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The members of the Greater Minden Chamber as well as citizens gathered in front of the Civic Center in order to show appreciation for the local first responders here in Minden. Members of the Minden Police Department, Sheriff's Office, Fire Department, Marshall's Office, and more stopped by and were greeted with hot food and showered with appreciation for the hard work they do each day keeping the residents of the city safe and protected. The Chamber thanks their presenting sponsor The Therapy Center as well as their other sponsors for their help in ensuring that the event was a success.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

South Webster Industrial Park at full capacity

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The South Webster Industrial Park has been filled, with COVI Energy being the newest and final addition to the park. According to Economic Development Director Phillip Smart, COVI Energy was interested in the location due to the pre-existing infrastructure it had to facilitate the transport of sand.

"It originally was a sand facility. The silos there were made for sand, the railway spur connected to the property was made to transport sand as well, so they were looking to utilize it for the same purpose,"

said Smart.

While being able to fill the industrial park comes as good news, it now poses a problem for Smart and the other members of the South Webster Industrial District.

"Now, when we get a lead about someone looking for a site, we don't have an industrial site for them," said Smart. "With that purchase, it was the last available building that was for sale out there, and the rest are filled."

Now SWID's main goal is to find a suitable location to develop a new in-



SMART

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UNEMPLOYMENT

Louisiana's unemployment rate doesn't paint accurate picture

(The Center Square) - A new federal jobs report shows Louisiana's employment growth in August was negligible despite an outsized drop in the state's unemployment rate.

"Although Louisiana's unemployment rate dropped from 6.6 to 6.2 (percent), the reason for this decrease was not because people were finding jobs. Instead, the decrease was driven by people giving up and leaving the labor market all together," said Eric Peterson, a poli-

cy director at the New Orleans-based Pelican Institute. "For every 10 people returning to work in Louisiana, seven have left the labor market."

Similar to many states, Louisiana has struggled to reach pre-pandemic employment levels. Hurricanes and the COVID-19 delta variant surge have played a role, as have direct payment stimulus checks, expanded federal programs such as the Child Tax Credit expansion

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and unemployment insurance increases.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Louisiana’s civilian labor force decreased by 3,436 people in August and by 30,000 people since August 2020 – a sign the state’s labor market is different than what the official unemployment rate represents.

The civilian labor force is defined as people age 16 and older who are not active duty military

members, incarcerated individuals or those living in elder care, health care or institutional facilities.

Louisiana’s employment data comes as the country underperformed as a whole. The Bureau of Labor Statistics reported 235,000 jobs were added to the economy in August, despite expectations of 720,000 new jobs.

The Louisiana Workforce Commission (LWC) said the state remains about 122,000 jobs behind the March 2020

pre-pandemic figure of 1.97 million jobs. With Hurricane Ida disrupting private sector employment since the storm’s Aug. 29 landfall, September figures could be worse.

Weekly unemployment claims have skyrocketed in the wake of Ida. The LWC reported 13,782 new claims for the week ending Sept. 11, the most recent data available. The agency reported 2,080 new claims for the week before the Category 4 storm.

“These numbers don’t reflect the reality of the situation we find ourselves in today,” LWC Secretary Ava Cates said upon the release of Louisiana’s new jobs data. “People are still suffering after Hurricane Ida, and we are in the middle of hurricane season. We have a lot of work to do to make sure people can still find work in our state and have the money they need to get them through difficult times.”

Industry: SWID does own more property across the railroad tracks and the current Industrial Park, but that development would be a costly process

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dustrial park, and they already have a few locations in mind.

“We’ve utilized and exhausted all ends we have to try and find a feasible location for industrial or manufacturing companies that want to locate in the parish, like being near the interstate or railway, without causing any problems for residential properties,” said Smart.

“We’re really interested in the Davenport area, because there’s already infrastructure out there and other industrial companies,” said Smart. “We would love to extend that road to where it automatically connects into the sibley road, that way you’ll have more than one way in and one way out.”

Smart noted that SWID does own more property across the railroad tracks and the current Industrial Park, but that development would be a costly process.

“To develop across the tracks is pretty expensive. A lot of it is wetlands, so it would take some development, and we would still need to get infrastructure out there, sewer, water, and electricity as well,

said Smart.

He went on to say that right now, it’s a more attractive option to sell or lease the property, seeing as another issue that complicates this process is the lack of revenue that SWID has access to.

When the industrial park was initially created, a vote for the citizens of South Webster to reinstate a tax that would fund SWID and its efforts to bring more industry to the parish, however citizens voted against reinstating the tax at that time.

Development of a new industrial park is a costly process, with Smart stating that without passing a tax to fund them, their ability to create a new industrial park is currently limited.

“Right now we’re limited on funds. We have a certain amount in reserve to try to use to establish another industrial park,” said Smart.

“Other than that reserve there is no money being brought in. So we’re definitely going to have to revisit bringing back that tax, vote on it again, and this time make citizens more aware that this will bring us more companies and jobs to the area.”

Minden Maker’s Fair being held at Farm of Cultural Crossroad Saturday

Special to the Minden Press-Herald

Minden Maker’s Fair is modeled after the Maker’s Fair Movement that has taken root in the U.S. where Maker’s whose goods are handmade gather to sell their wares to the public, artisans demonstrate their craft, & fun activities are available throughout the event.

This event is created by Cultural Crossroads of Minden, Webster Parish’s only 501c3 Nonprofit Arts Organization whose mission is to “Unite All People Through the Arts.” Creating & hosting events like Minden Maker’s Fair is one of the ways we try to serve our community.

Our event is focused on creating & fostering both an appreciation for the arts and a sense of community and connection. We will feel like we have accomplished our true purpose as long as attendees are laughing and smiling as they explore The Farm of Cultural Crossroads on Saturday, September 24th from 11 AM until 4 PM.

All vendors will have personally created the goods that you will see displayed. From artwork, home goods, clothing, jewelry, pottery, stained glass, and much more! If you want to start shop-

ping for Christmas Saturday, September 25th is a great day to start. In addition to handmade goods, attendees will find several activities & demonstrations to help them learn about what goes into creating art, create art themselves, or just have some fun.

Food vendors Tiger Tent Concession, The Tamale Ladies, and Taqueria Flores will be selling ready-to-eat food additional food vendors will sell a variety of culinary confections for you to take home & enjoy later. You’ll also find Special Reserve Coffee to ensure everyone has plenty of energy for shopping & playing throughout the day.

There will be demonstrations scheduled throughout the day. Sebastian Shepherd will demonstrate glassblowing, Mandie Ebard will let kids use her pottery wheel, and Amanda Peevy will set up her slackline for kids to test their balance. Throughout the property, there will be plenty to do so make sure to plan to explore. Brandon Manning, a former Cultured Pearl & Minden native will be featuring Mocktail Making demonstrations with his business Brandezvous Productions. Jennifer Aldridge from Turn Up Dance Fitness will host workshops teaching kid-friendly dance moves to anyone who wants to move & laugh. Jennifer will teach classes in front of the Studio at 12 Noon & 2 PM.

From 11 AM until 4 PM we will offer free face painting & balloon sculptures by Jelly The Clown. CreateIt Hannah will be on-site with henna tattoo art created by hand, this will be free but you will need to add your name to the waiting list to get your henna tattoo. There will be a Wishing Tree in the parking lot for attendees to write down and leave their wishes, a Mischief Makers Creation Station featuring creative instruments kids can play, and more in the courtyard of Zenobia’s house! Under the pavilion, you will find Jelly The Clown, Create It Hannah, as well as the Make & Take art station sponsored in part by Bobbies Hobbies and free to anyone who wants to sit down and create their own work of art.

Other community organizations present that day will include Webster Parish Libraries sponsoring some in-person crafts, LSU AgCenter Webster Parish, & Life-share Blood Center accepting blood donations.

Cultural Crossroads members will be selling coca-cola products, cultural crossroads stickers, & \$5 art kits for children to take home at the Farm Store located at the entrance of our property.

It is extremely important to mention almost all the free components of our event would simply not be possible without the generosity of our Sponsors. We would like to publicly thank our Title Sponsor, Suddenlink & our corporate sponsors Minden Family Dental, Capital One Bank, Walmart, & Buie Photography.

Also, we do ask attendees to bring their masks to our event and honor any signage placed throughout the property, if there’s a sign that asks you to mask when interacting with vendors, demonstrators, and volunteers please be kind and honor that request. This is truly appreciated by all participants of Minden Maker’s Fair. To us, the simple gesture of wearing a mask when requested is simply a physical symbol that communicates to all involved that we care about one another & each other’s health during these uncertain times.

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OBITUARIES



Charles M. “Skipper” Land

Charles M. Land (Skipper) died at home in Minden, Louisiana, September 22, 2021.

Born June 15, 1954, Skip was the first-born son to Barbara Porterfield Land and Charles M. Land. He was brought up in a happy household with his brothers, Lenny and Bodie. Growing up Skip enjoyed a loving home that taught the importance of family and hard work. They enjoyed horseback riding and family vacations. Some of Skip’s fondest memories were from Minden High School where he played football for the Crimson Tide. He continued to follow and support the MHS football program. Skip and Lenny started working in the oil fields with his grandfather while still in high school. He served his country in the United States Air Force. In recent years Skip returned to Minden and enjoyed meeting with all of friends at local

cafes to reminisce and “solve world problems” over coffee and talk LSU Football.

Left to remember his legacy are his three sons: Mark Land (Whitney), Chris, and Eric Land all of Tyler, TX; his brother, Lenny St. Germain (Nancy) of Sibley, LA; grandchildren, Stella, Bodie, and June Land. Nephews and niece, Amber Phennisee, Treason Land, Jason (Courtne) and Michael St. Germain, Clay and Ryan (Sarah) Patterson, great nephews and niece, Caden Phinnisee, Brooks and Olivia St. Germain, Brenden, Colin, Ethan, Evan, Owen, and Abram Patterson; as well as aunts and cousins.

Skip was preceded in death by his parents, Charles M. (Bo) Land, Barbara Porterfield Land, and Bodie Land.

Services will be held Monday, September 27, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. at Rose-Neath Funeral Home Chapel in Minden, Louisiana with Bro. Ronnie Whitlock officiating. Interment will follow at Gilgal Cemetery East of Minden, Louisiana.

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Sandra Boyter Higginbotham

Sandra Boyter Higginbotham was born on June 14th, 1942 in Shreveport, LA. Preceded in death by her parents Bob and Lorene Boyter of Minden and grandson

Colby Higginbotham of Houma. Sandra is survived by her husband of 62 years, Dennis Charles Higginbotham children Kevin Higginbotham and wife Lisa, Kelly Warren and husband Glen, Kristi Garrett and husband Tommy. Grandchildren include Haley Robinson hus-

band Justin, Garrett Vaughan and wife Ashley, Taylor Moreland and husband Ryan, Ty Hays and wife Shannon, Harley Higginbotham and Hutton Hays. Sandra had a host of great grandchildren which includes Frances Robinson, Clara Robinson, Meredith Robinson, Henleigh Moore, Grant Moore, Greer Moore and Jack Vaughan.

Sandra grew up in Minden, graduated from MHS and was a homemaker and single parent for most of her married life while Dennis worked overseas. She held down the fort, issued discipline, provided taxi services, and completed home repairs as needed. She enjoyed gardening, deer hunting, painting and was an accomplished artist. She was a voracious reader, loved her an-

imals and was an avid PETA supporter. Sandra loved politics and was always ready to debate issues. Sandra was tenacious fighter who survived both bladder and breast cancer and was surrounded by her loving family when she gained access to heaven.

The family would like to express their utmost gratitude to the outstanding staff of Passages Hospice. Special thanks to Carlie Day and Jesse McCain for their thoughtfulness and compassion. A graveside memorial service will be held at a future date.

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Melinda Ann McCarty

Funeral services for Melinda Ann McCarty will be held Friday, September 24, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. at Rose-Neath Funeral Home Chapel

in Minden, Louisiana with Bro. Michael Stanaland, Jr. officiating. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery in Minden, Louisiana. The family will receive

friends from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. Thursday, September 23, 2021, at Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Minden.

Melinda was born February 7, 1982, in Minden, Louisiana and entered into rest September 20, 2021 in Minden, Louisiana.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Peggy Dick; niece, Alyssa Woodard, and dear friend, Ashley Walker.

She is survived by her husband, Justin McCarty of Evergreen; father, Mike Dick and fiancé Tanya Tyson; sons, Hunter Walton, Jakob McCarty, and Hayden Walton all of Evergreen; daughter, Madison Walton of

Groesbeck, Texas; sister, Angela Stanaland and husband Michael of Minden, and a number of nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be David McCarty, Justin McCarty, Aron Sumrall, Caleb Brooks, Douglas Lazarus, and James Nicholson.

I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. Phlippians 4:13

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James Hartwell Fair

James Hartwell Fair, Sr. 93, of Shreveport, Louisiana entered into eternal rest on September 1, 2021.

Funeral services honoring his life will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 4, 2021, at Old Saline Baptist Church in Saline, Louisiana. Officiating the service will be Rev. Ronnie Osborne, Rev. Jerry Martin with Douglas Mad-

den assisting. Interment will follow the service located at Old Saline Community Cemetery with a Masonic Graveside Service. A visitation with the family will be held from 10:00 a.m. until time of service on Saturday at the church.

James was born on November 8, 1927, in Saline, Louisiana to Tracy Hartwell Fair and Elva Odell Brazzel Fair.

James is preceded in death by his parents, Tracy and Elva Fair; sisters, Edwina Freeman and Ivazene Toney; step-daughter, Jeanette Manning. He is survived by his wife, Joyce Haddox Fair; sons, James Fair Jr., Tracy Fair and wife Wendy, and Robin Fair and wife Larica; daughter, Dorothy White and husband David; broth-

er, Roy Fair and wife Betty; granddaughters, Jennifer Carpenter and husband John, Shonda Chesshir and husband Jeffery; step son-in-law, John Manning; Along with 19 Great-Grandchildren.

Honoring James as pallbearers will be Grandsons; Jay Fair, Brandon Fair, Trey Towns, Tatum Hubier, Dustin Fair, and Spencer Fair. Serving as Honorary Pallbearers will be Grandsons; Nathan Fair, Casey Fair, Grayson Fair, Connor Fair, Mitchell Mathews, Jonathan Fair, John Carpenter.

In lieu of flowers the family request donations may be made to the Old Saline Community Cemetery, Inc. P. O. Box 43, Saline, LA 71070

Susan Lyn Jackson

Susan Lyn Jackson, 75, of Minden, Louisiana, affectionately known as Grammie by her family, peacefully passed away and went to be with her Lord and Savior on Saturday, September 18, 2021. Her homegoing celebration will be held on Friday, September 24, 2021, at City on a Hill Pentecostals in Minden, Louisiana at 5:00PM.

Born on July 19, 1946, in Unionville, Indiana, she was the daughter of Milburn Eugene Hacker and Dorothy June Anderson Hacker. She passionately embraced her life’s calling to do all she could for the Lord. For the more than 20 years that she was a pastor’s wife,

she was dedicated in every aspect of all that entailed but was most in her element when she established the church day care center which put her right where her heart desired to be most, with the children. She taught Sunday school and held countless youth gatherings at her home where she was right in the middle of all the games and pranks. When asking anyone to describe her, they first mention her prayer life...where she was a warrior.

Her family rejoices in the fact that she is already dancing and praising with the angels in heaven. They are forever indebted to the everlasting legacy she left them that began when she taught them all about Jesus.

She is survived by one brother, Tommy J. Hacker and

wife Mary Beth, her sister Rita Ratliff, her sister Anna van DeVenter and husband Victor; her son, Paul Jackson and Stacie Marie Youket, her daughter Angela Hall and husband Tony; four grandchildren, Nate Jackson and wife Madeline, Mallorie Butler and husband Brandon, Ryan Puckett and wife Anna, and Kalee Hall Moore and husband Kyle; and four great-grandchildren, Maylee, Ava, Abel and Jackson.

In lieu of flowers, Paul and Angela request that donations be made to the City on a Hill Youth program in her honor. Donations can be mailed to 612 Hwy 531, Minden, LA 71055. Please make your donation payable to “City on a Hill Youth,” and write “Susan Jackson” in the memo line.

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OPINION

Biden plan includes devastating tax increases on farms

The combined tax rate could add up to a fatal 61% on inherited wealth, eliminating family farms (and many other small businesses) and consolidating all American agriculture into a handful of very large corporate farming enterprises that are easier for government to control. (As we know, Socialism forbids the age-old right of private property, which is what confiscatory taxation seeks to attain. No better reference may be made than to Karl Marx himself who said in The Communist Manifesto that, “the theory of the communists may be summed up in the single sentence: abolition of private property.” (Heritage Foundation)). American farmers, and farming, have been an integral and foundational part of our nation’s history and development since its founding. The American farmer not only predominantly feeds our country but many parts of the world as well. Why we would ever threaten medium and smaller-sized American farmers completely escapes me. Why we would ever trust foreign food sources for our food—as idiotic as trusting foreign oil provided by foreign nations who despise us to supply our nation’s energy needs—is very difficult to understand.

In our beloved Louisiana, our agricultural industry is hugely important. Louisiana farmers create and manage one of the economic pillars of our state economy. In fact, Louisiana farmers are fabulous producers of corn, cotton, sugarcane, soybeans, beef, poultry, fish, sweet potatoes and rice among several others. (LA. Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries). Further, about 60% of Louisiana’s agricultural income is generated by crops while the other 40% is produced by livestock and livestock products. In terms of income generated, the state’s top five agricultural products are sugarcane, rice, cattle and calves, soybeans, and cotton. About 9% of Louisiana’s agricultural revenues are generated by cattle and calves. Dairy products, aquaculture (farm raised catfish and crawfish), chicken eggs and hogs are also important sources of revenue. Sweet potatoes and tomatoes are the most important vegetable crops, and peaches, strawberries

and melons lead the fruit crops. (LA. economy/Netstate.com).

However, the critically important, generational impact of family farms across the nation and in Louisiana is threatened in President Biden’s \$1.8 trillion so-called infrastructure bill. How so? Well, in order to pay for his multi trillion-dollar expansion of social programs and Green New Deal projects, (or more accurately to create the illusion that it is being paid for), President Biden has included massive tax increases and one of them will impose a real hardship and likely the elimination of many of America’s approximately 2 million family farms.



ROYAL ALEXANDER

Some experts have concluded that a typical Iowa farm, for example, will be hit with \$680,000 in new taxes—or a 40% tax, the payment of which may cost, and kill, the farm itself. (Americans for Tax Reform).

Simply stated, this tax plan calls for nearly doubling the top tax rate on capital gains and eliminating a significant tax benefit on appreciated assets. For example, if someone dies after starting a business decades ago that’s now worth \$100 million, under the current tax law, the business would pass to family members with no capital gains tax because the cost basis of the business is “stepped up” to its current value at death. However, under this Biden plan, the heirs would immediately owe a capital gains tax of \$42.96 million based on the capital gains tax rate of 39.6 %, plus the net investment income tax of 3.8%, minus the \$1 million estate tax exemption. This proposal would reduce the estate tax exemption from \$11.7 million to only \$1 million! When the estate tax is added and all the numbers

are crunched and sorted out, these family farmer-heirs would owe a whopping \$61.1 million on the original \$100 million inheritance. (This, of course, does not include state capital gains and state estate taxes). (AP). This is a staggering redistribution of wealth.

Even prominent Democrats are concerned about the death of family farms. House Agriculture Committee Chairman David Scott (D-Ga.) sent a letter to Biden stating:

“I have serious concerns about proposed changes in tax provisions that could hurt our family farmers, ranchers and small businesses.

I am very concerned that proposals to pay for these investments could partially come on the backs of our food, fiber, and fuel producers. In particular, “step-up in basis” is a critical tool enabling family farming operations to continue from generation to generation. The potential for capital gains to be imposed on heirs at death of the landowner would impose a significant financial burden on these operations.

Additionally, my understanding of the exemptions is that they would just delay the tax liability for those continuing the farming operation until time of sale, which could result in further consolidation in farmland ownership. This would make it more difficult for young, beginning, and socially disadvantaged farmers to get into farming.

While I appreciate that the proposal provides for some exemptions, the provisions could still result in significant tax burdens on many family farming operations.”

Further, consider the Wall Street Journal Op-Ed of Iowa Senator Chuck Grassley:

“I introduced Arley Wilson, who schooled policy makers on the impracticality and inefficiency of the tax law... and explained how its application on top of the estate tax would be the ‘death knell’ for family farms and small businesses. Among other issues, it would require complex reconstruction of the decedent’s assets, give rise to extended audits, and trigger litigation for next of kin. Eliminating step-up in basis is another post-death tax grab, adding punitive

taxes on thrift, savings and investments. Congress (which tried to eliminate “step up basis” before) realized its mistake and voted in 1978 to suspend carryover basis and repeal it in 1980—both with then-Sen. Biden’s support. He’s forgotten the lesson he should have learned.” (Parenthetical added).

Four decades later Democrats want to dismantle a century-old tax law that has stitched the economic and social fabric of American agriculture together for generations. The 1921 Revenue Act codified step-up in basis at death. It has allowed property and livelihoods to be passed on to the next generation without a confiscatory tax.” (Grassley, WSJ).

As noted by tax lawyer, Robert W. Woods, “under current tax law, assets that pass directly to your heirs get a step-up in basis for income tax purposes. It doesn’t matter if you pay estate tax when you die or not. For generations, assets held at death get a stepped-up basis—to market value—when you die. Small businesses count on this. Biden’s proposal would tax an asset’s unrealized appreciation at transfer. You mean Junior gets taxed whether or not he sells the business? Essentially, yes. The idea that you could build up your small business and escape death tax and income tax to pass it to your kids is on the chopping block. Biden would levy a tax on unrealized appreciation of assets passed on at death. By taxing the unrealized gain at death, heirs would get hit at the transfer, regardless of whether they sell the asset.” (Forbes, Robert W. Woods).

It is appalling; it is insane that President Biden would eliminate the stepped-up basis. This is in addition to his desire to raise the federal corporate tax rate to a higher-than-China rate of 28% and to impose the highest capital gains tax since Jimmy Carter in 1977. Again, this plan would hit nearly 2 million family farms (and many, many other small businesses) while Americans are still reeling, struggling to recover from the pandemic.

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OPINION

Supply-chain woes may imperil more than Christmas shopping

BRENT D. SADLER
RealClearWire

A global shipping crisis has been quietly brewing for months. Soon it will lead to layoffs, higher prices and fewer options at the grocery store. In time, it could threaten our nation’s security.

Vice President Kamala Harris caught a glimpse of the unfolding problem during her recent swing through Asia. In Singapore, a global hub for maritime trade, she learned that congestion at its piers was causing shipping companies to bypass the port.

What the vice president saw in Singapore and other ports in Vietnam and China critical to global supply chains is a product of COVID-19. The Chinese port of Ningbo, the world’s third-largest, was closed for two weeks in August by authorities over a single COVID case.

In Singapore, Harris commented that the shipping backlogs might make it hard for Christmas shoppers to have gifts on time. But the challenges are weightier than that. Our national security apparatus maintains lean inventories and relies on just-in-time manufacturing and delivery – often from overseas suppliers – to replenish their stocks. Shipping delays can create serious

vulnerabilities.

The slowdown is already hitting home. In Los Angeles, a key port for U.S. trade with Asia, historic shipping backlogs have resulted in a horizon full of ships at anchor waiting to enter port. The backlog is even impacting Midwest rail service and causing delays in air freight at major air hubs. For trade in perishables like fruit, delays are a deal killer; as winter approaches, consumers will find less fruit at the grocers.

The COVID-19 pandemic has hit global shipping and manufacturers with labor shortages for 20 months now. This problem was compounded when a large container ship grounded in the Suez Canal, blocking the waterway for six days. The cascading effects of these misadventures have created delays that will take months, if not longer, to resolve.

These delays are compounding the backlogs by driving a shortage of shipping containers as ships wait at anchor to offload and reload. Container ships carry 13% of global trade by volume, accounting for 11% of global trade value. Shippers want cargo in standard containers, driving producers to look for replacements as too many are held up at sea, driving a surge in demand for shipping containers. Yet container production is located overwhelmingly in China, and supply is not likely to

meet demand anytime soon.

Another problem is rising container shipping costs. On Asia-West Coast U.S. routes, they have soared from \$1,485 per 40-foot equivalent unit in 2017 to rates ranging from \$18,000 to \$25,000 per FEU. W

The global shipping backlog, combined with a COVID-related dearth of truck drivers, is already disrupting U.S. assembly lines. Inventory-to-sales rates are at the lowest-ever levels. Ordinarily, supply and demand would result in more shipping companies and truck drivers entering the market, but that hasn’t happened for several reasons, including delayed re-entry into the workforce given generous unemployment benefits.

The foremost challenge in this quiet crisis is inflation – driven in part by higher shipping, labor and limited availability of resources and parts. However, the more insidious impact could be in the area of national security.

Consider how a shortage of microchips slowed U.S. car manufacturing early in the pandemic. Now consider the impact supply disruptions could have on the nation’s next Columbia-class nuclear ballistic missile submarine. Supply delays among any of the sub’s 5,000 suppliers could imperil delivery, which must occur before 2028 to ensure the

nation’s strategic deterrence.

No reports of production delays have been reported as yet. But no one in or outside of the Pentagon fully understands the extent to which Navy suppliers rely on overseas sources – a truly troubling knowledge gap.

Events of the past six months offer some important lessons for the military. First, it needs to have a more complete understanding of its supply chains and actively diversify production as appropriate. Second, today’s limited port infrastructure and transportation workforce create bottlenecks that could impair wartime and crisis logistics. Three, given recent supply disruptions, the military needs to assure Congress that ‘lean inventories’ and ‘just in time’ manufacturing will not imperil success in a future war.

While no one looks forward to depleted store shelves during the Christmas shopping season, the bigger concern for Americans should be higher fuel bills, lack of fruit in the winter, and whether our military can keep us safe while they wait for parts.

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FROM THE BACK PORCH

Give them time to dream

A few days ago, I picked up a small book that Hubby keeps on his bedside table, titled "MAKING MEMORIES". It was a collection of newspaper columns which I had written many years ago and had published in this small hard-back book.

As I was leafing through it, one particular story caught my eye and as I read through it I realized it is just as pertinent, if not more so

today, as it was when it was penned by this mother. If you would permit, I would like to share it with you today.

It's title was "No Time to Dream", concerning the busyness of our children's lives.

"Today there is a tendency to push the youngsters too hard and too fast, One day we may realize and acknowledge this, but by that time the damage may be irreparable,

"As parents, we naturally want our child to succeed in his undertakings, but to what extent should we push the child? Where is the fine line that says, "Whoa, this is far enough?"

"Boys usually want to play baseball in the summer programs and this, in itself, is good. But when the parents pressure the child so much he can neither do his best nor enjoy what he is doing, then that is too much. Supervised recreation is a good idea, probably more so in the cities than in the rural areas. It offers opportunities for the young people to learn skills, sportsmanship and how to get along with others. But in addition to this, the child needs an opportunity to be by himself.

"The boy needs free time to lie on his back in the grass and imagine heroic deeds in which he is invariably the hero. He needs time to sit quietly and observe the birds, learn their distinctive markings, their songs, and perhaps even their mating calls. The youngster needs to be by himself to dream of what he will be when he grows up. He may change his mind a hundred times before a choice actually has to

be made, but he will at least have given it some thought.

"The little girls will want their piano lessons, perhaps swimming lessons or dance lessons. In addition, their mothers will want them to learn all the social graces and how to be poised and self-confident when it comes time for dating. But the little girl, too, needs time for herself.

"She needs time to gaze at the fluffy white clouds and imagine all kinds of exciting and romantic things happening to her. She needs to daydream of all the glamorous careers just waiting for her to grow up. She needs time to tell herself that someday she will be the best mother in the world or she may vow never to marry, but instead, devote her life to helping humanity.

"These quiet times when the child is alone should not be considered lonely times for the child. They should not be called idleness, but must be thought of as necessary for the child's complete growth. When left to his own ingenuity, the child can usually determine a satisfactory pace for himself."

I fully believed this when I wrote it and even more so today as I observe children who cannot stand an idle moment. The complaint, "I'm bored" is a sure sign the child has never learned to be by himself with absolutely nothing required of him at the moment.

We should be teaching our children to like themselves and be able to occupy themselves for a time without the handheld devices that seem to be attached to them.

Probably some of you are saying, "She's just an old fuddy-duddy." But It truly breaks my heart to see children who must be entertained at all times.

Parents, I know you are busy, but please allow your children to have time to dream.



FANNIE MOORE

FANNIE MOORE IS A JOURNALIST WHO LIVES IN SHONGALOO WHERE SHE ENJOYS WRITING ON A VARIETY OF SUBJECTS.

KREWE OF ARTEMIS

Krewe of Artemis-Springhill Announces Royalty

It was a starry, starry night at the Community Activities Center on Church Street, Saturday, September 18, when the Krewe of Artemis-Springhill opened the doors to a full packed house. Captains, Royalty, and invited guests streamed in from all parts of the areas including Baton Rouge and Natchitoches.

Stars guided cocktail clad visitors as krewe members greeted and welcomed all. The lobby was filled with folks making their way from station to station to try to win what was being offered. A Savage Arms 6.5 Creedmoor rifle with camouflage stock and a 3 X 9 Weaver scope, gun case and sling will be given away at the Lumberjack Festival on October 9 to some lucky winner.

Grisham Photography was kept busy capturing treasured memories of this special Vincent van Gogh's "STARRY NIGHT!" Inside the party goers were shown typical good ole fashion Southern Hospitality and friendly conversation. No one was a stranger for long.

The caterers, "Sweet Ladies Helping," out did themselves with a delicious buffet meal of tender Pork loin, savory green beans, buttery carrots, tasty pasta salad, melt in your mouth rolls, and cold iced tea. All this was topped off with the best bread pudding and peach cobbler anywhere!

Tables were decorated with mirror balls and scattered stars! Talented member Susan Keith took out her paints and created her version of van Gogh's "Starry Night" for a wall hanging. This endeavor sparked much interest as was evident from all the flash bulbs popping!

Emcee, Mr. Eric Simmons's voice rang out as he asked all to stand for the opening prayer lead by Dr. Jonathan King followed by a stirring rendition of The Star-Spangled Banner and the Pledge of Allegiance. One could hear many voices singing along with pride as our national anthem soared to the heavens!

When the audience resumed silence and as Mr. Simmons was executing normal housekeeping information and extending warm welcomes, one could hear a hint of Oriental music softly playing in the background, setting the stage for the introduction of the 2019-2020 Captain and Royalty! This Royal group retained their titles for two years, instead of one, because there was an "un-Mardi Gras Year" in 2020/2021. To refresh everyone's mind, then Captain Donna Waring of "The Year of the squealing Pig" Fame led the way for her costumed royals of "L'ORIENT, ARTEMIS STYLE" to enter. Representing the "Year of the Horse," was

McCutcheon; "Year of the Goat," was Duke of Mystery, Jason Wade; "Year of the Rabbit," was Duchess of Merriment, Susan Keith; "Year of the Tiger," was Duke of Merriment, Matthew Stevens; and "Year of the Dog," was King and Queen Artemis XVIII Mike and Janet Reeves. At this 2020 Grand Bal, all the animals named were live except the tiger. However, with the LSU Fight Song being played, one could imagine that big stuffed TIGER roaring!

Upon the departure of this colorful group, the Emcee asked for the house lights to be turned up as several members of the promotion staff appeared with their wares and tickets ready to entice these patrons to try their hand at winning and to "warm up the audience" for the tableau.

Several new Artemis faces of Patty Matlock and Kristi Morgan appeared on stage and were introduced as assistants for the evening. Janet Gray Reeves was introduced as the Captain of the Krewe, and former Captain Donna Waring appeared to give her a gorget, an engraved silver piece worn by an Artemis Captain, King, and Queen at official occasions and is a gift to all incoming Captain, King and Queen by those outgoing.

Captain Reeves has been a member of ARTEMIS for nineteen years, has served as public relations and communications chair for the same amount of time, has been a Duchess, and served on the Board of Directors, before becoming Queen Artemis XXIII along with her King Mike. They have been married for twenty-one years and have four children, eight grand children and two great grandsons between them. And they are the proud owners of two standard "poos," Lexi and Gentry!

After her salute to the audience, Captain Janet was privileged to present a sash and chalice to her Co-Captain, Susan Keith. Susan, a Mardi Gras veteran, has been a member of ARTEMIS for five years. Her creative talents can be seen at most ARTEMIS functions. Susan painted last year's poster: ARTEMIS survived covid!

All new royalty were presented a cream-colored satin sash trimmed in gold and chalices adorned with glimmering gold, silver and white bows and streamers. The duchesses had tiaras that sparkled, and the King and Queen's crown were magnificent with all the stones reflected in the stage lights! The ladies and the men wore formal black, befitting the occasion. The exception was the Queen who chose to wear a silver shimmering sequined long gown! As each Royal was

presented, they were given their gifts and toasted the crowd before taking a brief walk, bowing, toasting and taking their place on stage.

The Duchess of Music is Kathy Davis. Kathy has been a member of Artemis for several years and, by her sweet smile, you could tell she was thrilled to be this year's Duchess. Duchess Davis lives in Shongaloo and is married to Keith Davis. She is the mother of three children, four Grandchildren and is caretaker to many fur babies and humans, alike.

Donna Waring has worn many hats since she joined Artemis. She has been an Artemis Angel, a Captain and now a Duchess of Merriment. Duchess Waring is a woman of the earth who provides many with her produce and eggs. She swears that you will stay active and will have a built-in family of friends if you join the Krewe of Artemis.

The Duchess of Mystery is Roxanne Colvin. She and her husband, Roger, share two children, seven Grandchildren and seven Grandchildren. She loves her community and lives on land that eight generations of her family have occupied. Roxie volunteers to promote this area every chance she gets, and she even dresses up as the clown Lolly Popp, accompanied by her dog, Spike, to entertain children of all ages!

So far there were only females in the Royalty and the Master of Ceremonies, Eric Simmons, assumed that the about to be announced King would be the only male. However, the Royal Duchesses decided that would never do, so an appeal went out to the audience for a man to volunteer to join them. The crowd was taken by surprise when a familiar face jumped up with a shout, "Okay, I'll do it!" This Duke of Fun happened to be Jason Wade, a local attorney. Jason is not new to the Mardi Gras Scene as he lived in New Orleans and was last year's Duke of Mystery! All these Duchesses knew he would be perfect for the Duke of Fun. This Duke and Marguerite Slatery Wade recently became husband and wife. Jason is currently working for the McConnell and Slattery Law Firm and with BIZOS CAVALLLO as a partner.

With a jubilant fanfare, the lovely new Queen Artemis XX Christi Robertson made her grand entrance wearing a breath taking, glistening formal floor length gown in a silver fabric. Queen Christi moved to Sarepta two years ago and to enjoy the peaceful country lifestyle. She is the regional sales manager for Reinhart Food Service/Performance Food Group and is the mother of two adult sons and of a Pomeranian named Sadie. Christi won

a business trip to an exotic place and would have been gone for this event, however, she was committed to ARTEMIS and was crowned tonight. At the L'Orient Artemis Style Bal, Christi was chosen as the Grand Marshal of the Golf Cart Parade and, from that moment, she has been bitten by the Mardi Gras bug!

Once again, the crowd stood as another fanfare rang out! The emcee announced the entrance of King Artemis XX Bret Wingfield, who appeared wearing a pristine black formal tux with all black accessories. King Bret is the owner of Bret Wingfield Trucks, LLC in Sarepta and moved to the area about three years ago. He is also a graduate of the MMI-Motorcycle Mechanic Institute which is a Harley Davidson School. This king works hard and plays hard as he races motorcycles in his spare time and enjoys winning!

After all the pictures were made, Mr. Simmons invited the Captain of Captain's Tracy Herrin, and all the visiting fifteen Mardi Gras in the Ark-La-Tex Krewes to come on stage and welcome this new slate of Artemis Official Ambassadors. The trumpets declared the "Second Line Dance" was to start and Captain Janet, Co-Captain Susan and all the Royals lifted their umbrellas high and swirled around the room leading the other partygoers in this Mardi Gras tradition.

The popular entertaining "2-EASY" had people on the dance floor until a live auction began for this year's "OUT OF THIS WORLD" commissioned art poster by local artist, Kristi Nix. After a lively round of bidding, Mike Reeves claimed his prize. At this time the winners of the "Wine and Spirits" Cart, Split the Pot and the Gold Bracelet were announced. Eric Simmons encouraged all to stay, dance the night away, and return for the Artemis "OUT OF THIS WORLD" Grand Bal on January 15, 2022, which is open to the public. For additional information contact 318-578-3053 or see the Krewe of Artemis-Springhill weekly on face book as a special countdown to the Artemis 20th Anniversary Celebration begins.

SEEING AND BEING SEEN:

John Jandebour, Fred Schroeder, Bert Harris, Jerry and Linda Hayes, Ron Matlock, Leonard and Virginia Blanton, Mack Morgan, Virgil Moore, Rob and Shan Robinson, Tim Hanson, Bill and Zan Beagley, Robin Burcham, Joseph and Terry Connolly, Saundra Grillo, Donna Sue Cross, Charlie Martin, Clayton and Angela Brakeville, Dee and Margaret West, Lori Slattery, Jason and Carol Kirkland, Jake McDowell.

STRANGER FROM A STRANGE LAND

Fake Feature

George Orwell said, “Autobiography is only to be trusted when it reveals something disgraceful.” Here goes. In my youth, I penned a newspaper article not factual. It was published in the Purple and Gold, a paper so small its circulation is dwarfed by the Minden Press-Herald’s. That doesn’t seem a shocking crime but in the hallowed halls of journalism it’s a terrible sin. It was the school newspaper of Hickman High in Columbia, Missouri. Hickman’s the only high school in the country with the Kewpie doll for a mascot. As a senior, I was in a beginning journalism class generally reserved for sophomores. I was academically weary following years of grueling schooling and so my senior year curriculum took a loafing turn. I enrolled in classes like Consumer Math and took daily doses of Physical Education and Study Hall. Our teacher Minerva Howard was passionate about journalism. She seemed near tears when she confronted me about my subterfuge. She failed me for the quarter, my first F in twelve years of public school. She compared my crime to dastardly deeds from past Purple and Gold fiends including a photographer who stole a darkroom key and an editor who nearly succeeded burying an unflattering sentence about Hickman faculty. His story was killed just

prior to the presses rolling. Mine was no master plan of deceit. I surely didn’t deserve induction among this gallery of rogues. It was merely a lie that got out of hand. It started as a feature article assignment long before Fake News accusations coined by disgruntled contemporary politicians. Mrs. Howard said the best would be chosen for publication. I didn’t trouble myself to write a feature based on actual research. I created a fictional account of a Hickman student’s comic book collection. I wasn’t the only guy to employ this lazy approach. One classmate concocted a story of a friend’s massive museum of baseball cards. Another wove a tale of a student’s wall of tropical fish tanks. That would be difficult to fake if photographed for publication. I enlisted my friend Scott. He was nicknamed Wendell by an older kid Charles nicknamed Fillmore. I never knew the origins of these nom de plumes but abided by their repeating. I knew of Wendell before I knew him because he was one of those dangerous kids from the other side of my neighborhood riding a motorcycle in 7th grade. I got to know him in his duplex a couple years later when we were freshman Algebra classmates. His base-

ment bedroom was concrete walls, one adorned with a poster of a chimp on a toilet. He had a pool table and a CB base station to talk to truckers. He was the first person I met to wield an airhorn. Wendell disrupted school bus rides and early morning dormitory sleepers from junior high through college. A funny guy with cool accessories. He and his father worked an array of woodworking tools for projects. He later told me he knew we could be friends when he visited my basement to play records. The turntable was housed in a cabinet my dad constructed. I opened the door and accidentally tore it from its hinges. I held the busted piece and told my new friend, “My dad’s also into woodworking.” My father will boil with indignation when he reads this. He’s actually a skilled carpenter who long championed industrial arts in the school curriculum. Classmates spending a semester building a doorstep riled him. I was a similar student spending weeks on a paper weight, much of that time sanding, before planning my next class project which was a second paper weight. Wendell shaved his head before it was fashionable (my septuagenarian grandfather likely weary of long-haired

boys decreed it a good haircut) and put on long pajamas to wander the neighborhood hoping to be mistaken for an escaped patient from the mental institution. He somehow got a pair of mannequin legs he positioned under the tires of his car. Then he paced nervously pretending he ran over someone to shock passing drivers. A guy clearly not adverse to merriment and deception. He had no objection to being the feature of my feature. He had no sweat equity in the venture because he didn’t have to write the thing. The hero of his faux collector passion was Namor the Sub-Mariner, a comic book character created by Bill Everett during the early days of Superman and Batman for a rival comic book company. Namor started as an enemy of humankind in 1939, then became a hero battling Nazis in World War II. Stan Lee revitalized the Sub-Mariner for Marvel Comics in the 1960s, first as a nemesis of the Fantastic Four but later kind of a good guy. I made up Wendell quotes. The only one I remember was “Namor’s my main man.” In hindsight this was risky. Wendell was a football player and somewhat well known in the halls of Hickman High. Most were surprised by his devotion to an angry prince from mythical Atlantis. I should’ve picked a lesser-known outcast student.

Wendell phoned one night to tell me a school photographer was coming to his house. He needed comic props. My brother and I ferried over some boxes of my old comic books in time for a photo of Wendell and his dog Nipper appearing to read a Sub-Mariner adventure. I kept quiet fearing discovery. No one knew except my brother who was still in junior high, my girlfriend, and the creative writers of baseball card and fish aquarium notoriety. And Wendell. The ersatz Namor fan told no one on the paper masthead, but did tell a friend too loudly in earshot of some forgotten guardian of Purple and Gold integrity. This guy told Mrs. Howard who printed a retraction and gave me a deserved bad grade. It’s not the jaw dropping tale of some sanctimonious politician photographed wearing minstrel makeup in an old college yearbook or a successful businessman with a sordid history of groping young women, but it is a bad thing even for a callow teen. I want to apologize because I can’t remember if I did so in 1980. I remember being surprised by Mrs. Howard’s sadness. It was merely a high school newspaper. Yet I now realize it was a serious violation of journalistic ethics and I embarrassed her. Months before the comic collection controversy, Wendell got me

a newspaper job in the Columbia Daily Tribune mailroom. The only writing we did was on our timesheets. Years later, co-workers pressured me to cheat on bundle hauler mileage reports to match their inflated claims. For them, veracity in the newspaper business was optional. I resisted and kept an honest account. I had turned over a new leaf. I tell my truth. Wendell grew up to be a police officer. He no longer talks to strange truckers or pilots a motorbike. I hope he still fires off the airhorn. In some parallel universe where the Stepford Rebel is one guy rather than an amalgam of a dozen and I stayed in Missouri, Wendell is a law breaker rather than enforcer. That Wendell thrills to the adventures of the Sub-Mariner. Like each of us, Namor was neither wholly virtuous or totally evil. I once overheard a librarian reading to children in a Sunday school class. The book described one of the more fantastic Bible stories and one bright student outgrowing credulity demanded to know if that really happened. “No,” the librarian said. “But it’s true.”

DIRK ELLINGSON IS A MINDEN, LA RESIDENT AND IS CURRENTLY A PHARMACY TECHNICIAN



DIRK ELLINGSON

RIBBON CUTTING

Downtown Minden is Filling Up!



WILL PHILLIPS/MINDEN PRESS-HERALD

The Greater Minden Chamber welcomed the Bougee Boutique into the local business community earlier today. This business located on Broadway Street across from GBT features the unique fashion sense of owner Latonya Baker with countless clothes and accessories on display.



WILL PHILLIPS/MINDEN PRESS-HERALD

The City of Minden welcomed the newest business to appear along the Brick Streets of Downtown Minden, Underdawgs Sports Grill. Owned and operated by Ricky and Claudine Thomas, Underdawgs features classic sports grill favorites in from 5 PM to 10 PM on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 5 PM to 12 PM on Friday and Saturday, and 11 Am to 5:30 PM on Sundays.

SPORTS

Apaches lone parish home team for prep Week 4

BY T. SCOTT BOATRIGHT
Minden Press-Herald

It's Week 4 for Louisiana High School Athletics Association football as Webster Parish teams move into the meat of the 2021 season.

The Minden Crimson Tide will be looking to roll to a third-straight win as they hit the road for the first time this season to take on Mansfield.

Minden stands at 2-1 while the Wolverines are 1-2.

The Tide is coming off a 34-27 win over North Webster, a game in which senior quarterback Andrew Cooper ran for 143 yards and two touchdowns while adding another score through the air.

"Mansfield is always big and they're always athletic," said MHS head coach Spencer Heard. "Hopefully we can use our quickness to counter that."

Glenbrook (2-1) faces a tough test as the Apaches play host to Homer (2-1).

The Pelicans are No. 6 in this week's LHSA Class 1A poll.

"They're tough and have a very talented offense," said Glenbrook coach David Feaster of Homer. "There is no doubt we're going to have our hands full trying to handle them."

Slowing that Homer offensive attack will mean trying to survive the aerial attack of Pelicans senior quarterback Takeviuntae Kidd, who has thrown for 12 touchdowns and 647 yards so far this season.



MINDEN PRESS-HERALD PHOTO BY DOUGLAS BLOW

Senior running back Kentravion Lister (3) and the Minden High School Crimson Tide will hit the road to face Mansfield at 7 p.m. tonight.

Homer's defense has turned in two straight shutouts as the Pelicans have outscored opponents 118-0 over the past two weeks, first defeating Plain Dealing 49-0 on the road before downing

Ringgold 69-0 at home.

After a two-week break from the field due to a forfeit win two weeks ago due to COVID protocols put into place by Block and an open week last week, Lakeside will

be looking to push its record to 3-0.

But that won't be easy as the Warriors hit the road to play at Class 5A West Ouachita (1-2).

The North Webster Knights (2-1) will be

looking to shake off last week's loss at Minden with another big task as they hit the road to face the Jena Giants (2-1), which has a COVID-forfeit win over Rayville as well as a win over Vidalia

with their loss coming to Class 4A powerhouse Neville.

Jena is currently ranked 11th in the LHSA Class 3A polls while North Webster is close behind at No. 12.

Grambling set to open SWAC season vs. Prairie View

BY T. SCOTT BOATRIGHT
Minden Press-Herald

Getting back on a winning track in the SWAC is on the minds of the Grambling State Tigers as they open up Southwestern Athletic Conference play on Saturday as they take on Prairie View A&M in the Texas State Fair Class.

Kickoff is set for 4 p.m. Saturday at the Cotton Bowl in Dallas.

GSU (1-2) enters conference play following back-to-back losses to Southern Miss and Houston, while Prairie View A&M (2-1) is coming off a 37-27 victory over Houston Baptist last Saturday.

"It was good to get back out there and play last week and we played against a really, really tough University of Houston football team, a very deep football team that can really throw the football, run the football really well," said GSU



MINDEN PRESS-HERALD PHOTO BY T. SCOTT BOATRIGHT

Grambling State head coach Broderick Fobbs will lead his Tigers against Prairie View in the Texas State Fair Classic

coach Broderick Fobbs. "I thought for a quarter and a half we played really good defense. Offensively we struggled and we weren't able to sustain any drives or put any points on the board."

"Those are the types of games where you've got

to be prepared to jump over those types of hurdles in order to have a chance to win. We just didn't overcome much of the hurdles in order to have a chance to win the football game."

The Panthers are led by former by former GSU

Offensive Coordinator Eric Dooley.

"We don't normally talk," Fobbs said. "He participated here. And, he was really instrumental in us being successful. He's got his opportunity to be a head football coach. We do speak when we see each other. At the end of the day, we're focused on our programs and running our programs."

When he short-term disbanding of the Prairie View football program in 1990, the State Fair Classic featured Grambling and Elizabeth City State.

Although Prairie View brought football back in 1991, that season Grambling played North Carolina A&T, so it was not until 1992 that the Classic returned to the annual showdown between the Panthers and Tigers.

Grambling won every game until this changed with the 2009 edition won by the Panthers.

Since then, Prairie View has won seven of 12 games against GSU, including the last three.

"Wow it has been three years since we've won this ballgame," Fobbs said. "Coach (Eric) Dooley has done an exceptional job of really coaching his team and being prepared and

ready to play. We're looking forward to this and looking forward to this challenge."

"We feel really good being back here in the Cotton Bowl where all the ghost of the past, the great players have played. We're just looking forward to playing Grambling Tiger football."



Week 3 Winners

- 1st Ragan Hoenke
- 2nd Beverly Jones
- 3rd Rita Hoenke

LA Tech to open C-USA play against North Texas

BY T. SCOTT BOATRIGHT
Minden Press-Herald

Louisiana Tech's football team stands at 1-2 on the season.

The Bulldogs could easily be 3-0.

Now the Bulldogs will try to shake off its latest heart-breaking loss after falling to Southern Methodist last week when the Mustangs won 39-37 on a 41-yard Hail Mary pass with no time remaining.

"Unfortunately, we're a 1-2 football team after Saturday," said Tech head coach Skip Holtz said during his weekly press conference. "You can make the argument that we're two plays away from being 3-0 (the Bulldogs also lost a 35-34 heartbreaker at Mississippi State to open the season), but, at the end of the day, nobody cares. You either win or you lose.

"There were plenty of opportunities. That game didn't just come down to a last second Hail Mary. There were plenty of opportunities we had during the course of the game whether that was to get a stop defensively, keep a job alive offensively, eliminate the holding call at the end of the game when the ball goes in the end zone. You're in a one-point game like that, there are about 40 plays you can change and really change the course of a football game. That's



Louisiana Tech quarterback Austin Kendall (left) leads the Bulldogs against North Texas on Saturday.

FILE PHOTO

what makes it so hard."

Now Holtz and his Bulldogs turn their attention toward the Conference USA season opener against North Texas (1-2, 0-1 C-USA) which is looking to bounce back from a home loss to Alabama-Birmingham.

Kickoff is set for 6 p.m. and will be televised on the

online Stadium Network.

"We know we have a very explosive football team that's coming in here," Holtz said about North Texas. "I know (UNT head coach Seth) Littrell very well. I have an incredible amount of respect for him and the job he does. I know his background in

offense. I know the last two weeks is not what his team has become or what I'm used to seeing from North Texas. They are always one of the more explosive, higher-scoring offenses in our league. They are very explosive with some of the weapons that they have when you look at them on

offense. Their tailback is their fifth all-time all-purpose guy. We've played him for it seems like eight years now. He's incredibly talented and very explosive. He can take a short gain and turn it into a home run ball in a hurry. He has explosive talents and abilities. I know what

he's capable of.

"They've got two quarterbacks as they played both last week when one went out with an injury. Both are very talented and have very strong arms. They have four returning starters on their offensive line. They have a very talented receiving core. Right now, they're a very determined group. I'm expecting them to go into this week of practice and have a great week and come in here with a high-powered offense that I know they're not only capable of, but what they've done in the past."

Holtz said toss the early-season records out of the window heading into this contest.

"Everybody wants to look at records of football teams," Holtz said. "It's way too early in the season to look at records. You have to look at what a team is capable of. I know they've had some injuries on the offensive side of the ball. I would expect most of those guys will be back and we will see them at full strength.

"We have to do everything we can to keep improving and keep getting better so we can be prepared to get into this conference race. I'm excited to have the opportunity to get back into the conference and am really excited to have the opportunity to open it at home here at Joe Aillet Stadium."

WEBSTER PARISH FAIR

YOUR TICKET TO GOOD TIMES!

DAILY EVENTS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5
Fair Parade Downtown Minden - 5:00 P.M.
Fair Gates Open - 5:00 P.M.
Livestock Weigh-In - 5:00 P.M.
Poultry and Rabbit Show - 6:00 P.M.
Live Entertainment - 6:00 P.M. (**Echota Records**)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6
Special Kids Day! 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.
Fair Gates Open - 5:00 P.M. "ARMBAND NITE"
4-H Swine Showmanship - 6:00 P.M.
Then Swine Weight Classes (Livestock Arena)
Live Entertainment - 7:00 P.M.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7
Senior Citizen Day 9:00 A.M. – 1:30 P.M. (Civic Center)
Fair Gates Open - 5:00 P.M. "ARMBAND NITE"
4-H Goat, Lamb, Beef Showmanship - 6:00 P.M.
4-H Dairy, and Doug Sale Showmanship - 7:00 P.M.
Live Entertainment - (**Dorcheat Bottom Band**) - 7:00 P.M.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8
Buyer's Luncheon - 11:30 A.M.
Livestock Auction - 1:00 P.M. (4-H Show Barn)
Fair Gates Open - 5:00 P.M.
Live Entertainment - 7:00 P.M. (**Justin Armstrong**)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9
Fair Gates Open - 12:00 P.M.
Live Entertainment - (**KARAOKE Contest by Echota Records**) - 1:00 - 5:00 P.M.
Kids Day! 1:00 – 5:00 P.M. 5 Rides for \$5.00
Pizza Eating Contest (Sponsored By Johnny's Pizza) - 2:00 P.M.
Live Entertainment - 7:00 P.M.

(Dates are subject to cancellation)

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WEBSTER PARISH FAIR PARADE

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The parade's pace will be slow enough for your group to perform routines. Therefore, when the parade is started there will be no stopping of any group. A close interval must be maintained at all times. If any group can not comply with this request you will not be allowed to participate in any future fair parades. If planning on having throws you must have walkers on each side of float for crowd control. If parade is stopped, then you must stop giving out throws until float is moving. Thank you for your cooperation.

SUDOKU

SUDOKU

	7						4	
		8	1	5				
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						3		4
	9	1					2	
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Level: Advanced

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!

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

ANSWER:

Fun By The Numbers

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Y V S P L I E B Y V R O L I F
R C Z W T Q N K I F C Z W U R
P E P M J H E C C Z X E U S Q
E N P L J G E O C Z X L V T R
R E P A N L J M Y H E G T C A
S E F Y P W V M T R N U R S P
O E W F N S L U K I O B I N G
N E M O O C W T T K K L A W B
Z G N I H C T E R T S X G A W
U S R A T S E O N W O G S Y R
P O M L J M W E D I G E D B A

Thursday's unlisted clue: ANNIKA

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Friday's unlisted clue hint: INVOLUNTARY DEEP BREATHS

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| Bugle | Glory | Person | Time |
| Coffee | Gown | Shower | Walk |
| Commute | Meeting | Stars | Workout |
| Dew | Newspaper | Stretching | |

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HISTORY

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ed hoarding gold, which led to high gold prices. The US Treasury under the orders of President Ulysses S. Grant sold a large amount of gold leading to a plummet in gold prices within the span of minutes.

1789 US Congress Adopts the Judiciary Act of 1789

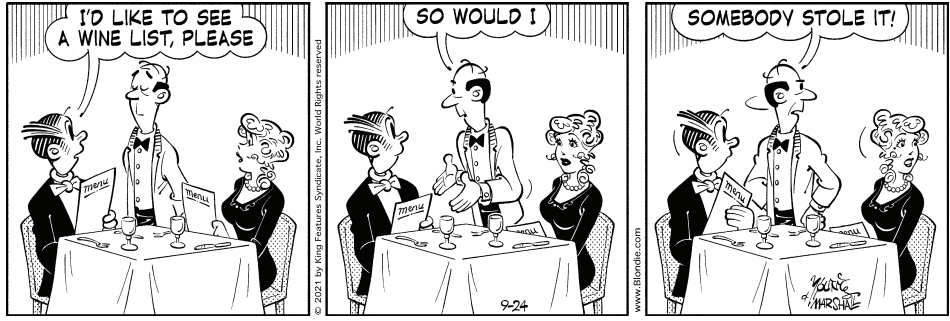
The act was passed by the first Congress of the United States. It created the US federal judiciary including the Supreme Court.

COMICS

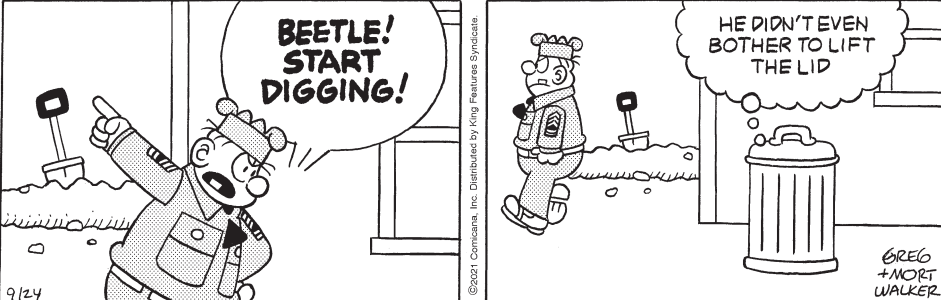
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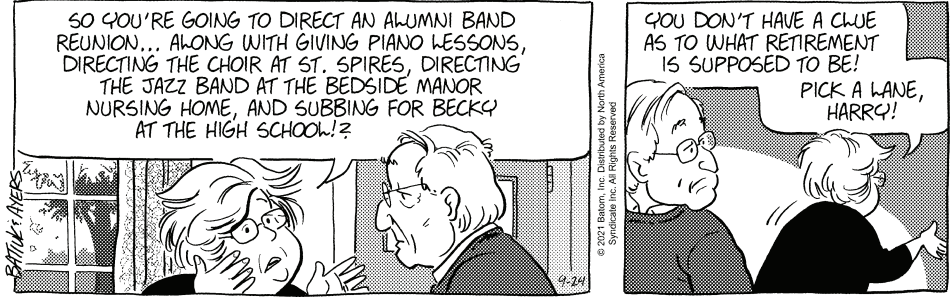
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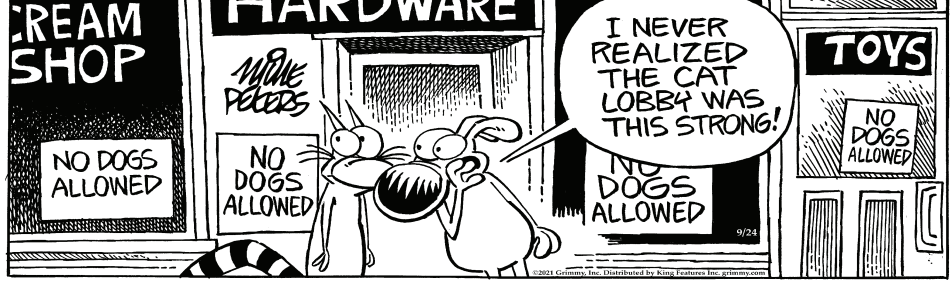
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SAM AND SILO | JERRY DUMAS



MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM | MIKE PETERS



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Bid # 04 / 2021 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The City of Minden seeks sealed bids to sell a used vehicle
Sealed bids marked

Bid # 04 / 2021 - 1
used Kubota L 4150
Tractor –
Serial # 14105-20016

shall be addressed to the City Clerk of the City of Minden, and delivered to the City Clerk’s Office located at Minden City Hall, 520 Broadway Street, Minden, Louisiana 71055 not later than 10:00 A.M. local time, on **October 18, 2021**. Any bid received after the specified time and date will not be considered. The sealed bids will be publicly opened and read aloud shortly after the 10:00 A.M. submission deadline on **October 18, 2021** at Minden City Hall, 520 Broadway Street, Minden, Louisiana 71055.

Bidders should submit a bid price

minimum for Bid # 04/2021 set at \$ 750.00;

with the responsibility for the transportation of the used vehicle from the designated location. Vehicle can be inspected after contacting Minden City Hall, Tel: (318) 377-2144 for time and date of inspection. Bids will be awarded to the Bidder with the highest bid amount.

The information for Bidders may be obtained at the City Clerk’s office located at Minden City Hall, 520 Broadway Street, Minden, Louisiana 71055.

The information for Bidders will also be available online at www.BidExpress.com. If bidding online, all interested bidders must register for the project online. If bidders encounter any problems accessing Bid Express, please contact Bid Express, 888-352-2439.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids for just cause; such actions will be in accordance with Title 38 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes. No bidder may withdraw his/ her bid within five (5) working days after the actual date of the opening thereof. The highest bidder shall be given ten (10) working days from the date of the bid opening to consummate the sale. If said highest bidder fails to consummate the sale within the time allowed, the property will be offered to the second highest bidder. Any person with disabilities requiring special accommodations must contact the City of Minden at (318) 377-2144 no later than seven (7) days prior to bid opening.

The Owner hereby notifies all bidders that in regard to any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, that Minority Business Enterprises will be afforded equal opportunity to submit offers in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, national origin or disability in consideration for an award.

City of Minden

Michael Fluhr
Acting City Clerk

September 24, 2021
October 12, 2021
Minden Press-Herald

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE WEBSTER PARISH POLICE JURY WILL MEET ON THE 5th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2021 11:00 AM, IN THE POLICE JURY MEETING ROOM, WEBSTER PARISH COURTHOUSE ANNEX, 401 MAIN STREET, MINDEN, LA 71055 TO HEAR ANY AND ALL PROTESTS FROM TAXPAYERS ON THEIR 2021 ASSESSMENTS.

THE BOARD OF REVIEW SHALL CONSIDER THE WRITTEN OR ORAL PROTESTS OF ANY TAXPAYER DESIRING TO BE HEARD THAT HAS TIMELY FILED HAND-DELIVERED OR CERTIFIED MAIL PROTESTS NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 28, 2021.

DENISE G. EDWARDS, CLA
WEBSTER PARISH ASSESSOR

September 17, 2021
September 24, 2021
Minden Press-Herald

CENTERPOINT ENERGY ARKLA NOTICE

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to article IV, section 21 (D) (1) of the Louisiana Constitution, that on September 17, 2021, 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 Evaluation Report pursuant to its Gas Operation Rate Stabilization Plan (“RSP”) for the test year ended June 30, 2021 (“TY 2021”), in accordance with LPSC Orders No. U-27676 (Corrected) and U-32996. CNP’s Gas Operations RSP filing, if approved by the Commission as filed, will result in a rate decrease of

approximately \$2.8 million annually inclusive of impacts due to the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (“TCJA”), effective for bills rendered on and after December 16, 2021.

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

CNP’s RSP filing for the 2021 Test Year reflects an Earned Return on Equity (“EROE”) of 14.84% 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 rate decrease will have the following effect on average monthly bills: a Residential customer using 45 CCF will decrease \$0.27; a Small Commercial-Firm Service customer using 238 CCF will decrease \$1.45.

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:

Records Division
602 N. 5th Street, 12th Floor
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802
Telephone: (225) 342-3157

CENTERPOINT ENERGY ARKLA

September 24, 2021
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SHERIFF’S SALE

FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION VS. THE SUCCESSION OF ALLEN RAY HAYS A/K/A ALLEN RAY HAYS A/K/A RAY HAYS A/K/A ALLEN RAY HAYS A/K/A ALLEN HAYS AND DELOURSE JANE BRISTOL HAYS A/K/A DELOURSE JANE BRISTOL A/K/A DELOURSE J. BRISTOL A/K/A DELOURSE BRISTOL A/K/A DELOURSE JANE HAYS A/K/A DELOURSE J. HAYS A/K/A DELOURSE HAYS A/K/A DELOURSE BRISTOL HAYS B. HAYS

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 79452

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 of-

fer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder for cash WITH the benefit of appraisal and according to law at the principal front door of the Courthouse in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana on WEDNESDAY, October 27, 2021, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

The East 1/2 of LOT “I”, and a portion of the West 1/2 of LOT “I”, GORTON SUBDIVISION, a subdivision of Webster Parish, Louisiana, as per plat thereof recorded in Conveyance Book 2 at Page 43, records of Webster Parish, Louisiana, together with all buildings and improvements thereon, being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the SW corner of said LOT “I”, and the Intersection of the North right of way line of a 50 foot road, run thence N 0° 20’ W, along the West lot line of said LOT “I”, a distance of 357.5 feet to the point of beginning of the tract herein described, thence continue N 0° 20’ W, along said West lot line a distance of 208.5 feet to the NW lot corner of said LOT “I”, thence run N 55°E a distance of 122.075 feet to the NE corner of the W1/2 of said LOT “I”, thence run S 0 degrees 20 minutes East, along the center of said LOT “I,” a distance of 277.94 feet to a point, thence run S 89°40’W, across said LOT “I”, a distance of 100.4 feet to the West lot line of said LOT “I”, and point of beginning, Municipally known as Route 1, Box 376G, Doyline, Louisiana 71023.

THE WEST HALF (West 1/2) OF LOT “I”, GORTON SUBDIVISION OF CAMPSITES, a subdivision in Webster parish, Louisiana, as per plat recorded in Book 2, Page 43, of the Conveyance records of Webster Parish; Louisiana, being located in the North Half of the Southwest Quarter (N1/2 of SW1/4) of Section 27, Township 17 North, Range 10 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana, together with all buildings and improvements located thereon. (Being also in government lots 1 and 2, said section), LESS AND EXCEPTING A TRACT MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

Commencing at the Southwest corner

of LOT “I” on and the intersection with the road right of way, commence northerly along the west property line of LOT “I”, a distance of 357.50 feet more or less to the point of beginning of track herein described, thence continue along said west property line a distance of 214.50 feet more or less to the waters edge; thence run east along said waters edge 122.075 feet more or less to the northeasterly corner of the West 1/2 of LOT “I”, thence run South 278 feet more or less to a point; thence run west 100 feet more or less to the point of beginning.

LESS AND EXCEPT

A tract of land located in Webster parish, Louisiana containing 1.25 acres more or less and described as follows: Begin at the Northwest Corner of the Northeast One-fourth of the Northwest One-fourth, Section 25, Township 19 North, Range 9 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana, and run South 1346.33 feet; thence run East 2,768.99 feet to the point of beginning; thence run South 88 degrees 23 minutes East 350 feet; thence run South 26 degrees 7 minutes West 125 feet; thence run South 61 degrees 15 minutes West 276.05 feet; thence run North 11 degrees 42 minutes 24 seconds West 260.3 feet to the point of beginning, together with all buildings and improvements located thereon.

SOLD SUBJECT TO ANY SUPERIOR LIENS, MORTGAGES OR PRIVILEGES THERETO.

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

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

Linda Vaughan - Deputy

September 24, 2021
October 22, 2021
Minden Press-Herald

Village of Dixie Inn
Regular Session
September 14, 2021

NOTICE: THESE MINUTES HAVE NOT BEEN FORMALLY APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen for the Village of Dixie Inn met in regular session on September 14,

2021, at 5:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, Dixie Inn, Louisiana with the following members present: Mayor Kay Hallmark-Stratton, Aldermen Donna Hoffoss, Judy McKenzie, and Lance Milligan.

The meeting was called to order and the invocation and pledge of allegiance were given.

There were no public comments.

Mayor Kay Hallmark-Stratton asked to add to the agenda an item 8G to discuss declaring two (2) computer towers as surplus property. A motion was made by Donna Hoffoss and seconded by Lance Milligan to add item 8G to the agenda. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

Mayor Kay Hallmark-Stratton welcomed guests.

A motion was made by Donna Hoffoss and seconded by Judy McKenzie to adopt the minutes of the regular session of August 10, 2021 and August 26, 2021 workshop. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

Financial statements of all funds, including a current budget vs. actual, were presented. A motion was made by Judy McKenzie and seconded by Lance Milligan to adopt all financial statements for August 2021. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

Department Reports: Mike Chreene reported all is well with the water department. He has received several calls regarding a wet spot at Hwy. 80 and Stanley Street. He does not believe it is related to the Village Water System but is monitoring the wet area.

Chief James Edwards reported the Narcan Training class for Webster Parish Patrol Officers/Deputies was held at the Webster Parish Fire District 7 station with very good attendance. Chief Edwards is hoping to set up some more safety training classes for October and November. The body shields ordered have come in.

Mayor Kay Hallmark-Stratton reported there will be a Public Hearing on September 20, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. regarding ideas and use of funding for the Parks and Recreation grant. A representative from B1 Bank will be here Thursday to discuss possible set up of automatic payments for the utilities department. Mayor Stratton also reported there will be a pre-construction meeting on September 17, 2021 for the DRA Elevated Tank project.

New Business: A discussion was held regarding Ordinance #38-D, Options 1 and 2, for utility rates and fee revisions. Council approved option for the Ordinance will be introduced at the October council meeting and would take effect January 1, 2022.

A motion was made by Judy McKenzie and seconded by Lance Milligan to purchase the Whooster program (investigative solutions program for law enforcement agencies). Vote on the motion was unanimous.

A motion was made by Donna Hoffoss and seconded by Judy McKenzie to approve a pay increase for Sergeant Alan Davis. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

A motion was made by Judy McKenzie and seconded by Lance Milligan to approve a pay increase for Clerk, Dana James. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

A motion was made by Donna Hoffoss and seconded by Judy McKenzie to adopt Resolution 01-09142021 – declaring two (2) computer towers as surplus. The vote on the motion was unanimous.

Old Business: Chief James Edwards did not have an update for a new police department vehicle.

Mayor Kay Hallmark-Stratton had no update on internet service.

Mayor Stratton reported Brad Graff with Cothren, Graff, Smoak Engineering is working on the Capital Outlay generator project for the Village Hall and Police Department. The Village has received a Capital Outlay grant for the generator project.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Judy McKenzie and seconded by Lance Milligan. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

ATTEST:
Kay Hallmark-Stratton Mayor

September 24, 2021
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NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY
FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED
SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
AND AEROPRES CORPORATION

The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality and Aeropres Corporation (Respondent), Agreement Interest Number 2648, have entered into a proposed settlement agreement, Settlement Tracking No. SA-AE-20-0117, concerning the State's allegations of environmental violations by Respondent at its facility in Webster Parish, Louisiana, which allegations are set forth in Notice of Potential Penalty, Enforcement No. AE-PP-17-01037.

The Department of Environmental Quality will accept comments on the proposed settlement for the next forty-five (45) days. The public is invited and encouraged to submit written comments to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Office of the Secretary, Legal Division, Post Office Box 4302, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821-4302, Attention: Jay L. Gloriosio, Attorney. All comments will be considered by the Department of Environmental Quality in reaching a decision on whether to make the settlement final.

Terms and conditions of the proposed settlement agreement may be reviewed on the Department of Environmental Quality's website at www.deq.louisiana.gov, by selecting *About LDEQ, Enforcement, and Settlements*. The document may also be viewed at, and copies obtained from, the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Public Records Center, Room 127, Galvez Building, 602 North Fifth Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802. To request a copy of the proposed settlement, submit a completed Public Record Request Form (DEQ Form ISD-0005-01). The form and instructions for completion may be found on the DEQ Website at the following address: <http://deq.louisiana.gov/assets/docs/General/PublicRecordsRequestForm.pdf>, or by calling the Customer Service Center at 1-866-896-5337.

Pursuant to La. R.S. 30:2050.7(D), the Department of Environmental Quality may hold a public hearing regarding this proposed settlement when either of the following conditions are met: 1) a written request for public hearing has been filed by twenty-five (25) persons, by a governmental subdivision or agency, or by an association having not less than twenty-five (25) members who reside in the parish in which the facility is located; or 2) the secretary finds a significant degree of public interest in this settlement.

For further information, you may call the Legal Division of the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality at (225) 219-3985.

September 24, 2021
Minden Press-Herald

WEBSTER PARISH SCHOOL
BOARD MEETING
MINUTES FOR
MONDAY, AUGUST 2, 2021
6:00 P.M.

AGENDA:

The Webster Parish School Board meeting was called to order by President Fred Evans. Superintendent Johnny R. Rowland asked for a moment of silent prayer for the wife of board member Ronnie Rhymes who is dealing with thyroid cancer. One of our students Cole Benson has some form of lymphoma and is currently at St. Jude. He is the grandson of Connie and Morris Busby, former supervisors. Ms. Shirley Ford, teacher at Webster Jr. High School, died on Thursday. She was participating in a Zoom meeting. Prayers were asked for the family of student Tyquan Morris who was tragically killed two weeks ago. Our bus driver Janet Thompson is battling cancer. She will be receiving hospice. Baby Russell Cook, son of Kelsey Cook who is one of our employees, is still in the hospital. Prayer was given by Charles Strong. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Linda Kinsey.

Roll Call. Members present: Charles Strong, Linda Kinsey, Jeri O'Neal, Ronnie Rhymes, Glenda Broughton, Jerry Lott, Johnnye Kennon, Penny Long, Margaret Edens, Malachi Ridgel, Frankie Mitchell by virtual, and Fred Evans.

To consider approval of Minutes from Called Board Meeting Monday, June 28, 2021.
Motion was made by Malachi Ridgel; seconded by Margaret Edens. Motion passed.

To consider approval of Minutes from Regular Board Meeting Monday, July 12, 2021. Motion was made by Malachi Ridgel; seconded by Glenda Broughton. Frankie Mitchell had a question about amending agenda item before the meeting was officially into the business session.

OLD BUSINESS:
NONE

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM #1. To adopt the 2021 Millages. Motion was made by Vice-President Charles Strong; seconded by Malachi Ridgel. The resolution was read by the superintendent. Next was for a roll call vote: Malachi Ridgel-YES; Margaret Edens-YES, Penny Long-YES; Johnnye Kennon-YES; Jerry Lott-YES; Glenda Broughton-YES; Ronnie Rhymes-YES: Frankie Mitchell-YES; Jeri O'Neal-YES; Linda Kinsey-YES; Charles Strong-YES; and Fred Evans-YES. Unanimous vote.

ITEM #2. To consider approval of resolution of the selling of approximately 6.75-acre tract of land located in the South 1/2 of the Northwest quarter of Section 28, Township 19 North, Range 9 West, Webster Parish Louisiana to Sedric Moody for the price of \$75,000.00. Motion was made by Frankie Mitchell; seconded by Malachi Ridgel. Question by Linda Kinsey as to the amount of the sales on the two properties. Was it due to the location of said land? Reply to her was yes. No other questions, motion was approved.

ITEM #3. To consider approval of resolution of the selling of approximately 9.89 acre tract of land located in the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SW/4 of NW/4), section 19, Township 18 Northland, Range 8 West, and the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (SE/4 of NE/4), Section 24, Township 18 North, Range 9 West, all in Dubberly, Webster Parish, Louisiana, to Geoffrey W. Lary, Ariel Gunnels Lary for the price of \$37,600.00. Motion to approve was made by Jerry Lott; seconded by Charles Strong. Motion passed.

ITEM #4. To consider approval of the following policies: Policy JCD-Student Conduct. Policy JD-Discipline. Policy JDD-Suspension. Policy JDE-Expulsion. Policy JC-DAB-Student Alcohol and Drug Use. Policy JCDAC-Dangerous Weapons. Motion was made by Frankie Mitchell; seconded by Penny Long. Motion passed.

ITEM #5. To consider approval of adding a School Resource Officer at Doyline High School. Funding source will be the Doyline Maintenance Fund. Motion was made by Penny Long; seconded by Margaret Edens. Charles Strong had a question about the

Maintenance Fund. Penny Long explained that Doyline had shared one with Lakeside High School. This is okay to use funds where security is included in the funds as per Grant Schluter. Kevin Washington stated that Sheriff Parker and Captain Scotty Tucker were in attendance. Sheriff Parker addressed the board and explained how this will help the school; also, Capt. Scott Tucker addressed the board and explained about the time sheets. Looking at it, they could see that an SRO was needed at Doyline High School. Our School Resource Officers are picked, and we try to find the ones that really want to do this type of job. Vote was unanimous.

Vice-President Charles Strong asked the board that Items 6 thru 12 be done in global voting; this motion was seconded by Linda Kinsey. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Request for Springhill Maintenance Fund
ITEM #6. To consider approval for On the Go LLC to power wash the NWHS football stadium for \$5,000.00 using Springhill Maintenance Fund.

Request for Doyline Maintenance Fund
ITEM #7. To consider approval for Mechanical Cooling Services to replace a defective condenser coil on the HVAC unit at the Doyline High School Gym in the amount of \$5,290.00 using Doyline Maintenance Fund.

Requests for Consolidated 3 Maintenance Fund
ITEM #8. To consider approval to ratify payment for Center-Point Energy to remove the gas meter at Central Elementary for \$1,200.00 using Consolidated 3 Maintenance Fund.

ITEM #9. To consider approval to ratify payment for Mechanical Cooling Services to repair the fan and fan motor on the chiller at Lakeside Jr./Sr. High School in the amount of \$1,885.00 using Consolidated 3 Maintenance Fund.

Requests for District 6 ½ Cent Sales Tax Fund
ITEM #10. To consider approval for E.S. Richardson Elementary School to purchase 12 entrance mats with logos from BSN Sports in the amount of \$2,643.06 using District 6 1/2 Cent Sales Tax Fund.

ITEM #11. To consider approval for Webster Jr. High School to purchase a trimmer and blade from Hol-Mont for \$624.98 using District 6 1/2 Cent Sales Tax Fund.

ITEM #12. To consider approval for Homeland Safety Systems to install one camera in the staircase of the classroom wing building of Webster Jr. High School in the amount of \$1,013.30 using District 6 1/2 Cent Sales Tax Fund.

ITEM #13. **PERSONNEL REPORT.** Robin Tucker, Personnel Manager informed the board that there were only four open positions, and she hopes to have those filled before the week is over.

WEBSTER PARISH
PERSONNEL REPORT
Date August 02, 2021
Personnel Director-ROBIN TUCKER

NAME	Position	Location (From/To)	Action	New Position	Effective Date	Funding Source
ACHARYA,ANIR UDDHA	TEACHER	NWHS	OYO (TAT) REPLACING STEPHANIE ADKINS WHO RESIGNED		08/10/21	
ADKINS, STEPHANIE	TEACHER	NWHS	RESIGNATION		08/08/21	
ALVAREZ, ALEXANDRA	TEACHER	NWHS	COMPLETION OF CONTRACT		06/04/21	
ARMSTRONG, KRISTI	TEACHER	DOYLINE	COMPLETION OF CONTRACT		06/04/21	
BAILEY, CAROLLETTA	7 HR FOOD SERVICE TECHNICIAN	JONES/RICHARDSON	TRANSFERRING FROM7 HR FOOD SERVICE TECHNICIAN AT JONES TRANSFERRING TO 7HR FOOD SERVICE TECHNICIAN AT RICHARDSON		08/10/21	
BESHEA, JOSHUA	BUS DRIVER	WJH	RESIGNATION		7/1/2021	

COOPER, MOLLE	7 HR. FOOD SERVICE TECH	NW UPPER/ BROWNING	TRANSFERRING FROM 7 HR FOOD SERVICE TECHNICIAN AT NW UPPER TO 7 HR FOOD SERVICE TECHNICIAN AT BROWNING REPLACING JALIAH HAWTHORNE WHO RESIGNED		08/10/21	
CROW,CLAUDIA DENISE	BUS DRIVER	MHS	REPLACING ROGER VALLACCHI WHO IS DECEASED		08/10/21	
DALY, ALLISON	TEACHER	DOYLINE	RESIGNATION		07/12/21	
DICKENS, TREVON	7 HR. FOOD SERVICE TECHNICIAN	NWHS	REPLACING TWAILETTA GILBERT WHO RESIGNED		08/10/21	
DREW, BARBARA	7 HR FOOD SERVICE TECHNICIAN	JONES	REPLACING CAROLLETTA BAILEY WHO TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER POSITION		08/10/21	
DUCK, NICOLE	7 HR. FOOD SERVICE TECHNICIAN/ FOOD SERVICE MANAGER	BROWN UPPER/ NW UPPER	TRANSFERRING FROM 7 HR FOOD SERVICE TECHNICIAN AT BROWN UPPER TO FOOD SERVICE MANAGER AT NW UPPER REPLACING LASHAMEYON WALKER WHO TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER POSITION		08/10/21	
DUFFY, KATE	TEACHER	MHS	OYO (TAT) REPLACING PEGGY LACOBEE WHO RETIRED		08/10/21	
EDENS, MARTHA	TEACHER	BROWN UPPER	RETURNING FROM ONE YEAR LEAVE WITHOUT PAY REPLACING KYMBER HARVILL WHO RESIGNED		08/10/21	
FORD, TAMEKA	FOOD SERVICE MANAGER	NWHS	RESIGNATION		07/16/21	
FRITH, KYLIE	TEACHER	PHILLIPS	RESIGNATION		07/31/21	

HARRIS, MELISSA	TEACHER	RICHARDSON	REPLACING TARRA SMITH WHO RESIGNED		08/10/21	
HARVILL, BROOKE'KYM-BER'	TEACHER	BROWN UPPER	RESIGNATION		08/09/21	
HAYNES, CLAUDIA	TEACHER	NWJH	RESIGNATION		07/16/21	

HEARD, JENNIFER	TEACHER	MHS	REPLACING KAYLA MARTIN WHO TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER POSITION		08/10/21	
HEARD, KATRINA	TEACHER	NWJH	RESIGNATION		06/31/2021	
KELLY, BOBBIE	7 HR. FOOD SERVICE TECHNICIAN	LAKESIDE/WJH	TRANSFERRING FROM 7 HR. FOOD SERVICE TECHNICIAN AT LAKESIDE TO 7 HR FOOD SERVICE TECHNICIAN AT WJH REPLACING MARY COLEMAN WHO RETIRED		08/10/21	
MCCREE, JIMMY	TEACHER	NWHS	REPLACING KATELYN BREAUX WHO RESIGNED		08/10/21	
MCLAIN, MICHELLE	7 HR. FOOD SERVICE TECHNICIAN	BROWN UPPER	REPLACING NICOLE DUCK WHO TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER POSTION		08/10/21	
ORANGE, PHENICE	TEACHER	WJH	COMPLETION OF CONTRACT		06/04/21	
PHILLIPS,SHAMARIE	BUS DRIVER	RICHARDSON	REPLACING VICKIE HOLLIDAY WHO RETIRED		08/10/21	
REYNOLDS, JAKAMRYN	TEACHER	NWJHS	REPLACING JAMES GARNER WHO TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER POSITION		8/10/2021	
RICE, ANTHONY	MECHANIC / WPSB	WPSB	TRANSFERRING FROM TRANSPORTATION MECHANIC TO TRANSPORTATION SHOP FOREMAN REPLACING WAYNE ROLEN WHO RETIRED		07/01/21	
RUDISIL, MELINDA	BUS ATTENDANT	DOYLINE	RESIGNATION		06/07/21	
SCROGGS, CINDY	TEACHER	WPSB	RESIGNATION		07/30/21	
SHELLEY, MEGAN	TEACHER	NWJHS	REPLACING LAKRYSTAL JOHNSON WHO RESIGNED		08/10/21	
TAYLOR, NAKISHA	10-MONTH SECRETARY/TEACHER	PHILLIPS/CENTRAL/NWHS	TRANSFERRING FROM 10 MONTH SECRETARY AT PHILLIPS/CENTRAL TO OYO (TAT) TEACHER NWHS REPLACING BREANNA MCKINNON WHO RESIGNED		08/10/21	

THOMAS, JASMINE	TEACHER	NWHS	RESIGNATION		06/04/21	
THOMPSON, JASMINE	TEACHER	WJH	COMPLETION OF CONTRACT		06/04/21	
TIMS CARTER, KELLI	ACCOUNTABILITY AND TESTING COORDINATOR	WPSB	RESIGNATION		07/30/21	
VALLACCHI, ROGER	BUS DRIVER	MHS	DECEASED		02/12/21	
WIGGINS,HAILEY' SAVANNAH'	TEACHER	DOYLINE/ RICHARDSON	OYO(TAT)TRANSFERRING FROM TEACHER AT DOYLINE TO TEACHER AT RICHARDSON REPLACING CHRYSTAL WHITEHEAD WHO RESIGNED		08/10/21	
WINNINGHAM,JOSEPH	TEACHER	MHS	COMPLETION OF CONTRACT		06/04/21	

ITEM #14. School Community Liaison Report. Ursula Hullaby informed the board that the Back-to-School Bash will be on Monday, August 9th from 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. in Springhill and Minden. We are looking forward to Monday. It will be different; it will be drive-thru. You do not have to get out of your cars; we will serve our students. We are ecstatic about the support from everyone. Frankie Mitchell wanted to know if haircuts will be done. Mrs. Hullaby explained it will not be done this year due to Covid-19.

ITEM #15. Superintendent's Report. The superintendent apologized about bringing up the subject on the Governor's mandate to wear masks. Also he had Maintenance Supervisor Jeff Franklin address the board and tell them about projects going on at each school. He informed the board that school starts on August 12th. All employees will be back on August 10. We will be doing virtual on our back-to-school in-service meeting. Superintendent Rowland stated this year will be called "The Year of Intervention." Interventions, must stay in place. My challenge is to be in the mindset of what can I do in the position that I am in, and what can I do to help these students and to make a difference. He made mention of the governor's remarks, concerning the state-wide mandate until September 1, 2021 for five years old and above. Special Education Supervisor Melanie Lewing addressed the board about how we are with vaccines coming to the schools. There will be two vaccination centers at the Back-to-School Bash. Cleaning will continue as well as social distancing. Penny Long asked about 5-year-old children wearing masks. Mr. Rowland stated that we will be very, very reasonable about this. Penny Long stated she is worried that teachers will have a job of chasing children and getting them to keep their masks on. Jerry Lott wanted to know about students who do not want to come to school and wear the mask. They will continue to keep them on virtual and tech net. Malachi Ridgel wanted to know if we will have enough masks to accommodate everyone. Jeff Franklin stated he had ordered 30,000 masks today. They will be provided for the students. Margaret Edens wanted to know how many are not vaccinated. Assistant Superintendent Kevin Washington stated there are many people who have not had their shots. Each school will have a Covid-19 team, and they will meet on Friday. It will also be on Facebook. Jeff Franklin also addressed the board informing them of the lighting project at North Webster High School. The lights are to arrive on the football field on August 12th. The project should be completed for the first game. At NWJH School there are four poles ready and they are waiting for

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Entergy to come and turn them on. J.L. Jones and E.S. Richardson Elementary Schools are major school overhauls; new roofs have been replaced, new windows and doors, as well as air conditioning. By August 12th every classroom will be cool. There is plumbing work to be done within the next week. The only completion will be new teacher rest rooms in each of those schools. The completion date is October 3, 2021. Lakeside and Central Schools' projects consist of a major parking lot. It will be 95% complete by this year. It was in two phases and should be completed by Friday. Doyline High School: they are still working on the renovation of the gym. Problem that they ran into was creosote underneath the old gym floor. It will be behind completion date. At Minden High School is drainage; we are waiting on specialized equipment that is supposed to be coming out of California, but has not arrived. It has mitigated much of the water at that school. Frankie Mitchell mentioned that we need to get new board committees for this year and that we should have some new committees. President Fred Evans stated there will be changes. A Finance Committee meeting for the budget will be on September 13, 2021. No further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:04 P.M.

ITEM #16. Announcements
- Next Board Meeting September 13, 2021

FRED V. EVANS, PRESIDENT

JOHNNY R. ROWLAND, JR. SECRETARY

September 24, 2021
Minden Press-Herald

WEBSTER PARISH SCHOOL
BOARD MEETING
MINUTES FOR
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2021
6:00 P.M.

The Webster Parish School Board met in its regular meeting in the Educational Services Center, 1442 Sheppard Street, Minden, Louisiana on Monday, September 13, 2021 at 6:10 P.M. The meeting was called to order by President Fred Evans. Prayer was given by Ronnie Rhymes. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jeri O'Neal. Members present: Malachi Ridgel, Margaret Edens, Penny Long, Johnnye Kennon, Jerry Lott, Glenda Broughton, Ronnie Rhymes, Jeri O'Neal, Linda Kinsey, Charles Strong, Fred Evans, and Frankie Mitchell by virtual. The president extended greetings to the group before addressing the superintendent who read the agenda items.

ITEM #2. Approve Minutes from Finance Committee Meeting held August 2, 2021. Motion was made by Charles Strong; seconded by Malachi Ridgel. Motion passed.

ITEM #3. Approve Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting held August, 2, 2021. Motion to approve was made by Jeri O'Neal; seconded by Linda Kinsey. Motion passed.

ITEM #4. Mr. Don West to address the board. Mr. West came forward to the group to explain that his reason for being here is to tell how much he appreciates the job done by the teachers and principals. He just wanted to encourage them and let them know something special is happening today. He is from Arkansas, served 4 years in the Navy, and recently moved to Sibley where he has grandchildren in the school system. This is what inspired him to come and speak to the board. He explained that he began with giving thanks to God each morning and how they began with an individual way of God working through him. He told the board members that they can be champions when they believe God, seek Him early, and we will all have peace. He also stated that reading John 1:12 had changed his whole prospective in life.

ITEM #5. Mr. Gary Clark of Civil Design Group to address the board. He addressed the board to explain what they have been doing down at Central Elementary and Lakeside Jr./Sr. High Schools. After giving each board member pictures of construction, he went over each school showing pre-construction and the significant improvement at each school. They received approval from LA Highway Dept. to add a turning lane. They were able to improve the drainage around the school to keep the water off the pavement. Benton & Brown did all asphalt work. Next was Central Elementary School as the board was shown a picture of pre-construction and what it looks like now. There was a two-way drive there at the school; this made a huge problem on Central School Road. A drainage system was put in the back of the school. Buses now have a dedicated area for them. Finally, the Southwest corner of the drive-way was corroded; we corrected this. The entire job was completed in 60 days. Superintendent Rowland stated it was called to his attention that previously completed jobs were always reported to the board once the job had been completed.

ITEM #6. Mr. Mike Patronis of Springhill Medical Center and Mr. Jim Williams of Minden Medical Center to address the board regarding school TeleHealth Program. Mike Patronis thanked the superintendent, Kevin Washington, and Melanie Lewing for what they are doing on Webster Parish School Telemedicine: Cooperative Engagement with the Local Medical Community provide Contemporary Solutions that are integrated with Home Town Providers. 1) Average School Clinic Visit; 2) Equipment-USDA Grant, LA Grant, LA Grant participants: Red River Parish, Union, Rapides, Tangipahoa, Evangeline Parishes. 3) Collaborative Partnership; 4) Advantages of Telehealth: improved healthcare access for children, faculty, and staff. Reduction in ER visits, hospital stays and length of hospital stays, as well as a reduction in associated costs. 5) Similar Programs in Bienville, Jackson Parishes. 6.) Workflow Vision-Administrative, Clinical; 7) Resources: Nursing, Space/Office, Equipment, Phone/Wi-Fi, Tele med Equipment, Other. Question by Jeri O'Neal was answered by Melanie Lewing. Mr. Rowland thanked each one of the gentlemen for coming in, and they are using the same attorneys that we use (Hammonds & Sills). Mr. Williams stated that parental consent is required.

ITEM #7. To approve the FY 21-22 Operating Budgets. Charles

Strong, Vice-President and chair of the Finance Committee, asked Crevonne Odomto come forward as he moved to approve the following FY21-22 budgets: 1.) Operating (General Fund); 2.) Federal & State Grants (Title I, II, IV, V, etc.) 3.) Special Revenues (Maintenance Funds); 4.)Capital Outlay Funds; 5.)Debt Service Funds; seconded by Glenda Broughton. No opposition, motion passed.

ITEM #8. To approve the FY 21-22 Salary Schedules. Motion for approval of the FY21-22 Salary Schedules was made by Charles Strong; seconded by Jeri O'Neal. No objection; motion passed.

ITEM #9. To consider for approval authorization for the superintendent to enter into agreement with the Louisiana Public Schools Risk Management Agency, an interlocal risk management agency through the execution of the interlocal agreement and adoption of its bylaws. Motion was made by Jerry Lott; seconded by Malachi Ridgel. Motion passed.

ITEM #10. To consider for approval the resolution authorizing the superintendent to sign the required Louisiana Uninsured/Underinsured Motorist form reflecting the rejection of Uninsured/Underinsured Motorist Coverage for the period of October 1, 2021 to October 1, 2022. Motion was made by Malachi Ridgel; seconded by Linda Kinsey. Motion passed.

ITEM #11. Consider approval of Webster Parish Parent Family Engagement in Education Policy and Grievance Policies. Motion was made by Jeri O'Neal; seconded by Penny Long. No objection, motion passed.

ITEM #12. Consider approval of Webster Parish Homeless Policies and Procedures. Motion to approve was made by Charles Strong; seconded by Margaret Edens. With no objections, motion passed.

ITEM #13. Consider approval of the bid from Flowers Baking for bread for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion to approve was made by Penny Long; seconded by Linda Kinsey. Motion passed.

ITEM #14. Consider approval to officially add powerlifting as a sport at Lakeside. All of the Lakeside coaching staff will help train the athletes, and Coach Fabrecia Robertson and Coach Elgin Moore will accompany them to the meets. Motion was made by Jerry Lott; seconded by Charles Strong. Question by Fred Evans about it not costing anything now; what about the future? Was told it would remain the same. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Vice-President Charles Strong that Items #15 thru #40 be done by global voting. This motion was seconded by Malachi Ridgel. Motion passed.

Requests for Consolidated 3 Maintenance Fund

ITEM #15. Consider approval to ratify Invoice #2021-306 for service provided by TGS Contractors lowering water line at Central Elementary School in the amount of \$6,500, using Consolidated 3 Maintenance Fund.

ITEM #16. Consider approval for Hercules Ag & Outdoor to install new scoreboard at the Softball field at Lakeside Jr./Sr. High School in the amount of \$2,000.00 using Consolidated 3 Maintenance Fund.

ITEM #17. Consider approval for Hercules Ag & Outdoor to install fences at Lakeside Jr./Sr. High School in the amount of \$4,500.00 using Consolidated 3 Maintenance Fund.

ITEM #18. Consider approval for Ground Work of Louisiana to refinish the practice gym at Lakeside Jr./Sr. High School in the amount of \$1,925.00 using Consolidated 3 Maintenance Fund.

ITEM #19. Ratify approval of Invoice #480813 from Moro Electric in the amount of \$2,916.71 for emergency repairs to damaged underground wiring during parking lot renovations at Lakeside Jr./Sr. High School using Consolidated 3 Maintenance Fund.

ITEM #20. Ratify approval of Invoice #152310 from Fitzgerald Contractors in the amount of \$1,400.00 to repair 3" gas line damaged at Central Elementary School during parking lot renovations using Consolidated 3 Maintenance Fund.

ITEM #21. Ratify approval of Invoice #29945 from Camus Electric in the amount of \$2,736.94 for repair and replace underground wiring feeding the press box at Lakeside Jr./Sr. High School using Consolidated 3 Maintenance Fund.

Requests for Doyline Maintenance Fund

ITEM #22. Consider approval for Mechanical Cooling Services to replace one of 4 condenser coils in the gym at Doyline High School in the amount of \$5,290.00 using Doyline Maintenance Fund.

ITEM #23. Consider approval for Change Order #4 to the improvements to Doyline High School to rework sewer, replace gym doors, backboards, and make adjustments to gym sub-floor to accommodate new flooring in the amount of \$113,156.82 using Doyline Maintenance Fund.

Requests for Cotton Valley School Maintenance Fund

ITEM #24. Consider approval for North Webster Upper Elementary School to purchase 5 CP100D UHF Motorola portable radios from Shreveport Communications for school use in the amount of \$1,495.00 using Cotton Valley School Maintenance Fund.

ITEM #25. Consider approval to accept the low bid from Southern Roofing and Vinyl Siding to replace the roof on the cafeteria at North Webster Upper Elementary School in the amount of \$86,250.00 using Cotton Valley School Maintenance Fund.

ITEM #26. Consider approval to accept the low bid from Southern Roofing and Vinyl Siding to replace the roof on the cafeteria's lower roof at North Webster Upper Elementary School in the amount of \$36,000.00 using Cotton Valley School Maintenance Fund.

Requests for Sarepta Maintenance Fund

ITEM #27. Consider approval to purchase 15 LED High Bay Lights and installation supplies from Elliot Electric for \$2,760.86 to replace broken and outdated lighting in the North Webster Junior High School gym using Sarepta Maintenance Fund.

ITEM #28. Consider approval for Homeland Safety to replace 20 security cameras damaged from lightning in the amount of \$14,287.27 using Sarepta Maintenance Fund.

ITEM #29. Consider approval for ADT to replace the lightning-damaged fire alarm panel with a new FACP-081021 alarm panel in the amount of \$5,000.48 using Sarepta Maintenance Fund.

Requests for Springhill Maintenance Fund

ITEM #30. Consider approval for Indian Creek Construction to remove 305 feet of round concrete drainage pipe at Brown Upper Elementary School in the amount of \$5,500.00 using Springhill Maintenance Fund.

ITEM #31. Consider approval for Campbell Custom Floors to remove damaged carpet and replace with VCT tiles in the office suite at North Webster High School in the amount of \$10,036.96 using Springhill Maintenance Fund.

ITEM #32. Ratify approval of Mechanical Cooling Services Invoice #8279 for emergency HVAC unit replacement for North Webster High School football locker room in the amount of \$11,500.00 using Springhill Maintenance Fund.

ITEM #33. Consider approval for Brown Upper Elementary School to purchase from BSN Sports six commercial school entryway mats with school logos in the amount of \$1,693.57 using Springhill Maintenance Fund.

Requests for District 6 ½ Cent Sales Tax Fund

ITEM #34. Consider approval for Richardson Elementary School to purchase 12 commercial school entryway mats with school logos from BSN Sports for \$2,643.06 using District 6 ½ Cent Sales Tax Fund.

ITEM #35. Consider approval for Ground Works of Louisiana to refinish the gym floor at Minden High School in the amount of \$2,685.00 using District 6 ½ Cent Sales Tax Fund.

ITEM #36. Ratify approval of Mechanical Cooling Services Invoice #8339 in the amount of \$13,600.00 for two emergency HVAC replacement rooftop units at J.A. Phillips Elementary School using Districts 6 ½ Cent Sales Tax Fund.

ITEM #37. Ratify approval of Johnson Controls Invoice #1-106725124689 in the amount of \$3,161.04 for Air Handler and VAV repairs at Minden High School using District 6 ½ Cent Sales Tax Fund.

Minden School Building Fund

ITEM #38. Ratify approval of Elliott Electric Supply Invoice #03-29302-01 in the amount of \$4,208.00 for LED Flat Panel lights replacement in the hallways at J.L. Jones Elementary School using District 6 ½ Cent Sales Tax.

ITEM #39. Consider approval of Change Order #4 for the new Multipurpose Building for Minden High School in the amount of \$104,941.05. This change order covers the cost of shutdown of the project due to excessive erosion of the existing embankment and discovery of an underground cavity plus associated rental costs of shoring, using Minden School Building Fund.

ITEM #40. Consider approval of Geotechnical Engineering Associates, LLC to design and observe the sheet pile shoring operation at Minden High School in the amount of \$11,208.40 using Minden High School Building Fund.

ITEM #41. **PERSONNEL REPORT.** Personnel Manager Robin Tucker was in attendance by virtual. She informed the board member when asked by Jeri O'Neal that there were no open positions. The only position currently open is the Executive Secretary's position. Mrs. Jo McWoodson will be retiring on September 24, 2021.

WEBSTER PARISH
PERSONNEL REPORT
Date September 13, 2021
Personnel Director-ROBIN TUCKER

NAME	Position	Location (From/To)	Action	New Position	Effective Date	Funding Source
ALLEN, VICTORIA	PARAPROFESSIONAL	NW UPPER	NEW POSITION DUE TO STUDENT ENROLLMENT	X	08/10/21	
ALSTON, COURTNEY	TEACHER	WJH	RESIGNATION		07/30/2021	
ANDERS, KYNDAL	PARAPROFESSIONAL	JONES	REPLACING LINDA TERRELL WHO RESIGNED THIS WAS A SHARED POSITION BETWEEN JONES AND PHILLIPS		08/10/21	
ANDERSON, SHAVON	TEACHER	NWHS	TAT (OYO) REPLACING JASMINE THOMAS WHO RESIGNED		08/10/21	
BALLARD, BETTY	BUS DRIVER	DOYLINE	RETIREMENT		08/06/21	
BELL, DEBBIE	TEACHER	NWJH	RESIGNATION		07/28/21	
BUTLER, KIMBERLY	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE / BOOKKEEPER	WPSB	REPLACING SHREE WARREN WHO TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER POSITION		08/02/21	
CARRIGAN, IRELAND	TEACHER	JONES	REPLACING MEGAN NESSBIT WHO RESIGNED		08/10/21	
COMBS, ADRIAN	CUSTODIAN	CENTRAL	REPLACING ROBERT ASHLEY WHO RETIRED		07/27/21	
COOPER, TIFFANY	10 MONTH SECRETARY	CENTRAL/PHILLIPS	REPLACING NAKISHA TAYLOR WHO TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER POSITION		08/11/21	
CORLEY, DEBORAH	TEACHER	CENTRAL	REPLACING LADESA THRASH WHO RESIGNED		8/10/2021	
DICKENS, TREVON	FOOD SERVICE TECHNICIAN	NWHS	NO SHOW		8/4/2021	
DIXON, KAITLYN	TEACHER	WJH	TAT(OYO) REPLACING KWAME FORD WHO RESIGNED		08/10/21	

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FORD, KWAME	TEACHER	WJH	RESIGNATION	08/02/21	
GARCIA, STACY	DEAN OF STUDENTS	BUES/BROWNING	RESIGNATION	08/02/21	
GARLAND, KATHERINE	TEACHER	PHILLIPS	REPLACING MADALYN WILLIAMS WHO RESIGNED	08/10/21	
GARRIS, GINGER	7 HR. FOOD SERVICE TECHNICIAN/FOOD SERVICE MANAGER	MHS	TRANSFERRING FROM 7 HR. FOOD SERVICE TECHNICIAN TO FOOD SERVICE MANAGER REPLACING DEBBIE MCKNIGHT WHO RESIGNED	08/10/21	
GRISBY, SHANICE	TEACHER	BROWN UPPER	REPLACING STACY GARCIA WHO RESIGNED	08/10/21	
GURGAINERS, MELISSA	BUS AIDE	DOYLINE	RESIGNATION	02/21/20	
HAMPTON, ANDRE	TEACHER	NWJHS	TAT (OYO) REPLACING CLAUDIA HAYNES WHO RESIGNED	08/10/21	
HARRIS, MELISSA	TEACHER	RICHARDSON	REPLACING TARRA SMITH WHO RESIGNED	08/10/21	
HAVARD, CAROLYN	SECRETARY/PARAPROFESSIONAL	WPSB/PHILLIPS	TRANSFERRING FROM SECRETARY AT WPSB TO PARAPROFESSIONAL AT PHILLIPS	08/10/21	
HEARD, KATRINA	TEACHER	NWJH	RESIGNATION	07/31/21	
HILBURN, JAMIE	TEACHER	DOYLINE	TAT(OYO) REPLACING DANIELLE DALY WHO RESIGNED	08/10/21	
HUFF, RICHARD	TEACHER	NWJH	RETIREMENT	08/13/21	

JACKSON- COOPER, ASHANTI	TEACHER/TESTING FACILITATOR	BROWN UPPER/WPSB	TRANSFERRING FROM TEACHER AT BROWN UPPER TO TESTING FACILITATOR REPLACING KELLI TIMS WHO RESIGNED	08/10/21	
JONES, DENA	TEACHER	DOYLINE	TAT (OYO) REPLACING CHRISTOPHER SCROGGS WHO RESIGNED	08/10/21	
KING, WENDY	7.5 HR FOOD SERVICE MANAGER	NWHS	REPLACING TAMEKA FORD WHO RESIGNED	08/10/21	
LEE, TRACY	TEACHER	MHS	RESIGNATION	08/04/21	
LINDSEY, MARLENE	TEACHER	MHS	REPLACING DIMETTERA FRAZIER WHO COMPLETED CONTRACT	08/10/21	
MALONE, JERMINI	TEACHER	RICHARDSON	REPLACING KIMBERLY STEPHENS WHO TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER POSITION	08/10/21	
MCCALMAN, RACHEL	TEACHER	BROWNING	TAT(OYO) REPLACING LADASHA MCGEE WHO RESIGNED	08/10/21	
MCCORKHILL, LOGAN	TEACHER	WJH	TAT (OYO) REPLACING COURTNEY ALSTON WHO RESIGNED	08/10/21	
MCGEE, LADASHA	TEACHER	BROWNING	RESIGNATION	08/03/21	
MCKINNON, BREANNA	TEACHER	NWHS	RESIGNATION	08/08/21	
MCWOODSON, JOE AN	EXEXECUTIVE SECRETARY	WPSB	RETIREMENT	09/24/21	
NEAL, ADAM	TEACHER	WJH	TAT(OYO) REPLACING SHIRLEY FORD WHO IS DECEASED	08/10/21	
NESSBIT, MEAGAN	TEACHER	JONES	RESIGNATION	07/20/2021	
NORTON, VERNA	PARAPROFESSIONAL/TEACHER	NW LOWER/ BROWN UPPER	TRANSFERRING FROM PARAPROFESSIONAL AT NW LOWER TO TEACHER AT BROWN UPPER REPLACING ASHANTI COOPER WHO TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER POSITION	08/10/21	
POWELL, ASHLEY	7 HR. FOOD SERVICE TECHNICIAN	NWHS	REPLACING TREVON DICKENS WHO WAS NO SHOW	08/10/21	
POWELL, RYANNE	TEACHER	BROWNING	RESIGNATION	08/09/21	
PRESLEY, RAVEN	TEACHER	BROWNING	TAT (OYO) REPLACING RYANNE POWELL WHO RESIGNED	08/10/21	
PUCKETT, ANNA	TEACHER	PHILLIPS	TAT(OYO) NEW POSITION DUE TO ENROLLMENT NUMBERS	08/11/21	x

SCROGGS, CINDY	FEDERAL PROGRAMS BOOKKEEPER	WPSB	RESIGNATION (POSITION CORRECTION)	07/30/21	
SMITH, TARRA	TEACHER	RICHARDSON	RESIGNATION	07/31/21	
THOMAS, OCTAVIA	TEACHER	NWJH	RESIGNATION	07/23/21	
THOMAS, SIGNORA	TEACHER	NWJHS	TAT (OYO) REPLACING OCTAVIA THOMAS WHO RESIGNED	8/10/2021	
THOMPSON, JANET	BUS DRIVER	CENTRAL	RETIREMENT	08/03/21	
WALKER, LASHAMEYON	FOOD SERVICE MANAGER/7 HR. FOOD SERVICE TECHNICIAN	NW UPPER	TRANSFERRING FROM FOOD SERVICE MANAGER AT NW UPPER TO 7 HR. FOOD SERVICE TECHNICIAN AT NW UPPER REPLACING MOLIE COOPER WHO TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER POSITION	08/10/21	
WARREN, SHREE	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE BOOKKEEPER/FEDERAL PROGRAMS BOOKKEEPER	WPSB	TRANSFERRING FROM ACCOUNTS PAYABLE BOOKKEEPER TO FEDERAL PROGRAMS BOOKKEEPER REPLACING CINDY SCROGGS WHO RESIGNED	07/22/21	
WATTS, MAGGIE	TEACHER	MHS	TAT(OYO) REPLACING JOSEPH WINNINGHAM COMPLETION OF CONTRACT	08/10/21	
WILLIAMS, MADELINE	TEACHER	PHILLIPS	RESIGNATION	07/19/21	
WILLIS, CHRISTOPHER	TEACHER	PHILLIPS	TAT(OYO) REPLACING KYLIE FRITH WHO RESIGNED	08/10/21	

ITEM #42. School Community Liaison Report. Ursula Hullaby informed the board that she is still doing unannounced security checks. Red Ribbon Week will be after fall break. September is Attendance Month. Mr. Rowland stated that we have a little jar of honey in front of you to keep everybody happy and “be a honey.”

ITEM #43. Superintendent’s Report. Mr. Rowland stated the pandemic is a way of life for us now. He called upon Melanie Lewing, our Covid-19 director, to address the board and explain to them about our students and now many we have had to go home

with Covid-19 or to be placed in quarantine. She stated currently we have 175 positive students. Linda Kinsey wanted to know if we have any persons objecting to using the mask. Mr. Washington stated they have been in contact with Dr. Martha White and they have to send a note stating the reason. Dr. White makes the decision on this. We have not had many parents questioning this. They have been very cooperative thus far. He stated that the little babies are doing great. The Covid-19 committee meets every Friday and talks with the public health department. The superintendent informed them that October 9, 2021 will be the fall retreat for the board members. It will be held at 8:30 a.m. at Harper Pathways to Excellence Center.

Perry Watson came before the board to address the change order for Minden High School Multi-Purpose Building. Currently they are trying to stabilize corroding of sidewalk and soil. During the pile drive that side of the building was about to collapse. He called in others and this took about a week. When they did the drilling, there was lignite; then there was a three-week stop to prevent this. The total amount is \$104,900. He recommends that the board approve this in order to complete this project. Fred Evans had a question about the rental equipment and how the people were paid. He did not see how it was fair to the school board. He asked to look at the contracts in the future. They only asked for a 10-day extension. Mr. Rowland mentioned the death of former superintendent, Mr. Richard Noles, who was his uncle. He filled a large gap as he served 40 years with the WPS system. He appreciated the calls, text messages, and other methods shown in sympathy. Mr. Rowland commented on the executive secretary retiring. He commented on her telephone etiquette and defusing toxic issues with a pleasant voice and by just listening. He hopes that her retirement will be enjoyed. No further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

ITEM #44. Announcements
Sales Tax for the month of July 2021
Next Board Meeting October 4, 2021

FRED V. EVANS, PRESIDENT

JOHNNY R. ROWLAND, JR., SECRETARY

September 24, 2021
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