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CELEBRATION

Denise Edwards celebrates 40 years at tax assessor's office

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The Webster Parish Assessor's office recently hosted a celebration of Denise Edwards and her 40th anniversary working at the assessor's office. She began her career at the age of 16 when she started working in the assessor's office during the summers while working on her accounting degree from Louisiana Tech University. Since then, she has worked under every administration and now leads the office as the Assessor.

It is quite a feat to work at the same place in any career for 40 years. The immense appreciation of Denise and her work was on full display; the office was packed with all manner of community leaders, elected officials, friends, and family, who all came out to share in this special occasion.

Introducing Denise Edwards was Dr. Richard Campbell, who



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The local community gathered at the Webster Parish Assessor's Office in order to share in the celebration of Assessor Denise Edwards' 40th year working for the office.

said, "You've heard of the term 'power behind the throne.' We've had a power behind the throne for quite awhile, and now she sits on the throne.

We're fortunate to have a person of this ilk be in the position that she's in. I know a number of you are aware of the fact that other assessors and

many in the community come to her for the length and depth of her knowledge. She has the

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BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Advanced Emergency Medical Services, Inc celebrates over 23 years in operation

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Advanced Emergency Medical Services (EMS) is a local, private ambulance service that operates out of two stations in Webster Parish, as well as several other locations in

Louisiana.

Within the parish, Advanced EMS employs 57 people including 7 office staff, and they normally run four ambulance units everyday.

"Thanks to the community for their support," said Gary Jones, owner.

"We've been here since 2000, and we've had great support from the public. We're a private service, so we get no subsidies. We run emergency and non-emergency transports. In Webster Parish, we've got the station here [in Minden] and the station in

Sarepta. We're just local folks helping local folks."

Working as an emergency medical technician (EMT) requires a lot of training and licensing. Qualifications include being certified through the National Registry and the state, as well as cer-

tifications in advanced life support, pediatric life support, and prehospital trauma life support.

"We do continuing education — of course, that's required by the National Registry and the state," said Jones. "They have to go through continuing

education and they have to take a refresher course every two years to stay certified.

"All of our ambulances are fully stocked for advanced life support. They're qualified through

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COMMUNITY

Fitness court coming to Victory Park

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The preliminary work has begun on the new Fitness Court®, a type of outdoor gym, in Victory Park, though the erratic weather has caused major delays. The court, which is being built on one of the existing tennis courts, is expected to be completed in May.

The fitness court will be an open-air, open-concept gym featuring 10-12 stations where a wide variety of exercises can be performed. Each station will feature a QR code that will allow users to access the recommended exercises using their cell phones.

"You can go up to it with your phone and scan the QR code on the wall, and it can tell you, 'Station One, these are the various exercises you can do, Station Two, these are other exercises you can do,' so it's built-in for everybody," said Mike Aguilar, Assistant Director of Minden Parks and Recreation. "It's even

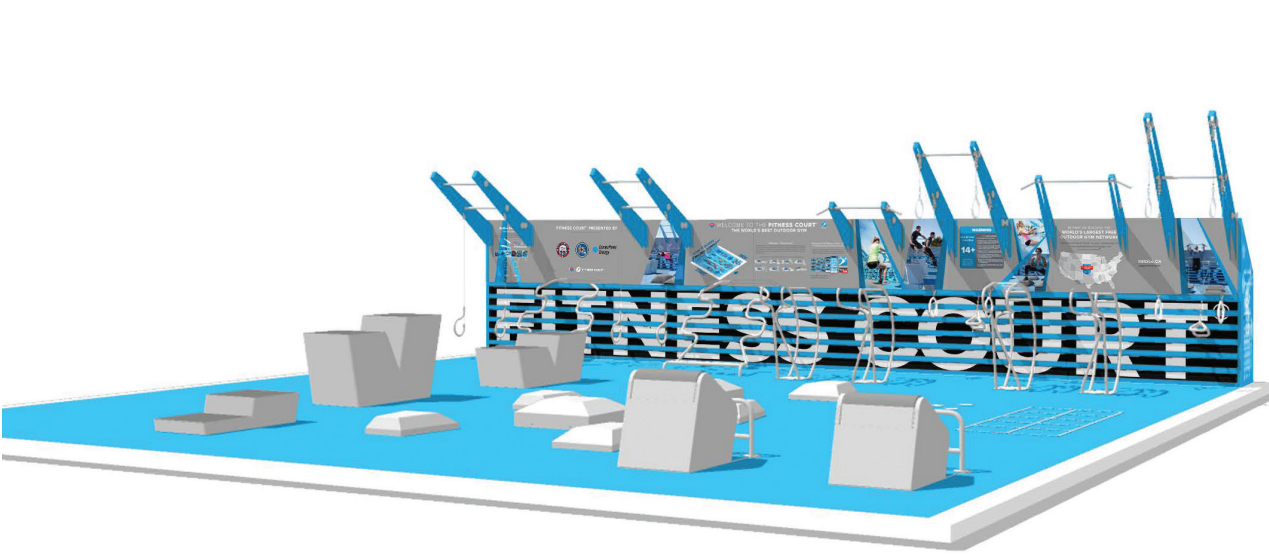
handicapped accessible. Anyone can work out. It's an open concept, so you can just come and go."

A therapy team from Minden Medical Center, as well as staff from the REC, will be getting "ambassador certified" to be able to offer instruction on using the new fitness court.

"Our plan is, once a month or every other month, to have a day when we'll have Fitness Day. I've been talking to Minden Medical, and the obesity rate in Minden is so high. So we're trying to get people active and into the parks. Victory Park is one of our most popular parks, and it's centrally located in the city, so that's why we picked that park."

There will also be two pickleball (a modified form of tennis) courts created in Victory Park using an existing tennis court as its base. Due to the size of the slab, these courts will be set up length-wise instead of side-by-side.

"We thought we could cut the tennis court in half and have them side-



AMBER MCDOWN/PRESS-HERALD PHOTO

A new outdoor gym in Victory Park will be ready for use this summer. This rendering illustrates what it is expected to look like.

by-side, but we're going to have to go to length because you have to have 44 feet, and it's only 40 feet," said Aguilar. "So, while the adults are playing pickleball or working out, the kids can play in the park."

It was hoped that the existing slabs would be suitable to build directly on, but a 40 by 40-foot

section had to be repaired and reinforced in preparation for the installation. For the installation to work properly, they will need at least 24 hours guaranteed to be above 50°, hence the delay.

This fitness court will provide great opportunities to people who want to work out. And it has been paid for almost entirely

with grants.

"Rocke [Musgraves, the former director of the REC] started this. The National Fitness Campaign...we got a \$30,000 grant from them. CenterPoint Energy gave us a \$25,000 grant for the installation. And Senator Mills' office gave us a \$100,000 grant. McInnis Construction also con-

tributed. Everybody has their part. So the city is only out \$12,000ish."

These are going to be wonderful additions to Victory Park which should encourage more fun and fitness. The upcoming upgrades to other local parks will be featured in a future article in the Minden Press-Herald.

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OBITUARIES

Lelon “Buddy” Griggs, Jr.

Graveside Services were held for Mr. Lelon “Buddy” Griggs, Jr., age 72, at Roselawn Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Choudrant, LA, on Wednesday, January 11, 2023, at 2:00 p.m., with Rev. Steve Beard, officiating. Visitation was at Rose-Neath Funeral Home, 405 E. 5th St, Homer, LA, on Tuesday from 5-7 p.m.

Buddy was born in Arcadia, LA, on March 16, 1950, to Thelma Miller and Lelon Griggs, Sr. He entered into rest on Sunday, January 8, 2023, in Homer, LA. Buddy worked at Homer National Bank and later became a rural mail carrier for the Minden Post Office. He was a life-long fan for both the Atlanta Braves and the New York Yankees.

Buddy was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his loving wife of 31 years, Sandra Coates Griggs; two sons, Andrew Miller Griggs and wife Katrina of Blanchard, LA and Corey Marshall and wife

Caitlyn of Denison, Tx; two daughters, Miriam Elizabeth Griggs of Doyline, LA and Paige Tabor and husband Russell of Stonewall, LA; a sister, Alice McKinney and husband Scooter of Little Rock, AR; ten grandchildren, Gavin Griggs, Cheyenne Griggs, A.J. Griggs, Lathan Tabor, Landon Tabor, Lawson Tabor, Shayana Griggs, Malyana Griggs, Baker Marshall, and Briar Marshall; along with numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Buddy’s family would like to express their gratitude to Regional Hospice, Dr. Scott Haynes, Dr. Mark Haynes and their staffs for their care and compassion.

In lieu of flowers honoring Buddy, his family suggests memorials be made to Alzheimer’s Association or donor’s choice.

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Reuben Allen “Rock” Tuggle

Reuben Allen “Rock” Tuggle, 86, of Homer, LA moved to his heavenly home on January 8, 2023. His work on Earth was done and Jesus called him home.

Rock was born on November 29, 1936, in Homer, Louisiana to W. S. and Velma Krouse Tuggle. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother Phillip Tuggle; sister and brother-in-law, Berniece Tuggle Stephenson and James Stephenson; and brother, Terry “Buck” Tuggle; nieces, Sherrie Tuggle, Betty Nelson, Carrol Lynn Stephenson, and nephew, Julius Tuggle.


He is survived by his son and wife, Russell and Michelle Tuggle of Homer, Louisiana; daughter and husband, Kim and Eddie Butler of Homer, Louisiana; his grandchildren, Trey and Katelyn Butler of Homer, Louisiana; Erin and husband Rhys Burgess of Haughton, Louisiana, Erica Butler of Stonewall, Louisiana, Rhett Butler and wife Kristyn of Glendora, California; Jon Lafitte and wife Yuwen of Atlanta, Georgia, and Morgan Lafitte of New Milford, New Jersey; niece, Linda Tuggle Miller of Georgia; nephew, Phillip Wayne Tuggle of South Carolina; nephew, Billy Stephenson and wife Kathy of North



Kim Hebert

Kim Hebert was born on July 27, 1961 in Minden, LA to parents, Charles and Betty Byrd. On January 11, 2023, Kim was dancing joyously with her heavenly Father, absent of sorrow and worldly pain.

Kim was an effervescent soul with the sincerest heart, and radiating smile. She loved the outdoors,



John Todd Willis

John Todd Willis was born October 20, 1944, to Jack Bernard Willis and Ellie Evelyn (Todd) Willis in Shreveport, Louisiana. He departed this life on January 13, 2023, at the age of 78 years.

Todd attended Ringgold High School and was a graduate of Castor High School Class of 1962. Following high school, he joined the United States Air Force and served at Barksdale Air Force Base in Shreveport, Louisiana.

He was united in marriage to Sarah Hollenshead on February 25, 1983, in Minden, Louisiana at First United Methodist Church where Sarah had family ties. The couple resided in Gonzales, LA where he was the manager for Greif Brothers drum manufacturing company. His gifts and graces made him well suited for sales, and he remained in sales / sales management throughout most of his career. He worked for Evans Cooperage, (Cushing, OK and Harvey, LA), did paint sales for a few years while residing in Minden, LA, and worked for Kentwood Brick Manufacturing in Kentwood, LA until retirement and return to Cushing in 2009. After the couple attended a series of OSU wine classes in Stillwater, OK, he was enticed back to work as manager of Tidal School Winery in Drumright, OK for a few more years.

Todd was a member of the First United Methodist Church where he served in various positions. He was especially interested and supportive of the Small Miracles children’s program and served on their board.

Carolina; niece, Debbie Hartzo and husband Raymond of Shreveport, Louisiana; nephew, Jimmy Tuggle and wife Valerie of Homer, Louisiana; and niece Jennifer Tuggle Williams and husband Jay of Sibley; sisters-in-law, Mary Tuggle and Linda Tuggle; cousin and friend, Joe Martin Tuggle; former wife and friend, Ann Tuggle.

Rock was a 1956 graduate of Homer High School. He served in the United States Army National Guard from 1954 to 1956. He worked at the Louisiana Ammunition Plant in his early years and retired from the Town of Homer. Rock loved his family and friends. His greatest blessings were his children and grandchildren. He loved to cook for himself and others. He was an avid reader at the Claiborne Parish Library. He loved working in his yard. When you passed by his house, he was either working in the yard or sitting on his porch visiting with friends.

He was known as “Pepaw” to his grandchildren, who were the lights of his life. He always would tell them they saved his life. When he was 64, he accepted Jesus as his Lord and Savior. He loved the Lord and read his Bible daily. He prayed for everyone he knew every day. We are so thankful that the Lord gave him to us. We are rejoicing knowing that he is in Heaven with Jesus.

A Celebration of Life Service for Rock was held Thursday, January 12, 2023, at Cornerstone Church in Homer at 10 am. In lieu of flowers honoring Rock, the family requests memorials be made to St. Jude.

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especially sharing fond memories of camping at Bodcau as a young girl with her family. She also loved playing guitar on her front porch, singing, and sewing on her many projects.

Kim is preceded in death by her father, Charles Edgar Byrd, her mother, Betty Myrtle Byrd, and her brothers Ronnie Byrd, Larry Byrd, and Michael “Bo” Byrd.

Left to cherish her memory is her son, Stephen Landry and wife, Christine, her daughter Jennifer Smith and husband Brian, her sister Robin Staton and husband Jody, and her grandsons Charles Smith and Benjamin Smith.

He was an avid golfer, gun collector, and enjoyed fine dining, birds, and wildlife. While in Cushing in the 80s, Todd joined the racquetball league at the Youth Center and especially enjoyed playing there with his dear friend, Tom Harris. During that time, he was active with the Chamber of Commerce as he was the manager of the new industry locating in Cushing.

Todd had a charming personality with a good sense of humor and was comfortable in any social setting. He made connections with others easily, but especially enjoyed fellowship with friends. Many people would compliment his beautiful speaking voice, but he would quickly add that he could not sing.

Survivors include his wife of almost 40 years, Sarah, of the home; three children, John Scott Willis of Pampa, Texas, Jill Ahrberg and husband, Rick of Cushing and Joy Fergus and husband, Mike of Fort Collins, Colorado; one sister, Lisa Kimball of Shreveport, Louisiana; one brother, Richard Willis and wife, Elizabeth of Bossier City, Louisiana; brother-in-law, Bill Hollenshead of Homer, LA: eleven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and many other relatives and friends.

In addition to his parents, Todd was preceded in death by one son, Steven Todd Willis and one brother-in-law, Duane “Kim” Kimball.

A memorial service will be held at the Pleasant Valley Methodist Church in Minden, Louisiana at 10:00 AM on January 20. Burial will follow in the Pleasant Valley Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to Samaritan’s Purse or United Methodist Church Committee on Relief (UMCOR).

Services are under the direction of Matherly-Davis Funeral Home. Condolences can be left at www.matherlydavisfuneralhome.com

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the [Louisiana] State Department of Health and Hospitals, Medicare, Medicaid, you name it.”

Advanced EMS also volunteers to help out in other parts of the state when the need arises.

“When COVID started, we had five units that we sent to New Orleans whenever their EMS services got inundated with COVID infections. So we went down there and helped out for almost three months. Of course, we respond to the hurricanes and stuff like that too,” Jones said.

And, like many businesses, difficulties with the supply chain are affecting the ambulance service as well.

“We’ve got seven brand new units sitting down here that we

bought last February, and we can’t put them on the street yet because we can’t get all the parts and stuff to finish them out,” said Jones. “If you can’t get the part, you can’t finish up.”

Advanced Emergency Medical Services, Inc. is located at 900 Shreveport Road in Minden. They can be contacted by phone at (318) 382-0381.

Please remember that, when emergency vehicles such as ambulances or police cars use sirens or flashing lights, state law requires that every other vehicle yields the right-of-way by pulling over to the right as far as possible and then stopping until the emergency vehicle has passed (except when otherwise directed by a police officer).

SCHOOL BOARD

New school board members sworn in

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During the January 6, 2023, school board meeting, the board members were sworn in by Judge Jeff Cox for the new year, including the four new members to the board: Debbie Thomas for District 2, Jonathan Guthrie for District 4, Jana Watson for District 6, and Susan Addington for District 12.

The first act of the new board was to approve the motion to appoint Mrs. Frankie Mitchell as District 9 school board member pending the results of the special election. While Mitchell had intended to step down from this position this year, no one ran for the position during the November elections. She volunteered to maintain her position so that her

district would have representation until a new board member can be elected.

Next on the agenda was to elect the school board officers for 2023. Charles Strong was elected president with nine votes, and Johnnye Kennon was elected vice president unanimously.

A number of invoices and upgrades were approved which will be detailed in a future article.

This was also the first day of school for students after the winter break. “From most reports, all went well,” said Superintendent Johnny Rowland. “We’re thankful for a good start, and thankful to be back in school.”

The next school board meeting will be on February 6, 2023. The public is welcome to attend.

EDUCATION

BPCC academic awards and graduates for Fall 2022

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Bossier Parish Community College (BPCC) has posted the academic awards and graduation list for the Fall 2022 semester. The Dean’s List and the Chancellor’s List are used to recognize students who have excelled academically. The Dean’s List acknowledges students who have maintained a grade point average (GPA) of 3.5 or higher on a 4-point scale. The Chancellor’s List

honors those students who have sustained a GPA of 3.75 or higher.

Webster Parish students who are on the Chancellor’s List are Linda Welborn, Landon Shively, and Alexis Normand of Doyline; Adam Bradley, Whitney Bradley, Jenna Lindsay, and Tylar Bare of Heflin; Solomon Heidelberg, Morgan McCanliss, Parker Austin, Elizabeth Isgitt, Abigail Johnson, Tori Hottard, Kelly Weaver, Krista Johnson, Dustin Juneau, Ama-

ris Buitrago, Claire Gray, Jared Davis, Walter Guzman, Jaydon Hurst, Alaysia Lands, Olivia Miller, and Preston Trapp of Minden; Jonah Thomas and Abram Otwell of Sarepta; Gary Seegers, Warren Eisner, and Makayla Lambert of Sibley; and Tiffany Gilbert of Springhill.

Webster Parish students who are on the Dean’s List are Rodney Palmer of Cotton Valley; Rosezetta Robinson of Cullen; Cale Hollis of Doyline; Kaylie Nelson

of Dubberly; Tiffani Johnson, Carsyn Cox, Matthew Mack, Ariel Stanaland, Shannon Isgitt, Leah Heidelberg, Greyson Winston, Keiara Joyner, Kara West, Marion Champagne, Justin Leblanc, and Nevaeh Solar of Minden; Madison Hinz and Sydney Robinson of Sibley; and Madison Schildroth, Kyle Cotten, and Tanner Gipson of Springhill.

Webster Parish graduates of BPCC for the Fall semester are as follows:

From Cotton Val-

ley, Haley James and Jonathan James both received their CTC in Emergency Medical Technician.

From Doyline, Rammel Bell received a CTC in Emergency Medical Technician, and Abagael Willis received a CGS in General Studies.

From Dubberly, Monica Busenbarick received a CTC in Laboratory Assistant.

From Minden, Latonya Burns, Stacie Caston, and Solomon Heidelberg received a CGS in General Studies; Syreeta Jackson

and Chansity Willis received both CGS in General Studies and AGS in General Studies, and Morgan McCanliss received CGS in General Studies and an AALT in Social Sciences; Byron Cage received a CTC in Basic Management; Cody Mays received a CTC in Network Security; Felicia Smith received an AAS in Business Administration; Lauren Tubbs received an AS in Nursing; and Elizabeth Isgitt, Kelly Weaver, and Shannon Isgitt received a TD in

Culinary Arts.

From Sarepta, Gavin Ray received a CTS in Engineering Graphics.

From Sibley, Lacie James received an AGS in General Studies, and Ian Merritt and Robert Seegers received a CGS in General Studies; and Gary Seegers received an AAS in Oil & Gas Technology.

From Springhill, Latrice Cooper received an AS in Nursing.

Congratulations to all the students and graduates. Great job!

OPINION

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OPINION

Classified document scandal of VP Biden

This week U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland appointed a special counsel after a second batch of classified documents was found inside the garage of President Biden's Wilmington, Delaware, home. The first documents were found inside the Washington, D.C., offices of the Penn Biden Center think tank. What do we know? Well, to begin with, what this latest Biden scandal underscores, yet again, is the corrupt nature of the FBI raid on President Trump's Mar-A-Lago home in Florida on Aug 8, 2022. A raid that reportedly included 30 agents—including SWAT teams—in 20 government vehicles swarming Mar-a-Lago in the Palm Beach darkness.

When can we expect the FBI raid on Biden's Delaware home or his D.C. think tank to further investigate the mishandling of our National Security secrets, a discovery known by the DOJ several days BEFORE the mid-term elections and yet covered up from the American people? The FBI raid of Trump's home was such a galactic injustice and legal error that even the leftist Washington Post has since concluded (WP, Nov 14, 2022) what millions of us knew from the beginning: that Pres. Trump never did or intended to do anything illicit with those documents and simply believed they were his property. In the past, disputes like these

were worked out between a former president's lawyers and the government's lawyers and, at the very worst, a subpoena could be issued to settle any dispute. Scott McKay, publisher of The Hayride, stated at the time: "There (were) no documents at Mar-A-Lago worth staging an FBI raid on a former president's home. That's the kind of provocative move that can start a civil war."

However, the critical difference between the Trump and Biden matters is that only a president can unilaterally declassify documents. Trump was the president and thus had the power to declassify any document or source of information he wanted and implicit in his act of removing those documents from the White House was a declassification of them.

But Joe Biden wasn't the president at the time that these potential felonies—which weaken U.S. national security—were committed. He was the Vice President. And he had no power to declassify documents, much less take them out of the government chain

of custody and protection and store them in his garage next to his corvette in Delaware, or his think tank in D.C.

Further, while this situation is still developing it appears that a number of the classified documents Biden had stashed potentially involve those reflecting payments to the Bidens of millions of dollars by Chinese "businessmen" connected with the Chinese Communist Party as well as documents covering U.S. foreign policy concerning the UK, Iran, and Ukraine.

Please recall that just prior to the 2020 presidential election the story of Hunter Biden's "laptop from hell" was breaking universally before the top brass at the FBI and Big Tech conspired to suppress the story although the FBI knew the story was credible.

The laptop makes clear that the Biden Crime Family, including 'the Big Guy,' benefitted to the tune of millions of dollars from the Chinese government. The laptop contained not only details of the corrupt leveraging by Hunter Biden of his family connections with other nations in exchange for multi millions of dollars, but it also directly implicated through emails and voicemails then-presidential candidate, Joe Biden, himself. One of those nations was Ukraine.

Reasonably, many are speculating that VP Biden removed

and kept these classified documents because they would expose the corruption he and his family were involved with, all of which has been corroborated and highlighted by, again, the Hunter Biden laptop as well as his former business partner, Tony Bobulinski, which has been entered into the Congressional Record for all to read and view.

It all stinks to high heaven! I wish I had confidence that the special counsel would get to the bottom of this but AG Garland and the top appointees at the Department of Justice and the FBI have become so politically weaponized that I doubt it.

As the National Review summed it up:

"The document drama exposes Biden as a hypocrite.... It's another headache for a president who has never been forthright about his relationship to his family's lobbying and consulting business. Biden finished 2022 and spent the first week of 2023 on offense. Now he's on defense once more. He doesn't like the feeling. But he better get used to it." (NR, Continetti, January 14, 2023).

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INSPIRATION

A goal for the New Year: Begin writing

One of the best lectures I've heard was at the East Texas Christian Writer's Conference in Marshall, Texas in 2014.

The speaker emphasized that if a writer really wants to develop his talent the best place to start is newspaper writing.

I heartily agree, although I began writing poetry in 1981, while going through a nervous breakdown. At that time I didn't realize that therapists highly recommend writing and journal keeping as a means of coping.

Even though I seldom write poetry anymore even though I've had three books of poetry published along with two volumes of inspirational pieces, I know the speaker was right.

I began submitting and have things published in The Times in 1989, when Frank May was the editor of the editorial page. It fueled my energy to see my ramblings published!

As I continued to write I was motivated to have pieces published on Christmas Day. It was like I was giving a gift to myself

and hopefully to the readers who somehow could relate to the pain that I needed to express.

Then I branched out and was jubilant to have my pieces published in the Minden Press Herald on a weekly basis. At one time I was having my columns published weekly in ten newspapers, which I actually trans-



SARAH HUDSON PIERCE

mitted either by mail or by fax machine!

Oh how times have changed and for the better! Copy and paste works really well through email.

As I entered the workforce at the age of forty-six, I marvel that I was as prolific as I was considering how hard it is to learn to make a living late in life, but I never whined or complained!

Sometimes I would fall asleep

in the recliner and not wake up until dawn but I always kept my promise to write something every day in my journal and to send out as many pieces as I could to various venues every day.

It finally began to pay off when I wrote a story that was published on Christmas Day in 1993.

Prior to writing that story I was so determined to make it happen that I woke up maybe thirty minutes after falling asleep and penned my first story about our old family trunk that was opened in 1957 on Christmas Eve just three months before daddy died at home in the same room where he told us the stories that I begged to hear about our ancestors pictures within!

Lo and behold I sold an edited version of that piece to Guideposts Magazine in 1994!

To think it all started by writing for the newspaper!

Then it happened again! I wrote a story titled: When God delivered a newspaper to a

laundromat in the newspaper as well as in Guidepost magazine!.

This is how it works!

For a writer to accomplish anything with their writing you have to write from your heart and write -- and write -- knowing that if you hone you talents that you will accomplish at least a goal of leaving a legacy for someone -- maybe your family -- friends or total strangers you may never meet!

You never know where your stories will go or what a difference your words may make.

Remember what the late Erma Bombeck said "It isn't the money you make but knowing your words have touched people you may never met!"

We need to let each other know that it is OK to bare our souls and share each other's loads through writing. We need to know someone cares.

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OPINION

What's cooking? Pound cake, blueberry bread, and so much more

This past year has found me slacking off on my cooking. But, now I feel as if it is time for me to get back to preparing our meals as well as baking some favorite items I had been sharing with friends and neighbors.

Some items that I've often shared include Pound Cake, Blueberry Bread. Sweet Potato Bread and even Fruit Cake for the holidays;

This was the first Christmas that Hubby and I didn't make our favorite Fruit Cake and share with friends and family. Instead, we made the refrigerated fruit cake that didn't require baking. All my brothers, sisters and

their families always looked forward to sharing our cake. This year, there were no family members to share with nor some of the friends who



FANNIE MOORE

l w a y s e n j o y e d some of it.

So many people admit they don't like fruit cake because it is too dry. But not, mine. I use the recipe that my Mama used, Dark Fruit Cake. This is a recipe she found on a Crustene shortening box, and one she al-

ways used. She substituted home canned preserves for the candied fruit the recipe called for, and orange candy slices for the candied orange peel.

We all enjoyed her cakes every year. Our children never learned to like the cake and with all my siblings and spouses gone, as well as friends lost to Covid, we simply saw no reason to go to the trouble and expense of making the fruit cake.

We cut back on our Christmas candies, but still had enough to share with our children.

By the time we had enjoyed all the rich foods, we

were ready for something else, Our daughter shared some delicious meals while we were not feeling well but today I thought it was time for me to get back in the kitchen.

I had a cabbage and potatoes so I thought about a dish I learned about when we were camping in Beavers' Bend State Park. We were sitting outside visiting the neighbors camped near us. While chatting she told me she was cooking supper in her crockpot. When I asked about it, she said she was cooking cabbage with potatoes and smoked sausage. I had never heard of this dish

but later I tried it and found it to be quite tasty. We've had it several times and this week I tried it again.

However, I accidentally bought Jalapeno sausage. It was too hot for my liking, but we ate some of it anyway,

I also had fresh strawberries, so I made a strawberry pie. This meal was quite a change for us, so I think I may be trying to cook other dishes before long.

Perhaps I might get around to baking blueberry bread for my neighbor.

FANNIE MOORE LIVES IN SHONGALOO.

SPORTS

Glenbrook football facing coaching change

Head coach David Feaster accepts offensive coordinator position at Louisiana Christian

T. SCOTT BOATRIGHT
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Changes are in store for the Glenbrook football program after head football coach David Feaster, who guided the Apaches to the Division IV Select School quarterfinals this past season, announced last week that he has accepted a position as offensive coordinator at Louisiana Christian University in Pineville. Feaster made the announcement on a Facebook post a little the afternoon of Jan. 11.

That post reads as follows:

“I can’t tell you how much my family and I have enjoyed Minden and the Glenbrook Apaches for the last 5 years. I will rejoin Coach Drew Maddox at Louisiana Christian University as offensive coordinator. As excited as we are to take on a new adventure, it will be really tough leaving a team and community that has been so supportive of us. We plan to maintain the relationships that we have formed and can’t wait to see the Apaches roll on.”

Feaster, who guided the Apaches to a record of 20-3 over the past two seasons, feels he is living the program better than it was when he took over five years ago.

He said Louisiana Christian head coach Drew Maddox, who preceded Feaster as head coach at Minden, had previously asked Feaster about joining



PRESS-HERALD FILE PHOTO

Glenbrook head football coach David Feaster guided the Apaches to a 20-3 record over the last two seasons, the first two for the school as members of the Louisiana High School Athletics Association.

his staff and that now both agree the time is right.

“Coach Maddox and I had talked a few years ago about me joining his staff,” Feaster said. “But at that point we got to talking and realized there was more work to be done at Glenbrook first building up that program and that it wasn’t the right time

to make that happen.”

“But times change, and now the timing feels right. We think we’re leaving Glenbrook a better team with a great group of coaches and players who have wwa great chance to continue growing and getting better. The timing just feels right now.”

Feaster said his son, Glenbrook starting

quarterback Ty Feaster, will be making the move to Pineville for his senior season.

“We’ll find him a school to play his season and see what happens,” Feaster said. “He’s still saying goodbye to friends and I know this won’t be easy on him, but he’s also up for the adventure and realizes that the teaming seems

right for everyone.”

Ty Feaster, the District 1-1A Offensive MVP, completed 157 of 231 passes for 2,436 yards and 37 touchdowns with only four interceptions for the Apaches as a junior.

He was also first team all-district kicker. “Obviously if things work out, I’d love to be able to coach him at Louisiana Christian,”

Coach Feaster said. “But there’s a whole season to be played out first. Who knows? He might find another school he wants to go to. College coaching opportunities don’t come up every day and after talking things over with my family and others, it just feels like the right time and opportunity to make this move.”



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Flyers edge past Crimson Tide, 40-37

In a game that stayed close from start to finish last week, the Minden High School boys basketball fell at home to Loyola Prep by the score of 40-37. The Crimson Tide outscored the Flyers 22-21 in the second half, but wasn’t quite enough to overcome a 19-13 halftime deficit for the Crimson Tide, who fell to 8-12 on the season with the loss while Loyola climbed to 12-10.

Cowart triple double not enough for G-Men
Grambling State falls 81-43 on road at Southern

Press-Herald Sports Service

BATON ROUGE — Shawnadrius Cowart notched a triple-double, but it wasn’t enough to lift the Grambling State men’s basketball to victory as the Tigers lost 81-73 at the E.G. Clark Activity Center to Southern University on Saturday afternoon.

Cowart stuffed the stat sheet racking up 14 rebounds, 12 points and 10 assists. He added two steals.

Cameron Christon also had a strong performance, scoring a team-high 25 points, Christon’s 25-point performance matched a season-high and was one short of tying his career-high which was set on March

11, 2021 versus the Jaguars. He also snagged four rebounds.

Grambling State (10-7 overall, 3-2 SWAC) shot a higher percentage from the floor than Southern (9-9, 5-0). The Tigers went 41.4 percent of its shots, compared to SU’s 38.3 percent.

However, it was Southern’s ability to knock down 3-pointers that served as the difference. The Jaguars we 10-of-26 from long distance (38.5 percent). GSU struggled from behind the arc, draining just 18.2 percent (4-of-22) of its attempts.

GSU who trailed seven at half-time, rallied back early in the second half, but ran out of steam in the final minutes of the contest.

The Tigers exited the locker room with a different energy, opening the second half with 17-6 run over the first seven minutes, pushing in front of SU 48-44 with 13:00 to play.

With 8:31 remaining as SU clinging to a 55-54 lead, Quintin Murrell splashed 3-pointer, pushing GSU back in the lead 57-55.

After SU tied the game at 58-58, Grambling State had a chance to take a two-point lead, however two missed free throws kept the game tied. SU scored the next four points to go up 62-58 with 6:15 to go.

The Tigers tied the game twice down the stretch, but weren’t able to regain the lead.

Lady Tigers downed
on road at Southern

Press-Herald Sports Service



BATON ROUGE — The Grambling State University women’s basketball team suffered a 59-49 setback at the hands of rival Southern University at the E.G. Clark Activity Center on Saturday afternoon.

Center Amanda Blake registered a double-double, scoring 10 points with 10 rebounds. She also rejected four shots and grabbed two steals. Her 10 points tied her season-high set against New Orleans on Nov. 18.

Colbi Maples paced GSU (4-12 overall, 3-2 SWAC) with 15 points on 4-of-10 shooting from the field. She also snagged seven rebounds and tallied two assists and two steals.

As a team GSU shot 34.0 percent from the floor (17-of-50) and 35.3 percent (6-of-17) from behind the arc. The Lady Tigers went 9-of-13 from the free throw line (69.2 percent). GSU committed 20 turnovers.

After Southern (7-9, 4-1) jumped out to a quick 7-2 lead, a driving layup by Leah Morrow started a 9-0 run for GSU. A jumper by Amanda Blake put the Lady Tigers on top 9-7 with 4:04 to go in the first quarter.

A basket by Kaci Chairs capped the run, giving the Lady Tigers an 11-7 lead. The Jaguars pushed back ahead, leading 19-14 at period’s end.

In the second quarter, Leah Morrow trimmed SU’s lead to 19-18 after knocking down a free throw and a 3-pointer.

Jurnee McLaurin tied the score 20-20 on a free throw with 5:41 left in the half. The Jaguars closed the half with a 12-6 run to lead 33-26 at the break.

Southern dominated the third quarter, building a 47-34 advantage with 1:18 to go.

Amanda Blake closed the scoring in the period with a layup. The Lady Tigers trailed by 11 going into the fourth.

Grambling State did its best to keep pace with the Jaguars in the final quarter. Trailing 49-38, a 3-pointer by Colbi Maples made it a 49-41 game.

Following a bucket by SU, freshman Jazmyne Jackson came off the bench, knocking down a trey of her own to make the score 51-44 with 6:03 to play.

After basket by maples made the score 53-47, Southern took full control of the contest, putting the Tigers away late

Southern was led offensively by Ammani McWain with 16 points, six rebounds, two assists and one steal.

SPORTS

Techsters use defense to down Blazers, 61-55

Minden Press-Herald Sports Service

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Louisiana Tech, women’s basketball team used a defensive stretch in the fourth quarter holding UAB to just 1-17 shooting and built their largest lead of the game at 12 and held off a furious UAB comeback down the stretch to win on the road 61-55 over the Blazers.

Tech’s defense held the league-leading Blazers to 21 points below their average and just 28 percent shooting (18-64). Tech shot 39 percent from the floor on 22-57 and hit 15-20 from the line (.750).

Keiunna Walker produced her fourth straight game with 20-plus tying her season-high with 26 points. Robyn Lee joined Walker in double figures with 12 big points off the bench.

Neither team could find much rhythm or separation in a defensive-minded first half. However, LA Tech (11-6, 4-3 C-USA) put together a 9-2 run in the second quarter to build their largest lead of the half,

22-16, on three straight baskets by Walker.

UAB (9-6, 1-5 C-USA) quickly answered with back-to-back threes and cut the lead back to 2. Walker added two free throws, followed by a bucket by Lee inside the final minute to give Tech a 28-23 lead at the half. Tech held UAB to a 1-10 start from the field and just 30 percent for the half (8-27).

In the third, Tech built its lead to eight (36-24), with 6:10 remaining thanks to a 6-0 run, but UAB would not allow the Techsters to pull away. Both teams traded blows the over the remainder of the period, and after back-to-back buckets from Mackenzie Wurm and Lee, Tech took a seven-point advantage heading into the final stanza (46-39).

After Walker picked up her fourth foul early in the fourth, Lotte Sant hit a big three to give Tech a double-digit lead which Lee extended to 12 off a layup (55-43). Tech’s 12-point lead was quickly cut to four due to an 8-0 Blazer run (57-



Defense has been key for Louisiana Tech’s women’s basketball team, shown defending Saturday on the road at Alabama-Birmingham which the Lady Techsters won 61-55. Techsters is now 9-0 on the season when holding opponents under 60 points.

53) with 33 seconds remaining. UAB managed to shave a point off the lead and make it a one-score contest, but three made three throws from Walker helped ice the game.

LA Tech is now 9-0 this season when holding opponents to under 60 points and 7-0 when out-rebounding the opposition. Tech pulled down 45 rebounds to UAB’s 42. Amaya Brannon pulled down 10, Silvia Native grabbed seven, and Lee registered six.

Dunkin Dogs topped at home by UAB, 81-74

Minden Press-Herald Sports Service

RUSTON — Louisiana Tech suffered just its second loss at home this season, falling 81-74 to Alabama-Birmingham on Saturday afternoon inside the Thomas Assembly Center on Karl Malone Court.

LA Tech (10-8, 3-4 C-USA) got a combined

50 points from its backcourt of Cobe Williams and Keaston Willis, but UAB dominated the glass to the tune of 21 offensive rebounds that they cashed in for 30 second-chance points.

Williams and Willis had 23 of the team’s 35 first-half points as the Bulldogs held a slim 35-34 advantage at the mid-

way point.

The lead was short-lived as UAB (13-5, 4-3 C-USA), playing with one of the nation’s best scorers in Jordan Walker, went on a fast 10-0 run to take its largest lead of the game at 44-34.

LA Tech punched back though, producing an 8-0 run that included

a three-pointer and offensive rebound/put-back by Quandre Bullock to get to within one.

The two teams traded baskets for the longest time, but it was after the eighth tie of the game at 60-60 that the ‘Dogs began to separate themselves. It was a four-minute stretch that saw the Bulldogs limit

the Blazers to just two points while the home team knocked down six free throws and got a pair of buckets in the paint by Willis and Williams.

LA Tech had its largest lead at 70-62 with 4:46 to go. However, UAB took advantage of Isaiah Crawford picking up his fifth foul via

a technical, and ended the game on a 19-4 run.

The Bulldogs were only able to force eight turnovers, but did knock down 10 three-pointers and 22 free throws while shooting 43.8 percent from the field.

Williams finished with a career-high 27 and Willis had a season-high 23.

Clayton follows husband’s urging to bag big buck

GLYNN HARRIS

Jodynn Clayton, a 21-year-old nursing student at LA Tech, followed her husband Zac’s advice to shoot the shoulder of a deer that had its head and massive antlers hidden from her by brush.

She did as he instructed and ended up with a huge 12 point buck that scored-180 3/8 inches.

Jordyn and her husband live in Clayton in Catahoula Parish and they hunt on a 100 acre tract of land owned by her father, land that lies just across the highway from their home. On the afternoon of December 26, the duo decided to walk across the road and head for their box stand located in an area overlooking an opening with heavy timber on each side.

“We left the house about 3:00 and walked to our stand,” she said. “After about half an hour, we began hearing lots of noises coming from the thick woods and suddenly, a doe came out running across the clearing and she was followed by two bucks chasing her. I told my husband that if one of them came back out, I might try and shoot it as they were both nice bucks.”

Zac suggested that she hold off because it was only 3:00 with plenty of daylight left to have a chance at an even bigger buck,



COURTESY PHOTO

Jordyn Clayton is proud of the big 12-point buck she downed in Catahoula Parish.

should there be one in the area.

“Five minutes after the doe and two bucks came across, another deer came walking through the woods where the three had come from and it stopped before getting to the clearing,” Jordyn said. “All I could see was a big body as its head was behind some trees. Zac could see the head and whispered to me to quickly get my gun out the window. I still had no idea what sex or size the deer was because

all I was looking at was the shoulder.”

Following her husband’s urging, even though she had no idea what she might be looking out, she got her .270 out the window.

“At first I couldn’t find the deer in my scope but Zac pointed it out to me and told me to hurry up and shoot before the deer took off,” Jordyn said.

“He knew it was a fine buck but I still had no idea since I had only seen the shoulder, so I shot

and the deer took off like it wasn’t hit.”

In order not to disturb her sister who was hunting on a nearby stand, Zac suggested that they wait until legal shooting time was over to begin the search.

“After sitting for an hour, my thought was that I had missed because the deer took off so fast. We walked down to where the deer was standing and could find no blood. Then Zac walked another 25 yards, found blood and we followed it to where the deer was piled up 15 yards further,” Jordyn said.

The buck was a fine one, weighing 285 pounds, was about 5 1/2 years old and carried a rack of 12 heavy points.

Inside spread was 17 inches, main beams reached out some 25 and 26 inches each with bases approaching 6 inches each.

The buck was taken to Simmons Sporting Goods in Bastrop to be entered in that store’s big buck contest and the rack was measured at a whopping 180 3/8 inches.

Not a bad deal at all for a young lady who couldn’t tell what she was shooting at. Thankfully, her husband knew, she followed his command and ended up with a buck that could very well win the women’s division in Simmons Big Buck contest.

— Contact Glynn Harris at glynnharris37@gmail.com.

Fishing Report

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

BUSSEY BRAKE — Crappie fishing has been fair to good on jigs or shiners. Bass have been fair flipping jigs and creature baits around structure. For the latest information, contact the Honey Hole at 323-8707.

OUACHITA RIVER — Crappie fishing has imp The water is rising with lots of current and there are no fishing reports this week. For the latest information, contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

LAKE D’ARBONNE — Crappie fishing has been Before the deluge of heavy rains, crappie fishing had been good fishing the channel edges and flats with shiners or jigs. Bass had been the best fishing the points on crank baits. With all the heavy rains and run-off, water is high, rising with lots of current. Fishing should improve now that the rains have ceased and conditions are returning to normal. For the latest information, call Anderson Sport Center at 368-9669 or Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

LAKE CLAIBORNE — Crappie fishing continues to be good with shiners working best on

the crappie in deep water. No report this week on bass, bream, stripers or catfish.. For the latest information, call Kel’s Cove at 927-2264 or Terzia Tackle at 278-4498.

CANEY LAKE — Jigging spoons and tail spinners are picking up a few bass and yellow bass bouncing these lures off the bottom in 18-20 foot deep water. Soft plastics and deep diving crank baits have been producing some around humps just off the channels. Crappie fishing continues to be best fishing the deep tops on shiners or jigs. 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 good this week around the boat slips and on the south end on shiners or jigs. Catfishing is good on a variety of baits. No report on bass or bream. For latest reports, call Poverty Point Marina at 318-878-0101.

LAKE YUCATAN — The water continues to The water on Yucatan has been on a slow fall. However, a significant rise is on the way. Fishing has been rather slow. For information, call Surplus City Landing at 318-467-2259.

— Glynn Harris

Good News

GOOD NEWS

Visiting the Potter’s House Again! Do You Need To Go With Me?

These winter storms keep forming all around us, bringing unusual weather our way. Some storms blow in from the South, from the North, from the Northwest and Southwest... and some seem to just form in the ‘back forty’. This is nothing new. History makes us aware (especially Biblical history) of many storms that have blown and shaped the known world for centuries. Ancient Israel and Judah were learning this lesson when Jeremiah stepped upon the scene. He was called out by God to give warning to the Southern Kingdom (Judah) to turn back to God or be doomed like their brothers in the Northern Kingdom (Israel). Israel had been conquered years before and many choice leaders had been taken into Babylonian captivity.

Now the enemy army was mounting the siege of Jerusalem. Jeremiah had been given a series of messages to share with his people. From the peasant all the way to the King, God wanted this communication to be shared. As bad as the situation looked, there remained a hint of hope in the message from God. He was always willing to say, “If you will but do this...I will do this...” Today, we learn this truth from Jeremiah’s trip to the Potter’s House: God is willing and able to remake flawed lives and nations into

beautiful, useable pots again.

Today, all around us we see hopeless people, lost and homeless, searching for meaning, truth, and a place of belonging. Some believe “God cannot forgive me for all that I have done in the past.” It’s not easy to deal with these attitudes in trying to help them. But Jeremiah was charged with this assignment. Judah was surrounded by her enemy; fear of annihilation and exile gripped the people. And yet, they continued to disobey the Lord. But God was leading Jeremiah to the Potter’s House to teach him a lesson for the people.

Like Israel, Judah had forsaken their fidelity and commitment to the Lord. They planted idols on the hillsides and throughout their towns, violating the First Commandment. The Temple was no longer devoted to worship and prayer. They even had idols build inside of it where pagan cult worship was conducted. Judgment appeared unavoidable. Yet, the Lord called for a radical change in His people and promised not to punish

them if they would only repent. Never the less, doom seemed unavoidable! Jeremiah recorded God’s exact words in declaring His revelation: “Stop what you are doing and go at once to the Potter’s House; go see the potter at work.” (We know pots of this nature were used to store just about everything. It would be equivalent to our using cans, plastic jugs, paper bags, etc). God was using an everyday activity to reveal eternal truths to His messenger. (God can remold us).

The potter was at work when Jeremiah arrived – at the wheel, using his feet to spin the upper wheel, as the clay was being molded by his hands. He would form a pot from the lump of clay, making a useful object. But if the jar was flawed, the potter would destroy it and start over again. It was his decision to start over and not the condition of the clay. God wanted Jeremiah to see the patience of the potter and realize the great patience He was exercising with Judah. WE MUST APPRECIATE THE LORD’S PATIENCE WITH US.

Then God said to Jeremiah: “O Israel, can’t I do to you as this potter has done to his clay? As the clay is in the potter’s hand, so are you in My hand. But if that nation changes its mind and turns to evil, refusing to obey me, then I, too, will

change My mind and not bless them as I had said I would.” God’s sovereignty was not limited to the nation of Judah, but extended to every nation (and every person). He was saying: “If I called a certain nation to be destroyed for its’ evil ways (moral decay, worship of idols, turning away from God, removing the landmarks of His presence) but they repented of their sins, I will change My course of action in response to the changed hearts, attitudes and behavior of the people.” Likewise, if a disobedient man becomes repentant, committing his life to God’s leadership, God will restore him. WE MUST TURN TO GOD -AWAY FROM OUR SINFUL LIFESTYLE, ALLOWING HIS POWER TO OVERRULE.

God directs Jeremiah (18:11-16) to “ Go now and warn Judah and Jerusalem to ‘Hear the word of the Lord...I am planning evil against you now instead of good; turn back from your evil paths and do what is right.’ ” They replied: “Don’t waste your breath. We have no intention whatever of doing what God says. We will continue to live as we want to, free from any restraint, full of stubbornness and wickedness.” (Doesn’t this sound so much like the secular world today?) So, they rejected the Lord’s invitation to repent and chose to

persist in their evil ways. Soon they discovered the consequences of their disobedience. The Babylonian army crushed Jerusalem, taking many into captivity for 70 years in exile. AMEND YOUR WAYS AS A NATION AND AS INDIVIDUALS – OR SUFFER CONSEQUENCES OF BEING DISOBEDIENT!

There are applications for us today. We must recommit our lives to the God of our forefathers. 2 Chronicles 7:14 calls for us to ‘humble ourselves and pray, search for God’s will, and turn from our wicked ways.... then, He will hear us from His heavenly throne and forgive us of our sins and heal our land. He will listen to each of our pleas and prayers grant us pardon.’

As we begin the year – 2023, would that each believer be convicted to visit the Potter’s House and have their hearts remolded? Would that each community, state and national leader do the same? Would that our judges and other decision makers search for Biblical truths for each decision made? What a spiritual revolution would we experience this year!

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THE UPWARD LOOK

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“But you did not learn Christ in this way,” Ephesians 4:20 NASB

“But you,” you believers in Jesus Christ, you are to be radically different from nonbelievers. You are to live drastically different from the old sinful way of life. You do not walk or have the lifestyle of those without Christ. A righteous and holy life in Christ is not learned through an ungodly lifestyle. You have learned Christ by coming to know Him personally. Learning Christ is not knowing about



Max Hutto

Jesus, but knowing Him, having a personal and intimate relationship with Him where He is your Lord and Savior.

Lord Jesus, You have transformed my life and caused me to yearn to walk with You in righteousness and holiness. Help me to live radically different from those who do not know You.

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

INSPIRATION

Ask, Seek, and Knock

Matthew 7:7-8 NIV Says “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened”. This scripture was given to us as instruction for our success. As Christians, we often overlook the importance of this scripture. We have goals, needs, and desires that we all want to accomplish and God wants to help us. However, there are a couple of things we need to do first. Firstly, we

need to have goals, needs, and desires rooted in God. Secondly, we need to have faith that God will provide. These are instructions that apply to every aspect of your life. We often work so hard to do things under our strength when instead we should rely on God’s. I would like to ask everyone to let God do the heavy lifting and most importantly give God the glory.



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NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Police Jury of the Parish of Webster, State of Louisiana (the “Governing Authority”), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Webster, State of Louisiana (the “Parish”), on November 1, 2022, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held within the Parish on **SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2023**, and that at the said election there will be submitted to all registered voters in the Parish qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION (LIBRARY MILLAGE CONTINUATION)

Shall the Parish of Webster, State of Louisiana (the “Parish”), continue to levy and collect a special tax of twelve and thirty-nine hundredths (12.39) mills on all the property subject to taxation within the Parish (an estimated \$3,220,400 expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2025 and ending with the year 2034, for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, improving, furnishing, equipping, operating and/or maintaining public libraries in Webster Parish, said millage to represent a thirty-nine hundredths of a mill (.39) increase (due to reappraisal) over the 12 mills tax authorized to be levied through the year 2024 pursuant to an election held on May 3, 2014?

Said special election will be held at each and every polling place in the Parish of Webster, which polls will open at seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541.

The polling places at the precincts in the Parish are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law.

The estimated cost of this election as determined by the Secretary of State based upon the provisions of Chapter 8-A of Title 18 and actual costs of similar elections is \$50,000.

Notice is further given that a portion of the monies collected from the tax described in the Proposition shall be remitted to certain state and statewide retirement systems in the manner required by law.

The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, as provided in this Notice of Special Election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, will make due returns thereof to said Governing Authority, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, the Police Jury Meeting Room, Webster Parish Courthouse Annex, 401 Main Street, Minden, Louisiana, on **TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2023, at TEN-THIRTY O'CLOCK (10:30) A.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election. All registered

voters of the Parish are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Minden, Louisiana, on this, the 1st day of November, 2022.

ATTEST: /s/ Jim Bonsall President

/s/ Lisa C. Balkom Secretary-Treasurer

January 4, 2023
January 11, 2023
January 18, 2023
January 25, 2023
February 1, 2023
Minden Press-Herald

PUBLIC NOTICE

Minden Planning Commission Meeting

February 2, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.

Pelican Room - Minden City Hall

On the agenda is a request from Justin & Amanda Greer for a zoning variance on property owned by them located at 201 Margaret Place. This property is zoned R-1 (Single Family Residential).

The purpose of this zoning variance is to be able to place a 24' x 44' metal storage building. The color of the storage building will match the house.

Legal Description:
2.58 ACRES – TRACT 24.93 X 121.92 X 139.04 X 150.15 X 235.01 X 302.47 X 425.82 FT. IN SW/4 OF NE/4 SEC. 14-19-9 & LESS 0.56 AC. DONATED

All interested parties will be given a chance to be heard.

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January 25, 2023
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Minden Planning Commission Meeting

February 2, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.

Pelican Room - Minden City Hall

On the agenda is a request from Webster Land Corporation for preliminary approval of a lot split on property owned by them located on Recreation Drive.

Legal Description:
SW/4 OF NW/4 & NW/4 OF SW/4 SEC. 35-19-9, LESS 1.73 AC. SOLD, LESS 4.91 AC. FOR STREET DEDICATION, LESS 3 AC. SOLD, & LESS 1 AC. SOLD, LESS 2 ACS SOLD

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SHERIFF'S SALE

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC VS. FLOYD GRAY

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 80367

By virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued out of the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, in the

above styled and numbered suit and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder for cash WITH the benefit of appraisal and according to law at the principal front door of the Courthouse in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana on WEDNESDAY, January 25, 2023, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

Lots 118 and 119, George C. Meyers Subdivision, a subdivision in Webster Parish, Louisiana, as per plat recorded I Book 1, Page 37 of the Conveyance Records of Webster Parish, Louisiana, together with buildings and improvements thereon; subject to restrictions, servitudes, rights-of-way and outstanding mineral rights of record affecting the property.

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

December 21, 2022
January 18, 2023
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SHERIFF'S SALE

LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC VS. SHELENA R. SELLERS, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS SURVIVING SPOUSE IN COMMUNITY WITH RICHARD R. GREENE, JR.

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 80327

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 appraisal and according to law at the principal front door of the Courthouse in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana on WEDNESDAY, February 22, 2023, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

Commencing at the intersection of the North side of Monroe and the West side of College (Union) Streets and run South 75 degrees West a distance of 132.5 feet; thence run North 17 degrees West 280 feet to the Point of Beginning; Thence run North 75 degrees East 106 feet; thence run North 22 degrees West 99 feet; thence run South 75 degrees West 217.5 feet; thence run South 17 degrees East 98.5 feet more or less; thence run North 75 degrees East 119 feet to the Point of Beginning located in the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 22, Township 19 North, Range 9 West, Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana, together with all improvements thereon and all rights thereto belonging.

ALSO the perpetual use of the alley 12

feet wide commencing on Monroe Street entering the property described hereinabove from that street, as more fully described hereinabove from that street, as more fully described in a deed from Minden Sanitarium to A.B. Moreland recorded in Conveyance Book 33, Page 216 of the Conveyance Records of Louisiana in which deed the alley is more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the intersection of Monroe and College (Union) Streets and run 75 degrees West along Monroe Street 132.5 feet to the point of beginning; thence run North 17 degrees West 280 feet; thence run North 75 degrees East 12 feet; thence run South 17 degrees East 280 feet; thence run South 75 degrees West 12 feet to the point of beginning located in Webster Parish, Louisiana, together with all buildings and improvements thereon.

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January 9, 2023

The Sibley Town Council met in regular session on Monday, January 9, 2023 at 6pm in the Sibley Town Hall Meeting Room.

Members present were Mayor Jimmy Williams, Aldermen: Wayne Bolton, Helen Chanler, Richard Davis, Alan Myers and Robert Smart.

Mayor Williams opened the meeting in prayer; then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Robert Smart motioned to accept the minutes to the October 10, 2022 Regular Meeting as read, Richard Davis seconded. Motion carried.

No New Items were added to the agenda.

Wayne Bolton motioned to adopt Resolution No. 2023-01 requesting assistance from the Webster Parish Police Jury for culvert installation for the year 2023. Richard Davis seconded, motion carried.

Assistant Fire Chief Richard Davis gave the December 2022 activity report for the Sibley Volunteer Fire Department.

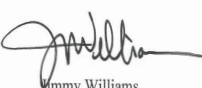
Officer Clint Meshell gave the December 2022 activity report for the Sibley Police Department.

The Board acknowledged the receipt of the December 2022 Financial Reports.


The mayor gave updates on the new subdivision developments, franchise negotiations and civic center renovations.

Alan Myers motioned to adjourn, Richard Davis seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Attest:



Jimmy Williams
Mayor



Sherry McClann
Town Clerk

January 18, 2023
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BLACK HISTORY EXPO

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