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LIONS CLUB

## The Cox Family performs live at Minden Lions Club



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Thursday Afternoon the Noon Minden Lions Club was treated to a live performance from The Cox Family. This musical family originates from Cotton Valley and while the original members may no longer be manning the instruments, their legacy is carried on by a new generation of the Cox Family. Introducing them to his fellow Lions was Tracey Campbell, saying of the last original member Sidney Cox, "One of them shares three grammy awards and has written songs with Garth Brooks, and written songs that have been recorded by Alan Jackson, Aaron Lewis, and Reba McEntyre. They also performed in one of my all time favorite movies, O' Brother, "Where Art Thou?" "Today's Cox Family looks a little bit different than the Cox Family that I remember as a kid growing up in Springhill. Mr. Willard has gone on to his heavenly reward, and the microphones and instruments that Susanne and Evelynnn and Lynn once held are now held by Lydia, Sarah, and Anna," said Campbell, speaking about Sidney's daughters. "Although the family composition is different, that trademark sound of southern gospel bluegrass and country music, that hasn't changed."

COMMUNITY

## Shop small in Minden

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Shop Small Saturday is a national event sponsored by American Express and is always held the Saturday after Black Friday. Minden has participated in this annual event since its inception.

This year there are 2 components. The Passports event starting Nov. 14 through to Nov. 26. Shoppers will pick a passport at one of the four designated Welcome Centers. The four welcome centers include Fishy Stitches & Gifts (106 Ryans Way), Merle Norman (409 Meadowview Dr.), Momma's Little Corner (707 Main Street), and Say Baby (200 Sibley Road).

Shoppers can then work on filling out their passports by visiting each of the participating shops on their passport and collecting stamps from each store listed on their passport. The other participating businesses include ACE Hardware, Bobbies Hobbies, The Broken Bean at Minden, City Art Works, Cloud 9 Coffee, 318 Crafts LLC., D.C. Pawn & Gun, DaqShaq, Dorcheat Historical Museum, El Jimador Grill, Fishy Stitches & Gifts-Welcome Center, FlipFlop Resale, Geaux Fresh-Brunch 9AM-1PM, Grays Jew-

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Shop Small Saturday itself will be taking place on Nov. 26. Shoppers can return completed passports to any welcome center by Saturday, Nov. 26 at 4 PM. Each completed passport is one entry for the Shop Small drawings held on November 26 at 5 PM. Prizes for the drawing are donated by participating Minden Small Businesses.

Shop Small would like to extend its thanks to Webster Parish Tourism for sponsoring this year, as well as Minden Mainstreet for printing this year's passports.

For more information about the passport event or Shop Small Saturday, visit [mindenshopsmall.com](http://mindenshopsmall.com) for more details.

MINDEN GOVERNMENT

## Cox prepping for taking office next year

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Nick Cox after having won the election for Mayor of the City of Minden is already hard at work getting familiarized with the inner workings of the city so that it will be a smooth transition when it comes time for him to officially take over the position on Jan. 1 of next year.

"I spent some time up there today getting briefed and figuring everything out. I'm very fortunate to have Mayor Davis there to help get my bearings straight," said Cox.

After having visited the city and talking with department heads, Cox says that his first priority when getting into office is filling in key positions within the city that it will need to function as smoothly as possible for his upcoming

term.

"Really the number one priority is we have a lot of key positions we have to hire. The city has been trying to find a clerk, because ours is leaving at the end of the year. Having someone dedicated to managing the city's budget and finances is critical," said Cox.

When it comes to priorities, Cox said that they are focusing on practicality first. Ensuring that vital positions are filled provides the city with a solid foundation, so they are best equipped to tackle bigger projects down the road.

"We want to establish a solid foundation before we start tackling some of these other problems. Beyond a City Clerk, we're going to need someone

as Director of Parks and Recreation, and eventually we need someone to fulfill the role of Economic Development Director as well," said Cox.

On top of finding people to fill positions, Cox is also working on developing relationships with the employees the city already has. He stated that he is doing his part to familiarize himself with their responsibilities and needs, so that he is better equipped to help enable them to do their jobs as effectively as possible.

"I'm studying up on where we're at with our infrastructure, and spending time with the public works department. On top of that, I'm doing my best to build my relationships with the employees of the city. I want



COX



to establish open communication early on," said Cox.

"These people are experienced enough that they more than likely don't need my direct input when it comes to the spe-

cifics of their jobs. A lot of these guys have years of expertise under their belt, but I still want to familiarize myself with what their needs are so that as Mayor I can help them to fulfill their roles as ef-

fectively and efficiently as possible."

Nick Cox officially takes over the role as Mayor of Minden on Jan. 1st, with the swearing in Ceremony taking place later this year on Dec. 29.



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HEALTH

## Despite Medicaid expansion, Louisiana rural health providers struggle with staffing, other issues

(The Center Square) — Louisiana’s rural health care providers are struggling on several fronts, from staffing to transportation to access for Medicaid patients, according to administrators who testified before the House Health and Welfare Committee on Thursday.

Meadha Kulkarni, who operates two health centers in Allen and Evangeline parishes with her husband, gynecologist Upendra Kulkarni, explained that the region’s high poverty rate means 60% of the centers’ patients rely on Medicaid.

“Unfortunately, Louisiana Medicaid does not pay for services related to the diagnosis or correction of infertility, so that’s a barrier for us,” she said.

One in five women suffer from infertility, and treatments can cost up to \$80,000 for in-veto fertilization, Kulkarni said, creating a situation that prevents many from having children.

“It would really help out those one in five women if some part of infertility was covered by Louisiana Medicaid,” she said.

Kulkarni also highlighted a severe shortage of mental health workers in rural areas, which she attributed in part to competition with the state’s chemical dependency clinics.

“We don’t have the population base to employ a full-time nurse practitioner,” she said.

“There are a lot of chemical dependency units that are in Louisiana and they tend to employ most of them, and they are able to give them a lot more sal-

ary than we can afford, so it’s difficult to find some.”

Kulkarni said her health centers have faced the same difficulty finding a social worker to hire.

Roderick Campbell, CEO of Iberia Comprehensive Community Health Center, highlighted similar issues from his experience serving rural populations that do not have insurance, or rely on Medicaid.

“You will hear a lot of repeats from all of us on issues like workforce, connectivity, broadband, transportation, those are things we face daily in the rural communities we serve,” he said.

The Iberia Comprehensive Community Health Center is among 39 federally qualified health centers in the state, which operate over 300 locations in all but six parishes.

Campbell said about 55% of the center’s patients use Medicaid, 25% use Medicare, 10% have private insurance, and another 10% are uninsured. A decade ago, before Medicaid expansion, 55% were uninsured, 20% used Medicaid, 15% used Medicare, and 10% had private insurance.

“So Medicaid expansion did decrease the number of uninsured patients that we had in the state,” he said.

Ensuring more people have health insurance, however, doesn’t necessarily mean better health care.

“Access is always an issue. You can cover people, but if there’s no one to see them, they’re not going to get the care they deserve,” he said. “Some of that is

by design, ... because you do have some people who won’t accept Medicaid, but some of it also involves environmental factors like workforce, manly workforce.”

Campbell described how the center, which operates in six parishes, has struggled for years to hire a dentist and physician.

“The problem we have is if you don’t have cash or dental insurance the majority of private dental practices will not accept patients,” he said.

Others who addressed lawmakers included Lana Francis, CEO of LaSalle General Hospital, and Karen Wyble, president of the Louisiana Rural Health Association, who put the issues in rural health into perspective.

“Fifty of our 62 parishes are at least 92.3% rural, with the majority of the population being elderly, poor and minority populations,” she said.

“Approximately 73% of our population across the state live in HPSA regions, which are your health provider shortage areas.”

A total of 1.2 million Louisianans live in rural areas, with about a quarter in poverty, Wyble said.


The issues raised at the committee and others are currently before a legislative task force chaired by Wyble that is studying rural health disparities. The task force is expected to provide a report to the legislature by March 1 to address the most urgent needs.

BLOTTER

Recent Arrests in Webster Parish	
Paula Boyd, 58, of the 600 block of Coffee Road, was arrested for failure to appear in court.	Gary Shelton, 43, of the 200 block of Nursery Road, was arrested for being a fugitive from Claiborne.
John Messberger, 52, of the 600 block of Coffee Road, was arrested for being a fugitive of the Bossier City Police Department.	Charles Morris, of the 1200 block of Shreveport Road, was arrested on multiple warrants.
Teresa Stock, 50, of the 200 block of Virginia Avenue, was arrested for misdemeanor theft.	Gary Ruthardt Jr., 44, of the 100 block of Robertson Drive, was arrested for being a fugitive of Dallas County.
Savannah Perry, 22, of the 1500 block of Highway 3229, was arrested for resisting an officer, aggravated flight from an officer, license not on person, reckless operation of a motor vehicle, resisting an officer by force, obstruction of justice, and general speeding.	Argilee Merrell, 28, of the 100 block of Pine Street, was arrested for being a fugitive of Claiborne Parish Sheriff’s Office.
Richard Floyd, 49, of the 800 block of Waterman Street, was arrested for interfering with an officer.	Jayden Trotter, 19, of the 900 block of Louisiana Avenue, was arrested for domestic abuse battery.
Tashun Bailey, 25, of the 100 block of Milton Drive, was arrested for failure to appear in court.	LeJerrick Bryant, 32, of the 1000 block of Jacob Lane, was arrested for failure to appear in court.
	D’marcus Gill, 31, of the 1400 block of Harper Lane, was arrested for being a fugitive of the Bossier City Police Department.

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GOVERNMENT

## AGs demand health-care worker COVID vaccine mandate ends

(The Center Square) – Attorneys general from 22 states are urging the Biden Administration to end its mandate requiring health-care workers to get the COVID-19 vaccine if they’re employed by operators receiving Medicare and Medicaid funding.

The 37-page petition was filed Thursday under the Administrative Procedure Act. It calls on the U.S. Department for Health and Human Services and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to do away with a rule that went into effect more than a year ago.

At that time, federal officials said the vaccine mandate was necessary to protect the health of workers, patients, residents and others.

However, the attorneys

general say CMS exceeded its authority when it made the rule. They claim the mandate violates the spending clause of the U.S. Constitution, which threatens states from receiving essential funding if they do not comply with the rule.

In Kentucky, for example, the state received more than \$12 billion in Medicare and Medicaid funding from the federal government, which equals more than a quarter of the state’s budget.

Further, the attorneys general argue there was no conclusive data at that time that the vaccines would prevent COVID-19 from spreading.

“Indeed, fully vaccinated individuals contracted and transmitted COVID-19,” the petition states. “That trend has

continued – even with the introduction of first-generation boosters and the new, bivalent Omicron booster. This data merely confirms what CMS should have known in November 2021 – full vaccination doesn’t prevent infection or transmission.”

Instead, they claim the vaccines have enhanced health risks among “normally healthy” people and that mandating vaccinations has been a “flawed” policy.

The petition also cites a New York state court ruling last month for 16 New York City sanitation workers who were fired because they did not get the vaccine.

As a result of the vaccine mandate, Kentucky Attorney General Daniel Cameron said health-

care facilities have seen massive staffing shortages that put people at risk of losing access to the care they need.

“Lifting the CMS vaccine mandate would allow healthcare facilities to rehire healthcare workers who left the industry due to the mandate and alleviate the burnout so many existing healthcare workers are experiencing,” he added.

Other states represented in the petition include Arizona, Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Florida, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia and Wyoming.



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GOVERNMENT

## Pelosi to step down from House leadership

(The Center Square) – Nancy Pelosi, the California Democrat who has led her party as U.S. House Speaker and House Minority Leader for roughly two decades, announced Thursday that she would step down from her leadership role.

Pelosi, who is 82, said she plans to continue representing her California district in Congress.

“I will not seek reelection to Democratic leadership in the next Con-

gress,” Pelosi said, adding that “the hour has come for a new generation to lead the Democratic caucus that I so deeply respect.”

Pelosi was the first woman to be Speaker of the House. Her announcement comes just hours after Republicans were projected to have a narrow majority in the House, setting the nation up for at least two years of divided government.

“I have enjoyed work-

ing with three presidents achieving historic investments in clean energy with President George Bush, transformative health care reform with President Barack Obama, and forging the future from infrastructure to health care to climate action with President Joe Biden,” Pelosi said.

Pelosi’s Democratic colleagues in both chambers praised her for the years of leadership.

“Our nation is more

resilient today and the pillars of our democracy are more secure because of the historic and trail-blazing service of Speaker Nancy Pelosi,” said Sen. Alex Padilla, D-Calif. “As the first woman and first Californian to ever serve as Speaker of the House, she’s redefined American leadership for future generations and served as an inspiration for young women around the world.”

COSTS

## Inflation continues to rise, data shows

(The Center Square) – Newly released federal pricing data shows inflation has risen 7.7% in the last 12 months.

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported that consumer prices rose 0.4% in the month of October.

“The index for shelter contributed over half of the monthly all items increase, with the indexes for gasoline and food also increasing,” BLS said in its report. “The energy index increased 1.8 percent over the month as the gasoline index and the electricity index rose, but the natural

gas index decreased. The food index increased 0.6 percent over the month with the food at home index rising 0.4 percent.”

This rise was less than expected for the month.

“The index for all items less food and energy rose 0.3 percent in October, after rising 0.6 percent in September,” BLS said in the report. “The indexes for shelter, motor vehicle insurance, recreation, new vehicles, and personal care were among those that increased over the month. Indexes which declined in October included the used

cars and trucks, medical care, apparel, and airline fares indexes.”

Food and energy, though, have far outpaced the price hikes of other items, putting a strain on Americans’ budgets.

“The energy index increased 17.6 percent for the 12 months ending October, and the food index increased 10.9 percent over the last year; all of these increases were smaller than for the period ending September,” BLS said.

Republicans blasted President Joe Biden for the higher prices, a familiar

message as inflation has hit the highest level in four decades and gas prices hit an all-time high earlier this year.

“Everyday life is too expensive for working families in Wyoming and across the country,” said Sen. John Barrasso, R-Wyo. “Costs remain at a 40-year high because of wasteful Washington spending and a war on American energy led by Joe Biden. We can lower costs by unleashing American energy, cutting punishing regulations, and stopping runaway government spending.”

GAS BUDDY

## Highest Thanksgiving gas prices ever

BOSTON (November 15, 2022) -- As Americans prepare to hit the road for Thanksgiving, average gasoline prices will be at their highest seasonal level ever for the weekend according to GasBuddy, the leading fuel savings platform saving North American drivers the most money on gas. The national average is projected to stand at \$3.68 on Thanksgiving Day – nearly 30¢ higher than last year, and over 20¢ higher than the previous record of \$3.44 set in 2012. But that won’t slow many down, with 20% more Americans planning to hit the road this year.

2022 has been a challenging year for drivers, breaking several records thanks to less global refining capacity and sanctions brought on by Russia’s war on Ukraine. The number of Americans traveling over the weekend this year is up from 32% last year to 38%, a nearly 20% rise, with 62% of Americans not planning on road tripping for Thanksgiving. Twenty-one percent say they are choosing not to drive due to high fuel prices.

“It has been a dizzying year at the pump, with motorists likely feeling nauseous not from the eggnog, but from the roller coaster ride at the pump with record gasoline prices earlier this year, which have fallen significantly since mid-summer,” said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy. “Americans, however, are proving that while we’ll openly complain about high gas prices, most of us aren’t deterred from taking to the highways to observe Thanksgiving with those that matter most to us, especially as precautions from the pandemic have eased.”

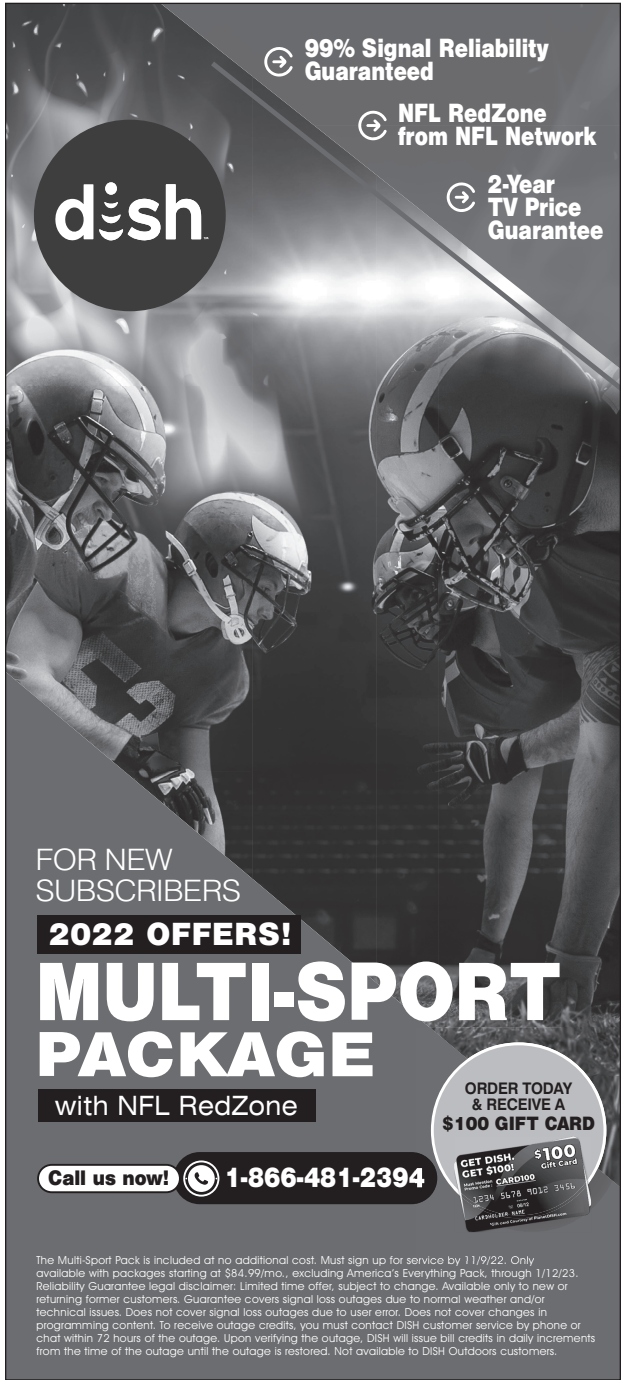
Travelers can expect Wednesday afternoon between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. to be the busiest on the nation’s highways, and on Friday between 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Twenty-three percent of respondents to GasBuddy’s Thanksgiving survey say they’ll spend one to three hours in the car, compared to 2021, when most indicated they’d travel less than an hour away. While 21% say high fuel prices are impacting their trav-

el, surprisingly fewer are citing high gas prices this year (46% vs. 51% in 2021) for impacting their travel plans. Seventy-three percent of Americans traveling won’t be crossing state lines to do so.

GasBuddy offers several money-saving tips for motorists on the road this holiday season:

- Shop around for the best prices. The first gas station you see isn’t always the cheapest and driving a few extra blocks can save drivers upwards of 30 cents per gallon. GasBuddy also offers a Search Along Route feature to help drivers plan stops on their road trip.
- Pay with GasBuddy. A free payments service that offers up to 25 cents off per gallon on every fill-up at hundreds of thousands of gas stations nationwide.
- Slow down on the road. Aggressive driving habits like speeding, rapid acceleration and hard braking can cost drivers hundreds of extra dollars per year in additional fuel consumption.
- Watch out for state lines. Differences in taxes can cause big differences between

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OTHER OPINION

Brown: Pause and reflect on memories of Thanksgivings past

Believe it or not, Thanksgiving is coming up on Thursday of this week. We all are so very blessed and we all have so much for which to be thankful. I know that everyone who reads this column has many great memories of Thanksgiving. As I have referred to in my columns over the last few months, I have big changes in my life coming soon due to the fact that I will be getting married. Wow! What a tremendous blessing this is for both of us! God has blessed me with a wonderful partner that has been in my life for over 40 years. And, when it seemed to appear that marriage would never happen for us, here it is. It is happening. This is for real! What a tremendous gift and special blessing this is from God at this time in our lives. I get emotional in talking about it. And even now as I write this column, I am choking up. Blessings abound all around my life and they always have. I know this is true for all of us as again, we all have so much for which to be thankful.

Thanksgiving should be a time that we give thanks for all of the many wonderful blessings that God has bestowed upon us. Certainly, this should not be the only time that we give thanks, but we should definitely give thanks at Thanksgiving! I have two questions to ask:

1.) What are you thankful for this Thanksgiving? 2.) What is your favorite memory of Thanksgiving? If you are like me, I am sure that you count your blessings daily. And, I am also sure that you have several fond memories of Thanksgiving from years gone by.

When I was growing up in the late 1960's and early 1970's, I remember the trips to grandma's house (both at Thanksgiving and at Christmas). Great memories of



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(Dad) is a big part of what I remember from my youth. All of the great food, the wonderful deserts, the after lunch naps and all of the fun-filled good times visiting relatives are memories that I truly cherish as the years so quickly pass me by. Back in those days, there were no computers or cell phones with instant communication or texting capabilities. And, there was no social media or instant chat capability for us to be focussed upon. For the most part, all we had was each other. So,

the visiting, the meaningful conversations, the food, the games, the fun, the football, etc. were all so very special.

Over the span of my almost 22 years at BPT, I have made countless trips to our Minden office. And now with me also having an office there, I find myself in Minden several times a week. Almost every time that I am there, I make a trip by grandma's old house on Midland Street. You have to pass by it going south on Sibley Road heading to I-20. So, I pass by there several times per week. That house is always top of mind when I travel to Minden. This is the house where my Mom and her sisters were raised. And, it is where my cousins and I had so many great times together when we were kids both at holiday time and at other times throughout the years.

When I see the house, my mind so quickly flashes back to the big sycamore tree that used to dominate the front yard. Unfortunately, that tree is no longer there, as it was struck by lightning several years ago. I was a little too close for comfort when lightning struck the tree in 1963, but that is a story for another time. We played so many football games and other sports/games in that front yard. In looking at that front yard, it is all so easy to visualize and remember just like it was yesterday. When I see that the porch that my

grandfather built on the front of the house, I remember the screens that ushered in the wonderful fresh air and the smell of the rain as it began to fall.

The living room in the very front of that house is where we watched the Dallas Cowboys play their traditional Thanksgiving Day football game in 1974 against Washington. With only 28 seconds left to play, Cowboys rookie Clint Longley (who had replaced an injured Roger Staubach earlier in the game) hit Drew Pearson on a left sideline "Hail Mary" 50-yard touchdown pass to win the game. I remember that moment like it was yesterday.

I am certain that all of you have so many great memories of Thanksgivings and holidays past with family and friends both in your youth and as you have grown older. To me, counting our blessings and great memories like these are the true meaning of Thanksgiving. And again, we all have so much for which to be thankful. And, there are still so many great times ahead and so many great memories yet to be made for us all. I wish you and your family a very happy, blessed and bountiful Thanksgiving!

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OPINION

Back pain is number one reason people visit their doctor

According to Comprehensive Pain Specialists, "back pain not only affects more Americans than diabetes, heart disease and cancer combined but workers lose an average of 4.6 hours per week of productive time due to pain and 20 percent of Americans pain disrupts their sleep a few nights a week or more and 80 percent of people in the United States will experience back pain at some point in their lives. Besides the common cold, back pain is the number one reason people visit their family doctors."

The bottom line is that we can't get through this life without a little pain but that doesn't diminish the pain that I have experienced for the past few years. Anyone who has suffered back pain can identify with the misery that goes with not getting a good nights sleep. Back pain -- I could write the book about it, working through several bouts every day!

Not only has back pain become more intense, interrupting my quality of life for the past five years, though it has

taken all the grit, raw courage and determination as I struggle to write the stories that are so much a part of who I am!

I feel I have a mission to leave a legacy for my family and for those who might appreciate my slant on life. Maybe my words will help you.

Anyone who thinks that pain is just in the head needs

to think again -- although I do believe that Bill Moyers, best selling author of Healing and the Mind, was right in teaching that there is a strong connection between the mind and the body!

Ever since 1976 when we lived in Cleveland, Arkansas, where our youngest son, Jeremy, was five months old, I experienced my first bout of back pain, which lasted about

a week, I learned that I could only find relief by lying flat on my back on the floor -- often on a heating pad and accompanied by muscle relaxers. Also pulling my legs high up on the wall helps.

Since then I've discovered other exercises that offer relief. I always thank God when I awake without any pain even though my relief may be temporary and I regain my joy.

Almost everyone I talk to about my back pain knows exactly what I am talking about!

After numerous tests and x-rays and an MRI the conclusion was reached that surgery really isn't an option. I don't really want surgery but I would like a quick fix that would get me on the road to recovery!

After visits with my beloved primary physician and a spine specialist in Shreveport, I think I have made my decision to learn to cope with my pain the best I can. These doctors helped me to see that the only long-term relief is for me to resume my exercise program though I am a bit on the lazy

side when it comes to exercise -- but now I am back to walking and my pain sometimes seems more manageable but I just wonder could my pain be psychosomatic?

Just to have a few hours of life without pain makes me euphoric! Just to know that others have experienced our kind of pain -- whether physical or emotional gives us strength to go on which leads me to my bottom line!

I believe it takes experiencing deep pain to help us grow -- to become who we were meant to be -- so that we can reach out and lend support to those who need it most and it's when we drop our barriers ad allow others into our private world that we are joined together as one large family.

After all by sharing our physical and emotional pain "we are angels flying with only one arm and we can only fly embracing each other."

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OPINION

WSJ: Biden's student loan forgiveness not going as planned

Things aren't going well for President Biden's student loan cancellation. On Monday the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals enjoined the \$400 billion write-off, its second legal defeat in days. This is what happens when the President subverts the law for election politics.

The appellate court's unsigned opinion focuses on the threshold question of whether Missouri suffered a concrete and particular injury to sue. Missouri argued that the loan cancellation would cost its student loan servicer, Missouri Higher Education Loan Authority (Mohela), revenue and impose administrative burdens.

Missouri lawmakers established Mohela as a "public instrumentality" in 1981 in part to provide financial aid to students. A lower-court judge, however, ruled that lawmakers intended Mohela to be a "self-sustaining and financially independent agency." Ergo, Missouri couldn't sue since the state wasn't directly harmed by the loan write-off.

The Eighth Circuit disagreed, noting that state law specifically directs Mohela to distribute \$350 million into a state fund for capital projects at public colleges, among other things. Mohela still owes \$105 million. The Administration's loan write-

off could impair its obligation and threaten financial harm to the state.

After granting Missouri legal standing, the court explained that the equities "strongly favor an injunction" since the debt cancellation would have an irreversible impact on the state while an injunction wouldn't currently harm borrowers. That's ironically because the Administration extended its student loan payment pause through December.

Conservatives have criticized liberal judges for issuing universal injunctions that pre-empt other lower courts from forming their own decisions. But in this

case the Eighth Circuit noted it would be impractical to limit an injunction to Missouri and its fellow plaintiff states since Mohela services some \$168 billion in student loans from borrowers nationwide.

"We discern no workable path in this emergency posture for narrowing the scope of relief," the court writes. The Eighth Circuit ruling follows a Texas federal judge's vacatur on Thursday in a case brought by two borrowers who argued the Administration violated their procedural rights by not undertaking notice and comment.

Missouri strikes us as having the stronger case on the

question of standing. But the important point is to stop loans from being canceled, which would do irreparable harm to the constitutional separation of powers and national fisc. If Republicans take the House, they could also sue the Administration for usurping the chamber's power of the purse.

Mr. Biden's loan write-off is the largest presidential abuse of power in decades, and it's good to see courts stepping up to their obligations to enforce the Constitution. This case may be heading to the Supreme Court.



SPORTS

Greatness continues for Glenbrook

Apaches take down Catholic-Pointe Coupee, 42-21; OCS up next

T. SCOTT BOATRIGHT  
Minden Press-Herald

The undefeated Glenbrook Apaches had become accustomed to building early big leads and cruising to wins during the regular season.

That didn't happen Friday night for the sixth-seeded Apaches, who played host to Catholic-Pointe Coupee in second-round action of the Louisiana High School Athletic Association Division IV Select School playoffs.

This time the Apaches (11-0) had to play the role of a heavyweight boxer, slowly chopping at Catholic-PC with body shots and sharp jabs to wear down the Hornets en route to a 42-21 over the Hornets.

In fact, the Hornets scored first with a six-yard touchdown run at the 1:52 mark of the opening stanza and sent the game into halftime tied at 14-14 after Hayden Elliot hit paydirt for a second time on a four-yard run with 1:08 remaining before intermission.

But Glenbrook moved on top 21-14 only 1:19 into the second half on a 32-yard scoring strike from Ty Feaster to Turner McClelland, and the Apaches outscored the Hornets 21-7 in the final stanza to secure the win.

Glenbrook head coach David Feaster said he couldn't have imagined it working out much better.

"Second round of the playoffs against a 10-1 team ... we knew it would be tough," Feaster said. "We're just happy that by the time we got to the fourth quarter, it wasn't that tough."

Glenbrook built large early leads in multiple games this season, allowing them to empty their benches in the second halves of their games and give younger, inexperienced Apaches much-needed, and Feaster said that paid off against Catholic-PC.

"For a school with only 60 boys it's been amazing how we've been able to play more boys than some of these programs with kids that have been playing a long time," Feaster said. "But (Catholic-PC) did play a lot of players who went both ways and I think they did eventually start wearing down."

"But then I think we made some adjustments on both offense and defense that we had some success with and helped us move out ahead. And once that happened — their style is not to come

from behind. Their style is to pound the ball in there and chew up the clock, and that didn't work well for them after we got up by 14, so that's how we got away from them in the second half."

Senior tailback DJ Carter had a big night for the Apaches, averaging 15.5 runs per carry, including a 12-yard scoring scamper.

Carter finished with 186 yards on only 12 carries, which was just the kind of numbers Feaster wanted to see.

"He played a lot of tailback for us as an eighth-grader and has started from the ninth grade on up," Feaster said about Carter. "I was looking at our season stats during the week, and it kind of went the way I wanted. DJ only had about 400 yards rushing heading into this game and the rest of our running backs less than that."

"So we spread the ball around. The idea is, we wanted DJ and the rest of the guys to be really fresh by the time we got to this point of the season. Even though he could have run the ball a whole lot more during the year and have gained a whole lot more yards, he might have had ankle sprains or thigh bruises — the kinds of nagging injuries he's sometimes had to battle in past seasons. Not to mention just tired legs. So the fact we were able to spread the ball the season and still end up where we are was a great thing because tonight we needed him to go and he did."

In fact, Feaster was prepared to use Carter more but was pleased he didn't have to with Ouachita Christian looming next week in the third round of the playoffs..

"The way things went tonight still kept everybody fresh," Feaster said. "Turner McClelland had a couple of great catches. Cason Clemons had some nice catches, too. We were able to throw some deep stuff and some shorter stuff and had success with both."

"So it's a great thing when we can spread it around to a lot of different guys and we don't have to wear down our main ballcarrier and only give him 12 carries and still win like we did. That's where we want to be."

Chase Sentell added 32 yards on three carries for the Apaches, who also got a 23-yard run from Otis Kent along with a five-yarder from McClelland, who finished with a team-best six catches for 97



Glenbrook's hard-hitting defense will be put to the test against Ouachita Christian's high-octane offense.

Coach Feaster, OCS no strangers

T. SCOTT BOATRIGHT  
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Glenbrook will play at Ouachita Christian Friday night in what could be considered the biggest games in Apaches' football history.

The Louisiana High School Athletic Association Division IV Select School showdown against OCU will be a first for the Apaches.

But Glenbrook head coach David Feaster is no stranger to meeting OCS with much at stake.

As head coach at Many High School, Feaster once faced off against Many in a crucial playoff game.

"I coached a big game against them 25 years ago," Feaster said. "I was at Many and we played in the semifinals against Ouachita Christian. And they were very, very good back then, and still are, that's a team that's just never dropped off."

"They beat us pretty good in the semifinals and played Riverside in the championship."

Feaster said his Apaches will have to play their best game off the season to have a chance against the Eagles.



Glenbrook head coach David Feaster (left) knows just how tough a team Ouachita Christian will be to best.

"For some teams you focus in on one thing to stop," Feaster said. "You stop the fullback, or the pass game, or the run game. You can't do that Ouachita Christian. They have the whole package. They have some great and well-known backs running the ball. They have great

receivers. They're very sound on defense and really have kids who can run.

"They're good across the board. We're just going to go in and take our shots. We're very excited to still be playing football this time of year."

yards, including a 28-yard touchdown reception that put his team on top 14-7 early in the second quarter along with that first score of the second half.

Cason Clemons added three receptions for 83 yards, including a

55-yard scoring strike from Ty Feaster to tie the game at 7-7 with 1:11 remaining in the first quarter.

Landry Powell and Rhett Johnson had two catches each for the Apaches, with Powell chalking up 16 yards

and Johnson totaling 13 yards, with 12 of those coming on a 12-yard touchdown reception to put Glenbrook on top 28-14 with 10:38 remaining.

"I'm proud of the way we played and I think it puts us in good posi-

tion heading into next week," Feaster said. "It won't get any easier against a team like OCS, but we're playing good football and we'll be ready to give them a fight. We still have a lot left we want to accomplish."

G-Men tumble at Grand Canyon College, 81-48

PHOENIX, Ariz.— The Grambling State University men's basketball team returned to the court on Friday night and suffered its first setback of the season as the Tigers fell, 81-48, to Grand Canyon on Friday night at GCU Arena.

Grambling State, which went the first 5:08 without a bucket from the floor, trailed, 42-15, at the half and could not recover.

Carte'Are Gordon was the lone Tiger in double figures as he finished with 15 points, on 6-of-11 shooting, along with two rebounds, two steals and one blocked shot. Tra'Michael Moton re-

turned to the lineup after being out last week with an illness as he tossed in seven points, with four boards, two assists and two steals.

Ray Harrison paced the Lopes with a game-high 25 points, on 9-of-11 from the floor, with one steal and one board. Josh Baker, Gabe McGlothlan and Noah Baumann each recorded 10 points as Grand Canyon shot 48.1 percent from the field.

Grand Canyon (3-1) raced out to a 7-0 after a Harrison 3-pointer with 17:42 left in the first half.

The Tigers (2-1) struggled offensively from the field as Gordon's bucket

with 14:52 remaining cut the GCU advantage to 7-2.

The Lopes used a 13-1 run over the next four minutes, capped by a Harrison dunk, to extend the lead to 20-3 and took its largest advantage of the half, 40-13 on a 3-pointer by McGlothlan with just under a minute to play.

GSU got a bucket by Gordon moments later, but free throws by Jovan Blackshear Jr. down the stretch sent the Lopes into the break with a 42-15 advantage.

Grand Canyon pushed the margin to 50-19 after a dunk by Harrison with 17:28 left as the Tigers not rally.



Grambling's Carte'Are Gordon (4) fights for control of a loose ball Friday night at Grand Canyon University.



SPORTS

LSU keeps rolling; Bulldogs, Demons both fall

BATON ROUGE (AP) — The hollering of exuberant LSU players penetrated the walls of their locker room and echoed in neighboring rooms and hallways beneath the north end zone stands in Tiger Stadium.

The rowdy celebration was more about the energy and sense of purpose the sixth-ranked Tigers exhibited in a cold, wet, half-empty stadium against a heavy underdog than the mere fact that they won a game they were supposed to win.

Noah Cain scored on three short runs, Jayden Daniels had touchdowns rushing and passing, and LSU methodically pulled away from UAB for a 41-10 victory Saturday night.

“I’m so proud of our mental toughness and (the players’) ability to do it the right way against a team they’re supposed to beat,” said coach LSU Brian Kelly, who has orchestrated a remarkable one-year turnaround in his first season in Baton Rouge.

Daniels completed 22 of 29 passes for 297 yards and ran for 111 yards on 12 carries. His top target was receiver Malik Nabers, who caught seven passes for 129 yards, including a 47-yarder on LSU’s first touchdown drive. Brian Thomas also had a late TD catch for LSU (9-2).

Daniels was gratified by how his unit played one week after largely stagnating in a tense 13-10 victory at Arkansas the previous week.

“I was seeing the field. My feet and eyes were tied together,” Daniels said. “I feel like it was my most efficient game of the year. It was good for us to keep that rhythm going and keep good of-

fensive flow.”

LSU is already locked into the Southeastern Conference championship game against No. 1 Georgia on Dec. 3. But the Tigers can’t afford any more losses if they want to be taken seriously as candidate for the four-team College Football Playoff.

Temperatures in the 40s and a pelting rain kept many fans away from Death Valley for LSU’s home finale — a non-conference match-up against a team listed by FanDuel SportsBook as a two-touchdown underdog.

But those who showed up saw a relatively competitive first half.

After LSU drove for John Emery Jr’s short touchdown run on the game’s opening possession, the Blazers (5-6) responded with the help of Jermaine Brown Jr’s 66-yard kickoff return. That set up DeWayne McBride’s 5-yard TD run to tie it.

After LSU took a 14-7 lead on Cain’s 5-yard run, UAB quarterback Dylan Hopkins completed passes of 20 and 27 yards to quickly move the Blazers inside the Tigers’ 10. But Ali Gaye’s third-down sack led UAB to settle for a field goal to make it 14-10 at the beginning of the second quarter.

That was all the scoring the Blazers would do.

“They’re a pretty good defense,” UAB coach Bryant Vincent said. “The strength of their defense without a doubt was their defensive line and inside linebackers.”

LSU widened its lead to 21-10 on Cain’s second TD with 5:20 left in the half and Cain scored a third time to make it 28-



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Louisiana Tech’s Landry Lyddy and the Bulldogs managed only 21 points Saturday in a C-USA loss at Charlotte.

10 just before halftime.

“All week, coach Kelly talked about and preached about mental toughness and getting back on track and playing the type of football that we know we are capable of,” Cain said. “We were just playing very physical. Our offensive line played great and we were dominating players off the line of scrimmage. That is going to help us have a lot of momentum heading into next week.”

**Charlotte 26, LA Tech 21**

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Calvin Camp rushed for 111 yards and three touchdowns on just 11 carries and Charlotte held off Louisiana Tech on Saturday.

Camp’s 4-yard scoring run in the second quarter and two short field goals by Antonio Zita gave Charlotte a 13-7 lead at halftime.

Camp’s 25-yard touchdown run was the only score in the third quarter and pushed the 49ers’ lead to 19-7.

Marquis Crosby’s 6-yard touchdown run pulled Louisiana Tech (3-8, 2-5 Conference USA) within five points, but Camp answered with a 33-yard scoring run to give Charlotte a two-score lead. Crosby added an 11-yard touchdown run with 3:05 remaining, but the 49ers used seven plays to run out the clock.

Charlotte improved to 3-9 overall and 2-6 in

conference play under first-year coach Biff Poggi.

**Incarnate Word 66, NSU 7**

NATCHITOCHES (AP) — Lindsey Scott Jr. passed for 382 yards and five touchdowns, Marcus Cooper ran for a career-high 254 yards and two scores and Incarnate Word steamrolled Northwestern State on Saturday.

Scott and Incarnate Word (10-1, 5-1 Southland Conference), ranked 7th in the FCS coaches poll, spotted Northwestern State (4-7, 4-2) a 7-0 lead before scoring 66 straight.

Scott had two touchdown passes in the first quarter, including a 10-

yard scoring toss to Darion Chafin. Scott added an 18-yard scoring run and a short scoring toss to Jaelin Campbell in the second quarter as the Cardinals took a 31-7 halftime lead.

Scott threw touchdown passes to Chafin covering 51 and 48 yards around Cooper’s 67-yard scoring run and Incarnate Word led 52-7 after three quarters. Cooper had a 78-yard touchdown run in the fourth. Chafin had six catches for 143 yards.

Incarnate Word tied Southeast Louisiana with a 5-1 record in conference play, but the Lions were the lone team to beat the Cardinals — 41-35 in late September.

Cricket Collins nails buster buck with crossbow

GLYNN HARRIS

What do you do this time of year when you work daylight to dark as owner of a convenience store and you also are an avid deer hunter?

Crickett Collins who lives in Gilbert is just such a person.

She is serious about the nature of having a successful business but sometimes working at the store cramps her style, especially when she had rather be sitting on her deer stand.

“My husband Galen and I own a 40-acre tract in Morehouse Parish where we hunt every chance we get,” Collins said. “After bow season opened, I was getting fidgety and really wanted to be sitting in my deer stand. So on Friday, Oct. 14, I left the store and 3:00 and drove the hour and 10 minutes to our land.”

There was one particular buck that had shown up on her game cameras and it was impressive enough she named him “Hercules.”

“I got to the property; my daughter and granddaughter joined me at the camp we have there and I got my feeders going and put out some corn and persimmon rice bran 50 yards from my box stand. That’s the distance I feel comfortable with my Raven crossbow,” she said.

The weather that afternoon was quite warm when she climbed aboard at 5:00. She sat until 7:00



PHOTO BY GLYNN HARRIS

Crickett Collins of Gilbert proudly shows off of the big buck she bagged with her crossbow

without seeing a thing.

“I was getting hot and sweaty and the mosquitoes had started bothering me and I had decided that I’d go back to the camp and wait until the next morning as a cool front was supposed to come in that night. I had started getting my gear together when I looked down my middle lane and saw something move. Hercules stepped out next to the feed I had on the ground. He was broadside at 50 yards and I got my pin on him and hit the trigger,” Collins said.

The buck did something that caused her to have immediate concern because at the shot, the buck turned

and went back the exact same trail he had come in on.

“That worried me because I’ve shot a lot of deer and they always take off the opposite way they come in; I had never had one do this,” she said.

Stepping down from her stand, Collins walked down to where the deer was standing and didn’t see any blood or evidence she had hit the deer.

“I walked back the 200 yards to the camp and told my daughter what I’d done. I decided since it was dark by now to just wait until morning to begin to search. We went and ate supper, came back to the camp and I sat up all night in my re-

cliner with my hunting clothes still on; there was no way I could sleep,” she added.

Next morning, she went back to her stand to wait for her daughter, granddaughter and boyfriend, Colby, to come help her look for the deer.

“They got there around 8,” Collins said. “The 40 acres is divided basically with 20 acres being big woods with the other 20 being CRP land. We spread out and began looking and finally found a drop of blood and then quite a bit of blood. Colby was looking in the big woods while we were following a trail through the CRP. Colby called out that he had found blood, I took a couple of steps and saw horns sticking up. The buck had only traveled about 50 yards from where I shot him.”

The buck sported a rack of 13 points, had an inside spread of 19 inches, bases were over 5 inches each with main beams 22 inches. Estimated weight was 250 pounds and the deer was believed to be 5 1/2 years old. The buck was taken to Simmons Sporting Goods in Bastrop to be entered in that store’s Big Buck contest and was scored at 168 2/8 inches.

“When you own a convenience store and work 12 hours a day, you have to get away and,” Collins said, “getting to sit on my stand is my get-away.”

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Fishing Report

**BLACK BAYOU** — Crappie fishing has improved on jigs and shiners. No report on bass or bream. Contact Honey Hole Tackle Shop 323-8707 for the latest information.

**BUSSEY BRAKE** — Bass fishing has been quite good with at least two fish weighing in double digits. Fishing fake frogs around the pads has been working best. Crappie fishing has improved as well.

**OUACHITA RIVER** — The water is low with no current and fishing has in general been fairly show. A few crappie have been caught and catfish are fair on jugs and in traps. For the latest information, contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

**LAKE D’ARBONNE** — Crappie fishing had continued to be good in the channels on shiners, Bobby Garland and hair jigs with best colors being blue and chartreuse. Bass have been fair fishing crank baits off the points. Bream are slow while catfish are bigging cold worms fished off the banks. For the latest information, call Anderson Sport Center at 368-9669 or Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

**LAKE CLAIBORNE** — Crappie fishing has improved. Crappie fishing has been good in the deeper channels on both shiners and jigs. Bass have been fair fishing crank baits

off the points. A few catfish have been caught on cold worms. The bream and stripers are slow. For the latest information, call Kel’s Cove at 927-2264 or Terzia Tackle at 278-4498.

**CANEY LAKE** — Crappie fishing continues to be best fishing the deep tops on shiners or jigs. The bass have been best with some nice sized fish are being caught fishing the points with Carolina rigged soft plastics while some are also being caught fishing jiggging spoons off the bottom in deeper water. Crank baits are producing some around the docks and piers. 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 fair this week on shiners or jigs. Catfishing has been good on a variety of baits. No report on bass or bream. For the latest reports, call Poverty Point Marina at 318-878-0101.

**LAKE YUCATAN** — The water is quite low. Some nice crappie are being caught around underwater structures on shiners or jigs. No report on bass, bream or catfish. For information, call Surplus City Landing at 318-467-2259.

— Glynn Harris



# Good News

GOOD NEWS

## Say a Prayer---Thanksgiving Day

Have you ever wondered how the Pilgrims felt when they neared Plymouth Rock, knowing they had touched “a new world” where they would be free? How about the other settlers as they anchored along the Atlantic and began planting colonies from Georgia to Maine? Free at last from the controlling powers of the Mother Lands! What did it mean to escape persecution at the hands of governments and kings, able now to have complete freedom to worship God? What controls would they place on others who would follow them across the ocean? Nevertheless, we might get a glimpse of what this meant to the early “freedom seekers” if we traveled to Third World Countries today for an extended stay. To return home and feel your plane touching down on US soil is truly

a Day of Thanksgiving! A day “to give Thanks” began soon after the Mayflower touched land. After a frightful winter and a measure of successful hunting and farming, all agreed it was necessary to have a celebration to “give thanks to God”. You’ve seen the pictures of the settlers, the Indians, and all the festive foods. Some of this might be exaggerated, but the truth is, we can hardly imagine what deep gratitude each felt. Thanksgiving is a state of the heart; it is an expression of the soul of man reaching forth to touch God in deep adoration for the blessings experienced. And surely these pilgrims had experienced ‘first hand’ God at work in their lives.



Bill Crider

As colonists grouped together, bringing grievances against the Mother Country, the fervor of birthing a new nation emerged; new demands were placed before the king of England. Freedom of religion was at the top of the list! Coupled with other demands, soon a revolution was in progress. The escalation would be viewed by the world as a “masterpiece of democracy being born with great birth pains”. Across the years, pioneers mapped out the ‘West,’ crossed the great rivers, squatted all over the Midwest, and moved on to “mine the gold in Californy”. Wherever they went, the settlers discovered or created new freedoms. Some were bartered away, others were redefined. His-

tory was in the making, evolving, grinding out new visions of freedom for new generations. Freedoms were born, some were taken away, but still all could agree there were blessings to celebrate. This is translated by acts and expressions of our thanksgiving today. Stretching all across these centuries, men have stopped along the trails of life, knelt down and offered prayers of thanksgiving to God for provisions, protection, and perseverance. Today, God is showering us again with blessings. However, we see the facts that believers are persecuted more today than ever before around the world. And we are loosing many of the precious freedoms our forefathers fought to provide and protect, even here in the United States. Just recently, many programs to honor our

Veterans were held across the land. Many of us have visited the monuments around the country honoring our heroes who have served to preserve our freedoms: the moving Viet Nam wall covered with many names of our heroes who died for our freedoms; the national cemeteries and even those in Europe that mark those who died there, plus many other ‘reminders’ that FREEDOM IS NOT CHEAP!. We bowed in silence as we said a prayer of thanksgiving for the valor and commitment to protecting our freedoms these heroes made, while helping others seeking the same freedoms. Yes, we are a blessed nation; a blessed people we are! On this Thanksgiving Day, as many of our young men and women are serving our country, many stationed in foreign

countries, let us pray for their safety, their cause and also for the desires of all parents for their sons and daughters to return safely very soon. Pray that we may be faithful to our God; pray for courage and strength to serve our Master and seek peace in the hearts of all. Pray for the power of the Holy Spirit to make His presence known throughout the world. Pray that this Day will be one of pulling the family together, locking arms in unity and love, to rededicate our faith in the strong truths of the Bible. Yes, this is truly a day of Thanksgiving, as we serve the Lord.

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### THE UPWARD LOOK

## Truly Grateful

*“I will give thanks to the LORD with all my heart; I will tell of all Thy wonders. I will be glad and exult in Thee; I will sing praise to Thy name, O Most High.” Psalm 9:1-2 NASB*



Max Hutto

David proclaimed his thanks and praise to God with all his being. He was not haphazard or lackadaisical in his gratitude. He was truly grateful for all God had done. He voiced his thankfulness to all who would hear him. He told others all the marvelous and wondrous things that

God had done. His life was filled with gladness and joy as he gave praise and honor to God Most High.

Lord Jesus, You have filled my life with joy because of Your great salvation. Let others hear from my lips my thankfulness and praise for all You have done.

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### INSPIRATION

## He calls us something special

While reading in the book of Judges, you will read about a man named Gideon. Gideon was visited by the lord while hiding from his enemies. The Lord called him a “mighty warrior” and told him to “go in the strength you have and save Israel out of Midian’s hand”. However, Gideon didn’t believe this was possible and couldn’t see himself as the Lord saw him. Gideon made numerous excuses and proceeded to question the lord and his choice. Has God given you a prestigious title? Do you believe

the title to be accurate? In the Bible, the lord places many beautiful titles on us. He can see things in you and the people around you that you sometimes can’t. Trust God and what he can do through you if you let him have control. He made us all with a purpose and a plan and I’m challenging you today to believe in that plan.




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Webster Parish Police Jury

/s/

Lisa Balkom  
Secretary-Tresurer

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Public Notice

26th Judicial District Judicial Expense Fund

In accordance with provisions of the Local Government Budget Act, this shall serve as notice that the judges of the 26th Judicial District Court will hold a public hearing at 12:00pm Thursday, December 15, 2022 in Courtroom 4A of the Bossier Parish Courthouse located at 204 Burt Boulevard, Benton, Louisiana. The purpose of said hearing shall be to receive public input on the proposed budget for the FY 2023. The proposed budget is available for public inspection Monday through Friday from 8:30am until Noon and from 1:00pm until 4:30pm in office of the District Court located in the Bossier Parish Courthouse or the Webster Parish Courthouse.

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Public Notice:

The Webster Parish Sales & Use Tax Commission will hold a meeting, Monday, December 5, 2022 at 10:30 AM at the Webster Parish Sales Tax Commission office, 1128 Homer Road, Minden, LA. The agenda will include the review and adoption of the 2023 budget, a copy of which is available for public inspection at the above address.

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING WEBSTER PARISH POLICE JURY

November 1, 2022

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jim Bonsall, President; Nick Cox, Vice President; Steve Lemmons, Steve Ramsey, Daniel Thomas, Allen Gilbert, Vera Davison, Bernard Hudson, Randy Thomas, Bruce Blanton and Ed Jordan  
**Absent:** Beverly Kennon

Mr. Jim Bonsall called the meeting to order and asked Mr. Nick Cox to open the meeting with prayer.

Mr. Bernard Hudson led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Bonsall then asked for additions to the agenda. There were no comments from the audience concerning the agenda.

Mr. Steve Ramsey moved, seconded by Mr. Nick Cox to approve invoices for payment pending review by juror Steve Ramsey. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bruce Blanton moved, seconded by Mr. Daniel Thomas to adopt the minutes of the October 4, 2022 Road Committee, Finance Committee and Regular Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Nick Cox moved, seconded by Ms. Vera Davison to approve to consider and take action with respect to adopting a resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in the Parish of Webster, State of Louisiana, to authorize the continuation of a special tax therein; making application to the State Bond Commission; and providing for other matters in connection therein. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Michelle Lewis with LaMa Animal Rescue & Support Services spoke to the jury about the work the rescue has done in the past within the parish. Sheriff, Jason Parker spoke in favor of this program.

**COMMENTS:**  
Melinda Davison WPOCS Director  
WPPJ Head Start Savannah Jones  
WP Library Serena Gray  
WP C.V.B (Tourism) Allen Moseley  
WP Coroner Jason Parker  
WP Sheriff Angie Chapman  
W.P. 911 Director John Barr  
Senator John Kennedy  
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Mr. Steve Ramsey moved, seconded by Mr. Steve Lemmons to approve the action taken at the Road Committee Meeting held earlier today. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Nick Cox moved, seconded by Ms. Vera Davison to approve the action taken at the Finance Committee Meeting held earlier today. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Jim Bonsall then gave Presidents' closing remarks.

There being no further business to bring before the Jury, the meeting adjourned.

/s/

Lisa C. Balkom  
Secretary-Treasurer

/s/

Jim Bonsall  
President

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PROCEEDING OF THE VILLAGE OF HEFLIN, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN IN REGULAR MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 13, 2022.

The Heflin Town Council met at Town Hall, Heflin, Louisiana beginning at 7:55 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Todd Leake council members Matt Austin, Hallie DeMoss, Police Chief Paul Migue, and Village Clerk Sherry Limosnero. Absent council member Ralph James.

The meeting was opened with prayer offered by Hallie DeMoss and Matt Austin led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Todd Leake welcomed everyone to the meeting. Upon motion by Matt Austin and duly seconded by Hallie DeMoss, the council adopted the Minutes from September 8, 2022 at Council Regular Meeting held on October 13, 2022 as presented; the motion was approved unanimously. Hallie DeMoss moved to accept the October 13, 2022 Operating Financial Statements as presented; the motion was duly seconded

by Matt Austin. The motion was approved unanimously.

Upon motion by Matt Austin and duly seconded by Hallie DeMoss, the council unanimously approved Water System Reports for October, 2022. Hallie DeMoss moved to accept the October, 2022 Police Department Reports as presented; the motion was duly seconded by Matt Austin. The motion was approved unanimously. Upon motion by Matt Austin and duly seconded by Hallie DeMoss, the council unanimously Opted out of Temporary Housing and Shelter Assistance Program.

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

Attest by: Sherry Limosnero LCMC, Village Clerk  
Respectfully posted: Adopted: 11/01/2022

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PROCEEDING OF THE VILLAGE OF HEFLIN, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN IN REGULAR MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 10, 2022.

The Heflin Town Council met at Town Hall, Heflin, Louisiana beginning at 8:05 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Pro Tem Ralph James council members Matt Austin, Hallie DeMoss, Police Chief Paul Migue, and Village Clerk Sherry Limosnero. Absent Mayor Todd Leake.

The meeting was opened with prayer offered by Matt Austin and Hallie DeMoss led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Pro Tem welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Upon motion by Matt Austin and duly seconded by Hallie DeMoss, the council adopted the Minutes from October 13, 2022 at Council Regular Meeting held on November 10, 2022 as presented; the motion was approved unanimously. Hallie DeMoss moved to accept the November, 2022 Operating Financial Statements as presented; the motion was duly seconded by Matt Austin. The motion was approved unanimously.

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Budget 2023 was INTRODUCED, at Work Session November 10, 2022. Council set the date for Public Hearing on December 8, 2022

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

Attest by: Sherry Limosnero LCMC, Village Clerk  
Respectfully posted: Adopted:

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VILLAGE OF HEFLIN TOWN HALL  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held as follows:

Date: DECEMBER 8, 2021  
Time: 7:00 PM  
Place: VILLAGE OF HEFLIN TOWN HALL  
122 NORTH CHURCH ST.  
HEFLIN, LA. 71039  
Roll Call:  
AGENDA: BUDGET 2023

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Shelena R. Sellers and/or Anyone knowing her whereabouts, Please contact Richard E. Griffith, Attorney at Law, at 839 Kings Highway, Suite 200, Shreveport, Louisiana 71104, or (318) 222-0337.

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Minutes of the Webster Parish Tourism Commission Regular Meeting  
September 21, 2022  
Greater Minden Chamber 110 Sibley Rd. Minden, LA

The Webster Parish Convention and Visitors Commission meeting was called to order at 8:31 AM on Wednesday September 21, 2022. Attending the meeting were Ty Pendergrass, Tracy Campbell, Sara McDaniel, Derek Melancon, Nick Cox, Mickey Patel, Serena Gray, Executive Director, and Johnnye Kennon, Administrative Assistant, and Paige Nash from the Webster Parish Journal. Absent, Karen Calvert.

Ty Pendergrass led the prayer and Sara McDaniel led the pledge of allegiance. Nick Cox made the motion to accept the minutes of the regular meeting held Wednesday May 18, 2022. Derek Melancon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurers Report

The financial report was presented by Tracy. Sara McDaniel made the motion to accept the financial report and Nick seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Serena Gray presented the board with a draft of the proposed budget for 2023 and the board reviewed it. No action was taken at this time.

Tourism Report

Executive director, Serena Gray, discussed advertising through radio, digital and television promotions, some of which is 100% reimbursed through the Louisiana Office of Tourism CMP Grant. Ads began to promote fall festivals which has been submitted to the tourism calendar as well as the Fall Paddle event. The Country Roads Magazine e-newsletter campaign and giveaway package resulted in 355 leads and 7,603 opens (13,358 sent). Web traffic increased by 588% (1,844 vs 268) the day the e-newsletter ran. The tourism office is seeking quotes from billboard companies to advertise along I-20 to reach Texas and Mississippi travelers for the holiday season as well as into next year. Holiday ads are also being run through the Louisiana Christmas guide, Louisiana Life magazine, Family Life Magazine and through Townsquare Media.

In regards to programming, the WPCVC has provided \$24,143 in advertising grant funds to local events year to date with an additional \$4,000 in consideration for todays meeting. Should the Commission pass the current applications, the Commission will have provided the local community with more than \$28,000 in advertising grant funds. Additionally, \$14,000 in major event grants has been provided year to date. A poll will be sent out to determine the best time and date to meet in regards to Miller Quarters. These, "round table discussions", will happen regularly until a long-term plan is in place for the park.

The annual fall paddle is scheduled for October 8<sup>th</sup> and Bayou Dorcheat Rentals will be onsite to provide kayak rentals. Seafood Empire will prepare the food and Seth Bradford will perform for guests. The Cooperative Marketing Program Grant for fiscal year 2023 was approved in the amount of \$20,000.00 and the creative team from the Lt. Governors office will attend the paddle to promote Visit Webster Parish on their social media channels. Serena has been appointed the Holiday Trail of Lights chairperson and the first holiday press conference will be on September 22<sup>nd</sup> to announce two new partners on the trail; Ruston and Logansport.

Final remarks from Serena included that the Boom or Bust Byway was approved for partial funding for gateway signs along Highway 2, the board reviewed design options for the kayak boat launches and discussed how inflation increased the price of each dock. Emphasis was placed on prioritizing the most popular route between Dixie Inn and Sibley, followed by placing a dock on the north end of the parish. Serena presented the board with a request to switch credit card services due to the company selling out and the inconvenience it placed on constantly reentering a new credit card number on file for services. It was also mentioned that switching to a card that earned points would benefit the Commission as the current card service offers no perks. Derek made a motion to apply for a Commission credit card that earned points and that all said points must be used for tourism purposes only. Tracy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Lastly, a list of upcoming events was provided.

New Business

Under new business, Ty presented the board with an advertising grant for Bobbies Hobbies in the amount of \$2,000 to advertise Shop Small Business Saturday. Tracy made the motion to approve the grant. Nicky seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The board then reviewed an advertising grant for Christmas Extravaganza in the amount of \$2,000 to promote Christmas Extravaganza Weekend in Springhill. Nicky made the motion to approve the grant. Derek seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Next the board reviewed a resolution authorizing executive director, Serena Gray, to enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with the Louisiana Department of the Treasury and the State of Louisiana in order to receive Visitor Enterprise Funds for the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year. Derek motion to adopt the resolution. Sara seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman, Ty Pendergrass provided the board with an update on the progress of Miller Quarters and said that the ground work should be completed by September 23<sup>rd</sup>. The next steps he suggested were to trim the trees as well as attend a meeting along with Rachel Miller and representative from Louisiana Tech's Architectural Program to discuss the possibility of a partnership in the design plans for Miller Quarters. Ty thanked the board for previously approving up to \$25,000 in order to clean up the park and requested an additional \$5,000 for further ground work. Derek made the motion to approve an additional \$5,000. Nicky seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman, Ty Pendergrass, called for public comments. Hearing none the meeting was adjourned at 9:33 AM. The next scheduled board meeting will be on November 16, 2022 at the North Webster Chamber Board room at 8:45 am.

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# Louisiana takes national stage once again with Celebration Gator and Feed Your Soul parade

## Staff Report

Louisiana will once again parade across the national stage during the holiday season, officially announcing floats and riders in both the 96th Annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City and the 2023 Rose Parade® in Pasadena, California. Rose Parade® riders include a former patient of the Shriners Hospital in Shreveport and 20 Louisiana pageant and festival queens from around the state. The queens represent the best Louisiana has to offer. Louisiana Lieutenant Governor Billy Nungesser and the Louisiana Office of Tourism made the announcements last week during a news conference at Mardi Gras World in New Orleans.

New Orleans' own Trombone Shorty & Orleans Avenue will heat up Thanksgiving Day aboard the Celebration Gator on November 24, 2022, in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. Then, on January 2, 2023, the Louisiana Feed Your Soul Float presented by Louisiana Travel in the annual Rose Parade® will depict an icon of Louisiana – the riverboat or paddlewheel steamboat – decorated entirely with flowers, leaves, and seeds. Country Music Association Award winner, 2022 Academy of Country Music New Female of the Year winner, and Louisiana music ambassador Lainey Wilson will perform mid-parade for millions of viewers nationally and internationally.

"We're excited to return to the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade and the Rose Parade to showcase all the ways you can Feed Your Soul in Louisiana. All of our riders are an excellent representation of the celebratory spirit of Louisiana," said Lieutenant Governor Billy Nungesser. "We love a parade in Louisiana and we will be kicking off carnival season a few days early on January 2 when our float rolls through the streets of Pasadena."

Five premier sponsors of Louisiana's Feed Your Soul float presented by Louisiana Travel, or the Louisiana Celebration Riverboat, in the 2023 Rose Parade® represent convention and visitors bureaus and tourism boards from across the state including the Lafayette Convention and Visitors Commission, Natchitoches Convention & Visitors Bureau, Shreveport-Bossier Convention and Tourist Bureau, Tangipahoa Convention and Visitors Bureau, and Visit Baton Rouge. The Rose Parade® theme for 2023 is "Turning the Corner." To underscore the theme, premier sponsors will share how their area of the state has turned a corner into a bright future.



"It is thrilling to be joined this year by our sponsors and to host these 20 Louisiana queens aboard the Louisiana float," said Lt. Governor Nungesser. "All our efforts in the travel and tourism industry in Louisiana are focused on working with our local partners to drive visitation to every corner of the state. As I always say, if you can eat it, shoot it, catch it, or dance to it, we name a festival after it in Louisiana. This year's riders are wonderful stewards of our festivals and culture, but also outstanding members of their community that demonstrate the welcoming and neighborly nature of Louisianans."

The Rose Parade® will be broadcast on January 2, 2023, to viewers across the world. The television event airs on several networks including live telecasts in Armenia, the Caribbean, Latin America, and on American Forces Network.

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**THE TIE BREAKER: TOTAL POINTS OF Iowa State vs. TCU**

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## CONTEST RULES

1. Locate the 20 games and circle the name of the team you think will win.
2. Print the winning team name in the blank on the ballot. BE SURE TO MATCH THE NUMBERS CORRECTLY.
3. Predict the TOTAL number of points you think will be scored in the tie breaker game and enter in the space provided.
4. Complete and cut out the entry blank and deposit at the Minden Press-Herald, 203 Gleason Street, Minden, LA or mail to Football Contest, P.O. Box 1339, Minden, LA 71058.
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7. Prizes awarded will be \$25 for first place, \$15 for second place, and \$10 for third place.
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