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Author shares story of restoration

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Minden’s Sara McDaniel is known for her lifestyle and hospitality brand Simply Southern Cottage, her historic preservation projects, television appearances, community revitalization and, as of Oct. 13, the author of “The Bright Side



McDaniel

of the Other Side: Notes from a Soul Restored.” Part memoir, part testimony, and part invitation to hope and dream, McDaniel chronicles her path through divorce, disappointment, career ambition, entrepreneurship and, ultimately, restoration.

Through the story of rescuing a neglected 1926 cottage in Minden, McDaniel discovers that the home she was rebuilding mirrored the work that was happening within her own heart.

“Sometimes the places we think are beyond repair are the very places where restoration begins,” McDaniel said.

“What started as a renovation project became a journey of healing,

teaching me that God often builds something more beautiful from the pieces we thought were lost forever.”

Available online anywhere books are sold, including Amazon, Walmart, Target and Barnes & Noble.

You can also find a copy of her book in person at Purvéy Minden, McDaniel’s vintage clothing store in downtown Minden.

Latino Leadership Awards and Scholarship Gala



The Hispanic Heritage Association of Northwest Louisiana hosts its Latino Leadership Awards and Scholarship Gala on Oct. 10 at Bally’s Shreveport Casino. PHOTOS BY HENRIETTA WILDSMITH/THE TIMES



Early voting in state begins on Oct. 20

Presley Bo Tyler

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Less than a month from now, Louisiana voters will elect one member to fill the seat of Bill Cassidy in the U.S. Senate.

Thirty-three of 100 seats in the U.S. Senate are up for election, with another two seats up for special election.

The candidates running in Louisiana for U.S. Senate are Democrat Jamie Davis and Republican Julia Letlow.

When is early voting for Senate in Louisiana?

Early voting for U.S. Senate in Louisiana begins Oct. 20 and ends Oct. 27. There will be no early voting on Sunday,

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LA veterans get \$3M for suicide prevention

Aaron Gonsoulin

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For Louisiana veterans who have not connected with VA health care, help may begin closer to home through a community organization that can identify their needs, offer support and connect them with treatment.

The Department of Veterans Affairs has awarded nearly \$3 million to five organizations serving Louisiana through the Staff Sergeant Parker Gordon Fox Suicide Prevention Grant Program. The funding supports services across northern and southern Louisiana, from mental health screening and peer support to assistance accessing benefits.

The awards are part of \$111.9 million distributed to 191 community organizations nationwide for fiscal year 2027.

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