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MASTER GARDENERS



Nature lovers and gardening enthusiasts alike enjoyed exploring an enchanting array of gardens, each offering its own unique theme and charm, during the 2023 Trails & Trellises garden tour held by the Piney Hills Louisiana Master Gardeners.

Trails & Trellises

Providing nature lovers beautiful landscapes to explore

AMBER MCDOWN
Minden Press-Herald

The Piney Hills Louisiana Master Gardeners held their annual garden tour, Trails & Trellis, on May 20. This year there were three exquisite and meticulously maintained landscapes for gardening enthusiasts and nature lovers to explore.

The home of Kelly and Glen Warren is situated on almost 18 acres of

a peninsula which extends into Lake Bistineau. Walking beneath the Spanish moss covered trees across the lush lawns while listening to the calls of birds and insects was a truly peaceful experience. Beds of brightly colored flowers and potted plants dotted the grounds, and the home itself — which perches on the edge of the lake — harmonized beautifully with the land-

scape.

Sara McDaniel's home on McDonald Street in Minden, which was built in 1926, has been featured in Better Homes & Gardens magazine. Starting with its bright yellow door, this home and its grounds are full of riotous and cheerful colors. The coziness and charm of this place encourages you to kick off your shoes and walk barefoot in the grass. There's a sense of being in a secret garden even though you're only a few blocks from downtown.

The final garden of the tour was the home of Nancy and Mike Sanders. The lovely two-story house, fronted by white columns, evokes a sense of a plantation house but with the warmth of a family home as it watches over the rolling fields below. It is located on the last piece of land used for cotton farming in Claiborne Parish. Gorgeous beds of flowers and other plantings surround the home, and meticulously groomed shrubbery was found on every side.

Trails & Trellises serves

as a testament to the Piney Hills Louisiana Master Gardeners' dedication to sharing the joys of gardening with the community. The Piney Hills Louisiana Master Gardeners are an integral part of the Louisiana Master Gardener program. This initiative, offered by the LSU AgCenter, recruits and trains volunteers to address the educational needs of home gardeners while providing a rewarding service experience. For more information, go to their website at www.phlmg.com.

CRIME

WPSO and SPD find \$450k worth of marijuana

STAFF REPORT
Minden Press-Herald

On Wednesday, May 17, just after midnight, the Webster Parish Sheriff's Office, working in conjunction with the Shreveport Police Department, conducted an investigative traffic stop on Highway 371 near I-20 which resulted in the arrest of Candice Lunz-Reed, a 49 year old white female, who resides in Memphis, Tennessee, after she was found to be in possession of over 80 pounds of high-grade marijuana.



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“She was operating a U-Haul truck. Circumstances at the scene resulted in the request for a consent to search the U-Haul which was denied,” said Webster Parish Sheriff Jason Parker.

“Webster Parish Sheriff Office's K9, Preacher, did an open air sniff around the U-Haul which resulted in a positive odor response. A subsequent search of the U-Haul revealed three suitcases which had approximately 86 pounds of high-grade marijuana with the street value estimated at \$450,000.

“We got a lot of narcotics off the street today and I am proud of the com-

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DIXIE INN

Council discusses shooting range in Dixie Inn

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On May 18, a special session was held for the Village of Dixie Inn to discuss their annual budget as well as discussing possible changes to be made to the area that local law enforcement has been using as a shooting range.

With only some minor checks to make sure that the budget included funding for new tasers with accompanying incidentals such as taser holsters, the proposed budget was agreed upon. It is available for the public to review until it is officially adopted on June 13 at 5 PM. While a new police vehicle was requested, the council decided to delay that purchase until next year.

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WPL

Fun with paper making at the library



AMBER MCDOWN/PRESS-HERALD PHOTO

Kids enjoyed making paper at the Minden branch of Webster Parish Libraries on May 18. The library has different fun activities scheduled throughout the month. They will be having squirt gun painting for teens and jam making for adults on May 24 and younger children can participate in Scientist for a Day on May 30. The Minden branch will also be kicking off their Summer Reading Program, All Together Now, Let's Travel the World!, on June 8. The Springhill branches program begins on June 6.

MINDEN STAR

The Champ is winning this day

STACEY TINSLEY
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The church isn't a building, it's a people. It's a people that love God and love others. It's a people that celebrate. It's a people that bless and serve those around them.

The church is a body of believers that live out the Gospel in their words and actions. And, that's exactly what members of one local church did on Wednesday, May 17, when

(surrounded by his family, friends and hundreds of his church family), Cypress Baptist Church worship pastor Seth Whorton led worship and then took the Lord's Supper at Ronnie Coker's house.

Due to his failing health, Coker has been unable to attend church services



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at Cypress Baptist. So his good friends Jason Rowland, Assistant Superintendent of Bossier Parish Schools, and John Fream, Senior Pastor of Cypress Baptist Church, decided that since Coker cannot attend church, they would take the church to him. And after the Lord's Supper, Cypress Baptist Church licensed Coker to the gospel ministry and had prayer for him.

“We are praying for healing here on earth and knowing that Ronnie wins either way! Ronnie is always texting me to Win the Day and he certainly did as Cypress gathered in his front yard,” Fream said.

The night concluded with Coker speaking to the crowd from his rocking chair on his front porch. He shared with the crowd the good news about his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

It was a message of love and faith that he has for

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WEBSTER & MORE

HONORING

Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway sign dedication was held on May 19

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Minden Press-Herald

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway sign was dedicated during a ceremony held at Fire Station 5 just west of Dixie Inn on May 19. The actual signs are located at mile marker 40 (eastbound) and mile marker 43 (westbound) on Interstate 20, though the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LaDOTD) requested that the ceremony not be held at either sign for safety reasons.

A large crowd of veterans and community leaders gathered for the ceremony, showing that these signs are an important acknowledgment of their service to the United States.

Jerry Madden spoke about how the idea for the sign had come about.

“Two years ago, in the spring of 2021, I had a thought that we’re coming up on the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam exit,” said Madden. “And at that time we had done nothing for our Vietnam veterans. I served during that time, and there’s many of you who served

during that time but may not have put your foot on Vietnamese soil. But you still served.”

He contacted LaDOTD and asked how many signs dedicated to soldiers were on bridges and overpasses along I-20 in Louisiana.

“He looked up the information and said, ‘You’re not going to like it. You only have three,’” said Madden.

When Madden asked why there were so few, he was told that no one had asked for them.

“Well, we’re going to ask,” said Madden. “We’ve compiled a list, and there’s going to be more, ladies and gentlemen. There’s going to be more.”

They decided to save the locations at bridges and overpasses for individual soldiers, and so they picked mile marker 40 near Dixie Inn.

Representative Dr. Wayne McMahan helped get these signs passed through the legislature and was the first to donate to have the signs made. Retired Major Billy LeJeune donated the majority of the cost, and the Daughters of the American Revolution donated



A large crowd of veterans and community leaders gathered for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway sign dedication. These signs are an important acknowledgment of their service to the United States.

the remaining amount.

“It has been a long time coming, and it’s late,” said Madden. “We should have done this years ago, but it’s here now.”

Representative McMahan also offered some thoughts on the memorial, saying, “I grew up in

the 60s and 70s here in Webster Parish. I was fortunate in one way to be just young enough that I didn’t have to serve in Vietnam, but I had a lot of friends who were older than me. I watched those friends come back to La Tech, and I saw how they

were affected. That made an impression on me — of what they did to serve our country. They were protecting freedom for the world that we live in, and I’m so appreciative of you who did serve. I really appreciate what you guys and ladies have done for

us, letting us be here today in a free country because of your service. It was a privilege to have a small part in this.”

This ceremony was held the day before the Armed Forces Day program in which Vietnam veterans were the special guests.

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“his King.” He also spoke about meeting Jesus Christ face to face one day and how that would be his ultimate healing.

Rowland, Coker’s longtime friend and fellow church family member, said seeing Coker and Cypress Baptist Church members gather at Coker’s house, was truly a night to remember.

“Wednesday night, Cypress Baptist Church showed what the church can be. With an overflow crowd, Pastor John Fream led a Wednesday night service and observance of the Lord’s Supper with “The Champ,” Ronnie Coker. Coach Coker, known as a long-time baseball coach in Northwest Louisiana, is a three-time state champion, an LBCA Hall of Famer, and a member of the Cypress Baptist Church family was officially licensed into the ministry on this wonderful night,” Rowland said.

“Coach Coker has been a dear friend for many years. I grew up watching him play for the 1981 Minden Crimson Tide that won the first of three state championships. We would later coach against each other with him winning two more state championships while I took a different path,” Rowland added.

Rowland went on to say “In 2010, I was given the privilege of serving as the principal at Airline High School and my first hire was to make Ronnie Coker my athletic director. I knew he was a winner, I knew he was a champion and I knew he was what God had sent our way. “Coach Coker served in that role for 11 years and not only did he lead our athletic department, but he poured into all of our students like no one I had ever seen. I had always said when asked about hiring him for the role of AD, everything Coach



Coker touches turns to gold. The same is true for the impact he has had on the lives of thousands that he has touched. They will be forever impacted by this man. And, what he has done for this community and for his King is far more precious than gold.”

“The Champ is fighting a battle with cancer as of today. However long this battle takes, we all know that he will win. You see — you can’t be a Champion without winning and that is exactly what he is doing today. He is “Winning This Day” no matter what. May God bless my friend, the Champ, Ronnie Coker,” Rowland concluded.

In July of 2021, the Bossier Parish School Board approved a motion to name Parkway High School’s baseball stadium Ronnie Coker Field.

Coker retired in 2021 after a 25-year coaching and teaching career spent mostly in the Bossier Parish school system. His career concluded with a long stint as Airline High School’s athletic director.

In addition to leading Parkway High School to a state baseball title in 1998, Coker also led Parkway to a state runner-up finish in 1997. Coker also guided Captain Shreve to its only baseball state championship in 2006. The Gators finished as the Class 4A runner-up in 2007.

Coker was inducted into the Louisiana Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2019. He has received many other honors, including being named Coach of the Year by the Louisiana Baseball Coaches Association and the Louisiana Sports Writers Association.



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OBITUARIES



Joe M. Haynes

Memorial service for Joe Melvyn Haynes was held Thursday, May 4, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. at Rose-Neath Funeral Home Chapel in Minden, Louisiana with Bro. Larry Buford officiating. The family will receive friends at 10:00 a.m. Thursday at Rose-Neath, prior to the service.

Joe was born March 18, 1941, in Birmingham, Alabama, and entered into rest May 1, 2023, in Bossier City, Louisiana.

Joe is preceded in death by his parents, Watson and Mary Haynes and brothers, Jack W. Haynes and Dennis A. Haynes and brother-in-law, Butch Michael.

He is survived by his wife, Debra “Debbie” Michael Haynes of Minden; daughter, Debra Haynes Wilbee of Sibley; sons, Joe M. Haynes, Jr. of Mississippi, and Joseph M. Haynes of Washington; sisters, Judy White, and Brenda Prince and husband Tommy; brothers, Michael Haynes and wife Kathy, and Danny Haynes and wife JoAnna; grandchildren, Kelly Boothe, Kinlee Boothe, Kristen Boothe, Joe (Trey) Haynes, III, and Wy-

att Haynes; sister-in-law, Tammy Bloxom and husband Mark; brother-in-law, Greg Michael and wife Sylvia; sister-in-law, Carolyn Michael and a host of other loving relatives.

As a veteran of the Vietnam War, Joe honorably served our country in the U.S. Army. He graduated from Hinds Jr. College and later attended LA Tech. He was a man of many and varied talents. In his earlier years, Joe enjoyed fishing, hunting and a genuine love of being outdoors.

Joe believed strongly in hard work and enjoyed all the tasks associated with caring for cattle and stewarding the land. For almost 40 years, Joe was the successful owner/operator of Haynes Chemical Service and took great pride in a reputation of providing his clients quality service at a fair price.

He was the ultimate provider and protector of his family and will be greatly missed. We take solace in the knowledge that Joe knew and loved the Lord and trust he has been welcomed into his Heavenly home.

The family extends sincerest thanks to the administration, nurses and staff at The Blake of Bossier City, and Regional Hospice for their genuine compassion and loving care given to Joe during his illness.

Marie Harkness Johnson

Our sweet mom, Marie Harkness Johnson, gained her angel wings on Tuesday, May 9, 2023, in Catoosa, Oklahoma. Mom was born in Minden, Louisiana, to Leon and Nelma Harkness on November 23, 1938. She grew up and attended school in Heflin, Louisiana. Mom loved her family, traveling, the beach, and her church family.

Marie was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 52 years, Wiley Johnson; and her brother, Carlos Harkness. She is survived by her children, Linda Brown (John), Inola, Oklahoma, and Mark Johnson, El Dorado, Arkansas. Surviving grandchildren are Amy Walthall (Tyler Wilson), John David Reed (Jennifer), Claire Johnson (Scott), Rebekah Smith (Tyler), Ryan Brown (Melanie), and Tyler Brown (Maggie). Also

surviving are eight great grandchildren; sister, Shirley Wine, Bear, Delaware; and sister-in-law, Gwen Harkness, Birmingham, Alabama.

After her husband’s 20-year retirement from the US Air Force, Marie and Wiley founded Industrial Oil Supply, Shreveport, Louisiana. Upon their second retirement, they relocated to Crestview, Florida. After Wiley’s death in 2010, Marie moved to El Dorado, Arkansas, to be closer to family. In 2022, Marie relocated to Catoosa, Oklahoma, to be near her daughter, Linda.

A memorial service will be held at Heflin Baptist Church, Heflin, Louisiana, at 11:00 AM on Saturday, May 20, 2023, followed by interment at Bistineau Cemetery, Heflin, Louisiana.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you make donations to the Alzheimer’s Association or charity of your choice.



Billy Shane Harris

Billy Shane Harris, 49, of Dubberly, Louisiana was born February 22, 1974, in Shreveport, Louisiana and entered rest May 21, 2023, in Dubberly, Louisiana. Billy was employed with Bayou Swabbing. He loved spending time with his family, helping others, fishing, gardening, and working on small engines. Shane also loved hunting and taught all of his children to hunt, fish and take care of all animals.

He was preceded in death by his father, Billy Ray Harris, grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harris and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Shelley, and uncles Rick Shelley and Edd McDowell.

He is survived by his wife, Stephanie Harris, mother,

Rebecca Shelley, stepmother, Sandy Harris, children, Austin Shane Harris(Sarah) of MS, Austin Bradley of Shreveport, Reegan Harris of Doyline, Blake Bradley of Dubberly, Brody Harris of Haughton, and Raleah Harris of Dubberly, brothers, Justin Harris Simons (Brad) of FL, Casey Harris of Minden, stepbrothers, Mark Doyle and Danny Doyle, stepsister, Shaunda Hammons (Marty) of Minden, proud grandad to Evelyn Renee Harris, his sleeping buddy, “His Dog” Tank, numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins, and a host of friends and co-workers along with numerous hunting dogs he loved dearly.

A visitation for Billy will be held Wednesday, May 24, 2023, at Rose-Neath Funeral Home Chapel in Minden, Louisiana from 5:00 until 8:00 p.m.

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EDUCATION

Minden High alumni create outstanding projects for Louisiana Tech College of Engineering and Science’s First Year Project Showcase

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Minden High School alumni, Connor Heard and Mallory Pesnell, had an amazing night at the Louisiana Tech College of Engineering and Science’s First Year Project Showcase. Both alumni received overall awards for their outstanding projects that solved real-world problems.

Over 130 of the brightest college freshmen competed in the competition by creating prototypes and working devices that addressed real-world problems. The competition was stiff, but Heard and Pesnell shone through with their innovative and practical projects.

Heard won first place in his division and third place overall with his project, which aimed to create a cheaper alternative to the limited range of braille printers on the market. His project utilized a Raspberry Pi and an Arduino microprocessor to control the user interface and physical components. To output the braille, he used 3D



printed pieces that were designed to be embossed into braille paper. His project not only showcased his engineering skills, but also his dedication to making the world more accessible for the visually impaired.

Pesnell’s project won second place overall, and it was a robot that could sense cones placed around it to help make soccer or football practices run smoother. Using a Pixy Camera and

servos, she was able to align the robot to face the cone and then get a certain distance away based on the width of the object in reference to the camera lens. Once it was in the right position, it activated a mechanical arm that grabbed cones using a 3D printed mechanism that worked similar to a door latch to grab and hold onto the cones. Her project showcased her ability to create innovative solutions to common

problems and highlighted her skills in robotics and engineering.

The Webster Parish School District is incredibly proud of all its alumni and the differences they are making in the world. These young engineers are paving the way for future generations and proving that with hard work, dedication, and creativity, anything is possible.

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munication and cooperation demonstrated through our working relationship that we have with the Shreveport Police Department.”

The investigation is ongoing, but Sheriff Parker

stated that Lunz-Reed has been transported to the BDCC and will be booked on possession of schedule I controlled dangerous substances with intent to distribute and conspiracy to distribute controlled dangerous substances.

RANGE

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The area near the sewer plant that officers have been using as a shooting range since an ordinance was passed in 2010 has become a hot topic in Dixie Inn. Neighboring property owner, Kay Stratton, asserts that it is not an official shooting range and never has been.

“The shooting range wasn’t there in 2010,” said Stratton. “We bought the property after they cleared the property in 2015. Up until that time, it was just a wooded area.”

Officer James Edwards stated, “We had a berm there. It was recognized as a POST [Peace Officers Standards and Training] shooting range.”

Stratton asserts that, according to law, a shooting range must meet certain design qualifications that this area does not meet. She is concerned about danger to herself, her family, and her friends who come to visit. She is concerned about littering and the lead from discharged bullets in the soil. She also stated that, in the past, only a few officers would come out to shoot, but now there are larger groups using the area for longer periods

of time.

“There was never a designated shooting range down there,” said Stratton. “They just went down in the woods and shot their guns.”

“From the Louisiana Peace Officers Standards and Training council, they have firing range standards. A lot of the things are not there. You don’t have public drinking water down there. You don’t have bathrooms down there. And a lot of other things,” Stratton stated.

The council is considering how to rectify this situation. There was talk of installing more berms and a locking fence, having designated parking with signs indicating where private property begins, and having visiting officers sign waivers. Alderman Milligan feels that having a place for officers to practice their marksmanship as well as build camaraderie between law enforcement agencies is important.

“I think that there’s a lot of ways that Dixie Inn could benefit from having a certified range,” said Milligan. “But I also want to know that you feel safe.”

At this time, the council plans to do some research and address this topic when they have more information.

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OPINION

Bombshell Durham Report faults FBI and DOJ, clears Trump

The lengthy report from Special Counsel John Durham regarding the Russia-Collusion Hoax is one for the ages. Its conclusions are both stunning and disturbing to all Americans who believe in equal justice under law.

In his report, Durham broadly concludes what millions of us have believed about this matter (and about many other false allegations about Pres. Trump) for many years now: There was never any basis for an investigation of Pres. Trump because there was never any actual evidence of collusion between Pres. Trump and/or his campaign and Russia.

Durham's damning conclusion is one that should haunt the FBI and its mother agency, the Department of Justice (DOJ), for decades: by acting as it did, the DOJ and FBI "failed to uphold" its mission of "strict fidelity to the law" in the Trump-Russia probe.

Let me summarize the report.

The FBI lacked "any actual evidence of collusion" when it violated its standards and jumped over several steps to initiate a full investigation. In short, the FBI opened the probe without doing interviews, using any "standard analytical tools," or conducting intelligence reviews—which would have shown that not a single U.S. agency had evidence of collusion. (Wall St. Journal, 5-15-23)

There was a strong bias against Trump. The Durham

report makes clear that partisan hostility played a role in the probe. The report cites a "clear predisposition" to investigate based on a "prejudice against Trump" and "pronounced hostile feelings" against Trump by key investigators. (WSJ, 5-15-23).

Moreover, there were alarming double standards between the FBI's treatment of President Trump and Hillary Clinton. The Durham Report lays out several instances in which the line FBI agents

were concerned that representatives of foreign governments were seeking influence by donating to the Clinton campaign or the Clinton Foundation. Yet in one 2014 case, the FBI dawdled over obtaining a warrant from the secret FISA court because—according to an agent—"[T]hey were 'tippy-toeing' around HRC because there was a chance she would be the next President" and the FBI was concerned about interfering with a coming presidential campaign. (WSJ, 5-15-23).

Yet, the FBI gave a Clinton representative a "defensive briefing" about the risks of foreign actors. Mr. Trump received no such briefing even

after the FBI was already investigating two members of the Trump Campaign, based on information provided to the FBI by Hillary Clinton's Campaign and other political sources!

The FBI displayed willful ignorance and later, willing complicity. The report lays out numerous examples of the FBI ignoring evidence that it was being used by the Clinton campaign to execute a political dirty trick. This included intelligence the government received in July 2016 alleging that Mrs. Clinton had approved "a proposal from one of her foreign policy advisors to vilify Donald Trump by stirring up a scandal claiming interference by the Russian security services."

Further, former CIA director John Brennan briefed this material to President Barack Obama, Vice President Joe Biden, Attorney General Loretta Lynch, and FBI Director James Comey, yet the FBI ignored it.

It did the same when it learned that collusion dossier author Christopher Steele was working for the Clinton campaign and that Steele and opo-research team Fusion GPS were spreading disinformation to the press. And it ignored exculpatory statements made by Trump aides in secret FBI recordings. (WSJ, 5-15-23)

The Wall Street Journal concludes:

"The Russia collusion fabrication and deceptive sale

to the public is a travesty that shouldn't be forgotten. That Washington's establishment refuses to acknowledge its role in this deceit is one reason so many Americans don't trust public institutions. It will take years for honest public servants to undo the damage, but the Durham accounting is a start."

There's not really much else to say. However, the story is incomplete without recalling other recent instances of FBI corruption:

FBI targeting of Catholics to identify informants in its supposed effort to fight "white supremacy" and "domestic terrorists" in Catholic churches; The Hunter Biden Laptop scandal; the failure to prosecute Hillary Clinton for the destruction of classified information; labeling devoted parents as "domestic terrorists" who objected to the Covid masking, vaccine mandates, school shutdowns and the pornographic materials and racial politics their children are taught in public school.

The American people have lost faith in the FBI and DOJ. The corruption identified here is the furthest thing from faithfulness to the law—it's a mockery of it. As a result, these two institutions have, perhaps irreversibly, wounded themselves.

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INSPIRATION

Managing our crazy selves

The Bible says "As a man thinks so he is" which leads me to another thought. While feverishly looking for statistics to help me use in what I thought was an important subject I was writing about I thought about Randy Guttenberg, licensed family counselor and author wrote the book titled Managing Your Crazy Self really piqued my interest recently as I talked to others who were signed up for his workshops.

I believe that more creativity is wasted and many opportunities are lost because we don't know how or we will not manage our crazy self.

By that I mean that we have to control what goes on in our mind as well as knowing when to speak and when to keep silent. I sense this is where most of our problems originate, when our lives spin out of control, where we destroy ourselves and hurt those we come in contact with. from our families, friends, those we work with, because we simply cannot see our own faults therefore we cannot take constructive criticism, although at this point I wish to quote, Harriet Taylor, a retired teacher from New Mexico, who said 'the advice we give others is wasted breath

unless it is something we can take for ourselves."

She said a mouth full.

Not being able to accept criticism from a superior will cause some professionals to quit their jobs, retire early or get fired.

Not being able to look in the mirror, to see ourselves as others see us, is a real kicker and even what many licensed counselors have to deal with in their own personalities -- not being able to see their own faults which is why many psychologists go in for regular counseling so they will be able to not only help their clients but be able to better "manage their crazy self."

I just said a mouthful not to be a professional counselor!, however I had to become my own therapist when I had my nervous breakdown as a minister's wife in 1981.

Professionals are human just

like the rest of us and sometimes make the mistake not filtering their words and sometime are jealous of those less educated than themselves who are using their creative time in a way that even they wish to know how to do we all don't fully know how to manage our crazy self but I find my way of coping, of making a difference to myself but to those who read my words, to give others the courage to speak, to write, to hone their talents lest they go off the deep end which I could easily have done!

I said a mouthful.

Had I not turned to writing where might I be today?

I am so grateful I had my nervous breakdown because it gave me the courage to write, to voice my thoughts, even offending some in my midst who might not like my audacity to speak my mind but I like being me!

I celebrate my uniqueness, including my fast talking, which I know is genetic and also the gap between my front teeth that I preserved even when I had to get my demist to design my partial plates!

There will only be one of you and one of me!

God must not have like du-

plicates or He would not have made each of us unique!

So if you have trouble understanding my fast talking you "just better listen the first time" a quote borrowed from Haw!

Had I known then what I know I would not have allowed the bullies on the playground to put me down, to make fun of my teeth, my fast talking, my old-fashioned clothes and all of the other things that I endured as a child, being born in poverty to older parents and to a disabled mother who had suffered a brain injury as a child.

I like to envision my parents looking down, grateful that my life has turned out as well as it has in spite of and perhaps because of my broken dreams!

It's what we go through that makes us stronger, that gives us our edge, our energy! I can hand it all to God when I took my stand and became a Christian in 1962 at the age of fourteen so all I can say is thank you, God, for making me like I am and for all you have given me including a tad of the ability to "manage my crazy self" as limited as my abilities might be.

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OPINION

The Advocate: Abortion ban shouldn't block needed medical care

Monday, Americans will celebrate Memorial Day. Indeed, this is a day in which we honor our veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of the many freedoms we ALL enjoy as citizens of this great and mighty nation. No matter what anyone says, we should never doubt that we are a GREAT and MIGHTY nation! Furthermore, the United States of America should NEVER have apologies rendered in its defense. No apologies are needed on any soil (foreign or domestic) for our nation being the GREAT and MIGHTY nation it is! Throughout its rich and storied history, America has always defended itself and many other countries. We are a PROUD nation, and we are a FREE nation. And, to those we honor and remember every Memorial Day, we owe an immeasurable and priceless debt that can NEVER be repaid.

Memorial Day is a day that

we mourn as a nation. Many people need to realize this. During my youth, I could have been counted in this group. I considered Memorial Day a

celebration day instead of a remembrance and mourning. Yes, there is most definitely much to celebrate. However, memory, mourning, and recognition should stand first

and foremost in our hearts on Memorial Day.

I pray that we shall never forget the real reason for Memorial Day! The United States of America is the greatest nation in the world, the greatest country the world has ever known! There is no question about it,

and this matter shall never be debated. And Memorial Day is when we remember those who put down their lives to help make our nation great! It has been almost 247 years since our government declared its independence. Since then, our country has depended upon those willing to sacrifice their lives to protect our immeasurable and priceless freedoms and our way of life. The words divine and providence are often used together in defining our great nation. I use the word "ours" with serious intent. This nation is ours. We should never permit any one individual or group of individuals to take our country away from us. This nation belongs to us ALL!

With that being said, we ALL have rights. Whether or not we like what someone has to say or the cause for which they stand, they have the right to voice their opinion. However, we ALL have that freedom. Not just a select/

elite few of us trying to persuade and drive the political spectrum and dialog in a particular direction.

I love the word freedom. In this great nation of ours, we are FREE! Free to speak what we think and feel, worship when and where we choose, succeed with hard work, associate and work where we choose, and so much more. These freedoms are a gift. A divine and precious gift from God and, once again, a gift afforded us by those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

We should never forget that we must work hard to succeed in striving for the many pleasures and ways of life we choose to live. None of us should just expect ANYTHING to be handed to us. After all, hard work and sacrifice, in combination with the freedoms mentioned above, make our nation great. And this is what sets us apart from all other countries.

Traditionally, Memorial Day

marks the beginning of Summer when there will soon be grilling, swimming, vacation travel, and more. And I always look forward to the Indy 500 and Coca-Cola 600 auto races on Memorial Day weekend! But again, there is so much more to Memorial Day than this. There will be several opportunities to attend a local remembrance ceremony. If you and your family can do so, please participate in one of the many Memorial Day ceremonies that will take place in our area. And I pray that you and your family have a GREAT Memorial Day in remembering those who paid the ultimate price so that we can live our lives in freedom as a part of this GREAT and MIGHTY nation!

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SPORTS

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HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Three Minden players make All-District 1-4A first team

RUSSELL HEDGES
Minden Press-Herald

Three Minden players have been named first team on the All-District 1-4A team selected by the district's coaches.

They are junior pitcher Brody Bower, junior outfielder Jakobe Jackson and senior utility Brandon Winston.

Bower had an ERA of 3.038 for the full season. He struck out 56 in 53 innings.

Bower batted .344 with six doubles, one home run and 29 RBI.

Jackson batted .415 with seven doubles, two triples, one home run and 24 RBI.

Winston batted .354 with three doubles, one home run and 20 RBI.

Minden's second-team

selections were freshman pitcher Jaxon Smith, sophomore shortstop Bryson Ranger and sophomore outfielder Landyn Huddleston.

Smith went 6-1 with a 3.630 ERA. He had 45 strikeouts in 54 innings.

Ranger batted .316 with three doubles, one triple and nine RBI. Huddleston batted .293 with three doubles, one triple and 21 RBI.

Minden finished tied for second in the district with Evangel Christian at 5-2, one game behind co-champs North DeSoto and Northwood.

North DeSoto's Braden Richardson was named both the Pitcher of the Year and Player of the Year. The Griffins reached the semifinals of the non-select Division II playoffs.

Six Lakeside players make All-District 1-2A first team

RUSSELL HEDGES
Minden Press-Herald

Six Lakeside players have been named to the All-District 1-2A team selected by the district's coaches.

They are senior pitcher Cooper Chase, junior pitcher Jordan Isbell, sophomore catcher Jon Jon Dick, senior infielder Eli Musgraves, senior outfielder Bradley Dick and junior designated hitter CJ Watts.

Chase was 6-4 with an ERA of 2.554. He had 54 strikeouts in 49 1/3 innings. He also batted .370 with 10 doubles and 26 RBI.

Isbell was 5-2 with a 1.589 ERA. He had 46 strikeouts in 61 2/3 innings. He also had 15 RBI.

Jon Jon Dick batted .434 with 15 doubles, one triple, one home run and

32 RBI. Musgraves batted .315 with four doubles, one triple and 13 RBI. He also drew 26 walks.

Bradley Dick batted .347 with seven doubles, three triples, two home runs and 21 RBI. Watts batted .382 with a slugging percentage of .750. He had seven doubles, three triples, four home runs and 21 RBI. He also drew 27 walks.

Lakeside finished second to Calvary Baptist at 6-6. The Warriors went 18-14 overall.

Calvary Baptist senior first baseman Jackson Legg and senior catcher Cade Bedgood were named co-MVPs.

Calvary's Jason Legg was named Coach of the Year. The Cavaliers went undefeated in district play and reached the quarterfinals of the select Division III playoffs.

Glenbrook sweeps 1-1A top honors

RUSSELL HEDGES
Minden Press-Herald

The Glenbrook Apaches dominated District 1-1A and it shows on the All-District 1-1A team selected by the district's coaches.

Senior outfielder Maddox Mandino was named MVP and Tony Sanders was named Coach of the Year.

Glenbrook won its five district games by a combined 88-3. The Apaches went 24-9 overall and advanced to the select Division IV semifinals.

Other Glenbrook players making the first team were infielders Easton Sanders, Cason Clemons



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Glenbrook's Tony Sanders has been named Coach of the Year on the All-District 1-1A team.

and Toby Haulmark, outfielders Turner McLelland and Seth Mangrum, catcher Landry Powell and pitcher Hayden Harmon.

Sanders also made the first team at pitcher.

Mandino batted .466

with 12 doubles, six triples, four home runs and 26 RBI.

Sanders was 6-1 with a 2.763 ERA. He had 54 strikeouts in 38 innings.

Sanders also batted .354 with seven doubles, four home runs and 31

RBI.

Clemons batted .322 with seven doubles, one triple and 12 RBI.

Haulmark batted .269 with five doubles, one triple and 19 RBI. He was also an effective pitcher.

McLelland batted .338 with six doubles, three triples, one home run and 28 RBI.

Mangrum batted .328 and had 11 RBI. He was also stellar in the field.

Powell batted .333 with eight doubles, two triples, two home runs and 27 RBI.

Second-team selections were infielders Jackson Waller and Garrett Brown and pitcher Rhett Johnson.

Eight Knights make All-District 1-3A first team

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Eight North Webster players have been named to the All-District 1-3A team.

They are pitchers Sawyer Wages and Judd Wesson, infielders Cooper Sanders and Jase Wesson,

outfielders Nathan Bernard and Kyle Dinkins, designated hitter Ethyn Radar and utility Collin McKenzie.

Wages was 4-0 with a 1.063 ERA for the full season. He struck out 29 in 26 1/3 innings.

Wesson was 2-0 with a 3.316 ERA. He struck out 17

in 12 2/3 innings.

Sanders batted .372 with 10 doubles, one triple and 29 RBI. Jase Wesson had four doubles, one triple and 25 RBI.

Bernard batted .341 with three doubles and 14 RBI. Dinkins batted .280 with five doubles.

Radar batted .299 with three doubles and 29 RBI.

McKenzie was 4-3 with a 3.355 ERA. He had 62 strikeouts in 56 1/3 innings.

North Webster finished second to Sterlington at 2-1. The Knights were 18-11 overall.



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Jordan Isbell is one of six Lakeside players named to the All-District 1-2A first team..

OUTDOORS

A shot in the arm for Lake Claiborne

GLYNN HARRIS

She's old, gotten fairly long in the tooth and like most of us, we tend to slow down once this happens to us. There is hope, however, for one of this area's favorite lakes, Lake Claiborne.

I was fortunate to live in Homer when the lake was constructed and watched water begin trickling over the spillway half a century ago indicating that at long last the lake was now what it was designed to be, a brand new 6400 acre body of water that would provide recreational opportunities not only for the folks living in Claiborne Parish but around north Louisiana as well.

I found a lot on the Beaver Creek branch of the lake, put my money down and purchased the lot so I could enjoy what this new lake had to offer, and boy, did it offer some good stuff.

After purchasing the lot,

clearing it off, I did something then I couldn't think of doing now. With the help of friends, I built a pier and boat house where I kept my ski boat and fishing boat and there weren't many afternoons after work that I was not out there taking my kids skiing and searching for some of the best fishing holes.

One particular hot spot for bass was a row of green willows that grew in the middle of Beaver Creek just a long cast from my pier. This was one of the hottest spots on the lake to ease up early morning before the sun began to peak over the distant trees to the row of willows, cast out a Tiny Torpedo next to the greenery. I've had successful fishing trips since but nothing to me was more fun than being close enough to be able to glance over my shoulder at my boat house, cast the lure and watch a bass explode on it. Man, that was

some genuine fun.

I eventually moved from Homer, sold my lot and my trips back to the lake became fewer and further between and it was just as well because the red hot fishing Claiborne had offered was starting to wane. The lake began acting like most lakes with some age on them as vegetation died away and things just weren't the same any longer.

Something has happened to this half a century old lake over the past few years. First off, the Lake Commission arranged to purchase and release in the lake a species of bass that would hopefully add a shot in the arm to the lake, Tiger bass. Genetically, they're a special combination of native largemouth and those of the Florida strain that while not having the potential of growing as large as pure Florida's, tend to be more aggressive and more

likely to strike a lure.

I recently visited with Fisheries Manager for Northwest Louisiana for the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Jeff Sibley, who is responsible for the management of Lake Claiborne.

"In addition to the Tiger bass that have been released in the lake over the past five years or so, our department is also releasing pure Florida bass which may not be as easy to catch but have the potential of growing quite big," Sibley said.

Another shot in the arm for Claiborne took place a few weeks ago when the Major League Fishing circuit was in Louisiana fishing on Caney Lake and Bussey Brake. This group has a habitat project they fund on lakes in the states where their tournaments are held.

"They choose a lake not on the tournament circuit

and this year they chose Claiborne and contributed some \$25,000 to improve the fishing habitat.

Special fish attracting structures were put together and placed in the lake in several locations, mainly around the State Park with coordinates available so

anglers could locate the structures that should attract fish," he said.

Time will tell if these "shots in the arm" will return Lake Claiborne to one anglers will be hitting more frequently with the real possibility of bringing in bragging sized fish.

Fishing Report

BLACK BAYOU -- Bream are on the beds and hitting worms and crickets. Crappie and bass are fair. Contact Honey Hole Tackle Shop 323-8707 for latest information.

BUSSEY BRAKE --Big bass in the 8-10 pound category are being caught flipping the brush along with spinners. Crappie have slowed; bream are on the beds and hitting worms and crickets. For latest information, contact the Honey Hole at 323-8707.

OUACHITA RIVER -- The river is on a slight rise and fishing overall is rather slow..For latest information, contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

LAKE D'ARBONNE -- Bass are in post spawn mode and have moved deeper. Spinners, crank baits and soft plastics are picking up some fish. Crappie have moved to the deeper flats with some caught in 18-20 foot deep water on shiners or jigs. Bream are on the beds and hitting worms and crickets. Catfish continue to be caught fishing cold worms and night crawlers off the banks. For latest information, call Anderson Sport Center at 368-9669 or Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

LAKE CLAIBORNE -- The bream bite is on as they have moved to shallow spawning areas and are hitting

crickets. Crappie fishing has been best up the creeks on shiners or jigs. Bass are in a post spawn mode with some 4-6 pounders caught on crank baits or soft plastics. Catfish are being caught on trotlines. No report on stripers. For latest information, call Kel's Cove at 927-2264 or Terzia Tackle at 278-4498.

CANEY LAKE -- Deep diving crank baits are picking up some bass on the deeper drops while Carolina rigs and swim baits are working fairly well along the grass lines. Crappie have moved back and some have been caught on shiners or jigs around deeper brush. The bream are bedded and hitting crickets and worms. 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 -- Catfish and bream are biting. Bass and crappie slow to fair. For latest reports, call Poverty Point Marina at 318/878-0101. For information, call Surplus City Landing at 318/467-2259.

LAKE YUCATAN - The water is rising and except for barfish and catfish, fishing is slow. Water should crest this weekend and begin a slow fall. For information, call Surplus City Landing at 318/467-2259.

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Athlete of the Week

Maddox Mandino

Glenbrook School

The senior has been named the MVP of the All-District 1-1A team. He batted .466 with 12 doubles six triples, four home runs and 26 RBI, leading the Apaches to a 24-9 record.

The Press-Herald Athlete of the Week feature is brought to you every other Friday by Holcomb's Body Shop in Minden.

Good News

GOOD NEWS

Reaching Through the Briars in Life for the Sweet Berries

I have been picking dewberries and blackberries recently. And it seems all the sharp briars have missed me so much they all bowed down and welcomed me to their “home”.(You know how it is when it seems all the bullies are picking on you; well...that’s how I felt each time I left the patch...with briars buried in my hands).

As kids we were introduced to ‘snifing out the fruit Mother Nature made available’: Dewberries, blackberries, huckleberries, mayhaws, persimmons, mulberries, possum grapes, and muscadines are just a few. We knew where to find them and when they were ‘ready.’ But blackberries seemed to be most plentiful in the spring.

I have enjoyed picking buckets of berries for Mama to can or make jelly. Later, while teach-

ing school in Doyline, Mr. and Mrs. Strong (whom I was living with) received their share, and then several ‘widows would be gifted.’ Through our 55 years of marriage, Sondra has gotten ‘first choice’ on all berries picked. I still love to share the “e x c e s s” with friends. As a kid, I mastered the art of getting the berries from the vine to the bucket early on and was able to sell a lot of them in our community. I never saw snakes; I never looked for them! I encountered only two over the years. A big rattler had staked his territory in the berry patch, but my brother just happened to



Bill Crider

have his rifle that day. “Good-bye, rattler!” #2 was a little green garter snake that nipped me on the hand as I reached through the briars. After a loud yell, I wrapped a handkerchief around it and soon was back on track. Berry picking was in my blood, I guess!

Over the years I have thought of life to be much like a berry patch. There’s the fruit, so luscious and sweet berries ‘over yonder’! But to get it, one must stick his hand through the briars, or step over the vines, climb through the fence, look out for the snakes, beware of the wasp nests, or swat the mis-quotes nibbling at your ear just when your hands are covered with the juice of over-ripe berries. But you have to make a decision: do I want those berries bad enough that I will sacrifice

the pain, the time and effort to reach through the briars, look past the inconveniences? Yes, we must decide: do I reach for the ‘berries in life’ and pay the price, or do I just stand by while my goals and dreams ‘dry upon the vine’?

Those who dare to trust the Lord and venture out on the strength of His promises will enjoy the fruit of his labors as time passes. By exercising faith, getting out of the boat, and walking toward Jesus, we will reap the rewards of commitment. We must keep thrusting our hands into the briar patches of life if we are to reach the ripe, luscious berries of the kingdom of God that He prepared just for us!

Ask, Seek, and Knock are trip-lets that every Christian should know. “Ask and we shall receive;

seek and we shall find; knock and the doors (of many blessings) shall be open to us”. (Matt. 7: 7-8). If I sat in my truck on the side of the road, with buckets in the back of it—and waited for the berries to come to me, I would be very disappointed. Just as in life, we must put feet to our prayers. Keep on asking, seeking and knocking, filling those buckets with berries that have been pulled through the briars of commitment, perseverance, and dedication. Dare to reach through the briars that are before you! Enjoy the sweet berries of life!

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THE UPWARD LOOK

The Words We Speak

““Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving.” Ephesians 5:4 ESV



Max Hutto

Immorality and impurity not only affect behavior but also speech. Filthiness describes indecent, shameful, vulgar, and obscene language. Foolish talk refers to silly, senseless, and moronic conversations such as boasting and gloating over sin. Crude joking conveys the idea of coarse jesting, twisting words, and suggestive innuendo that

make light of immorality. Such speech is not proper and does not fit a lifestyle in Christ. Instead a believer’s speech is to be filled with thankfulness to God for all of His blessings.

Lord Jesus, may all the words that come from my mouth glorify and honor You, thankfully proclaiming Your love and grace.

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INSPIRATION

Perseverance

Joseph the youngest son of Jacob was a man with a dream. God gave Joseph a dream of being a ruler over many. This includes his brother’s and also his father. Naturally, this dream doesn’t go over well with his family and ultimately ends in his brother’s selling him into slavery and faking his death. However, this doesn’t defer the dream. Joseph lived for the Lord and never lost faith and his dream became reality. Joseph not only became the ruler of Egypt but the ruler of his family. Joseph had many qualities that we should emulate. However, the one I want to focus on in this Writing is perseverance. Joseph was put into what would seem like an impossible situation but instead of quitting he persevered. Joseph’s dream was always




Bernard Harris

fated to be a reality because it was also God’s dream. This fact brings us to my challenge for this message. I challenge everyone to go into the future asking God what his dream is for their life. The journey might be difficult but the destination will be glorious and all you need to do is have faith and Persevere. Because we serve a God that always keeps his promises.

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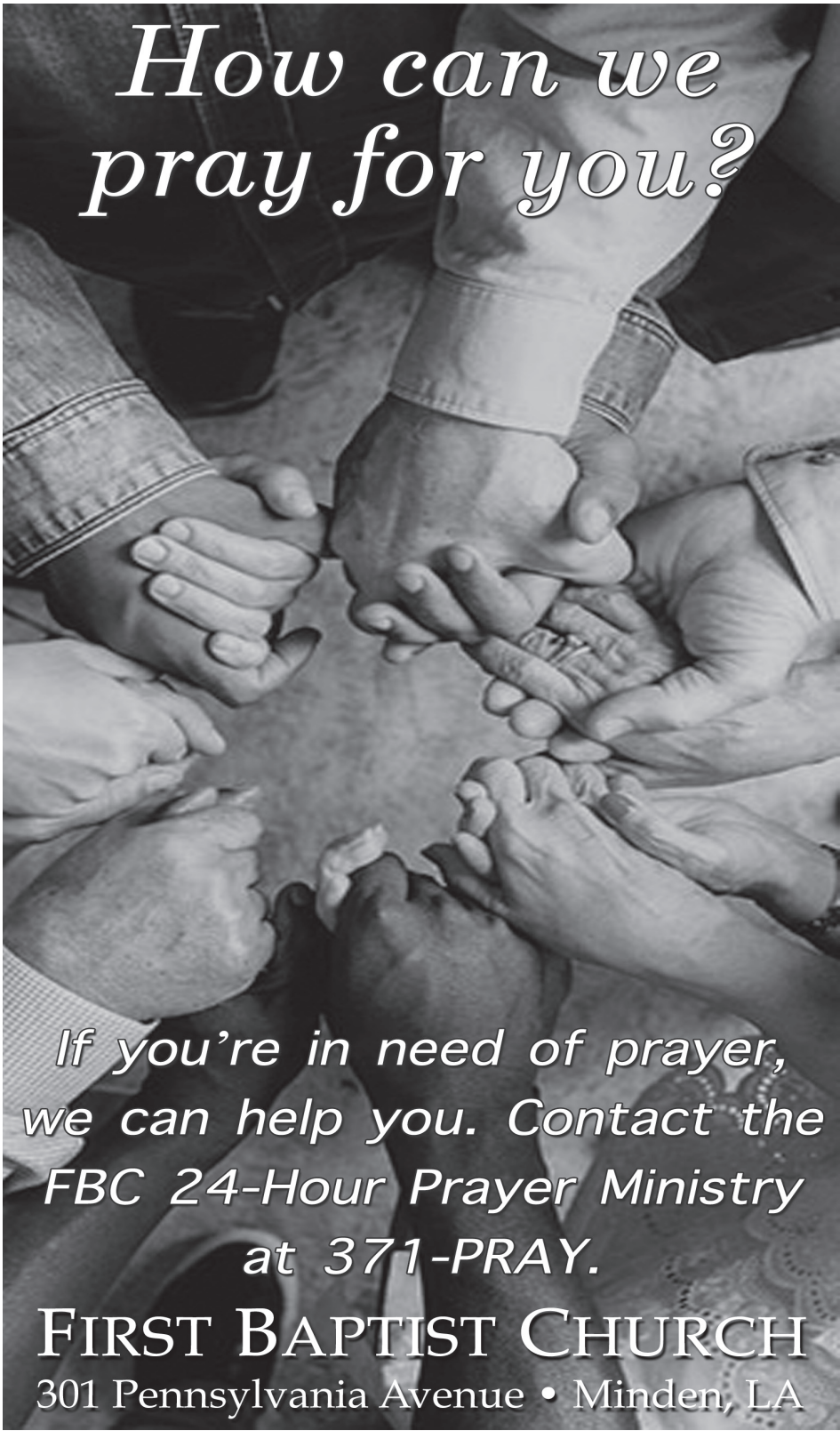
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Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to golf.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 5 = C)

- A. 4 18 18**
Clue: Cleared area on golf course
- B. 5 23 20 22 10**
Clue: Used in golf play
- C. 5 1 20 2 10 18**
Clue: Where to play golf
- D. 26 25 21 17 16 5 25 3**
Clue: Average number of strokes over par

Answers: A. tee B. clubs C. course D. handicaps

SUDOKU

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Level: Beginner

Here's How It Works:

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

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ANSWER:

Fun By The Numbers

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Influential Swedish,
Belgian clan
6. Swiss river
9. Nocturnal S. American rodent
13. Like coagulated milk
14. Lima is its capital
15. Lying down
16. Jai __, sport
17. Egyptian statesman
18. Napoleon Dynamite's uncle
19. Renovated
21. Chadic language
22. 18-year period
23. Beverage container
24. Natural logarithm
25. The "mecca" of basketball
28. A way to darken
29. Mackerels
31. Actor Pitt
33. Places to buy seafood
36. True firs
38. Neither
39. Fencing sword
41. Italian pastas
44. Island nation close to the U.S.
45. Begets
46. Resembles a pouch
48. __ student, learns healing
49. Sodium
51. Indicates position
52. The world has one
54. Partner to pains
56. Photographer
60. Chew the fat
61. Culture of the British Iron Age
62. Weaverbird
63. Advice or counsel
64. Asian nation
65. Brought on board
66. German river
67. Airborne (abbr.)
68. Leaf-footed bug genus

CLUES DOWN

1. Mark left behind
2. Cry weakly
3. Ancient region in modern Syria
4. Farewell
5. Blue grass state
6. Genus of mosquitoes
7. S. Israeli city
8. You can get stuck in one
9. One who mistrusts others unjustifiably
10. First month of ancient Hebrew calendar
11. Tigers legend Fielder
12. Make more attractive
14. Horses
17. Slight projection in typefaces
20. Male parent
21. Jack and Jill are two
23. After B
25. Licensed for Wall Street
26. Missile with about 600-mile range
27. Goddesses
29. A day kids love
30. Oily secretion
32. One-tenth of a meter
34. A father's male child
35. One point east of southeast
37. Silk garments
40. Cool!
42. The color of anger
43. Trade profession
47. It can get you around
49. Mother-of-pearl
50. Hurt
52. Legendary slugger Hank
53. Polio vaccine developer
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56. Sea creature
57. Actress Kate
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61. Pie _ _ mode
65. Expresses surprise

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
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The Webster Parish Police Jury solicits sealed proposals for: **SALE OF PROPERTY: 6955 Hwy 531 Heflin, LA 71039**

The proposals must be in the hands of the undersigned no later than **10:00 a.m., Thursday, May 25, 2023, in the Court-house Annex meeting room of the Webster Parish Police Jury, 401 Main Street Minden, Louisiana 71055.** The bid form and notice are available at no charge in the Webster Parish Policy Jury office. Successful bids will be approved at the Regular Meeting. Webster Parish Police Jury on June 6, 2023.

The Webster Parish Police Jury is a tax-exempt governmental agency.

The Webster Parish Police Jury abides by the requirements of the Louisiana Bid Law.

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Webster Parish Police Jury

/s/

Lisa Balkom Secretary-Treasurer

May 3, 2023
May 10, 2023
May 17, 2023
May 24, 2023
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The Minden City Marshal's Office (Ward 1) Webster Parish will receive bids for the Purchase of a new 2023 Tahoe (black) until 12:00 pm, May 24, 2023 at 520 Broadway Minden, Louisiana 71055. Specifications may be obtained by calling the Minden City Marshal's Office at (318) 371-4210. The Minden City Marshal's Office reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Dan Weaver
Minden City Marshal (Ward 1)

May 10, 2023
May 17, 2023
May 24, 2023
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Cotton Valley Cemetery Association, Inc. Annual Meeting will be held June 8, 2023, 7:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall, First Baptist Church, 120 Baptist Drive, Cotton Valley, LA.

May 17, 2023
May 24, 2023
May 31, 2023
Minden Press-Herald

PROCEEDING OF THE VILLAGE OF HEFLIN, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN IN REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MAY 4, 2023.

The Heflin Town Council met at Town Hall, Heflin, Louisiana beginning at 8:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Ralph James council members Matt Austin, Hallie DeMoss, Robert Stachowicz, Police Chief Paul Migués, Water System Operator Jesse Williamson Water Department Clerk, and Village Clerk Sherry Limosnero.

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

Upon motion by Matt Austin and duly seconded by Robert Stachowicz, the council adopted the Minutes from April 6, 2023 at Council Regular Meeting held on May 4, 2023 as presented; the motion was approved unanimously. Robert Stachowicz moved to accept the April, 2023 Operating Financial Statements as presented; the motion was duly seconded by Hallie DeMoss. The motion was approved unanimously.

Upon motion by Hallie DeMoss and duly seconded by Matt Austin, the council unanimously approved Water System Reports for April, 2023. Matt Austin moved to accept the April, 2023 Police Department Reports as presented; the motion was duly seconded by Robert Stachowicz. The motion was approved unanimously. Robert Stachowicz moved to accept the April, 2023 APR Report as presented;

the motion was duly seconded by Hallie DeMoss. The motion was approved unanimously.

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

Attest by: Sherry Limosnero LCMC, Village Clerk Respectfully posted: 5/16/2023 Adopted:

May 24, 2023
Minden Press-Herald

If anyone knows the whereabouts of any heirs of Larry D. Smith please contact Pamela Breedlove, Attorney at Law at 318-423-0845.

March 24, 2023
Minden Press-Herald

SHERIFF'S SALE

GMFS LLC VS. DENNIS ALAN NORTHCUTT AND METTIE ELLEN DAVIDSON NORTHCUTT

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. CV80588

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, May 31, 2023, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

THAT CERTAIN PORTION OF GROUND, together with all of the buildings and improvements thereon and all of the rights, ways, means, privileges, servitudes, appurtenances and advantages thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining thereto, situated in Section 27, Township 12 North, Range 10 West, in Webster Parish, State of Louisiana, known as LOT 13 OF MORRIS & DICKSON SUBDIVISION, containing 2.29 Acres, more or less; subject to restrictions, servitudes, rights-of-way and outstanding mineral rights of record affecting the property.

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

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

Linda Vaughan - Deputy

April 26, 2023
May 24, 2023
Minden Press-Herald

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Article IV, Section 21(D)(1) of the Louisiana Constitution, that on May 11, 2023, Entergy Louisiana, LLC ("ELL"), a public utility providing retail electric and gas service throughout the State of Louisiana, filed with the Louisiana Public Service Commission ("LPSC") its proposed new renewable tariff: Geaux Zero Emissions Resource Option ("Geaux ZERO" or "Rider GZ"). Geaux ZERO is a voluntary rate schedule that sets forth the parameters under which ELL's eligible customers can align some or all of their monthly electricity requirements with new renewable resources to be located in Louisiana along with renewable energy

credits from those facilities. Geaux ZERO charges would be in addition to the charges paid by the customer under their otherwise applicable rate schedules and riders.

For questions and comments regarding ELL's filing, please call the LPSC toll free at (800) 256-2397. Additionally, the filing, including its attachments may be viewed in the Records Division of the LPSC at the following address: Records Division 602 N. 5th Street, 12th Floor Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802 Telephone: (225) 342-3157

ENTERGY LOUISIANA, LLC

May 24, 2023
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PUBLIC BID NOTICE

The office of the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court is accepting sealed bids for surplus, nonfunctioning inventory no later than Friday June 16, 2023. There is a minimum bid of \$1,000.00. If you would like to view the surplus inventory list, please call Mike at 318-965-2217.

Please submit sealed bids to:

Melissa Fox Court Administrator 26th Judicial District Court PO Box 310 Benton, LA 71006

May 24, 2023
May 31, 2023
June 7, 2023
Minden Press-Herald

PUBLIC NOTICE: A public hearing to review the proposed amended budget of the Webster Parish Clerk of Court for 2022/2023 will be held in the office of the Webster Parish Clerk of Court at 9:00 A.M. on June 14, 2023. Any interested party may inspect the proposed budget during normal business hours.

A summary of the proposed budget of the Webster Parish Clerk of Court is as follows: Anticipated Fund Balance July 1, 2022 \$ 1,447,670 Anticipated Revenue 1,518,570 Total Available Revenue Resources \$ 2,966,240 Anticipated Expenditures \$ 1,458,077 Anticipated Fund Balance June 30, 2023 \$ 1,508,163

May 24, 2023
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A summary of the proposed budget of the Webster Parish Clerk of Court is as follows: Anticipated Fund Balance July 1, 2023 \$ 1,508,163 Anticipated Revenue 1,482,469 Total Available Revenue Resources \$ 2,990,632 Anticipated Expenditures \$ 1,319,951 Anticipated Fund Balance June 30, 2024 \$ 1,670,681

May 24, 2023
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Legal Notice

Sealed bids will be received in the office of the Webster Parish School Food Service until **4:00 P.M., Monday, June 12, 2023** for Supplies, to be used in the school year **September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2024.**

Bids will be opened publicly in the Webster Parish School Food Service Office at **9:00 a.m. on June 13, 2023**, and all bids received after the submission deadline will be returned unopened.

Supplies Bid Opening **Wednesday, June 21, 2023 - 9:00 - 10:00am**

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No pre-bid meeting is scheduled. Attendance is not required for opening or bid award.

Complete specifications and further information may be obtained from the School Food Service Office, Webster Parish School Board Office, 1442 Sheppard St., Minden, LA, 71055, or P.O. Box 520, Minden, LA, 71058-0520, (318) 377-1336, Fax (318) 377-6311. Webster Parish School Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and waive any informalities.

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Webster Parish School Board
Johnny Rowland Jr. Johnny Rowland Jr., Superintendent

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