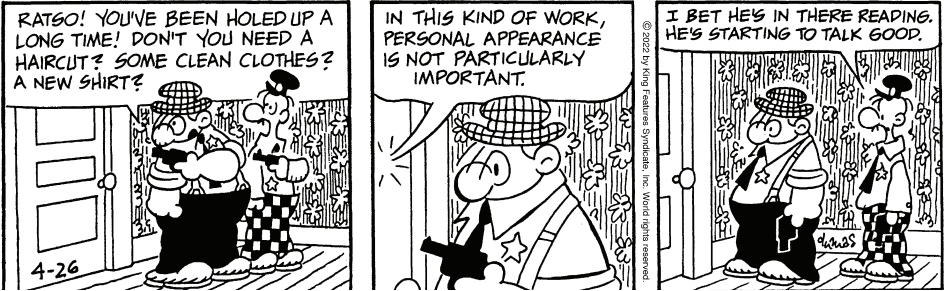
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