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CHAMBER

Barnette shares her thoughts on returning as President/CEO of the Greater Minden Chamber

WILL PHILLIPS
Minden Press-Herald

With Jana Morgan recently leaving her position as President/CEO of the Greater Minden Chamber of Commerce, a void was left that needed to be filled. And, who better to fill it than someone with years of experience serving in that same capacity? Logan McConathy, Chairman of the Minden Chamber, announced today that Stephanie Barnette has been chosen to become Minden Chamber President/CEO once again. She last held this position in December of 2019.



BARNETTE

"It is with great excitement that we announce we have hired our next president. After interviewing applicants and executive board discussion, we have decided on Stephanie Barnette to be our next board president. As many of you know, Stephanie is a past board president before she left to pursue a career in education. We are excited to have her back," said McConathy.

Barnette will be returning to her role on July 18th. When asked about how she came to be the person to take up the position, Barnette stated that the feelings were mutual. Many of the current board members of the Chamber reached out to her to gauge her interest in taking over the reins again, and she was quick to express her enthusiasm

for taking the position as well.

"It was a mutual thing; I had multiple people from the board reach out to see if I was interested and, at the same time, I immediately let them know that, yes, I was interested in coming back," said Barnette. "My passion for the Chamber in this community never went away the whole time I've been absent from the Chamber. It's only grown stronger. When I saw that there had been a change, I knew it was the perfect time to come back and continue where we left off," said Barnette.

She went on to say that she is immensely happy to have so much support from the Chamber board as well as the wider Minden community in regards to her becoming President/CEO once again. "It feels really supportive to have the community behind me and pick back up where we left off," said Barnette.

"Right now they have a really strong board of directors. I'm looking forward to getting in there, meeting with them, and seeing what their ideas are and seeing how they want to grow the business community and push things forward," said Barnette. "So, that's where my focus is now. They already have a lot of plans in place for the remainder of the year. I'm excited to see how our ideas can mesh together to grow the business community in the greater Minden area."

CRIME

Minden police recover stolen handguns

STAFF REPORT
Minden Press-Herald

This week Minden police recovered three handguns, two of which were reported stolen.

On Sunday, an officer stopped a vehicle for going 52 mph in a 35 mph zone on Fincher Road. According to the arrest report, "Three of the four occupants were TTS gang members. The occupants were very nervous. After an open alcoholic beverage was observed in plain view and a K9 alert on the vehicle, it was searched. A stolen gun was located under a seat. Passenger [Philip] Edwards [28], admitted to possession of

the gun. The driver was cited and released. Edwards was arrested and booked."

Also on Sunday, an officer noticed a vehicle illegally parked on Jackson Street. The vehicle then pulled off, failing to signal at a turn. The officer initiated a traffic stop. The driver, Kentrevion Rogers (22) admitted that his driver's license was suspended. The officer observed an open Michelob Ultra in the cup holder, and Rogers said it was his. The front passenger gave a false name of Joseph Tank, though he was later identified as Joseph Full-

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WEBSTER PARISH LIBRARIES

The Dinosaur Experience



AMBER MCDOWN/PRESS-HERALD PHOTO

Children of Minden were enthralled by the sight of dinosaurs prowling the grounds of the library on Wednesday. The Dinosaur Experience, an educational and entertaining performance featuring Nash the dinosaur, not only taught the audience some facts about dinosaurs but also instructed them in how to train a dinosaur to stop on command. While it was hot enough outside to please any reptile, the heat did not interfere with the enthusiasm of the spectators.

The Dinosaur Experience was a special guest of the library's Summer Reading Program which, this year, focuses on the environment. Next Wednesday the special guest will be Steve's Snaketuary.

SCHOOL BOARD

School Board addresses USDA decision leveraging federal funds for affordable school meals to adopt transgender, LGBT+ inclusive policies

WILL PHILLIPS
Minden Press-Herald

In the July Webster Parish School Board meeting, Vice President Charles Strong of District 3 brought attention to a recent USDA administrative action that would require schools receiving government funding to adhere to LGBTQIA+ policies or potentially lose the funds that allow them to serve affordable breakfasts and lunches to students of low-income families.

A statement from the USDA about their decision reads, "It will interpret the prohibition on discrimination based on sex found in Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, and in the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, as amended, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

(SNAP), formerly the Food Stamp Program (7 USC § 2011 et seq.), to include discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity. Under the leadership of the Biden-Harris Administration, USDA and FNS are issuing this interpretation to help ensure its programs are open, accessible and help promote food and nutrition security, regardless of demographics."

Regarding the USDA's decision, the school board referred to the legal counsel of Jon Guise on how to proceed addressing the matter. Guise explained to the school board, "Fairly recently the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that for purposes of Title 7 which is employment law — we're not talking about the implications of kids, but for employment law

— that you could not discriminate against people on the basis of whether they were transgender, or what different status they were, and that doing so would be tantamount to discriminating on the basis of their sex which is prohibited by Title 7.

"Fast forward to the current administration. On May the 5th of this year, they issued a quote clarification or guidance where they threatened school districts across the nation with the loss of federal food funds in the event that they did not adopt policies against discrimination in such areas as well as taking other pertinent steps."

This is scheduled to go into effect August 3. Guise told the board that the Louisiana Attorney General Jeff Landry

has joined with 25 other state attorneys general in filing a lawsuit at the federal level to try and stop this. Guise stated that he had been in contact with Landry regarding the matter and provided a synopsis of Landry's response to the Biden Administration on the matter.

"First, we don't agree with your interpretation that prior decision had nothing to do with food services and federal funding. Second, they said only Congress can make laws, and you cannot, through the stroke of your administrative pen, create new laws and impose those on the state," said Guise.

"So the attorney general has set the way for us. Nothing is on the horizon as far as any enforcement action from See, **SCHOOLS**, Page 2



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the feds. The attorney generals of the various states have taken action and, knowing Mr. Landry as I do, I don't think he will lay back and let that be put on us."

Guise described this action taken by the USDA and the Biden administration as tantamount to legislating through administrative rules and regulations. He went on to say that his opinion is that there won't be enforcement on the part of the feds regarding this matter anytime soon given that, ultimately, the outcome would mean taking food out the mouths of children who need it the most.

"It is my opinion that is

something that would not come to fruition because I cannot see the current administration or Congress doing anything to take food from any kids, knowing that, if they cut off funding, it would deprive all children of the meals at the state level," said Guise.

In regards to specific action being taken by the school board to address the USDA's recent decision, they voted to allow Guise to draft a resolution that could be easily amended and adopted in the future.

"I want to reiterate that no board member in Webster Parish, nor the administration from Mr. Rowland and Mr. Washington on down has ever given me any suggestion

that there is anything even being considered that would change our current procedures as it comes to facility usage, restroom usage, locker room usage, so that is off the table. It is not the subject of discussion," said Guise.

"If a resolution is to be contemplated, I think it is something that we start now... and we can reach out to Attorney General Landry as to how that resolution can help you and what specific wording he would like to see in it. As far as taking any affirmative action tonight, I would counsel against that."

The board then voted unanimously to allow Guise to start drafting said resolution.

GOVERNMENT

Louisiana abortion clinic to resume operations after Baton Rouge judge blocks trigger law

(The Center Square) — A Louisiana abortion clinic plans to resume abortions on Thursday after a state judge who took over a legal challenge to the state's abortion ban granted a new temporary restraining order blocking the law.

East Baton Rouge District Judge Don Johnson on Tuesday granted a temporary restraining order blocking Louisiana's near total ban on abortion as a lawsuit challenging the law proceeds.

The decision follows an order from a New Orleans judge who agreed with Attorney General Jeff Landry that the proper venue for the case was in the capitol, a move that dissolved a previous restraining order.

The case centers on a legal challenge from Hope Medical Group, a Shreveport abortion clinic, and abortion advocates who claim a 2006 trigger law and another passed in the 2022 legislative session are unconstitutional, both in terms of exceptions and when they take effect.

The laws are designed to outlaw abortion in Louisiana following the U.S. Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe v. Wade, which became a reality late last month.

Kathleen Pittman, administrator at the Shreveport clinic, told

The Advocate staff are now working to reschedule canceled appointments to resume abortions on Thursday.

Joanna Wright, attorney with the New York-based Boies Shiller Flexner representing the plaintiffs, told the news site she'll push for a more permanent injunction at the next hearing in the case on Monday.

"Two separate Louisiana judges have now rightly found that irreparable harm will occur if the trigger bans are enforced," Wright said. "We look forward to arguing for a preliminary injunction before Judge Johnson next Monday and, in the meantime, we take solace in the fact that crucial healthcare for women has been restored in the state of Louisiana."

Landry reacted to Johnson's decision Tuesday in a series of posts on Twitter.

"To have the judiciary create a legal circus is disappointing and what discredits the institutions we rely upon for a stable society," Landry wrote. "The rule of law must be followed, and I will not rest until it is. Unfortunately, we will have to wait a little bit longer for that to happen."

"Any society that places themselves before their children (the future) does not last,"

Landry posted.

Abortion advocates with Lift Louisiana and others applauded Johnson's order.

"Today is a good day in Louisiana. By this judge issuing a temporary restraining order on Louisiana's trigger ban, he has restored the right to privacy and bodily autonomy for all people who can become pregnant if only temporarily," a Lift Louisiana statement read. "Everyday that the TRO is in effect means another day people who need and deserve abortion services can access it."

"There will be a hearing on Monday, July 18, and we are hopeful that the judge concludes that trigger ban law is too vague, and that ambiguity clearly places pregnant people's lives at risk and paralyzes doctors from making critical care decisions," the statement read.

Louisiana Right to Life also weighed in on Twitter.

"For decades, LA citizens through their elected legislators have been clear: protect unborn babies from abortion," the group posted. "These delays are a waste of taxpayer dollars. They lead to more precious innocent babies aborted. This is a disappointment to Louisiana."

CRIME

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wood (41). The backseat passenger was a highly intoxicated woman.

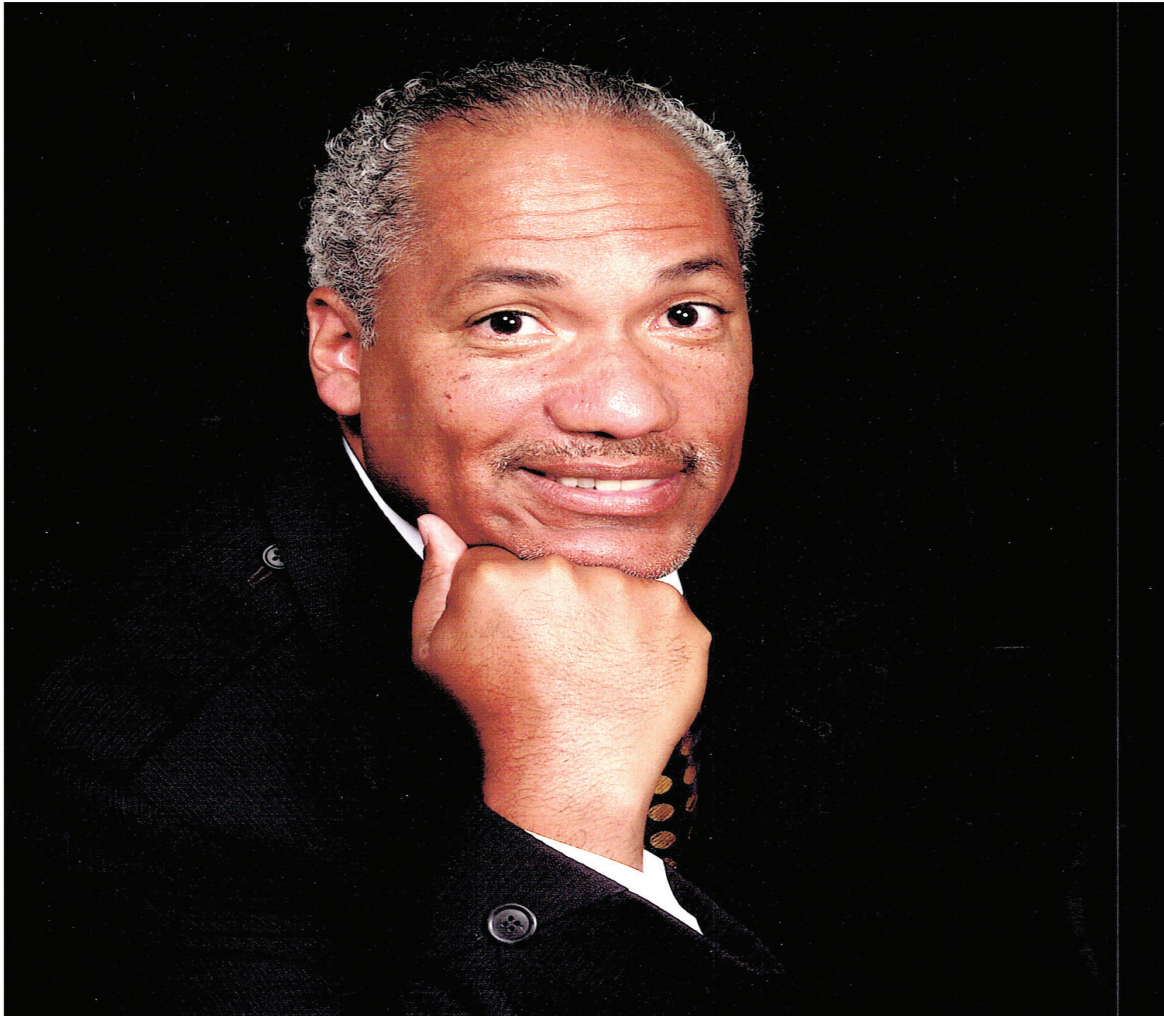
"Fullwood exited the vehicle with a backpack and fled on foot," the report stated. "Officers chased Fullwood as he dropped items out of his backpack, including 2.09 grams of crack cocaine, 17.56 grams of natural marijuana and a digital scale." Fullwood also broke a fence during this flight. When the vehicle was searched, a loaded 9 mm handgun was found in the roof support. None of the occupants knew who the firearm belonged to. Due to his status as a convicted felon, Rogers

was charged with felon in possession of a firearm as well as failure to signal and having an open container. Fullwood, who had outstanding warrants, was charged with possession of schedule I (natural marijuana), possession of schedule II (crack cocaine), possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a firearm with controlled dangerous substance, resisting an officer x2, and criminal damage to property.

And on Monday, an officer conducted a traffic stop after spotting a vehicle with an off-road light bar activated on the roadway. Once the vehicle had stopped, the officers noted in his report that "the

driver, Twantell Brown [35], had slurred speech, was fumbling his wallet and smelled strongly of alcoholic impurities. Brown dropped his license out the window and offered to get out and pick it up. Then he opened his door, and an open beer fell over in the driver's floorboard. I removed Brown and arrested him for open container. During a search of the vehicle, I located a 9 mm handgun beside the driver's seat. The gun was reported stolen out of Humble, TX." Brown was charged with felon in possession of a firearm, possession of a stolen firearm, multi-beam lighting, loud music, open container, and DWI.

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OBITUARIES



Kyle Russell

As a result of a massive stroke, Kyle Wallace Russell passed away on July 4, 2022, in Lowell General Hospital, Saints Campus, in Lowell, MA.

Kyle was born in Baton Rouge, LA on November 11, 1963. Kyle attended elementary grades in Baton Rouge, LA and Morehead, KY. He graduated from Haughton High School and was a member of the basketball and tennis teams.

After graduation, he attended and graduated from Northeast (now known as NLM). He was a member of the student council, serving as an officer for two years. Kyle was a charter member of the Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity and made lasting friendships.

After graduation Kyle went to work for Fidelity Investments in Dallas, TX. After a couple of years, he was promoted to the home office in Boston, MA. Kyle later went to work for John Hancock Insurance and was a Senior Director of Business Support Services.

Kyles was predeceased by his maternal granddaddy,

Bro. Leon Epnett

April 19, 1938 - July 12, 2022

Funeral services for Bro. Leon Epnett, 84, of Daingerfield will beheld at 11 AM Saturday, July 16,2022 at Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Ore City with Bro. Curtis Epnett officiating. The family will receive friends beginning at 10 AM prior to the service. Committal services will be held privately with the family. Services are under the direction of Horn-Nail-Haggard Funeral Home of Daingerfield. Bro Epnett was born on April 19,1938 in Rigolette, LA to Everettand Edith Epnett. He passed away on Tuesday morning, July 12, 2022 in a Tyler hospital.. After graduating high school Leon at tended the Louisiana Missionary Baptist Institute & Seminary where he received his Masters Degree of Theology. He served for over 40 years during which time he pastored several church es in Arkansas and Louisiana and instructed at the seminary. God gave him the ability to relate to people of all ages, from kids to senior adults, and he especially had a love for the ministry of teenagers. He would often attend youth camps as a sponsor even when he didn't have youth from his church in attendance. In his mid 60's he "retired" and proudly became a pipe liner. He had a love for hunting, fishing

Otis F, Minter, Jr. He was also predeceased by his grandmother Marjorie Russell and his grandfather, Don Russell.

Kyle is survived by his mother, Lynda Minter Russell, father, James S. Russell, brother, Blaine M. Russell (Kristine), nephew, Tate Russell and niece Natalie Russell. His grandmother, Sarah Minter. Also, his aunt Barbara Smith and several cousins.

Pallbearers are Blaine Russell, Tate Russell, Jodie Smith, Rick Casper, Bubba English, Nat Smith, Jeff Hart, and Stacy Musgrove.

The funeral will be held at Rose-Neath Funeral Home at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, July 16, 2022. A visitation will be held Friday, July 15, 2022, from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. at Rose-Neath. Also, one hour before services.

Donations can be made to the ULM Athletic Foundation, University of Louisiana Monroe, 308 Warhawk Way, Monroe, LA 71209, Attention Shelley. If one wants donation to go to girls' softball, please indicate.

Rose-Neath Funeral Home
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Minden, Louisiana 71055
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and anything outdoors. He especially loved spending time with his grandchildren and great-grand children. Bro. Leon was an all around "people person" and would often strike up long conversations with strangers. A loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, Bro. Leon was preceded in death by his wife, Chris. He is survived by his sons and daughters-in-law, Bro. Curtis Epnett and wife Valerie of Daingerfield, Bryan Epnett and wife Babbette of Minden,LA; grandchildren, Tiffany Dekou and fiance' Bob Borel, of Lafayette, LA, Joshua Epnett of Minden, LA, Caleb Epnett and wife Adrian of Daingerfield, Kellie Foster and husband, Jansen of Daingerfield; great- grand children, Willow Foster, Lilah Foster,Brighton Epnett, Rowan Epnett,Cameron Epnett; his two proudly claimed great- grandchildren,Leah Foster and Luke Foster; sisters, Gail Bradley of Bossier City,LA, Betty Cump-ton of Bentley,LA, Helen Smith of Ball, La;and brother, Junior Epnett of Rigolette, LA. The family asks that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be made in honor of Bro. Leon to one of his fa orite organizations: Operation Christmas Child, c/o Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church, PO BOX 930, Ore City, Texas 75683. A memorial guest book may be signed online at www.hornnail-haggardfh.com.



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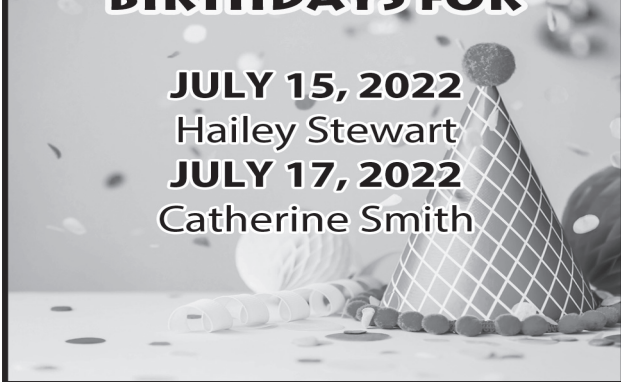
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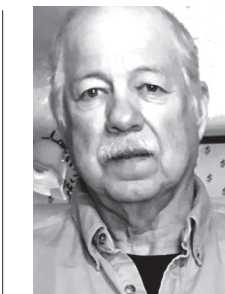
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Richard Wayne Haughton

Funeral services celebrating the life of Richard W. Haughton will be held Saturday, July 16, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. at Rose-Neath Funeral Home Chapel in Minden, Louisiana with Bro. Robert Goetjen and Bro. Todd Hennigan officiating. Interment will follow at Brushwood Cemetery in Dubberly, Louisiana. The family will receive friends from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. Friday, July 15, 2022, at Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Minden.

Richard was born March 3, 1954, in Orange, Texas and died at home at the age of 68, July 13, 2022 in Minden, Louisiana.

He was preceded in death by his son, Jeremy Haughton and father and mother, W.M. and Patsy Daniels Haughton.

He is survived by his wife Stella Louise Slaton Haughton; children, Brian Haughton and spouse Aimee Haughton and Beth Culbertson and spouse John Allen Culbertson; grandchildren, Lexie Thebeau and spouse Drew Thebeau, Braden Cook and Ariana DeLeon, Kayleigh Haughton, Kyleigh Haughton, Kinsleigh Haughton, Jaxton Ford, Landry Haughton, John L. Culbertson, and Brady Culbertson; and siblings, Barbara Butler, Randy Haughton, Debbie Claunch, Denise Goetjen, and Donna Kocher.

Pallbearers will be Bobby Slaton, Jerry Slaton, Mike DeLaney, Mike Langley, Mickey Harmon, and Braden Cook.

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DRAWDOWN

Lake Bistineau Drawdown to take place July 25

Special to the Minden Press-Herald

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) has scheduled a drawdown of Lake Bistineau in Webster, Bossier and Bienville parishes for the purpose of reducing the further expansion of giant salvinia. The drawdown will additionally benefit fisheries production by improving aquatic habitat and reducing the amount of organic matter on the lake bottom.

LDWF has requested the Department of Transportation and Development open the water control structure on July 25. Once the water control structure is open, the lake should dewater at a rate of 4 to 6 inches per day until it reaches a potential maximum drawdown level of 8 feet below pool stage. This dewater rate could be impacted, however, by local rainfall in the surrounding watershed. During the drawdown, the department will monitor aquatic habitat conditions to determine the best time to conclude the drawdown and allow the lake to refill for early spring recreational activities.

Below are some frequently asked questions and related information regarding the upcoming drawdown on Lake Bistineau.

Why are drawdowns used to manage giant salvinia on Lake Bistineau?

During the warmest

parts of the summer, giant salvinia on Lake Bistineau can double its coverage in less than three days. As the accessible parts of the lake are sprayed and the dying salvinia sinks, the ever-growing salvinia mats in the forested areas of the lake continue to push out new plant material. Due to the rate of plant growth, it is extremely difficult to keep the plant coverage at manageable levels with only herbicide applications.

Drawdowns strand and kill the plant material that is actively growing and reproducing in the shallow areas of the lake, allowing the spray efforts to make greater strides in reducing salvinia coverage in areas that are accessible to boats.

Relying on herbicides alone during the peak summer growing season would also carry a very large price tag. It is more cost-effective to combine the benefits of a drawdown with herbicide applications to make better use of available public funds.

What factors do you consider when making a decision on a drawdown start date? We consider multiple factors such as: the amount of acreage covered by salvinia, the amount of funding available to spray problematic areas, and the amount of public use occurring on the lake. We attempt to balance the need to control salvinia expansion through drawdowns with

the desire by the public to use open areas of the lake during the summer. An early summer drawdown would provide the best salvinia control, but that would greatly impact use of the lake when the public desires it the most. Therefore, we attempt to delay the drawdown as long as we can.

Will boaters still be able to access the lake during the drawdown?

Yes. During the drawdown, more than 7,500 acres of water will remain in the lake. Boaters can still access the lake during the drawdown from the following public boat launches: Port of Bistineau Launch, Bossier Public Launch, Grice's, and Bayou Dorcheat Public Launch. Boaters are advised to use caution during the low water period, as boat lanes will not provide normal clearance of underwater obstructions.

Why does the drawdown need to be in the summer rather than winter? One of the ways a drawdown works to control salvinia is to dry out the plant and the water bottom. Giant salvinia is much more susceptible to drying during the summer than it is to freezing during the winter. Additionally, exposed water bottoms do not dry out nearly as well during the colder months (also some of the wetter months) of the year. If there is any moisture left in the soil, the giant salvinia will be able to survive. The extreme hot and dry con-

ditions that we typically experience from June – September provide ample drying of the water bottom and desiccation of the plant material. Also, this is the fastest growing time of the year for giant salvinia. To have the lake at drawdown stage during this time provides less water surface for the remaining salvinia to reproduce and thrive. Lake Bistineau also has a very large watershed (draining nearly 1 million acres of land), which makes it difficult to remove water from the lake or keep the lake lower during the wet winter season.

I live on the southern part of the lake, where the giant salvinia doesn't look too bad. Do we really need to have a drawdown if the lake is still usable down here?

Yes. The southern end of the lake contains more open-water habitat, which is less conducive to the growth of floating aquatic vegetation such as giant salvinia. Therefore, this portion of the lake will typically be the last area to experience problems. However, with an exponential growth rate of salvinia in July and August, plant material will soon begin to impact those open areas down the lake as well.

Are drawdowns designed to improve the condition of the lake now, or to prevent worse conditions next year?

Both. A drawdown provides immediate benefits by reducing the amount

of giant salvinia coverage that currently exists on the lake. It is also a proactive management strategy used to ensure a better situation on the lake the following year.

Data from past years show a direct correlation between the number of acres of giant salvinia on the lake before a drawdown is initiated, and the amount that will be present as we approach the spring and summer of the next year. The longer we allow salvinia to grow on the lake prior to initiating a drawdown this summer, the more salvinia will be present next spring, and subsequently next summer. Herbicide application efforts and timing have been consistent over the years. Therefore, the reduction in giant salvinia annually can be mostly attributed to drawdown actions and their timing. We feel that it is critical to prevent salvinia from greatly expanding one year to prevent a worse situation next year.

Are there other benefits from a drawdown?

Yes. Drawdowns are beneficial to the fish population in flooded swamp lakes such as Lake Bistineau. Drawdowns expose the bottom of the lake to drying action, which helps to reduce the organic build-up such as dying salvinia, other vegetation and cypress tree leaf litter. Without drawdowns, this material continues to build up on the bottom, reducing and even preventing fish

from spawning. Drawdowns offer opportunities to observe many unique species of wading birds that are attracted to the lake, result in increased fish catches during a time of year when fishing gets tougher on other area lakes, and gives shoreline property owners a chance to make repairs to docks and seawalls.

Is Lake Bistineau the only lake with the salvinia challenge?

No. LDWF Aquatic Plant Control Program is battling giant salvinia in more than 50 waterbodies around the state. Each waterbody is different, and all present a unique challenge in managing the nuisance aquatic weed.

With LDWF's recent revenue increase, will Lake Bistineau be sprayed more often? Possibly. The increase in revenue through the recently-enacted license fee restructuring will provide more funding for control efforts on public water bodies statewide. However, there are several factors that we use to determine how much herbicide spraying is conducted on each – including the amount of plant material, its location on the lake and the availability of herbicide application contractors and equipment.

For additional information regarding the drawdown, contact Jeff Sibley, LDWF Biologist Manager, at jsibley@wlf.la.gov or 318- 371-5294.

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OTHER OPINION

SCOTUS attempts to re-establish Constitutional Republic

Recall that at the time of drafting our Constitution, our nation had just come out of a brutal war for its independence and our leaders sought to establish a fundamentally different kind of government, one based upon self-government.

Our Framers sought to balance individual liberty, which they had foremost in mind, and social order as they drafted the document grounded in this principle of self-government.

So, the Founders devised a system in which the states and the federal government were joint sovereigns sharing power. However, in this arrangement they demanded that the new constitution limit the national government to specific, express, enumerated powers which they listed with great specificity, with all other power reserved to the states and the people. Said another way, the states—as the legitimate repository of power—agreed to a voluntary transfer of enumerated powers from the states to the federal government.

Secondly, they created a three-part federal government, Legislative, Executive and Judicial, that would remain that way based upon a delicate system of checks and balances. This is our Separation of Powers which simply means that our three branch-

es of government would be required to “stay in their own lanes” such that one branch could no more make itself more powerful at the expense of another branch than they could give their constitutional authority away to another branch.

And, equally importantly, the federal government was required to stay out of the lanes of the states.



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rights and separation of powers. It was reversed because the 1973 Roe Court illegitimately decided to “federalize” the abortion issue and take that profound moral policy decision away from the 50 states in whom it is entrusted. It's also a violation of the Separation of Powers because the Supreme Court went “outside of its lane,” acting as a “super legislature.” In so doing, the Roe Court also disregarded its fundamental duty to interpret the law—not make the law—by magically “finding” a right to abortion in the Constitu-

tion.

Let's review another violation of the Separation of Powers. In a recent case involving the Environmental Protection Agency the Court ruled in such a way that signals a broad reining in of the massive federal administrative state. The case involved climate change regulation but the principle the Court laid down can be applied to all the federal agencies. The issue was whether the EPA could use a little-known provision of a major federal statute to essentially redesign our national electric grid.

The Court relied on a legal doctrine which requires courts to be skeptical, if not suspicious, when agencies try to claim a previously unidentified power in a long existing statute; like saying “this statute is 50 years old, but the EPA somehow just discovered this new power in it which it's now using to massively expand its own authority?” The Court held that the EPA had gone too far and was acting as a legislative body (at the whim of unelected bureaucrats) even though its only legitimate role is to administer laws passed by Congress.

Two final cases involve rights that are actually in the Constitution.

In a gun rights case, the Court struck down a New York law that prohibited its citizens

from possessing a handgun on their person outside of the home unless they proved a “special need” to do so. The Court said “no” holding that “the Second ... Amendment protects an individual's right to carry a handgun for self-defense outside the home,” adding that “individual self-defense is the central component of the Second Amendment right.”

Finally, a case involving free exercise of religion and the “praying football coach” who was fired from his job at a public high school after he briefly knelt after games to offer a prayer of thanks. The Court ruled in his favor finding that the coach had never attempted to coerce his players to join him, or conditioned playing time based upon player participation in the prayer. Rather, in firing the coach the school district had unconstitutionally punished him “for engaging in a brief, quiet, personal religious observance.”

The Left is furious because it realizes that if it can no longer rely on federal courts to accomplish its policy goals it will now have to accomplish them in the constitutional way—by building public consensus and then passing a bill through Congress.

ROYAL ALEXANDER IS A SHREVEPORT ATTORNEY

FROM THE BACK PORCH

Seasons come and seasons go

As I write this, we are in the midst of the hottest season of the year.

However, as we think about the life span of mankind, we realize that many of us have already reached our winter. Our life's seasons have passed so quickly in spite of the number of years we have reached.

Most of us can easily recall the days of childhood, when we were in the springtime of our youth. At that point in our lives we never considered that we would reach each of the seasonal periods in our life cycle. Carefree days of games and play. There were chores to be done but they were suited to our ages and abilities. Never were we burdened by anything. We rose each day, expecting only good things, and for the most part, that's what we experienced. School days with new friends, overnight visits from our favorite ones and lots of laughter and giggles as we shared those happy hours.

Gradually, we found ourselves in the summertime of our youth. The years progressed, we changed, made new friends, and had new interests. High school with all its activities, dating, and soon a young marriage. Some of us chose this path very early while others waited longer to take that step. But, as we matured we started our families

and spent lots of time welcoming new little ones into the home. We treasured each day, although they were often long and tiring days. We watched the little ones grow and develop minds and personalities all their own.

All too soon they made that step into adulthood. Jobs, college, marriages and babies of their own. This brought a new aspect into our lives as we began to re-live the young days through the lives of our grandchildren. We watched them progress through the same stages our own children, their parents, had made only a few short years earlier.

We savored every achievement and suffered through every disappointment they experienced. Ours hearts were often broken, but more often they soared with happiness as we had this second chance to love on these young ones. We watched their sports games, dance teams, and even their academic achievements, right along with their parents.



FANNIE MOORE

There were several years of these two seasons, but all too soon, the autumns began to creep up on us. This was a period of watching this second group of young ones spread their wings, leave the nests and make lives of their own. College, jobs, moves farther away from the nests and new lives with new loves. They, too, soon added another layer to the family that had begun, not too long ago, with two youngsters who chose each other at young ages. Now, as we watch these children grow, they are now ages 3 through 15, we can still recall when their grandparents were that age. They do not all get to come often, but when they do, we thoroughly enjoy more hugs and kisses while they are here. The autumn is moving quickly along for us.

And, now, at this stage, we have moved into the winter. This is the season when most activity has ceased for the year and our lives are much quieter. We are leading a more sedate life, realizing that seasons come and seasons go and we have made the most of each of them.

However, we are still making plans for our winter season. We aren't quite ready to only sit by the fire and watch the flames of memoirs flicker and die. We want to do more before the snows fall.

There is still some traveling that we want to do, even though we have done quite a bit over the years. We have visited the lower forty-eight states, with the exception of Michigan. We haven't experienced Alaska and Hawaii, but we did visit Canada, Mexico and the Bahamas. We reveled in the beauty of the Canadian Rockies, the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans, the Smoky Mountains, the deserts and plains and all in between. The majesty of Niagara Falls, Mt. Shasta in California and the Continental Divide. We have been blessed to see so much of God's creation.

But, there are still places to go and things to do.

I want to continue to visit friends, attend concerts, teach our Bible Study class, write some each day, and complete a book that I have begun. I want to continue hosting our family holiday get-togethers, watch these youngsters grow up and become strong Christian men and women and enjoy each day as the blessing it is.

Just as the song by Ira Stanphill, written several years ago, says:

“Many things about tomorrow, I don't seem to understand. But, I know who holds the future and I know who holds my hand.”

FANNIE MOORE LIVES IN SHONGALOO.

OPINION

GOP contenders' words, deeds will haunt them as candidates for governor

GREG LAROSE
Special to the Minden Press-Herald

Attorney General Jeff Landry was effusive Friday after an Orleans Parish judge refused to maintain a stay against enforcing Louisiana's abortion ban. If you didn't hear his remarks, don't worry. Landry's opponents in next year's governor's race are likely to use them against him repeatedly in campaign ads.

“If you don't like the laws of the states, you can move to one under which [laws] you like,” Landry told reporters at the New Orleans courthouse. “That's the greatness of America.”

Louisiana, love it or leave it – that's the gist of the attorney general's remarks.

For a state that perennially struggles to attract and retain investment, it couldn't be a more damaging message. For a state that routinely struggles to prioritize education and health care, it all but packs the bags of residents who are considering their options.

Landry's comments might just be con-

sidered a verbal fumble if not for his history of questionable stances and decisions while holding public office.

As a congressman in 2012, Landry claimed without evidence the Obama administration was granting special waivers to Muslims when they went through Transportation Security Administration security checkpoints at airports. That same year he also spoke out against the University of Louisiana at Lafayette offering a minor in LGBTQ studies, incorrectly claiming taxpayer dollars were used to support the curriculum.

Landry continued to play to the far right fringe upon becoming Louisiana's attorney general to further cement his conservative Republican bonafides. This included continued opposition to LGTBQ causes, even in the face of opposition from his openly gay brother.

He was decidedly more supportive of another brother, Ben, when an investigation from The Advocate and The Times-Picayune found the Landrys had partnered with an eventual felon to im-

plore workers in violation of immigration laws.

Landry continued his war with the newspapers when a reporter sought public records that would confirm his top prosecutor had been accused of sexually harassing female co-workers. Instead of complying with the records request, the attorney general sued the journalist unsuccessfully. Assistant AG Pat Magee would resign after news broke of a second sexual harassment complaint against him.

Going to the mat so often for questionable causes is certain to haunt Landry is his quest for governor. With a Republican heavily favored to win the race next year, it will be interesting to see whether any of the GOP contenders lob any of this dirt at him.

Another leading contender, Lt. Gov. Billy Nungesser has skeletons of his own, including baseless claims of voter fraud. He also controversially opposed the removal of Confederate monuments, going so far as to ask President Donald

Trump to intervene.

However, neither of those stances are likely to deter the bulk of Louisiana's conservative voters who are ardent defenders of the Lost Cause and the Big Lie.

Also worth watching is what role the Louisiana Republican Party will play in the race. The state GOP endorsed Landry in 2015 when he opposed two-term Republican incumbent Attorney General Buddy Caldwell. Nungesser also has close ties to state party leadership, most notably when he and chairman Roger Villere worked to secure a business deal with Iraq's government without the knowledge or approval of Gov. John Bel Edwards.

While it's too early to project a favorite – or even rule out additional entrants – there is one certainty you can count on in the 2023 governor's race: the weighty baggage of the leading GOP candidates will be on full display.

GREG LAROSE IS EDITOR OF LOUISIANA ILLUMINATOR

SPORTS



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Dixie 6U Sweetees headed to state tourney

This weekend, the Minden 6U Sweetee All-Stars will travel to Alexandria as the District 6 Champions to compete for the Louisiana title during the Dixie Softball State Tournament. They will compete against Ruston and East Ouachita for the state championship. If they win, this is will be the second consecutive year they will earn the title. Pictured from left to right are Conleigh Jernigan, Gracelyn Pitman, Macie Morton, Sage Wood, Savannah Kirk, Addilyn Brown, Ave' Elkins, Annabel Sunderland, Marley Bogues, Lexie Perryman, Peyton Peevy and Sadie Stewart. Not pictured are Head Coach Jason Sunderland and assistant coaches Colby Bogues, Jennifer Kirk and James Stewart.



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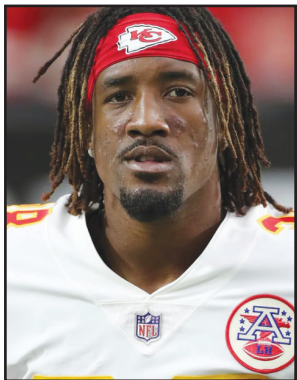
Minden 8U All-Stars set to battle for Louisiana championship

The Minden 8U All-Star baseball team went 12-0 on the season, winning their district and earning a berth in the state championships being held in Monroe through Saturday. From left to right on the first row are Wesley Duck, Clint Powell, Riley Hollingsworth and Hank Rowton. From left to right on the middle row are Brandon Jackson, Captain Powell, Warren Johnson, Grayson Avery, Jackson Haulcy, Jace Haulcy and Ryder Hollingsworth. From left to right on the top row are coaches Marshall Duck, Tripp Glass, Nick Rowton, Hagen Hay and Eli Morgan. (Editor's note: This picture is being run again to correct information on incorrect names as originally submitted to the Minden Press-Herald.)

L'Jarius Sneed needs Impala's classic speed

MONICA COMAN
Autorevolution

Some athletes and celebrities love to turn heads with their rides, and the more expensive, the better. But Kansas City Chiefs cornerback L'Jarius Sneed didn't go for a modern or exotic, but went for a classic Chevrolet Impala instead. Sneed starred at Minden High School and Louisiana Tech before he was drafted by the Chiefs in the fourth round of the 2020 NFL Draft. When he signed the Chiefs, they gave him a four-year contract worth almost \$4 million, including an over \$600,000 signing bonus, with an average salary of almost \$1 million per year. While that's not even close to how much you can make in the NFL, it's



Sneed

still more than enough to allow Sneed to follow his passions, which seem to include classic cars. The Chiefs' cornerback will be pulling up to games this season in his new ride — a 1972 Chevrolet Impala convertible. The 25-year-old worked with a classic car enthusiast group known as Finders Keepers Classics on Instagram, which helped him find the car of his dreams.



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Former Minden Crimson Tide and Louisiana Tech cornerback L'Jarius Sneed prefers the classic style of this Chevrolet Impala as his main ride.

While the 1970s' Chevrolet Impala wasn't as successful as the versions that came out in the '60s, it was still one of the cars many had to have. The 1972 Impala convertible came with a range of engine options, including a 350 cc (5.7-liter), a 400-cubic-inch (6.6-liter), or the 454 cc (7.4-liter) V8. Chevrolet built its last Impala convertibles in 1972, selling 6,456 units. After that, the carmaker dropped the model from

its portfolio, leaving it to the Caprice lineup. And Sneed seems to know how to appreciate the convertible. His new model comes with an olive green exterior, but we can't see the cabin. According to the inscription on the side of the car, Sneed's new ride comes with a 400 cc (6.6-liter) V8 under the hood. For extra effect, the convertible has been fitted with silver Forgiato wire wheels.

NCAA notice

Lady Techster nominated for top honor

Minden Press-Herald Sports Service

RUSTON — Former Louisiana Tech softball standout Lindsay Edwards is one of 577 female college athletes nominated for the 2022 NCAA Woman of the Year award, the NCAA Committee on Women's Athletics announced this week. Edwards started all 59 games at third base while helping lead LA Tech to a C-USA title as a senior in 2022. As a freshman, Edwards was named C-USA Freshman of the Year and first team NFCA All-Mideast Region. The Plano, Texas, native finished her career with a .276 batting average, 127 hits, 16 home runs, 86 RBIs and 83 runs scored.

Edwards also was named an Easton/NFCA All-America Scholar-Athlete and was selected to the Conference USA Softball All-Academic team in 2022 in addition to being a four-time C-USA Commissioner's Honor Roll Nominee.

Established in 1991 and now in its 32nd year, the NCAA Woman of the Year award honors graduating female college athletes who have exhausted their eligibility and distinguished themselves in academics, athletics, service and leadership throughout their collegiate careers.

The NCAA encourages member schools to honor their top graduating female student-athletes each year by submitting their names for consideration for the Woman of the Year award.

Neal joins GSU women's hoops staff

Minden Press-Herald Sports Service

GRAMBLING — Grambling State University head women's basketball coach Freddie Murray has announced the addition of Monisha Neal to the Lady Tigers coaching staff as an assistant. Neal previously played for Grambling State from 2014-2018, where she accomplished many milestones. She was tabbed the Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) Player of the Week after averaging 17.0 points, 7.0 rebounds and 3.0 assists. Neal was a part of the 2016-17 regular season SWAC Championship team, the program's first since 2000.

Also in 2017, Neal was a part of the program that made history, being the first SWAC school to win a WNIT post season basketball game

against SEC opponent Ole Miss (78-75). In her senior year, Neal was a part of the SWAC championship team that ended a 19-year title drought (1999) for the Grambling State women's basketball program. During her college career, Neal received All-SWAC Tournament honors as well as reached the 1,000th-point club. Before coming to Grambling State, Neal was a four-year letterman winner at Lewisville High School and received a McDonald's All-American nomination.

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Athletes of the Week



Minden High School Cheer Squad

The MHS Cheerleaders and Coach Baleigh Wilkins had a big camp performance last week, placing first for overall game day and cheer, and second for sideline performance and camp routine while also earning the tradition award, Dancing Diva mascot award, and Most Spirited Mascot awards in the large varsity category.

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

Good News

GOOD NEWS

The Dog Days of Summer Are Here

Several summers back, Jack Dillard wrote in 'The Times' – a Sunday edition: It's those Dog Days of Summer again! He, then, identified this to be the span of days from July 3 –August 11, the hottest and muggiest part of the summer. Sirius, the brightest star in the Canius Major Constellation, rises and sets with the sun during this time. Connect: Canius, Dog, Summer, Heat! Dog Days of Summer! Look for it some night this summer and 'bark to the moon.' Neighbors will turn their lights on and say, "yep, it's those dog days of summer for sure!"

Some of you have been in places where the temperature has topped 100 degrees many times in the summer. A friend spent a month in Bukeno Faso (Africa) helping the farmers with the soil preparation before planting. (A USDA international project). He said it was over 115 degrees every day while he was there. He lost about 30 lbs. there. We were in Phoenix once when it was 113. Wow! You could feel the heat

as it filtered through the motel door. But with no humidity, the night air cooled the city considerably, bringing a chill for the morning.

Israel gets hot in the summer also. We were there in May one year and it was so hot and dry. You could almost hear the dogs howling at the moon at night, calling for a heavy dew to fall the next morning. Don't

you think it was just as hot in Jesus' day as it is now? They had to deal with it the best they could. No air conditioning, no ice tea and certainly no ice cream. Just how did they make it through the hot, dry summers? A cup of cool water from the nearby well, a sip of camel or goat milk for the babies, cool juice from a citrus or coconut, or a hand full of fresh or dried figs – might keep them from having to cook on an open fire! A few wells, an oasis here and there and a few olive and palm trees for shade! Somehow they

improvised and adapted.

We read often of Jesus retreating into the hills or around the lakes or the Jordan River. These were cooler places, at least in the mornings.



Bill Crider

Historical evidence reveals the use of hand fans, wet towels, the wearing of light garments, and open-air sleeping. A good foot-washing and wiping the forehead with a wet towel brings about a good

cooling effect too. And we all love to feel a cool breeze in the middle of a hot summer, as we sometimes get! Didn't we experience some of these days and nights as children, or hear or parents speak of such?

I remember those hot, dry, dusty days as a kid living on the WPA Road (RR 3, Delhi). Grandma would often line up the three youngest Crider boys and fan them to sleep at night with a palmetto fan. Daddy would rig up an 'outdoor' bed with a mosquito net so he could get a semi-good night of rest be-

fore hitting the fields at daybreak. Mama would slave over the 'wood burning' cook stove to serve up three square meals each day. Added to this were all the other chores around the house. That afternoon bath in the #3 wash tub was a welcome pleasure each afternoon. Yes, those dog days of summer have been around a long time, and it almost gives me a heat stroke just to think how hot it really was. Of course, we didn't have the national weather monitors announcing every hour the heat index; or how hot it really feels! It didn't matter anyway – there was work to be done, regardless!

We find the word "dog" is used more than twenty times in the Bible. None of these are complimentary as 'a man's best friend,' like we hear today. Matt 7:6, Jesus spoke these words: 'do not give to dogs that which is sacred....' In Phil 3:2, Paul writes: 'watch out for those dogs; those men who do evil!' Somewhere in history, man began to domesticate these critters and it be-

came commonplace to see pet dogs (initially used to help with hunting and herding).

Today, we see them even leading their masters up and down the streets of Minden. Some of the leading dogs of Shreveport demanded a 'park' and guess what the mayor did several years ago? Built a nice one with tax-payers' money! (There were rumors that cats were very unhappy and threatened to strike)! Back to the track: fans may be set up along the trails for dogs to keep cool. I don't know details. We have turned this statement around....dogs live in a dream world now; we live in the heat of "hot dog's summer." Let's just keep things in proper perspective this summer! Let everyone, everything keep "kool."

Would that we all treated our children and elderly with the same caring spirit as our pets! Each summer we read of countless folks being neglected in the heat of day. That's why organizations collect fans and light clothing to help those in need; com-

munity servants always are alert to conditions of those in need. The Bible has much to say about caring for the widows and orphans of the day. Matt 25: 31-46 relates words of Jesus about ministering to folks in need. We are actually 'doing it to Jesus Himself when we reach out and care for those in need.'

The 'dog days of summer' offer great opportunities to minister in the name of Jesus. Melons, ice cream, bottles of cold water, fresh fruit and veggies...will all be welcomed as reminders that 'witnessing and ministering for the Lord is not seasonal.' Let's help beat the heat and hit the street with a 'cup of cold water' for our neighbor! And give it in Jesus' name – to someone that needs a break from the heat of these Dog Days of Summer.

BILL CRIDER IS CHAPLAIN OF MINDEN MEDICAL CENTER

THE UPWARD LOOK

One Body, One Spirit, One Hope

"There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling;" Ephesians 4:4 NASB



Max Hutto

While believers meet in many local churches all over the world, there is only one body of Christ composed of all believers. There is only one Holy Spirit who indwells within every believer, providing the power and guidance needed to live for Christ. There is one hope in Christ who will return as Lord and reign as King of kings and Lord of lords

for all of eternity. This hope confidently asserts that all believers are called by God and by His grace will spend eternity with the Lord in Heaven.

Lord Jesus, I long for the unity that will be experienced in Heaven. Help me to maintain spiritual unity in the church as I daily walk with You and in Your grace.

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

INSPIRATION

Timeline

Today I would like you to take a journey through the timeline of your life. I want you to go as far back as your recollection will take you. Now if you would take the time to first focus on the good and then the bad. Finally, to end this journey I want you to try and separate the two. I have on many occasions tried to tell myself that any one event in my life was not necessary and in good conscience, I could not do so. Every event in my life has been used by GOD for my improvement. Romans 8:28 says "and we know that GOD causes all things to work

together for good to those who love GOD, to those who are called according to his purpose." I would like to use this article to encourage anyone going through a struggle. Do not give up hope and maintain your faith in the lord he walks with you through every trouble and triumph. When life takes a turn don't be dismayed just be patient and wait for GOD to move.




Bernard Harris

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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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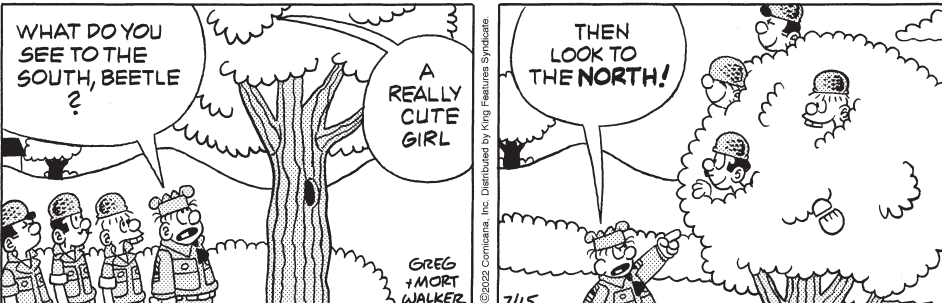
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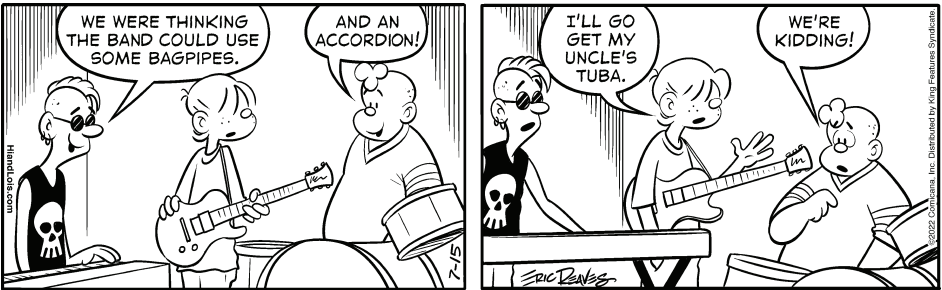
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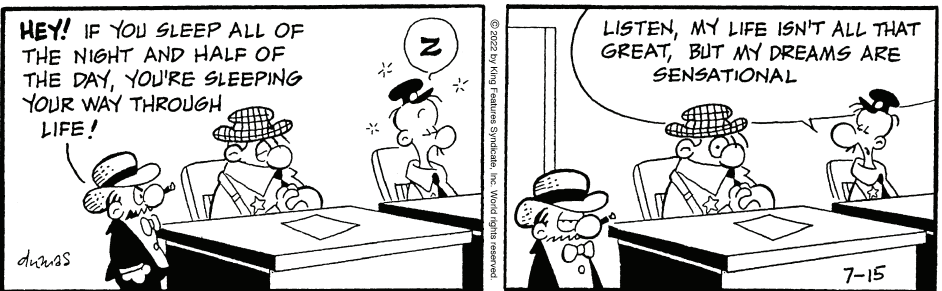
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SHERIFF'S SALE

LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC VS. JOSEPH STANLEY BEARD A/K/A JOSEPH S. BEARD A/K/A JOSEPH BEARD AND AMBER LEANN BEARD A/K/A AMBER L. BEARD A/K/A AMBER BEARD

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 79925

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 Courthouse in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana on WEDNESDAY, July 20, 2022, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

Begin at the Northwest corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, Section 24, Township 22 North, Range 11 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana, and thence run South 348 feet to the point of beginning of the property herein described; thence run east 210 feet; thence run south 210 feet; thence run west 210 feet; thence run north 210 feet to the point of beginning.

SOLD SUBJECT TO ANY SUPERIOR LIENS, MORTGAGES OR PRIVILEGES THERETO.

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

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

Linda Vaughan -

Deputy

June 17, 2022 July 15, 2022 Minden Press-Herald

SHERIFF'S SALE

MIDFIRST BANK VS. LANCE LAMAR FARRINGTON AND NATALIE ANN BLAKE FARRINGTON

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. CV80052

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 Courthouse in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana on WEDNESDAY, August 17, 2022, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

The West 173 feet of the Northwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of section 15, Township 23 North, Range 9 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana, together with all structures and improvements located thereon; subject to restrictions, servitudes, rights-of-way and outstanding mineral rights of record affecting the property.

SOLD SUBJECT TO ANY SUPERIOR LIENS, MORTGAGES OR PRIVILEGES THERETO.

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

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

Linda Vaughan - Deputy

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SHERIFF'S SALE

LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC VS. MARK ELLIOTT PEARCE

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 80066

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 Courthouse in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana on WEDNESDAY, August 17, 2022, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

LOT 38, HICKORY RIDGE ESTATES, A SUBDIVISION OF THE PARISH OF WEBSTER, AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN CONVEYANCE BOOK 4 ON PAGE 40 OF THE RECORDS OF WEBSTER PARISH, LOUISIANA, TOGETHER WITH ALL BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS LOCATED THEREON; 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 2006 Southern Homes, SS6848, Mobile Hme, 28' X 52', Serial No. DSDAL44837A/B and HUD #NTA136-4748/9, which said manufactured home/mobile home was immobilized pursuant to Affidavit to Immobilize Mobile Home dated September 8, 2005 and filed for record as Instrument No. 481609 of the records of Webster Parish, Louisiana.

SOLD SUBJECT TO ANY SUPERIOR LIENS, MORTGAGES OR PRIVILEGES THERETO.

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

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

Linda Vaughan - Deputy

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SHERIFF'S SALE

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A MR. COOPER VS. THR UNOPENED SUCCESSION OF VICKI DUKE A/K/A VICKI DUKE

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 80077

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 Courthouse in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana on WEDNESDAY, August 17, 2022, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

A tract of land in Section 31 (Government Lot 3), and the Webster Parish portion of Tract No. 1 as shown on plat dated November 10, 1997 by Thomas Q. Hathorn, Jr. P.L.S., Township 17 North, Range 10 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana and being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at a 1 inch dowel rod, being the Southeast corner of Government Lot 3, Webster Parish, Louisiana, run North 00 degrees 01 minutes 17 seconds East a distance of 208.77 feet to a found 1/2 inch iron pipe; thence run South 89 degrees 38 minutes 51 seconds West a distance of 67.25 feet to a set 3/4 inch iron pipe and the point of beginning for Tract No. 4917; thence run South 14 degrees 75 minutes 35 seconds East a distance of 72.45 feet to a set 3/4 inch iron pipe; thence run North 89 degrees 52 minutes 03 seconds West a distance of 32.51 feet to a set 3/4 inch iron pipe; thence run North 14 degrees 75 minutes 35 seconds West a distance of 72.35 feet to a set 3/4 inch iron pipe; thence run North 89 degrees 58 minutes

51 seconds East a distance of 32.49 feet to a set 3/4 inch iron pipe and the point of beginning.

Subject to any restrictions, easements and servitudes of record.

SOLD SUBJECT TO ANY SUPERIOR LIENS, MORTGAGES OR PRIVILEGES THERETO.

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

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

Linda Vaughan - Deputy

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VILLAGE OF DOYLINE COUNCIL MEETING

JULY 11, 2022

THE COUNCIL MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN FOR DOYLINE, LOUISIANA WAS HELD AT THE DOYLINE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY, JULY 11, 2022 AT 6:00 PM, PURSUANT TO DUE NOTICE.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE CARLY COLLIER, CHRISTIE GATES. ABSENT: JAKIE DANIELS

THE MEETING WAS PRESIDED OVER BY MAYOR STEVEN BRIDWELL.

THE MEETING WAS OPENED WITH PRAYER BY STEVEN BRIDWELL AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS LED BY CHRISTIE GATES

THERE WERE NO CITIZENS IN ATTENDANCE.

NO ADDITIONS WERE ADDED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CARLY COLLIER TO APPROVE THE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FROM JUNE 6, 2022. SECONDED BY CHRISTIE GATES. THERE WERE NO COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE, MOTION CARRIED. AYES: 2 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 ABSTAIN: 0

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CHRISTIE GATES TO APPROVE THE JUNE 2022 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, SECONDED BY CARLY COLLIER. THERE WERE NO COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE, MOTION CARRIED. AYES: 2 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 ABSTAIN: 0

JOHNNY MONTGOMERY, MAINTENANCE REPORT (ABSENT)

MIKE DUNAWAY, SEWER OPERATOR (ABSENT)

SHANE JONES, CLERK'S REPORT

ROBBY HAYDEN, CHIEF'S REPORT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CHRISTIE GATES TO ADJOURN THE MEETING, SECONDED BY CARLY COLLIER. THERE WERE NO COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE, MOTION CARRIED. AYES: 2 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 ABSTAIN: 0

SHANE JONES, VILLAGE CLERK

STEVEN BRIDWELL, MAYOR

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VILLAGE OF DOYLINE COUNCIL MEETING

JULY 11, 2022

A SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN FOR DOYLINE, LOUISIANA WAS HELD AT THE DOYLINE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY, JULY 11, 2022 AT 6:45 PM, PURSUANT TO DUE NOTICE.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE CARLY COLLIER, CHRISTIE GATES. ABSENT: JAKIE DANIELS

THE MEETING WAS PRESIDED OVER BY MAYOR STEVEN BRIDWELL.

THE MEETING WAS OPENED WITH PRAYER BY STEVEN BRIDWELL AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS LED BY CHRISTIE GATES

THERE WERE NO CITIZENS IN ATTENDANCE.

RESOLUTION 2022-6: MILLAGE RATES FOR THE VILLAGE OF DOYLINE. A MOTION WAS MADE BY CHRISTIE GATES TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2022-6 AND SECONDED BY CARLY COLLIER. AYES: 2 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 ABSTAIN: 0

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CHRISTIE GATES TO ADJOURN THE MEETING, SECONDED BY CARLY COLLIER. THERE WERE NO COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE, MOTION CARRIED. AYES: 2 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 ABSTAIN: 0

SHANE JONES, VILLAGE CLERK

STEVEN BRIDWELL, MAYOR

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Ol' West BBQ LLC is applying to the Office of Alcohol & Tobacco Control of the State of Louisiana and the City of Minden for a permit to sell beverages of low alcohol content at retail in the Parish of Webster at the following address: 206 Hwy 531 Minden, LA 71055 Ol' West BBQ LLC Ol' West BBQ LLC Richard Tommy Arnold and Wanda Mae Arnold, owners

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TNT Storage, LLC, owner of East 80 Storage, (318-377-9733) located at 14963 US Hwy 80 East, Minden, LA, will have a 10 x 15 unit to auction on www.StorageAuctions.com starting 7-15-22 and ending on 7-29-22 at 10:00 am. East 80 Storage: #34 Shirley Weston - Stereo speakers, luggage, aquarium, furniture, coolers, tons of tubs and boxes

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MAYOR Jimmy Williams TOWN CLERK Sherry McCann, LMMC ALDERMEN Wayne Bolton Helen Chanler Richard Davis Alan Myers Robert Smart

July 11, 2022 The Sibley Town Council met in regular session on Monday, July 11, 2022 at 6pm in the Sibley Town Hall Meeting Room. Members present were Mayor Jimmy Williams, Aldermen: Wayne Bolton, Helen Chanler, Richard Davis, and Alan Myers. Robert Smart was absent. Mayor Williams opened the meeting in prayer; then led the Pledge of Allegiance. Richard Davis motioned to accept the minutes to the June 13, 2022 Regular Meeting as read. Wayne Bolton seconded. Motion carried. Richard Davis motioned to add Police Employment to the agenda under new items. Alan Myers seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Wayne Bolton motioned to adopt Resolution No. 2022-13, setting the millage rate for the 2022 Property Taxes. Richard Davis seconded. Motion carried. Richard Davis motioned to adopt Resolution No. 2022-14 authorizing Mayor Williams to negotiate acquiring Salt Works Water System. Alan Myers seconded. Motion carried. Wayne Bolton motioned to hire Bryan Miller as part-time officer for the Sibley Police Department, with a 6 month probationary period. Alan Myers seconded. Motion carried. Richard Davis gave the June 2022 activity report for the Sibley Volunteer Fire Department. Officer Clint Meshell gave the June 2022 activity report for the Sibley Police Department. The Board acknowledged receipt of the June 2022 Financial Statements. Richard Davis motioned to adjourn, Alan Myers seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Jimmy Williams Mayor

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