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Lions sell out of chicken



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The Minden Lions Club held their Semi-Annual Chicken Charbroil this past Saturday. Many Lions were out at the Minden Walmart parking lot bright and early preparing plates for the fundraiser. All that prep work paid off as well, with the Lions selling over 750 plates by lunchtime!

CRIME

Vehicle pursuit leads to bystander arrest

STAFF REPORT

Minden Press-Herald

On April 29, Minden police officers arrested three people, including a spectator, after pursuing a vehicle that refused to stop for a traffic stop.

The chase started on Shreveport Road and ended on Madison Avenue where the passenger, Nickolus Brown (20), jumped out of the Dodge Charger and ran through several yards before being caught by an officer in the parking lot of Emmanuel Baptist Church. Brown was charged with two counts of Resisting by Flight and Possession of CDS SCHII (methamphetamine).

The driver, Harley Wade (18), was arrested and charged with Aggravated Flight, Reckless Operation, Possession of CDS SCH II (methamphetamine).

Chief Cropper described the situation during the arrest: "As the officers were in the process of arresting the driver, three other people



COURTESY PHOTO

Three people were arrested, including a spectator, after the driver of a Dodge Charger refused to pull over for a traffic stop last Friday.

approached. A second officer noticed that they were ganging around him [the first officer], so the second officer approached the four males that were getting too close to the officer that was making the arrest and ordered them to 'get back, get back, get back.' Three of the four did, and

Mr. Danforth refused to step back — continued to cuss and berate the officer. The second officer approached him, told him to get back, took him by the arm to place him under arrest for interfering, and then he [Danforth] began resisting arrest. Eventually, they were able to take

him into custody. He had some brass knuckles in his pocket and also two grams of suspected methamphetamine."

Hayden Danforth (18) was arrested and charged with Interfering with a Law Enforcement Investigation and illegal Carrying of Weapons.

EDUCATION

NWLTCC included in Gov. Edwards Announces Pro Louisiana Workforce Development Program

Special to the Minden Press-Herald

Northwest Louisiana Technical Community College (NLTC) announced that it will be part of the newly launched PRO Louisiana, a workforce development program of the Louisiana Watershed Initiative for professional resilience occupations, in partnership with the Louisiana Community and Technical College System and Louisiana Economic Development.

NLTC will begin an expansion of the Heavy Equipment Operator Program in June, at its Shreveport location. This will make the workforce stronger by training in demand heavy equipment operators. An informational meeting about the Heavy Equipment Operator Program will take place on Wednesday, May 4th at 2:00pm at the NLTC Shreveport Campus. Anyone interested in enrolling in this program is encouraged to attend.

PRO Louisiana provides federal funding for disaster resilience training courses and certification. The goal is to develop a skilled workforce to support statewide resilience efforts, including LWI flood risk reduction projects, and build up Louisiana's defense against future disasters.

"We've awarded more than \$450 million in federal funds to flood mitigation projects statewide that will break ground over the next few years, which means we need trained resilience professionals to support these efforts now more than ever," Gov. John Bel Edwards said. "PRO Louisiana highlights the Louisiana Watershed Initiative's comprehensive approach to disaster defense. Beyond funding mitigation projects

throughout the state, we're preparing a workforce to deliver those projects and fill in demand jobs in disaster resilience."

Six colleges are offering PRO Louisiana courses this spring and/or summer: Baton Rouge Community College, Central Louisiana Technical Community College, Louisiana Delta Com-

munity College, Northshore Technical Community College, Northwest Louisiana Technical Community College and South Louisiana Community College. Click here to contact LCTCS for more details.

The summer courses will focus on resilience training for heavy equipment operators, which are in demand and crucial to the success of flood resilience efforts in Louisiana, according to a 2018 labor market analysis by LED and the Louisiana Workforce Commission. In the long term, PRO Louisiana will support additional courses in other areas, such as flood risk analysis and resilient construction methods for builders, contractors, and other professionals.

"We are thrilled to partner with the Louisiana Watershed Initiative to provide resilience training courses through PRO Louisiana, which will benefit the futures of our students and of our state," LCTCS President Monty Sullivan said. "Demand for trained resilience professionals is on the rise as our communities recover from previous disasters and prepare for the growing risks of future ones. PRO Louisiana courses will provide the training and skills students need to secure essential, well-paid jobs with a higher purpose: safeguarding our state."

"Louisiana has the best workforce development training programs in the country, and higher education partnerships that deliver customized training are a big reason why," LED Secretary Don Pierson said. "By equipping students with skills to perform specialized resilience work, PRO Louisiana strengthens our economy in a way that literally rebuilds our state. LED is proud to partner with the Louisiana Watershed Initiative and the Louisiana Community and Technical College System to capitalize on these federal funds and fill the talent pipeline for a growing job sector."

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WEBSTER & MORE

COMMUNITY

Crawfish for a Cause

WILL PHILLIPS
Minden Press-Herald

Buddy Myles, owner and operator of the local eatery Seafood Empire, held their second annual Crawfish Raffle last Thursday with the purpose of raising money for the Webster Junior High School football team. The winner of this year's raffle was Chelsie LaCour.

"This was our second year raising funds for WJHS football. We sold 240 tickets raising \$1200. That's up from last year's 169 tickets sold," said Myles.

While Seafood Empire organizes the raffle and supplies crawfish to the winners, Myles was quick to credit the parents of players who helped with the event as well as the community for giving so generously for their local sports team.

"This was a joint effort from some parents, us (Seafood Empire), and the community. Great things happen when the community works together for a common goal," said Myles.

As a local business owner, Myles depends on the community support-

ing his business. Myles sees this raffle as one way in which he can express his thanks to all the people that support him and Seafood Empire.

"This is one small way for me to show my appreciation to my community. I feel that it's up to us (the community) to take care of us. Everyone came together and donated their time to help raise money for the football team. Thank you to everyone that sold or bought a ticket. We appreciate you!" said Myles.



WILL PHILLIPS
MINDEN PRESS-HERALD

Seafood Empire held the drawing for their second annual Crawfish Raffle last Thursday. There were 240 tickets sold for this years raffle, raising a total of \$1200 for the WJHS football team.

SPRINGHILL BANQUET

Ken Jenkins receives 2022 Civic Service Award

AMBER MCDOWN
Minden Press-Herald

Ken Jenkins of Shongaloo recently received the 2022 Civic Service Award from the Springhill-North Webster Chamber of Commerce. The Civic Service award is presented to individuals or groups that perform acts of kindness and help in the community.

Ken has worked as the talented arts teacher at North Webster Junior High, North Webster Upper Elementary and North Webster Lower Elementary for the past 13 years. Before that, he served his communities as an active duty army tele-typist and army medic, paramedic, electrician, and school custodian.

His wife, Pam Jenkins, spoke of Ken's commitment to the students of North Webster Parish:

"Ken loves art and those kids. He has taken it on himself to start a drama club at the junior high in an effort to expand art and culture in this community. He strives to provide something for the talented, inspiring, artistic children in our communities. They have drama club rehearsals and perform a play yearly that travels to all of the North Webster schools. Ken also is in charge of the monthly art display at the Webster Parish School Board. He makes sure kids from the north end of the parish have art displayed for everyone to see and appreciate. Ken has dedicated many hours over winter breaks and summer months painting displays at the junior high or building sets for yearly beauty pageants at the upper elementary and junior high."

Ken also serves as the only male member of Women Helping Others (WHO) of North Webster. Ken has assisted WHO by building all the floats for every parade WHO has participated in for almost seven years and even rebuilding their trailer. Ken is always there to help with the artistic needs of the group.

Beyond that, Ken is always finding ways to serve his community. He has been helping with food distribution for the past two years, and he has made a family project of picking up litter in their neighborhood every Sunday.

"He always wants to improve our communities and is passionate about the projects he takes on," said Pam. "He always wants to bring people together and show that we can always achieve more



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Ken Jenkins of Shongaloo recently received the 2022 Civic Service Award from the Springhill-North Webster Chamber of Commerce. Ken's contributions to his community make him more than worthy of this award.

together than apart." Ken's contributions to his community certainly meet the qualifications for the Civic Service Award. Kudos to Ken Jenkins for making Webster Parish a better place to live.

BLOTTER

Recent Arrests in Webster Parish

Kaneshia Edmond, 34, of the 400 block of South Street, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

Keiauna Canada, 39, of the 100 block of George Street, was arrested for being a fugitive from Webster.

Kimberly Hortman, 32, of the 1500 block of Shreveport Road, was arrested for child desertion, and failure to appear in court.

Christopher Croom, 23, of the 10700 block of Highway 9, was arrested for improper display of license plate, no insurance, switched tags, no driver's license, and failure to register vehicle.

Shantel Hubert, 24, of the 100 block of Oak-tree Lane, was arrested for driving with an open container, possession of a schedule I controlled dangerous substance, switched tags, no insurance, and no driver's license.

Torry Capers, 29, of the 300 block of Weston Street, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

Telum West, 29, of the

100 block of Squire Street, was arrested on multiple warrants.

Thomas Mogan, 32, of the 900 block of Homer Road, was arrested for remaining on property after being forbidden.

Adeymi Kemp, 21, of the 100 block of Loop Road, was arrested for battery of a dating partner with child endangerment and for failure to appear in court.

Hayden Danforth, 18, of the 300 block of Bounds Road, was arrested for interfering with a law enforcement investigation and illegal carry of weapons.

Nickolus Brown, 20, of the 700 block of Madison Street, was arrested for two counts of resisting an officer by flight and possession of a schedule II controlled dangerous substance.

Harley Wade, 18, of the 100 block of Little River 140, was arrested for aggravated flight, reckless operation of a motor vehicle, possession of a schedule II controlled dangerous substance, and a modified exhaust pipe.

Jake McCuen, 39, of the

1100 block of Broadway Street, was arrested for possession of a schedule II substance with intent to distribute, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Thomas Waggoner, 46, of the 1300 block of Michael Street, was arrested for reckless operation of a motor vehicle, driving under suspension, and driving under suspension while under suspension for driving while intoxicated.

Aldravion Taylor, 19, of the 200 block of Kennon Pit Road, was arrested for disturbing the peace, resisting an officer, and possession of a schedule II controlled dangerous substance.

Mandy Scriven, 45, of the 100 block of Hale Camp Road, was arrested for possession of a schedule II controlled dangerous substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

James Fore, 52, of the 100 block of Tidwell Drive, was arrested for being a fugitive of Claiborne Parish Sheriff's Office.

Cory Hudson, 37, of the 000 block of Camelot Drive, was arrested on multiple warrants.



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GAS BUDDY

Louisiana, US see historical rise in diesel prices at the pump

(May 2, 2022) - Average gasoline prices in Louisiana have risen 1.5 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.84/g today, according to GasBuddy's survey of 2,436 stations in Louisiana. Prices in Louisiana are 11.3 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand \$1.25/g higher than a year ago. The cheapest station in Louisiana was priced at \$3.45/g yesterday while the most expensive was \$4.39/g, a difference of 94.0 cents per gallon.

"Gasoline prices have continued their rally in the last week with oil prices sustaining higher levels, but the real story has been diesel fuel, which has skyrocketed to its highest level ever seen. Diesel is now \$1 per gallon or more in many areas compared to gasoline," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy.

The national average price of gasoline has risen 6.9 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$4.17/g today. The national average is down 1 cent per gallon from a month ago and stands \$1.29/g higher than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

"The meteoric rise in diesel prices is likely to continue for the first half of the week at least, while gasoline prices could continue to see a slow but steady rise. For now, the rising cost of diesel will surely be felt in the grocery store, hardware store or on your next flight as jet fuel prices accelerate, leading to a continued rise in inflation likely to ripple across the economy," said DeHaan.

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.

CRIME

Woman claims to have a "vibrator" to keep deputies from searching her purse

STAFF REPORT
Minden Press-Herald

A deputy from the Webster Parish Sheriff's office was on patrol at a stop sign located at the intersection of Amos Cut-off and Foreman Road when a red Jeep Wrangler passed them. This Jeep had a shattered windshield which prompted the deputy to initiate a traffic stop.

The vehicle stopped and the deputy made contact with the driver, Michael Stevenson, and passenger, Mandy Scriven. After advising them that the reason for them being pulled over was a shattered windshield, the deputy received word from dispatch that the license plates on the vehicle did not belong to the Jeep being driven.

"Also, while speaking with Michael, he seemed nervous. I asked for consent to search, Michael gave me consent to search. I asked Mandy to step out, when she did she grabbed her purse," the booking report stated.

The deputy persisted in asking Scriven to leave the purse in the vehicle, to which she initially refused. "At first Mandy said she had a 'vibrator' in her purse and did not want me to search it," the report read.

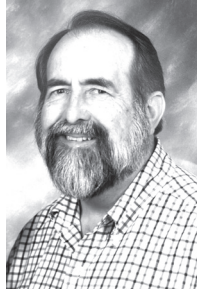
She eventually complied and dumped the contents of her purse on the seat of the Jeep for the deputy. The report stated, "I asked her about a 'snus' can, she said she had a small amount of weed in it. I asked her if she would open it. As she opened the can, she said it was 'just residue.' Inside the can there were two small pink baggies with crystal substance and a cut straw."

While searching the vehicle, deputies also found another pink baggie with a crystal substance within a camouflage jacket which Scriven stated belonged to her. She also tried using some sleight-of-hand to hide drug paraphernalia during the stop, which another deputy was able to witness and stop.

"While Mandy was standing by my patrol unit, Mandy placed a glasses case with three glass pipes by my front tire. [A deputy] saw this and collected the case," the report stated,

At the end of the interaction, Scriven was placed under arrest on the charges of possession of a schedule II controlled dangerous substance (meth) and possession of drug paraphernalia. The driver, Stevenson, was cited and released.

OBITUARIES



Eldred Ford Lowe, Jr.

Eldred Ford Lowe, Jr. (Eddie) passed from this earthly life on Sunday, May 1, 2022 at the age of 76 from dementia. He was born on October 26, 1945 in Minden, Louisiana. He was preceded in death by his parents, Eldred Ford Lowe, Sr. and Clara Defreese Lowe, his brother Perry Lowe and Perry's wife, Joy. He is survived by sisters Linda Lowe Wilson and husband Eddie, Myra Lowe Turnage, and husband Bill, and many nieces and nephews. Eddie leaves behind his wife Pam Krouse Lowe, children, Lori Lowe Branch and husband Kyle, Rachel Butcher Hale and husband Chase, and Jamin Butcher, along with seven darling grandchildren, Cade, Callie, and Cooper Branch, Chanler, Raylee, and Asher Hale, and Laila Butcher.

Eddie was a man of many pursuits. He was a life-long resident of Minden, Louisiana and graduated from Minden High School, Class of 1963. He attended college at Louisiana Tech, Louisiana Vocational-Technical College, and Northwestern State University, where he received a Masters degree. He taught Science and Industrial Arts at Cotton Valley and Springhill High Schools, and Webster Junior High, and Drafting and Computer Aided Drafting at Louisiana Vocational-Technical College. After his retirement, he had his own Drafting & Design business, where he drew plans for over 400 houses and buildings in the Ark-La-Tex. Eddie didn't read music but could play by ear and taught himself acoustic guitar and fiddle. He was a "do it yourself" man and excellent carpenter. He loved exploring God's creation and traveling the country, taking hundreds of pictures along the way.

Vacations were built around the outdoors, fiddle competitions, and canoeing trips to many rivers. He was a member of First Baptist Church for over 36 years where he was a greeter, actively involved in his Sunday School class, and taught RA's. He lived his life to the fullest and never turned down someone in need. He designed the bell in downtown Minden, drew maps for Forestry brochures, made signs at Caney Lake, designed countless programs, bulletins, etc. for many people, planned class reunions, showcased his cooking skills at community events, and so much more.

His celebration of life will be on Wednesday, May 4th at 2 pm at Minden First Baptist Church's sanctuary. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, May 3 from 5-7 pm at Rose-Neath Funeral Home, Minden. Pallbearers are Jamin Butcher, Chase Hale, Kyle Branch, Chad Wilson, Cory Wilson, Bill Collins, and Chip Lowe. Honorary pallbearers are Roger Grubbs, Ted Riser, Charles Waters, and Travis Stewart. Devoted husband, Daddy, Papa, teacher, friend, and lover of adventure, he will be missed by all those that he touched.

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OPINION

Biden proposes largest tax increase since LBJ

WILLIAM HAUPT III
The Center Square

“People who complain about taxes can be divided into two classes: men and women.” – Will Rogers

Every Democrat running for every office in the United States echoes a standard campaign theme: “I plan on taxing the rich and spreading the wealth around.” They chant, the rich do not “pay their fair share of taxes and it is time that they do.” They preach, “It is time to reduce income inequality.” Their gospel is, “Those who have benefited the most should help those who have benefited least.”

Who do leftists consider rich when they obsess about raising taxes? The Tax Policy Center says about 10% of U.S. households have incomes over \$200,000. The top fifth of them pay 69% of all federal taxes. If “the rich” already pays more than their fair share, why does the left always demand that they must pay more? This is the paradigmatic liberal axiom: “It is time that we punish the rich.”

Joe Biden ran for president on a “tax the rich” platform, and eked out a victory over the populist Donald Trump. But he toned down the rhetoric for a few months while lobbying for his “Build Back Better” pipe-dream. But in true progressive form, he broke the bad news to taxpayers last week. As Congress unwrapped Biden’s 2023 wish-list, it was “Christmas in Spring” for Republicans.

Biden’s 2023 fiscal budget re-proposes all of the bad ideas that Congress won’t pass and adds a new twist – “the coveted liberal wealth tax.” Biden is obviously pivoting further left to fire up sullen progressives for the midterm elections. This gives them new ammunition to assail the evil GOP.

“All we are doing is equalizing the playing field, making sure the rich will pay their fair share.” – Joe Biden

Biden’s wish-list calls for increasing the top marginal income tax rate to 39.6% from 37%. It would also nearly double taxes on capital gains to 39.6% for people earning over \$1 million. This would be the highest tax rate on investment gains since the 1920s. The rate has never exceeded 33.8%.

The left calls this a “billionaire tax,” which is the standard progressive narrative. But billionaires are not the only ones punished. It applies to income and “increased annual value of assets.” This taxes “unrealized capital gains,” which are not



taxed until assets are converted to income. In other words, Elizabeth Warren and Bernie Sanders will be getting the wealth tax they have been begging for.

This tax scheme will enormously complicate the tax code and creates huge investment distortions. Since liquid assets make up less than 20% of their wealth, investors will have an incentive to hold liquid assets, such as real estate, to avoid liquidating stock to pay taxes. Rather than sell stock to diversify or reinvest, investors will be forced to sell stock to pay taxes on unrealized capital gains.

In simple terms, this means that hundreds of successful entrepreneurs and small business owners, who accumulated wealth over decades through innovation and hard work, will be punished for their success. Any tax that the left proposes always “applies to a few,” and spreads to millions overnight.

“The IRS tax code is too difficult for a mathematician. It takes a philosopher.” – Albert Einstein

News of Biden’s proposed tax hike swept through investment circles like an EF5 tornado. The S&P 500 index immediately dropped 1%, the sharpest Wall Street decline this year. Fund manager Thomas Hayes exclaimed, “If we thought this had a chance to pass, the market would have dropped 2,000 points.

There is another fly in the ointment in Biden’s tax scheme; it is illegal! The Constitution states that Congress

may only impose “direct taxes.” Although the 16th Amendment established an income tax, unrealized capital gains are not income. In other words, Biden is taxing “anticipated income?”

Wealthy Americans could face an overall federal capital gains tax rate of 43.4%, including the 3.8% net investment tax on individuals with income of \$200,000 or more (\$250,000 married filing jointly).

Currently, those earning more than \$200,000 pay a capital gains rate of an average high of 23.8%

The Tax Foundation’s Erica York said, Biden’s tax increase would drive U.S. capital gains taxes to the top of global charts. Capital gains taxes in Europe average 19%. Denmark had the highest rate at 42%, followed by France and Finland at 34%. These countries finance socialized medicine and generous entitlements the U.S. does not have, which makes Biden’s tax hikes even more offensive!

Biden’s tax increases would generate over \$1 trillion, which is on top of his \$2.3 trillion jobs and infrastructure plan that many Americans are now rejecting due to rising prices and inflation. This will likely mean that Democrats will be forced to push this through Congress using reconciliation.

That would mark this as “a party-line tax increase on the rich” for Democrats seeking reelection.

York added, in the states and cities that assess their own capital gains levy, Biden’s plan

would push the total capital gains rate to over 50%. The rate would rise to 56.7% in California, 58.2% in New York City and 57.3% in Portland, Oregon. He said investors will take their capital elsewhere.

White House press secretary Jen Psaki said Biden had not yet finalized his tax plan, but stressed he promises to make the wealthy and companies pay for all new government programs. “His view is that all tax increases should be on the backs of the wealthiest Americans who can afford them.”

Although Biden promised not to raise taxes on those making under \$400,000 a year, one White House spokesman said Biden is looking at capping the interest deductions for homeowners. By decreasing this traditional real estate tax write-off, this will affect every person who owns a home.

“There may be liberty and justice for all, but there are tax breaks only for some.” – Martin Sullivan

Ralph Nader told us, “Your best teacher is your last mistake.” Joe Biden endorsed southerner Jimmy Carter for the presidency over the party’s northern candidate. After suffering through four years of Carter’s failures, Biden watched Ronald Reagan take office and turn the economy around by cutting spending and taxes. One must wonder, was Joe Biden asleep during the Reagan years?

It took Jimmy Carter four years to destroy the U.S. economy, but Biden did the same in under a year. With the Fed raising interest rates, runaway inflation, and investors running scared, a tax increase of this amplitude will domino into a recession. This will complete Joe Biden’s “make-over” into the second coming of Jimmy Carter. And who said, “We can’t turn back the hands of time?”

Biden gave us double digit inflation, labor shortages, a broken supply chain and high energy prices. All of America realizes, except Joe Biden and progressives: “Nobody can tax and spend their way to prosperity.” Biden’s “punish the rich” tax increase will result in less investment, a loss of jobs, decreased capital gains taxes, and a major recession. Biden says he learned his politics from Barack Obama. Well, it looks like he learned economic policy from Jimmy Carter. Its déjà vu all over again for America.

“I wish I had known when I was in the White House what I know now.” – Jimmy Carter

EDITORIAL ROUNDUP

The Louisiana budget advances, and there’s a lot of good news

At the mid-point of the annual session of the Legislature, what’s going in the right direction?

We see several encouraging developments.

There remains a good bit of political discussion around the budget, with lawmakers rushing spending bills through the House to tee up action in the Senate. The party angle? If Democratic Gov. John Bel Edwards should veto something, Republican legislators want to still be in session, the easier to override any of his decisions.

That may not seem the most judicious option, but in fact, and as Edwards himself observed, the budget is closely following some of his

key priorities that we also think are wise. A teacher pay raise is included as well as much-needed raises for university faculty, who are constantly being poached by other states’ institutions.

New federal money is being focused on one-time spending, rather than recurring expenditures, another wise judgment from the GOP leadership in both House and Senate.

And legislators and the governor are jointly committed to using one-time money to pay off a lingering debt owed to the U.S. government. The massive levee improvements built after Hurricane Katrina required a \$1.1 billion state match.

If the debt is not dealt with promptly, as the Public Affairs Research Council commented, the state could be obligated for interest charges that could rise to the billions.

The Louisiana delegation in Congress as well as state authorities have worked hard to make repayment as easy on the Louisiana taxpayer as possible. The second installment of \$400 million is in the budget that is now at the halfway point.

That’s good news, and another responsible step the Legislature is in the process of making this year.

THE [BATON ROUGE] ADVOCATE.



SPORTS

Lady Techsters move into first

Minden Press-Herald Sports Service

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. — Way back in mid-March when Louisiana Tech opened Conference USA play by being swept on the road at Florida Atlantic, it looked like the rebuilding process for new head coach Josh Taylor and Co. was going to take the normal couple of years.

However, since then, Tech (35-17, 15-6) has won 15 of its last 18 league games, including Sunday's 6-3 victory at Middle Tennessee completing the three-game sweep over the Blue Raiders.

With Sunday's win,

Tech finds itself in a two-way tie with North Texas atop the Conference USA standings with one week-end remaining. The Lady Techsters also own the tiebreaker against the Mean Green after taking two out of three on the road in Denton a few weeks ago.

"It's a credit to these kids," said Taylor. "It really is. I've said it time after time that they have bought in to what we asked of them and the results on the field are just proof of all the hard work they have put in since this fall. I can't tell you how proud I am of what they have done."



COURTESY PHOTO

Lakeside falls in second-round series

Lakeside High School's run in the Class B state baseball tournament came to an end this weekend as the Warriors fell in a best-of three series at Many. The fifth-seeded Tigers defeated the 14-seeded Warriors 12-2 on Thursday before winning Saturday's Game Two 5-4 to clinch the series win.



COURTESY PHOTO

Seven Lady Warriors earn all-district honors

Five Lakeside softball players were named to the All-District 1-2A team while a pair of other Lady Warriors earned all-district honorable mention. Being named to the all-district squad were Mckenna Chreene, Rainie Hughes, Makensie Hamiter, Raleah Harris and Maggie Mandino while Peiton Levesque and Laiklyn Squyres picked up all-district honorable mention.

Diamond 'Dogs take down ODU

Minden Press-Herald Sports Service

NORFOLK, Va. — Louisiana Tech topped Old Dominion 8-4 Sunday afternoon at Bud Metheny Ballpark to win its fourth conference series of the season.

Louisiana Tech (30-15, 14-7 Conference USA) took the series finale to win the series two games to one at Old Dominion (29-12, 11-10 C-USA) as the Bulldogs used a big five-run third inning and a solid outing from their pitching staff.

The Bulldogs struck first right out of the gates in the first inning. Taylor Young led things off with a base on balls and Philip Matulia follows up with 13th double of the year bringing Young home. Matulia later advanced to third on a wild pitch and Cole McConnell adds to his team-leading 55th run batted in on a sacrifice fly to center.

Monarch center fielder Thomas Wheeler launched a solo shot in the bottom of the second cutting the Bulldog lead in half, 2-1.

But he Bulldogs answered right back in the top of the third with five runs. with Steele Netterville driving in his 50th and 51st RBIs of the season.

Spring the right time is for birdwatching

GLYNN HARRIS
Special to the Minden Press-Herald

Springtime to me means a whole variety of things.

When I was a kid growing up on the rural route, I still remember how the new green grass felt to tender bare feet when my mama said it was okay to shuck shoes and socks. Weeks later those same feet could walk the gravel road in front of our house without causing a whit of discomfort.

Today, I no longer pad about in bare feet unless it's to the bathroom from the bedroom in the middle of the night. Even then I move carefully to keep from locating the leading edge of a cabinet with my little toe.

What I like about spring today has more to do with the sights and sounds I hear as the world is waking up to a fresh new season. It mainly has to do with song birds.

Yesterday, my wife remarked that as she took our new pup out for it to take care of "business" that would later prevent having to wipe something up from the floor, the wake up music of bird song was mesmerizing. She likened it to "surround sound."

If you haven't treated yourself to the early morning avian orchestra as it tunes up for the day, you need to step outside before the sun rises just to stand and listen. It can set the stage and create a mood to carry you through the day.

Spring is the season for new beginnings in the world of birds.



PHOTO BY GLYNN HARRIS

Bluebirds are starting to rear their young in nest boxes around the area.

If you have a nesting box set up in your yard, there is a good chance the box has drawn attention from a pair of birds. Sometimes the pair could consist of chickadees; sometimes tufted titmice but more likely, you'll see splashes of blue as Eastern bluebirds make their plans to perpetuate their species in housing you provide. I had noticed bluebirds showing interest in a box I have mounted in the yard, and saw them transporting beaks full of pine straw to the box to construct a

suitable nest so the female could settle down and deposit her eggs.

I was gratified while checking the box a couple of weeks ago to find two sky-blue eggs then a few days later, the clutch had grown to five.

Last week, a peek into the box revealed what the whole operation was about; there were five blind, naked baby bluebirds that responded with yellow-fringed beaks that flew open when I opened the box, expecting to receive a morsel of grass-

hopper, cricket, worm or spider.

I moved away letting the parents do what bird parents do and that's stuffing bugs and stuff into hungry gullets. Within a few weeks, those same little blind, naked fledglings will have grown flight feathers and will take their first halting flights from the box out into the world.

My assist to perpetuating the avian species here at home moved up another notch when a tiny little bird equipped with a foghorn of a voice tried to set up shop in my garage. I still haven't figured out how a tiny Carolina wren can produce a tune that loud. It's like sitting on the front row at a rock concert and having to cover my ears to dampen the sound. The little wren was insistent on nesting in the garage but didn't have the gumption to realize that the door is closed most of the time.

She picked an alternate spot and I am content to let it happen; the pair is building a nest on the back porch and has selected a small area on top of the sun screen we use to block the afternoon sun.

If we choose to sit on the porch on sunny afternoons for the next few weeks, I suppose we'll wear sun shades and hats to block the sun for a while as it's a small price to pay to have given Mother Nature the okay to bring another family of birds into the world.

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

FISHING REPORT

BLACK BAYOU - Fishing has improved. Bream are starting to bite around the beds. Crappie are fair to good around the trees on shiners or jigs. No report on bass. Contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707 for the latest information.

OUACHITA RIVER - Crappie fishing has been best in the back of the river lakes on jigs and shiners. Bass are fair in the same areas. Bream are bedding and biting worms and crickets. For the latest information, contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

LAKE D'ARBONNE - Bass fishing has been fair with trick worms in Watermelon Seed patterns working best. The crappie are fair with some still spawning in shallow water while others have completed the spawn and moved out. The bream are starting to bed and lots of big blue gills and chinquapins are being reported. Catfish are still biting cold worms fished off the banks. For the latest reports, call Anderson's Sport Center at 368-9669 or Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

LAKE CLAIBORNE - Crappie fishing has been fair to good on shiners and jigs with some caught around shallow spawning areas while others have moved back off to deeper water. Yo-yos baited with shiners taking lots of fish at night. Bream fishing is improving with fish moving into the shallows around the lake. Bass have been best fishing around the boat docks up the creeks with creature baits and soft plastics

catching some. No report on stripers or catfish. For the latest information, call Misty at Kel's Cove at 331-2730 or Terzia Tackle at 278-4498.

CANEY LAKE - The crappie are around shallow brush during the spawn while some have already spawned and are moving out. Shiners and jigs are taking some fish. Some bass are still hanging around the beds with a big 11.14-pounder caught on a creature bait. The bluegills and chinquapins are beginning to show up around shallow spawning areas with worms and crickets beginning to take some nice fish. No report on catfish. For information contact Hooks Marina at 249-2347, Terzia Tackle at 278-4498 or the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

LAKE POVERTY POINT - Catfishing has been good on cold worms. Crappie fishing is fair as most of the fish have moved out to deeper water. Bream fishing is improving on worms and crickets. No report on bass. For the latest reports, call Poverty Point Marina at 318-878-0101.

LAKE ST. JOHN - Catfishing is good while bream are improving, bass and crappie are fair. For information, call Ken Mahoney at 318-201-3821.

LAKE YUCATAN - The water is still too high for launching. No fishing this week. For information, call Surplus City Landing at 318-467-2259.

— Glynn Harris

FUN & GAMES

CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Gear teeth

5 Bee follower

8 “Memory” musical

12 Zwei follower

13 \$ dispenser

14 Farm-land unit

15 Cave in

17 Film spool

18 Half a ton

19 Suez Canal terminus

21 Pulled

24 Painter Salvador

25 “East of Eden” twin

26 Dialogue

30 Sign before Virgo

31 Singer Chrissie

32 French article

33 Amasses

35 Oscar-winning actress Moreno

36 They give a hoot

37 E-cigarette emanation

38 Italian sandwich

41 “Kapow!”

42 Oodles

43 Mixed-media artworks

48 Between jobs

49 Santa — winds

50 Ointment amounts

51 Bellow

52 High tennis shot

53 LAPD alerts

DOWN

1 Govt. health org.

2 Acapulco gold

3 Solidify

4 Soft and lustrous

5 Dog-patch creator

6 UFO pilots

7 Green gems

8 Aerobic workout, briefly

9 Experts

10 Nest setting

11 Actress Ward

16 Help

20 Vogue rival

21 Body powder

22 Twistable cookie

23 Scarf material

24 Taboos

26 Having a repeating series

27 Witticism

28 Golden Rule word

29 Once around the sun

31 Chopped

34 Hang around

35 Holiday Inn rival

37 Actor Kilmer

38 Two of a kind

39 Designer Gucci

40 The Big Easy acronym

41 Spill the beans

44 Plastic — Band

45 Mountain pass

46 Recede

47 Snake’s sound

Solution time: 22 mins.

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SUDOKU

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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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7	1	8	2	9	3	5	6	4
4	5	2	1	8	6	9	7	3
9	3	6	7	4	5	8	1	2
6	2	5	3	1	4	7	8	9
8	7	9	5	6	2	3	4	1
3	4	1	8	7	9	2	5	6

ANSWER:

Fun By The Numbers

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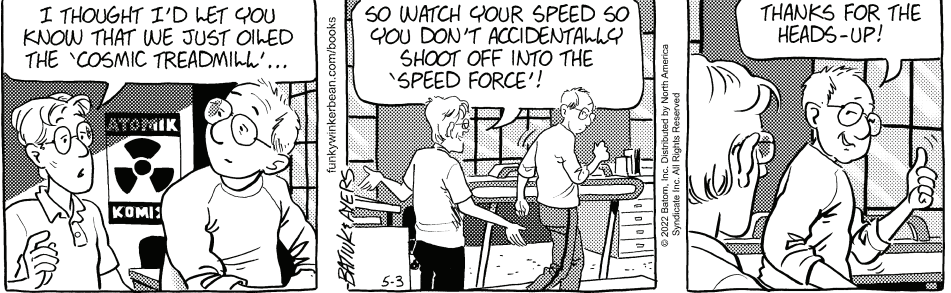
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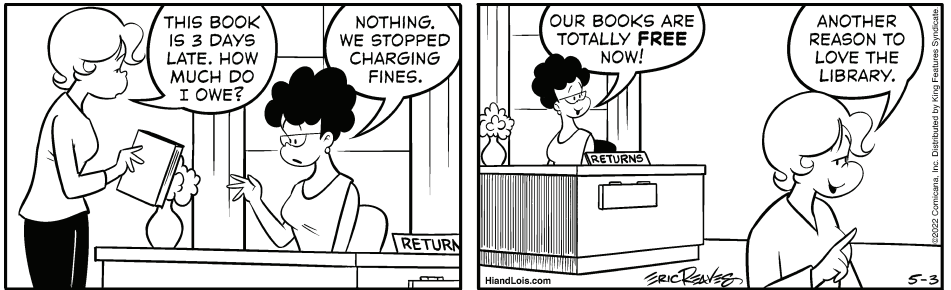
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Yesterday’s Cryptoquip: WHAT MIGHT METEOROLOGISTS SAY TO ONE ANOTHER WHEN THEY’RE ABOUT TO GO TO BED? “SLEET DREAMS!”

Today’s Cryptoquip Clue: L equals P

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May 3, 2022
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Village of Dixie Inn
Special/Workshop Session
April 26, 2022

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

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen for the Village of Dixie Inn met in special/workshop session on April 26, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, Dixie Inn, Louisiana with the following members present: Mayor Kay Hallmark-Stratton, Aldermen Donna Hoffoss, Judy McKenzie, and Lance Milligan.

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

There were no public comments or additions to the agenda.

Mayor Kay Hallmark-Stratton welcomed all in attendance.

Discussion was held regarding the 2022-2023 budget. Included in the budget discussion was an addition for new police units.

Duties of the police officers were discussed.

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

ATTEST:
Kay Hallmark-Stratton
Mayor

May 3, 2022
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May 2, 2022

CANCELLATION OF BID

The Webster Parish Police Jury has decided to postpone the project until further notice for the following:
Building updates for the Webster Parish Health Unit Building 1200-1202 Homer Rd. Minden, LA 71055

The Webster Parish Police Jury is a tax-exempt governmental agency.

The Webster Parish Police Jury abides by the requirements of the Louisiana Bid Law.

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May 6, 2022
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