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Minden Makers Fair shows great turn out of Minden's artistic community



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The people of Minden turned out to enjoy this year's Maker's Fair at the Farm of Cultural Crossroads. The fair provided free interactive demonstrations from vendors such as Pottery Noels Community Arts Program, Ivy Woods (demonstrating glass blowing), the Paint Pad (adult make & take art), Turn Up Dance Fitness Minden, Webster Parish Libraries, You as a Wire Hero with James Marks, LSU AgCenter, Create it Hannah (Henna tattoos), Jelly the Clown (balloon sculptures and face painting), and the Cultural Crossroads mini makers interactive exhibit. That evening the Farm also hosted their 3rd annual Halloween-themed art competition and Haunted House.

UPDATE

Press-Herald changes frequency

STAFF REPORT
Minden Press-Herald

Specht Newspapers, Inc., publisher of the Minden Press-Herald, has announced the local newspaper will reduce its print frequency to once per week on Wednesdays, beginning Nov. 1.

According to David Specht Jr., president of Specht Newspapers, the decision was made due to a variety of factors.

"It's never easy to make these decisions," Specht said. "However, inflation costs, coupled with supply chain challenges within the printing industry has made this change unavoidable."

The Press-Herald first reduced its frequency from five-days-per-week to two-days-per-week in 2020. Specht said the ongoing impact of the pandemic and market forces have continued to be a challenge.

"I'm not going to lie, I thought we would bounce back within months of the first adjustment, and that just didn't take place," he said. "The good news is that we are retaining every employee, with no furloughs nor layoffs."

Minden Press-Herald Publisher Randy Brown said he is optimistic this change will put the newspaper in a position for growth.

"I remember doing something similar at our Bossier newspaper as a result of the 2008 recession," Brown said. "The frequency of one-day-per-week became a real sweet spot for our readers and advertisers."

Print readers can expect the weekly Press-Herald to contain the news and analysis they have come to expect, with even more depth of coverage, according to Editor Joshua Specht.

"With more time to prepare our stories, we will go deeper on the issues that matter to our loyal print readers," Joshua said. "In addition, we will be ramping up our digital coverage to bring breaking news to our audience faster, and more accurately, than ever."

Brown added the digital offerings of the Press-Herald, along with sister publications Bossier Press-Tribune and BIZ See, **PAPER**, Page 2



BROWN

COMMUNITY

Jet Rally soared through this weekend



AMBER MCDOWN/PRESS-HERALD PHOTOS

The Shreveport Area Radio Control Society (SHARKS) held their annual Jet Rally at the Minden Airport this past Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. There were numerous remote controlled jets on display as their owners waited for their turns to use the airport runway. "They'll fly them around for as long as their fuel load will let them, and then they'll land, tinker on them a little bit, put some more fuel in them, and go back up — just fly them as much as they can," said Steven Burdeaux, manager of the Minden airport. The buzz of jet engines filled the air and the jets, while tiny compared to passenger-sized jets, appeared "life-sized" as they performed barrel rolls and loops in the air, giving spectators the feel of being at a stunt airshow.



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BLOTTER

Recent Arrests in Webster Parish

Robert J Tury Bury, 47, of the 800 block of Cline Street, was arrested for hit-and-run driving and operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated.

Troy Courtney Jr., 41, of the 100 block of N. Main Street, was arrested for possession of a schedule I substance, driving on a roadway laned for traffic, and driving under suspension.

Jason Edwards, 42, of the 100 block of Wayward Avenue, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

Anthony Ary Jr., 57, of the 800 block of Constable Street, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

Rickie Williams, 64, of the 1300 block of Shepard Street, was arrested for felon in possession of a firearm.

Dary Day, 40, of the 800 block of Kennon Street, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

Noah Heldeberg, 24, of the 100 block of Dewberry Lane, was arrested on a warrant.

Rex Sheley, 34, of the 400 block of Goode Street, was arrested for driving while intoxicated, driving with an open container,

improper turn, and improper lane usage.

Tyrone Ford, 38, of the 1200 block of Shreveport Road, was arrested for aggravated 2nd degree battery, resisting an officer with force or violence, and criminal damage to property.

Miles Cater, 54, of the 500 block of Midland Street, was arrested for no license plate light, driving under suspension, no insurance, and driving with an open container.

Frances Thompson, of the 2600 block of Old Athens Road, was arrested for possession of a schedule II substance, possession of a schedule I substance, and no headlights.

Tadarius Peters, 29, of the 700 block of East Street, was arrested for careless operation of a motor vehicle, driving with an open container, and possession of schedule I controlled dangerous substances.

Tory Capers, 30, of the 300 block of Weston Street, was arrested for resisting by force or violence and failure to appear in court.

Rickenski Cosby, 39, of the 500 block of Winford Street, was arrested for being a fugitive of the Bossier City Police Department.

Pamela Cosby, 59, of the 600 block of Crichton Street, was arrested for interfering with an LEO investigation and resisting an officer.

Keith Johnson, 39, of the 900 block of Hinton Street, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

Kristy Bradley, of the 400 block of Camp Rustino Road, was arrested for criminal neglect.

Cynthia Wiggins, 46, of the 15000 block of E 80, was arrested for criminal neglect of family.

Johnny Cato, 56, of the 700 block of North Arkansas Road, was arrested on a warrant.

Monreaka Barkins, 25, of the 000 block of Camelot Drive, was arrested on a warrant.

Constance Miles, 41, of the 16900 block of Highway 80, was arrested on a warrant.

Devin Dunn, 28, of the 200 block of William Brown Road, was arrested for false imprisonment, interfering with emergency communications, and battery of a dating partner.

Caitlinn Shirley, 29, of the 5100 block of Highway 528, was arrested for disturbing the peace.

SCHOOL BOARD

Jessica Lewis awarded Employee of the Month for October

AMBER MCDOWN

Minden Press-Herald

At the October meeting of the Webster Parish school board, Jessica Lewis was named the Employee of the Month.

Lewis works at Doyline High School as a special education teacher. Special Education Coordinator Jill Hunter wrote a glowing recommendation for the award, which was presented by Scott Walker of Taylor and Sons.

Ms. Hunter stated in her letter:

“I would like to nominate Jessica Lewis, special education teacher at Doyline High School, for the Webster Parish school board Employee of the Month. I’ve known Ms. Lewis for over ten years, having been a fellow special education teacher with her at a school in a previous district. What has always been evident about Ms. Lewis is that she is all about doing what is best for students, no matter what their needs may be. If Ms. Lewis has a vision or an idea of something she wants to incorporate in her classroom, she does not hesitate to make it happen. Joining the DHS team in November of 2020, Ms. Lewis immediately saw areas where she could make a difference. With approval from administrators, she started the garden club, giving students and staff

opportunities to create the beautiful flower beds you see as you enter the front of the school as well as the raised beds in the garden in the courtyard. Her vision of developing a calm, reflective space for students and staff came to life with the addition of picnic tables in the courtyard that were built by DHS students. This school year Ms. Lewis and her team opened up the Panther Coffee House. This on-campus business provides opportunities for students with disabilities to apply their pre-vocational skills as well as communication and social skills to real-world work situations. The first time I visited the coffee shop I was greeted by a student who previously would not say ‘hello’ to me or even look in my general direction without heavy prompting. This student confidently told me about his job and explained every step of the coffee making process to me. He and his

classmates were aware of their duties and worked with such pride as they completed orders made by staff and students for the morning. Through the Panther Coffee House, students with significant disabilities are thriving — growing job skills and independent living skills that they will need after high school in both the workplace and in the home. Ms. Lewis deserves to be recognized for always searching for ways to improve outcomes for students. When she tells you she is going to do something or has something in the works, you can rest assured that it won’t be long before that idea or dream is a reality. Her leadership skills, persistency, and advocacy for students make her a true asset to Webster Parish schools.”

The next school board meeting will be held on November 7, 2022, at 6 p.m. The public is welcome to attend.

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Magazine, will offer major marketing opportunities for local businesses.

“It has been well documented that our websites are the most visited news sites in our complementary markets,” Brown said. “Now, we can drive results for our local clients in more ways, at more affordable price points, than ever.”

Once the frequency change takes place Nov. 1, subscription rates for the print edition will be \$40 per year. Current subscribers will see their subscriptions prorated to reflect the change.

Plans are also under-

way to create new, targeted offerings for readers, both online and in print.

“We know people see us as part of their life’s stories, and we want to bring those stories to life,” Joshua said. “If it is important to you, it is important to us.”

David added the end is far from near for local news, and the Press-Herald in particular. “When my father came to Minden in 1968, he committed to this community. That commitment continues today through our family and this company,” he said. “We will continue to piv-

ot, grow, and evolve, to be the news and content organization this community deserves.”

Brown said he wants the Webster Parish community to share in this journey with their thoughts, support, and concerns. “We can only get better when we hear honest feedback from our community,” he said. “Please reach out to me and we will work together to navigate this new beginning. I still believe, and I will always believe, that we provide a valuable service to our community, and will continue to do so for many years to come.”

GAS BUDDY

Louisiana gas continues to rise

(October 17, 2022) - Average gasoline prices in Louisiana have risen 7.1 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.34/g today, according to GasBuddy’s survey of 2,436 stations in Louisiana. Prices in Louisiana are 24.1 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand 29.4 cents per gallon higher than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has increased 18.7 cents in the last week and stands at \$5.06 per gallon.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Louisiana was priced at \$2.91/g yesterday while the most expensive was \$4.02/g, a difference of \$1.11/g. The lowest price in the state yesterday was \$2.91/g while the highest was \$4.02/g, a difference of \$1.11/g.

The national average price of gasoline has fallen 5.4 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.86/g today. The nation-

al average is up 20.6 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 56.6 cents per gallon higher than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

“After a sharp rise in the national average over the last few weeks, we’ve seen an abrupt, yet expected decline as refinery issues have eased in the West and Great Lakes, overpowering some increases elsewhere. Though at the same time, diesel prices have soared,” said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy. “We’ll see a continued sharp drop in gas prices on the West Coast, including areas like Las Vegas and Phoenix, which are supplied by refiners in California, as refinery outages

have been addressed. The Great Lakes will see prices drift lower as BP’s Whiting refinery is soon to complete maintenance. In addition, oil prices have cooled off slightly after OPEC+’s decision to cut production, and that should slow increases elsewhere. Diesel and heating oil prices are likely to continue to rise as extremely low inventories of middle of the barrel products like these two push prices higher.”

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

ACCIDENT

Doyline man killed in Webster Parish crash, speed suspected factor

Webster Parish - On Saturday, October 15, 2022, just after 11:00 p.m., Troopers assigned to Louisiana State Police Troop G began investigating a one-vehicle fatality crash on LA Hwy 527 at Junior Edwards Road. This crash claimed the life of 41-year-old Marvin Champlain.

The initial investigation revealed that a 2002 Harley-Davidson motorcycle, operated by Champlain, was traveling south on LA Hwy 527 at a high rate of speed. For reasons still under investigation, Champlain exited the road and was ejected from the

motorcycle.

Champlain, who was not wearing a DOT-approved helmet, suffered fatal injuries and was pronounced dead at the scene by the Webster Parish Coroner.

It is unknown if impairment is a contributing factor in this crash. Routine toxicology samples were taken and submitted for analysis. The crash remains under investigation, and charges are pending.

Troopers encourage all riders to take an approved motorcycle safety course. These courses teach safe riding practices and help you apply

safe riding strategies that can help reduce your chance of injury should a crash occur. Anyone interested in attending motorcycle safety courses can go to <http://lsp.org/motorcycle.html> for more information. Making good choices while riding a motorcycle, such as never driving while impaired and obeying all traffic laws, can often mean the difference between life and death.

In 2022, Troop G has investigated 29 fatal crashes, which has resulted in 32 deaths.

GIRL SCOUTS

Girl Scouts to Receive Drone Donation

SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA - The National Public Safety Drone Donation Program has selected Girl Scouts of Louisiana - Pines to the Gulf to receive a donated drone.

The benefits Girl Scouts of Louisiana - Pines to the Gulf will receive from this drone donation include hands-on exploration into robotics and coding, real-world applications of Drone technology, and exposure to STEM career fields where females are historically underrepresented. Girls

benefit from the opportunity to take risks in a safe and supportive STEM environment. Girl Scout movement-wide data shows that 74% of girls involved in a STEM program recognize that “we learn more by doing things ourselves than by being told things by an adult”. This data is critical to support the need for hands-on exploration into Drone robotics and coding experiences for girls. When middle school and high school age girls work in a co-operative hands-on environment they are sup-

ported and take more risk.

Representatives from the National Public Safety Drone Donation Program will present the drone on Wednesday, October 12th, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. Several Girl Scouts will be present to take part in a demonstration.

Girl Scouts of Louisiana - Pines to the Gulf plans to utilize this drone to educate our Girl Scouts about robotics, technology, and associated technologies.

WEBSTER & MORE

OBITUARIES



Jane Rowe

Funeral services celebrating the life of Jane Vandiver Rowe will be held Monday, October 17, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. at Rose-Neath Funeral Home Chapel in Minden, Louisiana with Rev. Kenny Rowe, Rev. Steve Rowe and Rev. Brett Cook officiating. Interment will follow at Gardens of Memory in Minden, Louisiana. The family will receive friends from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. Sunday, October 16, 2022, at Rose-Neath Funeral Home.

Jane Vandiver Rowe was born in Forrest City, Arkansas, on March 14, 1935, and went to be with the Lord on October 13, 2022, in Minden, Louisiana. Mrs. Rowe was born during the Great Depression and lived in Forrest City until she met and married her husband, Kenneth Rowe. After their marriage, they were stationed in naval bases all over the United States, including South Carolina, Virginia, Idaho, and New Hampshire. She spent her life as a loving wife, mother, and homemaker. When her husband retired from the U.S. Navy, they moved to Minden, Louisiana, and joined the Emmanuel Baptist Church, where they were lifelong members. Mrs. Rowe served faithfully as a Sunday School teacher, a Discipleship Trainer, Head of the Joy Group, and the Media/Library Director. She also taught Vacation Bible School and volunteered for many church activities, one of her favorites was the Maple Home Christmas Party.

Mrs. Rowe served the Lord faithfully throughout her life, instilling a love of the Lord in her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and many others.

Mrs. Rowe was preceded in death by her parents, James Audrey and Jessie Bell Vandiver; her husband of 54 years, Kenneth A. Rowe; her brother and sister-in-law, J.W. and Patricia Vandiver; and her sister and brother-in-law, Marcia and Kenneth Byrd.

She is survived by her children, Marcy and Paul Culpepper, Stephen and Therese Rowe, and Cindy and Ricky Plunkett; grandchildren, Kenny and Allison Rowe, April and Todd Hylbert, Heather and Derek Kennedy, Leah and Chase Lummus, Stephanie and Brandt Melder, Matthew Culpepper and Marc Williamson, Anna and Michael Hooper, Courtney Plunkett, Kevin Culpepper, and Whitney Plunkett; great grandchildren, Sawyer, Ada Jane, Grant, Stephen, Cohen, Gideon, Laurinn, Deacon, and Landon; and much loved nieces and nephews and close friends.

Pallbearers will be Todd Hylbert, Chase Lummus, Derek S. Kennedy, Brandt Melder, Michael Hooper, and Marc Williamson.

Honorary pallbearers will be Brian Mixon, Matt Little, Douglas Culpepper, Derek C. Kennedy, Kenny Rowe, Matthew Culpepper, Kevin Culpepper, Grant Hylbert, Stephen B. Rowe, Cohen Lummus, Gideon Rowe, Deacon Hooper, and Landon Melder.

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Jerry Wayne (Billy) Miller

Funeral services for Jerry Wayne (Billy) Miller will be held Wednesday, October 19, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. at Rose-Neath Funeral Home Chapel in Minden, Louisiana with Rev. Mike Wilkes officiating. Interment will follow at Brushwood Cemetery in Dubberly, Louisiana. The family will receive friends from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 18, 2022, at Rose-Neath Funeral Home.

Billy was born January 24, 1939, in Minden, Louisiana and entered into rest October 15, 2022, in Minden, Louisiana at the age of 83. Billy was a roofer all his life.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 66 years, Linda Sue Miller; daughter, Linda Beth Smith; Mom and Dad, Lucille and Duncan Miller; mother and father-in-law, Coy and Calvin Smith; brothers and sisters-

in-law, Clea and Gaye Miller, Curtis and Beth Miller, Willie Floyd (Fat) and Debbie Miller, Duncan Jr. and Tammy Miller; sister and brothers-in-law, Alma and James Aultman, Eunice and Toxie Aultman; sisters-in-law, Diann Hoyle and Lou Smith; brother-in-law, Terry (Buddy) Smith; and four great-grandchildren.

He is survived by his sons, Johnny and Keitha Miller and Bryan (Tony) and Ronda Miller; daughter, Kathryn (Josie) and Brock Davidson; 14 grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren; 6 great great-grandchildren; sister, Helen and John Swilley; in-laws, William Oral Hoyle, Jerry Smith, Margie and Carl Pritchard, Jenny and Jimmy Henry, Pam and Bill Stanley, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be Johnny Miller, Tony Miller, Jerimy Miller, Clay Miller, Chris Parker, Robert Evans, Chris Bagwell, and Jeff Guice.

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EDUCATION

ACT test scores for Louisiana students decrease for the fifth consecutive year

(The Center Square) — Louisiana high schoolers followed a national decline in scores on the ACT college readiness test, posting the fifth lowest average composite score in the country.

ACT numbers released on Wednesday show Louisiana's Class of 2022 produced an average composite score of 18.1 out of 36, a decline of 0.3% from the previous year. The score marks the fifth consecutive year the composite score has declined, mirroring a national trend of declining achievement that's now at the lowest level in 31 years.

"This is the fifth consecutive year of declines in average scores, a worrisome trend that began long before the disruption of the COVID-19 pandemic, and has persisted," ACT CEO Janet Godwin said. "The magnitude of the declines this year is particularly alarming, as we see rapidly growing

numbers of seniors leaving high school without meeting the college-readiness benchmark in any of the subjects we measure."

In Louisiana, where all high school students are required to take the ACT to graduate, students struggled the most with math with a score of 17.4, while the highest score came in reading at 18.6. Louisiana students scored 18.3 in science and 17.6 in English.

"We have to do better," Louisiana Superintendent Cade Brumley told NOLA.com.

"The national average shows a half point decline," he said. "We showed a .3 decline."

Brumley cited an ongoing effort to restructure how schools are rated and heighten standards for high schoolers — which has faced opposition from local school officials — as one way Louisiana is working to address the issue.

Louisiana is one of only six states that require all students to take the ACT. States with fewer test takers generally produced higher ACT composite scores.

Louisiana ranked mid-pack among other states that require all students to take the test, which include Wyoming with a composite score of 19.2, Tennessee at 18.6, Alabama at 18, Mississippi at 17.8, and Nevada at 17.3.

Louisiana School Boards Association executive council Dannie Garrett III noted the "significant correlation between high average ACT score and low participation rates" in an email to NOLA.com, which pointed out Louisiana performed poorly before all students were required to take the test.

"For many students not seeking the college path, taking the ACT is something that is imposed upon them and they have

no personal incentive to perform," he wrote.

Nationally, the Class of 2022 produced a composite score of 19.8, which marks the first time the figure has dipped below 20 since 1991. Only 22% of students met all four ACT Benchmarks for college readiness, while 42% met none. In 2021, 25% of students met all four benchmarks and 38% met none.

The ACT's Godwin described the low marks as "further evidence of long-time systemic failures that were exacerbated by the pandemic" and called for urgent action.

"A return to the pre-pandemic status quo would be insufficient and a disservice to students and educators," she said. "These systemic failures require sustained collective action and support for the academic recovery of high school students as an urgent national priority and imperative."

CRIME

Louisiana has the Nation's Highest Violent Crime Rate, according to FBI

(The Center Square) - The FBI recently released its annual Uniform Crime Report, offering a statistical documentation of crime in the United States in 2021. Historically, the UCR has provided a comprehensive snapshot of crime in each of the 50 states, but this year, the picture is incomplete.

Due to a change in reporting systems - from the legacy Summary Reporting System to the new National Incident-Based Reporting System -

many police departments across the country did not submit crime data to the FBI. As a result, nine states were excluded from this year's UCR: Florida, Hawaii, Illinois, Maryland, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, and Pennsylvania.

Whether or not 2021 crime estimates for these places will eventually be released remains to be seen - but for the states with available data, the latest UCR offers some useful insight into 2021

violent crime trends.

Violent crime is a broad category that consists of four types of the most serious offenses: robbery, rape, aggravated assault, and homicide. In Louisiana, there were 26,078 violent crimes reported in 2021, or 564 for every 100,000 people, the highest violent crime rate among the 41 states with available data. Meanwhile, the national violent crime rate (based on the incomplete data) stands at 334 incidents

per 100,000 people.

While it is not always the case, violent crime is often more common in economically disadvantaged areas with high poverty rates and lower levels of social integration. According to the U.S. Census Bureau's 2021 American Community Survey, the poverty rate across Louisiana stands at 19.6%, compared to the 12.8% national poverty rate.

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OTHER OPINION

America’s political divide driven by special interests

WILLIAM HAUPT III
Special to the Minden Press-Herald

“When there is no enemy within, the enemies outside cannot hurt you.” – Winston S. Churchill
It’s a common meme with pundits, pollsters, the media and the political class that Americans have never been so divided both politically and socially. But if we turn back the chapters in our history from the Revolution to Independence Hall in Philadelphia, we quickly disabuse all such notions.

American historians conclude that the division in the colonies was about equal for those who sided with the Patriots and the British Crown. The consequences for choosing one side or another was as fierce as a debate between progressive Socialists and Tea party Republicans on a budget bill.

For weeks at the 1787 Constitutional Convention, delegates were locked in disagreement over how the 13 states would be represented in a central government. Roger Sherman saved the day, proposing a bicameral legislature with two houses. The Great Compromise saved the Convention.

Since the U.S. was the first nation founded by Enlightenment, the country has endured deep divisions between its political parties. And this includes industrialization, the Civil War, immigration, women’s suffrage, entering two Great Wars, civil rights protests in the 1960s, gay rights, abortion, and a vast myriad of sociopolitical battles.

Since the election of George Bush, all we have heard about is “partisan polarization.” But that is a shallow assessment of the chasm between those for whom society and its institutions are working and those for whom society and its institutions are not working; and those who say nothing works.

Since America has always been a right of center nation, as

millennials send more socialists and progressives to Congress, the less the needs of the moderate Democrats and Republicans are served. Thusly, America’s established institutions are being tailored to serve those who are now far left of center and are not serving the necessities of moderates, independents or Republicans.

If we examine the rhetoric coming out of the Democratic Party and we follow the money trail, it is easy to see how deceptive the Democratic Party has become in serving different masters. While throwing bones to the underclasses to appease them, they have been shuffling big bucks to the upper class.

“I am not a member of any organized political party. I am a Democrat.” – Will Rogers

The Democratic Party use to be considered the party of labor and the middle class. But since the 1980s, they have pursued a platform supported by their more affluent members that prioritizes education over labor. With programs like Race to the Top, and Common Core, they have been encouraging education over the trades and blue collar professions as a fix-all for class inequity.

With the Democrats stumbling in the polls and the midterms underway, President Joe Biden and the left are reaching deep inside their bag of tricks to make points with members of their coalition for whom their system works. They need to convince their coalition of wealthy upper class liberal college educated professionals, climate control police and other special interests to keep them in office.

“Our goal is to end the production and purchase of gas-powered vehicles by 2035.” – Joe Biden

This last few weeks we’ve seen examples of how special interests are being served over those of the majority. Biden is persistent in making the working middle class pay for the education

of the upper-class. This simply transfers cash from the less well-off taxpayers to those that are well-off.

Biden’s plan to “cancel” student debt is redistribution of wealth. His proposal would cost taxpayers \$450 billion. This is simply making all taxpayers pay off student loans. This includes people who never took out loans, or went to college. But it works well for wealthy Democratic Party donors.

A recent Moneywatch report asserts Biden’s “student loan forgiveness plan” will only benefit the wealthy and the educated members of his party. They note, over two-thirds of debt forgiveness would help people in the top 60% income bracket who earn \$82,400+ per year or more. And the majority of this group are young educated professional Democrats for whom this system works.

With inflation haunting them, progressives needed a boost before the midterms, and passed the Inflation Reduction Act, which is a gift to elite party members. It gives tax credits to companies and buyers of electric cars, buyers of heat pumps, water heaters, solar panels, and expensive green energy products that are not affordable or practical for the middle class, but profitable to market.

The \$60 billion for “environmental justice” is a catch-all phrase to justify the \$380 billion from the Inflation Reduction Act that will wind up in the pockets of company executives, stockholders and those well-off enough to buy electric vehicles. That is another gift to the wealthy Democrats since environmentalists are disproportionately wealthier and support far left politics like global warming.

Semiconductor manufacturers have made nearly \$250 billion in profits in the last five years. Yet Congress passed the CHIPS Act that will send billions of dollars to American manufacturers for scientific research to

expand their sales and profits. While the bill might help to improve the U.S. semiconductor chip shortage, the money goes to manufacturers and it comes from the taxpayers.

Despite their rhetoric about being for the little guy, Democrats have been the originators of most of these regressive ideas. Their coalition now consists entirely of those for whom the system works; wealthy college-educated and environmentalists and other recipients of federal and state largesse.

According to IRS data, Democrats have become the party of the wealthy. About 65% of taxpayers in many Democratic districts have a household income of \$500,000 or more. Transversely, approximately 75% of taxpayers in Republican dominant districts have household incomes of less than \$100,000.

Herbert Hoover told us, “Honor is not the exclusive property of any political party.” Today’s political divide is being enforced by patronizing the needs and desires of those for whom the system works at the expense of those on the outside looking in. Every piece of legislation Biden’s Congress has passed has been “political payback and pay-ahead” to sustain a system that works for Democrats.

This last election pitted rich Democrats against blue-collar Republicans. This indicates that the left achieved its goal of bringing young wealthy educated liberals into the party without losing support from identity groups. The question is: How long can Democrats continue to patronize every special interest group before middle class voters realize they are getting nothing for their tax dollars or their vote? We’ll find out this election.

“The more people who are dependent on government hand-outs, the more votes the left can depend on for an ever-expanding welfare state.” -Thomas Sowell

OPINION

‘No one cares how much you know, until...’

President Theodore Roosevelt said “No one cares how much you know, until they know how much you care”

The poet Robert Burns also said “Oh the gift that God could give us, to see ourselves as others see us” which leads me to ask would we really want to know how zit-picking at someone maybe we need to ask ourselves if this is what is really bugging us or is there a deep seated problem that we cannot articulate?

I am thoroughly convinced that there are many of us who could benefit from some deep soul searching or counseling to help us arrive at a mutually satisfying solution to problems that plague us, that keep us awake day and night, when we cannot let go -- and just laugh at our own pettiness.

Though only an arm chair psychologist I think that many of our personal problems arrive from a lack of self-worth, of not feeling wealthy enough, not feeling pret-

ty enough or deeply loved by our friends and family so we criticize each other, trying to make them fit our mold of how we think people should behave.



SARAH HUDSON PIERCE

ditionally .

There’s one thing I know for sure -- no one likes to be belittled or made to believe that “it’s our way or the highway!”

I also believe that many of the crises that occur in churches, in

Does any of this make sense to you? It does to me. It is really hard to get to the root of our problems -- to learn to control our tongues, our actions and just learn to love each other uncon-

work-places and in government often arises from problems within the home -- between husbands and wives.

We find it hard to see our problems for what they are.

We want to cast blame on someone else instead of letting well enough alone or accepting responsibility for our failings.

If we could step into each others shoes there would be less conflict in our homes, churches and in our nation.

No one wants to be bossed around.

It doesn’t set well with any of us!

We each deserve to do our own thing unless we infringe on someone’s rights.

Maybe this is where many of these issues arise -- from someone feeling like that they are not being consulted in major decisions -- and of course most of these decisions seem to always come back to money.

At times I find myself caught in

the middle and just want to give a friend or loved one the idea that maybe counseling might be in order because it is most often hard to see the real root of our problems.

Harmony is so much more important than conflict.

I hope something I’ve said helps someone who reads my insights.

It’s so much better to take care of those we have in our relationships than to cast care to the wind and not show understanding to those we cherish most.

It is like a good friend one time wrote “if you criticize your friends you will find yourself all alone.”

That’s some of the best advice I’ve heard.

Maybe we just need to ask God for wisdom.

We mostly want to just be loved unconditionally!

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OPINION

The Advocate: Insurance crisis offers Louisiana few good options

The difficult 2020 and 2021 hurricane seasons are fading from memory, but it will take a long time for Louisiana to recover. It’s not just the blue roof tarps that still dot the landscape from Lake Charles to Lafourche. The most serious aftereffect is the disruption in the precarious property insurance market, which threatens to do lasting damage to home values in our communities.

There will be no easy or painless solution, as private insurers shy away from the most vulnerable parts of Louisiana: the parishes below Interstates 10 and 12, which is where most of the people live.

It would be nice to believe there is a law we can pass, or a villain we can identify. But insurance companies are businesses, and their skittishness is understandable when Louisi-

ana was assaulted by two of the most powerful storms ever to churn out of the Gulf of Mexico, Laura in 2020 and Ida in 2021.

The fundamental problem is one of supply and demand: There are not enough companies willing to offer homeowners’ insurance in the state right now.

So the choice is stark. The state can provide the insurance itself or it can subsidize private companies to move into the market. In the end, Louisiana will — and should — probably do both.

The state operates a government-run insurer of last resort, Louisiana Citizens Property Insurance Corp., which provides coverage to homeowners shunned by the private insurance market. By law, Citizens charges rates 10% higher than the private sector, to encourage

homeowners to keep looking for a private insurer.

That’s sound policy, but two challenging hurricane seasons have chased many small insurers to the sidelines — often through insolvency — forcing homeowners with no private market option into the arms of Citizens. Citizens had 36,000 policyholders in 2021. Now it has more than 100,000.

To the alarm of many forced to make the jump, the carrier is seeking a 63% rate increase.

Louisiana needs Citizens to ensure that homeowners can obtain coverage somewhere, but the perils of a taxpayer-owned insurance operation were underscored in 2005 by Hurricane Katrina, still the nation’s costliest natural disaster.

Citizens was at the time carrying 170,000 policies, and it had to borrow \$1 billion to pay

off its claims. To cover the loan, homeowners have been paying annual assessments ever since and the surcharges will continue until 2026.

The current situation is not as dire as it was in 2005, but additional government intervention may be needed to help rebuild the roster of private insurers. Jim Donelon, who took office as Insurance Commissioner in 2006, offered subsidies to lure small carriers into the state after Katrina. The technique seemed to work at the time.

But reporting by Michael Finch II and Joseph Cranney this month demonstrated that many of the post-Katrina carriers were felled by the losses they suffered in 2020 and 2021, chiefly due to Ida, which tore through the most populous part of the state.

Still, Donelon wants to revive

the technique, and many legislators seem ready to go along, in part because nobody has a better solution.

But there is peril in that course as well. A state fund set up to pay claims from failed insurers is borrowing \$600 million to cover losses from insolvent providers, including some of those lured to Louisiana after Katrina.

If the state inaugurates a new subsidy program, it will need to be more careful in picking carriers who participate, including perhaps using incentives to encourage established insurers to take on risk in vulnerable zip codes.

But overall, rebuilding the private market is a better course than pushing the state deeper into the homeowners’ insurance business.

SPORTS

Apaches top Indians to move to 7-0 on season

Tide puts up fight in losing effort while Warriors, Knights fall hard

T. SCOTT BOATRIGHT
Minden Press-Herald

The state's longest win streak was pushed to 13 straight as the Apaches stormed out to a 27-0 first quarter lead en route to a 48-15 win at Ringgold.

By halftime Glenbrook was already playing the majority of its roster while building a 41-0 advantage at intermission.

Quarterback David Feaster connected on touchdown passes for DJ Carter, Seth Mangrum, Taoby Haulmark and Cason Clemson early on.

The player movement allowed by the big lead allowed Glenbrook to give slot back/defensive back Maddox Mandino some time under center and the senior responded by throwing a touchdown pass to Connor Williams, who

Ringgold scored a pair of late touchdowns against what amounted to the Apaches' JV team, but it was far too little, too late as Glenbrook climbed to 7-0 overall and 4-0 in District 1-1A.

Glenbrook (7-0 and 4-0 in District 1-1A) will next play at Plain Dealing (0-7, 0-4) on Saturday.

Northwood 21, Minden 12

A third-quarter surge by the Crimson Tide wasn't enough to overcome a strong start by Northwood Friday night as the Falcons held off Minden's rally try.

The Falcons flew out to an early lead, with Quintavion White's 17-yard scoring scamper only 1:26 into the contest put Northwood on top 7-0.

Northwood added another touchdown with three minutes remaining in the first half to build a 14-0 halftime advantage.

But the Crimson Tide rose in the third quarter with a touchdown pass by Jakobe Jackson and a short touchdown run by Daylen Robinson cutting the Falcons' lead to 14-12 after Minden failed to convert on extra point kick and pass attempts.

Northwood added an insurance score with 9:08 remaining to move to 5-2 overall and 3-1 in District 1-4A while Minden fell to 2-5 and 1-3.

Robinson totaled 108 yards on 17 carries and scored one touchdown while Mitchell added 88 yards on six rushes.

Jackson completed six-of-13 pass attempts for 52 yards and one touchdown with one interception.

Williams caught two passes for 36 yards and a score while Mitchell had three catches worth 12 yards and Robinson added a four-yard catch.

Minden, 2-5 overall and 1-3 in District 1-4A, will next play host to Evangel Christian Academy (3-4 and 2-2) on Friday.

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North Caddo 68, Lakeside 25

Offensive wasn't a problem for the Warriors Friday night against North Caddo. But stopping the Titans



Glenbrook quarterback Ty Feaster (with ball) threw touchdown passes to DJ Carter, Seth Mangrum, Taoby Haulmark and Cason Clemson during Friday's District 1-1A road win at Ringgold.

wasn't happening.

The game was anything but memorable for the Warriors as the Titans jumped on top early and held a comfortable lead throughout the contest to move to 5-2 overall and 1-1 in District 1-2A while Lakeside fell to 4-3 and 0-2.

Lakeside's Josh Sebald hauled in a pair of touchdowns passes from quarterback Cooper Chase to lead LSH in scoring while Omero Urbina added a touchdown run and Tamarjah Ferrel scored on a 60-yard Pick Six for the Warriors.

The Warriors (4-3, 0-2 in District 2-1A) will next play at Loyola College Prep (3-3, 2-0) on Friday.

Carroll 49, North Webster 7

Fultilly continued North Webster Friday night as Carroll stretched a seven-point halftime lead into a seven-point over the winless Knights.

The Bulldogs jumped out to a 14-0 before Braedon Robertson's one-yard touchdown with six minute remaining in the first half cut Carroll's lead to 14-7 at intermission.

But Carroll recovered an North Webster onsides kick attempt to open the second half and converted that into a touchdown at the 9:00 mark of the third quarter to push its advantage to 21-7.

Carroll moved out to a 35-7 lead by the end of the third quarter and added 14 insurance points in the final stanza to move to 6-0 on the season and 4-0 in District 1-3A while the Knights fell to 0-7 and 0-4 in district play.

Next up for the Knights is a game against defending Class 3A champion Sterlington, which stands at 3-4 overall and 2-2 in District 1-3A.



Minden's Daylen Robinson (4) Robinson 108 yards on 17 carries and scored one touchdown during Friday's loss for the Crimson Tide against Northwood.

WEEK 8 GEAUXPREP.COM'S PLAYOFF POWER RATINGS

Minden Division II Nonselect	33rd (2-5)
N. Webster Division III Nonselect	38th (0-7)
Lakeside Division III Nonselect	26th (4-3)
Glenbrook Division IV Select	Fourth (7-0)



Demons start fast, cruise past Houston Christian

Minden Press-Herald News-Service

HOUSTON — The Northwestern State football team talked about starting fast for much of the first half of the 2022 season.

The Demons found Saturday night what had been missing, starting quickly and never looking back in a 37-10 Southland Conference win against Houston Christian at Husky Stadium.

“What a performance

by our guys,” fifth-year head coach Brad Laird said. “I go back to the team meeting Monday we had coming off last week. Our guys made up their mind coming out of that meeting what we had to do — putting it together for four quarters and starting fast.”

Northwestern State (3-4, 3-0) broke quickly, scoring 24 first-quarter points — its most in a single quarter since a 28-point second quarter against Sam Houston on Oct. 13, 2018.

NSU's offense built off its strong second half from a week ago, scoring on its opening drive for the second time this season as Garrison Johnson capped a 10-play, 82-yard march with the first of his two 2-yard touchdown runs.

That opened the floodgates for a 24-point first stanza, NSU's most first-quarter points in the Laird era.

The Purple Swarm defense did its part to aid the offense, intercepting HCU

quarterback Justin Fomby twice in the first quarter as Dante Thomas and Keenan Leachman each collected their first career picks.

Those turnovers set the tone for the best performance by the Purple Swarm, which allowed 267 yards and just three points.

“It builds that trust that we can be that defense who can be dominant,” said senior defensive end Isaiah Longino, who moved into a fourth-place

tie with Roy Locks on the NSU career sack chart with his 18.5th career sack.

“We've had great second halves throughout the season, and we decided this game we need to start fast and put it all together. I feel we did that.”

Longino's two sacks were part of a season-best four-sack performance for the NSU defense, which continuously kept the Huskies (2-4, 1-2) in long-yardage situations and allowed just 3.3 yards per play.

It also allowed the Demons to breathe as the HCU defense slowed the Northwestern State offense after its early surge.

Kennith Lacy's one-yard touchdown run on fourth down ended a nine-play, 57-yard touchdown drive that re-established a 21-point advantage.

Lacy finished with a career-high 107 rushing yards, giving the Demons their first individual 100-yard rushing effort since April 10, 2021.

SPORTS

LSU stuns Gators in Swamp, 45-35

LA Tech falls at North Texas; Grambling loses at home to FAMU

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Jayden Daniels may have run out of touchdown celebrations on Saturday night.

After outrunning Brenton Cox to the end zone for his final one of the night, Daniels stopped and stared into the stands with the football under his left arm and his right hand on his hip.

There was little left for him to do besides revel in the adulation. Beating Florida may have been new for Daniels, a transfer from Arizona State, but it's something LSU has grown accustomed to experiencing.

Daniels accounted for six touchdowns — three passing and three rushing — and the Tigers beat the Gators 45-35 at The Swamp for their fourth consecutive victory in the series and 10th in the last 13 years.

Daniels finished with 349 yards passing — 115 of them to Kayshon Boutte — and 44 more on the ground. He helped the Tigers (5-2, 3-1 Southeastern Conference) rebound from a 27-point loss to Tennessee a week earlier and match their longest winning streak against the Gators since 1977-80.

"We wanted him to be more assertive with the football, pushing it down the field," first-year LSU coach Brian Kelly said. "He's seeing it better. This is a new offense and it's slowing down for him. ... He showed his ability to move this offense."

This game, like so many of the recent matchups in series history, came down to the final minutes. Trailing by a touchdown, Florida (4-3, 1-3) got a rare third-down stop with a little less than two minutes remaining. But freshman

Damian Ramos kicked a 47-yard field goal with 1:52 to play to essentially seal the victory.

Anthony Richardson tried to rally Florida, but his fourth-down pass fell incomplete, and LSU ran out the clock.

"We're going to be sick when we watch the tape," Florida coach Billy Napier said.

Richardson opened the game with a 51-yard touchdown pass and added a highlight-reel, 81-yard scoring run to start the fourth quarter. He played turnover-free football for the first time in six weeks, but the Gators needed him to play defense to make a difference in this one.

LSU scored touchdowns on its first six possessions. The Tigers rolled up 469 yards on those drives, picking apart Florida's much-maligned defense, especially on third down. They moved the chains eight times in their first nine third-down attempts. The one miscue? Well, Daniels and the Tigers converted on fourth down.

Florida finally forced a punt with about 13 minutes to play and followed with an 80-yard drive that ended with Trevor Etienne's 1-yard plunge. Trailing 42-35, the Gators looked like they had a game-changing interception with a little less than six minutes to play. But Jason Marshall's pick was negated by a roughing-the-passer penalty on teammate Gervon Dexter. Dexter drove Daniels to the ground and landed on top of him after he released the ball.

North Texas 47, LA Tech 27
DENTON, Texas (AP) — Austin Aune threw for two



MINDEN PRESS-HERALD PHOTO BY T. SCOTT BOATRIGHT

Grambling State true freshman quarterback Julian Calvez connected on 14-of-26 passes for 149 yards and the touchdown to Rash while also leading the Tigers in rushing with 113 yards on 16 carries in Saturday's loss to FAMU.

touchdowns, North Texas rolled up 475 yards on the ground and the Mean Green beat Louisiana Tech 47-27 on Saturday for their eighth straight Conference USA win.

Parker McNeil's 58-yard pass to Tre Harris got the Bulldogs (2-4, 1-1) within seven points heading into the fourth quarter, but the Mean Green (4-3, 3-0) got a pair of field goals from Ethan Mooney and a Kaylon Horton TD run of 66 yards to pull away.

Isaika Ragsdale's 1-yard TD run gave UNT the game's first points and the Mean Green would lead thereafter, taking a 27-17 at halftime behind Ayo Adeyi's 92-yard TD run and Aune's 51-yard pass to

Jvaire Shorter.

UNT outgained Louisiana Tech 671-504 with the Mean Green defense collecting seven sacks, three by Mazin Richards and 2 1/2 by Roderick Brown. Aune threw for 196 yards with an interception.

Adeyi had 122 yards rushing, Oscar Adaway III 113 and Kaylon Horton 97.

McNeil threw for 424 yards and two scores. Smoke Harris had 156 yards receiving and Tre Harris 129.

Florida A&M 20, Grambling 16
GRAMBLING (AP) — Jeremy Moussa ran for one third-quarter touchdown and passed for another and

Florida A&M rallied from a 10-3 second-half deficit for a 20-16 win over Grambling Saturday.

Kamari Stephens got a clutch sack, and Florida A&M stopped Grambling on downs in the red zone in the final minute to seal it.

Down four with under a minute left, Julian Calvez hit Lyndon Rash for a 14-yard gain to give the Tigers a first down at the Florida A&M 17, and a holding penalty on the Rattlers gave Grambling a first down at the 12.

Calvez hit Rash in the end zone, but the touchdown was called back on an offensive pass interference penalty that pushed the Tigers back to the 27.

Then Calvez threw in-

complete three times and Stephens got a clutch sack to end it.

Moussa scored from the 2 with :23 left in the third quarter to put the Rattlers (5-2, 3-1 Southwestern Athletic Conference) up, 17-10, but Donald Johnson III returned a punt 80 yards with 5:05 left.

The missed point-after attempt made it 17-16. Jose Romo-Martinez kicked a 34-yard field goal to push the Rattlers' lead to 20-16 with 1:45 left.

Calvez completed 14 of his 36 pass attempts for 149 yards and a touchdown and gained 113 yards on 16 carries to lead Grambling (1-6, 0-4).

Moussa was 22 of 36 for 226 yards.

Quail Forever goal — bring back Bobwhite

GLYNN HARRIS

There are sights and sounds from the past that trigger memories I can't help but long to see return. When we turn on the news and see all the turmoil taking place in our country, I want to see the return to those days of innocence, peace and tranquility.

I want to be able to walk out into the field and see a meadow lark explode under my feet, its undulating flight transporting it to a fence nearby where a few yards down the fence line sits a shrike, or as we called them, "butcher bird." I haven't seen either of these two species in years. What happened to them?

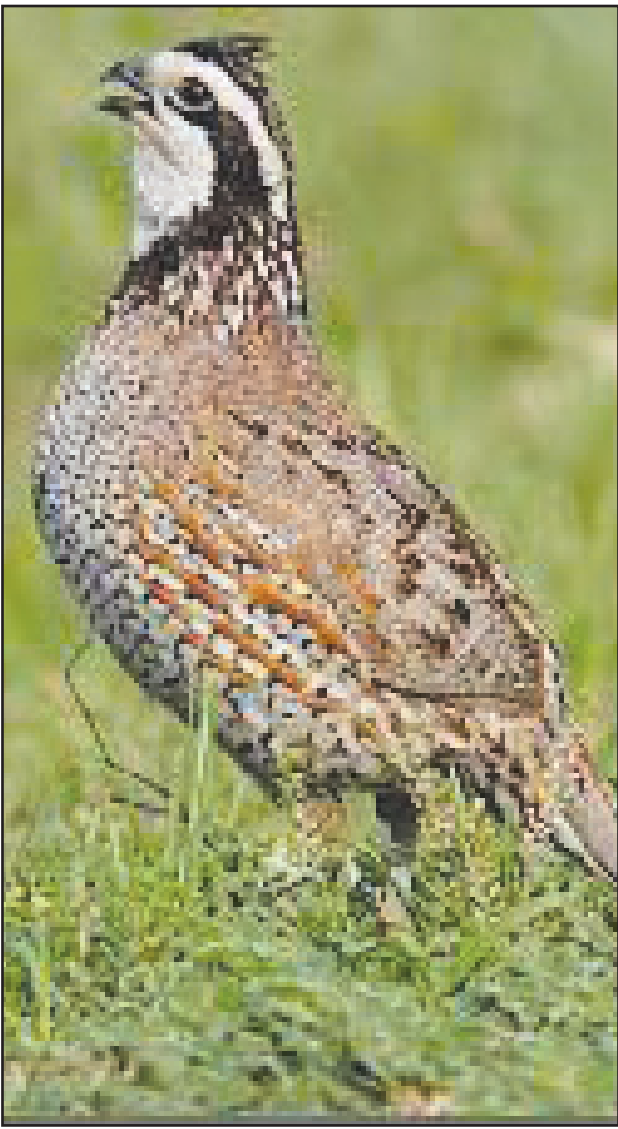
The absence of another bird hurts my heart more than missing the meadow lark and shrike.

It wasn't too many years ago when I would leave my home for an early morning walk down the road and hear the plaintive whistle of a bobwhite quail. It's been years since I heard one. Where did they go and why don't I get to hear them any longer?

There is nothing I can do to bring back the meadow lark and shrike but I am optimistic about something being done, not only nationally but locally to work to bring back the quail.

An organization, Quail Forever, is pulling out all the stops to try and help fashion the recovery of these beloved birds.

Sabrina Claeys is a



COURTESY PHOTO

Quail Forever is an organization working to return bobwhite quail to the landscape.

field biologist for the national organization who works tirelessly to promote the return of quail to our world. The mission statement of Quail Forever is "to conserve quail, pheasants and other wildlife through habitat improvements, public access, education and conservation advocacy."

"The main problem as we see it for the loss of quail has to do with habitat; we're losing it

faster than we can create it," said Claeys.

As a biologist, Claeys had heard it all when it comes to possible explanations as to why quail numbers had plummeted.

"We hear the problem is fire ants, more predators impacting quail numbers as well as habitat loss. Losing habitat favored by quail seems to be the major problem," she said.

I can remember during my growing-up

days out on the rural route that practically everybody had a garden or truck patch with grassy edges along fence rows. You could walk out to such areas and just about always send a covey of bobwhites airborne.

Today, clean farming and clearing out the fence rows have taken from quail the habitat they need for rearing broods.

"Think about the 'back forty' and how it has changed over the years. Those areas provided ideal nesting areas and many of these sites have been converted to pine stands that don't provide nesting and brooding areas. Quail Forever is working to reclaim some of that old habitat.

"Another thing that has hindered the maintenance of quail populations is the absence of prescribed fire which not only removes undesirable plant life but opens areas where quail thrive best," Claeys added.

One way that Quail Forever strives to see its mission become reality is the establishing of local chapters.

The Piney Hills Quail Forever chapter is based in Ruston and holds regular meetings to discuss problems and possible solutions. Search on-line for information on the local chapter and how you can become a part in helping return the plaintive call of the bobwhite back to our area.

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Fishing Report

BLACK BAYOU — A few bream have been caught around the grass on worms and crickets. Bass have been best by fishing plastic frogs around grass. Contact Honey Hole Tackle Shop 323-8707 for the latest information.

OUACHITA RIVER — The water is at pool stage. Crappie fishing has been rather slow with best catches made around submerged tops in the river on shiners or jigs. Bass are fair fishing the run-outs with topwater lures early and crank baits and soft plastics later. For latest information, contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

LAKE D'ARBONNE — Crappie are on the flats off the deeper sloughs and have been fair on shiners or jigs. Bass have been schooling some and hitting shad imitation lures. Also some are being caught around the grass on Rat-L-Traps and topwater lures. 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 — Crappie continue to be in their summer pattern and are hanging around submerged brush with most caught in 8-10 foot water on shiners and jigs. The Bobby Garland Blue Thunder jigs along with chartreuse patterns are working best. Bass fishing has been best fishing around the boat docks and piers using soft plastics and crank baits. A few stripers have

been caught along with the bass. Catfishing has been fair to good on set hooks using small bream for bait. Some are also being caught on yo-yos. For the latest information, call Kel's Cove at 927-2264 or Terzia Tackle at 278-4498.

CANEY LAKE — Some catches of bream are being reported on crickets or night crawlers. Bass continue to school around the lake with shad imitation topwater lures picking up some. Bigger fish to around 7-pounds have been caught on soft plastics and deep diving crank baits around brush and underwater humps around the channels. Crappie are fair fishing jigs and shiners around submerged tops in deeper water. 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 — Catfish continue to be about the only thing biting with an occasional crappie being reported. No report on bass or bream. For the latest reports, call Poverty Point Marina at 318-878-0101.

LAKE YUCATAN — The water is on a slow fall and fishing should improve. Bass have been fair on a variety of baits, a good many catfish are being reported and although crappie are rather slow, some real slabs are being caught on shiners or jigs. For information, call Surplus City Landing at 318-467-2259.

— Glynn Harris

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1 Stuff tightly

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8 Online crafts site

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14 Yarn

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24 "Hey!"

25 Italian cheese, for short

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49 Three, in Rome

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2 Marseilles monarch

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4 Chaos

5 Wild guess

6 Pioneer-ing ISP

7 Frigid spell

8 Long list's shortener (Abbr.)

9 New Mexico resort

10 Tart fruit

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31 1502, in Old Rome

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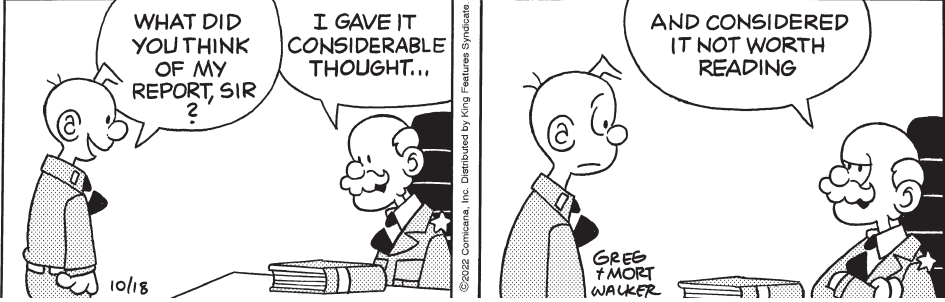
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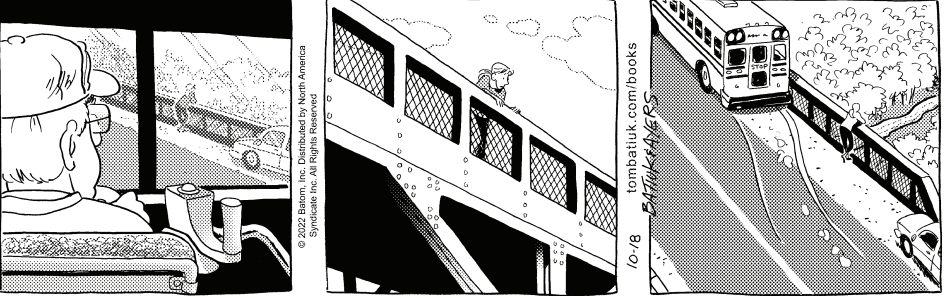
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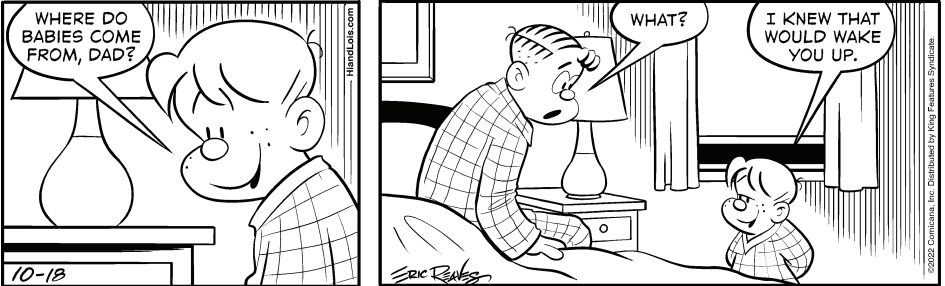
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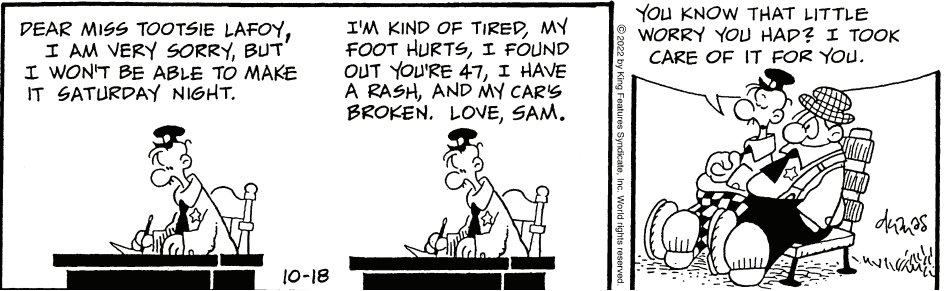
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Level: Beginner

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Proposed Amendment No. 1
Regular Session, 2022

ACT No. 279

HOUSE BILL NO. 178
BY REPRESENTATIVES VILLIO, AMEDEE, BACALA, BAGLEY, BEAULIEU, BUTLER, CARRIER, CREWS, DAVIS, ECHOLS, EDMONDS, EDMONSTON, FARNUM, FIRMONT, FONTENOT, FRIEMAN, GADBERRY, GAROFALO, HARRIS, HORTON, ILLG, MCCORMICK, MCMAHEN, MIGUEZ, CHARLES OWEN, PRESSLY, SCHAMERHORN, SCHLEGEL, SEABAUGH, AND THOMAS AND SENATORS CORTEZ, FESI, HENRY, HEWITT, ROBERT MILLS, MIZELL, MORRIS, PEACOCK, STINE, TALBOT, AND WHITE

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article I, Section 10 of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to right to vote; to provide for persons who have the right to register and vote in this state; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to amend Article I, Section 10 of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

§10. Right to Vote; Disqualification from Seeking or Holding an Elective Office Section 10.(A) Right to Vote. (1) Every person who is both a citizen of the state and of the United States, upon reaching eighteen years of age, shall have the right to register and vote, except that this right may be suspended while for a person who is interdicted and judicially declared mentally incompetent or who is under an order of imprisonment for conviction of a felony.

(2) No person who is not a citizen of the United States shall be allowed to register and vote in this state.

Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on December 10, 2022.

Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at the election, there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted to vote YES or NO, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as follows:

Do you support an amendment to provide that no person who is not a citizen of the United States shall be allowed to register and vote in this state? (Amends Article I, Section 10)

Proposed Amendment No. 2
Regular Session, 2022

ACT No. 281

SENATE BILL NO. 160
BY SENATOR FIELDS

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article X, Section 3(B)(1) and (C) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to Senate confirmation of gubernatorial appointed members of the State Civil Service Commission; and to specify an election for submission of the proposition to electors and provide a ballot proposition.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to amend Article X, Section 3(B)(1) and (C) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

§3. State Civil Service Commission

(B)(1) Appointment. The members shall be appointed by the governor, **with consent of the Senate**, as hereinafter provided, for overlapping terms of six years.

(C) Nominations. The presidents of Centenary College at Shreveport, Dillard University at New Orleans, Louisiana College at Pineville, Loyola University at New Orleans, Tulane University of Louisiana at New Orleans, and Xavier University at New Orleans, after giving consideration to representation of all groups, each shall nominate three persons. The governor shall appoint one member of the commission from the three persons nominated by each president. One member of the commission shall be elected by the classified employees of the state from their number as provided by law. A vacancy for any cause shall be filled by appointment or election in accordance with the procedure or law governing the original appointment or election, and from the same source. Within thirty days after a vacancy occurs, the president concerned shall submit the required nominations. Within thirty days thereafter, the governor shall make his appointment, **with consent of the Senate**. If the governor fails to appoint within thirty days, the nominee whose name is first on the list of nominees automatically shall become a member of the commission, **with consent of the Senate**. If any nominating authority fails to submit nominees in the time required, or if one of the named institutions ceases to exist, the governor shall make the appointment to the commission,

with consent of the Senate.

Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on December 10, 2022.

Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at said election there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted to vote YES or NO, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as follows:

Do you support an amendment to make appointed members of the State Civil Service Commission subject to confirmation by the Louisiana Senate? (Amends Article X, Section 3(B)(1) and (C))

Proposed Amendment No. 3
Regular Session, 2022

ACT No. 280

SENATE BILL NO. 75
BY SENATOR FIELDS

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article X, Section 43(C) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to the State Police Commission; to require Senate confirmation of certain members; and to specify an election for submission of the proposition to electors and provide a ballot proposition.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to amend Article X, Section 43(C) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

§43. State Police Commission
Section 43.

(C) Nominations. The presidents of Centenary College at Shreveport, Dillard University at New Orleans, Louisiana College at Pineville, Loyola University at New Orleans, Tulane University of Louisiana at New Orleans, and Xavier University at New Orleans, after giving consideration to representation of all groups, each shall nominate three persons. The governor shall appoint, **with consent of the Senate**, one member of the commission from the three persons nominated by each president. One member of the commission shall be elected by the classified state police officers of the state from their number as provided by law. A vacancy for any cause shall be filled by appointment or election in accordance with the procedure or law governing the original appointment or election, and from the same source. Within thirty days after a vacancy occurs, the president concerned shall submit the required nominations. Within thirty days thereafter, the governor shall make his appointment, **with consent of the Senate**. If the governor fails to appoint within thirty days, the nominee whose name is first on the list of nominees automatically shall become a member of the commission, **with consent of the Senate**. If any nominating authority fails to submit nominees in the time required, or if one of the named institutions ceases to exist, the governor shall make the appointment to the commission, **with consent of the Senate**.

Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on December 10, 2022.

Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at said election there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted to vote YES or NO, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as follows:

Do you support an amendment to make appointed members of the State Police Commission subject to confirmation by the Louisiana Senate? (Amends Article X, Section 43(C))

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Village of Dixie Inn
Regular Session
October 11, 2022

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

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen for the Village of Dixie Inn met in regular session on October 11, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, Dixie Inn, Louisiana with the following members present: Mayor Donna Hoffoss, Aldermen Judy McKenzie, and Lance Milligan.

The meeting was called to order and the invocation and pledge of allegiance were given.

There were no public comments.

Mayor Donna Hoffoss welcomed guests.

A motion was made by Judy McKenzie and seconded by Lance Milligan to adopt the minutes of the Regular Session of September 13, 2022. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

Financial statements of all funds, including a current budget vs. actual, were presented and discussed. A motion was made by Lance Milligan and seconded by Judy McKenzie to adopt all financial statements for September 13, 2022. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

Department Reports:

Mike Chreene reported all is well with the water department.

Chief James Edwards discussed the National Take Back Initiative 23, which will take place on October 29, 2022 from 10AM to 2PM.

New Business:

A motion was made by Lance Milligan and seconded by Judy McKenzie to purchase a new radar unit for the 2018 Tahoe. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

A motion was made by Judy McKenzie and seconded by Lance Milligan to opt-in the Temporary Housing and Shelter Assistance Program,

and Waiver of Land Use, as per GOHSEP. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

A motion was made by Judy McKenzie and seconded by Lance Milligan to accept Dana James's resignation effective October 7, 2022.

A motion was made by Judy McKenzie and seconded by Lance Milligan to approve the hiring of Alicia Ware as the new clerk. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

Hiring benefits and requirements for new officers were discussed. Renewing the warranty for Watchguard car and body cam video equipment was discussed

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

Attest:
Donna Hoffoss
Mayor

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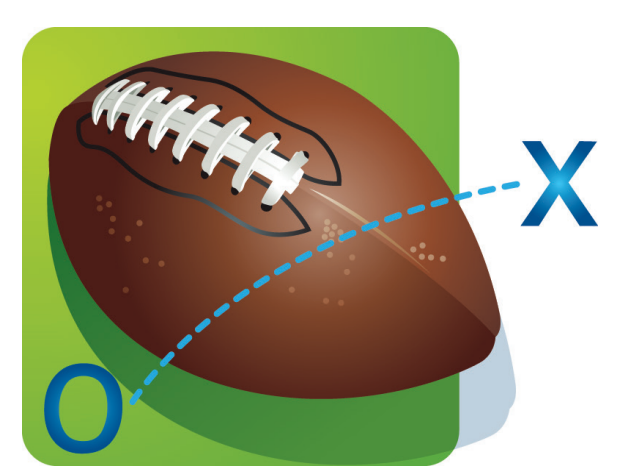
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2. Print the winning team name in the blank on the ballot. BE SURE TO MATCH THE NUMBERS CORRECTLY.
3. Predict the TOTAL number of points you think will be scored in the tie breaker game and enter in the space provided.
4. Complete and cut out the entry blank and deposit at the Minden Press-Herald, 203 Gleason Street, Minden, LA or mail to Football Contest, P.O. Box 1339, Minden, LA 71058.
5. Entries must be dropped off no later than 12:00pm on Fridays. Entries received after 12:00pm on Friday will not be accepted.
6. WE WILL NO LONGER ACCEPT FAXES.
7. Prizes awarded will be \$25 for first place, \$15 for second place, and \$10 for third place.
8. One entry per person per week.
9. Employees, Independent Contractors and Families of the Minden Press-Herald are not eligible.
10. NO PHOTOCOPIED ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.