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CITY COUNCIL

Credit transactions now adjusted with percentage fee for citizens

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The City of Minden held its regularly scheduled monthly city council meeting on Monday evening, where council and mayor tackled the agenda for the city, including Minden Police Department hires and transfers, a change to how credit and debit card transaction fees are conducted, and recognition of those who participated in National Night Out events throughout the city.

The first item of note on the agenda was that of the city unanimously voting to change the way credit and debit card fees are handled when the city receives payments utilizing those methods. Originally, the city simply charged a flat rate on the usage of credit and debit cards, but are now switching to a percentage based fee system due to losing money in previous years.

"The way we handle credit card and debit card transaction fees is a pretty old system where we charge a flat fee of \$3.50, and the City of Minden has been losing money every year. Last year we lost, on online credit card

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Trunk or Treat

Event draws enthusiastic crowds despite weather challenges

AMBER MCDOWN
Minden Press-Herald

The Webster Parish Libraries' Minden branch successfully hosted its annual Trunk or Treat event on October 30, welcoming children and their families for an engaging and festive celebration. De-

spite inclement weather that prompted a shift from outdoor to indoor activities due to chilly temperatures and earlier rainfall, the event maintained its allure.

Participants, adorned in fun and creative costumes, enjoyed activities, including receiv-

ing treats, engaging in games, and exploring the eerie yet fascinating sensory room. The festivities featured an array of attractions such as face painting, balloon art, marshmallow roasting, pumpkin painting contests, and an exciting encounter with an assortment of wildlife.

The overwhelming turnout saw a lengthy line wrapping around the building as numerous attendees eagerly joined the revelry, highlighting the event's pop-

ularity within the Minden community.

Organizations participating in this annual affair contribute to its success, and those interested in involvement for the upcoming year are advised to secure their spots early, as demand swiftly fills available slots.

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School board attends to financial housekeeping

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The November 6 meeting of the Webster Parish School Board focused mainly on financial policies and compliance.

One of the agenda items was to make a change to the Payroll Manager job description. Many years ago, there was a position of Assistant Finance Director that required a higher degree. When that position was simplified to Payroll Manager, the degree requirement was not changed. Finance Director Crevonne Odom requested this change in order to be able to select new employees from a larger pool of candidates, since there are many qualified people who do not have higher degrees. After much discussion of whether or not a degree should be required, the board ultimately voted to change the wording to "associates degree or higher preferred," and the measure passed With a vote of 10 for and 2 against (Mrs. Broughton of District 8 and Mrs. Kinsey of District 7).

The board also approved the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for the 2022-23 school year. This questionnaire is the same questionnaire that the board approves each year for the audit, and its approval was simply a matter of following all the

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PARK AND REC

Concerns arise over playground condition at Victory Park

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Residents of Minden have raised concerns about the state of the playground at Victory Park, highlighting safety issues due to damaged equipment and missing facilities for individuals with physical disabilities.

The Minden Parks and Recreation Department has been proactive in renovating several parks across town. However, while other parks have received recent updates, Victory Park, initially not deemed urgently in need of refurbishment, has become increasingly damaged.

According to Mike Aguilar, assistant director of the Minden REC, "Upgrading the parks is well overdue. Some of the playground equipment is cracked, and you can't even get parts to fix it anymore." Additionally, the absence of amenities designed for individuals with physical disabilities compounds the urgency

for renovations. Mayor Cox responded to the community's concerns by acknowledging the deteriorating state of Victory Park.

"I want to assure you that we are actively working on updating and improving our parks throughout the city," said Mayor Cox. "However, it's important to note that Victory Park was not in a particularly bad condition when the previous administration initially ordered the equipment approximately two years ago. Unfortunately, over time, some damage to Victory Park has occurred."

Cox emphasized ongoing efforts to address the issue by salvaging parts from other parks currently undergoing updates, although replacement parts for older equipment, such as the 15-to-20-year-old playground at Victory Park, are increasingly difficult to procure. To fully revamp the park with similar equipment,

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MAIN TO MAIN

Main to Main Trade Days draws huge crowd across Webster Parish



WILL PHILLIPS/PRESS-HERALD PHOTOS

Shopping enthusiasts filled the streets this weekend for Webster Parish's 24th Annual Main to Main Trade Days event. The 50-mile route ran from Main Street in Springhill, Louisiana, down Highway 371 South through the Main Streets of the small Webster Parish towns of Cullen, Sarepta, Cotton Valley, and Couchwood, into Dixie Inn onto Highway 80 on the Shreveport Road, through downtown Minden, then back south on 371 to the Sibley Road Flea Market, and finally south through Sibley. Whether they were art lovers, bargain hunters, antique shoppers, or flea market and garage sale enthusiasts, everyone was sure to find something along the route of Main to Main.

COMMUNITY

Christmas Cards to the Community returns

AMBER MCDOWN
Minden Press-Herald

The festive spirit takes center stage in Minden as the much-awaited Christmas season approaches, unveiling an engaging initiative known as "Christmas Cards to the Community." This event extends an exclusive invitation to local businesses, organizations, churches, schools, and others invested in making a mark within the Greater Minden area.

The Christmas Cards initiative offers an unparalleled opportunity to reach out to the thousands of individuals, commuters, and visitors flocking through downtown Minden during the

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WEBSTER & MORE

EDUCATION

NLTCC teams up with Shreveport Police and Fire Departments for Automotive Internship Program

SHREVEPORT, LA. - Northwest Louisiana Technical Community College (NLTCC) has joined forces with the Shreveport Police Department and the Shreveport Fire Department for a new partnership. The goal of this collaboration is to provide an exciting opportunity for Automotive Technology students at NLTCC to gain hands-on experience by working on police and fire department vehicles.

On October 31, 2023, an agreement was signed between NLTCC and the Shreveport Police Department and Fire Department, marking the official launch of this unique program on the Shreveport campus. Mayor Tom Arceneaux, Shreveport Police Chief Wayne Smith, and Shreveport Fire Chief Clarence Reese were present at the signing ceremony. The program aims to prepare students for their future careers in

the automotive industry by offering them a one-of-a-kind internship experience during the last six months of their studies.

Students in the Automotive Technology program at NLTCC will be able to work side by side with experienced auto technicians from the Shreveport Police Department and the Shreveport Fire Department. This real-world experience will provide valuable training and skills that will help them transition smoothly into the workforce. The students will receive compensation for their work, and all the necessary tools and resources will be provided to them.

NLTCC's Chancellor, Dr. Jayda Spillers, said about the partnership, "We are excited to partner with the City of Shreveport in this endeavor to increase the pool of qualified automotive technician applicants within the

City of Shreveport Police and Fire Departments. The opportunity to participate in internships will be a valuable addition to the hands-on curriculum that is provided through the Automotive program at NLTCC. Students will have an opportunity to apply their training in a real-world environment that will increase technical and workplace skills. It is our hope that this opportunity will lead to full-time employment upon graduation and keep our students working in our community."

The collaboration between NLTCC, the Shreveport Police Department, and the Shreveport Fire Department is a significant step towards creating opportunities for students to gain valuable experience in the automotive field. This initiative not only benefits the students but also strengthens the Shreveport community by providing a skilled

workforce and encouraging the retention of talent in the city. It's an exciting development that promises to have a positive

impact on the future of Shreveport.

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OBITUARIES



GORDON COLE, DMin. (Doctor of Ministry)

Funeral services for Gordon Davis Cole, 81 of Dubberly, Louisiana, were held at Rose Neath in Minden, La, Friday November 3rd in Minden, Louisiana. Visitation was held from 11:00 am until the time of service at 1:00 pm. Burial to follow the service at Springhill Memorial Cemetery, Springhill Louisiana. Officiating the service was Minister Tim Page of the Ringgold church of Christ.

Gordon was born March 14, 1942, in Ringgold, Louisiana to Jefferson Davis (J.D.) and Daisy Marie Pevy Cole. He passed away, October 30th, 2023, at Minden Medical after a short illness.

Gordon's life was well-lived. He was a loving and dedicated husband for 61 years, a father, grandfather, and great grandfather. He was devoted to God and his Country. He proudly served his Country in the United States Navy from 1959 to 1989 and served during the Vietnam War. During this time, he also became a pioneer in the radio and television broadcasting field, working at WCNC AM Elizabeth City NC, WAAY Radio Huntsville AL, WNOR AM Norfolk, VA, WGNO-TV New

Orleans LA, KRRP Coushatta LA, eventually owning and operating KASO in Minden and KBEF-FM in Gibsland. He and his wife patented a method of studying for Navy promotion examinations that revolutionized Navy-wide education. Their 30 year old family-owned publication company, NORTHSTAR Study Guides, Inc., literally put Dubberly, Louisiana on the map.

Gordon was a fisher of men. Above all, he loved preaching the gospel and spending time with his family. Even during two deployments with the Navy he was able to preach for churches of Christ in Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico and Diego Garcia in the Indian Ocean. He believed heaven is real, and that all things are possible through prayer. May Gordon rest in peace and know that he is loved by all.

Gordon is survived by his wife of 61 years, Janet Marie Cole; sons: Michael Davis Cole and wife Christine of Minden, LA; Jefferson Davis (Jay) Cole III of Dubberly, LA; daughter: Tylyn Denise Cotten of Springhill, LA; grandchildren: David Matthew Cole, Jaci Marie Cotten, Mary Camille Cole, and Kyle Thomas Cotten.

He was preceded in death by his parents; grandparents, Floyd Pevy, Sr. and Vasti Black Pevy; Jefferson Davis (J.D.) Cole and Laura Madden Cole.

Pallbearers will be David Cole, Kyle Cotten, Troy Cotton, Harry Wiggins, David Wiggins, Nathaniel Jacobs. Honorary Jackie Holomon.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Gordon's memory may be made to St. Jude's.



Jimmie L. Bailey

Funeral services for Jimmie L. Bailey will be held Saturday, November 11, 2023, at 10 a.m. at Mt. Paran Baptist Church in Shongaloo, Louisiana under the direction of Rose Neath Funeral Home in Minden, Louisiana with visitation beginning at 9:00 a.m. prior to the service time. Officiating will be Bro. Ed Bryan. Interment will follow at Pilgrim Rest Cemetery in Shongaloo with military honors.

Jimmie was born June 30, 1940, in Shongaloo, Loui-

siana and entered into rest November 3, 2023, in Shongaloo, Louisiana. He served his country in the United States Navy.

Jimmie was preceded in death by his parents, Walter Franklin and Bessie Bailey, sisters, Ida Branton and Janice Myers, and brothers, Leo Bailey, Fred Bailey, and Billy Bailey.

He is survived by his wife, Carol M. Bailey; son, Jimmie Lynn Bailey, Jr.; daughter, Virginia M. Bailey; sister, Juanita Klovenski; brother, Howard Bailey; grandchildren, Jennifer Ann Orlando, Shelby Bailey, and Rebecca Bailey and several great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Jesse Lee, Gary Sexton, Jim Hatfield, Larry Moore, Bruce Lee, and Bob Bisso.

LIONS CLUB

Greer discusses LDWF regulations

AMBER MCDOWN
Minden Press-Herald

On November 2, Corporal Justin Greer of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) was the guest speaker at the Minden Lions Club.

Greer outlined the training that LDWF officers receive during their 26-28 weeks at the academy including completing the same POST certification that is required of other law enforcement agencies, search and rescue, boating laws, traffic laws, tracking, water survival, and identifying different species of duck and fish.

Greer said that working in Wildlife and Fisheries is really a calling, and that you need to like people to do the job well. He also has found this career eye-opening as far as the prevalence of crimes that take place.

"We run into a lot of great people while we're doing our job," said Greer. "But there is that percentage of people that aren't so great. I didn't realize there were that many drugs in a boat wagon. I didn't realize there were that many people driving impaired or doing drugs out on the water. It opened my eyes to a lot of things."

A big part of LDWF officers' job is monitoring the compliance of hunting laws. With deer season



currently in session, there are some new laws in effect that Greer would like people to know about.

One major change is that hunting licenses are now valid for 365 days from purchase. This means that, depending on when you bought your license, it may expire in the middle of the season.

E-tags are now available, though paper tags are still in use. E-tags are available through the Louisiana Wallet app. Officers are required to seize any untagged deer, so tagging them immediately is important. Keep possession tags on deer while the animals are being transported. Unlike many other branches of law enforcement, LDWF officers can enter homes without a warrant, needing only probable cause.

"The motto is 'tag be-

fore you drag,' and you can do it now all electronically, as long as you have service. That's the way I prefer it, because you can literally tag your animal while you're sitting on the stand."

Chronic wasting disease (CWD) is an ongoing problem in deer populations throughout the United States. This neurodegenerative disease is found in most deer species. It is infectious, always fatal, and there is no treatment. The pathogens that cause the disease are found in the brain and spinal tissues of the animals, but they will also live on indefinitely in the soil where the diseased animal decomposed. For these reasons, certain laws are in place.

Baiting, placement of bait, or hunting over bait is prohibited within a

LDWF designated CWD control area. It is the hunter's responsibility to check their hunting area for bait prior to each hunt. Also, the import of deer carcasses or parts of the carcasses from outside Louisiana is prohibited except for under certain conditions. The idea is that no part of the brain or spinal tissues is transported, since this is where the pathogens reside. For more details on CWD or any other hunting laws, see the LDWF Hunting & WMA Regulations.

The Lions Club, whose motto is "We Serve," has interesting speakers every Thursday at noon. They meet at the American Legion Memorial Hall located at 119 Pine Street, and they welcome new members who share the mission of community service in Minden.

for businesses and organizations to resonate with the holiday cheer, make special offers, and connect with the pulse of the community. Act swiftly to be part of this celebration!

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vibrant Christmas season.

Participants have the chance to seize two prizes – the coveted "Best in Show" award carrying a

\$125 cash prize and the "People's Choice" award, featuring a \$100 cash prize. With limited spots available to exhibit these creative cards, interested participants are urged

to secure their place by promptly contacting the Greater Minden Chamber at (318) 377-4240.

"Christmas Cards to the Community" is not merely an event but an avenue

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the cost would be close to \$100,000, prompting a strategy of using smaller, cost-effective equipment at other updated parks like Babb Park.

Cox assured residents that recent security mea-

sures, including the installation of security cameras and signage at Victory Park, aim to enhance safety for both the equipment and citizens. Plans for further security enhancements, including additional cameras, are

set to materialize within the coming month.

The proposal for revitalizing Roosevelt and Hinton parks is scheduled for the forthcoming year, with plans to extend updates to Victory Park and the REC center in due course.

The City of Minden continues to navigate the balance between renovating aging facilities and managing costs to ensure the safety and enjoyment of its residents across all parks.



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transaction fees, about \$30,000, because we're not passing the credit card fees on to the credit card users," said Mayor Nick Cox.

"So the proposed ordinance will set the credit card transaction fee rate at 3% or a \$3.50 minimum, whichever is greater, and that maxes out at a charge of \$200."

The Minden Police Department saw a transfer of one of their officers from part-time to full-time employment with them, that being Officer Matthew Hicks. The council unanimously approved of this transfer, as well as the hiring of a new full-time police officer, Dedrick Anderson Jr.

The mayor, council, and Police Chief Jared McIver wanted to share their appreciation for those who participated in hosting parties during the National Night Out campaign that took place last month, including Hillside Apartments and Kay and Jerald McGuire in District A, the Greater Blessing Church of God in Christ in District B, and Nelda Davis and Lindsay McClaran in District D.

"This year we were appreciative of everyone who hosted these parties. The mayor and I were able to go and make all of them, and it was a great time. We had a good time as well getting to meet everyone, answer questions, and

that's what it was about, community relations, so we wanted to recognize those who hosted it," said Chief McIver.

Shortly after receiving one of these proclamations on behalf of his wife, former Minden Mayor Tommy Davis saw fit to share some words of appreciation with the mayor and city council.

"This is the first time I've been to a city council meeting this year. The last one was December of last year where I sat in that chair. I had the opportunity to meet with this council several times before they actually took office, and I told them there was one big thing that the City of Minden expected out of them and wanted out of them, and that was for them to get along, and to my knowledge, that has happened. So my congratulations. The City of Minden is proud of y'all. We appreciate what you're doing for our city. Thank you," said Davis.

The Minden City Council meeting takes place on the first Monday of each month, starting at 6 PM at Minden City Hall. The meeting is open to the public to attend, and for those that can't be there in person, or wish to view the meeting after the fact, the meetings are streamed live on the City of Minden's YouTube channel and Facebook page titled, City of Minden - Feels Like Home.

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steps of compliance.

Next on the agenda was to make sure that the board could request a special election in order to renew their operating millages as well as the issuance of obligation bonds. This is the same process they must go through every 10 years. At this meeting, they simply had to read the resolution into the minutes so that they will be able to consider the election call during the December 4 meeting. Assuming the election call passes, the special election will be held on April 27, 2024.

As usual, the board also authorized the purchases of equipment and services needed to maintain campuses across the parish using designated maintenance funds. These expenditures will be detailed in a future Minden Press-Herald article.

There will be a special call meeting on November 13 at 6 PM to discuss the upcoming stipend payment as well as to discuss particulars of the deficit.

Employees who have

been due an increase in pay dating back from when salaries were unfrozen have now received their back pay and will start getting their new paychecks this month. The '69 Sales Tax Supplement will also be issued this month, and the state stipend will be issued in December.

In the spirit of giving, the Salvation Army Angel Tree is kicking off, and the district is working with the Junior Service League to provide coats to many students in need.

Last, but by no means least, Coach Gary Cooper of Lakeside Jr/Sr High School was named the Employee of the Month, with Kevin Thompson of Taylor and Sons presenting the award. Coach Cooper's letter of recommendation for this award will be detailed in a future Minden Press-Herald article.

The Webster Parish School Board typically meets on the first Monday of each month at 6 PM at the school board offices. The next meeting is scheduled for December 4 and is open to the public.

OPINION

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OPINION

‘Lawfare’ by the radical left to remove Trump from state ballots is dangerous

They just never stop. May we be as committed to protecting and preserving our American ideals and beliefs as the national Left is to erasing them.

As attorney and commentator, Mike Davis, has stated, “what is happening ... is so much bigger than President Donald Trump. The “lawfare” (i.e., illicitly using the law and legal system as a weapon against political enemies) being committed by activist lawyers and activist judges against him are republic-ending tactics. If the radical left can just remove people from ballots, we are not going to have a country anymore.” (Mike Davis, Article III Project (A3P)).

These efforts to disqualify President Trump from 2024 state ballots in two states, Colorado and Minnesota, alleging that the Constitution bars “insurrectionists” from office, is an unprecedented legal theory and faces a steep legal challenge. The argument, in short, is that because of Trump’s alleged actions surrounding the Jan. 6, 2021 protests at the Capitol, he is an “insurrectionist” and is thereby prevented by the 14th Amendment from being elected president again.

Specifically, the courts in Colorado and Minnesota are considering the legal argument that “a little-invoked constitutional provision prevents Trump from holding office again. Section 3

of the 14th Amendment, enacted after the Civil War, disqualifies from public office those who swore to defend the Constitution and then “engaged in insurrection or rebellion” against the U.S.” (Mariah Timms, Wall Street Journal, Nov. 1, 2023).

“Trump incited a violent mob to attack our capitol to stop the peaceful transfer of power under our Constitution,” anti-Trump lawyer Eric Olson told a Denver judge Monday at the start of a week-long trial. He is representing a group of Republican and unregistered voters who want to keep Trump off the Colorado ballot.

Trump’s legal team argues that the disqualification claims, which are being filed in more states, are an antidemocratic attempt to prevent voters from deciding the next occupant of the White House.

“President Trump didn’t engage,” Trump lawyer Scott Gessler said in opening statements. “He didn’t carry a pitchfork to the Capitol grounds and lead a charge to get into a fistfight with legislators. He didn’t goad President Biden into going

out back and having a fight. He gave a speech in which he asked people to peacefully and patriotically go to the Capitol to protest.”

In essence, the anti-Trump lawyers are asserting that the riot at the U.S. Capitol building on Jan. 6, 2021 is substantively indistinguishable from the Civil War that cost 620,000 lives and lasted 4 years. Trump is supposedly the equivalent of Stonewall Jackson, sending his troops to stop the Electoral College from certifying Biden’s election. Never mind that these “troops” were married couples and children, and no one was armed with anything more than a flag.

In addition, the attack dog suffering from Trump Derangement Syndrome, Jack Smith, who spent 3 years and millions of dollars attempting to charge Trump with sedition and insurrection on January 6th, was unable to find evidence to even charge him with incitement, never mind leading a rebellion. This is why we simply cannot trust a lone Democrat Secretary of State or a single Democrat judge to make an independent decision based upon a charge Jack Smith could not bring, and certainly not when Trump has not been convicted of insurrection, sedition, or incitement by any court or by the U.S. Senate in the second impeachment.

[All of this is to say nothing of, in an entirely different

trial, the blatantly unconstitutional gag order placed upon President Trump at the request, again, of highly partisan prosecutor Jack Smith and equally partisan U.S. District Judge Tanya S. Chutkan. As Mike Davis further observed “the gag order is so egregiously illegal that even the ACLU (which hasn’t found a conservative cause to champion in decades) spoke up.” Regardless, the judge and prosecutor Smith have continued to push to gag President Trump. Naturally, the Trump legal team is appealing. In late breaking news, the appeals court just stayed and put on hold Judge Chutkan’s gag order. Oral arguments are scheduled for November 20th.]

Every one of these highly strained, legally unprecedented attacks on Trump’s candidacy are not only an existential threat to him but, more importantly, to the American people and our democratic form of government—and the sacred and inviolable right we citizens have to choose our leaders.

This is election interference at its worst and must be stopped.

SHREVEPORT ATTORNEY, ROYAL ALEXANDER, WORKED IN D.C. IN THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR NEARLY 8 YEARS FOR TWO DIFFERENT MEMBERS OF CONGRESS FROM LOUISIANA.

INSPIRATION

Fools give reasons, wise men never try

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

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

Hearing those lyrics gave me an answer to a struggle I faced daily most of my life. One of the hardest lessons to learn is to just shut up, to not answer back, to just stop talking, because we think that the more words spoken the stronger we make our case.

Quite the reverse is often true.

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

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

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

I think we are scared of our own company. It takes years of becoming comfortable with ourselves. I once heard that people often watch television all evening long to numb themselves from thinking.

Why do we need to be numbed?

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

It takes years of working at the art of keeping silence. It may be even harder to

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

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

Enough said and maybe not.

I suppose there is a stubborn streak in all of us. We want to speak, to have the last word.

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

Why are we so slow to learn this lesson?

Maybe we become mesmerized with our own words. Ministers are sometimes guilty of this trait, of thinking that the longer the sermon the better the mes-

sage when in reality some of the greatest messages have consisted of few words.

“We have nothing to fear but fear itself” is the shortest speech ever recorded and was spoken by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, in his inaugural address. Those eight words were the entire speech which was followed by a standing ovation.

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

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

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

EMAIL SARAH AT SARAH9957@AOL.COM

FROM THE BACK PORCH

There is the good, and the bad

We have experienced two long and hard years, some good times and some not so good. But that is something we all go through.

The bad began last year one day before Mother’s Day when I experienced a bad fall on Main Street after exiting a business . Hubby was sitting in the car waiting for me, but not watching for me. I am really glad he wasn’t watching or he would have seen me hit the pavement face first. I was unable to get up as former illnesses had left me weak without enough strength to lift myself up. Luckily, some young ladies saw me and came running out to help.

Hubby heard the commotion and came to help but he, too, was too weak to lift

me up. With the help from the strong young women, we were finally able to get up and into the car. I refused to go for medical help, instead went home to get in my bed.

Later, I realized my mistake, as I have suffered all sorts of problems since then. I don’t mean to bemoan my aches and pains, but they have been constant.

From teeth problems to damaged nerves and have therefore seen all manner

of medical professionals. Members of area churches have been faithful to keep me on their prayer lists and probably are beginning to think I am a hypochondriac. (Perhaps I may tend to be) Later there was a short hospital stay due to diagnoses of Covid. We had all three shots but still contracted the illness.

There would be short intervals of feeling fairly well and I was able to resume some of my daily routines of housekeeping, cooking-baking which is my passion- and occasional church attendance. A young man told me just this week he had noticed I only attended about once a month.

Church attendance and

activities were always important to us and now with Hubby’s poor health and my physical health we were unable to attend. We can no longer attend evening events because we don’t drive at night.

We lost several neighbors, family members and friends. It seems there have been an unusual number that touched our family, but I’m sure others feel the same way.

The months have not been all bad as we had some exciting events.

We had our first great, great grandchild join our family, a little boy .

Hubby and I were honored with a wonderful Wedding Anniversary party recogniz-

ing our 71st anniversary. Our children, grandchildren and friends invited family and friends to come and celebrate the special occasion with us. More than 130 signed the guest book and made us feel special. Hubby also had a 90th birthday and other good times helped to make the times not all bad.

We, like most of us, realize we are not alone in the ups and downs of life.

One great big minus of these times is my being unable to keep in touch with you, my faithful readers.

Praying for better days.



FANNIE MOORE

FANNIE MOORE LIVES IN SHONGALOO.

SPORTS

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COLUMN/HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Three parish teams make playoffs

Minden’s Heard becomes school’s all-time wins leader

RUSSELL HEDGES
Minden Press-Herald

As it turns out, three Webster Parish teams are headed to the playoffs.

Last week, it looked like the North Webster Purple Knights and Glenbrook Apaches would be the only two going.

But the Minden Crimson Tide has joined the party. A couple of weeks ago, with Minden around No. 33 in the non-select Division II power ratings, it looked like the Tide didn’t have much of a shot.

But after Week 9’s vic-

tory over BTW, the Tide moved up to No. 28, which is the final playoff spot.

Last week’s 36-6 victory over Woodlawn kept them there.

Minden (3-7), the No. 28 seed, will travel to St. Francisville to face No. 5 West Feliciana (8-2).

One thing that helped the Tide is a tough schedule. Six of Minden’s opponents had at least six wins.

North Webster and Glenbrook will both be at home in the first round.

The No. 14 seed Knights (6-4) host No. 19 Patterson (3-6) in non-select Division

Friday’s first-round games

Minden (3-7) at West Feliciana (8-2), 7

Patterson (3-6) at N. Webster (6-4), 7

Sacred Heard (3-7) at Glenbrook (7-2), 7

III. The No. 11 Apaches host No. 22 Sacred Heart (3-7) in select Division IV.

North Webster, which like Minden is back in the playoffs after a one-year absence, routed Lafayette Renaissance 52-12 last week behind Jkobe Lawson’s four touchdowns.

Glenbrook was No. 7 in the power ratings most of

the latter part of the season. The Apaches didn’t play last week and dropped four spots. The top eight seeds received first-round byes.

Minden’s win over Woodlawn was big in more ways than one.

Spencer Heard became the school’s all-time winningest head coach. He is 64-56 in 11 seasons.

He came into the game tied with Elton Kelly (63-36-4, 1957-65).

“Any time you can do something like that, I mean that’s a very special thing to be part of Minden High School history,” he said.

“Just to be part of this town, this culture, it’s a very special thing to me, something I’m going to cherish and remember for the rest of my career for sure.”

Lakeside closed a tough season with a 48-30 loss to Green Oaks. The Warriors, which were plagued by injuries the latter part of the season, finished 3-7.



RUSSELL HEDGES/
PRESS-HERALD
Spencer Heard became Minden’s all-time winningest coach last week. He picked up win No. 64 as the Crimson Tide defeated Woodlawn 36-6.

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Minden’s Kylie Ryan signs



COURTESY OF MINDEN PRINCIPAL REBECCA WILSON
Minden pitcher Kylie Ryan, a first-team All-District 1-4A selection last season, signed with Trinity Valley Community College last week. “I am so excited for the opportunity Kylie has to continue her academic and athletic career at the next level,” Minden coach Shelby Leach said. “Trinity Valley is getting a great player and even better person in Kylie. She continues to prove on and off the field that she has the talent to make an impact at any school. I am excited to see what Kylie does this spring for Minden High. She has and continues to be an instrumental role in our program. I am truly blessed to have coached her the last two years and the upcoming spring.”

HIGH SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Glenbrook girls win Region I-V meet

RUSSELL HEDGES
Minden Press-Herald

Glenbrook won the girls division and Glenbrook eighth-grader Carson Powell finished second in the boys division in the Region I-V meet last Thursday in Ruston.

Glenbrook scored 34 points in the girls division. Florian finished a distant second with 75 and Negreet was third with 86.

Sophomore Mattison Flower led the Lady Apaches with a fourth-place finish. She covered the 3-mile Lincoln Parish Park course in 21 minutes, 55.69 seconds. Negreet senior Ava Brown won in 21:23.50.

Glenbrook’s other four runners in the scoring

finished 7-8-9-10. Eighth-grader Emerson McLeland ran a 22:33.43, junior Vivian Still a 23:14.61, freshman Laurie Killgore a 23:15.88 and junior Hadley Haynes a 23:39.71.

Glenbrook senior Sophie Spillers finished 22nd in 25:45.01.

Powell ran a 17:38.33. Simpson senior Ean Allain won in 16:44.06.

Glenbrook seventh-grader Trent Clemons was 10th in 19:09.07. Doyline’s Zach Moreno finished 19th in 19:38.52.

Glenbrook finished seventh in the boys division.

The top eight teams and 25 individuals in all divisions qualified for the state meet Nov. 13 at Northwestern State.

North Webster junior Stephen Merritt finished 13th in the Region I-III boys meet in Lake Charles.

He ran an 18:19 on the Enos Derbonne Sports Complex course.

Lakeside junior Madison McGraw finished 25th in the Region I-IV meet which was also run at Lincoln Parish Park. She ran a 25:19.02.

Lakeside finished seventh in the boys division. Senior Gavin Woodall led the Warriors with a 35th-place finish. Juniors Luke Mandino and Peyton Gray finished 38th and 39th, respectively.

Minden freshman Lizzie Balkom finished 30th in the Region I-II meet at Acadiana Park in Lafayette.

OUTDOORS

Collisions between deer and vehicles increase

GLYNN HARRIS

On Thanksgiving Day years ago, I was driving my truck home through Bienville Parish after a holiday visit with my folks when a big buck appeared out of nowhere and I hit it. I drove home with one headlight and a smashed grill.

Fast forward a dozen or so years. I had my second encounter with a deer when a spike dashed into the path of my car in Natchitoches Parish. That’s two collisions with a deer so far during my lifetime. If I was driving in West Virginia, the leading state for deer/vehicle collisions over the next 12 months, my chances of hit-

ting a deer would be one in 38.

I suppose I’ve been fortunate to have only collided with two deer but others have not been so fortunate.

Why are such encounters becoming an increasing problem? For one, there are more drivers on the road. For another, the deer population is growing all across the country and when you see deer habitat giving way to urban sprawl, it’s inevitable that such encounters will increase. Need proof? All you have to do is drive a few miles along the interstate or on roads leading into town and count the deer carcasses you see.

The majority of deer/

vehicle collisions occur in states to the north, many of which have restrictive hunting regulations and short deer seasons. The top ten states where most collisions occur in order of frequency are: W. Virginia, Montana, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa, Mississippi, South Dakota, Virginia and Missouri.

Authorities estimate that over the past two years, 1.8 million deer/vehicle collisions have occurred across the country.

State Farm Insurance Company has provided some tips and words of caution to help prevent deer/vehicle collisions.

— Be alert to deer cross-

ing signs; they’re there for a purpose.

— Don’t swerve. If a car crash is inevitable, maintain control of your vehicle and don’t veer off the road.

— Brake as necessary. If you can avoid hitting the animal, reduce your speed, honk your horn and tap your brakes to warn other drivers. If there are no other drivers behind you, brake hard.

— Remember peak season. Animal collisions happen most during October through December, which is hunting and mating season.

— Remember meal time. Watch for animals in the road between dusk and

dawn.

— Watch for herds. If you see one deer, there are probably more nearby.

— Don’t use a whistle. No scientific evidence supports that car-mounted deer whistles work.

One of those deer/vehicle collisions a few years ago affected me in a very personal way. I had cataract surgery that summer on both my eyes resulting in clear vision like I had not had since I was a teenager. I was elated with the results and I owe the removal of my clouded lens and replacement with new clear ones to an individual I came to practically hold in reverence, Dr. William Steen,

founder of the Steen-Hall Eye Institute in Shreveport who performed my surgery.

A few weeks after my last surgery, Dr. Steen was riding to work on a beautiful fall day on his motorcycle just outside the Shreveport city limits when a buck dashed into the cycle, throwing Dr. Steen to the pavement, resulting in injuries that took his life. I am devastated by the loss of such a gifted surgeon and urge caution when you get behind the wheel or crawl on your bike.

A deer is a beautiful graceful animal when seen from your deer stand but not when one is making a bee-line for your vehicle.”

Fishing Report

BLACK BAYOU — No report. Water is low. Contact Honey Hole Tackle Shop 323-8707 for latest information.

BUSSEY BRAKE — The big bass continue to be caught with some to 11 pounds caught on jigs and soft plastics. The crappie are beginning to improve around the brush. Bream have slowed. For latest information, contact the Honey Hole at 323-8707.

OUACHITA RIVER — Both bass and crappie are starting to move to the deeper sloughs now that temperatures are dropping. Fishing has starting to improve. For latest information, contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

LAKE D’ARBONNE — Crappie are starting to bunch up along the edges of the flats and some nice ones are being caught on shiners or jigs. Bass are moving to the secondary points and swim baits and

soft plastics are picking up some nice fish. Bream are slow but 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 lake is down some seven feet as the result of the drawdown. Bass fishing has best fishing the points up Bear and Horse Creeks with jigs and soft plastics working best. Crappie are best around deep brush and they should be soon moving to the deeper water out from the dam. No report on stripers this week. Boats can still be launched at the State Park launch. For latest information, call Kel’s Cove at 927-2264 or Terzia Tackle at 278-4498.

CANEY LAKE — Bass are starting to move deeper and will soon

be set up just out from the spillway where jigs and spoons will start producing. Crappie have been best around the deeper tops on shiners or jigs and they will also be headed for deeper water out from the dam as temperatures drop. 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 has been good. Crappie fishing has improved on the south end of the lake. Bass are 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 low and fishing is quite slow this week. For information, call Surplus City Landing at 318/467-2259.

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Football Contest Winners

Week 10

1st Place - Denise Craig - \$25.00

2nd Place - Jeanie Brown - \$15.00

3rd Place - Theron Winzer - \$10.00

Good News

GOOD NEWS

WHICH CAME FIRST; THE CHICKEN OR THE EGG?

This question has been kicked around for centuries. Most of us, I would think, agree the chicken first appeared on earth. As did the snake, alligator, fish, and other egg-laying creations! And it was part of God’s plan to ‘inhabit the earth with creatures of all kinds, so He introduced the egg to complete the fertilization process to bring forth reproduction in all areas of life. Even with Adam and Eve, He ‘created’ egg within the woman’s womb to be fertilized by the man’s sperm, and the results were ‘new creations’ from the couple. And so it was....

History tells us ‘many cultures believe the egg to be the source of new life. Ancient Egypt revered the egg as the ‘origin of the world.’ The

Chinese gave painted eggs as gifts at the beginning of spring some 5,000 years ago. In ancient Greece and Rome, to celebrate the equinox in March (the beginning of the year), it was customary to hang colored eggs and give them as gifts.

Christianity adopted the egg as a symbol of fertility, resurrection, and eternal life. From the outside, eggs appear stone cold, yet inside, they nurture young life. Just as a grave keeps life locked in, eggs stood for the tomb in Jerusalem, from which Christ arose from the dead – ‘like a



Bill Crider

bird hatching from an egg.’ “EGG” is mentioned several times in the Bible.

Right now it seems the hens are happy in the nesting process. Eggs are flowing in great quantity for those who have ‘backyard chicks.’ In recent weeks, some friends have shared several dozen of those priceless gems. They gave them to us, knowing we would be passing them on to many homebound, senior adults, or others that voiced interest in eating ‘nature’s best.’ As I washed and packaged the eggs, I was reminded of being on the farm, gathering eggs and getting them ready for Mr. Miers to buy them when he came down the WPA Road in his little A Model Truck. Someone would yell out – ‘here comes

the egg man.’ Mama would rush to get the eggs she had ready to use as ‘barter’ with Mr. Miers. He would take the eggs, allowing her so much bartering credit for merchandise he had on his ‘grocery bus.’ He would sell the fresh eggs to the merchants in town (Delhi), getting him cash in the ‘re-sale.’ This was the only way Mama had to ‘generate a few dollars’ to use to buy her ‘snuff’ and other stuff for the family.

Later on, when Mr. Miers passed off the scene (died), Mr. Zeigler drove his old school bus (converted into a roving grocery market) down through the country roads, offering store-bought goods for those who could not shop in town. Like Mr. Miers, he bartered with the farm wom-

en: eggs for groceries, plus a few dollars to make things come out even. This was my first encounter with such delicacies as corn flakes, evaporated milk, Jack’s penny cookies and bubble gum. (It was almost like heaven coming down the road, kicking up dust each week.)

From the reaction of my friends last week was much like that of the Crider kids when they met the grocery bus with their few pieces of change and with the eggs Mama had to bargain with. O, for a slice of the simple life again!

BILL CRIDER IS CHAPLAIN OF MINDEN MEDICAL CENTER

THE UPWARD LOOK

A Steadfast Heart

“My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast; I will sing, yes, I will sing praises!” Psalm 57:7 NASB



Max Hutto

Standing in the very midst of overwhelming trial and trouble, David places his trust, his confidence, in God. His faith demonstrates no wavering or deviation. David is firmly grounded, unshakable, and sure in his trust in God, his only hope. Knowing that God will strengthen and comfort him, David bursts out in song praising God. Wor-

ship is an outflow of a heart that trusts confidently and steadfastly in God, in His mercy, grace, and love.

Lord Jesus, what a blessed assurance to know that You are my Savior, my Redeemer, my Refuge, and my Strength. Even in the midst of troubles, I lift my voice in praise, glorifying You.

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

INSPIRATION

Greatest story ever

Most lessons in life are taught by stories. Stories that evoke laughter, sadness, anger, and even hope. But these are only a sampling of the emotions elicited by the writers of stories. It has been my experience that stories are written with the expressed purpose of making the reader feel something. The medium used to present the story is also relevant. Whether its books, movies, or songs they are all still stories even though the way in which the stories are processed and interpreted has been varied. The point I was trying to reach is that the greatest story ever told in mediums is also written to inspire us to feel. We get to feel mercy for an imperfect world, peace during our



Bernard Harris

greatest struggle, and even love for a God that we’ve never seen except for in the lives and hearts of the people around us. God has called us not to Suppress emotions but rather to feel them and learn from them. When we feel peace, love, joy, hope, mercy, and all the other beautiful emotions we feel God’s gifts. As I close this writing, I would like to encourage everyone regardless of their situation or emotional state to turn to the greatest story ever written.

BERNARD HARRIS III IS A HAUGHTON FIREMAN AND A LOCAL RESIDENT OF MINDEN

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November 1, 2023
November 8, 2023
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NOTICE

Pursuant to article IV, section 21(D)(1) of the Louisiana Constitution, Notice is hereby given that on October 31, 2023, CenterPoint Energy Arkla, a Division of CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., (“CNP”), a natural gas public utility having facilities to permit the local distribution of natural gas to residential and commercial customers in the parishes listed below, filed with the Louisiana Public Service Commission (“LPSC” or “Commission”) its revised Evaluation Report pursuant to its Gas Operation Rate Stabilization Plan (“RSP”) for the test year ended June 30, 2023 (“TY 2023”), in accordance with LPSC Orders No. U-27676 (Corrected) and U-32996. CNP’s revised Gas Operations RSP filing, if approved by the Commission as filed, will result in a revenue increase of approximately \$7.1 million annually inclusive of impacts due to the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (“TCJA”), effective as of January 29, 2024, and termination of the regulatory asset approved in Order No. U-36541, effective as of December 28, 2023.

Affected Parishes: Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, Claiborne, De Soto, Jackson, Lincoln, Ouachita, Union, and Webster.

CNP’s revised RSP filing for the 2023 Test Year reflects an Earned Return on Equity (“EROE”) of 5.08% and pursuant to the RSP’s cost of service sharing mechanism, the EROE requires a rate adjustment by CNP. It is estimated that the requested net rate increase will have the following effect on average monthly bills: a Residential customer using 42 CCF will increase \$3.44; a Small Commercial-Firm Service customer using 238 CCF will increase \$19.49.

For questions and comments please call the LPSC toll free at (800) 256-2397. Additionally, the Company’s filing and its attachments may be viewed in the Records Division of the LPSC at the following address:

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CENTERPOINT ENERGY ARKLA

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Announcement of Public Meeting

Notice is hereby given that at its meeting to be held on Monday, December 4, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Parish School Board Office, 1442 Sheppard Street, Minden, Louisiana, the Parish School Board of the Parish of Webster, State of Louisiana, plans to consider adopting a resolution ordering and calling special elections to be held in (i) Webster Parish School District, Parish of Webster, Louisiana to authorize the renewal of an ad valorem tax therein and (ii) Springhill School District No. 8 of the Parish of Webster, State of Louisiana to authorize the renewal of an ad valorem tax therein and/or the issuance of general obligation bonds.

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SHERIFF’S SALE

ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS LLC, F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS INC. VS. DEBORAH LYNN MORGAN THE UNOPENED SUCCESSION OF AND UNKNOWN HEIRS OF

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 80991
By virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued out of the Twenty-

Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, in the above styled and numbered suit and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder for cash WITH-OUT the benefit of appraisalment and according to law at the principal front door of the Courthouse in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana on WEDNESDAY, December 13, 2023, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

Lot 1, Block “A”, of the Whiteway Subdivision, located in the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 13, Township 23 North, Range 11 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana, as shown by map book 2, page 45 of the records of said parish.

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

Linda Vaughan - Deputy

November 8, 2023
December 6, 2023
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Webster Parish Fire District #3 is auctioning off two surplus vehicles by sealed bid.

1. 1985 Ford C700 Tanker vin #1FDWD-74N7FVA14207

2. 2001 F350 Super Duty Service Truck vin# 1FD-WF36L01ED79111

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The Webster Parish Police Jury solicits sealed proposals for: 2024 Road Construction Materials.

The proposals must be in the hands of the undersigned no later than 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 28, 2023- in the Courthouse House Annex meeting room of the Webster Parish Police Jury, 401 Main Street, Minden, Louisiana 71055. The bid forms and specification sheets are available at no charge in the office of the Secretary–Treasurer, Webster Parish Policy Jury. Successful bids will be approved at the Regular Meeting, Webster Parish Police Jury on December 5, 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
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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 cold and flu.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 9 = F)

A. 1 10 12 9 9 17 2 1

Clue: Nose issue

B. 15 19 26 14 13

Clue: Expels mucous

C. 1 11 26 9 9 25

Clue: Congested

D. 9 2 6 2 21

Clue: High body temperature

Answers: A. sniffles B. cough C. stuffy D. fever

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

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

ANSWER:

FUN & GAMES

1	2	3	4			5	6	7		8	9	10
11				12			13				14	
15						16				17		
	18				19	20				21		
				22	23				24			
25	26	27	28	29								
30							31					
32								33	34	35	36	37
				38	39	40		41	42			
				43			44					
		45	46									
47	48				49			50	51	52	53	54
55					56				57			58
59					60				61			
62					63					64		

CLUES ACROSS

1. Information

5. Seaport (abbr.)

8. Agricultural disease (abbr.)

11. Riding horses

13. Boxing's GOAT

14. Hurt or discomfort

15. A small sharp knife to trim vegetables

16. A beaver builds one

17. Horizontal passage into a mine

18. Self-immolation by fire rituals

20. Chain bar with lots of games (abbr.)

21. Goo Goo Dolls' hit

22. Agreeable

25. In an early way

30. In a way, struck

31. It's there in the morning

32. County in the S. Pacific

33. Central Florida city

38. Numbers cruncher

41. Mexican beers

43. Lawyers say you can indict one

45. Capital of South Australia

47. Wings

49. Drug used to treat HIV/AIDS

50. Fencing sword

55. Capital of Qatar

56. Portable bed

57. Afflicted

59. Lying down

60. Midway between northeast and east

61. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation

62. Inflamed

63. Soviet Socialist Republic

64. Impudence

CLUES DOWN

1. A way to fish

2. Greek mythological figure

3. Scarlett's home

4. Assist

5. More doleful

6. Premeditated

7. Dish featuring minced food

8. San Diego ballplayer

9. Eight

10. Unwelcome picnic guests

12. Human gene

14. Bucket

19. Make full

23. Dirt

24. Person cited as ideal example

25. A part of (abbr.)

26. The 17th letter of the Greek alphabet

27. Very long period of time

28. Gas usage measurement

29. North American native people

34. It says "moo"

35. Folk singer Di Franco

36. Resinlike substance of certain insects

37. Residue

39. Grand homes

40. Popinjays

41. Man who behaves dishonorably

42. Figures

44. One who watches over children

45. Expressed pleasure

46. No longer living

47. Hebrew calendar month

48. Part of the ear

51. Swiss river

52. Prejudice

53. Italian Island

54. Resist authority (slang)

58. Criticize

PUZZLE SOLUTION

D	A	T	A		S	P	T			P	V	A			
A	R	A	B	S		A	L	I		P	A	I	N		
P	A	R	E	R		D	A	M		A	D	I	T		
S	A	T	I	S		D	N	B		I	R	I	S		
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