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APACHE PRINCESS 2023



Sophie Spillers was crowned Apache Princess 2023 last Saturday and was also named Miss Congeniality. The runners up were Maddy Whitehead in 1st place, Vivian Still in 2nd place, and Abigail Clark in 3rd place.

Sophie Spillers crowned Apache Princess 2023

Spillers was also awarded Miss Congeniality

AMBER MCDOWN
Minden Press-Herald

Sophie Spillers was crowned Apache Princess 2023 at the Civic Center on April 1. Seventeen young women competed to see which one would have the honor of representing their school for the upcoming year.

Maddy Whitehead won 1st runner up, Vivian Still won 2nd runner up, and Abigail Clark won 3rd

runner up.

Sophie Spillers, the daughter of Scott and Laura Spillers and a junior at Glenbrook School, plans to major in kinesiology after graduation and become a physical therapist assistant. She is a member of the Sundancers, the track team, the swim team, FBLA, the yearbook staff, and the prom committee. She also serves as student council repre-

sentative and junior class secretary. Spillers dances competitively and helps to teach others to dance as well.

Spillers was also awarded the title of Miss Congeniality by her fellow contestants.

"One of the most coveted awards in the pageant is Miss Congeniality," said Chris Scroggs, emcee for the pageant. "The young lady who deserves this award, in the opinion of her fellow contestants, has been the most genuinely courteous, thoughtful, and helpful."

The competition consisted of an opening Parade of Contestants, the Interview Attire Competition, and the Evening Gown Competition. And during the Parade of Escorts, young men of Glenbrook School showed off their escorting skills with the young ladies.

Also included in the program was the Introduction of Visiting Queens. Those queens were 2023 Mini Miss Minden Hadli Beck, 2022 Pre-Teen Fair Queen Scarlett O'Glee, 2023 Junior Miss Minden Kynzie Smith, 2019 Miss Minden and

2023 Miss Corpus Christi Sharity Brent, 2022 Miss Belle of the D'Arbonne Anna Claire Lemoine, 2023 Miss Minden Jacie Brent, and 2022 Apache Princess Olivia Blackwelder.

Entertainment between the competitions was provided by Lela Margaret Miller, Cydni's School of Dance, Scarlett O'Glee, Anna Claire Lemoine, and Jacie Brent.

At the end of the pageant, Sophie Spillers was crowned Apache Princess for 2023 by the former Princess, Olivia Blackwelder.

CITY COUNCIL

City looking into traffic on Rec Drive

WILL PHILLIPS
Minden Press-Herald

The April City Council meeting that took place Monday evening saw the adoption of some ordinances regarding the creation of access points for properties along Recreation Drive, changes to the employee manual, new hires and positions in the Minden Police Department, and an update from Minden Police Chief McIver on the Ewell Park shooting.



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placing a six-month moratorium on the approval or permitting of access connections to Recreation Drive.

Explaining the reason for the proposed ordinance in more detail, Mayor Nick Cox stated, "We have a proposed development wanting to come to town and put their driveway access on Recreation Drive. We all know Rec Drive during certain seasons of the year can be a very, very busy one-way street. So we would like to have some time from the city's perspective to study and

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EDUCATION

Jayda Spillers invested as chancellor of NLTCC

WILL PHILLIPS
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Friday morning members from all over the northwest Louisiana community gathered to celebrate the investiture of Dr. Jayda Spillers as the new chancellor of Northwest Louisiana Technical Community College. The event was hosted by State Representative Wayne McMahan and had guest speakers from the college staff, student body, and local organizations, all congratulating Dr. Spillers on her accomplishment and thanking her for taking up the role of chancellor of the college.

One of the first to give their congratulations was Tari Bradford of the LCTCS Board of Supervisors who gave well wishes to the new chancellor and spoke of her confidence in Spillers to lead the college in a positive direction.

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CHAMBER GALA 2023



AMBER MCDOWN/PRESS-HERALD PHOTO

At its 81st Annual Awards Gala, the Greater Minden Chamber honored business and community leaders for their contributions to the Minden and Webster Parish.

81st Annual Chamber Gala award winners

AMBER MCDOWN
Minden Press Herald

The Greater Minden Chamber presented its 81st Annual Awards Gala at the Minden Civic Center on March 28 to honor business and community leaders for their contributions to Minden and Webster Parish.

Small Business of the Year was awarded to Meriwether Wealth and Planning. "The Meriwether team is heavily involved in the Minden community since volunteerism and generosity are among its core values," said emcee Jake Chapman.

Business of the Year

went to Ace Hardware. "As much as they take care of what's inside the store walls, Ace is known for being a tremendous community supporter. From hosting the Little Grillers competition at Grilling on Main to being a big contributor to the local Shop Small campaigns

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SAFETY

Police chief announces new deputy chief and new mental health awareness program

AMBER MCDOWN
Minden Press-Herald

The Minden Police Department is making some big changes to help improve the department for the benefit of the citizens of Minden.

During the April 3 Minden City Council meeting, Police Chief Jared McIver requested permission to establish the position of deputy chief so that there will always be a second in command available to see to the needs of the people.

"In the absence of the police chief (out of town, illness, etc.), Minden needs someone to be in the number two position who can fulfill all the obligations that the chief would have," said Chief McIver. The motion passed unanimously.

He also requested the appointment of Lt. Tokia Harris to the new position of deputy chief of police. This motion also passed



unanimously, to a round of applause.

The next big thing for the Minden Police Department is a voluntary registration program for citizens who have mental or physical challenges, the behaviors of which might be misinterpreted by officers of the law. This includes many conditions such as schizophrenia, PTSD, autism, and deafness.

"We're wanting to bring awareness to mental health issues, and other different things that people have to live with daily," said McIver. "So

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GOVERNMENT

Mayor and police chief hold press conference on Ewell Park shooting

WILL PHILLIPS
Minden Press-Herald

Mayor Nick Cox and Minden Police Chief Jared McIver held a press conference Tuesday afternoon to address the shooting that took place at Ewell Park earlier this week. In this conference Mayor Cox announced a temporary hold on private events held in Minden's parks and fair grounds.

"In response to last weekend's violence at Ewell Park, I'm placing a temporary hold on private events held at the city's recreational parks and fairgrounds that do not prove to have adequate security," said Mayor Cox. "During this temporary hold, we are going to evaluate our policies and procedures. Make sure we are doing our best to protect the citizens of Minden."

Cox went on to encourage the public to cooperate with local law enforcement on this investigation, talking about how it will take all of us together to rid the city of those who wish to do harm to others.

"We need your help. We need to know what's going on. Notify police of crimes and destruction of property. This is our city, and it's going to take us all coming together to make it the best it can be. If you see something, say something," said Mayor Cox.

"Let me be clear, I stand beside Chief McIver. Minden is our home, our city, and this kind of violence will not be tolerated in

Minden. My prayers are with those who were injured."

Afterwards Chief McIver addressed the events that took place Sunday and gave updates on the investigation and the status of the victims who were hospitalized.

"Sunday, on March 26, we had an event at the Ewell REC Center. Sadly, gunfire went out. Several different shooters were involved. We had four victims that were hit. Bullets that were scattered all about. We know one of our victims is still

in critical care right now, two are stable and one was released," said McIver.

He then went on to talk about the cooperation they've received from other law enforcement agencies, and echoed the mayor's sentiment about the need for citizens to help provide any information regarding these incidents that they are aware of.

"We have since joined forces with local law enforcement agencies that surround us. The Webster Parish Sheriff's Office, the City Marshal's Office. We've also reached out to some federal agencies for their assistance in trying to conduct this investigation," said Chief McIver.

"It was a very large crime scene and, with that, we need all the help we can get. Our goal here is to bring all those responsible to justice. The investigation is still ongoing. We have mul-

tle agencies assisting us throughout this investigation."

"I wanted to let the citizens know, there's only very few officers at one time in the city on duty, but there's a lot more citizens, thousands of citizens. That's a lot of eyes and a lot of ears that are seeing and hearing the things that are going on."

"We encourage you, call. Stop by the police department. Whatever it is. If you've seen something, say something about it. We need your help. This is all of us working together. This is you, the citizens working with us, the police department and other law enforcement agencies, so we can address these issues that continue to try and infiltrate our city."

Lastly, Chief McIver displayed a shirt that one of the members of TTS was wearing displaying their logo and gang name, and addressed these criminals more directly, saying that organized crime in this city will not be tolerated.

"Throughout our investigation, we are starting to make arrests. One of our first arrests, he was wearing this t-shirt. This is gang related folks. This is what we're not going to tolerate in our city," said McIver.

"If you are a gang member, or you have any affiliation with any type of gang activity, we are going to bring you to justice swiftly, and we are going to be asking for the maximum penalty for all charges brought on those causing the violence in this city."



COX

COUNCIL

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review this plan, and particularly the location of that driveway. The concern is for the safety, welfare, health, and peace of those that use the Rec center and also the people that would be living in this development," said Mayor Cox.

Councilman Michael Roy made a secondary motion that they change the time from six months to three months. "I would like to point out that this has been going on since the first of November. I've asked some questions since this has been brought to light, and I just don't feel that we need, as a city, six months' time. I think we're pretty much all concerned about the traffic survey. I don't really see where six months is really necessary; I think three months would be plenty to do this," said Councilman Roy.

This motion wasn't met with a second however, thus the motion remained as it was originally proposed. The original motion passed with four in favor and one opposed, the opposed being Councilman Roy.

Another item of note was the adoption of some revisions to the employee handbook.

"In February, we adopted the handbook, and we all agreed that the handbook would never be perfect; it was something that we would have to work on," said Mayor Cox. "If we find problems we would address them and move on from there."

The problem that they addressed in this meeting was that of vacation time being counted as time worked, and leading

to conflicts with overtime pay as a result.

"If you take vacation, that's your rest and relaxation time. If you come in at the end of your 40 hours of vacation and work six hours at your regular job, we don't feel like that should be counted as overtime hours, it should just be regular pay hours," said Mayor Cox.

"We found a problem, there's a section in there where vacation is counted as time worked, and that policy, we project, costs the City of Minden a lot of money."

Another revision of the employee manual had to do with an overlap of state law and a section of the handbook having to do with the "at-will" status of employees hired by the city.

"There's a paragraph that says that we can change an employee's at-will status," said Cox. "Louisiana is an at-will state, and I just don't see that paragraph being necessary. It was brought to question, and to fix the problem I'm proposing that we delete it."

Both of these agenda items were motioned, seconded, and passed unanimously.

Some new hires and new positions were proposed to the council for the Minden Police Department during the city council meeting as well. First, there was the hiring of Marlin Choyce as a full time police officer. He was unanimously voted in for the position by the council.

Also proposed was a new position at the MPD of a deputy police chief. The argument presented by Chief McIver was that, in the case where

the chief was unable to make decision, whether away for work, illness, or otherwise, Minden needs someone to be in a number two position that can fulfill the same obligations in the event of his absence.

The creation of this position was passed unanimously, as well as the decision to follow the Chief's recommendation for Lt. Tokia Harris to take up the position.

Near the end of the meeting, Chief McIver also gave an update to the mayor, council and public about the Ewell Park shooting, both about the perpetrators and their victims.

"We have made, thus far, three arrests. There are still more arrests to be made. We have more warrants and, from what I understand, we have a lot of suspects that are on the run right now. But we have the proper authorities that are aiding us on their heels. We're hoping to bring them to justice very quickly for this," said Chief McIver.

"The victims are all stable. Most have been released from the hospital, so that is a great thing, but it's still a tragedy that it happened."

The Minden City Council meeting takes place on the first Monday of each month starting at 6 PM at Minden City Hall. For those who cannot attend the meetings in person or wish to see the meetings after they take place, live streams and recordings of the meetings can be found on the City of Minden's Facebook and YouTube channel titled City of Minden - Feels Like Home.

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CELEBRATION

Minden native appointed as first African American prosecutor for St. Mary's County

AMBER MCDOWN
Minden Press-Herald

Ashley Sowls, a native of Minden, was appointed as the first African American prosecutor for St. Mary's County in Maryland on January 3, 2023. While Sowls moved from Minden with her mother, Daisy Sowls, she still has many family members who reside here as well as cherished memories of visiting the City of Minden.

"I used to visit Minden every year, mainly summers," said Sowls. "Some of my fondest memories were seeing all the different places my family lived and visiting cousins that I didn't see very often."

Sowls' strong family relationships and faith have molded her into a capable woman who seeks to help others.

"One thing that has always sustained me is my faith in God and my Uncle Otis telling me to reach for the moon because if I miss I'll still land amongst the stars. I've been reaching for the moon since," Sowls said. "My family's support is everything to me. My Uncle Cle, who has since passed, was always encouraging to me and stressed making wise decisions. My Uncle Charles has always stressed that I can be and conquer anything if I keep God first and keep my head in the books. My mother and grandmother have always supported me and reminded me that I am a Sowls and there are no limits to what I can do with God on my side. They're strong women in their own rights and have pushed me to be better at every stage of my life. I am grateful to have a slew of cousins and aunts that also have always lifted me up and stood in the gap when I needed something. It took a village to raise me, and my village was strong and loving. "I've lived in Maryland



COURTESY PHOTO

Ashley Sowls, a native of Minden, was recently appointed as prosecutor of St. Mary's County, Maryland. While this alone is noteworthy, after she was appointed Sowls discovered that she was the first African American to hold this position.

for about 30 years. My mother was in the Air Force and, after we were displaced by Hurricane Andrew in Florida, she received the opportunity to relocate. She chose Maryland because it was close to Washington, DC, and the federal government had great opportunities for former military."

Sowls' mother always knew her daughter could achieve great things, and started encouraging her early.

"My mom used to read a lot of John Grisham books, which are based on lawyers. She wanted me to be a doctor, so we watched a lot of ER episodes when I was younger. At some point, I realized I wasn't a fan of needles, so that wasn't going to work for me. I loved books about powerful lawyers fighting for the underdog. I especially loved movies with lawyers that took on big corporations to fight for a community that had been wronged. That's when I knew I wanted to serve the community and fight for those that didn't have a voice. I chose the public service route, and

I love the work that I do. I get to help people while keeping the community safe.

"I received my Bachelor's of Arts degree in Criminology and Criminal Justice from the University of Maryland, College Park. I then moved to law school and attended the Charlotte School of Law where I obtained my Juris Doctorate degree."

At the time of her appointment as prosecutor, Sowls did not realize she was also making history.

"I am honored to be a part of this historic moment. I never would have imagined that I would be making history by just doing the thing that I love, and I pray my appointment as the first African American prosecutor encourages others to step into new spaces. I also hope it encourages those already occupying those spaces to make room for change and growth as State's Attorney Sterling has made for me; she's such a trailblazer. I admire her as a person and I am honored to be serving the residents of St. Mary's County under her leadership," said Sowls.

State's Attorney Jaymi Sterling said, "I am confident Ashley will make an immediate positive impact to our county and this office. Ashley's breadth and depth of knowledge and her compassion for crime victims will serve the people of St. Mary's County very well."

Ashley Sowls plans to continue her work in the Special Victims Unit, but will also be adding additional types of violent crimes to her caseload. "Although I just started in this position, I plan to continue to work in the Special Victims Unit pursuing justice for victims of rape, child abuse, and domestic violence," Sowls said. "Since joining the St. Mary's County State's Attorney's Office, I have added violent crimes, to include homicide, to my caseload. I look forward to putting my mark on these areas and finding ways to better my skills as an attorney so I can be more effective for the community. I don't know what the future holds, but I am open to wherever God leads me."

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each year or donating to Men and Women of Courage to going above and beyond for our local first responders, Ace Hardware of Minden understands that to really be successful you have to care about those around you," said emcee Tracy Campbell.

The Business Person of the Year goes to an individual who demonstrates entrepreneurial spirit, strategic business thinking, and is regarded as a leader in their field. This year the award went to Dr. Naomi Coyle. "Dr. Coyle would say that investing in education is one of the most important things we can do not only for our children but for our community," said Chapman.

The Community Partner of the Year award goes to a local, civic, or nonprofit organization that continues to go above and beyond to help those in our community. The Minden Junior Service League was named Community Partner of the Year. "Minden Junior Service League is an organization of young women who take giving back to their community to heart. From hosting an Angel Tea that provides Christmas gifts to local children and families in need to organizing a coat drive that provided over 300 coats to Webster Parish school students, these ladies are known for donating their time and resources to making big things happen," said Campbell.

Kip Mourad was awarded the Hometown Hero award for his 50 years of service to the Minden fire department. "It takes a very special person who feels drawn to service to wake up every morning and put their life on the line for the protection of others," said Kip Mourad's son Jared Mourad.

A new award this year was the Spirit of Hospitality award. This award went to Sara McDaniel for helping make the greater Minden area a superb place to live, work, and visit. "With home renovation shows gaining massive popularity, this individual decided to renovate a property of her own and documented it for the world to see through her social media channels," said Serena Gray, Director of Webster Parish Convention & Visitors Commission. "Suddenly, the cottage with the

yellow door was captivating the hearts and minds of thousands online. However, the renovations didn't end there, and in 2021 tonight's recipient was able to garner the attention of HGTV and secured Minden a spot on the hit TV series Hometown Kickstart."

Philip McInnis was conferred the Lifetime Achievement award for his decades of work to help improve Minden. "This man does not seek the spotlight," said Pam Bloxom. "He prefers to be a contributor to well-intentioned, deserving programs that are well organized and can be measured by positive results."

The 2023 Woman of the Year award was presented to Cindy Madden. This award is given to women who have made a positive impact in Minden and who have been seen as role models for all women for future generations. After listing the extensive work Madden has done for Minden over the decades, Cheryl Gott of the Daughters of the American Revolution said, "There will come a day when our winner won't be able to do what she does, but it's not happening anytime soon."

And the final presentation was the 2023 Man of the Year award. "Since 1946 the Minden Lions Club has honored outstanding men who merit special recognition for their professional achievements, leadership, and community service," said Mayor Nick Cox.

Ty Pendergrass presented the award to former Minden Mayor Tommy Davis. After relating Davis' history and contributions to Minden, Pendergrass said, "Now you will find our 2023 Man of the Year not at city hall but in the halls of UCAP seeking to help those in need or possibly helping the Webster Men of Courage to build a wheelchair ramp for a needy person, teaching a Bible study class on Sundays as he's done for over 50 years, or serving in one of the many positions of leadership in the Minden Lions Club or his local church. Minden's 2023 Man of the Year is a true servant-leader."

Congratulations to all the winners and thank you for your contributions to Minden and Webster Parish.

FINEST

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we created something called Minden's Finest: Approach with Caution. It's for intelligence for our department."

"Anytime that a vehicle is stopped and we come across that person, or if we go to their residence, we know that we could be dealing with someone that has issues, and we can handle it more delicately, approach it in

a much different manner. That's a lot that's on people's minds today: how will we deal with folks with schizophrenia or PTSD? This will give us some awareness, and we really encourage people to come to the police department, get one of these forms and fill it out. Once you get it back to us, we'll enter it in our database, and you'll get those stickers that you can put on your vehicle, your house,

or both."

To register yourself or someone in your care, pick up the form at the police station. After it is filled out, it needs to be taken to that person's doctor to be signed. Return it to the police station, and the information will be entered in their system. You will receive an identification sticker that will help police to immediately recognize that they might be dealing with a

person who may not react in a typical manner.

In a previous interview, McIver stated, "I've seen exactly how people can be when they're not on their medication. It can be like switching a light switch. It can be misconstrued. It can mimic something else. I think it will ease the minds of people in the community that we have that information."

NLTCC

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tion. "We are here on this day for a great change, and she is a change agent. She is here to make things happen. We have selected a great leader, I believe, to take us to the end of the things we need to do here. She has the passion for education, the passion for growth, and the passion for diversity, and therefore, Dr. Spillers, I commend you on this day as you take the helm, and lead the students, the faculty, and the staff to greater heights," said Bradford.

The next to speak was Stephanie Barnette, president/CEO of the Greater Minden Chamber. She spoke of Chancellor Spillers' efforts in making sure the college gave opportunities to its students that were relevant for the needs of the local businesses and workforce.

"Once she was announced as chancellor, she immediately went to

work to ensure that the reputation the school possesses continues to evolve in line with current business and industry needs. New programs are being added, current programs are being revamped, she is listening to the needs of our local workforce. I am excited about the future of this college with Dr. Spillers at the helm," said Barnette.

Representing the student body, the college selected the SGA president of NLTCC's Shreveport campus, Shatorey Coleman, to share a few words from the perspective of the students.

"We are delighted to have you as our chancellor, and on behalf of the student body, I would like to welcome you to Northwest Louisiana Technical Community College. With your fresh voice, and optimistic approaches, we are sure this school is in good hands. So, Dr. Spillers, I want to leave you with a quote by Lisa

Brown which says, 'you don't have to be great to get started, but you do have to get started to be great,'" said Coleman.

Last but definitely not least, Dr. Jayda Spillers herself addressed the crowd, both thanking them for their support by coming to her investiture and having confidence in her to lead the college in a positive direction.

"I'm just truly humbled this morning. I never dreamed that I would be here as chancellor," said Dr. Spillers.

"I have fallen in love with our faculty and staff here at Northwest, and our students. Everything we do is driven by putting our students first. Whether it's Minden, Shreveport, or Mansfield, we love our students, and I've found that we had a faculty and staff that did the same thing.

"Many of them need the skills that we are giving them because they want a sustainable living. They

want to support themselves and their families, and we don't want them to stop there.

"It's not where they are on that train, they get on and they get off don't they?"

"We want to give them the tools to be able to get on that train, earn those certifications, earn those college credits, and get started in life."

The last thing she addressed was expressing her desire to have the community involved in the college and providing their input, so that together they can all move forward in a direction that benefits everyone.

"To our community, we cannot do what we do here at Northwest without you. You are very vital to us. It is so important to me that you are involved. We want to hear from you and what you have to say... so we can move forward and stay cutting edge."

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OPINION

ESPN rejects science, recognizes a man for ‘Women’s’ History Month

It’s sad that throughout the entire United States ESPN could not find an actual female to be recognized. Rather, ESPN has recognized college swimmer Will/Lia Thomas, a transgender athlete who was born a male but who claims to have “transitioned” to become a female. As a result, this male swimmer has now won many of the most sought-after awards in women’s college swimming. In response, 12-time All-American female swimmer Riley Gaines, who has been fiercely opposed to transgender “women” competing in women’s sports, called-out ESPN for being “spineless” and suggested a boycott. Lia Thomas is not a brave, courageous woman who EARNED a national title. He is an arrogant, cheat who STOLE a national title from a hard-working, deserving woman,” Gaines said in a tweet. “The @ncaa is responsible.” If I was a woman working at ESPN, I would walk out. You’re spineless @espn #boycottESPN,” Gaines added. It’s happening all over. Another intentional example that underscores the unfairness includes a biological male—a bearded pro powerlifter named Avi Silverberg who competes against males—who entered a women’s competition in Canada. Silverberg entered the tournament after mockingly “identifying” as a female and then bench-pressed nearly 370

pounds, beating the current Alberta women’s record by almost 100 pounds. The Independent Council on Women’s Sports (ICONS) in Canada said Silverberg appropriately “mocked the discriminatory policy” that allows competitors to register for events under their “gender identity and expression, rather than their sex or gender.” ICONS added, “what Avi Silverberg so obviously points out is that policies allowing men access to women’s sports completely remove any integrity in women’s competitions.” Let’s all recall high school biology. While all human beings are spiritually and morally equal and made in the image and likeness of God, males and females are physically quite different. That’s why when I read the defense of Lia/Will Thomas being that “well, he/she takes testosterone depressants or hormone therapy” it means nothing to me. Why? Because when Lia/Will Thomas was a young male going through puberty there was no suppression of his physical development as a male. This

includes a male’s greater heart and lung capacity, height, greater and stronger musculature and a host of other male attributes that give a male athlete an unquestioned advantage over a female athlete. Transgender proponents argue that boys who identify as girls actually are girls. No, they’re not. And they are definitely not biologically—males clearly have physical advantages over females—and in physical sports, gender and biology really do matter. The fact that this has even become a disputed matter is a testament to how unhinged, morally and ethically, our nation has become. At a time when Americans are frequently told to ‘follow the science’ science is here rejected with the resulting unfairness to female competitors. This insanity was advanced when the Biden Administration made a striking departure from the previous position on Title IX, a federal education law that prevents discrimination based on sex—meaning biological males and females. However, President Biden issued an Executive Order entitled Preventing and Combating Discrimination Based on Gender Identity or Sexual Orientation. The Order states in pertinent part that “[a]ll persons should receive equal treatment under the law without regard to their gender identity or sexual orientation.” This language may sound

benign, but it is not. Conversely, the Trump Administration specifically reaffirmed the position that public school districts may exclude students from athletic teams based on “gender identity” and could require students to use bathrooms based on biological sex, rather than gender identity. The real tragedy is that all of the progress of Title IX for females is now threatened by the transgender agenda, which seeks to allow biological males to compete in girl’s and women’s sports. Let’s also remember that sports and athletics play an integral role in the development of young girls who will be robbed of the opportunity for that growth and development—and athletic scholarships which may be their only chance at college—if forced to compete with biological males. As tennis great, Martina Navratilova, has said, “[T] here will always be significant numbers of boys and men who would beat the best girls and women in head-to-head competition. Claims to the contrary are simply a denial of science.” Let’s end this gender delusion and confusion that damages the futures of females by preventing them from reaching their fullest potential.

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INSPIRATION

Stepping to the beat of a different on the road less traveled

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, an estimated 1 in 68 children has an autism spectrum disorder, a 30% increase over its 2012 estimate of 1 in 88 children. If it is true that some of our greatest thinkers, including Thomas Edison and Albert Einstein had autism then maybe we better reexamine our attitudes toward those who are born with this disorder. I especially enjoyed watching episodes of the ABC show, The Good Doctor, starring Doctor Shaun Murphy, who gave us a glimpse into autistic behavior. Even though the jury is out on what causes autism, I would like to talk a little bit about the advantages of autism because I don’t care what disability we have we need to celebrate our uniqueness and not label others, trying to fit everyone in the same mold. We won’t all be football players or tennis stars nor should we want to be because it takes all kinds to make the world go round. If Thomas Edison, the founder of General Electric born in 1847, hadn’t been kicked out of school, after only three months in the first grade, and his mother taught him at home

because his teacher said “he is addled and his mind wanders in class,” we might not have the light bulb today. Thomas Edison was asked one time what he would have done if he hadn’t invented the light bulb he replied “I would still be in there trying...” Why is it that we often try to put everyone in the same mold? Why do we want to categorize what is important and what has value only with the grade placed on it by those in authority? Is there not some value in “stepping to the beat of a different drummer?” It took Thomas Edison five thousand tries before he invented the first incandescent light bulb. It also took Colonel Sanders one thousand times before he sold his chicken recipe. He slept in his car, while traveling across the country, trying to sell his recipe that continues to make a fortune. It took Sam Walton to perfect the multi-

purpose store, known as Walmart, to not only make his family wealthy but to increase competition between businesses. But back to my favorite story of Thomas Edison. I love this story because it affirms the power of persistence. The Bible says “The race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, but time and chance happens to them all.” God knew what he was doing when He made man. He gave us each one at least one small talent and we can use it and it will multiply or if buried it will die. Who can place value on what we do? So many inventions come into being simply because of necessity. When we want something badly enough we can believe it into existence. It is a tried and true statement that says “what we can conceive and believe we can achieve.” I say just keep on keeping on at whatever you do whether great or small and never ever let anyone else define what is valuable or has any worth. None of us are alike nor should we want to be. God made no duplicates -- no two snow flakes are alike. God must have liked variety. How could anyone not be-

lieve in God? I find it much easier to believe in the One who made me, who causes the blood to flow through my veins and who created me to breathe without even thinking about it than to believe in atheism. We will never fully appreciate the value of what others do in life, whether great or small, because that is how we unfortunately are made and this lack of understanding is what causes much of the conflict in the world. If we could only understand and appreciate each other a little more -- and not bully each other even as adults -- we would know that it is only in our uniqueness that we celebrate our finest hours!! Having this knowledge gives me the energy to go on even in the midst of emotional storms, but I am energized knowing that God will always pull me through because Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever getting me to the right place at the right time. I am thankful for this “peace that passes understanding.”

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OPINION

Brown: Thoughts of Easter and the future of our country

This coming Sunday, we will celebrate Easter. I hope that you all have a great Easter Sunday with your family and friends. Easter is when we celebrate Christ’s conquering the grave and in turn, conquering death. As a result, death for us has no sting and is no longer possible as long as we believe in HIM. Our sins are forgiven. And, our debts have been paid in full as a result of Jesus fulfilling HIS mission in doing what HE came to walk this earth to do. Just as HE said he would, Jesus rose from the grave after HE was put to death. At Easter, I have an even deeper focus as to what Christ did for us. HE gave his life away for us. If Christ was sinless, but yet was crucified, then there was absolutely no hope for us until HE died for our sins. I hope that all of you will celebrate this GREAT news on Easter Sunday with your family and friends in the church of your choice. So many have sacrificed and died for the right for us to have this choice!

This past Saturday morning as I was doing some work around the house, one of my favorite songs came up on my iPod mix. “The Lighthouse” is one of my all time favorite gospel songs. When the song goes into the chorus, I get weak and start tingling to the point of shedding tears. “And, I thank God for The Lighthouse, I owe my life to Him. Jesus is The Lighthouse and from the rocks of sin, He has shown the light around me, so that I might clearly see. If it wasn’t for The Lighthouse, where would this ship be?” To me, this song says it all. Until this past Saturday, it had been quite a while since I had heard

this song. For me, how appropriate it is that this song comes up on my iPod mix at Easter. There is a message in that, no doubt. I am so emotional and to the point of tears right now writing this column. Upon thinking of the tremendous sacrifice that Jesus made for us, my thoughts often turn to the many ways that God has been taken out of so many things in our modern day lives. And if certain people have their wishes realized, many more things are in danger of losing their connection to God from a public perspective. Essentially, Christians are being attacked simply for being Christians. Those that want God removed from everything have twisted things around to the point where God is not to be mentioned in any single entity considered as public domain. If the framers of our constitution meant for God to be removed from everything in the public domain, then why was God the basis of practically

everything our forefathers did in getting this country started? For me, changing everything based upon the reasoning that our constitution needs to be a living, breathing and constantly changing document is not now.....nor has it ever been a valid excuse. Also, why was “In God We Trust” placed on our United States currency? Of course, these same groups of individuals are also trying to have our currency altered to have God removed from that too. No doubt, our country has been extremely blessed beyond all expectations. And, of course, there is no question in my mind as to why this is true. It is because our country has traditionally put God first. God has traditionally been the foundation of everything that we have done as a nation. If our country has tremendously prospered and has become what we believe to be the greatest nation on earth for all of these years, then why do we need to change virtually everything that we are

doing? Some truly great citizens and mighty great leaders have been reared in this country. As such, they were brought up to honor and treasure our country’s traditional value system in putting God first. These days, all that we ever seem to hear from those trying to radically change all of our traditional values is what is wrong with America. We seldom (if ever) hear what is good or what is right about America. There are so many things that are great about this wonderful nation in which we live. The freedom to worship as we choose and where we choose is definitely at the top of the list. So at Easter (and at all times), let us all be ever so thankful for the tremendous sacrifice that Jesus made for us so that we may have an everlasting life with Him. Happy Easter, my friends!

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HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL



VALLETTE WEAVER/SPECIAL TO THE PRESS-HERALD
Lakeside's Hallie Sutton gets a hit during a doubleheader sweep of Bossier last week at Lakeside.

All parish teams in good position to make playoffs

RUSSELL HEDGES
Minden Press-Herald

The regular season ends on April 12, and it looks like all five Webster Parish teams will qualify for the playoffs.

Under the LHSAA's new format, the top 26 teams in the final power ratings in each of the five non-select divisions and the top 24 in select Divisions I-IV make the playoffs.

According to Geaux-Preps.com, Minden (15-11) was No. 12 in non-select Division II ratings through April 2, North Webster (12-14) No. 23 in Division III, Lakeside (15-10) No. 9 in Division IV, Doyline (6-8) No. 18 in Division V and Glenbrook (14-9) No. 15 in select Division IV.

Last week, Glenbrook, Minden and North Webster completed district play.

Glenbrook won the District 1-1A championship with a 4-0 record. Minden finished second to 2022 Class 4A state champion North DeSoto in District 1-4A with a 7-1 mark.

North Webster finished second to Sterlington in District 1-3A with a 4-1 record.

Glenbrook went 3-0 last week, defeating Plain Dealing 17-0 and Arcadia 23-1 in district play and Mangham 10-0 in a non-district game.

Gabi Brown went 3-for-3 with a triple and three RBI against Plain Dealing.

Vivian Still went 4-for-4 with a home run, two triples and six RBI



VALLETTE WEAVER/SPECIAL TO THE PRESS-HERALD
Lakeside's McKenna Chreene fires a pitch during a doubleheader sweep of Bossier last week.

in the three-inning game against Arcadia. Sarah Margaret Mosley went 3-for-4 with two doubles and three RBI.

Eli Earnhardt went 3-for-3 with three RBI in the six-inning game against Mangham.

North Webster went 4-0, defeating Bastrop 14-7 and Union Parish 16-6 in District 1-3A play and Minden 10-3 and Plain Dealing 13-3 in non-district games.

Carlie Campbell turned in a strong performance in the circle against Minden, allowing five hits (per Minden stats). Anekah Coleman went 2-for-4.

Coleman went 3-for-4

with a home run and two RBI in the five-inning game against Plain Dealing. Paige Timmons went 3-for-4 with a double and two RBI.

Coleman had two doubles and three RBI against Union Parish.

Minden went 2-1. After failing to North Webster early in the week, the Lady Tidlers rebounded with district victories over Northwood 6-2 and BTW 15-0.

Leigha K-Gilbert went 3-for-4 with a home run, two doubles and four RBI against Northwood.

Her grand slam in the top of the fifth gave Minden a 6-0 lead.

Kylie Ryan pitched a

two-hitter with six strikeouts and four walks.

Ryan went 3-for-3 with a home run and six RBI in the three-inning game against BTW.

Lakeside went 3-1. The Lady Warriors swept a doubleheader against Bossier 15-0 and 17-0 and defeated Evangel Christian 7-1 in non-district games. They lost to defending select Division IV state champion Calvary Baptist 14-4 in a District 1-2A game.

Raleah Harris hit a three-run home run in the first game against Bossier. Maggie Mandino, Hallie Sutton and Teal Austin had two RBI apiece.

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Parish teams continue to have success

RUSSELL HEDGES
Minden Press-Herald

All five parish teams picked up at least one win last week.

Glenbrook went 3-0. The Apaches opened District 1-1A play with a 15-0 victory over Arcadia then defeated Cedar Creek 7-3 and Mangham 10-0 in non-district games.

Cason Clemons, Josh Chandler and Ryan Reagan combined on a no-hitter with eight strikeouts in the three-inning game against Arcadia.

Toby Haulmark allowed just four hits in a complete game against Cedar Creek. He walked three and struck out eight.

Maddox Mandino had a home run, double and four RBI in the five-inning game against Mangham.

Hayden Harmon pitched a no-hitter with 10 strikeouts and two walks.

Glenbrook entered this week 16-8.

Minden went 2-1. The

Crimson Tide split District 1-4A games, defeating Bossier 16-1 and losing to Northwood 9-4. They also defeated Loyola 2-1.

Jaxon Smith pitched a three-hitter against Loyola. He struck out six and walked only one.

Nine players combined for 11 hits in the three-inning game against Bossier.

Hudson Brown went 2-for-2 with three RBI. Price Miller went 2-for-2 with two doubles.

Jakobe Jackson had two doubles against Northwood.

Minden entered this week 14-8 overall and 2-1 in district.

North Webster split a pair of District 1-3A games, defeating Union Parish 16-6 and falling to Sterlington 14-1.

Cooper Sanders and Judd Wesson had two RBI each against Union Parish. Eight Knights had hits.

North Webster entered this week 15-5 overall and 2-1 in district.

Lakeside went 1-3. The Warriors opened the week with a 10-4 victory over Evangel Christian. They lost three tight games in a District 1-2A series against Calvary Baptist, 11-8, 8-5 and 8-7.

Lakeside broke a 2-2 tie with eight runs in the top of the fourth against Evangel.

Jon Jon Dick went 3-for-4 in the game with two doubles. Matthew Aguilera went 3-for-4 with two RBI.

Bradley Dick and Jon Jon Dick both went 3-for-4 with a double in the first game against Calvary.

Jon Jon Dick hit a two-run home run in the second.

In the third game, the Warriors scored six runs in the bottom of the fifth to take a 7-5 lead.

But the Cavaliers scored two in the top of the seventh and the game went into extra innings tied at 7. They scored one in the top of the eighth without getting a hit.

Chase went 2-for-4 with two RBI. Aguilera went 2-for-4 with a double.

Lakeside entered this week 11-11 overall and 1-5 in district.

Doyline went 2-1. The Panthers dropped a 3-2 decision to Red River in nine innings to start the week. They swept a District 1-B doubleheader against Castor, 8-3 in eight innings and 6-1.

Noah Spears scattered seven hits in 7 2/3 innings against Red River. He struck out 13 and walked only two.

Spears went 2-for-3 in the first game against Castor.

Caysten Mingo allowed two hits and struck out six in four innings. Benton Bates allowed five hits and issued only one walk over the final five innings.

Spears allowed only two hits in six innings in the second game. He struck out 12 and walked only one.

Mingo hit a two-run home run.

HIGH SCHOOL TRACK AND FIELD

N. Webster girls win Haynesville meet; Minden boys runner-up

RUSSELL HEDGES
Minden Press-Herald

North Webster won the girls division and Minden finished runner-up in the boys last week in the Haynesville Relays.

North Webster scored 127 points, edging Haynesville by one point, in the girls division. Caldwell Parish finished third with 101 and Minden fourth with 81.

Minden scored 118 in the boys division. Haynesville had 169. North Webster was third with 95 and Homer fourth with 70.

North Webster's Navaeh Watts swept the 100- and 200-meter dashes. She ran the 100 in 12.50 seconds, .62 faster than Arcadia's JaKyria Cockerham.

Watts ran the 200 in 27.06. Cockerham finished second in 28.37.

Lakeside runners swept the distance events.

Lexi Bradley took the 1,600 in 6:35.23. Caldwell Parish's Isabella Abrams finished 2.98 seconds behind her.

Madison McGraw won the 3,200 in 17:02.38. North Webster's Ramzee Lewis was second in 17:39.

North Webster swept all four relays. The Lady Knights won the 4X100 in 51.20, the 4X200 in 1:50.85, the 4X400 in 4:50.71 and the 4X800 in 12:34.45.

Minden was second in the 4X400 in 4:54.13.

Lakeside's McKenzie Chase won the pole vault with a 7-6.

North Webster's Amiyah White finished second in the 100 hurdles and 300 hurdles.

Other North Webster athletes finishing runner-up were SherAsia Mendenhall (800) and Kalli Bethany (pole vault).

Minden's Kynnadi Brown finished runner-up in the discus and shot put.

Minden's other runner-up finishers were Keirsten Dixon (400) and Natalie Henry (high jump).

North Webster athletes finishing third were Quianna Clark (100 hurdles) and Allison Lorenz (pole vault).

Minden athletes finishing

ishing third were Jolee Dison (1,600) and Kiara Dixon (high jump).

Lakeside athletes finishing third were Jalacia Roberson (300 hurdles) and Layla Thornton (javelin).

Minden's Stafford Bailey and Christian Lofton won events in the boys division.

Bailey took the 400 in 54.42, edging Lakeside's Omero Urbina by just .01 seconds.

Lofton and teammate Porter Neal finished 1-2 in the 1,600 in 5:31.40 and 5:33.24, respectively.

Three North Webster athletes won events.

Avante Curry took the 300 hurdles in 42.93. Haynesville's Isaiah Washington was second in 44.03.

Gavin Marshall and his teammate Chase McKenzie finished 1-2 in the pole vault with vaults of 9-6 and 9-0, respectively.

Braedon Robertson won the long jump with a 20-7. Homer's Jarek Shelton was second with a 20-4.

Lakeside's JaCoby Curry took the 800 in 2:11.32, 7.2 seconds faster than Minden's Neal.

Lakeside's Gavin Woodall won the 3,200 in 12:54.68. Haynesville's Carl Smith was second in 12:56.40.

Lakeside won the 4X400 relay in 3:42.71 and Minden took the 4X800 in 9:49.21.

Minden was runner-up in the 4X200 in 1:34.63. Homer won in 1:33.25.

Other Minden athletes finishing runner-up were Jaylin Williams (200) and Brayden Britton (110 hurdles).

North Webster's Kemaurion Jefferson finished second in the high jump.

Minden athlete's finishing third were Tyjaveyin McClendon (400) and Cameron Parker (300 hurdles).

North Webster athletes finishing third were Eric Silvers (1,600, 3,200), Kedrien Cody (110 hurdles) and Cameron Lewis (high jump).

Lakeside's Joshua Sebbald finished third in the 100.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL



CHRIS REICH/NSU PHOTOGRAPHIC SERVICES
Northwestern State Head Coach Rick Cabrera speaks at his introductory press conference last week in Natchitoches.

New NSU head coach reflects on 'dream job'

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NATCHITOCHES – Rick Cabrera's introductory news conference Thursday afternoon in the Student Union Ballroom on Northwestern State's campus was just another part of a dream.

"My dream job is being here as your head coach," Cabrera told assembled media, fans and university staff members. "When I decided to get into coach-

ing, I laid down at night and said I want to be a Division I head basketball coach. This is my first opportunity, so this is my dream job. I'm so greatly appreciative of having this opportunity. Like I said earlier, 363 (Division-I head coaching jobs). I bet the applicants were times nine of 363 for this job. I had people believe in me that I was the next man to win an NCAA Tournament game.

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HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Lakeside vs. Bossier



VALLETTE WEAVER/SPECIAL TO THE PRESS-HERALD
Lakeside catcher Emily Jones waits for the pitch during a doubleheader sweep of Bossier last week.



VALLETTE WEAVER/SPECIAL TO THE PRESS-HERALD
Lakeside's Emily Jones scores a run against Bossier,



VALLETTE WEAVER/SPECIAL TO THE PRESS-HERALD
Lakeside's Mackenzie McCoy prepares to head home.

CABRERA

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“Just watching a Fairleigh Dickinson, Florida Atlantic. I say, ‘Why not us?’ That’s the attitude you’ve got to have.”

Cabrera, 47, said he wants to instill a “tough” team once the 2023-24 season rolls around in Natchitoches, but Thursday was a chance for the first-time Division I head coach to show the other side of his emotional spectrum.

He fought back tears when speaking about his wife, Danielle, and had to compose himself when his thoughts turned to his late father Hugo Sr., saying out loud through a raspy voice, “I’m not going to talk about dad,” to which his sister in attendance responded, “He’s here.”

A six-year head coach at Lackawanna College and Tallahassee Community College, Cabrera compiled a record of 152-45. He spent 13 years as a D-I assistant at Tennessee Tech, Austin Peay and Arkansas State where he recruited and tutored all-conference players and helped Austin Peay standout Terry Taylor become an NBA player.

“As we went through the search process, it was clear coach Cabrera possessed all the qualities we desired in a head coach,” Director of Athletics Kevin Bostian said. “We wanted somebody who was an elite recruiter and a developer of young men, not only on the court but off it as well. We wanted someone to fit the culture of Northwestern State. His enthusiasm, passion, energy and hands-in-the-dirt approach and grind-it out work ethic were a perfect match for Northwestern State.”

Cabrera’s biggest takeaways from his journey? Patience and the value of family.

“Sixteen or 17 years ago, we went on our first date,” said Cabrera, whose wife claimed it to have been 18 years ago. “We were dating for about a month, and I knew this is what I wanted to do. During a date, we were at an Italian restaurant called Fratelli’s. We’re sitting across from each other, and I said, ‘Listen, this is the profession I want to go into. It’s going to entail some traveling, some moving.’

“She had just gradu-

ated from Penn State. She’s very close to her family in Scranton, Pennsylvania. I wanted to give her a head’s up to say, ‘Hey, do you want to come along on this ride? If not, you can get out early.’ She looked across with her big blue eyes and said, ‘I’m in.’ Seventeen years later, we’ve been all over the place.

“She gave up her career as an athletic trainer. She went to school and got a degree in kinesiology, and she hasn’t done anything with it in that realm. She’s a teacher, now. I appreciate you more than you ever know.”

Throughout his introduction to Northwestern State and to Natchitoches, Cabrera reference a handful of quotes. One of those belonged to an unidentified speaker, but it related to the Cabrera family as a whole.

“A quote that has always stuck in my head – and I wrote it down – is, ‘A good coach needs a patient wife or husband, a loyal dog and a great post player, but not necessarily in that order,’” NSU’s 11th head men’s basketball coach said. “I definitely have two of the three in a patient wife and a loyal dog. I have a great post player coming, just wait and see.”

For Cabrera, Thursday’s moment was the culmination of a two-decade journey that began as a graduate assistant at Tennessee Tech where he played basketball and baseball. It wound through Miami Killian High School and Keystone College before taking him to Lackawanna College in his wife’s hometown of Scranton.

It was during his time at Keystone that Cabrera had a bit of an epiphany and discovered just how much he wanted to coach basketball.

“I was a dorm director and an assistant coach at Keystone College,” Cabrera said. “I told my wife this a couple of nights ago, but I wish I had kept my first pay stub from Keystone College. I remember it. With taxes taken out, it was \$159.38 just for the coaching stipend. That was every two weeks. I’ll never forget it. I’m out of college, and I have a master’s degree. I’m thinking, ‘What am I doing?’ It’s all about patience. It has paid off. It has allowed me to take care of myself and my family.”

OUTDOORS

Like father, like son

GLYNN HARRIS

(With the opening of spring turkey season in Louisiana on April 1, I unearthed this article I wrote 13 seasons ago and with your indulgence, am repeating it as it has merit for today.)

Donnie Parkman is a serious turkey hunter and with good reason; he learned from one of the best. His dad, V.E. “Blue” Parkman was a turkey hunting legend long before turkey hunting was “cool” in north Louisiana.

Blue Parkman died in 1995 at the age of 73 but before he passed away, he quietly and without fanfare was part of a handful of turkey hunters who went out morning after morning with dreams of finding a single turkey track or maybe even getting to hear the ringing gobble of a long-beard on the roost.

Today, there are thousands of turkey hunters new to the sport in north Louisiana and chances are good that today’s hunters will find turkey tracks, hear gobblers and have a chance to bring a strutting tom to the gun. I count myself as one of these late bloomers, having stumbled upon the sport I’ve come to love in 1992.

My introduction to turkey hunting, however, began fifteen years earlier on an April morning in 1977 when I was coaxed to come along on a turkey hunt to Jackson Bienville wildlife management area by Blue Parkman. I admit



COURTESY PHOTO
V.E. “Blue” Parkman, pioneer turkey hunter, is shown with a gobbler he took years ago.

I was curious about what hunting spring gobblers was all about but not curious enough to put on camo, pick up my shotgun and leave the bluegill beds.

As I followed Parkman through the woods that morning, listening to him coax sweet music from his old Lynch box call, I recall thinking that this might be a sport I’d get interested in somewhere down the line. Even though a gobbler answered the call and indicated he wanted to play before a real hen took him across the Jackson Parish hills, my interest soon returned to what I usually did on spring mornings, and that

was set up on a hot bream bed. My turkey hunting trip to Alabama in 1992 and my first face-off with a strutting tom, however, changed all that.

Today, I chase turkeys anywhere I have the chance to go, and that included a trip to south Texas where one of our hunting party from Ruston included Blue Parkman’s son, Donnie. During that trip, I was able to take a Rio Grande gobbler while Parkman, following in his dad’s footsteps, took two. I sat down with Parkman to reflect on his dad’s legacy as one of north Louisiana’s pioneer turkey hunters.

“Dad was one of only a few turkey hunters in the area. L.W. Hamner, James Brooks and Levi McCullen and dad and very few others were just about all there were back then,” Parkman told me.

“If you heard a gobbler, it was a successful day and if one did sound off, every hunter in the woods took off after him. They ran more off than they killed but they had a good time trying,” he added, chuckling.

“I was in high school when dad talked me into going turkey hunting with him. We hunted at a game preserve over near Bastrop; they had a few more turkeys there than we did here,” Parkman continued.

“Getting to the woods early and getting as close to the roost tree as possible without spooking the bird were some early lessons I learned from my dad. One of the main things he taught me was the need to develop patience. Sometimes we’d sit for hours waiting for a gobbler to show up when I’d want to take off and find another one. I learned from dad just how important being patient is to being a successful turkey hunter.”

Donnie Parkman is continuing the turkey hunting tradition handed down to him by his dad.

“The times I enjoy most today are those times when I take my son, Jason, with me to the turkey woods. Dad passed his passion for turkey hunting down to me,” said Parkman, “and I owe it to my son to keep the legacy alive.”

Fishing Report

BLACK BAYOU – Wildlife and Fisheries is reporting a toxic condition in the lake. Proceed with caution or contact the agency for more information. Contact Honey Hole Tackle Shop 323-8707 for latest information.

BUSSEY BRAKE – Big bass are continuing to be caught on soft plastics as they have moved up to spawn. Crappie are on the spawning beds and hitting shiners or jigs. For latest information, contact the Honey Hole at 323-8707.

OUACHITA RIVER – Bass fishing has been best fishing the mouth of the cuts with shad imitation lures. Crappie have been fair in the river lakes. For latest information, contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

LAKE D’ARBONNE – Bass fishing has been best in the back of the creeks on soft plastics, jigs and creature baits. Crappie are in and out of the shallows starting to spawn with some caught on jigs and shiners. There are reports that some bream are starting to bed in the shallows with crickets and night crawlers starting to produce. Catfish are being caught fishing cold worms and night crawlers off the banks. For latest information, call Anderson Sport Cen-

ter at 368-9669 or Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

LAKE CLAIBORNE – Bass have been best fishing around the shallow docks with a Sinko or wacky worm as they have moved up to spawn. A good many crappie are being caught on yo-yos baited with shiners. No report on bream, stripers or catfish just yet. For latest information, call Kel’s Cove at 927-2264 or Terzia Tackle at 278-4498.

CANEY LAKE – Bass are on the beds with some really big females being caught as evidenced by a high school tournament where five bass averaged nearly 7 pounds each. Crappie are beginning to move to the shallows with some caught on shiners or jigs. Bream fishing is just now starting as they are moving in to spawn and hitting crickets and red wigglers. No report on catfish. For information contact Caney Lake Landing at 259-6649, Hooks Marina at 249-2347, Terzia Tackle at 278-4498 or the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

LAKE POVERTY POINT – Catfishing is good. Crappie are in the shallows getting ready to spawn with some to 2 ½ pounds reported. No report on bream or bass. For latest reports, call Poverty Point Marina at 318/878-0101.

Good News

GOOD NEWS

If Jesus had not come... If Jesus had not died... if Jesus Was Not Resurrected.....!

These are some things to ponder as we celebrate this special Holy Week. We cannot imagine what life would be like today if Jesus had not come to earth to offer eternal life to mankind. As Jesus made his way toward Jerusalem in those last few weeks of his life, He wanted so much to prepare his disciples for the time when He would not be with them physically. The Gospels record their responses to His efforts. Still after these years with him, they did not comprehend what His mission truly was. Jesus' mission (from His Father) was to provide the ransom for sinful man so the relationship between God and man that existed in the Garden of Eden would be restored. Had Jesus not came in the form of man, this Divine Plan could not have been completed.

We would not have a Savior! There would be no Redeemer! Our sins would not be forgiven! And there would be no hope of Eternal Life.

If Jesus had not died for our sins, life would be miserable the older we get. We would still be slaves to the sin in our lives. Life would be hopeless, we would be aimlessly wandering through life like "sheep without a shepherd." The Cross, the spilled blood, the sacrifice Jesus made would all be done in vain...useless, meaningless and of no value to the redemptive plan of God, the Father.

If there had been no 'open, empty tomb' if body of Je-

sus had been found in the tomb, and if there had been no evidence of Jesus' resurrection, the hope of Eternal Glory would be just a wishful thought. All the promises of our Lord, found in the Bible, would be false hope leading us nowhere. But praise God....Jesus did come from heaven in the form a babe (History verifies this); and He did die for our sins on a Roman cross. He was crucified with two thieves, being taunted by the soldiers, the Jewish leaders and others who gathered around the cross that day. (All of this was prophesied in the OT.) Salvation would not be possible and we would have no personal relationship with God, the Father and the promise of Eternal Life would be empty if Jesus had not be resurrected.

But praise be to the Father,

in the name of Jesus, that all of these are historical facts. According to the Gospels we can know for certain we are saved relying on the promises of Jesus who is identified as the 'Savior of the world.' As we celebrate Easter this week, consider sharing these thoughts with others who are not clear in their thinking of the significance of this Holy Week and what it means to history.

EASTER IS MORE THAN....

A dogwood in bloom; but It is about the Empty Tomb; It's more than the bunnies, eggs and all that fuss; It's all about Jesus' sacrifice for us, About His death on Calvary's cross - For you and me, no matter the cost. It's all about His Resurrec-

tion on Easter Day - The New Life and Hope -A New Way. It's His Way of showing us His great love, And the rewards in heaven awaiting above. It's God's way of revealing His loving care and more - To forgive our sins and open the door To His eternal kingdom prepared for you and me, Through Jesus' Resurrection that sets us free. Easter is all about the Christ, the Messiah, our Holy King - our Redeemer, Great Shepherd, our Everything! So early on this Sunday, we can rise to sing - "Happy Easter to all - Christ has risen indeed!"

BILL CRIDER IS CHAPLAIN OF MINDEN MEDICAL CENTER

THE UPWARD LOOK

Grieve Not

"Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption." Ephesians 4:30 NASB



Max Hutto

When the old sinful ways, such as lying, anger, stealing, or unwholesome words, are displayed in the believer's new life, it grieves the Holy Spirit. God has placed His Holy Spirit within every believer as a guarantee of the new redeemed life in Christ. Sin, any sin in the life of the believer, causes the Holy Spirit to grieve, suffer, and mourn. Having been sealed by the Holy Spirit,

the believer's relationship with God cannot be broken, but sin causes grief and a break in the sweet fellowship between the believer and God.

Lord God, I rejoice in my redemption and salvation in Christ. May my thoughts and actions not bring grief and agony, but joy, delight, and honor to You.

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

INSPIRATION

Easter Sunday

The month of April is finally here and with it comes a great celebration and reflection. Many of us are thinking why should I celebrate? What in this troubling time gives me a reason to celebrate? I say read carefully because your Bibles have the answers. Avid readers of the Bible and churchgoers know that this is the month we recognize the death and resurrection of our savior. Jesus the perfect man died to save the imperfect and give us the holy spirit. I would like to encourage everyone to celebrate and reflect on the sacrifice of our savior. Jesus

never gave up on us so let's continue to be faithful to him. Mark 8:31 NLT says "Then Jesus began to tell them that the Son of Man must suffer many terrible things and be rejected by the elders, the leading priests, and the teachers of religious law. He would be killed, but three days later he would rise from the dead."



Bernard Harris

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CRYPTO FUN

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Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to roller coasters.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 12 = D)

A. 12 6 1 16

Clue: Fall vertically

B. 9 16 14 14 12

Clue: Velocity

C. 17 10 6 25 19 19 9

Clue: Exciting experiences

D. 6 25 12 14

Clue: Amusement structure

Answers: A. drop B. speed C. thrills D. ride

SUDOKU

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Level: Beginner

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

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2	8	1	3	4	6	9	5	7
3	6	9	7	1	5	4	2	8
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6	1	8	9	2	3	5	4	7
9	3	5	4	8	7	1	6	2
4	7	2	9	1	5	8	3	6
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1	6	7	8	3	4	2	9	5
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ANSWER:

FUN & GAMES

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Half-conscious states

8. Unnatural

13. Deep regret

14. Rogue

15. Took without permission

19. An alternative

20. After B

21. Partner to “flowed”

22. The best day of the week (abbr.)

23. Helps you hear

24. Egyptian river

25. Lake __, one of the Great

26. Make free from bacteria

30. Indigenous peoples of central Canada

31. Sanctuaries in Greek temples

32. Most unclothed

33. NJ senator Booker
34. Tibetan lake

35. Desecrate something sacred

38. John __, English educator 1467-1519

39. Obtains in return for labor

40. Views

44. Rugged cliff

45. Not quiet

46. Body part

47. Newt

48. German city

49. A way to save money

50. NBC’s Roker

51. Dire Straits frontman

55. Actress Lathan

57. Most meager

58. Poems

59. Companions

CLUES DOWN

1. Draws over

2. Recur

3. Current unit

4. Neither

5. Certified Radio Operator (abbr.)

6. Power of perception

7. Peace

8. Supplemented with difficulty

9. The last section or part of anything

10. Dorm worker

11. Bones

12. Most unnatural

16. Spanish island

17. The skill to do something

18. Where golf games begin

22. Untethered

25. Print errors

27. The sport of engaging in contests of speed
28. Ones to look up to

29. Stringed instrument

30. Gives whippings

32. Type of tie

34. Make more concentrated

35. Die

36. Part of a winter hat

37. Young men’s club

38. Bathrooms need it

40. U.S. president

41. American novelist

42. Take into custody

43. Hurts

45. Type of gibbon

48. American actor Lukas

51. Partner to cheese

52. Some are covert

53. Political action committee

54. To and __

56. Atomic #28

PUZZLE SOLUTION

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In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 80197

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 Court house in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana on WEDNESDAY, April 12, 2023, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

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Linda Vaughan - Deputy

March 8, 2023 April 5, 2023 Minden Press-Herald

SLIGO AND ELM GROVE FIELDS

Docket Nos. 23-178 thru 23-181

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF LOUISIANA, OFFICE OF CONSERVATION, BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA.

In accordance with the laws of the State of Louisiana, and with particular reference to the provisions of Title 30 of Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, a public hearing will be held in the Hearing Room, 1st Floor, LaSalle Building, 617 North 3rd Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at 9:00 a.m. on TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2023, upon the application of PETRO-CHEM OPERATING COMPANY, INC. At such hearing the Commissioner of Conservation will consider evidence relative to the issuance of Orders pertaining to the following matters relating to the Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A, in the Sligo and Elm Grove Fields, Webster Parish, Louisiana. 1. To authorize Petro-Chem to drill, designate and utilize five cross unit horizontal wells as alternate unit wells for HA RA SUVV, in the Sligo Field, at

the locations and in the general manner shown on the plats submitted with the application. 2. To authorize Petro-Chem to drill, designate and utilize an alternate unit well for HA RA SUVV, in the Sligo Field, at the location and in the general manner shown on the plats submitted with the application. 3. To authorize Petro-Chem to drill, designate and utilize six cross unit horizontal wells to serve as alternate unit wells for HA RA SUXX, in the Sligo Field and as a unit and five alternate unit wells for HA RA SU58, in the Elm Grove Field, at the locations and in the general manner shown on the plats submitted with the application. 4. To establish that the proposed unit and cross unit alternate unit wells are necessary to efficiently and economically drain portions of the Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A, underlying the units which they will serve. 5. To provide that the proposed cross unit alternate unit wells should be perforated no closer than 330' to any unit boundary other than to the extent to which the wells cross the common unit boundary between the units which they serve, and as necessary to approve the locations of the wells in exception to the applicable spacing rules. 6. To confirm that with respect to the proposed cross unit horizontal wells to be drilled to the Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A, where the horizontal lateral portion of a well is cased and cemented back above the top of the Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A, the distance to any unit boundary and any offset well should be calculated based on the distance to the nearest perforation in the wells, and not based on the penetration point or terminus. 7. To find that unit production from the cross unit wells should be allocated to each unit served in the same proportion as the perforated length of the lateral in each unit bears to the total length of the perforated lateral as determined by an "as drilled" survey performed after the cross unit wells are drilled and completed. 8. To authorize the unit allowable for these units to be recovered from the unit wells, any alternate or cross unit alternate unit well, or from any combination of such wells, at the discretion of the operator. 9. Except to the extent inconsistent herewith, to confirm and continue in effect the pertinent provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 8-N, effective January 12, 2010, as amended and supplemented by the 8-N Series of Orders, with respect to the Sligo Field and Order No. 361-L, effective July 29, 2008, as amended and supplemented by the 361-L Series of Orders, with respect to the Elm Grove Field, and all applicable Statewide Orders. 10. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent. The Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A, in the Sligo Field, was defined in Order No. 8-N, effective September 30, 2008. The Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A, in the Elm Grove Field, was initially defined in Order No. 361-L, effective July 29, 2008, and was redefined INSOFAR AND ONLY INSOFAR as to HA RA SU58, in Order No. 361-L-129, effective April 7, 2009. Plats are available for inspection in the Office of Conservation in Baton Rouge and Shreveport, Louisiana. <http://dnr.louisiana.gov/conshearings> All parties having interest therein shall take notice thereof.

BY ORDER OF: RICHARD P. IEYOUB COMMISSIONER OF CONSERVATION

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE OF CONSERVATION-ENGINEERING DIVISION AT P.O. BOX 94275, BATON ROUGE, LA 70804-9275 IN WRITING WITHIN TEN (10) WORKING DAYS OF THE HEARING DATE.

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Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc. vs. Mary Jo Webb and the Unopened Succession of James Webb, 26th Judicial District Court, Webster Parish, State of Louisiana, Docket Number 80575. Anyone who may be an heir or knows the identities and/or whereabouts of the heirs of James Webb, please contact Attorney Jessica Davis at 318-935-9448 or jessicagdavis.law@gmail.com.

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Docket No. 23-182

SIBLEY FIELD Docket No. 23-182

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF LOUISIANA, OFFICE OF CONSERVATION, BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA.

In accordance with the laws of the State of Louisiana, and with particular reference to the provisions of Title 30 of Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, a public hearing will be held in the Hearing Room, 1st Floor, LaSalle Building, 617 North 3rd Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at 9:00 a.m. on TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2023, upon the application of ASQUARED RESOURCES II, LLC. At such hearing the Commissioner of Conservation will consider evidence relative to the issuance of Orders pertaining to the following matters relating to the Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A, in the Sibley Field, Webster Parish, Louisiana. 1. To dissolve the drilling and production unit for the Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A, designated HA RA SUE created by Office of Conservation Order No. 148-M-2, effective October 13, 2009) as shown on the plat submitted with the application. 2. Simultaneously with the dissolution of the above unit, to create one additional drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A, to be designated HA RA SUQ, as shown on the plat submitted with the application. 3. To force pool and integrate all of the separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests located within the proposed unit in accordance with Section 10, Title 30, of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation. 4. To redefine the Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A, INSOFAR AND ONLY INSOFAR as proposed HA RA SUQ is concerned, as defined in Order No. 148-M-1, effective May 28, 2009. 5. To confirm that with respect to horizontal wells drilled to the Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A, in or to serve the proposed unit, where the horizontal lateral portion of a well is cased and cemented back above the top of the Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A, the distance to any unit boundary or offset well(s) will be calculated based on the distance to the nearest perforation in the well, and not based on the penetration point or terminus. 6. Except to the extent inconsistent herewith, to extend to the proposed unit all pertinent provisions of Order No. 148-M, effective May 12, 2009, as amended and supplemented by the 148 Series of Orders, and all applicable Statewide Orders. 7. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent. The Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A was initially defined in Order No. 148-M, effective May 12, 2009, was redefined as to HA RA SUE in Order No. 148-M-2, effective October 13, 2009, and is redefined as set forth above as to proposed HA RA SUQ. Plats are available for inspection in the Office of Conservation in Baton Rouge and Shreveport, Louisiana. <http://dnr.louisiana.gov/conshearings> All parties having interest therein shall take notice thereof.

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