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**VOTING** 

### **Upcoming Proposed Amendments for November Election Explained**

**WILL PHILLIPS** Minden Press-Herald

In the upcoming November election, eight proposed constitutional amendments will be on the ballot for Louisiana citizens to decide on. The proposed amendments below are worded as they will appear on the upcoming ballots, with further context and explanations following them as needed along with a description of what a yes or no vote on these amendments will mean.

Amendment 1: "Do you support an amendment to increase to 65% the cap on the amount of monies in certain state funds that may be invested in stocks?"

Currently, the cap for the amount of monies these state funds can invest into stocks is set to 35%. The certain state funds in question would include Louisiana Education Quality Trust Fund, Artificial Reef Development Fund, Lifetime License Endowment Trust Fund, Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge Trust and Protection Fund, and the Russell Sage or Marsh Island Refuge Fund.

A yes vote would mean that the voter is ok with raising the cap from 35% to 65% percent, while a no vote would mean the voter would like the cap to remain at 35%.

Amendment 2: "Do you support an amendment to expand certain property tax exemptions for property on which the homestead exemption is claimed for certain veterans with disabilities?"

Currently in Louisiana, veterans who are 100% disabled have an extra exemption of \$15,000 from their property taxes.

Voting yes to this amendment would expand the exemptions to veterans of a lesser disability rate, while a no vote would keep the exemptions only for veterans who are 100% disabled.

Amendment 3: "Do you support an amendment to allow classified civil service employees to support the election to public office of members of their own fami-

This amendment, if passed, would allow off-duty civil service employees to support campaigns of their family members. Civil service employees include elected officials,

city attorneys, city and state board members, authorities and commissions, military or naval forces members, administrative officers of schools, and railroad employees.

A vote yes would allow civil service employees to support the campaigns of their family members while off duty, while a no vote would not allow them to do so.

Amendment 4: "Do you support an amendment to allow local governments to waive water charges that are the result of damage to the water system not caused by the customer?"

Due to the wording of the Louisiana Constitution, local governments are prohibited from "loaning, pledging, or donating its funds, credit, property, or things of value." There are exemptions to this rule, and this amendment seeks to add another one: when water use is due to damages outside of the customer's control.

A yes vote would mean the voter supports local governments in waiving water charges for its customers when the charges are made due to damages to the water system that are outside of the customer's control. A no vote would maintain the status quo of local governments not being able to waive those charges.

Amendment 5: "Do you support an amendment to allow the levying of a lower millage rate by a local taxing authority while maintaining the authority's ability to adjust to the current authorized millage rate?"

Currently, taxing districts are required by state law to adjust their millage forward every so often to keep their max millage. If taxing districts fail to levy their maximum millage, it could cause budgetary shortfalls affecting governmental services for the public. Essentially, taxing districts are heavily incentivized to levy their maximum millage or else face the consequences of having reduced funding in the

years to come. If Amendment 5 were to pass, then taxing districts won't have their hand forced when it comes to the decision of whether or not to levy their maximum millage. This would allow taxing districts the flexibility to

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COMMUNITY

### Wendy's new dining room a cause for celebration

**AMBER MCDOWN** 

Minden Press-Herald

Wendy's on Homer Road held their grand reopening on Tuesday morning to a large crowd. Members of Wendy's management, the Minden Greater Chamber of Commerce, and other community leaders turned out to help Wendy's reopen their lobby to patrons.

Stephanie Barnett of the Greater Chamber thanked Wendy's for this upgrade in our community, saying, "Thank you so much for re-investing in Minden."

Arthur Wilson, district manager for Wendy's said, "Not only is this an investment in the employees that work it but it's also an investment in this community. Because this community deserves a nice facility to come and visit. We're here to serve



AMBER MCDOWN/PRESS-HERALD

Wendy's had a grand reopening of their new lobby on Tuesday. The Minden High School band along with the flag line, cheerleaders, majorettes, and dance line came out to help them celebrate.

you, and we're so thankful to be in this community, and thank you for supporting us."

Celebration levels were high with the Minden High School marching band performing along with the flag line, cheerleaders, majorettes, and dance line. There was even a mascot from Wendy's present.





COMMUNITY

### Main to Main Trade Days coming next week

AMBER MCDOWN

Minden Press-Herald

The 23rd annual Main to Main Trade Days will be taking place November 4-5 this year. This giant flea market meets garage sale meets retail shopping venture is always a huge draw for people who like to shop for bargains or who just want to find something a little differ-

Main to Main runs a 50-mile route from Main Street in Springhill all the way down to Sibley, following Highway 371 through the towns of Cul-

len, Sarepta, Cotton Valley, and Couchwood and then, at Dixie Inn, taking Highway 80 through downtown Minden, and then back on Highway 371 into Sibley, ending at the Sibley Road Flea Market. This shopping extravaganza runs from dawn through dusk each day.

Not only will private vendors be set up on the roadsides for this, but downtown shops will bring the shopping out onto the sidewalks, many offering specials bargains that weekend. Shoppers will be able to find anything from antiques to original artwork to homemade foods.

"Downtown Minden will feature food, art, and crafts," says Mahala Hutto, Main Street Director for Minden. "A giant flea market will be located on the Sibley Road as you head south from Main Street with plenty of parking," adds Hutto.

There's a lot to see and do, so be sure to give yourself plenty of time.

"Plan at least one full day with us and two if you want to see everything along the route. The clock tower triangle in Springhill is a hot spot for a variety of treasures. Shoppers and vendors are welcome!" said Linda Mc-Daniel, Springhill Main Street Director.

This event is sponsored by Louisiana Main Street, Webster Parish Convention & Visitors Bureau, Springhill Chamber of Commerce and the Minden South Webster Chamber of Commerce. Participants are encouraged to honor 6-foot distancing and request that people who are sick stay home.



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### WEBSTER & MORE

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### Trunk or Treat coming to Minden library

#### **AMBER MCDOWN**

Minden Press-Herald

Halloween is just around the corner and the Webster Parish Libraries' Minden branch will be hosting their annual Trunk or Treat on Monday, October 31. The Springhill branch had theirs on Thursday, October 27.

In keeping with some of the recent themes at the library, there will be goodies, decorations and games of all sorts in Encanto and Candyland motifs.

Trunk or Treat will begin with getting treats in the parking lot then the fun will move indoors. Inside, children will find a family-friendly haunted house where they will navigate a maze, attempting to Find Bruno.

Over 20 local businesses have contributed to making this a fun and safe Halloween event. "Area businesses have signed up to give back to the children," said Kim Sentell, Director of Marketing and

Community Liaison for

Webster Parish Libraries.

Last year, over 1,000 children came out to celebrate, and this year, "We expect it to be bigger and better," said Sentell. "Everything we do is for our community. We want to make sure they have a family-friendly Hallow-

So put on your costume, and come out for a great time at the library on Monday evening. The event takes place from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m.

WEBSTER COUNCIL ON AGING

### Karen's Korner

Special to the Minden Press-Herald

I am so excited to be the Outreach/Education coordinator at the Webster Parish Council on Aging. I have worked with Seniors for over forty years now, and never tire of their stories, experiences,

and anecdotes. Seniors are the present life historians, the storytellers, the gems of wisdom, and the veterans, not only of military feats and sacrifices for us all, but also of hard knocks, and survival that has led them to provide us with bits of

advice, encouragement, and many prayers. Our Seniors are some of our country's greatest assets. They all something to say, if we would just listen. So, fasten your seatbelt buttercup, we are about to go on an interesting journey from the mind of a Senior.

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### I Support Nick Cox for Mayor Because...

### REV. BEN MARTIN

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"Vote for Nick Cox, a man experienced in Minden and Webster Parish government. It takes an experienced man to know the ropes and the ins and outs of local government. Nick Cox for Mayor, a proven man and leader for the future of Minden."

### THE LATE BARBARA ROBERTSON

"Nick is the right guy for the job. We need someone with experience in government and someone who knows how to get along with other people."

### **GENE REYNOLDS**

"Although I don't live in Minden and can't vote, I do support Nick for Mayor. The surrounding community depends on Minden for economic and political support, so it is important for us. Nick has demonstrated the abilities to handle the job and pull the area together for future growth and stability."

### GEORGE FRENCH III

"We have an excellent opportunity to elect a Mayor on Nov 8th who is unique among the candidates. A Mayor whose past responsiveness & accomplishments show that he runs TO challenges vs away from them. A Mayor whose fresh welcoming smile & honest & open demeanor invite feedback & collaboration. A Mayor whose perception of issues is unbiased & whose previous service on many boards & committees has prepared him to propose solutions in a timely manner for his team's input & consideration. A Mayor who desires to put God, family, and Minden first. I am proud to cast my vote for Nick Cox."

### GLENDA ALLUMS

"I support Nick Cox for Mayor. Minden needs a change. There is a huge racial gap and other gaps that have divided our city. It will take a special person to repair the gaps and move Minden forward. I believe Nick is that person. It's time for change!"

### MORRIS BUSBY

"I support Nick Cox in his effort to become the next Mayor of Minden. I have known Nick his entire life. Nick has the ability to bring our city together and lead the city to new heights"



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#### **OBITUARIES**



### Grover Colvin

A celebration of life will be held for Grover Colvin at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, October 31, 2022 at Pruitt Baptist Church, Van, TX, with Pastor Mike Calhoun officiating.

Grover Cleveland Colvin was 1942 in Shreveport and raised in Min-

born February 6, 1942 in Shreveport and raised in Minden, Louisiana. He had been a resident o

Van for thirteen years and was a member of Pruitt

Baptist Church. He worked as a teacher and highschool coach, and later as a financial advisor for Edward Jones. He enjoyed farming, horse camping, and most of all, his dogs.

Grover passed away at the age of 80 on October 23, 2022. He was preceded in death by his parents, Lyndel and Lenora Colin; brother, Leonard; and sisters, Marianne and Nora Jane.

Survivors include his wife of 30 years, Lena Colvin of Van; children, Kim Campbell, Rod Raw ls, and Wallace Funderburk; and eight grandchildren.



### William Everett (Bill) Green

10/23/2022

William Everett (Bill) Green was born January 5, 1931, in Crockett County, Tennessee and died on Sunday October 23, 2022, in Bossier City, Louisiana. He was 91 years

old

A member of St. John's Episcopal Church, Minden, Bill was an Air Force Veteran, long term employee of Sidewinder, active member of the Minden Historical Society and assisted with the Dorcheat Historical Museum. Named "Mayor of Academy Park" in Minden, for his work in the park including construction of the park gazebo.

Bill is survived by his wife of 67 years, Billie Jean Green, 2 sons, a daughter-in-law, 3 grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren, 4 sisters and a brother. He was preceded in death by a son, his parents, 2 sisters and 2 brothers.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you honor Bill with a donation to your church or favorite charity.

**EDUCATION** 

### Scores of Louisiana fourth and eighth graders decline

(The Center Square)
– Louisiana students followed a national trend of declining test scores on the National Assessment of Educational Progress, though fourth-graders improved reading proficiency by 2 percentage points.

The NEAP, known as the Nation's Report Card, is conducted by the National Center for Education Statistics to measure the math and reading performance of a representative sample of students in fourth and eighth grades. The test is typically conducted every two years, but was delayed from 2021 to winter 2022 because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The results released on Monday show the percentage of Louisiana fourth graders scoring proficient in reading improved from 55% in 2019 to 57% in 2022 after eight years with no gains. The improvement compared to a 3% decline nationally, making Louisiana one of only two states that improved fourth-grade reading scores, according to the Louisiana Department of Education.

"I want to thank our teachers for their efforts through the pandemic and multiple hurricanes," Louisiana Superintendent of Education Cade Brumley said. "This is not a 'jump for joy' moment because we still want to get better; however, they show our strategy for academic recovery and acceleration is working."

The percentage of Louisiana fourth graders who tested proficient in math declined by 2 points, compared to a 5-point national decline, while eighth-grade math scores dropped by 6 points, 2 points better than the 8-point decline nationally. Proficiency rates stood at 27% for fourth-grade math, 28% for fourthgrade reading, 27% for reading, eighth-grade and 19% for eighth-grade math.

progress "The our fourth graders made in reading is a testament to Louisiana's educators for embracing our fundamental shift in how we teach students to read," said Ienna Chiasson. deputy superintendent of teaching and learning. "We've set ambitious goals for our children and these results are a step in the right direction."

While Louisiana students' reading and math scores did not decline as quickly as students in other states, their scores remain below the national average for both grades and subjects. The average score of 229 out of 500 for fourth-grade math in Louisiana was 6 points behind the national average of 235, while the 212 average score for fourth-grade reading was 4 points behind the national average of 216.

The national average for eighth-grade math scores was 273, compared to a Louisiana average of 266, and the 257 average score for eighth-grade reading was 2 points behind the national average score of 259.

In all but fourth-grade reading, Louisiana's student scores are lower or not significantly different than in 2019.

"While Louisiana's fourth-grade reading growth on NAEP is encouraging, we cannot celebrate an 'increase' in national rankings just because Louisiana drops in student achievement weren't as severe as other states," Pelican Institute CEO Daniel Erspamer said. "The fact is that Louisiana student achievement is down substantially in fourth-grade math,

eighth-grade reading, and

eighth-grade math.

"We have to get serious about helping our teachers and students reverse learning loss and getting our kids back on a strong educational path," he said. "Over half of the federal education recovery dollars remain unspent. It's time to put those resources to good use in the classroom and directly for student supports."

Nationally, math scores for both grades dropped by the largest amount on record, while reading scores fell by 3 points for both grades.

U.S. Education Secretary Miguel Cardona described the NAEP results as "appalling, unacceptable, and a reminder of the impact that this pandemic has had on our learners.

"The data also represent a call to action for the important work we must do now for our students – especially those who have suffered the most during the pandemic," he said.

Cardona said the U.S. Department of Education "will launch a new, expert-led series on the most promising tools to raise the bar and accelerate students' learning in math and literacy" in the coming days.



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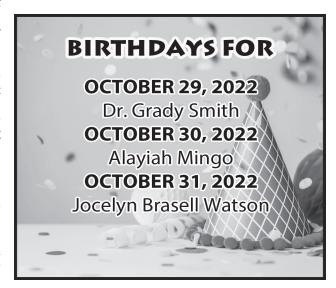
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### **VOTING**

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save the taxpayers money without fear of losing the max millage option.

A yes vote would mean the voter wants local taxing authorities to have more time to decide whether or not to roll forward millage rates that increase property taxes, while a no vote would maintain the current system where the rolling forward of millage rates happens during property reappraisals.

Amendment 6: "Do you support an amendment to limit the amount of an increase in the assessed value of residential property subject to the homestead exemption in Orleans Parish following reappraisal at ten percent of the property's assessed value in the previous year?"

A yes vote would limit the increase in the assessed value of residential property in Orleans Parish to 10% where property owners receive a homestead exemption, while a no vote would maintain the status quo which requires a four year phasein of tax liability for residential properties subject to the homestead exemp-

tion when a reappraisal increases assessment by more than 50%.

Amendment 7: "Do you support an amendment to prohibit the use of involuntary servitude except as it applies to the otherwise lawful administration of criminal justice?"

Some may wonder why in the year 2022 an concernamendment ing slavery and involuntary servitude is on the upcoming ballot. For context, the original version of this amendment proposed by State Representative Edmund Jordan was pretty straight forward and read, "Do you support an amendment to prohibit the use of involuntary servitude as the punishment for a crime?"

The reason behind this amendment's proposal was that, in the current State constitution, slavery and involuntary servitude are prohibited except when involuntary servitude is used as punishment for a crime. Jordan's proposal would have essentially taken away the criminal justice system's ability to use involuntary labor as punishment for a crime, which drew opposition from other state

lawmakers.

These lawmakers argue that removing language that permits involuntary servitude in correctional facilities leads to the possibility of attorneys challenging any criminal sentence that involves hard labor.

The language of the proposal was amended and now represents almost the polar opposite sentiment of the initial proposal; instead, cementing into the state constitution a correctional facility's ability to use involuntary labor as a punishment.

The new wording of the amendment now presents voters with an odd choice, given that either outcome would still maintain Louisiana correctional facilities' ability to use involuntary servitude as a punishment for crimes committed.

A yes vote to this amendment would essentially just reword the state constitution's ban on slavery and involuntary servitude, only allowing their use for lawful administration of criminal justice, while a no vote would keep the state constitution's current language banning slavery and involuntary servitude but allowing involuntary

servitude as a punishment for crime.

Amendment 8: "Do you support an amendment to remove the requirement that homeowners who are permanently totally disabled must annually re-certify their income to keep their special assessment level on their residences for property tax purposes?"

A yes vote for this amendment means the voter wants to remove the requirements that disabled property owners annually certify their income to receive a property rate tax freeze, while a no vote would mean the voter wants to continue the annual income certification for disabled property owners in order to receive a property rate tax freeze.

The Louisiana State primary Election will take place on Tuesday, November 8. Early voting is available from Tuesday, October 25, 2022 8:30 a.m. to Tuesday, November 1 6:00 p.m. The absentee ballot request deadline is Friday, November 4, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. with the absentee ballot return deadline is Monday, November 7 at 4:30 p.m.



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OTHER OPINION

### U.S. 5th Circuit guts another unconstitutional federal agency

This week a panel of three judges on the U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals, which includes Louisiana, ruled that the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's (CFPB) funding method is unconstitutional.

The CFPB was intended to regulate a myriad of consumer protection laws, but without Congressional or executive branch oversight. This is a recipe for unconstitutional autocratic totalitarianism.

Judge Edith Jones described the CFPB in this way:

"Created in 2009, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau is an administrative agency that was expressly designed to answer to neither of the politically accountable branches. Unlike other agencies, Congress put the CFPB's staggering amalgam of legislative, judicial, and executive power in the hands of a single Director serving a five-year term and removable by the President only for cause; and Congress insulated the agency from the ordinary congressional appropriations

It's worth noting that the CFPB is also empowered to conduct investigations, issue subpoenas and "seek a dizzy-ing array of penalties" including civil penalties of up to \$1, 190, 546 per day."

"Even among self-funded agencies, the Bureau is unique," Judge Cory Wilson wrote. "The Bureau's perpetual self-directed, double-insulated funding structure goes a significant step further than that enjoyed by the other agencies on offer."
Americans for Tax Reform

describes the law in this way: Under the Dodd-Frank Act,

the CFPB was granted authority to supervise, enforce, and regulate consumer protection laws ... including "deposit taking, mortgages, credit cards and other ortonions of gradit and other extensions of credit, loan servicing, check guaranteeing, col-

lection of consumer report data, debt collection associated with consumer financial products and vices, real tlement, money

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transmit-

ting, and fi-nancial data processing." (ATR, 10-21-22).

That is an enormous portfo-

The 5th Circuit ruling principally holds that the CFPB's funding structure—in which the agency receives funds through the Federal Reserve, rather than congressional appropriations—violates the U.S. Constitution's separation of powers. "Congress's decision to abdicate its appropriations power under the Constitution, i.e., to cede its power of the purse to the Bureau, violates the Constitution's structural separation of powers," the

Court said.

CFPB rose from the 2008 financial crisis but was a drastic and misguided legislative approach. Democrats created the CFPB in the 2010 Dodd-Frank law, supposedly as a way to shield the Bureau from political pressures that could impact its oversight of the finance in-

It's done the opposite—it's created a financial dictator.

This powerful, untouchable This powerful, untouchable federal agency may arbitrarily reach into and target any aspect of our trillions-of-dollars financial industry. This includes demanding, under the threat of fines and penalties, the use of highly controversial Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) factors. An increasing trend among invesincreasing trend among investors is to apply these kinds of non-financial ESG metrics as part of the process to identify material risks and growth opportunities.

This is ludicrous, of course. Investment decisions are made based upon considerations of profit or increasing market share, not upon whether a particular entity is sufficiently Woke—whether with regard to so-called racial "justice," "equity," climate change or anything else.

In short, this ruling is welcomed by those who have fought to shrink the CFPB's reach and limit its ability to police financial services because the agency lacks both objectivity and accountability.

It's important to recall that

the U.S. Supreme Court itself, in 2020, ruled that another provision of the CFPB's structure - a single director who could only be fired for cause, rather than at will, by the president violated the Constitution's separation of powers.

As we know, the Separation of Powers means that our three branches of government, Executive, Legislative and Judicial, are required to "stay in their own lanes" such that one branch could no more increase its power than it can give it away or diminish it.

reasonable doubts the need to regulate our financial industries, but that regulation must come from our Legislative and Executive branches—not some powerful, free-floating entity that effectively answers to no one.

This 5th Circuit panel has struck yet another blow for a return to self-government. I am hopeful that if the U.S. Supreme Court decides to hear this case it will affirm this deci-

Recall Thomas Jefferson's di-rective that we were given and must maintain a 'government by consent of the governed." Congress has no authority to give away power granted to it through the Constitution by 'We the People.'

The People did not consent to the CFPB.

ROYAL ALEXANDER IS A SHREVEPORT

FROM THE BACK PORCH

### A little time spent remembering when

Do you remember when?

Have you ever just spent some time reminiscing with someone about things from the past? One of you would mention something and the other would add another memory.

Hubby and I recently spent quite a while remembering what Shongaloo once looked like. There actually was a viable "commercial" community with a general store on each of the four corners of the crossroads known as Shongaloo.

I grew up in the area so I was able to recall some things that were foreign to Hubby. His family moved into the community when he was in his mid-teens, so he didn't get to experience some of the things of earlier

There was a busy intersection where the blinking light now slows traffic, although it was not as much automobile traffic then so no light was needed. There were lots of farm trucks and some cars as people in the outlying area came in for gas, groceries, going to church and school functions or even visiting the cotton gin.

As we recalled the area, we remembered the general stores

that sold anything a family might need as well as a few frivolities. One even had a soda fountain where the kids could sit on the stools, spinning around as they sipped cokes or ate ice cream.



**FANNIE MOORE** 

This treasure was owned by W. J. Liles and everybody knew him. He always served his customwith ers a smile. I don't think

there was ever a young couple that got married that did not receive a "box" from Mr. Liles. Included in the box were items the couple would need as they set up housekeeping. We were no exception and I vividly remember our box with a big bottle of va-

nilla flavoring. This store was located on the southwest corner of the intersection.

On the north side of the road was a service station owned by Ellis Munn. I can't remember going there as a youngster except when we had to get gas for the truck.

The northeast corner was occupied by a big store owned by John Burton and in addition to selling the necessities, he began to include items the school children would buy. We were often allowed to walk from school to the store and we bought our first mechanical pencils for 49 cents. As I remember his store, it was up a small hill from the road and had tall steps leading up to the porch.

Across from him on the south side of the road was Roseberry's Store, a two-story structure that sold everything. I don't remember ever going there, but my parents talked about it and the great variety of things Mr. Roseberry had stocked in his store.

Memories came flooding back. North of the stores on the west side was the post office managed by Miss Ivey Cason. During our early years when World War II was going on, everyone was encouraged to buy stamps and save them up so they could be traded in for War Bonds. The stamps and stamp books were purchased at the Post Office.

Our teachers encouraged the

children to bring money and buy stamps. Someone from the class was chosen to walk from school to the Post Office to buy the stamps. It was always fun when you and a friend were chosen to go.

Then, north of the intersection was the cotton gin. We enjoyed when Daddy let us ride to the gin with him as he carried his load of cotton to be ginned. Then, on the same side of the

road, stood several small white houses that were rented out. I don't remember who owned them, but later, one of our friends from school lived there. When they got ready to move, the man hired Daddy, with his big truck, to move their belongings to Texarkana.

There was also a two-story Masonic building and another house or two in the same area.

It truly was a great community, Methodist and Baptist churches, a local high school with lots of activities and the community was like "family".

What a delightful time we had recalling earlier days.

Do you remember when?

FANNIE MOORE LIVES IN SHONGALOO.

OTHER OPINION

### Students, schools still feeling effects of pandemic lockdowns

### THE WALL ST. JOURNAL

The pandemic lockdowns were a policy blunder for the ages, and the economic, social and health consequences are still playing out. But the worst catastrophe was visited on America's children, as Monday's release of the latest National Assessment of Educational Progress shows.

The 2022 NAEP test, often called the nation's report card, found a record drop in learning across the U.S. since the last test in 2019. The tests measured proficiency in math and reading for fourth and eighth graders, and the harm from closed schools and online-only instruction is severe and depressing. America's schools weren't

lost five points to an average of 236 in 2022. Not a single state or large school district showed better math performance. The news is little better on

reading, with the average score for fourth and eighth graders dropping by three points. Nationwide only 33% of fourth graders and 31% of eighth graders read at or above grade pro-

It's hard to understate the human damage that these dry statistics represent. The learning loss is considerable and will take years to make up, if it ever is. Children who fall behind in reading skills have difficulty learning other subjects. The numbers also mean that millions of young Americans don't know even the basics of writing and arithmetic.

The NAEP breaks down scores by states and school districts, though it is hard to compare scores by the degree of lockdowns. Every state lost ground to some extent, and dif-

ferent school districts across

states often had different lockdown policies. There were also surprises, like a relatively small learning loss in Los Angeles, for unexplained reasons. Some 200,000 children were chronically absent from L.A. schools last year, which makes the results even odder.

But more often students in districts that struggled before the pandemic and had some of the most stringent lockdowns had some of the worst learning loss. In Detroit the average fourth-grade math scores fell 12 points to 194—20 points below basic mastery of fundamentals. The data-analytics company Burbio says Detroit students had access to in-person education only 51.2% of the 2020-2021 school year.

Fourth graders' average math scores have now fallen below basic levels in Milwaukee, Baltimore, Philadelphia and Cleveland. In-person instruction was available less than one-fifth of the 2020-2021 school year in all of these cities, according to Burbio. Baltimore and Cleveland fourth graders recorded a 15-point drop since 2019.

Compare that to three Florida districts covered by NAEP, which offered in-person instruction 90% or more of the time in 2020-2021 by Burbio's count. Fourth-grade math skills declined by seven points in Duval County, one point in Hillsborough County, and five points in Miami-Dade. Yet in all three districts the average fourth grader remained above basic mastery of math funda-

mentals in 2022. The NAEP results support the case for school choice. Charter school performance was uneven, but in at least 11 states charter fourth graders outperformed their non-charter counterparts in math in 2022, including in Alaska (+16 points), Nevada (+12 points) and North Carolina (+21 points). NAEP says reporting standards were not met for a charter compari-

son in 22 states. Catholic schools tended to

stay open during the pandemic, and on average their fourth and eighth graders scored higher in reading and math than publicschool students. Department of Defense schools performed even better. Students deserve an escape route from schools that can't prepare them for life and work.

These learning losses didn't need to be as severe as they are because the school lockdowns didn't have to continue as we learned more about Covid's relatively small risk for children. Sweden kept its schools open and avoided the catastrophic learning loss of the U.S. The school closures were a

political decision, typically influenced by teachers unions. The political consequences now should be a backlash against the politicians who let the unions close the schools for so long. For starters, that means anyone endorsed by American Federation of Teachers chief Randi Weingarten.

doing all that well before the pandemic, but the lack of inschool learning made them worse. Eighth graders lost eight points on math since 2019, falling to an average 274 out of a possible 500. Fourth graders

### **SPORTS**

### Glenbrook, Homer to meet in 1A showdown

Apaches, Crimson Tide games moved up due to potential severe weather

Minden Press-Herald

In its first year as a fullfledged member of the Louisiana High School Athletic Association the Glenbrook Apaches have made themselves a force to be reckoned with.

And this weekend, they'll play what could be considered one of their biggest games in regular-season history as the Apaches play host to Homer in a meeting of Class 1A powerhouses.

That game and Minden's home game against Booker T. Washington were moved up to Thursday night due to an increasing chance of potentially severe weather moving into the area into Saturday.

Lakeside and North Webster's Week Nine contests remained slated to be played tonight as of the Minden Press-Herald's Thursday press time.

Homer and Glenbrook have met only once — last year when the Apaches fell on the road to the Pelicans

The Apaches went 8-2 last season but were ineligible for postseason play as a probationary member of the LHSAA.

But this year Glenbrook finds itself playoff bound, heading into the game against Homer, the defending Class 1A state champion, at 8-0 on the season.

The season for the Apaches so far has been remarkable to say the least.

Glenbrook has outscored opponents 382 133 so far this season.

That averages out to a per game win of 48-8 - 16.7.

Glenbrook's offense has scored at least 40 points in seven of its eight games so far. The Apaches have poured in at least 50 points four times this season and more than 60 points in a 67-44 win over the Magnolia School of Excellence on Oct. 7.

And don't be fooled by the Mariners' scoring output in that game. Glenbook's defensive starters have been on the bench in the second half of at least half of the Apaches' games this season after building insurmountable advantages early on.

Glenbrook is hoping that defensive rest early on will pay off this weekend against Homer. The Pelicans are averaging 39.9 points per game offensively while allowing only 11.3 points per game on defense.

The Pelicans two losses came by the score of 18-14 in the season opener against Union Parish and 9-0 to Prescott, Arkansas.

In the Louisiana Sports Writers Association Class 1A Poll, Homer is ranked third while Glenbrook is eighth.

Minden, 2-6 overall and 1-4 in District 1-4A, played host to Booker T. Washington (1-7, 1-4) Thursday night.

The Crimson Tide last played BTW in 2020 with the Crimson Tide coming



Glenbrook running back DJ Carter and the Apaches put their unbeaten streak on the line Thursday night as they played host to Homer in a showdown of Class 1A Top 10 teams.

### **WEEK 9 PREP FOOTBALL SCHEDULE**

BTW-Shreveport (1-7) at Minden (2-6)

Homer (6-2) at Glenbrook (8-0)

Lakeside (4-4) at Calvary Baptist (6-2)

North Webster (0-8) at Bastrop (2-6)

out on top 21-6.

Lakeside (4-4 overall, 0-3 in District 1-2A) faces a tough challenge tonight when the Warriors play at Calvary Baptist (6-2 and 3-0).

The Warriors last played Calvary Baptist in October of 2018, falling to the Cavaliers 42-12.

Calvary Baptist is currently ranked fourth in the GeauxPreps.com Division III select school power rankings while Lakeside is ranked 29th in the Division III nonselect school power

North Webster (0-8, 0-5 in District 1-3A) will be looking for its first win of the season tonight and will play on the road against Bastrop (1-7, and 0-4).

### GSU's Kibet fourth, Cheboi eighth at SWAC XC Championships

Minden Press-Herald Sports Service

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. -Ruth Kibet finished third in the women's 5000m, while Mathias Chemboi paced eighth in the men's 8000m to highlight the Grambling State University men's and women's cross country teams during Monday's Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) Cross Country Championships at Apalachee Regional

Kibet crossed the line in 19:47.0 to claim fourth during the women's race, while Chemboi logged a time of 26:41.3 to earn eighth during the men's race.

### **WOMEN'S RESULTS**

Grambling State finished tied for second with 108 points

Bethune-Cookman won the championship with 90 points

Alcorn State, with two of the top two finishers, placed tied for second with 108 points

Alabama State finished



PHOTO COURTESY GSU ATHLETICS COMMUNICATIONS

Grambling State's Mathias Chemboi paced eighth in the men's 8000m during Monday's Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) Cross Country Championships at Apalachee Regional Park in Tallahassee, Florida.

fourth with 137 points, while Jackson State claimed fifth with 147 points

Alabama A&M (157), Prairie View A&M (158), Florida A&M (159),Southern (162), Arkan-

sas-Pine Bluff (185), Texas Southern (193) and Mississippi Valley State (296) rounded out the 12team field at the meet.

#### **HOW THEY FARED: WOMEN**

Ruth Kibet led the Lady Tigers by placing fourth, with a time of 19:47.0

Sharon Laibich finished right behind Kibet in fifth, logging a time of 19:50.1

Marcy Kwambai placed 12th, with a time of 20:54.5

Lillian Thuo became the fourth runner inside the Top 20, placing 15th, with a time of 21:12.0

Sascha Greene placed 70th to round out the individual runners

#### **WOMEN'S ALL-SWAC**

Ruth Kibet and Sharon Laibich were named to the All-SWAC First Team

### **MEN'S RESULTS**

Grambling State claimed ninth with 232 points

Jackson State won the championship with 43 points

Texas Southern fin-

ished second with 56 points, followed by kansas-Pine Bluff with 81 points

Bethune-Cookman (121), Southern (144), Prairie View A&M (147), Alabama State and Alcorn State (190) wrapped up the top eight

Mississippi Valley State placed 10th with 244 points

#### **HOW THEY FARED: MEN**

Mathias Cheboi, who got as high as sixth, led the pack of Grambling State runners, finishing eighth in 26:41.3

Miciah Myles placed 54th, with a time of 32:54.4

Devin Malone crossed the line in 57th, logging a

time of 34:34.8 Anthony Davis (62nd)

and Dante Montaque (63rd) wrapped up the scoring for the Tigers

### **MEN'S ALL-SWAC**

Mathias Cheboi was named to the All-SWAC Second Team

### LSU fined for fan reaction following win over Vols

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — The Southeastern Conference has imposed another six-figure fine for fans storming the field, this time hitting LSU with a \$250,000 penalty.

The league nounced the Sunday after LSU fans stormed the field to celebrate a win over No. 15 Mississippi. The Rebels were ranked seventh at the

The 45-20 win vault-



rankings at No. 18, but it proved costly to

It's LSU's third vioed LSU back into the lation of the league's ing its football game

access to competition area policy. LSU was last fined

for a violation follow-

against Georgia in 2018.

Tennessee was fined \$100,000 for the postgame celebration of a win over No. 6 Alabama a week earlier. Fans heaved the uprooted goalposts into the Tennessee River.

The fine money is deposited into the Post-Graduate Scholarship Fund.

Fines start out at \$50,000 for a first offense, \$100,000 for a second offense and \$250,000 for each one after that.



### **Minden Press-Herald**

Week 6 Football Picks winners

First: Barnell Johnson Second: Rita Hoenke

Third: Buddy Ward

### **SPORTS**

### GSU at home; Tech plays tonight at FIU

### LSU, Northwestern State both idle on bye weeks this weekend

By T. Scott Boatright Minden Press-Herald

Only two area colleges play football this week as Louisiana Tech will play at Florida International at 7 p.m. today while Grambling State will play host to Alcorn State at 2 p.m. Saturday at Eddie G. Robinson Memorial Stadium.

In a game that will be televised live on the CBS Sports Network, Louisiana Tech will be looking to snap a two game losing skid as the Bulldogs take on the Panthers of FIU.

FIU broke a two-game streak of its own last week with 34-15 road win at Charlotte.

The biggest question for Louisiana Tech this week is who will start at quarter-

Starter Parker McNeil went down in the first quarter of last week's loss to Rice before No. 2 signal caller Matthew Downing was injured in the fourth quarter, moving former Evangel Christian quarterback and true freshman Landry Lyddy into the game.

Lyddy directed a gametying drive to push the contest into overtime but threw a high-pass looking to win the game on a twopoint conversion in over-

Downing has since been declared out for the remainder of the season with a knee injury, putting sophomore Jack Turner into the potential Tech quarterback mix.

"I'm excited about the challenge with whoever walks out there (to quarterback for the Bulldogs)," said Tech coach Hugh Cumbie earlier this week. "I'm excited whether it's (Turner), whether it's Lyd-



PHOTO COURTESY LA TECH ATHLETICS COMMUNICATIONS

Sophomore receiver Tre Harris and the Louisiana Tech Bulldogs will play at Florida International tonight in a game that will air live on the CBS Sports Network.

dy or whatever McNeil is able to do."

Whoever lines up behind center for the Bulldogs will have some solid receivers to target.

Sophomore receiver Tre Harris leads the Bulldogs with 39 catches for 597 yards and seven touchdowns and is currently ranked fifth in the conference in receiving yards per game (85.3) while junior Smoke Harris has hauled in 36 receptions for 420 yards and four scores.

GSU (1-6 overall, 0-4 SWAC) will be looking for its first Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) victory after falling just

short on Oct. 15 to Florida A&M.

Alcorn State (3-4, 2-2) enters the game off a 34-27 homecoming loss to Texas Southern.

GSU head coach Hue Jackson said the Tigers are rested after a much-needed bye week after seven straight weeks, six of those on the road.

"I thought we got a lot of good work done during the open week," Jackson said. "We had some things we needed to clean up and our players and coaches had some time to really focus on that and try to get better as we gear up for this final stretch."

### **WEEKEND'S AREA COLLEGE SCHEDULE**

• LA Tech (2-5) at Florida International (3-4)

(7 p.m. Friday)

• Alcorn State (3-4) at Grambling (1-7)

(2 p.m. Saturday)

LSU is off

The No. 18 (AP) Tigers will play host to No. 6 Alabama on Nov. 5)

• Northwestern State (3-5) is off

(The Demons will play at Texas A&M Commerce on Nov. 5)

### Mystery solved in N. Louisiana's absence of birds

**GLYNN HARRIS** 

If you've read my columns or heard my radio programs for a while, you're going to read or hear something about songbirds.

My interest in identifying these little fluttery colorful creatures was handed down to me by my mom. She loved the birds and taught her offspring all about them and how to identify them.

I have feeders up around the yard, regular feeders and one that offers suet, while this time of year, another that provides thistle seed. Add to this the two bird baths

I keep operational and I could almost be considered the male version of Miss Jane Hathaway of Beverly Hillbillies fame.

Thus it is with a troubled heart and furrowed brow that I come to you, my readers and listeners, with a dilemma. My birds have left me.

About the time the first days of fall converged over the landscape, sending colorful leaves fluttering to the ground, I noticed that my feeders, loaded with birdseed, were just sitting there untouched. I even had a few seeds starting to sprout because they were being ignored by birds. The birds just seemed to have van-

I wondered if it was just my feeders that were being ignored so I went to my favorite social media site. Facebook, and expressed my concern. The com-



PHOTO BY GLYNN HARRIS Bird feeders filled with feed are void of birds as they are feeding on natural foods in the woods.

ments came quickly from scores of others who feed birds who have experienced the same dearth of songbirds in their yards.

About the time I was noticing the absence of birds in my yard, I saw something else I don't remember seeing before, at least not of the magnitude as happened this fall.

There are several big pines in my yard and there was a constant helicoptering down of

pine seeds the volume of which I never saw before.

A walk through the woods also revealed an unusual amount of acorns and other seeds, fruits and nuts of all kinds, giving validation of a bumper crop of natural foods available to wildlife including, I assume, songbirds.

My suspicion is that with so much natural food to eat, the birds are filling their little bellies with these natural offerings.

I sought out experts to see if I could validate my suspicions.

Kim Marie Tolson is an instructor of wildlife at the University of Louisiana Monroe and she believes that an abundance of food is available in the wild which birds apparently prefer over commercial bird food.

"We had an unusually great spring and summer with sufficient rainfall and weather conditions this year for growing natural foods; my guess is the birds are doing their feeding in the woods," Tolson

Adding credence to this hypothesis was an on-line site I visited, Stokes Birding Blog, that listed the main reasons no birds are at the feeder.

Abundance of rain, producing a bumper crop of wildlife food.

Lots of wild seeds on composite flowers.

Tons of weed seed. Lots of berries.

Fruit trees such as crabapple bearing lots of fruit.

Cone seed crop very heavy.

Warm

where birds don't have to eat as much to keep

weather

Mild weather means there are more insects still available.

It's good to know it's not just me and my feeders. Other's have contacted me with the same questions. One thing is for sure; the birds will be back.

 Contact Glynn Harris at glynnharris37@gmail.com.

### Fishing Report

**BLACK BAYOU** – Bass have been fair around the trees and brush. No report on crappie or bream. Contact Honey Hole Tackle Shop 323-8707 for the latest information.

OUACHITA RIVER

- The water is at pool stagThe water is at pool stage. Crappie fishing has slowed down with fair catches at best being made around tops in the river on shiners and jigs.. Bass are fair fishing the run-outs with spinner baits, topwater lures early and crank baits and soft plastics later. For the latest information, contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

LAKE D'ARBONNE - Crappie fishing is starting to improve along the edges of the channel with some slabs being caught on shiners or jigs. Bass are still along the banks early with topwater lures, buzz baits, plastic frogs working. Later in the day soft plastics are best. The bream have about shut it down but catfish can still be caught fishing cold worms 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 be in Crappie fishing has improved with some nice fish being caught along the Thousand Foot channel on shiners or jigs. Bass have been best skipping jigs under the docks with Bandit crank baits picking up a few as well. Catfishing has been fair. No report on

bream. For the latest information, call Kel's Cove at 927-2264 or Terzia Tackle at 278-4498.

CANEY LAKE - Crappie are still around Some bass are still schooling with some nice sized bass to 3-4 pounds caught in the schools on shad imitation lures. Fishing for them after dark is producing some bigger fish on oversized plastic worms fished along underwater humps. Crappie have slowed down with jigs and shiners picking up a few around the deeper tops. No report on bream or catfish. For information contact Hooks Marina at 249-2347, Terzia Tackle at 278-4498 or the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

**POVERTY** LAKE **POINT** – Crappie fishing has been improving with some nice ones caught around the boat slips, around the trees and on the lower end of the lake on shiners or jigs. been off and on with good catches made one day and fair the next on shiners or jigs. No report on bream or bass. Catfishing has been good on a variety of baits. For the latest reports, call Poverty Point Marina at 318-878-0101.

*LAKE YUCATAN* – The water is the lowest it has been in years. Fishing has been fair with windy conditions keeping most folks off the lake. Some crappie and catfish are being caught and a few buffalo have been caught in nets. For information, call Surplus City Landing at 318-467-2259.

— Glynn Harris

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### Good News

**GOOD NEWS** 

I suppose there are moments in all of our lives that we "just get glimpses of heaven". Maybe it is a sunrise or sunset, a star-filled night or a beautiful rainbow. For some it might be a new revelation of a Scripture bringing forth insights and truths as never before. It's as if God is speaking, whispering in our ears, or showing Himself in a special way! But we all know "everybody talking

Several years ago, guest speakers stirred our hearts in fresh ways during week-long meeting. The theme for the week was "Heaven" and all our guests spoke with great authority and wisdom about God's revelation. They spoke of how God worked through the

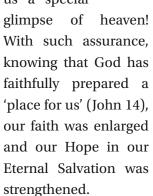
about heaven ain't go-

ing there." (Matt 25:31-

46).

ages to bring man in a right relation with Him again after the fall of Adam, developing the doctrine of Heaven and Divine Hope in Jesus

Christ. Then they led us to consider new depths of eternity and 'heaven in a biblical sense.' Yes, gave us a special



Bill Crider

When we top the "70 +Hill-Top", our thoughts become more fixed on this subject. I can relate to the lady who was asked if she believed in the hereafter. She replied, "I surely do; I go

Getting a Glimpse of Heaven

into the kitchen and look around, then ask myself: 'what am I here after?" But this HERE-AFTER is not to be compared with 'mem-

ory games and idle talk.' This is a reality we can be sure of coming to pass! Every day and hour we move one step closer to that divine appointment

and the mansion prepared for us. Isn't that a glorious thought? Remember the Hymn? When We All Get To Heaven?

Shouldn't our prayer be that "all may know the Lord in His fullness of glory and love as we long for our eternal rewards?" Autumn is a great time to focus on the realities of heaven and renew a sweet relationship with God in "our last days." With the changing of seawe realize we are moving quite rapidly toward the finish line. This is another good reason to fix our thoughts on heaven and God's glorious rewards. Consider these Scriptures that gives glimpses of heaven to help us to refine our interest and do some personal evaluation in the coming days.

1.) 2 Sam 12: 1-23: Nathan confronts David about his affair with Bethsheba. He tells David that he will not die as a result of his sin, but the offspring/child will die. (Read this stirring account of God dealing with King David.)

2.) Psm 42:5 " Why are you down cast, O my soul?" (Twice he asked this). "Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God." (His hope looks beyond the trouble at this time, looking to a future without grief and pain - heaven).

3.) Matt 5: 11-12: Blessed are you when people insult you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because is your reward in heav-

4.) Mark 12:18-25: Marriage in the resurrection...Jesus questioned about a man dying without children by his wife; His wife then married each of the 6 brothers (according to law) and still no children: Q: At the resurrection, whose wife will she be? Jesus replied, "In the resurrection, they will neither marry or be given in marriage. They will be like the angels there."

5.) John 14: 1-3: In my Father's house there

are many mansions (rooms). I am going there to prepare a place for you; if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back & take you to be with me so you can be where I am

6.) 1 Peter 1: 3-5 Peter writes about our inheritance (joint heirs with Christ) ....a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus that is kept in heaven for you.

7.) Rev 7: 1-17 John's vision that carried him into the presence of God in heaven. And in Rev. 21 serves as a 'book-end' to God's revelation to John about heaven.

Heaven is a real place, a reality in God's Kingdom. It is 'out of this world.' Don't dare missing it!

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THE UPWARD LOOK

### **Tossed About**

"As a result, we are no longer to be chil- astray by cunning and crafty schemes dren, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming;" Ephe-

sians 4:14 NASB

New believers and immature believers, who have not grown in the knowledge and understanding of Christ Max Hutto

and the Word, are prime targets for false teachers with their fancy words and ideas. Like a small boat tossed about in a high wind storm, these young believers are easily led



that sound appealing and exciting. The answer is found in a growing faith, firmly rooted in Christ and in the Word of God and firmly attached to a loving Bible teaching church.

Lord Jesus, teach me so that my faith is thoroughly grounded and anchored on You and Your Word, the Bible.

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

**INSPIRATION** 

#### Let's Take A Walk

In the book of Mark, Jesus encountered a rich young ruler. This young man inquired as to how he could gain eternal life and Jesus answered his question

with a question. Have you kept all the commandments? The young man declared yes since I was a boy. Satisfied with this answer Jesus gave this young man a task sell all you own, give it to the poor and follow me. The rich young man wasn't up for this task so he inquired no more and left sad and wanting. We all have things that we hold precious but the question

we should all ask ourselves is do these things take precedence over God and his call on your life? God has called us all to do something for his kingdom and sometimes that requires us to give up some of our earthly goals, desires, and possessions. My question to you today

> is are you willing and ready to make the sacrifice and dive in? There are so many beautiful things to be seen while you walk with Jesus and follow his teachings. So will you follow Jesus or be left wanting?



**Bernard Harris** 

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### FUN & GAMES

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Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This

mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from

the moment you square off, so

sharpen your

pencil and put

your sudoku savvy to the test!

### Here's How It Works:

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

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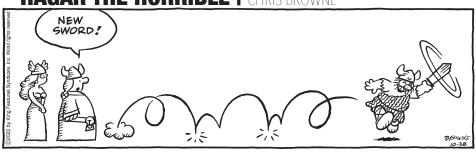
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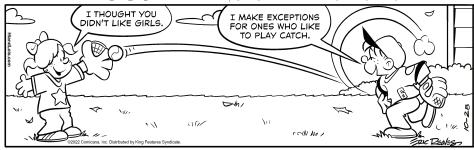




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By virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued out of the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish Louisiana, in the above styled and numbered suit and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession and will of fer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder for cash WITH-OUT the benefit of appraisement and according to law at the principal front door of the Courthouse in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana on WEDNESDAY. November 2 2022 During the legal sale hours, the following property,

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

to wit:

**SOLD SUBJECT** TO ANY SUPE-RIOR 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

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

Linda Vaughan -Deputy

September 30, 2022 October 28, 2022 Minden Press-Herald

### SHERIFF'S SALE

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

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LOT 38, HICKORY RIDGE ESTATES, A SUBDIVISION OF THE PARISH OF WEBSTER. AS PER PLAT RE-CORDED IN CON-VEYANCE BOOK 4 ON PAGE 40 OF THE RECORDS OF WEBSTER PAR-ISH, LOUISIANA TOGETHER WITH ALL BUILDINGS AND IMPROVE-MENTS LOCATED THEREON; subject to restrictions, servitudes, rights-of-way and outstanding mineral rights of record affecting the

property.

That certain manu-

factured/mobile home situated on the above described property, being a 2006 Southern Homes, SS6848. Mobile Hme, 28' X 52', Serial No. DSD-AL44837A/B and HUD #NTA136474-8/9, which said manufactured home/mobile home was immobilized pursuant to Affidavit to Immobilize Mobile Home dated September 8, 2005 and filed for record as Instrument No. 481609 of the records of Webster

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Parish, Louisiana.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS **WEBSTER PARISH POLICE JURY** 

2023 ROAD CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS

The Webster Parish Police Jury solicits sealed proposals for: 2023 Road Construc tion Materials

The proposals must

be in the hands of the undersigned no later than 2:00 p.m. Monday, November 28, 2022- in the Courthouse House Annex meeting room of the Webster Parish Police Jury, 401 Main Street, Minden, Louisiana 71055. The bid forms and specification sheets are available at no charge in the office of the Secretary-Treasurer, Webster Parish Policy Jury. Successful bids will be approved at the Regular Meeting, Webster Parish Police Jury on December 6,

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ALL BIDS SUBMIT-TED MUST BE CLEARLY MARKED

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Webster Parish Police

\_\_\_\_\_/s/ Lisa Balkom Secretary-Tresurer

October 28, 2022 November 2, 2022 November 16, 2022 November 23, 2022 Minden Press-Herald

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**Town of Cotton Valley - Utilities** 

Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

January through December 2023

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-163,604.96

Town of Cotton Valley - Town Hall

Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

January through Dec

	Jan - Dec 23	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
40000 · Water & Sewer Sales	0.00	442,000.00	-442,000.00	0.0%
40100 - Bulk Water Sold	0.00	6,500.00	-6,500.00	0.0%
Total Income	0.00	448,500.00	-448,500.00	0.0%
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62100 · Contract Labor	0.00	15,000.00	-15,000.00	0.0%
62700 · Dues & Subscriptions	0.00	4,000.00	-4,000.00	0.0%
63000 · Fuel Expense	0.00	6,400.00	-6,400.00	0.0%
63100 · Insurance Expense	0.00	21,000.00	-21,000.00	0.0%
63250 · Materials & Supplies	0.00	14,000.00	-14,000.00	0.0%
66500 · Postage & Delivery	0.00	3,285.00	-3,285.00	0.0%
67200 · Repairs & Maintenan	0.00	20,000.00	-20,000.00	0.0%
68200 · Trash Services	0.00	83,000.00	-83,000.00	0.0%
68600 · Utilities Expense	0.00	38,000.00	-38,000.00	0.0%
Total Expense	0.00	204,685.00	-204,685.00	0.0%
Net Ordinary Income	0.00	243,815.00	-243,815.00	0.0%
Other Income/Expense Other Income				
75000 · Other Income	0.00	11,000.00	-11,000.00	0.0%
Total Other Income	0.00	11,000.00	-11,000.00	0.0%
Net Other Income	0.00	11,000.00	-11,000.00	0.0%
Net Income	0.00	254,815.00	-254,815.00	0.0%

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SPRINGHILL CIVIC CENTER 101 Machen Dr., Springhill Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup> - Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> **Excluding Sunday** 8:30 AM until 6:00 PM

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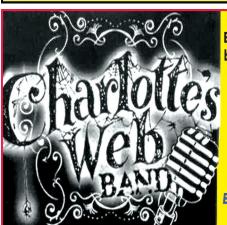
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