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A great weekend for Trade Days



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Main to Main Trade Days enjoyed excellent weather and crowds for most of this weekend. Amateur and professional traders lined the highways and Main Streets of Webster Parish with a variety of wares, both new and used. People were selling clothes, beauty products, furniture, food, art, and much more. This event has been a big draw for people around Webster Parish and the whole of northwest Louisiana for 23 years now. The Main to Main route runs 50 miles from Main Street in Springhill all the way down to Sibley, following Highway 371 through the towns of Cullen, Sarepta, Cotton Valley, and Couchwood and then, at Dixie Inn, taking Highway 80 through downtown Minden. This event was sponsored by Louisiana Main Street, Webster Parish Convention & Visitors Bureau, Springhill Chamber of Commerce and the Minden South Webster Chamber of Commerce, and traditionally takes place the first weekend in November.

Caring Cradle donated to Minden Medical Center

WILL PHILLIPS
Minden Press-Herald

It is a grim reality that not all babies that are conceived or born will be able to live out their full lives. It's a reality that many would probably rather not think about if they don't have to. However, that is not an option for the families who experience these tragedies more personally. In order to aid these families and help as much as they possibly can, the Angel's Gala was created by Kila Gonzalez and Maranda Salters. It is an annual event that raises money with the goal of giving families a way to freely and openly celebrate their precious babies while also changing the way they are cared for in hospital and clinic settings. Minden Medical Center, after involving themselves with the most recent gala, became a recipient of a Caring Cradle, a device that allows families to spend more time with their babies during

a time when every second is precious. "It all came about when our pharmacist Chelsea Brasell had an experience coming up to the labor unit, and we had a still born and nowhere really to preserve," said Mandi Hart, Director of Business Development for Minden Medical Center. "It kept popping up on our feed — people posting about this Angel's Gala. So Chelsea contacted Carrie Rasberry, who is over our labor and delivery unit, and got the ball rolling. We were able to participate in the Gala in September. "We were a year behind and weren't really planned for, so at the very end of the evening, they specifically said we want to raise money for Minden Medical Center, and the hands just flew up! "Not only are we going to be able to get this cradle cot, but we're also going to be able to get grief training for the staff, so whenever they have situations where mothers lose their babies, they have the



WILL PHILLIPS/ PRESS-HERALD PHOTO

The donation of a Caring Cradle will help parents of stillborn children to deal with their sudden grief by being able to spend more time with their child. right words." One of the co-founders of the Angel's Gala, Kila Gonzales, was present at the donation, sharing some words about what they do and the impact it has had on so many lives. "Thank you all so much for the support and desire to reach out to ask for this and want this for your moms and families. It shows your hearts and how much you care. It's really a breath of fresh air. We're honored to be able to donate this," said Gonzales. "This cradle means a lot. It's going to really impact families and give them the gift of time." Gonzales also has her certification as a Grief Doula, someone who helps provide emotional

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CRIME

Woman stabs boyfriend

STAFF REPORT
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A Minden woman was arrested last Tuesday after stabbing her boyfriend in the parking lot of her apartment building in the 800 block of Carolina Street. From the police's point of view, the incident began when they were dispatched to Minden Medical Center at 8:30 a.m. to interview a stabbing victim. The man had two severe lacerations in his right arm and one severe laceration in his left shoulder blade. At first the man claimed that, as he was leaving his girlfriend's apartment and approaching his vehicle, he was attacked and stabbed by an unknown assailant. But the officer didn't think this was the whole story.

"[The victim's] injuries were inconsistent with his story," the officer reported in the arrest record. "He had scratch marks all over his chest and back. [The victim] admitted that his girlfriend, Tiara Sims [23], was the one who had stabbed him. He stated that he was attempting to leave the residence following an argument. Sims was trying to force [him] to stay. Sims armed herself with a knife and blocked the front door, threatening acts of violence to [him] if he didn't stay."

"[The victim], in fear for his life, forced his way out of the residence. Sims pursued [him] to the back parking lot, attacking him. During the struggle, Sims stabbed [him] in his right arm, left shoulder blade, and scratched his torso up. [He] stated that the attack took place in the parking lot."

Officers next attempted to make contact with Sims at her apartment. There was no answer. While the police waited for a search warrant to be issued, Sims' mother arrived and also tried to reach Sims through the door. There was still no answer. Before the warrant arrived, there was a new twist to the incident. "A random citizen came by and stated that a witness saw that Tiara was struck in the head with a hammer and may be inside injured," the arrest report stated. "The mother began screaming, 'Please go check on her. I give you my per-

mission." With the possibility of a severely injured person inside and the mother's permission, the officers entered Sims' apartment to check on her safety. She was not there. The report continued, "Sims was not in the apartment. There were no signs of struggle in the apartment, and no weapons were located. There was no blood splatter on the walls or on the floor of the apartment. As I stepped out of the apartment, I informed Sims' mother at 10 a.m. that, if Sims did not provide her side of the story, warrants would be issued for her arrest."

At 11:43 a.m. Minden Medical Center contacted the police again. Sims had checked into the emergency room stating that she had been hit in the head with a hammer. Officers came to interview Sims. "There was a laceration on the middle of her head that was raised and a small laceration," the report stated. "The blood was fresh. It was not dried and coagulated which, from my training and experience, it should have been dried and coagulated with her receiving the wound approximately three hours prior to checking into the emergency room."

"I asked Sims what happened, and she stated the following, 'He hit me in the head with a hammer, and I guess I stabbed him.' When I asked where the incident took place she stated inside the apartment. I informed her that I had been in the apartment, and there were no signs of a disturbance. She made the excited utterance that 'Me and my cousin cleaned up the apartment, and the hammer's in the trash can.'"

With such conflicting stories, this incident was turned over to a detective for further investigation. After being discharged from the hospital, Sims was transported to the Minden Police Department and charged with two felonies (aggravated 2nd degree battery with domestic abuse and false imprisonment with a dangerous weapon) and one misdemeanor (criminal damage to property). All subjects are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.



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WEBSTER & MORE

BLOTTER

Recent Arrests in Webster Parish

Delandro Washington, 61, of the 500 block of Front Street, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

Tiara Sims, 23, of the 800 block of Caroline Street, was arrested for aggravated second degree battery with domestic abuse, false imprisonment with a dangerous weapon, and criminal damage to property.

Melanie Lope, 35, of the 500 block of Camell Street, was arrested for possession of a schedule II substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

LeBarron Johnson, 21, of the 100 block of W. Roosevelt Street, was arrested for simple burglary and theft by fraud.

Terrance Lyons, 30, of the 300 block of Sheppard Street, was arrested on two warrants.

Jamecia Taylor, 39, of the 500 block of Sunset Lane,

was arrested on a warrant.

Allan Combs, 66, of the 400 block of Walet Lyons, Road, was arrested for false imprisonment, and soliciting for prostitutes.

Keaiuna Hudson, of the 100 block of George Street, was arrested for prostitution.

La’Taja Jones, 18, of the 1100 block of Military Road, was arrested for criminal conspiracy and prohibited acts.

Tyrese Adams, 18, of the 2700 block of Hill Street, was arrested for criminal conspiracy, prohibited acts, and possession of a schedule IV substance.

Tanya Weems, 52, of the 1200 block of Haynes Street, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

Rasheen Richards, 19, of the 200 block of Pecan Orchard Road, was arrested for illegal use of a weapon and discharging a firearm in city limits.

Brooklyn Eubanks, 28,

of the 1100 block of N Second Street, was arrested on multiple warrants.

Charles Castle, 41, of the 2000 block of Franklin Road, was arrested for a parole violation.

Germae Anderson, of the 2800 block of Goodwill Road, was arrested on a warrant.

Christina Allison, 43, of the 300 block of 1st Street, was arrested for no license plate registration, expired MVi, possession of a schedule II substance, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Kawaski Bradford, 40, of the 400 block of W Todd Street, was arrested for possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

Anton Allen, 33, of the 800 block of Sibley Road, was arrested for driving while intoxicated first offense, careless operation of a motor vehicle, expired registration, driving under suspension, and being a fugitive of Minden Police Department.

GAS BUDDY

Louisiana gas sees drop during election week

(November 7, 2022) -Average gasoline prices in Louisiana have fallen 5.6 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.18/g today, according to GasBuddy’s survey of 2,436 stations in Louisiana. Prices in Louisiana are 4.7 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand 3.7 cents per gallon higher than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has risen 3.4 cents in the last week and stands at \$5.32 per gallon.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Louisiana was priced at \$2.31/g yesterday while the most expensive was \$3.79/g, a difference of \$1.48/g. The lowest price in the state yesterday was \$2.31/g while the highest was \$3.79/g, a difference of \$1.48/g.

The national average price of gasoline has risen 6.2 cents per gallon

in the last week, averaging \$3.78/g today. The national average is down 11.5 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 37.8 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.

“Just over half of the nation’s 50 states saw gasoline prices rise last week, pulling the national average back up for the time being due to big jumps in the Great Lakes and continued increases in New England and mid-Atlantic states,” said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy. “For now, the rise in the Great Lakes, brought on by tight supply, has already started to ease, and declines should start again. In the northeastern U.S., prices are likely to inch up a bit more. National die-

sel supply remains tight, but supplies of diesel did see a slight rise last week. The majority of stations, especially away from the East Coast and Northeast, should have very few issues with diesel supply, though some stations in those regions could see diesel delivery times slip. Brief outages at a limited number of stations are possible, but with refineries continuing to churn out product and maintenance wrapping up, I’m optimistic the situation will improve.”

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>.

WPL

Trunk or Treat great fun for everyone

AMBER MCDOWN/ PRESS-HERALD PHOTOS

The Minden library had a great turn out for this year’s Trunk or Treat Halloween event. Kids and parents showed up in costume to trick-or-treat for candy and trinkets in the parking lot of the main branch of Webster Parish Libraries and then explored the family-friendly haunted house, searching for Bruno. Over 20 local businesses came out to support this event, which provided a safe environment for Halloween fun and a chance for everyone to check out each other’s costumes. Many of the kids were delighted at a chance to see fire engines, ambulances, and our local police officers up close and in person. As Kim Sentell, the Director of Marketing and Community Liaison, said, “Everything we do is for our community. We want to make sure they have a family-friendly Halloween.”



CRADLE

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support for families going through the loss of a child. Each Caring Cradle donated through the Angel’s Gala is dedicated with a plaque celebrating the memory of these children and allowing them to live on and help other families who are going through similar experiences.

For the Minden Medical Center cradle, Carlyle and John Hoogland presented a plaque in memory of their Angel Baby, Holly Diane Hoogland. Gonzalez shared some words about the family and her time with them and Holly.

“Carlyle and John reached out to me whenever they were about 18 weeks. They were getting their very first baby, and they had received a fatal diagnosis. Holly had Trisomy 13, and she was not going to live. I was able to walk them through their pregnancy — such an honor and privilege — and get them ready for delivery. I was able

to be there when Holly was born. This family is just amazing; The sacrifice that they made and how strong they are. The fact that they chose to give Holly life, as much as God would give her, is just admirable,” said Gonzalez.

“Holly lived for almost 24 hours. Right before they were about to leave, Holly passed away. It was devastating. Then they were able to use the cradle and spend another day with their baby and make more memories.”

Referring to Carlyle and John, Gonzalez said, “Thank you for giving Holly life, because her life means a lot, and it’s going to continue to impact people for years and years to come because they’re going to see her name on that cradle and know it’s because of her.”

Carrie Rasberry, Perinatal Director at MMC and the individual who got the ball rolling for MMC’s involvement with the Angel Gala, also shared some words of appreciation.

“Being a perinatal nurse for fourteen years and having to be at bedside with a family after a loss is probably one of the hardest things you have to go through as a nurse. There were so many times that we would wish to be able to offer an extra day or even an extra hour with their babies, and now we can do that. I just thank y’all so much for that,” said Rasberry.

“After we received the cradle, a little over a week ago, we had a mom who came in and we were able to offer the cradle to her. At first she wasn’t really sure, but after she was able to keep her baby with her at bedside for longer, and able to share that time with her, she left here very grateful and said her heart was now full.”

For those wishing to know more about the program, or potentially donate to the Angel Gala or any of their sister programs, they can find more information at angelsgala.com.

Webster Council on Aging is sponsoring another One-on-One Medicare meeting November 16th 9am to 2pm Call for appointment

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OBITUARIES



Barbara Adams

Funeral services for Barbara Adams will be held Monday, November 7, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. at Cotton Valley First Baptist Church in Cotton Valley, Louisiana with Bro. Jim Wallace officiating. Interment will follow at Haughton Cemetery in Haughton, Louisiana under the direction of Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Minden, Louisiana. The family will receive friends from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. Sunday, November 6, 2022, at Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Minden, Louisiana.

Barbara was born June 4, 1939, in Smackover, Arkansas and entered into rest November 3, 2022, in Minden,

Louisiana.

She was preceded in death by her parents, M.S. and Warnie Livingston; brothers, Bill and Kenny Livingston; and grandson, Michael Pinckard.

She is survived by her son, Lewis McCrary and wife Tammy of Minden; daughters, Sherri Duncan and husband Derek of Elysian Fields, TX, Carla Sayers of Minden, and Stacy McCrary and husband Bob of Karnack, TX; sisters, Teresa Currie of Lufkin, TX and Micki Lynn Paulette of Lake Jackson, TX; brothers, Jerry Livingston and wife Evelyn of Springhill and Allen Livingston and wife Linda of Haughton; four grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

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Eric Clay “Boo” Leopard

Eric Clay “Boo” Leopard, age 25, of Rison went to be with his Lord on October 30, 2022. He was born May 30, 1997 in Little Rock. He was a 2016 graduate of Rison High School, where he played for the Wildcat football team. In his spare time he enjoyed hunting, fishing, riding the backroads and spending time with his family. He was preceded in death by his grandparents Brad Freiberger and Ruby Jean Compton.

He is survived by his father Keith Leopard and his

wife Erin, his mother, Erica Leopard, grandparents, Roger and Debbie Leopard, Ruben Compton, Jr. and his wife Becky, Michael and Linda Lucas, his siblings, Shawn Leopard, Kody Leopard, Aaron Leopard, Luke Leopard and Sadie Leopard, numerous, aunts, uncles, cousins and family and friends.

Visitation was from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. November 1, 2022 at Buie Funeral Home in Rison.

Funeral services were held 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 2, 2022 at Buie Funeral Home in Rison with Bro. Sluggo Norris and Bro. David Leopard officiating.

Memorials may be made to the Arkansas Kidney Foundation or Arkansas Children’s Hospital.

Arrangements by Buie Funeral Home of Rison (870) 325-6216. Please sign the online guestbook at www.buiefuneralhome.com.

CRIME

Minden man murdered

STAFF REPORT
Minden Press-Herald

A Minden man was shot and killed late on Saturday night at a local motel.

Police were dispatched to the motel after gunshots were reported.

When the police arrived, they found a local man with life-threatening injuries. He was first transported to Minden Medical Center and, from there, transferred to Oschner in Shreveport.

Unfortunately, the man was unable to recover and

passed away on Sunday.

At this time, the victim’s name has not yet been released to the public. The Minden Police Association posted, “Out of respect for the family in this time of grief, we are not currently releasing the name of the victim.”

This incident is being investigated as a homicide. Anyone with information regarding this crime is encouraged to call the Minden Police Department or their local law enforcement agency with tips. Information can be shared anonymously.

ANNIVERSARY

Celebrating 70 years Mr. and Mrs. Cox



Special to the Minden Press-Herald

Jimmy and Christine Cox celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on Saturday, November 5th with a party at Dorcheat Seafood for family. They have two sons, Tommy and wife Elaine and Bradley and wife Linda; a grandson, Aaron; and three great grandchildren, McKinley, Raylee, and Conner. The couple were married on November 1, 1952.

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OTHER OPINION

Supreme Court to hear cases regarding affirmative action in college admissions

Regarding an end to the use of the reverse discrimination of racial preferences in academic admissions, Justice Amy Coney Barrett asks, “how do we know when we’re done?”

A pair of explosive cases involving race and college admission practices are now before the U.S. Supreme Court. These two cases involve whether Harvard and University of North Carolina have illegally discriminated against Asian-Americans in favor of other races.

To determine that, the Supreme Court will need to look back at its own precedents in this area.

How has the Supreme Court traditionally handled the use of racial preferences in college admissions?

The Court has said that race may be used as a factor—among several—for the purpose of achieving diversity of student population. However, in her majority opinion in a 2003 case, Justice Sandra Day O’Connor wrote “we expect that 25 years from now, the use of racial preferences will no longer be necessary to further the interest approved today.” Well, that was 19 years ago but college admission boards argue that racial preferences are as important to achieving diversity today as ever.

So, “how do you know when you’re done?” asked Justice Amy Coney Barrett during oral argument. That’s a great question. Chief Justice John Roberts has also

previously stated his desire to get our country out of this “sordid business, this divvying us up by race.”

Unfortunately, the key to removing our country from the use of racial preferences in matters such as these will



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be based upon how we define the word “equity.”

Recall that our Constitution safeguards—in fact, it’s the very promise of America itself—the principle that we are all equal under the law.

Equality. No one is above the law. “Lady Justice is colorblind” and not a “respector of persons” because it doesn’t matter who each of us are, we are treated and viewed the same in the eyes of the law.

But there’s the rub.

Those who support the use of racial preferences aren’t doing so based upon notions of “equality.” The perverse, unconstitutional principle they invoke is “equity”—but there is a monumental difference between the two. “Equality” means

we are all given the same opportunity. “Equity” means we are all guaranteed the same result.

That’s politically poisonous and unpatriotic.

It does great damage to America’s central premise of equal justice under law to engage in unequal treatment of different applicants to achieve a particular racial outcome. But it does more than that. As Justice Clarence Thomas pointed out “nowhere in any of the filings in this Court is any evidence that the purported ‘beneficiaries’ of this racial discrimination prove themselves by performing at (or even near) the same level as those students who receive no preferences.”

This may really be the point:

The individuals who make up these admissions committees at American colleges and universities are very often the same people who believe America is hopelessly and systemically racist. In their minds, there will never come a time to end the use of racial preferences in college admissions as long as any mere allegation of racism exists.

That was Justice Barrett’s point. We have already used racial preferences in this way at least back to the Su-

preme Court’s Bakke case in 1978, so “how do we know when we’re done?”

This is what it comes down to.

The Supreme Court’s long line of cases have made clear that when racial preferences are used—when Americans are categorized by race alone—the Court will employ its most demanding legal scrutiny of all, Strict Scrutiny. This means that even if a college has a very important reason—and perhaps the achievement of a diverse student body can be deemed a “compelling” reason—to favor or prefer some races of students over other races of students there literally must be no other way to achieve this goal than by using a racial classification.

But there always is.

The promise of America is most brilliantly and beautifully laid out in the Declaration of Independence. When Jefferson forged for the ages the principle that we are “created equal” he was presaging Rev. Martin Luther King’s clarion call that we be measured “not by the color of our skin, but by the content of our character.”

Our Supreme Court must find a way to preserve that principle in college admissions and across the politically charged and complex American cultural landscape.

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OPINION

“Fools give reasons, wise men never try”

“Fools give reasons, wise men never try!” These words come from the popular song, “Some Enchanted Evening.”

For many years I thought I had to give an answer for everything until one evening, in the 1980’s, I heard this powerful song being sung at a cantata in Plain Dealing, Louisiana held in Ms.Ford’s back yard with Hugh Scott Coyle singing the lead.

Hearing those lyrics gave me an answer to a struggle I faced daily most of my life.

One of the hardest lessons to learn is to just shut up, to not answer back, to just stop talking, because we think that the more words spoken the stronger we make our case.

Quite the reverse is often true.

Jesus was a great example when He was criticized by the crowds. He answered not a word.

I know of no stronger argument than that of silence. Silence seems to be what we are most afraid of, not knowing how to answer next.

Why are we so scared to hear

ourselves think? Why must we have constant noise and be plugged in to either cell phones, texting or social media?



SARAH HUDSON PIERCE

all evening long to numb themselves from thinking.

Why do we need to be numbed?

I confess I like my thoughts, of hearing myself think, but I had to go through years of pain, of hitting rock bottom, to get to that place in my life, having grown up in an orphanage.

It takes years of working at the art of keeping silence. It may be even harder to just ask for wisdom. In the Bible,

in James 1:5, we are taught that all we have to do is ask for wisdom. This gift comes with no strings attached. All we have to do is ask.

Sometimes we get under so much pressure we hardly know which end is up but if we will turn again to the Word we can find this often overlooked truth. Just ask for wisdom.

Enough said and maybe not. I suppose there is a stubborn streak in all of us. We want to speak, to have the last word.

I’ve heard of the “silent sale.” The way it appears to work is this -- just become silent after you have made your spiel, stop talking, and the sale will more likely be won. Silence speaks volumes.

Why are we so slow to learn this lesson?

Maybe we become mesmerized with our own words. Ministers are sometimes guilty of this trait, of thinking that the longer the sermon the better the message when in reality some of the greatest messages have consisted of few words.

“We have nothing to fear but fear itself” is the shortest

speech ever recorded and was spoken by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, in his inaugural address. Those eight words were the entire speech which was followed by a standing ovation.

A most poignant verse is “Jesus wept” which is the simplest verse to learn. Yet it speaks loudly of Jesus’ emotion, of His deep love that carried Him to the cross.

These thoughts comes deep within my soul when I find myself in situations when I need great wisdom to know when to speak and when to keep silent. It is those times that I ask for wisdom and it comes in the most needed times.

It gives me peace as I pillow my head knowing that Jesus is the same yesterday today and forever and that He always gets me to the right place at the right time.

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OPINION

WSJ: Energy prices to be a ballot box issue

If Democrats lose next week’s election, one reason will be soaring energy prices. The lesson that an electoral defeat should drive home is that this is the result of their own policies.

Consider President Biden’s outrage Friday over last week’s robust earnings reports for oil and gas companies. Six of the largest “made \$70 billion in profit in one quarter,” he said at a fundraiser. These “excess profits are going back to their shareholders and their executives instead of going to lower prices at the pump.” The President who has done everything in his power to limit U.S. oil investment is now furious that he succeeded.

Mr. Biden doesn’t seem to believe oil companies should be allowed to make a profit or even cover marginal costs. “We need to keep making progress by having energy companies bring down the cost of a gallon of gas

to reflect what they pay for a barrel of oil,” he said. Anything more is “excess” profit.

Keep in mind that oil majors’ current profits follow steep losses in the pandemic. As oil prices plunged amid lockdowns, companies and OPEC nations pared investment and shut in wells. Demand for oil then bounced back much quicker than supply, which has driven up prices—and profits. That’s Econ 101.

Mr. Biden is miffed in particular that companies are returning cash to shareholders rather than increasing supply. “You should be using these record-breaking profits to increase production and refining,” he said this month. But the progressive climate lobby and his own Administration’s climate policies have been urging the opposite.

Exxon Mobil lost a board proxy fight in 2021 after large

public pension funds and asset managers criticized it for investing too much in oil and generating too little profit. Exxon and its board need to assess “the possibility that demand for fossil fuels may decline rapidly in the coming decades,” Black-Rock said.

The International Energy Agency warned only last week that “no one should imagine that Russia’s invasion can justify a wave of new oil and gas infrastructure in a world that wants to reach net zero (greenhouse-gas) emissions by 2050.” It added that “any new projects would face major commercial risks” that may result in failing “to recover their upfront cost.”

No wonder oil companies are returning cash to shareholders rather than make investments in production that take decades to pay off. U.S. shale drilling can produce returns more quickly.

But rather than drill more wells, many producers are shrinking their inventory of “drilled but uncompleted” wells.

The Energy Information Administration reported last week that the number of these wells fell to the lowest since December 2013, which means production will eventually taper off even in the prolific Permian Basin. Permitting challenges impede new drilling, as does limited pipeline capacity to move natural gas produced alongside oil.

Large asset managers are also pressuring oil giants to maintain “capital discipline”—i.e., spend less on production. Private U.S. oil companies added 47 drilling rigs in the third quarter while public firms added only one. Climate lobbyists want companies to return profits to shareholders or invest in green energy.

Continental Resources founder Harold Hamm said this month he is taking his company private to have the “freedom to explore.” “We have all felt the limits of being publicly held over the last few years, and in such a time as this, when the world desperately needs what we produce, I have never been more optimistic,” Mr. Hamm wrote to employees.

Mr. Biden and fellow Democrats simply refuse to understand the economic consequences of their assault on American fossil fuels. They have come to believe that climate is a crisis and that banishing oil and gas is urgent. But that means higher prices, which they now blame on the very companies they want to go out of business. Economic logic won’t persuade them, but maybe a rout at the ballot box will.

SPORTS

Webster Parish playoffs: Then there were 2
Glenbrook, Lakeside both moving on to postseason play

T. SCOTT BOATRIGHT
Minden Press-Herald

Prep football pstseason marching orders are set. The undefeated Glenbrook Apaches and Lakeside High School will represent Webster Parish in this season's Louisiana High School Athletic Association playoffs. Glenbrook completed its 2022 regular season unbeaten as the Apaches took over early to defeat River Oaks 46-14 at APAACHES Stadium. The Apaches (10-0) become one of only five unbeaten teams in Louisiana heading into the playoffs with unblemished records, joining Destrehan (10-0), De La Salle (9-0), Many (9-0) and Vermilion Catholic (10-0). A long scoring scamper by DJ Carter put Glenbrook on top early while Turner McClelland and Rhett Johnson both hauled in scoring passes from Ty Feaster to help push the Apaches to their 16th straight win dating back to last season. The Apaches earned a first-round bye and will play host to the winner of 11th-seeded Catholic-Point Coupee and 22nd-seeded Central Private on Nov. 17. Lakeside squeezed into the playoffs by claiming the 28th and finaeed in the Division III Nonselect School bracket; The Warriors (5-5) will open postseason play at fifth-seeded Avoyelles on Friday night. Avoylles stands at 7-3 and is coming off a high-scoring win 63-45 home win over Rosepine, a game in which the Mustangs trailed 15-8 at the end of opening stanza before racing back for 32-21 halftime advan-



COURTESY PHOTOS

Glenbrook High School will compete in the Apaches first Louisiana High School Athletic Association playoff game on Nov. 17 as they play host to the winning of a first-round contest between Catholic-Point Coupee and Central Private.

tage en route to victory. That kind of scoring output is nothing new for Avoyelles, which is averaging 52.8 points per game and has scored 50 or more points six times this season. The Mustangs defeated Pickering 88-6 to close out regular-season-play. Lakeside is coming off a 42-36 triple overtime win over Green Oaks. Warriors quarterback Cooper Chase's scoring scamper put his team in the playoffs, aand the senior signal-called threw four touchdown passes to put Lakeside in position to pull off the dramatic win.



The Lakeside defensive line (left) will be put to a test to open the playoffs against an Avoylles suad that has scored 50 or more points six times this season and is averaging 52.8 points per game.

Crimson Tide, Knights close out 2022 season with wins

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Senior running back Daylen Robinson led the way with 144 rushing yards on 20 carries to power Minden's 43-20 win over Woodlawn-Shreveport on Friday night. Robinson's first touchdown of the game came on a 40-yard scamper while he followed that up with a one-yard plunge to paydirt. After building an 8-0 lead by the end of the opening stanza, the Crimson Tide flooded the scoreboard with three second quarter touchdowns to surge to a 30-0 advantage by halftime. Crimson Tide quarterback Jakobe Jackson connected on three-of-four

passes for 111 yards, including a 42-yard scoring strike from Jaylin Willams. Minden Junior slot back Cameron Mitchell also contributed a big performance, rushing seven times for 47 yards and two touchdowns and hauling in a 19-yard scoring pass from Jackson for a three-touchdown performance. Minden (4-6) ranked at No. 32 in Louisiana High School Athletics Association Power rankings, falling barely short of the 28-team Division II Nonselect School playoff field. **NORTH WEBSTER 48, LRCA 12** The Knights ended their season in winning fashion as North Webster started strong and never looked

back in a win over the winless Tigers, a team playing its first year of football as a probationary member of the LHSAA. North Webster struck first early on as Collin McKenzie hit Jkobe Lawson on a 20-yard scoring strike before a LRCA turnover set them right back up in scoring position at the Tigers' eight-yard line. McKenzie's first of four scores on a quarterback keeper pushed the Knights' advantage to 13-0, and North Webster never looked back, building a 41-6 lead by halftime. Cooper Sanders added scoring runs of 35 and 50 yards for the Knights (2-8) while also picking off a pass on the defensive side of the ball.



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Minden's Daylen Robinson (4) closed out his prep career by rushing for 144 yards in a 43-20 win over Woodlawn-Shreveport Friday night.

Lady Techsters soccer falls in C-USA quarterfinals

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The Louisiana Tech women's soccer team had their season come to a close in the 2022 Conference USA Quarterfinals suffering a 4-1 loss to Florida Atlantic. LA Tech found itself in a big hole early after two goals, just 45 seconds apart, from C-USA's Midfielder of the Year Gi Krstec. Tech would get one back from Kalli Matlock in the 31' for her fourth goal of the season, which closed the gap heading in

to halftime, 2-1. Louisiana Tech had a couple chances in FAU's box but could not convert when they needed. The Owls extended their lead, 3-1, on a penalty kick from Hailey Landrus and added insurance from Bri Austin in the 67'. In a year where Tech faced plenty of adversity, the Lady Techsters finished the season 7-9-3 overall with a 5-3-2 mark in Conference USA in the first full season under the direction of head coach

Steve Voltz. Tech was still able to grab their first conference tournament bid since 2019, enjoyed the most All-Conference selections and honors, and finished with their highest conference finish since 2017. FAU now leads the all-time series 4-3-1, while Tech falls to 0-3-0 in C-USA tournament matches against the Owls. Sophie Fijneman played the full 90 minutes again, the 17th time in 19 matches this season. She played all but 33 minutes

during the 2022 season. LA Tech extended their goals-scored streak to eight matches, scoring 14 over the span. Sydnee Korchak added two saves bringing her 2022 total to 86, which is the fifth-most in a single season in program history. Josie Studer and Laura Ogando also played the full 90; Studer's ninth time in 11 matches; it was Ogando's 14th. Fijneman & Ogando each made their 50th career starts.



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Week 8 Football Picks winners

First: Tom McGee

Second: Obie Jones Jr.

Third: Penny Morgan

SPORTS

LSU, GSU, NSU, LA Tech all earn big wins

BATON ROUGE (AP) — First-year LSU quarterback Jayden Daniels was unflappable in the face of an Alabama defense that sacked him six times.

First-year Tigers coach Brian Kelly made bold decisions while trying to capture a maiden victory over Nick Saban and the Crimson Tide.

Together, Daniels and Kelly helped produce a scene of sheer rapture at Death Valley — something that was hard to envision when the two joined a program coming off consecutive non-winning seasons.

Daniels ran for 25-yard touchdown in overtime and then found Mason Taylor for a do-or-die 2-point conversion, and 15th-ranked LSU seized control of the SEC West race with 32-31 victory over No. 6 Alabama on Saturday night.

“I had never beaten Alabama,” Kelly said. “I was emotional, not for myself, but I was emotional for our team. Because I know what we looked like in January and to see where we are today, that’s pretty emotional.”

Jubilant fans stormed the field after LSU (7-2, 5-1 Southeastern Conference) triumphed in a riveting game that included six second-half lead changes and a tying field goal by Alabama in the final 30 seconds.

Alabama (7-2, 4-2) began overtime with the ball and took a 31-24 lead on Roydell Williams’ second touchdown of the game.

But Daniels needed one play in overtime to score and force a decision by Kelly to try to tie it with a kick or let the Arizona State transfer try to win it.

“If you asked me before the game started, ‘Hey I’m going to give you one play and if you are successful on

that one play you are going to beat Alabama,’ I would have taken it 100 times out of a hundred,” Kelly said. “At that moment, it kind of hit me that way. I knew we had a really good play that we hadn’t used and (Alabama) hadn’t seen. When you get (Daniels) out on the perimeter you truly have a threat. So I felt really good about the play.”

The winning play began with Daniels rolling right before throwing to Taylor along the goal line. Taylor was tackled at the pylon but with the ball narrowly across the goal line.

“I felt comfortable with the play,” Daniels said, adding that he, like Kelly, didn’t want a second overtime. “If it wasn’t there, hopefully I could make something of it with my legs. But I was able to give Mason a ball he could catch and the rest is history.”

Alabama, favored by nearly two-touchdowns, lost in Tiger Stadium for the first time since 2010.

“It would be an understatement to say how disappointed our team is,” Saban said. “Sometimes, we beat ourselves too much and it’s kind of hard to overcome. It was a tough loss, but there’s nobody that feels worse about it than the players.”

Kelly, who as Notre Dame’s coach lost to Saban and Alabama twice in college football’s post-season, became the coach to end LSU’s decade-long run of home futility against the Tide at the beginning of a 10-year contract worth nearly \$100 million.

“To come here and restore the pride and tradition of this program just means so much,” Kelly said. “It just feels so good to return the faith and trust that they’ve given to me.”

Daniels passed for 182



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Grambling running back Maurice Washington (28) totaled 201 rushing yards in Saturday’s win over Arkansas-Pine Bluff

yards and two touchdowns, and also ran for 95 yards and a score. Josh Williams had a 2-yard TD run for LSU.

LA Tech 40, MTSU 24
RUSTON (AP) — Parker McNeil returned to the lineup and threw three touchdown passes to lead Louisiana Tech to victory over Middle Tennessee on Saturday.

McNeil threw TD passes of 41 yards to Cyrus Allen, and 10 yards and 27 yards to Tre Harris as the Bulldogs built a 27-14 lead with about a minute to go in the second quarter.

Middle Tennessee closed to within 27-21 just before halftime when Jaylin Lane caught a 3-yard TD pass from Chase Cunningham.

In the third quarter,

Louisiana Tech (3-6, 2-3 Conference USA) added Willie Roberts’s 18-yard interception return and two field goals by Jacob Barnes for a 40-21 lead. Zeke Rankin’s 26-yard field goal near the middle of the fourth quarter was the only second-half score for the Blue Raiders (4-5, 1-4).

McNeil, who was injured early in the game against Rice two weeks ago and missed last week’s loss to Florida International, completed 14 of 33 passes for 285 yards and was intercepted once.

Marquis Crosby had 123 yards rushing on 24 carries. Barnes made four field goals in five tries.

Cunningham was 15-of-27 passing for 136 yards and threw three interceptions.

GSU 45, UAPB 6
GRAMBLING (AP) — Maurice Washington rushed for a career-high 201 yards on a scant 10 carries with two touchdowns and Grambling walloped Arkansas-Pine Bluff on Saturday.

Grambling (3-6, 2-4 Southwestern Athletic Conference), which beat Alcorn State 35-6 last week, now has won back-to-back games for the first time since 2019.

Emerging from halftime with a 7-0 lead, Washington broke a tackle in the secondary on the first play from scrimmage and sprinted 75 yards down the right sideline for a two-touchdown lead.

Following a Golden Lions (2-7, 0-6) field goal, Washington escaped again — this time running for a

60-yard score.

Skyler Perry threw for 228 yards and a touchdown with an interception for Arkansas-Pine Bluff.

Northwestern State 41, Texas A&M Commerce 13
COMMERCE, Texas (AP) — Zach Clement threw four touchdown passes, Northwestern State held Texas A&M-Commerce scoreless in the second half and the Demons posted a win over the Lions on Saturday to remain undefeated in Southland Conference play.

All four of the Demons (4-5) wins have come against conference opponents and they close out the season at Southeast Louisiana and at home against second-place Incarnate Word.

Younger hunters tend to be more injury prone

GLYNN HARRIS

He’s a 22 year old stud muffin, invincible, with testosterone raging and a nothing-bad-can-happen-to-me attitude. He has the world by the tail with only good stuff lying ahead.

One year later, he’s a 23 year old paraplegic, destined to spend the rest of his life in a wheel chair.

What happened to cause such a life-altering change? He made a critical error in judgment while climbing into his deer stand. He hadn’t bothered to check the condition of the wooden steps he’d nailed to the tree a couple of years ago. He’d scooted up these steps to reach his deer stand dozens of times without mishap. Did he use a safety harness? Nah... he didn’t need that.

This time, though, was different. He reached for a step not taking the time to see that it had rotted during the off-season, it pulled free and he hit the ground a dozen feet below with a thud, his lower back landing on a root that protruded from the ground.

A vertebrae was shattered and long story short, he’d never walk again.

Dr. Bobby Dale, a lifelong hunter, is also an emergency room physician who practices medicine in his hometown of Tupelo, Mississippi. Visiting with Dr. Dale at a writer’s conference, we had occasion to talk about what is more likely to injure hunters while hunting. Dale noted that con-



PHOTO BY GLYNN HARRIS

Homemade deer stands can be dangerous if not checked regularly for wear and decay.

trary to what many believe, it’s not the older and more fragile hunter who is more apt to be injured; it’s the strong, virile, younger guy.

“From what I’ve observed from patients I have seen in the ER where I practice, it’s the younger one more prone to suffer serious injuries while hunting. This is particularly true concerning falls from elevated deer stands,” Dale said. “In fact, I recently read a report that

revealed the majority of bow hunters who fall from tree stands are in their 20s and 30s. Also, about 10% of these injuries are alcohol-related.

“While it is true that guys in their 50s and 60s and older have bones that are more easily broken, I don’t see nearly as many injuries from falling from a stand from this older group. It’s just a fact that the older guy is more cautious,” he added.

Dr. Dale noted that a

fall, even one from just a few feet, can result in serious injury. Obviously, the further you fall, the more serious injuries become, he said.

“I’ve seen victims who fell from stands come to the ER with everything from closed head injuries, bleeding on the brain, spinal fractures with paralysis, broken arms, legs and ribs, collapsed lungs, ruptured spleens in addition to profuse external bleeding,” Dale said.

While mishaps using home-made deer stands are more likely to result in serious injuries, manufactured stands can also cause falls if not used properly.

“Manufactured stands have to meet a safety code and the vast majority of these stands are safe when properly used.

However, they still have to be secured to the tree in the proper manner to be completely safe.

Climbing stands are quite safe but when care is not taken in using them, they can result in twisting or slipping when not correctly secured to the tree. The result can be disastrous,” he added.

I’ve hunted deer from elevated stands for years fortunately without incident and I want to keep it that way. Therefore, I have developed a personal rule-of-thumb in my deer hunting.

The older I “git,” the closer to the ground I sit.

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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 under-water 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.

LAKE POVERTY 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

Good News

GOOD NEWS

The Empty Shoe Box in the Closet

We all have at least one shoebox, but I remember when there was only one! In the fall we got our new pair of shoes (usually those old black high-top Converse tennis shoes). They had to last us all year long, so we treasured the shoes and the shoe box too! The box was cleaned and put away for Christmas morning goodies. No stockings for us! Too many holes in them by that Christmas time! Besides the shoe box would hold stuff – socks, a cap and a few extras that grandma’s stockings just could not hold.

Waking up on Christmas morning was exciting, even to the poor farm children who already knew the meaning of ‘slim pickings.’ But still we enjoyed the regular items in the shoe boxes – dried raisins on the stem, an apple, orange, banana, some hard candy and maybe a little toy of sorts, from the 5 & 10 cents store. Nevertheless, the power of the shoe box filled with these “specials” brought great hope to each of us. That blessed feeling is still being felt all around the world today due to the power of a shoe box, filled with love and a few small age-appropriate items.

Folks like you and me take the time each fall to buy small items for children of all ages and stuff them tightly (trying to get as much as possible) in the brightly colored box, slip in a check for \$10.00, along with a note and photo of each participant, secured with a rubber band. Now we are ready to send the box on a long journey to the other side of the world.

In this area, the collection point for them is First Baptist Church, Minden – during the week of November 14-21. After being ‘checked-in,’ the boxes are placed in larger boxes, taped off and loaded on U-Hauls to be delivered to First Baptist Church, Bossier City. Last year we all collected nearly 2,000 shoe boxes to pass on.

The boxes are transported on to Dallas (or other regional hubs) by the kind and generous leaders at Roadway Trucking. Once there, boxes are opened, inspected, and re-boxed for the overseas flight. The money is removed for general expenses and directed to Franklin Graham headquarters. And between December 15 and January 15, children around the world will enjoy a “touch of love” sent in a shoe box of all things. If we all could hear the reports from children about the impact made on their lives, we would better understand the importance of a comb, hair brush, a stuffed animal or small doll. That’s why we encourage folks to ‘huff and puff and squeeze as much into the boxes as possible.” There is always a gospel leaflet in the children’s ‘mother language.’ Extra special for sure! Over the past 25 years, a total of 198 million boxes have been sent from the States to poor children, some of whom have never received a gift of any kind. How rewarding to be a part of such a special project!

Do you want a blessing of unusual measure? Wouldn’t you like to minister to “one of the least of those Jesus spoke about?” (Matt 25:40). Well, this is a beginning point in making this Christmas extra special. School groups have picked up stacks of boxes, Civic Clubs help also! Individuals and families can participate too!

Save those shoe boxes for the children of the world! They may be “red, yellow, black and white, but all are precious in His sight.” Yes, Jesus loves the little children of the world. May this remind all of us of the power of the empty boxes in the closet. Never throw them away, but begin to pack them lovingly, carefully and prayerfully throughout the year, for poor children in “yonder land” waiting, hoping and longing for a touch of love from some caring hand! God will bless you for helping!



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THE UPWARD LOOK

Living and Growing

“But speaking the truth in love, let us grow in every way into Him who is the head-Christ.” Ephesians 4:15 HCSB

Believers must grow and mature in their daily walk with Christ. In every aspect of their lives, believers must become more and more like Jesus who is their only Lord and Master.

Lord Jesus, help me to grow by learning to obey Your Word in all I say and do. I surrender my life to following You and living according to Your Word.

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INSPIRATION

Common Ground

As Americans, most of us enjoy some form of leisure time activity. Those activities could include sporting events, concerts, and even movies. Though these activities might be different from one another they are also very similar. In every one of these situations, you find yourself in a large group often comprised of familiar and unfamiliar people. Despite the group’s differences, they have one major similarity they all enjoy this particular activity and they are all partaking in this shared experience. This creates common ground and an avenue for communication with people you otherwise might not talk to. This raises the question of why can’t our Christian walk provide the same experience? We are not instructed to only minister to the people we know or feel comfortable around but we are instructed to minister to all the world. Take, for instance, the movies we sit for 2 hours with strangers where we laugh, cry, get angry, and fall in love and we do all of this while sitting in the dark and trying to remain quiet. If we can have such a powerful experience sitting silently in the dark imagine what we could do out loud in the light! My challenge for everyone reading this article is to go out and be the light of Jesus for at least one person this week by using common ground.




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Level: Intermediate

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!

7	4	6	9	3	2	5	8
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3	2	4	9	1	5	7	8
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FUN & GAMES

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Requests

5. Calendar month

8. Invests in little enterprises

12. Bird sound

14. S. American plant cultivated for tubers

15. Car

16. Bullfighter

18. Hill (Celtic)

19. Strong criticism

20. Detector

21. When you hope to get there

22. Having the skill to do something

23. Legendary MLB broadcaster

26. Vulcanite

30. C. Asian mountain range

31. In a way, healed

32. Midway between east and southeast

33. Small appendages of insects

34. __ Greene, “Bonanza” actor

39. A place to bathe

42. Postal worker accessory

44. Classical music

46. A way of wrecking

47. Terminator

49. You eat three a day

50. Pointed end of a pen

51. NATO official (abbr.)

56. Genus of clams

57. Boxing’s “G.O.A.T.”

58. A colorless, odorless gas used as fuel

59. Covered thinly with gold paint

60. Bachelor of Laws

61. Red fluorescent dye

62. Engineering group

63. Female sibling

64. Adjacent

CLUES DOWN

1. What a thespian does

2. Footwear

3. Adjust spacing between

4. Witnesses

5. Who shows excessive fondness

6. Distinct form of a plant

7. National capital

8. Hunting expedition

9. Related to medulla oblongata

10. European country

11. Cola

13. Excluded from use or mention

17. Speak

24. Bloodshot

25. Make better

26. Keyboard key

27. Type of degree

28. Paddle

29. Peacock network

35. Not young

36. Baseball stat

37. One’s grandmother

38. Breakfast food

40. Bathroom features

41. Disease-causing bacterium

42. NY ballplayer

43. Got up

44. Prophet

45. Part of the mouth

47. Unnatural

48. Acronym for brain science study

49. Three are famous

52. Languages spoken in Patagonia

53. Freedom from difficulty

54. Widely used OS

55. Many people pay it

A	S	K	S			D	E	C		S	B	I	C
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NEXT POWER OUTAGE

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A white, rectangular home standby generator unit with the Generac logo on its side. It has ventilation slats on the front and top. The background shows a two-story house at night.

FREE 7-Year Extended Warranty*
– A \$695 Value!

*To qualify, consumers must request a quote, purchase, install and activate the generator with a participating dealer. Call for a full list of terms and conditions.

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Classified Rates

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\$7.75

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Additional words are only 30 cents more!

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\$11

One Day

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Two Days

Receive a FREE Garage Sale Kit with your two day ad!

* Garage Sale ads must be prepaid.

Deadlines

Ads

Line ads and display ads must be submitted by noon two days before publication.

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Payments

Cash Checks, Billing

Real Estate Notice

“All real estate advertised here is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act, which makes it illegal to advertise any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin, or intention to make any such preference, limitation, or discrimination. We will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate, which is in violation of the law. All persons are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised are available on an equal opportunity basis.

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Call to place your ad!

PLACE YOUR AD TODAY! 377-1866

SHERIFF’S SALE

PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC VS. JACQUELINE N. MCDONOUGH A/K/A JACQUELINE N. HOERST MCDONOUGH A/K/A JACQUELINE MC-DONOUGH A/K/A JACQUELINE HOERST A/K/A JACQUELINE HOERST A/K/A JACQUELINE HOERST MC-DONOUGH A/K/A JACQUELINE H. MCDONOUGH

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 80192

By virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued out of the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, in the above styled and numbered suit and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder for cash WITH the benefit of appraisalment and according to law at the principal front door of the Court-house in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana, as shown on plat recorded in Map Book 3, Page 4 in the Office of the Clerk of Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana.

The property described in the Act of Mortgage is described as follows:

Lots two hundred thirty-five (235), two hundred thirty-six (236), two hundred thirty-seven (237) and two hundred-eight (238), Palmetto Beach Estates, a subdivision in Webster Parish, Louisiana, as per plat thereof recorded in plat book 3, page 49, records of Webster Parish, Louisiana, together with all buildings and improvements located thereof.

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

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

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

Linda Vaughan - Deputy

November 9, 2022
November 7, 2022
Minden Press-Herald

If anyone knows the whereabouts of the family of Norma Elizabeth Ford Coker, last known address is 6784 Highway 531, Heflin, LA 71039, please contact Attorney Kharmen Davis-Taylor at (318) 621-9400.

November 2, 2022
November 9, 2022
Minden Press-Herald

SHERIFF’S SALE

B1 BANK VS. TED HEARD EVERETT, JR., AND GUILLERMO L. DOMINGUEZ AND BETHANY ANN DOMINGUEZ

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. CV80224

By virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued out of the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, in the above styled and numbered suit and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at

public auction to the last and highest bidder for cash WITH the benefit of appraisalment and according to law at the principal front door of the Court-house in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana, on WEDNESDAY, November 16, 2022, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

Lots 10 & 11 of the E.B. Smith Subdivision, a subdivision located in Section 19, Township 18 North, Range 9 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana, as shown on plat recorded in Map Book 3, Page 4 in the Office of the Clerk of Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana.

118 Horseshoe Bridge Road, Doynline, Louisiana 71023

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

Linda Vaughan - Deputy

October 14, 2022
November 9, 2022
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SHERIFF’S SALE

JP MORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION VS. BECKY L. WALN WIFE OF/AND MARTIN D. WALN

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. CV80223

By virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued out of the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, in the above styled and numbered suit and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder for cash WITH-OUT the benefit of appraisalment and according to law at the principal front door of the Court-house in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana, on WEDNESDAY, November 16, 2022, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

Lots 187 & 188, Palmetto Beach Estates, Webster Parish, Louisiana, as per plat recorded in Book 3, Page 49 in the Conveyance Records of Webster Parish, Louisiana, together with all buildings and improvements thereon.

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

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

Linda Vaughan - Deputy

October 14, 2022
November 9, 2022
Minden Press-Herald

SHERIFF’S SALE

CLICK N CLOSE INC VS. FELICIA ANN COVINGTON

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 80298

By virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued out of the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, in the above styled and numbered suit and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder for cash WITH-OUT the benefit of appraisalment and according to law at the principal front door of the Court-house in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana, on WEDNESDAY, December 14, 2022, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

Tract 1:

Begin at the Northwest corner of the East half of Southwest Quarter of Section 8, Township 23 North, Range 10 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana, thence run East 410 feet to the point of beginning; thence continue East 100 feet; thence run South 660 feet; thence run West 100 feet; thence run North 660 feet to the point of beginning, together with all buildings and improvements located thereon and all rights thereto belonging.

Tract 2:

Begin at the Northwest corner of the East half of Southwest Quarter of Section 8, Township 23 North, Range 10 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana; thence run East 510 feet to the point of beginning; thence continue East 50 feet; thence run South 660 feet; thence West 50 feet; thence run North 660 feet to the point of beginning; together with all building and improvements located thereon and all rights thereto belonging.

Tract 3:

Begin at the Northwest corner of the East half of Southwest Quarter of Section 8, Township 23 North, Range 10 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana; thence run East 560 feet to the point of beginning; thence continue East 100 feet; thence run South 660 feet; thence run West 100 feet; thence run North 660 feet to the point of beginning; together with all buildings and improvements located thereon and all rights thereto belonging with GEO 120152.

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

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

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

Linda Vaughan - Deputy

November 9, 2022
December 7, 2022
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MINUTES

The Webster Parish Library Board of Control met for a regular meeting in the Stewart Center Meeting Room Friday, October 28, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. Present were board members George French, Linda Watson, Nick Cox, Laura Evans, Ethel Smith, and

Secretary Savannah Jones. Absent: Charlotte Dean

Mr. French established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 10:14 a.m.

Mr. French asked for any additions to the agenda. There were no additions to the agenda.

Mr. French asked for audience comments. There were no audience comments.

Upon motion by Nick Cox, second by Ethel Smith, the minutes of the July 29, 2022 regular meeting were approved as mailed.

Director Savannah Jones gave an overview of the 2022 year-to-date financial report. Upon motion by Laura Evans, second by Linda Watson, the 2022 year-to-date financial report was approved as presented. Motion carried.

Savannah Jones presented the 2022 amended budgets. Upon motion by Ethel Smith, second by Nick Cox, the 2022 amended budgets were approved as presented. Motion carried.

Savannah Jones presented the 2023 proposed budgets as well as the 2023 budget resolution in detail. Upon motion by Ethel Smith, seconded by Laura Evans, it was moved to approve Resolution 2022-10-28 adopting the 2023 proposed budgets as presented. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Absent from vote: 0. Absent from meeting: 1.

Fund 15 \$ 4,744,107.37

Fund 16 \$ 519,846.85

Fund 17 \$ 0.00

Fund 25 \$ 250,444.38

Nick Cox reported that the Library received a clean audit for 2021. Upon motion by Laura Evans, second by Linda Watson, it was moved to accept the audit report as presented. Motion carried.

Upon motion by Nick Cox, second by Linda Watson, the 2023 Holiday Calendar was approved as mailed. Motion carried.

Upon motion by Laura Evans, second by Ethel Smith, it was moved to recommend that the Police Jury reappoint Charlotte Dean to serve another five year term on the Library Board of Control set to expire on December 31, 2027. Motion carried.

Upon motion by Linda Watson, second by Ethel Smith, it was voted to change the position of Marketing Director/Community Liaison from nonexempt to exempt status. Motion carried.

Upon motion by Ethel Smith, second by Nick Cox, the hours of operation for the Sibley library branch were approved to be set as follows: Monday - Friday from 2PM to 6PM. Motion carried.

Upon motion by Nick Cox, second by Ethel Smith, the following policies were approved as mailed: * Purchasing and Disbursement Policy * Receipts and Collections Policy * Payroll Policy * Debt Service Policy * Sexual Harassment Policy

There being no further business, upon motion by Nick Cox, second by Laura Evans, the meeting adjourned at 11:41 a.m.

President

Secretary

Date

November 9, 2022
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SHERIFF’S SALE

PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC VS. ADAM JOSEPH POIRIER A/K/A ADAM J. POIRIER A/K/A ADAM POIRIER

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. CV80143

By virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued out of the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, in the above styled and numbered suit and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder for cash WITH the benefit of appraisalment and according to law at the principal front door of the Court-house in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana, on WEDNESDAY, December 14, 2022, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

A 2.72 acre, more or less, tract of land located in the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SE/4 of NW/4) of Section 21, Township 19 North, Range 9 West, Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana, more particularly described as follows:

Begin at an existing iron rod located at the intersection of the South right of way of West Marshall Street and the West right of way of Batton Street, and run South 00 degrees 25 minutes 00 seconds West for a distance of 290.23 feet along said West right of way to a 5/8 inch iron rod set for Martha C. Stinson for survey number 11-043C, dated February 23, 2011, for the Point of Beginning; thence continue South 00 degrees 25 minutes 00 seconds West for a distance of 239.77 feet, more or less, along said West right of way to a point at the intersection of said West right of way and the North right of way of Whitlock Street; thence run North 78 degrees 30 minutes 00 seconds West for a distance of 150.00 feet, more or less, along said North right of way to a point located at the Southeast Corner of the Alfred D. Rice property; thence run North 11 degrees 30 minutes 00 seconds East for a distance of 279.60 feet, more or less, to the Northeast Corner of the Alfred D. Rice property; thence run North 78 degrees 30 minutes 00 seconds West for a distance of 409.84 feet, more or less, to a point located in the center of Mile Creek; thence run North 05 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East for a distance of 168.53 feet, more or less, along said centerline to a point located at the Southwest Corner of the Jack G. Halterman property; thence run South 89 degrees 35 minutes 00 seconds East for a distance of 332.19 feet, more or less, to a point on the West end of West Marshall Street; thence run South 00 degrees 25 minutes 00 seconds West for a distance of 20.00 feet along the West end of West Marshall Street to a point; thence run South 89 degrees 35 minutes 00 seconds east for a distance of 55.00 feet to a 5/8 inch iron rod set for Martha C. Stinson, for survey 11-043C, dated February 23, 2011, and run to said 5/8 inch iron rod for the next five (5) calls; thence run South 00 degrees 25 minutes 00 seconds West for a distance of 100.00

feet to a point; thence run South 24 degrees 04 minutes 35 seconds East for a distance of 80.22 feet to a point; thence run South 27 degrees 45 minutes 34 seconds East for a distance of 90.01 feet to a point; thence run South 17 degrees 30 minutes 56 seconds East for a distance of 40.38 feet to a point; thence run North 85 degrees 52 minutes 38 seconds East for a distance of 6.83 feet to the Point of Beginning.

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

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

Linda Vaughan - Deputy

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Anyone knowing the whereabouts of any family or friends of ERICA S. RICHARDSON with regard to “GMFS LLC versus Brian Richardson and Erica S. Richardson” is asked to contact Jack W. Slaid, Attorney at Law at (318) 382-1177 or at 1374 Homer Road, Suite 200, Minden LA 71055.

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November 16, 2022
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The annual exempt private foundation return of Minden Coca-Cola Scholarship Fund for the year ended December 31, 2021 is available for inspection at the Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Minden Inc. during regular business hours by any citizen who requests inspection within 30 days after today's date. Contact Steven Lingenfelter (Secretary-Treasurer) at 412 Pine Street (Principal Office) in Minden, Louisiana. Telephone # (318)377-6846 for inspection request.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

LCDBG Application Available for Review

The City of Minden announces that an application for the FY 2023 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) funds will be submitted for the following:

Activity: LCDBG funds will be used to repair and improve streets in the City. Objective: To provide adequate roadways for low-moderate income residents of the City of Minden. Location: Target Area 1 lies just south of Highway 80 on West Roosevelt Drive. Target Area 2 consists of several streets around Rebecca Street, including Crichton Street, Rebecca Street, West Street, Morrow Street, and Winford Street. Target Area 3 lies south of Downtown Minden near Sheppard Street. Target Area 4 is just south of Target Area 3 around Moore Street. Target Area 5 lies north of J.A. Phillips Elementary School on Durwood Street. Target Area 6 is south of East Union Street on B.F. Martin Drive. Amount: Up to \$1,600,000

All citizens, particularly persons of low and moderate income and residents of blighted areas, are encouraged to submit their views and proposals by November 14, 2022, to the Mayor at the following address:

Office of the Mayor
City of Minden
520 Broadway Street
Minden, LA 71055

PLACE YOUR AD TODAY!

classifieds@press-herald.com

Telephone: (318) 377-2144

The application will be submitted to the Division of Administration, Office of Community Development on November 21, 2022. A copy of the application will be available for review at the City Hall between the hours of 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM on Monday through Friday.

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The Webster Parish School Board is posting an E-Rate Request for Proposal(RFP) for Category 2 products and services. You can access the RFP by going to www.websterpsb.org and navigating to Departments, Technology, E-Rate RFP

Attorney PROBLEM CREDIT REPORT? Lexington Law helps works to challenge inaccurate negative items including identity theft, collections, liens and more from your credit report. Call for a free credit repair consultation: 1-888-521-0958 John C. Heath, Attorney at Law, PLLC, dba Lexington Law Firm. (LA-SCAN)

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3:38 PM 10/08/22 Accrual Basis	Town of Cotton Valley - Town Hall Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual January through December 2023			
	Jan - Dec 23	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
41400 · Ad Valorem Tax Income	0.00	40,500.00	-40,500.00	0.0%
41403 · Beer Tax	0.00	140.00	-140.00	0.0%
41404 · Beer License	0.00	545.00	-545.00	0.0%
41406 · Fines & Bonds	0.00	141,000.00	-141,000.00	0.0%
41408 · Franchise Tax LP&L & SW Nat	0.00	15,000.00	-15,000.00	0.0%
Total Income	0.00	197,185.00	-197,185.00	0.0%
Expense				
60050 · Ad Valorem Collection Fee	0.00	2,799.96	-2,799.96	0.0%
60000 · Advertising and Promotion	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.0%
60100 · Alderman Expense	0.00	6,000.00	-6,000.00	0.0%
60200 · Audit Expense	0.00	6,175.00	-6,175.00	0.0%
61702 · Contract Labor	0.00	5,900.00	-5,900.00	0.0%
62500 · Dues and Subscriptions	0.00	1,150.00	-1,150.00	0.0%
62600 · Fuel	0.00	15,000.00	-15,000.00	0.0%
63100 · Insurance Expense	0.00	44,000.00	-44,000.00	0.0%
63410 · Legal	0.00	3,000.00	-3,000.00	0.0%
64200 · Mayor Expense	0.00	7,800.00	-7,800.00	0.0%
64900 · Office Supplies	0.00	5,600.00	-5,600.00	0.0%
65000 · Payroll Expenses	0.00	94,000.00	-94,000.00	0.0%
65500 · Payroll Taxes	0.00	13,000.00	-13,000.00	0.0%
66050 · Patrol Car Expense	0.00	5,000.00	-5,000.00	0.0%
66391 · Police Dues & Subscriptions	0.00	650.00	-650.00	0.0%
66200 · Coroner Expense	0.00	400.00	-400.00	0.0%
66275 · Police Office Expense	0.00	2,000.00	-2,000.00	0.0%
66300 · Police Salaries	0.00	85,000.00	-85,000.00	0.0%
66380 · Police Uniforms	0.00	120.00	-120.00	0.0%
66390 · Police Supplies	0.00	200.00	-200.00	0.0%
66810 · Printing & Reproductions	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00	0.0%
66850 · Prisoner Housing	0.00	350.00	-350.00	0.0%
66700 · Professional Fees	0.00	9,000.00	-9,000.00	0.0%
67125 · Repairs and Maintenance	0.00	120.00	-120.00	0.0%
67300 · Telephone & Pager Expense	0.00	5,300.00	-5,300.00	0.0%
68400 · Travel Expense	0.00	14,500.00	-14,500.00	0.0%
68450 · Uniforms	0.00	725.00	-725.00	0.0%
68950 · Utility Salaries	0.00	30,000.00	-30,000.00	0.0%
68999 · Utilities	0.00	7,000.00	-7,000.00	0.0%
Total Expense	0.00	367,289.96	-367,289.96	0.0%
Net Ordinary Income	0.00	-170,104.96	170,104.96	0.0%
Other Income/Expense				
Other Income				
90000 · Other Income	0.00	6,500.00	-6,500.00	0.0%
Total Other Income	0.00	6,500.00	-6,500.00	0.0%
Net Other Income	0.00	6,500.00	-6,500.00	0.0%
Net Income	0.00	-163,604.96	163,604.96	0.0%

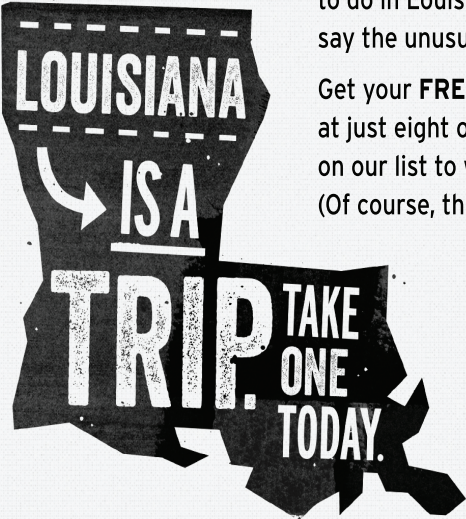
4:08 PM 10/08/22 Accrual Basis	Town of Cotton Valley - Utilities Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual January through December 2023			
	Jan - Dec 23	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
40000 · Water & Sewer Sales	0.00	442,000.00	-442,000.00	0.0%
40100 · Bulk Water Sold	0.00	6,500.00	-6,500.00	0.0%
Total Income	0.00	448,500.00	-448,500.00	0.0%
Expense				
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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MISC.

Bossier Sheriff Office to petition the court for permission to dispose of seized & found property

In accordance with article 228.3 of the Louisiana Code of Criminal Procedure, and due to current storage concerns, the Bossier Sheriff's Office intends to petition the 26th Judicial District Court for permission to dispose of property seized as evidence in numerous criminal investigations and items of found property where no owners have been found or any claims have been made for the return of the property.

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Free Medical Insurance for Driver, Family Medical Insurance available. Dental and 401K Benefits, Hourly plus Incentive Pay, Yearly Safety Bonus Pay, Monthly Safety/Performance Pay. Apply at Bill & Ralph's Contact Mickey Hodges at (318)539-2071 mickey.hodges@billandralphs.com

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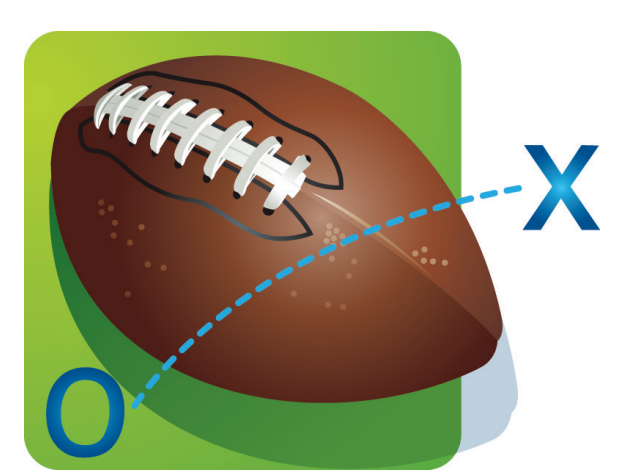
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GOVERNMENT

Louisiana lawmakers get briefing on state taxes before possibly considering more tax code changes

(The Center Square) — Officials with the Louisiana Department of Revenue and Legislative Fiscal Office broke down the state’s income tax structure for lawmakers on Wednesday in the latest meeting focused on revamping the tax system. Lawmakers on the Louisiana House Ways and Means’ State Tax Structure Subcommittee held a four-hour meeting Wednesday to hear from revenue officials on the state’s various income tax collections and exemptions. The meeting was the latest in a series leading up to the 2023 legislative session, when lawmakers are expected to explore options to further reduce or eliminate the income tax. Gov. John Bel Edwards signed off on lowering the tax rate through a constitutional amendment approved by legislators and voters in

2021, earning him praise from policy groups like the Cato Institute. Luke Morris, assistant secretary for the Department of Revenue, presented details to lawmakers on Wednesday for each of Louisiana’s three major income tax sources: Individual, corporate, and corporate franchise taxes. Louisiana is home to an estimated 4.6 million people, including 4.1 million taxpayers and 1.2 million dependents. Current tax brackets for individuals are 1.85% for those making up to \$12,500, 3.5% for those earning between \$12,500 and \$50,000, and 4.25% for Louisiana residents who make over \$50,000 a year, with the thresholds doubled for those married filing jointly and surviving spouses. In 2021, the state received a total of about 2.1 million tax returns from residents resulting

in more than \$4 billion in income tax, or about \$3.8 billion after various available credits. Of those returns, the largest percent of income tax after credits came from 67,139 residents earning between \$200,000 and \$500,000, which accounted for about 19%, or nearly \$728 million. The 166,206 Louisiana residents in the \$100,000 to \$150,000 income bracket contributed the second largest percentage at 17%, or about \$658 million. Roughly 11% of income tax after credits came from those in the \$150,000 to \$200,000 income bracket, who generated about \$426 million, while the 4,867 filers in the \$1 million plus bracket contributed 10%, or about \$362 million. Those filing personal income taxes received \$153 million in nonrefundable credits, and nearly \$121 million in

refundable credits, while exemptions totaled \$2.1 billion in fiscal year 2021, Morris said. Louisiana’s corporate income tax starts at 3.5% for those earning up to \$50,000, 5.5% for incomes between \$50,000 and \$150,000, and 7.5% for businesses taking in over \$150,000. The state’s roughly 60,000 C corporations and 71,000 pass-through businesses claimed about \$1.4 billion in exemptions. A total of 23,407 businesses filed returns with available net operating losses of \$85 billion, producing a net income of negative \$4 billion. Of the 140,952 corporate income tax returns received during fiscal year 2021, 21,991 or 15.6% filed in the less than \$0 income bracket with a total taxable income of negative \$59 billion. Another 91,081 returns or 64.62% were filed in the \$0 income bracket

with no taxable income. The largest share of total liability came from 156 businesses in the \$10 million plus bracket, which accounted for \$5 billion in taxable income and \$402 million in income tax liability, or about half of the total. All told, Louisiana’s 140,952 corporate income tax returns filed in 2021 resulted in a taxable income of negative \$49 billion, and an income tax liability of \$811 million, Morris said. More than 139,000 Louisiana businesses filed corporate franchise tax returns in fiscal year 2021 with a total taxable base of \$161 billion and a franchise tax liability of \$494 million. Those returns claimed a total of \$79.7 million in refundable credits and \$80.7 million in nonrefundable credits. Overall, 40% of the state’s fiscal year 2021 revenue collections came from individual income

tax, 6% came from corporate income tax, and 2% from the corporation franchise tax. The year prior, individual income tax accounted for 34.4% of collections, corporate income tax was 4%, sales tax was 31.4%, and other taxes accounted for 29.5%, Revenue officials said. Debbie Vivian, chief economist with the Legislative Fiscal Office, also presented an overview of how those figures work into the state’s revenue estimates and how it’s distributed. Several lawmakers probed officials on various exemptions and how they apply, as well as efforts required to collect income taxes versus others. They expect to hold more hearings on other aspects of the state’s tax structure in the weeks to come, with a focus on sales tax at the next meeting in two weeks.

EDUCATION

Louisiana schools prioritize COVID spending on capital expenses, bonuses while test scores lag

(The Center Square) — Louisiana public schools are spending millions in COVID-19 relief funding on new classrooms, cafeteria expansions, teacher bonuses, and HVAC renovations while students continue to struggle with basic academics. Louisiana received \$3.29 billion in federal American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief last year to help students recover from learning loss during the pandemic. State Superintendent Cade Brumley said when the U.S. Department of Education released the last \$870 million in August 2021 the “goal is to aggressively and transparently direct ESSER resources toward statewide investments that will recover and accelerate student learning.” “I’m excited to see the tremendous progress our students will make by school systems collectively focusing their funds, time, and effort into areas that bolster student achievement,” he said. But state data shows districts are spending tens of millions on questionable expenses that have little impact on improving student learning, with superintendents instead focusing on “capital improvements” while simultaneously opposing stronger standards for students. The Louisiana Association of School Superintendents and other public education officials have opposed Brumley’s efforts to better align high school letter grades with the results from student LEAP tests and other proficiency measures. St. Helena Parish superintendent and outspoken LASS member Kelli Joseph argued in a letter to NOLA.com last month that the reforms are unfair to districts that “lack resources,” despite records that show St. Helena schools spend \$5.2 million on classroom and HVAC renovations to promote social distancing. LASS President Patrick Jenkins has also led the pushback on higher

accountability for high schools, sending out a press release in October claiming the reforms were “found NOT to be in the best interest of students,” in part because of funding constraints in “less affluent school systems.” Jenkins, the superintendent of St. Landry Parish Schools, spent \$16 million on classroom and cafeteria expansions, \$15 million on new classrooms, and \$535,000 on musical instruments and art supplies, according to state records compiled by Louisiana Swamp Watch. LASS Vice President David Claxton also attended a press conference last month with Jenkins and Joseph to condemn Brumley’s stronger accountability measures, despite devoting \$800,000 to build a new weight room, \$745,000 for auditorium improvements, \$700,000 for restroom renovations, and \$565,000 to install cameras in his Jackson Parish Public Schools. Louisiana Department of Education data through Oct. 31 shows school districts statewide have spent \$877 million in ESSER funds, leaving billions remaining. Of the money spent so far, \$1.09 million went to help students with disabilities, \$15.77 million went to tutoring, \$30.09 million to additional learning time, and \$3.8 million was spent on after-school programs. Other spending included \$149.12 million on student devices, \$143.40 million on “other allowable expenses,” \$89.45 million on staffing plans, and \$77.43 million on operations. Meanwhile, Louisiana students are struggling. ACT scores released in October show Louisiana’s Class of 2022 produced a composite score of 18.1 out of 36, the lowest score in five years, and a decline of 0.3% from the year prior. Across the state, just over one-third of Louisiana high-schoolers perform on grade level in basic academics, yet 70% of schools are rated “A” or “B.”

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