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CRIME

Minden woman arrested on
drug charges after aiding flight
from a scene

STAFF REPORT
Minden Press-Herald

A Minden woman was arrested on Tuesday night after she assisted another person in leaving the scene of a disturbance and was then found to be in possession of drugs.

Crystal Danielle Mattingly, 48, was stopped at the Bon Temps parking lot by Minden police after her vehicle was identified as one that had picked up a passenger and then ran from a disturbance on Robertson Road. Her passenger, Christopher Reed, was the person who had fled the scene. He was taken into custody on existing warrants.

When the officers searched Mattingly, they found illicit drugs and paraphernalia. The arrest

report states, "The search I conducted on her person resulted in the finding of suspected crystal methamphetamine. A search of her purse resulted in the finding of a prescription bottle with no label containing 11 trazodone pills and a sub-oxone strip. A glass smoking pipe with a white crystalline substance inside along with a small container, also containing more of the crystalline substance."

Mattingly was booked and charged with possession of a schedule II substance, possession of a schedule III substance, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

All defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

WPLB

Lord of the Rings comes to
Minden library

AMBER MCDOWN
Minden Press-Herald

The Minden main branch of Webster Parish Libraries will be showing the trio of Lord of the Rings movies this September as part of Minden Movie Madness.

On Saturday, September 3, they will show The Fellowship of the Ring from noon until 3 p.m. The following Saturday, September 10, they will show The Two Towers during the same time period. On Saturday, September 17, the final movie, The Return of the King will be shown from noon until 4 p.m.

This film series, which

was released in 2001, 2002 and 2003 respectively, includes huge casts and dramatic scenes. It is considered by many to be one of the greatest film series of all time. It tells the tale of Frodo Baggins' quest to destroy the One Ring and overcome the villain, the Dark Lord Sauron.

Teen Services Coordinator Aubrie Stahl invites everyone out to enjoy this popular trilogy. "I'm going to be serving popcorn and drinks, and people are invited to dress up as their favorite character from Lord of the Rings," she said.

For more information, contact the main branch at 318-371-3080.

COMMUNITY

15 Under 40 Class
of 2022 announced

WILL PHILLIPS
Minden Press-Herald

Fifteen young business leaders and entrepreneurs have distinguished themselves with their service to the community, and the Greater Minden Chamber is recognizing that service by nominating them for this year's 15 Under 40 Top Young Professionals.

Mandi Hart of Minden Medical Center and Greg Lee of Citizens National Bank were the MC's for the evening, introducing the following 15 young entrepreneurs as the 15 Under 40 Class of 2022.

"We received almost 50 nominations from the public this year," said Greg Lee, one of the MC's for the announcement. "That shows you, if you're in Minden or the surrounding area, the number of talented people we have here."

The 15 Under 40 Class of 2022 includes, Steven Burdeaux of the City of Minden, Brandi Cade of Cultural Crossroads, Travis Chapman of Energy Transfer, Jordan Colvin of b1Bank, Dustin Divelbiss of All Hours Fitness, Lauren Gros of Webster Parish Schools, Bailee Hurley of Muddy Bot-

toms, Nathan Jones of the Webster Tax Assessor's Office, Savannah Jones of Webster Parish Libraries, Brian Meeker of Edward Jones Investment, Carlton "Buddy" Myles of Seafood Empire, Nathan Richardson of Claiborne Parish Schools, Phillip Smart of the City of Ruston, Dr. Danielle Thomas of Main Street Medical, Christopher Winget of the Webster Parish Clerk of Courts Office.

The presenting sponsor of the Awards Gala for the tenth year in a row is TG Companies.

"Tonight we want to say a special thank you to our presenting sponsor for the tenth year in a row, TG Companies," said Mandi Hart.

"Terry was a driving force behind this Chamber. He started 15 under 40. It's hard to be here tonight without him telling us how to do things.

"Terry has left a legacy, and something Terry truly believed in was young professionals. I know he helped mold me as a young professional and helped mold many people here tonight as young professionals. He invested in young people, and he saw what, a lot of the times, we never saw in ourselves.

"I just want to say how much we all miss Terry. He will be missed throughout this event, but we are going to recognize him and want to carry on his legacy through these young professionals and how much he poured into each one of us," said Hart.

The recipients will be recognized at the Awards Gala taking place Tuesday, Sept. 13th.



WILL PHILLIPS/PRESS-HERALD PHOTO

The Greater Minden Chamber reveals the 15 Under 40 Class of 2022 who will be recognized at the Awards Gala taking place Sept. 19th.

WPSO

Deputies complete DARE training

AMBER MCDOWN
Minden Press-Herald

Two deputies of the Webster Parish Sheriff's Office have recently completed DARE training which will allow them to talk to students about things like drugs, peer pressure, bullying, and cyber-bullying.

Jeremy Wiggins, the student resource office (SRO) at Doyline High, and Ladarius Joseph, the SRO at Webster Junior High, attended DARE officer training in Baton Rouge for two weeks in August and completed this rigorous course.

"It's very intense training," said Sheriff Jason Parker. "From what I've been told, it's one of the hardest schools to graduate from — very tough."

DARE, which stands for Drug Abuse Resistance Education, was founded by Police Chief Daryl Gates and the Los Angeles School District in 1983 to combat the surge of drug abuse in youth that arose in the 1970s and 1980s. The DARE program's success has led to its use across the nation and globe.

"I am very proud of our deputies for completing



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the DARE Officer training program.....it was a long and intense two weeks of training for them," Parker said. "From my understanding, they were the 45th class to graduate in the state of Louisiana. With these two graduates we now have a total of three certified DARE officers that will be teaching our kids in Webster Parish from kindergarten to high school. Their vision is to promote wise decision making to our youth by teaching them how to be safe and responsible. I believe DARE is the most widely used and successful drug prevention program around."

Deputy Wiggins is the second member of his

family to complete this training. "His dad was a DARE officer for 30-something years down in Red River Parish," Parker said. Wiggins is proud to be following in his father's footsteps.

Deputy Joseph showed his personal excellence by being conferred the Most Outstanding Team Member award during the training.

"They really poured their hearts and souls into this, and it means something to them to be able to make a positive impact with these kids," said Parker.

These two officers are now even more highly trained and prepared for their work as SROs. The



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Deputies Ladarius Joseph and Jeremy Wiggins have recently completed DARE officer training, bringing the total number of certified DARE officers in Webster Parish to three.

school board's recent vote to add more SROs to schools in Webster Parish has now been fulfilled. The only school without its own officer, Jones Elementary, will have a trained SRO on staff as of Tuesday, September 6.

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AUDITS

Louisiana audit shows numerous issues with city of Shreveport’s finances

(The Center Square) — A recent audit for the city of Shreveport uncovered numerous issues, from delayed bank reconciliations to incorrect employee information to late financial filings with the state.

An independent audit for Shreveport published by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor last week highlighted a total of seven findings for 2021.

Auditors identified a material weakness with cash reconciliations that were not conducted for operating, payroll and water and sewer accounts, something that’s supposed to occur on a monthly basis.

A second material weakness was identified for a lack of adequate procedures to support and track receivable amounts for various property standards categories.

“The city has historically had many issues related to these accounts. In 2019, the city converted systems to MGO (My Government Online), and have not been able to adequately obtain accurate reports to support the balances that have continued to be carried in the financial records,” auditors wrote. “The city has never properly addressed this issue or devoted necessary resources to address this issue.

“The city also does not have adequate procedures to accrue for amounts to be collected,” according to the report.

Because the city is not pursuing collections of the balances, the amount to be collected has grown to \$5.5 million through December 31, 2021, auditors wrote.

A significant deficiency identified in the report centered on three personnel files with incorrect employment dates, a problem that can cause issues when calculating years of service and retirement eligibility.

Another significant deficiency involved six employees whose retirement system contributions were miscalculated at a lower rate. The employees were “hard coded” into

the system with a 28% city contribution, but were not adjusted to 30% when the city amended the ordinance and changed the default contribution percent.

Auditors also found the city was not in compliance with Louisiana law that requires the city to prepare and submit annual audited financial statements to the Louisiana Legislative Auditor within six months of the end of the city’s fiscal year.

“There were various factors that contributed to the late filing, including personnel changes, and delays in obtaining final adjusted balances for the audit,” according to the report.

The independent audit also noted that the LLA is conducting an investigation into Shreveport finances after “certain allegations were communicated to the Louisiana Legislative Auditor for investigation.”

The only other finding from the independent audit noted a material weakness with numerous funds and accounts that needed corrections.

“In the course of our audit procedures, we proposed various material adjusting journal entries for various funds and accounts, including revenue, receivables, deferred revenue, transfers, expenses and capital assets,” auditors wrote.

City officials worked with the auditor to develop a corrective action plan. Officials blamed some of the issues on personnel changes, lack of training, COVID and “unforeseen circumstances,” and described how they plan to rectify the problems.

Some of the corrective actions involve training, adding a new procedure, or hiring a new employee, while others issues were remedied with a new general fund accountant and fiscal agent.

The full audit, recommendations and management’s response are available on the LLA website.

GOVERNMENT

Louisiana ranks ninth for its election integrity measures

(The Center Square) — A new study of election integrity measures in all 50 states and the District of Columbia ranks Louisiana in a tie with Wisconsin for 9th place.

The Heritage Foundation’s Election Integrity Scorecard compares election laws and regulations in each state and the District of Columbia that affect the security and integrity of the process with best practices, and ranks states based on a 100-point scale.

“Americans need and deserve a transparent system in which fraud can be easily detected and false allegations of fraud can be easily dispelled,” according to the study. “Americans need and deserve a system in which it is easy to vote and hard to cheat.”

The analysis considers best practices and assigns points based on the status of state laws and regulations regarding voter identification, accuracy of voter registration lists, absentee ballot management, vote harvesting, access of election observers, verification of citizenship, identification for voter assistance, vote counting practices, election litigation procedures, and restrictions on same day registrations, automatic registrations and private funding for elections.

Louisiana received an overall score of 75, the ninth-best state in the nation, ranking below neighboring Arkansas in sixth, and Texas in eighth, but ahead of Mississippi, ranked 23rd.

Louisiana received 13 out of 20 points for voter ID implementation, 22 out of 30 points for accuracy of voter registration lists, and 19 out of 21 points for absentee ballot management. The state lost two points for verification of citizenship, one point for identification for voter assistance, two points for election litigation procedures and three points for restricting private funding of elections.

Tennessee topped the Heritage Foundation’s Election Integrity Scorecard with a score of 84, followed by Georgia with an 83, Alabama at 82, Missouri with 80 points, and South Carolina at 79.

Hawaii ranked 51st with 26 points, below Nevada at 28, California with 30 points, Oregon at 38 and Vermont at 39.

The Heritage Foundation pointed to its Election Fraud Database as evidence of why election integrity is critically important, particularly in local and state elections where the margin of victory is small.

The database, which “presents a sampling of recent proven instances of election fraud from across the country,” lists seven criminal convictions for election crimes in Louisiana since 2002, including three since 2020.

Four of the cases – one in 2002, one in 2015, and two in 2022 - involved buying votes, while others included illegal “assistance” at the polls and false registrations.

The most recent cases in 2022 included the federal conviction of former Amite City police chief Jerry Trabona, who conspired with Amite Councilmember Kristian Hart to buy votes in 2016 open primary and general elections.

Other studies have put the issue in a broader context.

A 2020 report on voter rolls by the Pacific Interest Legal Foundation found 8,360 individuals registered and voted in two different states during the 2018 election, and votes were recorded for 7,890 deceased individuals in 2016 and 6,718 in 2018. Another 43,760 individuals were registered more than once at the same address and voted twice in the 2016 election, while that figure was 37,889 in 2018.

The PILF data also showed 34,000 individuals voted in the 2018 election by registering at nonresidential, commercial addresses, such as gas stations, casinos and restaurants.

GOVERNMENT

Judge issues permanent injunction on Biden ban on new oil and gas leasing on federal lands, waters

(The Center Square) – A federal judge sided with Louisiana Attorney General Jeff Landry and 12 other plaintiff states in a Louisiana-led lawsuit, issuing a permanent injunction against the Biden administration’s moratorium on new oil and gas leases on federal lands and water.

U.S. District Court Judge Terry Doughty issued the permanent injunction, declaring that the president exceeded his authority when halting oil and gas leasing and drilling permits.

“I am pleased the Court recognized that the President stepped outside his authority,” Landry said in a statement. “Biden’s energy policies have crushed American families with higher energy bills for their homes and vehicles.”

Doughty ruled that Biden’s executive order issued Jan. 27, 2021, violated the Mineral Leasing Act (MLA) and Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (OCSLA) and was “beyond the authority of the President of the United States. Even the President cannot make significant changes to the OCSLA and/or the MLA that Congress did not delegate.”

The order implemented a moratorium on new development of oil and gas fields on federal lands just days after the U.S. Interior Department also imposed restrictions on existing leases. Also under Biden’s directive, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management and Bureau of Land Management halted long-planned lease sales, which the lawsuit argued violated federal law and

the procedural requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act.

Landry said his office “will continue to ensure that American energy policy is crafted by the Legislative Branch, not the Judiciary or Executive. We must keep fighting and winning to bring relief to American consumers.”

The permanent injunction was issued more than a year after Doughty issued a preliminary injunction June 15, 2021. The Biden administration appealed the decision, arguing the president has the authority to halt leasing. The Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals disagreed and sent the case back to Doughty, which resulted in him issuing a permanent injunction.

Neighboring Gulf state Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton, who joined the multi-state lawsuit, said the president’s moratorium was “an all-out assault against oil and natural gas production [and] would have killed good-paying jobs and increased consumer energy costs, all while decreasing funds that could be used for the restoration of state coastlines.”

The states joining Louisiana and Texas in the lawsuit were Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Georgia, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Utah, and West Virginia.

“Joe Biden may have declared war on American energy independence, but we’re fighting back and we’re winning in court,” Paxton said in a statement. “The executive order was a clear example of unconstitutional federal overreach, and I’m pleased to see the court make the right decision in issuing a permanent injunction to prevent it from taking effect.”

In his 43-page ruling, Doughty said, “Millions and possibly billions of dollars are at stake. Local government funding, jobs for Plaintiff States’ workers, and funds for the restoration of... Coastline[s] are at stake. Plaintiff States have a reliance interest in the proceeds derived from offshore and onshore oil and gas lease sales. Additionally, the public interest is served when the law is followed. The public will be served if Government Defendants are enjoined from taking actions contrary to law. In a time of high gas and oil prices, draining of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, and looking to other nations to supply the United States’ oil and gas needs, the public interest would be served by a permanent injunction.”

The administration hasn’t yet issued a statement on the ruling, and another appeal to the Fifth Circuit is expected to be unsuccessful.

While Texas leads the U.S. in oil and natural gas production, Louisiana accounts for nearly one-fifth of America’s refining capacity and can process about 3.2 million barrels of crude oil a day. Louisiana has the third-highest natural gas production and reserves in the U.S. and consistently ranks among the top in both crude oil reserves and crude oil production.

U.S. Gulf of Mexico energy producers supply nearly 15% of the U.S. oil production and over 2%

of natural gas production. Offshore oil and natural gas development supports over 350,000 jobs nationwide and contributes billions to the economy and local, state and federal coffers. Gulf oil and gas revenues also fund 60% of federal energy revenue that support numerous conservation projects.

The ruling came after the Louisiana Oil & Gas Association urged the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management to ensure that the Final Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program include all 10 of the proposed lease sales in the Gulf of Mexico as well as the proposed sale for the Cook Inlet in Alaska.

It expressed concern that the agency potentially “Leaving open the option to hold zero future lease sales puts U.S. energy security at risk and compromises U.S. producers’ ability to provide affordable, reliable energy to the American people.”

“Independent analysis shows that oil and natural gas are going to play an important role in fulfilling U.S. energy needs for the foreseeable future,” Mike Moncla, president of the Louisiana Oil & Gas Association,” said. “The question is whether the oil and gas will come from here in the U.S., where it is produced under some of the strictest environmental standards in the world, or if the U.S. will cede our position as global energy leaders and instead become reliant on foreign sources to supply our energy needs.”

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OBITUARIES



Phyllis Joy Sullivan

Services for Phyllis Joy Sullivan, 78, will be held on Saturday, September 3, 2022, at Rose-Neath Funeral Home, 2500 Southside Drive, Shreveport, LA. Visitation will begin at 12:00 p.m. followed by a memorial service at 1:00 p.m. Officiating the service will be Reverend Michael Kane, the deceased’s nephew.

Phyllis, the 10th of 13 children, was born on July 14, 1944, to Dennon Butler Pruitt and Margaret Ann Harris in Fouke, Arkansas. She passed on Sunday, August 28th, 2022, in Shreveport, LA from a long-term progression of Parkinson’s disease.

Married at age 16, Phyllis moved to Louisiana with her late ex-husband Accie Lee Sullivan where they lived in Minden and Sibley. She later settled independently in Shreveport. Phyllis entered the workforce when her children were all in school having worked at Mister Twister, Wal-Mart and Good Will. She was proud to earn her GED from North Louisiana Vocational Technical School and Clerical certificates from American College. She loved travel and was a passionate and prolific gardener. No unplanted patch of earth was safe from her green touch.

Her deep devotion to her faith led Phyllis to become an ordained minister. She traveled throughout the re-

gion and state sharing her very personal relationship with Christ preferring small country churches like the one from her childhood. Phyllis was a prolific writer with five published books of her poetry.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Margaret Ann Harris and Dennon Butler Pruitt; and siblings Melba Inez Carter, Marjorie “Margie” Marie Bolt, Dennon Butler Jr., James Elisha Pruitt, Glen Allen Pruitt, Lois Dale Hall, Patricia Ann Kane, and Jane Caroline Bryant. She is survived by her sons, Accie Lee Sullivan Jr. & wife, Carrey Sue, Jeffrey Glen Sullivan and partner, Donna Hampton, and Bryan Jack Sullivan and partner, James Elliot Osborne; grandchildren, Boston Marie Sullivan, Accie Lee “Trey” Sullivan the 3rd, and Tyler Wade Sullivan; great-grandchildren, who were her joy, Bryan Matthew Clark, River Thomas Helphenstine, and Jason Ray Thompson; siblings, Beverly Loraine Thompson, David Ellis Pruitt, Charlotte Faye Lee, and Dennon Pruitt, along with dozens and dozens of nieces and nephews.

Serving Phyllis as honorary pallbearers are David Kane, John Kane, Jim Carter, Trey Sullivan, Tyler Sullivan, and Bryan Clark.

The family expresses their thanks to Brookdale Assisted Living, Garden Park Nursing Home, and Lifepath Hospice for their care during the many stages of Phyllis’s final years.

The family suggests memorials be made the Parkinson Foundation or the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson’s Research.



Forrest Derrill “Ernie” Banks

Funeral services for Forrest Derrill “Ernie” Banks will be held Friday, September 2, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. at Beech Springs Baptist Church in Minden, Louisiana with Bro. Randy Brown officiating. Interment will follow at New Hope Cemetery in Choudrant, Louisiana. The family will receive friends at 12:00 noon at the church prior to the service.

Derrill was born October 17, 1935, in Choudrant, Louisiana and entered into rest August 30, 2022, in Minden, Louisiana. Derrill worked 38 years in telecommunications installation for Western Electric and AT&T. After moving to Dubberly in 1980, he worked toward his retirement dream starting with a small peach tree orchard followed by chicken horses and cows. As much as he worked, he found time to fish with his brothers and play ball with his children and grandchildren. The utmost important thing in Derrill’s life was his church and family. He was a devoted husband to

Virginia Banks for 58 years. They were committed to church and community and cherished their time together traveling, but above all, he loved spending time with his family.

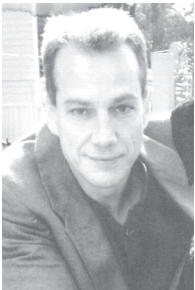
He was preceded in death by his parents, Forrest L. Banks and Rena Frasier Banks.

He is survived by his wife, Virginia Cooper Banks; son, Stephen Derrill Banks and wife Amanda; daughter, Sharon Bryce and husband Kary all of Dubberly; brothers, Thomas Banks and wife Nancy of Downsville, Benjamin Banks and wife Glenda of Brandon, MS, Rodney Banks and wife Carolyn and Larry Banks of Ruston; grandchildren, Nataly Madden and husband Brandon, Jared Bryce and wife Emily, Kara Bryce, Rhodes Greer, and Cooper Banks; and one great grandchild, Banks Hayes Madden.

Pallbearers are Milton Banks, Kevin Banks, Joel Banks, Judson Banks, Kerry Banks and Kane Banks.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to The Gideons or Beech Springs Baptist Church.

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Mark E. Isenhour

Graveside services for Mark E. Isenhour will be held Saturday, September 3, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. at Providence Cemetery in Ringgold, Louisiana under the direction of Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Minden, Louisiana. The family will receive friends from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. Friday, September 2, 2022, at Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Minden, Louisiana.

Mark was born March 11, 1964, in Shreveport, Louisiana and entered into rest August 30, 2022, in Minden, Louisiana.

He was preceded in death by his dad, Charles E. Isenhour, mother, Madeline Isenhour Marcus, his stepdad, Jimmy Marcus, and brother, Charles David Isenhour.

He is survived by his brother, Larry Isenhour and wife Debbie; nephews, Chuck Isenhour, Cody Isenhour Shawn Grieder and wife Debbie and Tyler Sheets and wife Chesli; nieces, Kimberly Isenhour and LeighAnne Buchanan; and great nephew and nieces, Norah Grieder, Mack Sheets, Tucker Sheets, Hunter Sheets, Loralye Bartlett, and Amelia Bartlett.

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OTHER OPINION

Biden administration unleashes 87,000 new IRS agents

In the recent Inflation Reduction Act (which will actually feed the fires of inflation) there is an appropriation of \$80 billion to the IRS. A chunk of this money will go to hiring 87,000 new employees and effectively doubling the current number of agents. So why does the IRS need 87,000 new, armed agents? The only reasonable answer that is supported with data is that the Biden Administration intends for the IRS to target the middle class in order to pay for its out-of-control spending which has caused the highest inflation in the last 40 years. As Heritage Foundation has observed “Auditing every single taxpayer with annual income over \$1 million would require only 25,000 new IRS enforcement agents, but Democrats’ bill calls for 87,000 new agents. What will all those extra agents be doing?” The Biden Administration and Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen have stated, “these (new) resources are absolutely not about increasing audit scrutiny on small businesses or middle-income Americans. As we’ve been planning, our investment of these enforcement resources is designed around the Department of the Treasury’s directive that audit rates will not rise relative to recent years for households making

under \$400,000.” Do we really believe that? If we simply consider the sheer magnitude of hiring 87,000 new IRS agents—and what the IRS estimates will be \$204 billion in new revenues from enforcement—do we really believe all those new audits and revenues will only involve taxpayers making over \$400,000? The answer is a resounding and categorical ‘no!’ As Heritage Foundation Tax Expert, Rachel Greszler, has written “despite the Biden Administration’s claims, it’s almost certain that households making less than \$400,000 a year would face increased audits under the Democrats’ bill, and that seems to be the true intent of the IRS.” In support of this conclusion Greszler notes that “according to a 2021 report from the Government Accountability Office, ‘from fiscal years 2010 to 2021, the majority of the additional taxes IRS recommended from audits came from taxpayers



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with incomes below \$200,000.” Heritage further states that, when we consider that “only \$3.2 billion would go to taxpayer services, despite the IRS answering only 18% of the phone calls it received in 2022. That’s a mere 9% increase for funding in things like account services, taxpayer education, and filing assistance.” Instead, “the lion’s share of the new funding, \$45.6 billion, will go to enforcement activities like new audits, litigation, asset monitoring, and collections” performed by IRS Special Agents with guns. (Preston Brashers, Tax Policy Expert, Heritage Foundation). In a recent posted job opening for a special agent, the IRS specified that applicants should be “willing and able to participate in arrests, execution of search warrants, and other dangerous assignments,” and able to carry “a firearm and be willing to use deadly force, if necessary.” However, “after sparking some controversy amid the proposed expansion of the agency, the IRS deleted ‘willing to use deadly force’ from the job description.” (Fred Lucas, The Daily Signal, August 12, 2022). But they’ll still be armed and that seems foreboding and ominous to honest, hard-working Americans. During the U.S. House floor debate on the bill, Rep. Lauren

Boebert, R-Colo., raised additional concerns about arming IRS agents. “This bill has new IRS agents and they are armed, and the job description tells them that they need to be required to carry a firearm and expect to use deadly force if necessary,” Boebert said. “Excessive taxation is theft. You are using the power of the federal government for armed robbery on the taxpayers.” The middle class, already struggling under inflation and high food and fuel prices, doesn’t have the resources to pay a lawyer or an accountant to fight the IRS in court, so they will just pay the money and hope that the issue goes away—whether or not they owe the money. The realization of this threat to their livelihood and peace of mind doesn’t appear to have yet been internalized by most Americans. As U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice John Marshall once said, “The power to tax is the power to destroy.” All Americans must join together to stop this attempt to damage the hardworking American middle class through punitive taxation enforced by armed Special Agents.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Are you ready for Medicare open enrollment?

Dear Editor,
Medicare Annual/Open Enrollment is upon us, and professionally designed advertisements are already bombarding television, and social media. Beloved celebrities are endorsing products and encouraging viewers to call their toll-free numbers. It is very easy for anyone responding to these advertisements to find themselves talking to a highly skilled and professionally trained salesperson and enrolling in a plan or program that they had no intention of joining. The best

way to avoid this disaster is to contact a local licensed life and health agent that specializes in Medicare-related benefits for answers to your questions about the plans and programs designed for use in your area and with local medical providers. Having an agent that is at ease with giving you time to think about these decisions is valuable and important. Local agents are easy to find and are available for no cost in person or telephone appointments at the customer’s convenience. Most agents special-

izing in this line of business are appointed with several different companies and offer options for the client to choose a product suited to their needs. Building an ongoing relationship with a trusted agent appointed by many companies and trained annually on all regulations and recent changes in Medicare is the best defense in avoiding being enrolled in the wrong program. Protect yourself and your loved ones. Locate a local agent that has the customer’s best interest at heart. All of

these products and regulations change from year to year and without trusted guidance, you could find yourself stuck with lifelong penalties or unenrolled from programs you had in place that you may never be able to qualify for again. Take action, do business with and build an ongoing relationship with a local agent.
Jan Laird Watson
Licensed Life and Health Agent

EDITORIAL ROUNDUP

WSJ: Loan forgiveness is a good deal if you are the forgiven

President Biden’s student-loan write-off is the gift that keeps on giving, unless you’re the sap who paid off her loan or didn’t go to college. Thanks to a little-known provision in the March 2021 COVID spending bill, student borrowers will get a hefty tax benefit on top of their \$10,000 or \$20,000 in canceled debt. Progressives started hounding Mr. Biden on loan forgiveness while he was still on the campaign trail, and they tucked a perk into last year’s \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan in anticipation. The provision, sponsored by Sens. Elizabeth Warren and Bob Menendez, makes loan forgiveness tax

free through Jan. 1, 2026. The Senators’ press release at the time boasted that this “paves the way” for President Biden to forgive up to \$50,000 in debt. And so it did. This contradicts the normal state and federal tax principle that treats loan forgiveness as taxable income. If a borrower earns income of \$60,000, and has \$10,000 in loans forgiven, his taxable income for the year becomes \$70,000. The money is a windfall gift, while the lender that forgives the debt will deduct it from income. Not anymore on federal taxes for student borrowers. According to the Senators, under their tax-free plan an average

borrower earning \$50,000 in income will save about \$2,200 in taxes for every \$10,000 of forgiven student loans. The borrowers get a double bonus, while taxpayers assume another burden in the interest that must be paid on the additional government debt now and higher taxes later. Only some 13 states chose not to follow automatically the new tax-free forgiveness policy in the 2021 bill. In 2021 Congress’s Joint Committee on Taxation scored the Warren-Menendez provision at a cost of \$44 million, since at the time few borrowers were expected to receive forgiveness. But given the sweep-

ing nature of the Biden loan cancellation, the left-leaning Tax Policy Center now estimates the cost could be roughly \$34 billion. There will be no comparable tax reprieve for Americans who take out other loans and struggle to repay, or Americans who were frugal and didn’t take out college loans. But give the Warren-Biden Democrats time. Don’t be surprised if a general debt amnesty is part of their agenda the next time there’s a recession and people are stretched to make their loan payments.

OTHER OPINION

Postal leadership should embrace innovation, not service cutbacks

ROSS MARCHAND
Special to the Minden Press-Herald

For most Americans, depositing mail at the post office doesn’t put too many miles on the odometer. In fact, there are more than 30,000 post offices across the country, and 95% of the population lives within five miles of a post office. Some of these post offices may soon stop offering comprehensive services to consumers. Recently, advocacy group Save the Post Office released a map of the first 144 offices that would lose carrier operations and see staff and service cutbacks under Postmaster General Louis DeJoy’s “Delivering for America” (DFA) plan. While it’s easy (lazy) to institute service cutbacks to save money, the United States Postal Service (USPS) would

be far better off embracing innovative business arrangements instead. The Postmaster General needn’t sacrifice the agency’s credibility in the name of solvency. Americans first got a taste of USPS service cutbacks during the peak of the pandemic. A perfect storm of carrier sick days, COVID-19 restrictions, and trucker shortages resulted in delivery snafus and long lines at post offices. There has since been a significant rebound in consumer service satisfaction and delivery times, but this may all change again if post office consolidations proceed as planned. According to the map provided by Save the Post Office, post offices that will experience service cutbacks tend to be clustered around other post offices slated for cutbacks. For example, 13 post offices in the area

around Gainesville, Florida, would have reduced operations under the current plan. Similarly, 17 post offices in the area around Topeka, Kansas, would cut back operations for consumers. Post office rollbacks or even closures are often justifiable. A 2021 report by the USPS Inspector General notes that, “Among nearly 13,000 underwater post offices, one-quarter are within three miles of another post office and more than half are within five miles.” America’s mail carrier could shutter thousands of post offices that are losing money while maintaining easy access to nearby post offices. The problem is that postal leadership is significantly paring back operations in large clusters instead of singling out poorly performing offices. Even if the USPS could

carry out a finely tuned closure/consolidation program, there’s far more the agency can do to get back into the black. The USPS can save money on carrier operations by taking a page from its private competitors and contracting out some “last-mile” operations. Fortunately, the USPS does have a program in place to contract out last-mile deliveries to private individuals and shippers. The agency sometimes uses its Contract Delivery Service (CDS) to compensate private parties to get mail from Point A to Point B, helping the USPS fulfill its universal service obligation. But, these contractor services only account for a small portion of overall postal deliveries. CDS contractors deliver mail to about 3 million delivery points per year, compared to about 160 million delivery points

overall across the country. These agreements with private companies and individual contractors cost the agency approximately \$400 million annually, compared to more than \$80 billion in total yearly USPS operating expenses. The USPS could also enter partnerships with companies with large retail footprints to save on large and fixed infrastructure costs. The biggest roadblock to this money-saving alternative is the power of postal unions. When USPS and Staples kicked off a pilot program in 2013 to provide postal services at hundreds of the retailer’s locations, the American Postal Workers Union (APWU) cried foul and launched protests and legal actions against the agency. The promising partnership, which lowered costs for the USPS and expanded

options for consumers, was finally killed by a 2016 National Labor Relations Board ruling instigated by the powerful union. Future pilot programs could realistically pick up where the USPS-Staples partnership left off. But, this would take sustained dialogue between the USPS, its most powerful unions, and Congress to foster a compromise that would make everyone happy. Despite the inevitable objections that would be raised to these changes, retail partnerships and private contracting are far better alternatives to the status-quo of service slowdowns and cutbacks. The USPS must continue to deliver for the American people even when the going gets tough. Ross Marchand is a senior fellow for the Taxpayers Protection Alliance.

SPORTS

Prep football season to get underway

T. SCOTT BOATRIGHT
Minden Press-Herald

The time has come as the Louisiana High School Athletics Association 2022 football season kicks off this weekend. Two area teams will play tonight while the other two opened their seasons on Thursday night. Minden opened its season Thursday night on the road at Parkway. The Crimson Tide went 4-7 last year and

opened that season with 45-14 loss to Parkway. Glenbrook also kicked off its 2022 season last night at home against Cedar Creek. The Apaches went 8-2 last year in their first campaign as a LHSAA member school and opened that season with a 59-21 win over River Oaks. North Webster will begin its 2022 season on the road tonight at Haynesville. The Knights went 5-6 last year and opened that

WEEK 1 PREP FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Minden at Parkway, Thursday (Sept. 1)

Cedar Creek at Glenbrook, Thursday (Sept. 1)

North Webster at Haynesville, Friday

Lakeside at Arcadia, Friday

season with a 34-7 home win over Haynesville. Lakeside also kicks off its 2022 season tonight on the road against Arcadia. The Warriors went 3-6 last year and opened that season with a 39-0 home win over the Magnolia School of Excellence.

College squads kicking off 2022 campaigns this weekend

WEEK 1 COLLEGE SCHEDULE

LA Tech at Missouri, Thursday (Sept. 1)

Grambling at Arkansas State (6:30 p.m. Saturday)

Northwestern State at Montana (2 p.m. Saturday)

LSU vs. Florida State (6:30 p.m. Sunday in New Orleans)

Remembering ‘Mouth of Mississippi’

GLYNN HARRIS

I just read on Facebook that Aug. 24 marks the anniversary of the death of Mississippi comedian Jerry Clower. He died 24 years ago at the age of 72. Clower was born in Liberty, Mississippi, and after a two-year stint in the Navy during World War II, he studied and played football at Mississippi State and after graduating, he worked for a county agent and later as a fertilizer salesman for Mississippi Chemical. My wife’s grandfather was the county agent who hired Clower; this was my first connection of any kind with him. A more personal connection came later. The story goes that when he was working for Mississippi Chemical, he developed a reputation for telling funny stories to boost his sales. Tapes of his stories eventually reached the hands of a group who saw the potential of Clower’s tales. As a result, his stories were spread around the country and one in particular, “The Coon Hunt,” was awarded a platinum record for sales of upward of \$1 million. His stand-up comedy act earned him a spot on the Grand Ole Opry and became one of the most popular events creating belly laughs across the country. Now, for my personal



Glynn Harris was privileged to spend a day fishing with comedian Jerry Clower in 1990.

connection with Clower. The date was April 11, 1990. I had been invited on a media crappie fishing trip to Ross Barnett reservoir just outside Jackson, MS where I met my guide Bill Pettit for a day of crappie fishing. It was windy and cold and the fish didn’t bite. At the end of the day, Pettit and I headed for a café for a bite. While there, I picked up a copy of a local paper, thumbed through it and found a photo of Pettit and Clower. “You have fished with Jerry Clower?”, I asked. “Oh yeah, he comes over here occasionally to fish with me,” Pettit said, “In fact, he’s coming tomorrow. How’d you like to fish with him?” What kind of question is that? Of course I would

love to get to meet and fish with him, so I called my wife and told her I’d be fishing an extra day. After spending the night at the Red Roof Inn in Jackson, I was at the café on the lake bright and early when Clower walked in. Pulling up a chair, he ordered a breakfast of a plate of bacon, eggs and biscuits. Pettit introduced us, told him I was a writer who wanted to fish with him. After polishing off his meal, he looked at me and asked if I was ready. Of course I was. Clower had brought along his own fishing rig and led me out to his “Jerry Clower Perch Jerkin’ Special,” a boat the manufacturer had made just for him. “You know how to drive a boat?”, he asked me. I did

but the thought of being the skipper of Jerry Clower’s boat with just me and him in it was somewhat nerve-wracking. We launched and I followed his direction to head for his favorite crappie fishing hole, me at the controls and Clower reared back in his seat. We caught a few crappie; nothing to brag about but I remember catching a small one and was about to toss it back when he stopped me. “No, No ... don’t throw that back; my maid will scale it and she’ll fry it whole; that’s the way I like ‘em,” he said. My one regret was that the photo lab — this was in the days before digital photography — ruined my several rolls of film I shot that day so I’m left with only my memories of getting to spend a day on the lake in his boat, just me and him and listening to him tell one funny story after another. You’d have thought he was on stage because his tales in a fishing boat were no different than they would have been with him entertaining a packed house. Jerry Clower — thanks for giving this guy memories that can still create a chuckle from me 32 years later. Contact Glynn Harris at glynnharris37@gmail.com



PRESS-HERALD PHOTO BY T. SCOTT BOATRIGHT
The Hue Jackson era officially gets underway Saturday as the new Grambling State head football coach leads the G-Men as they open the 2022 season at Arkansas State.

GSU hits road to face Arkansas State

T. SCOTT BOATRIGHT
Minden Press-Herald
The Grambling State football team opens the season at 6 p.m. Saturday as the Tigers play at Arkansas State. It will be GSU’s first game under new head coach Hue Jackson, who took over the program last December. “We’re excited to be able to play someone other than ourselves and see where we stand at this point,” Jackson said.

Fishing Report

BLACK BAYOU – No report this week. Contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop 323-8707 for latest information.

OUACHITA RIVER – The water is high and rising and with all the rain, no fishing reports. For the latest information, contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

LAKE D’ARBONNE – A gate has been opened to relieve some of the pressure on water levels. Bass fishing has been good fishing the points up Coney with soft plastics working best. Crappie fishing has been fair with most caught in areas like the back of Stowe Creek with shiners working best. Bream are scattered and fair while catfish are biting cold worms fished off the banks. For the latest information, call Anderson Sport Center at 368-9669 or Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

LAKE CLAIBORNE – A good many catfish have been caught on yo-yos baited with cold worms with the area near the dam producing best. Bream have been fair while the crappie have been best fishing shiners 8-10 feet deep around brush. No report this week on bass or stripers. For the latest information, call Kel’s Cove at 927-2264 or Terzia Tackle at 278-4498.

CANEY LAKE – Bass continued to school and are hitting shad imitation lures. Bigger fish to around 10 pounds have been caught fishing underwater humps and drop-offs with oversized plastic worms and deep diving crank baits working best. Crappie are fair fishing shiners or jigs around deep brush. Bream are fair. No report on catfish this week. 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 – The only species biting this week seem to be the catfish. Lots of smaller eating sized fish along with a few bigger ones have been caught. Nothing to report on bass, crappie or bream. For the latest reports, call Poverty Point Marina at 318-878-0101.

LAKE ST. JOHN – No report. For information, call Ken Mahoney at 318-201-3821.

LAKE YUCATAN – The water is on a slow fall. Crappie are fair but some big ones are coming in. Bass fishing has been good with fish to 4-pounds caught on spinner baits. Catfishing has been good on shiners. For information, call Surplus City Landing at 318-467-2259.

— Glynn Harris

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Minden Press-Herald & Under Dawgs' ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Cooper Sanders, RB, North Webster High School

Sanders, a senior, made the most of his playing time for the Knights in last week’s Pineland Jamboree in Sibley as he accounted for four rushing touchdowns on the night — two against Homer and then another two in North Webster’s second contest against Lakeside.

The Press-Herald Athlete of the Week feature is brought to you every other Friday by Under Dawgs.

Good News

GOOD NEWS

STOP TAKING WATER TO THE OCEAN

Remember this old Cynthia Clawson song? It speaks to the reality of what many of us are doing. We have the “Living Water” to share, but instead of taking it to those in parched and thirsty lands (those in need) we continue to take it to those who already have their canteens full... their YETI is overflowing, but we keep pouring the water on! As we do ‘roundup activities’ in our churches this fall, let’s be aware of where the greater needs are around us.

“Well, where are these thirsty souls?”

you might ask! Just look around and you will see: in stores, on the streets, on the job, at football games – everywhere. Surveys indicate a great percentage of folks are not involved in meaningful Bible study, do not have a church membership nor have they attended a worship service in the past year. Doesn’t this reveal a lot of thirsty, dying souls around us? (Ps 63:1; John 4:13-15; John 6:35; John 7:37).

Suggestion: Take a 5 minute drive around your church on a Sunday morning, making notes of people you see ‘mowing yards, walking the dog, playing in the streets, shopping, going fishing, etc.’ Arthur Flake (Father of Sunday School Growth) emphasized these principles “to reach people: we must find prospective members; create space/units for them at church, enlist and train leaders, and go after the people.” Sounds so simple doesn’t it? It really is a labor of love, commitment and teamwork. And these principles still work in parched.

Life (and He is), and if He is the Good Shepherd and the Bread of Life (as He said), then we must be willing to share Him as the Living Water to the thirsty multitudes. We must stand on the street corners of life, in the marketplaces where folks gather, at the wells where the thirsty come – we must be there ready to share this Living Water. This is what blesses our Lord and brings great pleasure to the Heavenly Father. Share this Living Water!

Bill Crider is Chaplain of Minden Medical Center

THE UPWARD LOOK

Apostles and Prophets

“And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers,” Ephesians 4:11 NASB

Apostles and prophets had a foundational role in establishing and grounding the early church in the truths of God. An apostle was a messenger sent by Christ. Specifically an apostle was one who had seen the risen Christ and had been sent by Him to proclaim the gospel message. The Twelve, Paul, Barnabas, and few others were called apostles. A prophet was gifted to reveal and declare the word of God, exhorting the young church in the doctrines and teachings of Christ and in how to live for Christ.

Lord Jesus, You gifted certain believers to be apostles and prophets to guide the early church. Now guide me through Your Word, the Bible, to know truth and to walk in Your ways.

Max Hutto is a Baptist Minister and a Resident of Minden. More information can be found at www.upwardlook.org.

INSPIRATION

Ceaseless Prayer

Have you ever said to yourself “I don’t know how I’m going to make it”? Well, I have on many occasions and every time I have to remind myself that God has already answered that question. It’s not found in some over-complicated explanation but rather in one simple word prayer. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 says “Always be joyful. Never stop praying. Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.” As followers of Christ, we should not only learn these words but commit them to our hearts. So, the next one you find yourself asking the hard questions try remembering the easy answer. Pray without ceasing no matter what comes your way.

Bernard Harris III is a Houghton Fireman and a Local Resident of Minden

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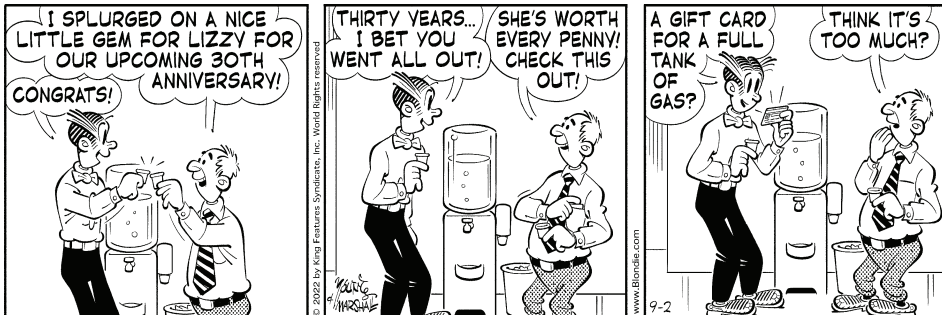
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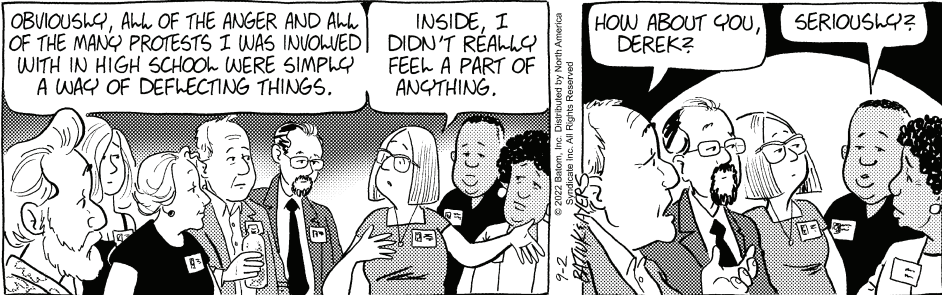
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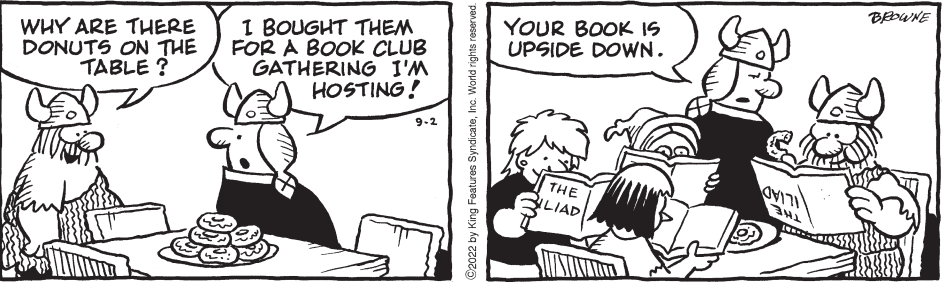
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In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 80166

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 appraisal and according to law at the principal front door of the Courthouse in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana on WEDNESDAY, October 5, 2022, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

A LOT LOCATED IN THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (NW/4 OF SW/4) OF SECTION 31; TOWNSHIP 18 NORTH, RANGE 8 WEST, WEBSTER PARISH, LOUISIANA, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE AFORESAID FORTY; THENCE RUN NORTH A DISTANCE OF 650 FEET AND TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE LOT TO BE HEREIN DESCRIBED; THENCE CONTINUE NORTH ALONG THE FORTY LINE AND ALONG THE EAST RIGHT OF WAY OF LOUISIANA HIGHWAY NO. 531 A DISTANCE OF 200 FEET; THENCE RUN EAST A DISTANCE OF 300 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH A DISTANCE OF 200 FEET; THENCE RUN WEST A DISTANCE OF 300 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, TOGETHER WITH ALL IMPROVEMENTS THEREON AND ALL RIGHTS THERETO BELONGING; subject to restrictions, servitudes, rights-of-way and outstanding mineral rights of record affecting the property.

That certain manufactured home/mobile situated on the above described property, being a 1999, 80 X 28 Signal Homes, Inc., Beacon, Serial No. SGO10447A/B99, which said manufactured home/mobile home was immobilized pursuant to Affidavit to Immobilize Mobile Home dated August 19, 1999 and filed for record as Instrument No. 430941 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

September 2, 2022
September 30, 2022
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SUCCESSION OF MAEDEAN EMERSON WALLIS

DOCKET NO. 553,033 SECTION C

FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF LOUISIANA IN AND FOR THE PARISH OF CADDO

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE MINERAL LEASE

NOTICE IS GIVEN to the heirs, legatees, and creditors of this Succession, and to all other interested persons, that DAVID EMERSON WALLIS, Testamentary Executor of the SUCCESSION OF MAEDEAN EMERSON WALLIS, has applied for an Order authorizing him to enter into a Mineral Lease of 508 acres of succession property, more or less, under the terms and conditions of that certain Mineral Lease shown as Exhibit A to the Petition filed herein, which satisfies the legal requirement of a minimum royalty of 1/8th. The Order authorizing the Testamentary Executor to enter into the said Mineral Lease may be issued after the expiration of seven (7) days from the date of the publication of this Notice. Any Opposition to the Application must be filed prior to the issuance of the Order.

The property which is to be subject to the mineral lease is described as follows:

The East Half of Section 19, less the following described property, which comprises eight (8) acres, more or less, in the Northeast corner sold to Garfield Allen pursuant to deed recorded in Conveyance Book 171 at Page 429 of the records of Webster Parish, Louisiana: Commence at the Northeast corner of said Section 19, run West along the section line 400 feet, thence South 871 feet, thence East 400 feet, thence North 871 feet to point of beginning; the East Half (E/2) of the West Half (W/2) of Section 19, less that part of the Northeast Quarter (NE/4) of the Northwest Quarter (NW/4) of said Section 19, lying West of Koran Public Road and containing four (4) acres, more or less, sold to Robert Miller by deed recorded in Conveyance Book 251 at Page 548 of the records of Webster Parish, Louisiana; the Southwest Quarter (SW/4) of the Southwest Quarter (SW/4) of Section 19; all such properties located in Township 17 North, Range 10 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana, containing in all 588 acres, more or less.

IT IS THE INTENTION OF LESSOR TO LEASE UNTO LESSEE ALL MINERAL INTERESTS PRESENTLY OWNED IN SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 17 NORTH, RANGE 10 WEST, WEBSTER PARISH, LOUISIANA, WHETHER CORRECTLY DESCRIBED HEREIN OR NOT.

Mike Spence
Clerk of Court
First Judicial District Court
Caddo Parish, Louisiana

ATTORNEY: W. Deryl Medlin
PUBLICATIONS: The Shreveport Times and The Minden Press Herald (Publish Once in Both)
ADDRESS: 910 Pierremont Road, Ste 410 Shreveport, LA 71106
TELEPHONE: 318-861-8615
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EMAIL: dmedlin@mlpfirm.co

September 2, 2022
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** Any and all heirs of Reese Procell, and Shirley Jean Wren Procell A/K/A Shirley Jean Heard Wren Procell and Jeffrey E. Wren and/or Anyone knowing their whereabouts, Please contact Richard E. Griffith, Attorney at Law, at 839 Kings Highway, Suite 200, Shreveport, Louisiana 71104, or (318) 222-0337.

September 2, 2022
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The Minden Housing Authority is currently accepting bids for renovation work at the main office building located at 1209 East Street. This work will include replacing the floor tile inside the office area. Installing 4 new windows in the office area and painting the walls in the lobby and office areas. All interested in bidding need to attend the pre-bid meeting Wednesday August 31, 2022 @1:30PM at the main office. Bids will be accepted until 2pm on September 14, 2022.

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September 2, 2022
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Anyone knowing the whereabouts of Dana Michelle Brown whose last known address was in Shreveport, Louisiana, is asked to contact Jack W. Slaid, Attorney-at-Law at (318) 382-1177 or at 1374 Homer Road, Suite 200, Minden, LA 71055.

September 2, 2022
September 9, 2022
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PROCEEDING OF THE VILLAGE OF HEFLIN, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN IN REGULAR MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 4, 2022.

The Heflin Town Council met at Town Hall, Heflin, Louisiana beginning at 8:15 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Todd Leake council members Hallie DeMoss, Ralph James, Police Chief Paul Migueus, Water System Operator Jesse Williamson and Village Clerk Sherry Limosnero. Absent council member Matt Austin.

The meeting was opened with prayer offered by Hallie DeMoss and Ralph James led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Todd Leake welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Upon motion by Hallie DeMoss and duly seconded by Ralph James, the council adopted the Minutes from June 9, 2022 and July 7, 2022 at Council Regular Meeting held on August 4, 2022 as presented; the motion was approved unanimously.

Ralph James moved to accept the June and July, 2022 Operating Financial Statements as presented; the motion was duly seconded by Hallie DeMoss. The motion was approved unanimously.

Upon motion by Hallie DeMoss and duly seconded by Ralph James, the council unanimously approved Water System Reports for June and July, 2022.

Ralph James moved to accept the June and July, 2022 Police Department Reports as presented; the motion was duly seconded by Hallie DeMoss. The motion was approved unanimously.

Hallie DeMoss moved to approve **PREMIUM PAY FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYEES** as presented; the motion was duly seconded by Ralph James.

Council comments were heard, public comments were heard. There being no further business to come before this Council, meeting adjourned by Council Member Ralph James.

Attest by: Sherry Limosnero
LCMC, Village Clerk
Respectfully posted: 08/30/2022
Adopted:

September 2, 2022
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SHERIFF'S SALE

REGIONS BANK D/B/A REGIONS MORTGAGE VS. THE UNOPENED SUCCESSION OF JUNIOR T. THOMAS

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 80108

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 appraisal and according to law at the principal front door of the Courthouse in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana on WEDNESDAY, September 7, 2022, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

Commencing at the Southeast corner of Lot No. Six (6), Block "I", Justice Heights Addition to the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana, as per map and plat thereof on file and of record in the Office of the Clerk of Court, Webster Parish, Louisiana, in Map Book 1, Page 2, and run West along the South line of Lot No. 6 a distance of 70 feet to 1/2" iron pipe for the point of beginning; Thence continue West along said South line of Lot No. 6 a distance of 70 feet to conc. monument, thence run North 140 feet to 1" iron pipe, thence run East 70 feet to 1/2" iron pipe, thence run South 140 feet to the point of beginning, together with all improvements thereon and all rights thereto belonging, and being the same property as shown by plat of survey prepared by Doyle P. Sanders, Registered Land Surveyor, dated March 9, 1996, attached to Book 833, Page 305.

Which has the address of 403 Clerk Street, Minden, LA 71055

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

August 5, 2022
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SHERIFF'S SALE CIVIL DOCKET NO. 78010

IN THE TWENTY-SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR WEBSTER PARISH, LOUISIANA

GORDON J GAMM, ETAL VS. THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF STEPHEN HENDERSON, ETAL

NOTICE:

By virtue of a COMMISSION TO SELL to me directed from the Honorable Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, in the above numbered and entitled cause, I will sell at Public Auction for Cash according to law, WITHOUT benefit of appraisal at the principle front door of the Courthouse of Webster Parish, Louisiana, during the legal hours of sale on Wednesday, October 5, 2022 the following described property to wit:

The West One-Half of the Northeast

Notice

Notice is hereby given, out of an abundance of caution and pursuant to Article IV, Section 21(D)(1) of the Louisiana Constitution, that on August 30, 2022, Entergy Louisiana, LLC ("ELL"), a public utility providing retail electric and gas service throughout the State of Louisiana, filed with the Louisiana Public Service Commission ("LPSC") its Formula Rate Plan ("FRP") Rider Schedule FRP Compliance Update for Test Year 2021.

The filing reflects an earned return on common equity ("EROE") for the 2021 Evaluation Period/Test Year of 8.33%, which is below the approved FRP dead band and results in an increase to Base Rider FRP Revenue of approximately \$65.1 million. Other changes in FRP Revenue driven by reduction in the amount of TCJA-related credits, additions to Transmission and Distribution plant in service reflected through the Transmission Recovery Mechanism ("TRM") and Distribution Recovery Mechanism ("DRM") offset by an increase in net MISO revenues leads to a net increase in FRP Revenue of \$152.7 million. The resulting FRP factors to be applied to the respective ELL rate classes (including Legacy ELL and Legacy EGSL rate classes) effective for customer bills rendered on and after the first billing cycle of September 2022, are as follows:

Ln No.	Rate Class	Total ELL FRP Rate Adj.
1	ELL- Residential	77.1544%
2	ELL- Small General Service	75.1001%
3	ELL- Large General Service	75.4473%
4	ELL- Large Industrial Power Service	72.1520%
5	ELL- Large Load, High Load Factor Power Service	72.0016%
6	ELL- Large Industrial Service	73.5501%
7	ELL- Lighting	75.9536%
8	EGSL- Residential	73.5008%
9	EGSL- Small General Service	72.2674%
10	EGSL- General Service	72.0228%
11	EGSL- Large Power Service	68.4991%
12	EGSL- High Load Factor Service	68.4020%
13	EGSL- Municipal Water Pumping Service	71.7850%
14	EGSL- Street & Area Lighting	71.9953%

It is estimated that the proposed adjustment in rates will have the following effects upon applicable Legacy ELL customers' typical monthly bills: for a Residential customer using 1,000 kWh the bill would change by approximately 5.77; for a Small General Service customer using 50 kW and 12,500 kWh the bill would change by approximately \$71.43; for a Large General Service customer using 1,000 kW and 500,000 kWh the bill would change by approximately \$1,652.24.

It is estimated that the proposed adjustment in rates will have the following effects upon applicable Legacy EGSL customers' typical monthly bills: for a Residential customer using 1,000 kWh the bill would change by approximately \$4.78; for a Small General Service customer using 5000 kWh the bill would change by approximately \$27.22; for a Large General Service customer using 500 kW and 255,500 kWh the bill would change by approximately \$684.36.

For questions and comments regarding ELL's filing, please call the LPSC toll free at (800) 256-2397. Additionally, the filing, including its attachments may be viewed in the Records Division of the LPSC at the following address:

Records Division
602 N. Fifth Street, 12th Floor
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802
Telephone: (225) 342-3157

ENTERGY LOUISIANA, LLC

September 2, 2022
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Quarter (W/2 of NE/4) of Section 6, Township 17 North, Range 9 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana, LESS AND EXCEPT:

One (1) acre lying in a square in the Southwest Corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SW/4 of SW/4 of NE/4) of Section 6, Township 17 North, Range 9 West, deeded to the Methodist Episcopal Church in America of the Louisiana Annual Conference, Minden District, Lanesville Circuit, in that deed filed for record in Webster Parish, Louisiana on January 2, 1900, in Conveyance Book 9, Page 767.

This sale shall be exclusive of all mineral rights.

The entire proceeds of said sale without deduction of costs, shall be turned over by me to DONNA LACOUR, a Notary Public, in and for Webster Parish, Louisiana, for partition and division according to terms of Judgment in said cause.

Thus done and signed officially this 16th day of August, 2022.

JASON R. PARKER
Sheriff & Ex-Officio Auctioneer

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Notice of Public Hearing

The Webster Parish School Board will hold a Public Hearing on the 2022-2023 Operating Budget on September 12, 2022 at 5:00 P.M. in the Board Room of the School Board Office located at 1442 Sheppard Street in Minden, Louisiana. The Public is invited and encouraged to attend the meeting and provide input into the spending of educational dollars.

A copy of the Budget will be available for Public inspection between the hours of 7:30 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., Monday thru Friday, at the front desk of the School Board Office.

WEBSTER PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
CONSOLIDATED BUDGET SUMMARY
2022-2023

	FY 2022-2023		FY 2021-2022		FY 2021-2022			
	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL FUNDS	TOTAL	ESTIMATED	REVISED	BUDGET	BUDGET	PERCENT
	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	ACTUALS	BUDGET	CHANGE	CHANGE	%
I. REVENUE								
A. LOCAL	\$ 10,991,065	\$ 20,711,879	\$ 31,702,944	\$ 31,838,323	\$ 33,099,569	\$ (1,396,625)		-4.219%
B. STATE	\$ 36,749,510	\$ 571,486	\$ 37,320,996	\$ 36,396,414	\$ 36,297,072	\$ 1,023,924		2.821%
C. FEDERAL	\$ 73,902	\$ 34,207,971	\$ 34,281,873	\$ 15,410,293	\$ 41,502,351	\$ (7,220,478)		-17.308%
D. OTHER	\$ 5,731,072	\$ 1,172,789	\$ 6,904,400	\$ 3,956,395	\$ 6,733,074	\$ 2,171,386		45.877%
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 53,546,149	\$ 56,664,124	\$ 110,210,273	\$ 87,601,426	\$ 115,632,066	\$ (5,421,793)		-4.889%
II. EXPENDITURES								
A. REGULAR PROGRAM	\$ 22,639,591	\$ 1,766,877	\$ 24,406,468	\$ 23,186,567	\$ 24,164,713	\$ 241,755		1.000%
B. SPECIAL PROGRAMS	\$ 8,803,460	\$ 1,896,979	\$ 10,700,439	\$ 10,038,980	\$ 10,450,082	\$ 250,357		2.386%
C. VOCATIONAL PROGRAMS	\$ 1,335,547	\$ 133,426	\$ 1,468,973	\$ 1,344,949	\$ 1,369,275	\$ 99,698		7.281%
D. OTHER INSTRUCT. PROGRAMS	\$ 631,435	\$ -	\$ 631,435	\$ 627,366	\$ 582,881	\$ 48,554		8.330%
E. CULTURALLY DEPRIVED (ESSE)	\$ 645,199	\$ 25,735,149	\$ 26,380,348	\$ 10,580,859	\$ 36,813,914	\$ (10,433,566)		-28.341%
F. ADULT ED. PROGRAMS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		#DIV/0!
G. PUPIL SUPPORT PROGRAMS	\$ 2,283,622	\$ 145,544	\$ 2,429,166	\$ 2,253,437	\$ 2,274,105	\$ 155,061		6.819%
H. INSTRUCT. STAFF SUPPORT	\$ 1,871,447	\$ 3,764,149	\$ 5,635,596	\$ 1,986,864	\$ 2,011,456	\$ 3,624,140		180.175%
I. GEN. ADM. PROGRAMS	\$ 890,579	\$ 556,038	\$ 1,446,617	\$ 1,464,264	\$ 1,375,832	\$ 70,785		5.146%
J. SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION	\$ 4,339,352	\$ 233,339	\$ 4,572,691	\$ 4,358,663	\$ 4,227,759	\$ 243,892		5.154%
K. BUSINESS SERVICES	\$ 1,323,416	\$ 40,440	\$ 1,363,856	\$ 806,962	\$ 743,468	\$ 618,388		82.953%
L. OP. & MAINT. SERVICES	\$ 4,119,824	\$ 3,243,050	\$ 7,362,874	\$ 7,755,052	\$ 6,918,490	\$ 444,384		6.423%
M. TRANSPORTATION SERVICES	\$ 3,745,536	\$ 823,781	\$ 4,569,317	\$ 4,466,822	\$ 3,741,962	\$ 827,355		22.110%
N. CENTRAL SERVICES	\$ 502,093	\$ 15,115	\$ 517,208	\$ 504,496	\$ 547,705	\$ (30,497)		-5.968%
O. FOOD SERVICE OPERATIONS	\$ 1,028	\$ 4,708,793	\$ 4,709,821	\$ 4,457,972	\$ 4,411,987	\$ 297,834		6.751%
P. COMMUNITY SERVICES	\$ 22,000	\$ -	\$ 22,000	\$ 22,000	\$ -	\$ -		0.000%
Q. FACILITY ACQ. & CONST.	\$ -	\$ 5,483,321	\$ 5,483,321	\$ 6,851,730	\$ 7,022,987	\$ (1,539,656)		-21.923%
R. OTHER USES OF FUNDS	\$ 298,136	\$ 10,440,859	\$ 10,738,995	\$ 10,256,653	\$ 10,099,718	\$ 639,277		6.330%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 53,451,265	\$ 58,986,860	\$ 112,438,125	\$ 90,963,536	\$ 116,789,374	\$ (4,342,249)		-3.718%
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY)	\$ 94,884	\$ (2,322,736)	\$ (2,227,852)	\$ (3,362,110)	\$ (1,148,308)	\$ (1,079,544)		94.912%
EST. FUND BALANCE 7/1/22	\$ 6,220,422	\$ 34,250,745	\$ 40,471,167	\$ 43,831,262	\$ 45,262,062	\$ (4,790,895)		-10.568%
ADJUSTMENTS	\$ -	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ -		0.000%
EST FUND BAL. 6-30-2023	\$ 6,315,306	\$ 32,128,009	\$ 38,443,315	\$ 40,769,152	\$ 46,313,754	\$ (5,870,439)		-13.247%

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