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INFRASTRUCTURE

\$1 million sewer grant seeking signatures

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The city of Minden has the opportunity to apply for a one million dollar sewer rehabilitation grant if they can meet the criteria required. This grant will benefit the residents of Districts A and B and as such will specifically require signatures from those individuals.

Applications have been mailed out to residents in the aforementioned districts. The Mayor along with city employees will be going door to door next week to collect these applications, and ask that residents keep an eye out for them in their mail and fill them out.

"The targeted areas are in districts A and B. We will need to collect 242 signatures to qualify. I am asking you to join with myself, Wanda Pittman, Tyler Wallace and Kathy Newer on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of next week as we knock on doors. We will start at 9 a.m. and walk until 4 p.m.," Mayor Terry Gardner said.

The Mayor has made efforts to connect to churches within these communities in order to make sure that every avenue is exercised to inform citizens of this opportunity and the role they have to play in order to make it a reality.

"Please ask any churches in Districts A and B to inform their congregations this Sunday, October 10th, of this program and ask for their participation and support. We are required to have all forms turned in by November 1st."

WEBSTER PARISH FAIR

PARADES ARE BACK!



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The Webster Parish Fair kicked off Tuesday with a parade in downtown Minden. The fair continues through Saturday.

CITY OF MINDEN

ANOTHER STALEMATE

City fails to pass budget, resulting in automatic cuts

WILL PHILLIPS
Minden Press-Herald

The October Minden City Council Meeting marked yet another meeting that the Council failed to approve a budget for the 2021/2022 fiscal year. The City of Minden is now officially behind deadline, and operating at 50% of its budget.

This stalemate amongst the council is now starting to have tangible effects on the operations of the city, with department heads being warned to only spend money in emergency situations.

This stalemate has also caused the council and mayor to bring upon themselves the frustrations of the Minden community, with public comments representing half of the total time of the meeting.

However, before the public comments started, Acting City Clerk Michael Fluhr was the first to talk about the Council's failure to pass the budget, and the very real consequences the city is facing as a result.

"Before I close I want to say a few words on the two items which bother me. Item number one is the budget. I don't have a horse in that race, but I wish you all would under-

stand that since Thursday 4:01, we act on 50%. Officially on 50%. What that means is, that for example the street department, is only using 50% of its money to cover potholes," said Fluhr.

"I'm on the record with the Mayor and gave him in writing, recommending to tell the departments, only in emergencies to make purchases, because we don't have the luxury to say, well, our commitment to pay government capital for the bucket truck, which is a yearly commitment roughly about 30,000 if i'm correct, well we're gonna cut it in half. It doesn't work that way.

I'm going to tell the Chief, your new vehicles are not absolutely necessary. He will probably say well they are necessary, and I understand what he's saying, but absolutely necessary means emergencies."

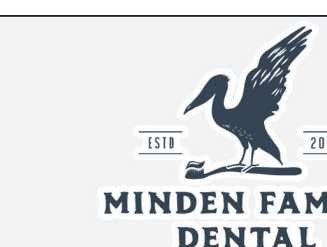
Here Fluhr described the complications of the City working on 50% of its budget. While it only has half of the available funding, it isn't like the city can just cut all of its costs in half.

"We cannot cut the salaries in half, so the money goes out the door very fast, and I really have a very



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SECOND FRONT

Council: Public calls on mayor, councilmen to work together

hard time, a very hard time. I understand what your problem is with the budget. It's not the money, everybody knows that. But I'm reading in the paper, for example Mr. Edwards says, 'I'm willing to compromise.' What is your compromise? Why is the council not talking to each other? You're going to bring this city to its knees, and I don't think it's in anybody's interests," said Fluhr.

"I urge you, come together and discuss it. You're going to ruin the city, and you don't make any friends with the employees. Because they don't get agreed pay raises, and sooner or later the hammer falls, and the state is knocking on the door. At that point I ask you to come together in your own interests, and say I have a problem with this and this and this."

"Nobody. Not you Mr. Edwards. Not you Mrs. Walker, not Mr. Bradford, not Mr. Roy, not Mrs. Bloxom came to me and said can we look into this... You're all going to sit there on the hot pot and wait till it goes up. So that's point number 1.

Point number two, is also in my interests to clear this, is the pay raises. Everybody is entitled to more money, let's put it this way. What bothers me is that everybody is talking about the pay raises, but nobody says how much that costs" said Fluhr.

"Yes we have to find the money, but are you aware that the pay raise requests for both departments fire and police ... the costs are a half million dollars. Where is that money coming from?"

"My question to you all, and I wish that these, I should not say it but, these backroom deals, should have to stop. Come out, sit down, come in, and discuss it. Where are we gonna get the money from? It would have been easy. I've been waiting for three months. In June we basically had the budget ready. I started early, because I knew it had become difficult," said Fluhr.

"But since then, nothing has happened. We're going to come to every meeting, and no, we don't approve the budget. That is not sustainable, and what is not sustainable also is to say well, I'm in favor of pay raises. I'm sure everybody of you is in favor of pay raises. How are we going to finance them? How are we going to pay for them? That is my question. And

"It's very reckless the way that you run this city, and I think that you're dividing the city even further now. The disagreements that you have are basically distractions. "

Randolph Walker
Minden Citizen

I hope, and now I'm finished, I hope that you all come together in the interests of the city, not in your own, not in mine, or anybody else's. In the interests of the City."

Shortly after the Police Report the floor was opened for public comments, to which a litany of speakers from the Minden community came forward to voice their frustrations with the Mayor, Councilmen, or all of them combined.

"What I'm saying to you, Mayor, is that we need leadership. Managers make right decisions, leaders do things the right way, and I'm not so sure that things have been done the right way here in Minden. I feel with the information that I have, that you're circumventing the council, said Mr. Miles. "You leave them out, you don't give them any say."

Community member Shanika Harris expressed her discontent and embarrassment, seeing the Minden Mayor and Council on national TV, while also discussing her fear that if the Council continues as they have, that will run everyone out of the city.

"Y'all have got to get along. I'm sick of looking at TV. Channel 12 News. It's embarrassing to have our city on national TV," said Harris.

"Where is y'all's love at, because it's embarrassing for us to look at yall on national TV, and can't get along with each other. That stuff hurts."

"What kind of example are yall setting for the children? Yalls grandchildren, my children, they are the next generation. You done lived your life. The generation is left up to them now, but if y'all can't get along to get on one accord this city is going to fall apart."

"You got to make us trust you Mr. Terry. You Council people have to make us people that's in this city trust you, but if y'all can't get along how can we trust any of you. If yall want to go behind closed doors, y'all all need to go behind closed doors. Not just two or three people. When yall vote on something vote

on it together, so we citizens won't be out here in the blue," said Harris.

"Look at what y'all are doing to us. This is a bad influence. If y'all don't come together like y'all are supposed to, y'all are going to run these citizens out of here. A lot of y'all have been on this board for years. If y'all don't come together, then move out the way so somebody else can get here."

Some individuals' concerns were more specific, as with the case of Gwen-dolyn Ashley who voiced her dissatisfaction with the potential decision to increase citizen's utility bills by \$5 in order to compensate for police and fire raises.

"I live with me and my cat, and since I have been here only once have I paid a bill under 200 dollars. I cannot afford another five dollars. I lived in a state where TG&E would work with you if you were not able to pay your bill. You were able to make arrangements to pay your bill. They worked with you. Here you can't even make an arrangement if you don't have the money to pay," said Ashley.

"I understand that the police need a raise, I understand that, but I do believe there has to be another way that you can find something in your budget for them. I'm here because there is no way I can afford another five dollars, and I know the people in your districts cannot afford another 5 dollars. So somehow, you guys are going to have to come together and work out a solution for this because there is no way you can put the strain on the community."

She ended on a note that referenced the progress the city as a whole has made throughout the years, having left in the 70's and returned recently, however she expresses it's a stark contrast to the lack of progress the Council has made.

"I'm glad I made the decision to move back to Minden. I love Minden, it's a small town, it's a diverse town, it's changed since I was here in 1975. You can see interracial couples that I didn't see when I lived here in 1975. Minden has changed, but evidently, this council

has not."

Randolph Walker is a citizen who has attended a good portion of recent meetings, both monthly sessions and workshops, and he felt inclined to share some of the dynamics that he has noticed.

"It's very reckless the way that you run this city, and I think that you're dividing the city even further now. The disagreements that you have are basically distractions. I have to agree with the money man, if the money ain't there then you don't have nothing anyway," said Walker.

"I understand that everybody has these little teams they're in. I've watched y'all pair off. You and you," he said referring to Councilmen Pam Bloxom and Michael Roy, "He validates your mistakes and you validate his." Then referring to Councilmen Terika Williams-Walker and Vincen Bradford said, "You validate her mistakes and she validates yours. The only person who sometimes I see that is trying to get something done is this man here," he said referring to Councilman Edwards.

"Mr. Mayor and Mr. Bradford. What's going on with you two? Is this a domestic squabble? That's what it appears to be. Me and my wife have problems too, but I don't go out in the street broadcasting them."

Walker also commented on the inefficiency of the meeting he has attended, commenting, "The workshops, you don't do anything. I've been to the workshops. Only thing that y'all do is justify something that you don't do. You say you did this, and you say you did that. And from workshop to workshop, from agenda to agenda, it's just passed along."

"The budget has to be passed, we all know that. So let's get over that. Let's move on to something concrete that we can work with. The city is looking for you to do great things, everyone wants you to do great things."

The above comments are just a small portion of the array of voices that came forward to express themselves in the Oct. Regular Session. If anyone is interested in hearing the full comments, they can be found on the city's youtube channel titled City of Minden - Feels Like Home.

The Minden City Council Regular Session is held the first Monday of each month starting at 5:30 PM. Located at the Minden Civic Center, the meetings are open for the public to attend.

Webster Youth Leadership learns about local nonprofits

WILL PHILLIPS
Minden Press-Herald

This past Wednesday the students participating in the Webster Youth Leadership Program were provided an opportunity to learn more about the local non-profits that exist within the Minden area, how they operate, and their roles in helping those that they serve.

For a city the size of Minden, it surprisingly hosts a large number of nonprofits that fulfill a wide array of needs for those in the local community. From Project Reclaim who instills quality values in the youth at a young age to food banks like UCAP and Joe LeBlanc food pantry who make sure people don't go to bed hungry, the students were able to get an in-depth look and in some cases hands on experience with the work these organizations do every day.

"We have the youth leadership website students that are participating in non-profit day today. This morning, the non-profits came to us, and we learned about what Project Reclaim has to offer and how we can be a part of that. CASA came and talked to us about how we can help them throughout the hol-

idays. Seeds women center came and told us what volunteer time that they needed and what products they could use for us to donate," said Greater Minden Chamber President Jana Morgan.

"We were also visited by UCAP and they shared with us how that organization benefits our community. Afterwards we went and volunteered at Mercy's Closet and helped sort clothes and make sure things look presentable for her shoppers."

At the time the interview was conducted, the class was at Joe LeBlanc food pantry, hard at work sorting deliveries and prepping food bags.

"Right now they are sorting a delivery we got this morning of brand new underwear and t-shirts, and are preparing to take this to Mercy's Closet. We're also going to start preparing bags for distribution on Oct. 16th," said Jessica Lewis, Director of the Joe LeBlanc Food Pantry.

In closing, Morgan stated, "Today's really just about giving back to our community and how they can participate in non-profits for extra volunteer hours outside of the program while helping people in need."

Louisiana opioid settlement money to go to local governments

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — Louisiana intends to divvy up the \$325 million it expects to receive from a national settlement of opioid epidemic lawsuits to parish sheriffs and local governments to provide addiction treatment, response and recovery services, Attorney General Jeff Landry said Wednesday.

The Republican attorney general announced he had reached an agreement in principal with organizations representing Louisiana's sheriffs, police juries and municipalities that will govern how the money will be divided and spent.

"We want 100% of the funds to go to assisting those affected," Landry said at an event with representatives of the local government associations and lawyers involved in the deal.

The attorney general

said Louisiana is expected to receive \$18 million a year for 18 years as its share of a \$26 billion deal involving 42 states to settle opioid abuse lawsuits involving three of the nation's largest drug distribution companies and drugmaker Johnson & Johnson.

Opioids have been linked to more than 500,000 deaths in the United States since 2000.

Under the agreement Landry announced Wednesday, Louisiana's health department and other state agencies won't receive any of the settlement money, except for administrative costs related to an opioids abatement council. That council will review the spending of settlement money by local agencies to make sure they're following the guidance that the dollars go to addiction treatment.

WEBSTER & MORE

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Summer-like heat is back for the weekend. We'll see temperatures heat into the low 90s Friday through Sunday. Dry weather and sunshine are also expected..

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OBITUARIES



Patricia Lee Catron dePingre

Patricia Lee Catron de Pingre, passed away on October 2, 2021, in Irving, Texas. Pat was born in Forest, Louisiana to Alonzo and Luta Catron. She attended Louisiana College and after graduation, she met and married Major de Pingre. They moved to Minden, Louisiana where Pat served as a Home Demonstration Agent for the L. S. U. Agricultural and Extension Department in Webster Parish. She later joined her husband in business at Major Office Supply, where she was a commercial designer. Pat was an active member of the First Baptist Church serving as a Sunday School Teacher, President of the Woman's Missionary Union, choir member, and numerous committee roles.

Pat also served as President of the Women's Department Club and was very involved in the community and in fundraising for charitable causes including the American Cancer Society, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, March of Dimes, American Red Cross, Salvation Army, and United Way. Pat was also named Minden's Woman of the Year.

She was a member of the Minden Beautification Council, American Legion Auxiliary, and the Minden Chamber of Commerce. Pat lived her life doing count-

less acts of kindness for others in the community including serving as a patient volunteer at Minden Medical Center, always with a beautiful smile, a kind word, and a big heart.

Pat is preceded in death by her husband, Major Louis de Pingre, her parents, Alonza and Luta Catron, her brother, Benny Catron, her sister, Jerry Catron Ichter, her brother-in-law, William Ichter, her grandson, John Major de Pingre and her son-in-law, James Thomas Willis. Pat is survived by her children Benny de Pingre and, Margaret de Pingre Willis, and grandchildren, Kara and husband Jordan Northcutt, Lauren and husband Joseph Traba, III, Matthew and wife Chistina Willis.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you please make a contribution in her memory to the First Baptist Church, 301 Pennsylvania Ave., Minden, LA, 71055, the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation or the charity of your choice.

A chapel service will be held at the First Baptist Church West Chapel in Minden, LA, on Monday, October 11, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. with Bro. Steve Gilley officiating. Interment will follow at Gardens of Memory Cemetery in Minden, Louisiana under the direction of Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Minden.

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Melba Jean Wroten McFadden

October 8, 1927 - September 30, 2021

Melba Jean Wroten McFadden passed in her sleep from the embrace of her children to that of her Lord at her home in Mobile, Alabama, on September 30, at the age of 93.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Stella Mae and Clarence Edgar Wroten, her sister and brother-in-law, Dorothy Carrie and James Skaggs, and her husband, Edward James McFadden.

She is survived by her five children, Kathleen McFadden, Michael McFadden (Lisa), Sean McFadden, Anna Marie McFadden Mouton (Larry), and Patrick McFadden (Hallie); eight grandchildren, Ian Ellis, Colin Ellis, Edward McFadden (Brittany), Abigail McFadden Waldron (Shawn), Katie Mouton Anderson (Kenny), Marc

Mouton, Sheehan McFadden, and Eamon McFadden; and four great grandchildren, Aria Ellis, Henry Anderson, Eloise Anderson, and Liam Waldron.

Born and raised in Minden, Louisiana, Jean moved to New Orleans where she studied and became an X-ray technician. After moving to Dallas, Texas, she met and married Edward. The couple ultimately settled in Louisiana where they raised their five children.

A long-time member of the Our Lady of Fatima parish in Monroe, Louisiana, Jean was an active parent at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School, being elected and serving as the first female president of the PTO. As her children grew, she also became an involved supporter of St. Frederick High School. After retiring from the News Star newspaper, she ultimately moved to Mobile, Alabama, in 2000, and became a devoted member of the Holy Family parish.

Visitation will be from 6 to 8 pm on Monday, October 4, at the Radney Funeral Home in Mobile; a rosary will be said at 7 pm. A funeral mass will be said at Holy Family Catholic Church in Mobile on Tuesday, October 5 at 2 pm. Interment will be at Hill Crest Memorial Funeral Home & Park in Houghton, Louisiana, on Friday, October 8 at 1 pm.



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OPINION

Military code should be applied fairly and equally to all

There is something wrong with this picture. It has been astounding to witness the very different treatment of U.S. Marine Corp Lt. Col. Stuart Scheller and Gen. Mark Milley, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs.

The difference in treatment between these two men over the last two weeks has been striking. On the one hand is Lt. Col. Scheller, who posted a video demanding accountability from military leaders and the Commander in Chief for their epic failure in Afghanistan, who is now incarcerated as he awaits an Article 32 preliminary hearing. Scheller, a battalion commander with 17 years of active duty, made the video post on August 26th, 2021, the day that 11 Marines, one Navy corpsman and one Army soldier were killed during the Biden Administration's recklessly and dangerously executed evacuation from Afghanistan.

Why is he incarcerated? Rules for Courts-Martial (R.C.M.) 305 (h) (2) (B) requires that within up to 72 hours the service member's commanding officer must make a determination or

show just cause that it is reasonably foreseeable that the service member will either not show for trial, pretrial hearing or investigation or will engage in serious criminal misconduct. We've seen none of that here. In fact, his record of 17 dedicated years appears to be excellent leaving us with the inescapable conclusion that his incarceration is to serve a political end, whether it be for rhetoric or retribution.

No doubt LTC. Scheller will be tried for his actions—although there have been no charges to date—but to treat him in this fashion in the meantime is unacceptable. It's worth noting that Scheller stated in the video that he was certain he would be relieved of his command and lose his pension (which he was willing to sacrifice because he felt so



ROYAL ALEXANDER

strongly about speaking out) but he didn't anticipate being court-martialed for the simple reason that there is no indication he disobeyed a direct or specific order.

Let's contrast this with the situation regarding Gen. Mark Milley. If our Commander in Chief was not addled Gen. Milley would likely have already been fired. What did Milley do? He engaged in covert discussions with, among many others, his Chinese counterpart at the end of the Trump term. He apparently spoke several times to reassure Beijing that the U.S. wouldn't attack it at the end of Trump's term and that if an attack were ordered he would let his military counterpart know in advance—he would let the enemy know an attack was coming. Such conduct destructively usurps and undermines the chain of command! Apparently, Milley also made approximately 20 such calls to other military leaders in Afghanistan, Canada, Israel, Japan, Korea, Kuwait, North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), Pakistan, Qatar, Russia, Saudi Arabia, the United

Arab Emirates, and the U.K.

This is certainly treachery but how is this not treason? How is this not a stark, direct breaking of the chain of command? How can notifying your countries' enemies of possible military or other strategic action by your country not be criminal? Can you imagine the screaming and recriminations if a Biden general sympathetic to Trump had undertaken such questionable actions?

It is stunningly ironic that the only military official, Scheller, suffering a punitive consequence is doing so because he demanded accountability for the disastrous Afghan withdrawal while his superior, Gen. Milley, whose conduct has been far more egregious has so far seen no repercussions.

I can't add anything to the question Senator Tom Cotton asked General Milley in a recent meeting of the Senate Armed Services Committee: "General Milley, Why Haven't You Resigned?"

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OTHER OPINION

Specht: Minden is better together, and together it can be better

Editor's Note: The following is an excerpt from David Specht's address to the Greater Minden Chamber during its gala in September.

In our health coaching business, we talk about structural tension, which simply put is, "the tension created between your current reality and your desired outcome."

The first step is acknowledging current reality. For our clients, that means stepping on the scale, taking an inventory of what you eat and drink daily, and looking at your overall state of health.

We as business and community leaders should do the same. Let us not shy away from the real challenges and obstacles that face all of us. It is our current reality.

Next, we should look for our

desired outcome. What do we want the future of the Greater Minden area to look like?

I ask you to close your eyes for a moment. Now picture the Minden of the future. What does it look like? What's the population? What kind of schools are there? What stories? What roads? How about relationships? How about the government?

Now, open your eyes. Each one of your visions of the future are a little different, and that's OK. We all have different experiences, dreams and views.



DAVID SPECHT

I don't think I would be going out on a limb if I said all of our visions of a future Minden are better than our current reality - and that's where the tension is.

So what do we do about it? Well, the answer is easy, but the action is not. We need to hold on to that vision, the vision of "better."

We tell our clients to partner with their future selves. The one that has reached their desired outcome. We have them filter every decision through the consideration, "Will this get me to my future self or not?"

As leaders in this community we need to do the same. We need to filter our actions (and reactions) through the same question, "Will this get us to a better Minden or not?" If we do, the tension between current reality and desired outcome will help move us forward to-

ward where we all want to go.

Like I said, it's easier said than done. And, we all need help. The community of this room (and online) can be the community that supports getting to a better Minden.

From the Chamber, to the City, to the Parish, The Schools, and all the businesses and community organizations represented here, we can and should be that community.

So, as you leave this evening, remember the vision you have for the BETTER Minden. Think about it. Pray about it. But also, take action on it. We truly are Better Together, and Together, we will bring BETTER to Minden.

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EDITORIAL ROUNDUP

The Advocate: More housing needed for Ida-hit parishes

In Louisiana, we are attached to our communities and the huge impact of Hurricane Ida requires more innovation on the part of the government to keep people close to their homes to rebuild.

We welcome the temporary housing program undertaken by state government, with the blessing of the Federal Emergency Management Agency. It

will provide whatever it takes, whether mobile homes or recreational vehicles, even crew barges that can keep people in their communities.

For the longer term, FEMA has a direct housing program but it won't be until mid-November that units start arriving and then they will only be placed after clearing a number of hurdles, such as not being in

a flood zone.

That is an age-old post-hurricane problem, making the emergencies in people's lives fit into the requirements of federal programs with well-intentioned but — is there a better word for it? — clunky bureaucratic rules.

In Terrebonne Parish, for example, there are an estimated 10,000 homes destroyed. FEMA

aid for temporary lodging is an expedient that does not meet the need, as hotel rooms have filled up around the region.

Do what it takes, maybe our state's new motto after devastating storms of 2020 and 2021.

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FROM THE BACK PORCH

Change the routine, get out of the rut

One day recently we decided to change our routine, in other words, get out of our rut. We decided to just take a drive, going nowhere in particular, enjoying the beautiful fall weather with its cooler temperatures. We had an idea where we might end our sightseeing, but at the time, it didn't really matter where, just as long as we were riding and enjoying the ride. With this in mind, we made our way to El Dorado, Ar. where we drove around recalling times spent there and concerts we had attended there. If any of you have not visited this beautiful little town, you have missed a treat. It actually isn't that small, its population was stated as 18,888, which in comparison to some small towns is quite a little city. It has a beautiful downtown square with trees growing around the courthouse and along the streets. The day we were there the trees were beginning to change colors and made quite an attractive panorama. There are quaint little shops along the streets, with cafes, delis and other eateries popping up on each side of the square. It had fantastic boom days when early in its history, the oil industry entered the picture and it was uphill from there. It, like other areas suffered when the oil business slowed down, however, it has enough industries to keep it a vibrant and attractive place to live and work, or to just visit as we do. We became familiar with El Dorado through the musical entertainment they brought to town, The concerts drew people from out of town and out of state. Our first concert to attend was one by Ronnie Millsap and seems it was ages ago. More recently, just the past few years we attended shows with Kenny Rogers, Vince Gill and others. Their venue changed over the years and at this time, they have wonderful facilities to host the guest artists. We haven't been to any recently so I'm unsure if they are still sponsoring them as much as they did. In addition to the out of town entertainers, the city also puts on a street show on the square, one that portrays the early days in El Dorado's history. Little shops along the square offer all kinds of goods for sale and their

windows are usually decorated for the season or special occasion.. You can also just stroll along the streets, window shopping and take short breaks by sitting on one of several benches along the way. The people are friendly and may even stop to chat as they pass by. After spending time shopping or or strolling , one can drop in at one of several eateries along the square for lunch or just a quick snack. On our recent trip, we took our masks "just in case", however, we just drove around town and enjoyed the sights before leaving. At other times, we might go for Dr.'s appointments and take the time to have lunch. A few years ago, our Red Hat Ladies had an outing there, so we called ahead and made reservations for lunch after a morning of shopping. We have also gone just for shopping trips and even did Christmas shopping there one year. Like other towns, it has lost some of its stores that were favorite shopping destinations. We made our way home via another route and enjoyed beautiful scenery along that route. We stopped along the way at a drive in for lunch before heading home. This day out was a delightful break from our dull routine. We've been discussing the possibility of retracing a route we made several years ago.Traveling on Highway 2, we went across the state to Lake Providence, remaining on the small highway the entire route. We went through lots of farming country, which always appeals to this "farm girl", passing through small towns that were struggling to stay alive, and some that had seemingly given up already. One can always pack a lunch and snacks for the day, but usually one can easily find an eating place along the route. Just recalling this gives me itchy feet, and a yearning to once again, get out there and enjoy the beautiful countryside God has provided for us. This is a perfect time of year to ride some country roads and look at the changing leaves and enjoy the cooler temperatures. Let's fill up the gas tanks, grab our masks, and hit the road.

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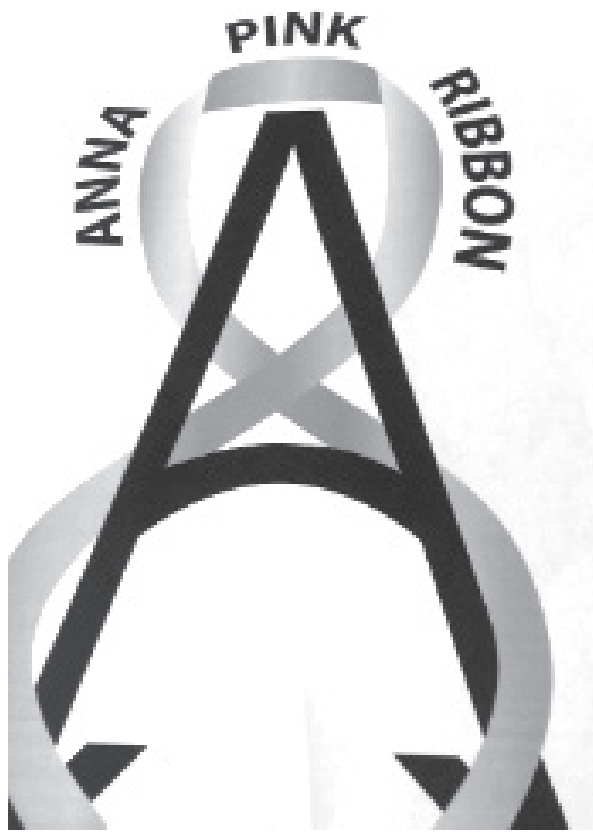


FANNIE MOORE

Anna Pink Ribbon Breast Cancer Support Group to host Balloon Release

The Anna Pink Ribbon Breast Cancer Support Group will hold a balloon release on 10/12/2021. This balloon release will be for survivors of breast cancer. Each person will be responsible for bringing one balloon to be released in recognition of the number of years you have been cancer free. The balloons must be biodegradable tã participate. You will also need a Sharpie to write the number of years you have been cancer free on the balloon. We would like to thank all of the group members for showing up on Tues-

day night, our first meetingsince the beginning of the pandemic in 2020. The support group is in desperate need of donations to help provide support to women that are in the midst of their breast cancer treatment. If you would like to donate to assist women in this area, please contact Mrs. Angie Hadnot at (318) 371-0022, Mrs. Wilma Allums at (318) 377-8072, Mrs. Janice Kenner at (318) 377-4287, or the Pink Pratique at (318) 564-8746. We meet every second Tuesday in the month at 713 Main Street, Minden, Louisiana.



WILDLIFE

Louisiana: Restored nesting island wildly popular with birds

RABBIT ISLAND, La. (AP) — Restoration of an island in Louisiana's fragile coastal area is proving wildly popular with the birds it was rebuilt for, their numbers exploding on the recently added land, authorities said Wednesday. Pelicans, egrets, herons, ibis, terns, and other colonial water birds built about 6,100 nests on Rabbit Island — more than 16 times the number biologists had expected, a news release from the Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority said. The island supports the only brown pelican colony in southwest Louisiana, and about 1,500 pairs of pelicans were among the nesting birds. They included many of the 322 pelicans

banded there this year and last, the agency said. Rabbit Island had eroded from nearly 290 acres (117 hectares) to about 200 acres (80 hectares) — with most of that either under water or so low that high tides regularly covered nests. Dredging began last fall, adding 102 acres (41 hectares) rather than the 88 (36 hectares) planned and creating an expanse up to 3.5 feet (about 1 meter) above sea level. "We're thrilled to see our state bird come home to a new and improved habitat," said authority chairman Chip Kline. Settlement money from a devastating 2010 oil spill paid by energy giant BP funded the \$16.4 million project run by the coastal authority and the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. Federal scientists estimated that the spill killed up to 102,000 birds Gulf-wide, though later studies put the figure much higher. Anywhere from 12,700 to 27,600 pelicans were killed, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Experts say the pelicans have recovered well, unlike longer-lived corals and dolphins. Hundreds of birds rescued from the spill were released on Rabbit Island after having oily gunk washed from their feathers. Sediment dredged from the Calcasieu Ship Channel raised and expanded the island, which lies about 6 miles (10 kilometers) from

Louisiana's southwestern coast, in a cove of Calcasieu Lake. Twelve species nested there this year, 10 of them considered "species of greatest conservation need" by Louisiana. All were among species hardest hit by the BP oil spill, the coastal authority said. Grasses and shrubs will be planted to make it even more attractive to the birds. The project started as a collaboration between Cameron and Calcasieu parishes, said state Rep. Ryan Bourriaque, a Republican from Cameron Parish.

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GREEN LIFE

Louisiana has joined international climate change campaign

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — Gov. John Bel Edwards said Wednesday that he's joined Louisiana to the international Race to Zero Campaign, a climate change initiative that seeks to reduce net carbon emissions around the world to zero by 2050. The Democratic governor — who leads one of the nation's top oil and gas production states — already has issued an executive order with the same goal for curtailing Louisiana's greenhouse

gas emissions. A climate change task force he created is working on a strategy document for how to reach that goal, due next year. "No state in our country is more adversely impacted by climate change than Louisiana — in just the last year alone we've experienced major hurricanes, flash flooding and a severe winter storm. But at the same time, no state is better positioned to be a leader in reducing carbon emissions and bolstering coastal resiliency," Edwards said in a statement. Edwards announced Louisiana's commitment to the Race to Zero campaign ahead of his planned attendance at the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Glasgow, Scotland, within a few weeks. The governor has said he's attending the event, which is scheduled from Oct. 31 through Nov. 12, but his office has so far provided few details about the trip. "Extreme heat, devastating storms, flooding and other harmful impacts to human health and financial well-being are putting our state to the test. If humanity does not reduce greenhouse gas emissions, these conditions will only worsen and adaptation will become even more difficult," Edwards said. "Louisiana must do its part because we are on the front lines of a changing climate."

DISNEY WORLD

An Extraordinary Hunting Dog

Like many Southerners, my wife Lisa is slow to change cherished beliefs. Likely the only thing I've changed about her is helped her realize she is in fact a cat person. After we married, she complained about my delightful dowry of Keith the Pomeranian and his disturbing canine penchant for barking, begging for food, and making messes in the house. I pointed out that cats don't do these things. Like most everyone in her family who professes a hatred for cats, she'd never had a cat. We obtained our first feline a few years later. Woolco is a calico stray from a Kansas City fried chicken restaurant. After we moved to Minden, we acquired a white kitten named Tully, another abandoned animal.

In Missouri, I'd friends with dogs and I'd friends with cats. Seems down here the dogs are much more preferred reminding me of the old

adage attributed to zoologist Desmond Morris that soldier like dogs and artists like cats. Dogs are obedient pack creatures. Cats are independent and self-sufficient. Dogs were domesticated centuries earlier than cats. Cats are really closer relatives to their larger wild breeds than dogs are to wolves.

As the title suggests, this is not a salute to cats. The extraordinary hunting dog was one I never met. He was among a litter of Llewellyn Setters born in Louisiana. He later moved to my birthplace Marshall, Missouri, a town along the same longitude as Minden but around 500 miles north of here. Jim the Wonder Dog (1925-37) was a bird hunter whose human companion Sam Van Arsdale discovered could understand human



DIRK ELLINGSON

speech. Weary from the hunt one day, he asked Jim to select a hickory tree under which to rest. Jim placed his paw upon a hickory tree.

Van Arsdale tested him with other trees and Jim successfully identified a black oak and then a walnut. Then a tree stump. Then some hazel bushes. Then a cedar.

Thus, began the mystical feats of Jim the Wonder Dog. Jim held court at Van Arsdale's Ruff Hotel in Marshall to bewilder the skeptics and amaze his audiences. Jim could identify cars by their license plate numbers. You couldn't trick him by spelling out words like you can a human preschooler. Jim could somehow discern what you were thinking. Although dogs haven't the range of color perceptions we can see, Jim could pick out the guy

with the red necktie or brown suit and the woman with the blue dress or white gloves. He once identified a guilty bootlegger.

Besides his clairvoyant powers, Jim was a fine hunting dog. Van Arsdale stopped counting the quarry once he and Jim surpassed 5,000 birds. Plus, Jim knew the difference between a quail gun, a choked barrel duck rifle, and a regular garden variety rifle.

Cynical spectators believed Van Arsdale somehow cued his dog to perform these tricks rather than Jim actually being able to understand human speech. They enlisted linguistic professors from universities to test Jim in languages unfamiliar to Van Arsdale. Spanish, French, Italian, German, Greek, Morse code... Jim comprehended commands in all languages.

Even more amazingly, Jim had pre-

scient powers to read the future. He predicted the gender of children before they were born. I guess it's not so incredible he forecast President Franklin Delano Roosevelt would be reelected in 1936. But it is astonishing Jim accurately forecast Kentucky Derby winners for seven consecutive years. Van Arsdale was understandably protective of Jim. Gamblers would have wanted to kidnap him.

My great-uncle Curtis Hains was a career Navy officer and Jim placed his paw upon him when told to select the serviceman in the crowd. My uncle was wearing civilian clothes that day. I'm not making this up.

I admit that the story of Jim the Wonder Dog taxes reader credulity. Because he was reportedly a dog who could not only understand human speech but could also predict the future. Because Jim is not

well known outside of Missouri since Van Arsdale turned down Hollywood offers for Jim to star in films. Because the extant chronicle of Jim authored by Clarence Dewey Mitchell is written in the first person of Jim. Now you're telling me the dog penned his own autobiography? No, but it reads that way to the casual researcher.

If you ever visit Marshall, Missouri go see Jim's statue and museum on the town square. And when next you take your pup hunting, see if he/she can select tree species. If Jim was a mutant canine, there are likely others. He earned notoriety in Missouri but he was born in Louisiana.

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GARDENING LIFE

Fall's a good time for a flower-bed makeover

Nobody ever said gardening offers instant gratification. With this limitation in mind, I dug and made over one of my flower beds last weekend.

For the plants, fall is a fine time for a flower-bed makeover. Cooler temperatures slow water loss from leaves, so plants can better tolerate being ripped out of the ground and roughed up before having their roots nestled back into dirt. Leaves still on these plants stimulate new root growth, helping plants re-establish in their new homes.

Try subjecting most plants to this brutal treatment in summer and many would die.

The major impetus for my flower-bed makeover was some Siberian irises that had run amok, threatening to take over the entire bed. Perhaps

you can't have too many iris flowers, but after the flowers fade, you surely can have too many iris leaves. Mine were taking up space in which other, later flowering plants could be strutting their stuff.

Much the same could be said for the daffodils in that bed. These bulbs evidently found the bed much to their liking, and bore many offspring who, in turn, bore many of their own offspring, and so on over the years. They presented a glorious and welcome sea of yellow each spring, but the yellowing leaves that followed were a sorry sight for too long. At least the iris leaves look reasonably prim the whole season.

Fall is also a good time for a flower-bed makeover because any defi-

ciencies -- lack of mid-summer bloom, garish color combinations, too many irises and daffodils -- are still fresh in mind.

My bed further suffered from becoming too much of a hodgepodge of various flowering plants. It had become a home, although it was supposed to be only a temporary one, for many flowers that I had been given or purchased on impulse.

MAKE A PLAN

Diving into this opportunity to redo the whole flower garden, I make a plan on paper. A good idea is to sketch not only the usual bird's-eye view, delineating groups of each kind of flower, but also to sketch from a human's-eye view -- that is, the garden as you would see it from ground level,

emphasizing the height, texture and form of each plant.

In this human's-eye view, I was able to rough out pleasant-looking undulations of spiky irises, delphiniums and gayfeathers, soft mounds of asters and spireas, and tall and pompom-topped coneflowers and black-eyed Susans. A backdrop of butterfly bush and the lacy leaves and flowers of baby's-breath should -- I hope -- knit everything together.

And then the actual work begins. To thin out clumping plants like irises, slide a garden fork beneath a clump and give the clump a slight lift. Then, pushing two forks or two shovels back to back down the center of the clump, pull the tops of the two forks or shovels apart to pull apart the

clump. Replant parts of the clump and give away the rest to a fellow gardener for planting.

And the daffodils? Just dig them up, separate the bulbs by hand, and replant the largest ones.

READYING THE BED FOR WINTER AND BEYOND

Everybody's back in place now, and to ensure that roots start growing right away, I've given the bed a thorough soaking. Following that came a topdressing of a couple of inches of wood chips -- except for the delphiniums, hungry plants that they are, which had compost tucked around their stems before the chips went down.

Mulches seal moisture into the soil, and also keep soil temperatures

from dropping as low or as fast as in unmulched ground. That gives roots more time to grow before temperatures turn frigid. Mulches also reduce the alternate freezing and thawing of the soil that during the winter can heave newly rooted plants up and out of the ground.

There is a downside to this autumn flower-bed makeover: The bed does look forlorn, for now. But a makeover isn't an annual affair, and everything will look perky in spring. Yes, I could have waited until spring for this makeover. But there are too many other things to attend to in the spring garden.

Trophy buck photograph tips

The opening of deer seasons in Louisiana gets me excited even though I don't get to hunt as much as I'd like to. Actually, I do get to hunt but I do it vicariously; I figuratively peer over the shoulder of successful deer hunters as they share with me details of their success, which I translate into stories that appear on the pages and website of LA Sportsman magazine.

Once I get the details of the hunt down, the next thing I have to have to make the story complete are some good photos that capture the thrill of the hunt. Unfortunately, some hunters send me photos I can't use, especially when the prized buck is hanging from the skinning rack or in the back of a pickup littered with empty corn sacks or beer cans. Too much blood and a tongue hanging out of the mouth diminishes the value of a photograph.

Tes Jolly is a nationally known wildlife photographer from Tuskegee, Alabama. She and I share membership in the Southeastern Outdoor Press Association and I always enjoy visiting with her at our annual conventions, often picking her brain for photography tips.

Because the big buck parade is about to kick off now that hunting seasons are in full swing, I contacted Jolly for tips she would be willing to pass along to help our hunters do a good job of photographing big bucks they bring down.

"Out of respect, I like to make the deer as presentable as possible; I'm not trying to make it look alive but these animals are so special, I want to attach



Pictured above is Sterling Harrell shooting a long bow. Pictured below is Sterling Harrell posing with his kid's archery club he formed in 1960.

some dignity to the hunter's trophy," Jolly said.

"First of all, I like to clean the deer up. I always have paper towels and Windex in my pack to wipe away blood. The tongue absolutely needs to be back in the mouth. To capture the moment, the best possible time to photograph a hunter with his trophy is soon after the deer is taken. I want to get the buck on his chest while he's still limp and fold the front legs under him.

"The best photos of trophies result by placing the photographer lower than the deer. Some of my best photos were made by me lying on the ground so the deer and hunter are above me," she said.

"Not only should the deer be as presentable as possible, the hunter should also be too. A cigarette dangling from the corner of a mouth or him holding a beer can are absolute no-no's. Also, he needs to be wearing his hunter's orange for two

reasons. First, the color had some pizzazz to the photo plus it hopefully will promote safety.

"Make sure the weapon — firearm or bow — is displayed in a safe manner. In the excitement of the moment, it's not unusual for the hunter to lay his weapon across the deer and it's pointed at him. Another situation that helps involves the hunter tipping his cap upward a bit to avoid having a shadow on the top half of his face."

With today's cell phones being improved to the point of being able to take photos much better than earlier models, we asked Jolly her opinion of the advisability of cell phone photos for photographing in the field.

"Although I have a lot of high quality equipment I use in my photography business, I often have photos published that I have taken with my cell phone. The newer models of cell phones will shoot up to 12 megapixel photos

and even better. Not many hunters have a camera along when they down a trophy so my suggestion is to use a phone with an improved camera. Also," she added, "I invest in a little Gorilla pod, a device that can be wrapped around a branch to hold the phone steady for the photo. Why not utilize the video capability of your phone to tell the whole story of your hunt.

"One last tip is to visit a taxidermist and invest in a pair of taxidermy eyes they use in their work. If you get a deer late afternoon and recover it after dark, you're going to get the green eye glow which can ruin a good photo. Slip these in the eyes and it looks much more natural."

Follow these tips from an expert when photographing your trophy. You owe it to the animal you take to show respect.

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FISHING REPORT

BUSSEY BRAKE - The fishing situation this week is basically unchanged from last week. Bass have been fair around the grass and trees on Wobble heads, crank baits and Rat-L-Traps. Crappie are scattered and fair; bream fishing is fair on worms and crickets. For the latest information, contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

BLACK BAYOU - Bream fishing has been fair on crickets and worms. Bass are fair on spinners, jigs and soft plastics. Crappie are scattered and slow. Contact Honey Hole Tackle Shop 323-8707 for the latest information.

OUACHITA RIVER - Bass have been best in the mouth of cuts on shad imitations and in river lakes around stumps on jigs and soft plastics. Crappie are around the deep tops in the river and in river lakes on jigs 15-20 feet deep in 25-foot water. For the latest information, contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

LAKE D'ARBONNE - Bass have been fair fishing around the boat docks early and late on a variety of lures including jigs, soft plastics and spinners. Some are also being caught in deep holes in the channel. Crappie fishing has been best fishing the deep holes out on the flats fishing shiners or jigs 10-15 feet deep in 18-20 foot deep water. Bream fishing has slowed while catfish are still biting cold worms fished off the banks. For the latest reports, call Anderson's Sport Center at 368-9669 or Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

LAKE CLAIBORNE - Bream fishing is fair on crickets with most caught around the piers and boat docks. Stripers

are schooling and are hitting topwater lures with white bucktails taking some beneath the surface. Bass fishing has been best fishing topwaters in the shallows or at night fishing around the lights with plastic worms. Crappie fishing is best fishing 10-foot deep in 14-17 foot water on shiners. Catfish are fair on blood bait. For the latest information, call Misty at Kel's Cove at 331-2730 or Terzia Tackle at 278-4498.

CANEY LAKE - Bass to around 8 pounds have been reported with best catches coming on the deeper points on jigging spoons, tail spinners and crank baits. Some are still schooling and hitting shad imitation lures. Crappie continue to be fair with best catches made around the deeper tops on shiners or jigs. Bream have moved a bit deeper and are fair on worms and crickets. No report on catfish. For information contact Hooks Marina at 249-2347, Terzia Tackle at 278-4498 or the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

LAKE POVERTY POINT - Catfishing has been fair to good with mostly smaller fish being caught. Crappie are slow to fair with best catches for some real slabs early mornings around the boat slips. No report on bream or bass. For the latest reports, call Poverty Point Marina at 318-878-0101.

LAKE YUCATAN - The water is on a slow fall and fishing is quite good. There are lots of big crappie being caught and bass and catfishing are both producing. For information, call Surplus City Landing at 318-467-2259.

Tests for fatal deer disease qualify for \$1k, \$500 drawings

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Deer hunters across Louisiana can qualify for a \$1,000 drawing by having the head of a mature white-tailed buck tested for a slow but always fatal illness called chronic wasting disease.

Taxidermists in the state can do the same for a chance in a \$500 drawing — with permission from the hunter who harvested the buck, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries said in a news release.

Chronic wasting disease is always fatal in deer, elk or moose, but it can take 16 months to four years for the first

symptoms to show up. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says scientists don't know whether it can infect people, but the agency recommends against eating venison from infected animals.

The disease has not yet been found in Louisiana. But all three neighboring states — Texas, Arkansas and Mississippi — are among at least 26 where it has been found.

The department wants to test deer taken statewide during Louisiana's 2021-22 hunting seasons.

The tests are free until a region meets its testing quota, said Dr.

James LaCour, the state veterinarian.

Heads — with or without antlers and skull cap, but with at least 5 inches (13 centimeters) of neck — can be brought to regional department offices in Hammond, Lafayette, Lake Charles, Minden, Monroe and Pineville, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

A new test that uses a sample taken from a nerve in a deer's ear and could even be used on live animals is being field-tested in Montana.

Details about preparing samples for the current test are available on the department's

website at <https://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/page/cwd-testing>.

Details about the drawings are at <https://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/page/cwd-contest>.

Both drawings will be held March 18. The South Louisiana Branch of the National Deer Association is providing money for the gift cards.

Like mad cow disease and its human counterpart, Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, chronic wasting disease is believed to be caused by malformed proteins called prions that create holes in an infected animal's brain.

The CDC says scientists have not linked

chronic wasting disease infections to consumption of sick deer, elk or moose. However, a Creutzfeldt-Jakob outbreak in Britain in 1992 was linked to eating infected cattle.

The deer disease is spread by contact with infected saliva, blood, urine, feces, food, water, and soil. It can be transmitted from live animals or carcasses. Any deer can be infected, but mature bucks typically have higher infection rates, the department said.

Symptoms include weight loss, excessive salivation, teeth grinding, head tremors, difficulty swallowing, ex-

cessive urination and thirst, incoordination, splay leg stance, lowered head and ears, fixed stare, fainting and lack of awareness.

- Work on the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries' licensing website will prevent all sales of hunting and fishing licenses on Sunday and Monday, a department news release said Wednesday.

The work on maintenance and upgrades will prevent licenses sales through retailers as well as online.

Officials said licenses will be available again Tuesday.

SPORTS

Prep football moves into season's second half

BY T. SCOTT BOATRIGHT

Minden Press-Herald

Webster Parish prep football picks up the pace today as teams move into the second half of the season with Minden and North Webster opening district play.

Minden, which stands at 2-3 overall and is coming off a 49-26 loss at Leesville, will open 1-4A play at home as the Crimson Tide plays host to North DeSoto, which stands at 1-4 with its only win being a COVID-19 forfeit victory over Pickering last week.

The Tide defeated the Griffins 34-27 last season and also won 38-14 in 2019 and 35-28 in overtime in 2018.

North DeSoto's last win over the time came in 2017, when the Griffins came out on top 28-7.

Glenbrook, which stands at 3-2 overall and 2-2 in District 1-1A, will continue its initial Louisiana High School Athletic Association season with a contest at Haynesville (4-1 overall, 3-0 in 1-1A).

North Webster is coming off a 34-32 double overtime loss at home last week to Jonesboro and stands at 2-3 overall.

The Knights, who have dropped three straight games, will play host to Bossier, which is coming off a 66-6 win over Montgomery.

North Webster beat Bossier 38-20 last year. The last time Bossier bested the Knights came by the score of 55-14 in 2011.



MINDEN PRESS-HERALD PHOTO BY T. SCOTT BOATRIGHT

Senior quarterback Andrew Cooper leads the Minden Crimson Tide into District 4-1A at 7 p.m. today with a home game against North DeSoto.

Lakeside (3-1) remains in non-district play as the Warriors play host to Lincoln Prep (3-2).

The Warriors are coming off a 54-20 win at Beekman Charter last week while Lincoln

Prep fell 70-12 at Calvary Baptist.

Lakeside won 54-41 at Lincoln Prep in the last

meeting between the teams to open the 2019 season. The last time the Warriors lost to the

Panthers came when Lincoln Prep pulled out a 28-22 win at Lakeside in 2016.

G-Men look to continue turnaround at Alcorn St.

BY T. SCOTT BOATRIGHT

Minden Press-Herald

Grambling State turned giant killer last week with a true freshman quarterback leading the Tigers to a win over Alabama A&M, the No. 1 team at that time in Black College Football.

This weekend Grambling (2-3 overall, 1-1 in the Southwestern Athletic Conference), faces a second straight tough test as the Tigers head to Lorman, Mississippi, to take on the Alcorn State Braves (2-2, 1-1 SWAC).

Kickoff is set for 2 p.m. Saturday.

Last week the Tigers turned to Noah Bodden as its third starting quarterback on the young season and GSU's young guy held strong.

"He's a gamer; he's going to be a great one," GSU head coach Brod-



MINDEN PRESS-HERALD PHOTO BY T. SCOTT BOATRIGHT

Freshman quarterback Noah Bodden will get his second start for the G-Men on Saturday as Grambling plays at Alcorn State in Lorman Mississippi.

erick Fobbs said about Bodden. "We just gotta keep him upright and

keep him healthy and just continue to teach him the things he needs to know."

Fobbs knows his defense will be in for another tough challenge against Alcorn State but hopes his team's effort against Alabama A&M will carry over against the Braves.

"I think they're playing well together," Fobbs said of his defense. "Alabama A&M made their share of mistakes and I'm sure they'll say there are some things they missed, but there are also some things that we missed.

"But at the end of the day, you've got to make people uncomfortable. We call it 'shooting off the dribble.' That's our mentality defensively — try to force people to run off the spot and score off the dribble as opposed to having their feet set and just making consistent throws. We try to be physical and really force people to

start looking at our rush as opposed to looking downfield. That's really what it's about. Just making people uncomfortable and making them do things they don't want to do."

He also knows his defense will be challenged by Alcorn State quarterback Felix Harper, who has 991 passing yards (247.8 ypg) and has completed 57.4% of his passes while recording six touchdown passes with two interceptions this season.

Fobbs said strong quarterbacks and competitive play have become part of SWAC football.

"That's what you get in this league," Fobbs said. "I've been in this league for eight years now and when I first got into the SWAC it was competitive at that time, but there were some up and down

slopes that you went over as you competed. I'm just so happy for this conference and the jump it's made. When you look at the level of coaching in this league, and playing in this league ... it's truly amazing. And that's not to mention the quarterbacks in this league.

"There are some really good quarterbacks in the SWAC. I know everyone talks about Glass and Harper, but there are some other great players in the conference. Every week you're going to play against really good football players and a really good quarterback and really good team and coaching staff. That's what this league has become. It's become a league to be reckoned with in the FCS and I believe it's one of the top two conferences in FCS football."

Saints seek to ramp up pass rush vs. Washington, Heinicke

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Saints defensive end Cameron Jordan figures he and the rest of New Orleans' defensive front can, and should, disrupt quarterbacks more than they have lately.

Jordan doesn't have a sack through the first four games of 2021 after taking down quarterbacks 48 times during the previous

four seasons.

And while the success of a defense isn't necessarily measured by sack totals, Jordan wants to see opposing quarterbacks under more duress — starting this Sunday against Washington's Taylor Heinicke.

"We have to be better," Jordan said after practice Wednesday. "We could

arbitrate all you want about how best to affect the quarterback. It starts with the D-line, so it starts with me."

The Saints have six sacks this season, tied with the New York Giants for second fewest in the NFL. Jacksonville is last with five.

New Orleans had no sacks last Sunday in a 27-

21 overtime loss to the Giants, whose quarterback, Daniel Jones, has been an effective runner.

Heinicke, too, has a penchant for using his feet to make plays, including on the type of read-option runs that the Saints tend to call when they intermittently employ Taysom Hill at quarterback in place of starter

Jameis Winston.

So coach Sean Payton wants his defenders to be mindful of containing Heinicke and not get too preoccupied by any perceived need to rack up more sacks.

"We're not giving out midterms or quarterly reports or anything like that," Payton said when asked about his defense's

sack totals through four games. "It's week to week and the challenge is this week. The challenge is this type of player at quarterback. How he eludes, the timing of his throws and how you disrupt the passing game."

Heinicke said most of his runs aren't so much by design as something that "kind of just happens."

Cowboys vague on LB Smith's release as players move forward

FRISCO, Texas (AP) — Jaylon Smith's murky future with the Dallas Cowboys was most evident when he played just 16 snaps in the opener after averaging 95% of the plays over the previous three seasons.

Now that the roster is looking more like it did in that 31-29 loss to defending Super Bowl champion Tampa Bay, the Cowboys are moving on from the linebacker who recovered from a severe knee injury in his final college game to become one of their most durable players.

Coach Mike McCarthy wouldn't get into specifics for the factors in a release that became official Wednesday, but another one was the looming \$9.2

million guarantee on Smith's 2022 salary if he was injured.

McCarthy also wouldn't get into why

they wouldn't keep Smith around for depth as an inactive player, or why they waited until four games into the season. The Cow-

boys (3-1) play the New York Giants (1-3) in the last of three consecutive home games Sunday.

"There are always fac-

tors involved — how you build your 90-man roster, how you go through training camp and get to the 53 and the extended

practice squad," McCarthy said. "He played a lot of good football for us. I have nothing but respect for him."



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FDA Gives Pfizer-BioNTech Covid-19 Vaccine Full Approval

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The Covid-19 vaccine from Pfizer joins a list of approved vaccines Americans have been safely using – like measles and chicken pox – to eradicate disease over the past decades. Billions of doses of the COVID-19 vaccines have been administered worldwide.

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GOOD NEWS

Lord, Please Don't Stay Silent!

That's what the Psalmist wrote in 35:22. With the clamor all around us shouting the 'news of the world' – we often just wish for silence. Just stop the noise, so I can hear myself think! Do you have this feeling sometimes? I surely do!

With the political calls, mail-outs, TV ads and radio reports.... right now the noise is pretty loud...and will get louder no doubt! Sometimes we may allow such things to crowd out the voice of the Lord whispering in our ear. But we surely don't want Him to be silent.

David, in various psalms pleads with the Lord to 'make Yourself known....just speak to me Lord!' (39:12) He wanted to know the Lord was listening, hearing his call for help and deliverance. David wanted to be reminded the "God of Israel is still on His throne and is in tune with my needs." Yes, He is still on the job of taking care of His children. Our God neither



Bill Crider

sleeps nor slumber! (121:3-4).

When the Lord is silent, sometimes He is giving us time to think, pray, meditate on His Word, or to draw near Him. He wants us to respond to His presence instead of His always bending down to meet our needs. Like loving parents, God desires attention, respect and reverence from His children. He is always available and near us, ready to help us along life's

road...He is waiting for us to 'come to Him'.

Oftentimes, we use idle talk, which the Bible points out is 'useless chatter'. It is like riding a bike around in circles....feels good to ride but it gets us nowhere, except back the starting point. We must never forget: our God is always watching, listening and responding. And then He speaks....

Seldom do we hear the audible voice of God – only a few in the OT or NT heard Him. But we know He speaks through the moving of the Holy Spirit within each believer. He

speaks through reading and living the teachings of His Holy Word. He uses godly pastors, laymen and women to speak to us. So just because we do not hear God 'yelling down from every mountain peak' or waking us in the night with some 'holy message'....don't think God is silent. He inhabits and desires our praise. He is always with us...even in times we wish He wasn't near by!

When this happens, God speaks from within us and we 'make His great love known'. So let our prayers ring out

that we serve a 'living God who walks with us, and talks with us along life's narrow way.' We must become more sensitive to our Lord speaking to us everywhere, through nature, through Bible Study, preaching and teaching. He also speaks through His silence! (46:10).

Our greatest fear should not be that 'God is silent sometime', but fear that we move so far from Him we cannot sense His presence in any way!

**BILL CRIDER IS CHAPLAIN OF
MINDEN MEDICAL CENTER**

THE UPWARD LOOK

Building His Dwelling Place

"Christ Jesus . . . in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit." Ephesians 2:20b, 22 NASB



Max Hutto

Those who are in Christ, who have placed their faith in His saving grace, are indwelt by the Holy Spirit. It is the Holy Spirit who sanctifies the believers, molding them to be like Christ. It is the Holy Spirit who fills the believers, empowering them to live righteously. It is the Holy Spirit who blesses the believers, exhibiting the fruit of the Spirit (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith-

fulness, gentleness, and self-control) in their lives. It is the Holy Spirit who builds the believers together into His church, Christ's presence on earth.

Lord Jesus, fill me with the Spirit. I yield my life to be guided by Your Holy Spirit, living in a way that honors and glorifies You.

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

LET NOT YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED

Prophecy Fulfilled

Turkey is the next country to fall. I believe Turkey will withdraw from NATO and join Russia. I believe Turkey will join Russia when Russia joins with China when they attack Israel.



Mack Ford

I believe there are many Christians in Turkey and also many Christians in China. The Euphrates River has dams that Syria and another country built which can dry up the river: The bible says that the river will dry up to prepare a way for the Kings of the East.

China will have roads when they attack Israel. They may happen in the next few years. I believe that this could happen in the next few years.

Come soon Lord Jesus.

**MACK FORD IS A LOCAL RESIDENT OF WEBSTER
PARISH**

INSPIRATION

Ceaseless Prayer

Have you ever said to yourself "I don't know how I'm going to make it"? Well, I have on many occasions and every time I have to remind myself that God has already answered that question. It's not found in some over-complicated explanation but rather in one simple word prayer. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 says "Always be joyful. Never stop praying. Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus." As followers of Christ, we should not only learn these words but commit them to our hearts. So, the next one you find yourself asking the hard questions try remembering the easy answer. Pray without ceasing no matter what comes your way.



Bernard Harris

**BERNARD HARRIS III IS A HAUGHTON FIREMAN
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SUDOKU

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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!

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

ANSWER:

Fun By The Numbers

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

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X V U N O I T A V R E S N O C

Thursday's unlisted clue: HUG

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

Friday's unlisted clue hint: Mark's Dog Andy is a — Bernard

Andy	Doc Davis	Nature	Wildlife
Bill Ellis	Johnny	Outdoors	Woods
Cherry	Kelly Welly	Photojournalist	Writer
Conservation	Lost Forest	Rusty	

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HISTORY

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Montenegro started the conflict by declaring war on the Ottoman Empire. A few days later Greece, Bulgaria, and Serbia joined the war and created the Balkan League. The 7-month long war ended with a decisive Balkan League victory. Dissatisfaction over the spoils of the war led to the Second Balkan War a year later.

1871 Great Chicago fire begins

The fire that destroyed most of Chicago's business district began in a barn on the evening of October 8, 1871. A very dry summer and an early autumn fanned the fire, which raged for 2 days. It killed over 300 people and destroyed property worth millions of dollars.

COMICS

BABY BLUES | RICK KIRKMAN AND JERRY SCOTT



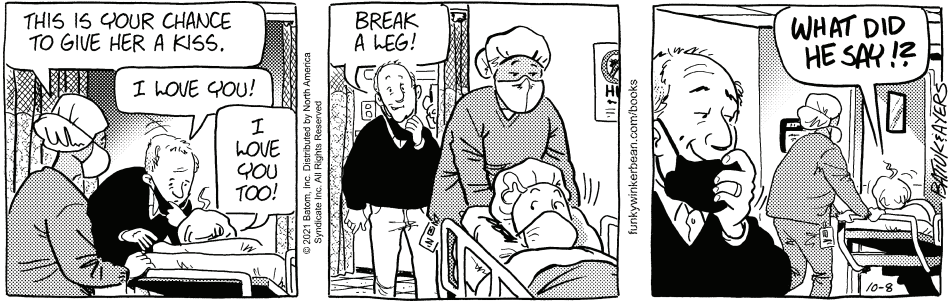
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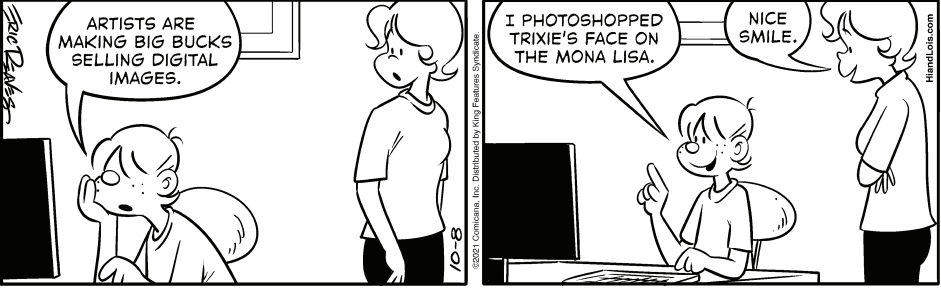
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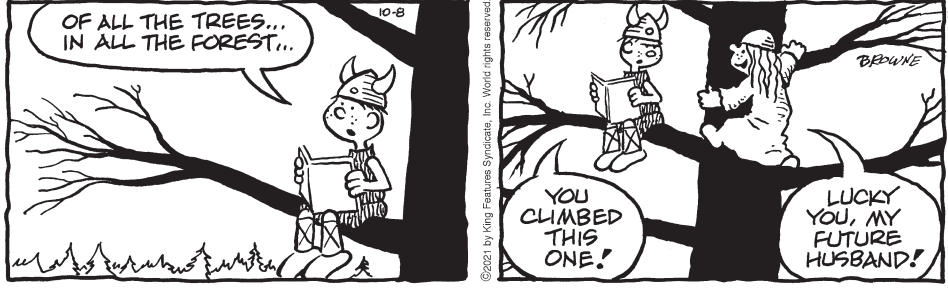
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HI AND LOIS | BRIAN WALKER, GREG WALKER AND CHANCE BROWNE



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SHERIFF’S SALE

DITECH FINANCIAL LLC VS. JOANN PRINCE HUGHES A/K/A JOANN P. HUGHES A/K/A JOANN HUGHES

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 78302

By virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued out of the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, in the above styled and numbered suit and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder for cash WITHOUT the benefit of appraisalment and according to law at the principal front door of the Courthouse in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana on WEDNESDAY, November 10, 2021, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

A tract of land located as follows: Begin at the Southwest Corner of the East Half of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (SW/C of E/2 of SE/4 of NE/4) of Section 12, Township 23 North, Range 11 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana, for a point of beginning, thence run East 70 yards; thence run North 70 yards; thence run West 70 yards, thence run South 70 yards to the point of beginning; together with all improvements located thereon and all rights thereto belonging. Property Address: 1000 Baker Street, Springhill, Louisiana 71075

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

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

Linda Vaughan - Deputy

October 8, 2021
November 5, 2021
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SHERIFF’S SALE

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE FOR AMERIQUEST MORTGAGE SECURITIES INC., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-R1 VS. ALICIA SHUN EMERSON A/K/A ALICIA S. EMERSON A/K/A ALICIA EMERSON

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 78338.

By virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued out of the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, in the above styled and numbered suit and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder for cash WITHOUT the benefit of appraisalment and according to law at the principal front door of the Courthouse in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana on WEDNESDAY, November 10, 2021, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

BEGIN AT A POINT 222.27 FEET EAST AND 439.53 FEET SOUTH OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER, SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 9 WEST, MINDEN, WEBSTER PARISH, LOUISIANA; THENCE RUN NORTH 16 DEGREES 37 MINUTES EAST 6.43 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF PINE STREET FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE RUN SOUTH 64 DEGRES 10 MINUTES 35 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID STREET 98.05 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 16 DEGREES 37 MINUTES WEST 115.12 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 73 DEGREES 23 MINUTES WEST 114.41 FEET TO A FENCE; THENCE RUN NORTH 19 DEGREES 18 MINUTES 08 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID FENCE LINE 132.81 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID STREET; THENCE SOUTH 64 DEGREES

10 MINUTES 35 SECONDS EAST 11.55 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; CONTAINING 0.317 ACRES MORE OR LESS. TOGETHER WITH ALL IMPROVEMENTS LOCATED THEREON AND ALL RIGHT THERETO BELONGING.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The City of Minden, Louisiana (City) is interested in contracting for the Residential and Apartment Complex Solid Waste Removal and Disposal. The City desires a full requirement contract with a term of Seven (7) years.

Specifications may be obtained at the Office of the City Clerk, Minden City Hall, 520 Broadway Street, P. O. Box 580, Minden, LA 71058-0580 (Phone: 318-377-2144).

One original, six (6) copies and one (1) digital CD of the proposal should be delivered to the Office of the City Clerk, City of Minden, at 520 Broadway Street, Minden, Louisiana on or before 10:00 a.m., October 25, 2021. Proposals should be submitted in an envelope marked “Confidential - Solid Waste Removal and Disposal Services” with the due date and time indicated on the outside.

The City of Minden reserves the right to reject all proposals and to waive all informalities.

Michael Fluhr, Acting City Clerk

October 1, 2021
October 8, 2021
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Webster Parish Fire District #8 Cotton Valley Fire Dept will be taking bids on a new cascade system for its use. You may call (318) 832-4285

or (318) 658-4500 for needed specifications. Please respond by October 15, 2021.

CVFD #8 P.O. Box 238 Cotton Valley, LA 71018

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Notice of Public Meeting

The Minden Housing Authority will hold a Public Meeting on November 10, 2021 at 10:00 a.m., at 1209 East Street regarding the updates to the FMR’s (Fair Market Rents) that will affect the Public Housing Flat Rents for 2022. We will be accepting comments through November 9, 2021. All documents are on display at the office of the Housing Authority, 1209 East Street, Monday through Thursday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

October 8, 2021
October 12, 2021
October 15, 2021
October 19, 2021
October 22, 2021
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FINAL NOTICE AND PUBLIC EXPLANATION OF A PROPOSED ACTIVITY IN FLOODPLAINS AND WETLANDS

All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that the Webster Parish Police Jury is conducting an evaluation as required by Executive Order 11988 and 11990, utilizing as a guideline procedures established in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain and Wetland Management, to determine the potential affect that its activity in the floodplain and wetland will have on the human environment for the Webster Parish Police Jury’s FY 2021 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant for water improvements.

The Parish proposes to construct two new water wells and a ground storage tank for the Salt Works Water System to help prevent water outages.

The Parish has considered the following alternatives and mitigation measures to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial values:

Alternative Number One: Construct water improvements as

described above for the water system.

Mitigation Action: Since there would be no adverse impacts created by this action, no mitigation measures would be necessary. This action was chosen because of the extreme conditions of the sewer system.

Alternative Number Two: Take no action. This is not an acceptable alternative due to the continued deterioration of the existing water system.

Mitigation Action: None

The Parish has reevaluated the alternatives to performing construction in floodplains and wetlands and has determined that it has no practicable alternative. Environmental files that document compliance with steps 3 through 6 of Executive Order 11988 and 11990, are available for public inspection, review and copying upon request at the times and location delineated in the last paragraph of this notice for receipt of comments.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in possible floodplains and wetlands and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information about floodplains and wetlands can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplains and wetlands, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by the Parish at the following address on or before October 16, 2021: Webster Parish Police Jury, Post Office Box 389, Minden, Louisiana 71058-0389, Attention: Honorable Jim Bonsall, President, during the hours of 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Comments may also be submitted via email at dukemoore@suddenlink.com.

Jim Bonsall, President Environmental Certifying Officer

Webster Parish Police Jury

October 8, 2021
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NOTICE OF MEETING

Webster Parish Board of Election Supervisors Friday, October 15, 2021 10:00 A.M. Clerk of Court Jury Commission Room 410 Main St. Ground Floor Webster Parish Courthouse

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Selection of Commissioners and Alternate Commissioners for the November 13, 2021 election.
3. Adjourn

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VILLAGE OF DOYLINE COUNCIL MEETING

OCTOBER 4, 2021

THE COUNCIL MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN FOR DOYLINE, LOUISIANA WAS HELD AT THE DOYLINE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2021 AT 6:00 PM, PURSUANT TO DUE NOTICE.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE CARLY COLLIER, JAKIE DANIELS AND CHRISTIE GATES.

THE MEETING WAS PRESIDED OVER BY MAYOR STEVEN BRIDWELL.

THE MEETING WAS OPENED WITH PRAYER BY MIKE DUNAWAY AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS LED BY JAKIE DANIELS.

THERE WERE NO CITIZENS IN ATTENDANCE.

THERE WAS AN ADDITION ADDED FOR THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND HAVING ITS OWN ACCOUNT. A MOTION WAS MADE BY CHRISTIE GATES AND SECONDED BY CARLY COLLIER. A MOTION WAS ALSO MADE TO ADD SHANE JONES TO THE BANK ACCOUNTS TO SIGN CHECKS FOR THE VILLAGE. A MOTION WAS MADE BY CARLY COLLIER AND SECONDED BY JAKIE DANIELS. THERE WERE NO COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE, MOTION CARRIED. AYES: 3 NAYS:0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0

A DISCUSSION WAS HELD TO SUPPORT DOYLINE PANTHER NIGHT WITH A DONATION OF \$500 AND POSSIBLE USE OF THE COMMUNITY CENTER. A MOTION WAS MADE BY CHRISTIE GATES AND SECONDED BY JAKIE DANIELS TO APPROVE THE \$500

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CHRISTIE GATES TO APPROVE THE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 13, 2021 SECONDED BY CARLY COLLIER. THERE WERE NO COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE, MOTION CARRIED. AYES: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JAKIE DANIELS TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 2021 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, SECONDED BY CHRISTIE GATES. THERE WERE NO COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE, MOTION CARRIED. AYES: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CHRISTIE GATES, AND SECONDED BY CARLY COLLIER TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION 4-2021 FOR TRIMMERS AND SUPPLIES FOR THE MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT.

MAYOR STEVEN BRIDWELL, GAVE THE MONTHLY MAINTENANCE REPORT.

SHANE JONES, VILLAGE CLERK, GAVE THE CLERK’S REPORT.

MIKE DUNAWAY, SEWER OPERATOR, GAVE THE SEWER REPORT. THREE LIFT STATIONS WORKED ON THIS MONTH. COLLEGE AND STRONG PUMP ORDERED. APARTMENTS LIFT STATION PUMP FIXED. JOHNSON STREET BACK UP PUMPS HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO HAVE ON HAND.

THERE WAS DISCUSSION ON PROPER GREASE DISPOSAL FOR THE VILLAGE OF DOYLINE AND TO SEE IF THERE IS AN ORDINANCE FOR GREASE DISPOSAL FOR FACILITIES OR BUSINESSES WITHIN DOYLINE.

ROBBY HAYDEN, POLICE CHIEF, GAVE HIS MONTHLY REPORT. SHAWN WOODY WILL BE ADDED AS A NEW AUXILLARY POLICE OFFICER.

A DISCUSSION WAS HELD TO SUPPORT DOYLINE PANTHER NIGHT WITH A DONATION OF \$500 AND POSSIBLE USE OF THE COMMUNITY CENTER. A MOTION WAS MADE BY CHRISTIE GATES AND SECONDED BY JAKIE DANIELS TO APPROVE THE \$500

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PANTHER NIGHT. THIS IS CONTIN- GENT ON THE LAW- YER AND THE CPA APPROVAL. AYES: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JAKIE DANIELS TO AD- JOURN THE MEET- ING, SECONDED BY CARLY COLLIER. THERE WERE NO COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE, MOTION CARRIED. AYES: 3 NAYS: 0 AB- SENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0

SHANE JONES, VILLAGE CLERK

STEVEN BRIDWELL, MAYOR

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF MIND- EN, STATE OF LOU- ISIANA, TAKEN IN REGULAR SESSION HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2021.

The Minden City Council met at City Hall, Minden, Louisi- ana, beginning at 5:30 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Terry Gardner, Wayne Edwards, Terika Williams-Walk- er, Vincen Bradford, Michael Roy and Pam Bloxom. Absent: None. Mayor Gardner welcomed everyone to the meeting. It is not- ed for the record that Mayor Terry Gardner allowed both council and public comments prior to every vote. Prayer was offered by Jimbo Yocom and Pam Bloxom led the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon motion by Wayne Edwards and duly seconded by Mi- chael Roy, the council adopted the minutes of Council Regular Session held on September 7, 2021, and Council Special Session held on September 13, 2021, as presented, by the following vote: Ayes: Wayne Edwards, Michael Roy and Pam Bloxom. Nays: Terika Williams-Walker and Vincen Bradford. Abs- ent: None. Abstain: None. The motion carried. Michael Roy moved to adopt a Resolution Adopting the City of Minden 2021/2022 Budget, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Pam Bloxom and the vote was as follows: Ayes: Michael Roy and Pam Bloxom. Nays: Wayne Edwards, Terika Wil- liams-Walker and Vin- cen Bradford. Absent: None. Abstain: None. The motion failed. Upon the recom- mendation of Fire Chief Kip Mourad, Wayne Edwards moved to confirm Hank Ashley as a firefighter in the Min- den Fire Department, subject to passing all applicable tests. The motion was duly seconded by Michael Roy and carried unani- mously. Upon motion by

Pam Bloxom and duly seconded by Wayne Edwards, the council unanimously adopted Ordinance No. 1122, Annual Bridge Main- tenance Report, a Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development requirement to annu- ally review the posting of city bridges, as presented. Upon motion by Wayne Edwards and duly seconded by Michael Roy, the council unanimously adopted a Resolution Supplementing the Administrative Policies and Procedures to include Number 11. Use of Federal Funds – Verification of Contractor Eligibility, as presented. Said resolution is attached to and made a part of these minutes. Wayne Edwards moved to adopt the Resolution for Annual Certification of Compli- ance with State of Louisiana Off-System Bridge Replacement Program, as present- ed. The motion was duly seconded by Terika Williams-Walker and carried unani- mously. Said resolu- tion is attached to and made a part of these minutes. Upon motion by Pam Bloxom and duly seconded by Michael Roy, the council unanimously adopted a Resolution Stating that the City of Minden Agrees to Fund Ad- ministrative Services and Engineering Ser- vices for the FY 2022 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant, as presented. Said resolution is at- tached to and made a part of these minutes. Wayne Edwards moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the State of Lou- isiana for grant funds for the relocation and rehabilitation of the Minden Animal Shel- ter, the relocation site requires council ap- proval, and authorize the Mayor to sign all documents pertaining thereto, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Michael Roy and carried unani- mously. Michael Fluhr, Acting City Clerk, presented the Budget/ Financial Report for the month of August, 2021. No motion was required. Upon motion by Michael Roy and duly seconded by Wayne Edwards, the council unanimously approved the Police Report for August of 2021, as presented. Public comments were heard, council comments were heard and the meeting was adjourned. Terry L. Gardner, Mayor

ATTEST:

Michael Fluhr, Acting City Clerk

Please note: All attachments to these minutes are on file

for public viewing at Minden City Hall, 520 Broadway Street, Min- den, LA during regular working hours.

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ORDINANCE NO. 1122

Be it known that the City of Minden, acting in accordance with the laws of the State of Louisiana, posts the following data covering City of Minden bridges:

P6032350931631 NOT POSTED

P6032350931641 NOT POSTED

P6032353931691 NOT POSTED

P6032354931701 NOT POSTED

P6032366931751 NOT POSTED

P6032366931761 NOT POSTED

P6032369931751 NOT POSTED

P6032370931751 NOT POSTED

P6032371931741 NOT POSTED

P6032372931551 NOT POSTED

By motion of Pam Bloxom, and seconded by Wayne Edwards, Ordinance No. 1122 was adopted by the following vote on this 4th day of October, 2021.

YEAS: Five
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

s/ _____
Terry L. Garnder, Mayor

ATTEST:
s/ _____
Michael Fluhr, Acting City Clerk

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IMPORTANT INFOR- MATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Minden Water Sys- tem Failed to Take Corrective Action Following Identifica- tion of a Significant Deficiency

On September 08, 2020 the Louisiana Department of Health and (LO H) performed a detailed inspection and engineering evaluation of our water system called a sani- tary survey. During this sanitary survey, they identified one or more significant defi- ciencies in our system. As our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we are doing to correct this situation. According to EPA 's Ground Water Rule, we were required to correct the deficiency (or deficiencies) or work with the State to develop a plan to cor- rect the deficiency (or

deficiencies) However we failed to correct the deficiency or contact the State therefore the established deadline and have therefore violated a requirement of the Ground Water Rule. **What should I do?** There is nothing you need to do. You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions. If a situation arises where the water is no longer safe to drink, you will be notified within 24 hours. **What does this mean?** **This is not an emer- gency. If it had been an emergency, you would have been notified within 24 hours.** This significant deficiency has the potential to result in lack of proper treat- ment and oversight of the water system. Inadequately treated or inadequately protected water may contain disease-caus- ing organisms. These organisms can cause symptoms such as diarrhea, nausea, cramps and associat- ed headaches. While we have not detected any evidence of contamination or other health threats related to our source water, we are still commit- ted to correcting the deficiency to eliminate the threat of contam- ination. **What deficiencies were found?** 1. Lack of a Backflow prevent ion program. Action taken: On 7/6/2021, an Ordinance for the Backflow prevention program was passed and adopted by the Minden City Council. The reporting of which was not completed on time. 2. No backup genera- tor for the Victory Park pumping station. Action taken: A back- up generator for the Victory Park pumping station was planned and budgeted but the budget has not been approved.

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SHERIFF'S SALE

QUICKEN LOANS INC. VS. THE UNOPENED SUCCESSION OF JOHN JACOB DOWNS, JR. A/K/A JOHN JACOB DOWNS, JR. A/K/A JOHN J. DOWNS, JR. A/K/A JOHN DOWNS, JR.

AND JENMARIE EHLER DOWNS A/K/A JENMA- RIE E. DOWNS A/K/A JENMARIE DOWNS

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 78737

By virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued out of the Twen- ty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, in the above styled and numbered suit and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder for cash WITHOUT the ben- efit of appraisalment and according to law at the principal front door of the Courthouse in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana on WEDNESDAY, October 13, 2021, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

The property described in the Act of Mortgage is de- scribed as follows:

Land situated in the Parish of Webster in the State of LA

Begin at the South- east Corner of the North Half of the Southwest Quarter (SE/C of N/2 of SW/4) of Section 11, Township 23 North, Range 11 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana; thence run West 1,750 feet to the point of beginning; thence continue West 290 feet; thence run North 110 feet; thence run North 86 degrees 15 minutes East 290.62 feet; thence run South 129 feet to the point of beginning.

Within the tract described above, the single parcel conveyed is approx- imately one-third of that tract, lying on the western side of said tract, more par- ticularly described as a lot running 110 feet on the western boundary, 100 feet on the southern boundary, approximately 112 feet on the eastern boundary, and 100 feet on the northern boundary. The northern boundary runs parallel to Coyle Street.

SOLD SUBJECT TO ANY SUPE- RIOR 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

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GARAGE SALE

Friday October 8th from 8AM - 6 PM. 4254 Germantown Road. Furni- ture, women's clothes, kitchen items, misc.

LARGE GARAGE SALE

Friday October 15th from 8AM- 3PM and Satur- day October 16th from 8AM-2PM. 1034 Miller Road in Minden. From WalMart (Hwy 79N) go 2 miles & turn left on Miller Road at Mouser Trailer Park (on left). Go down Miller Rd 2 miles. Brown brick house with white shutters. Items include a secretarial desk \$300, love seat \$100, queen- sized sleigh bed headboard \$100, queen-sized mattress, \$25, Xerox machine \$25, telescope (T1000HD) \$40. Lots of women's clothing sizes L, XL, 1X, 16s & 18s. Clothes from Chico's, Coldwater Creek, Dillards. New & used. Shoes size 8 1/2-9. Lots of beautiful jewelry, purses, decora- tive belts, men's pants, dishes and lots of pewter- ware. Most items will be half-priced on Saturday. Call (318) 377-2956 or 518-4124 for more information.

MULTI FAMILY GARAGE SALE

No early birds. Furniture, cloth- ing, household items, and much more. Friday October 8th and Satur- day October 9th from 8AM-4PM. 724 Pine Forest Drive.

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