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# Meriwether celebrates grand opening



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The Greater Minden Chamber as well as community and business leaders throughout the city gathered at Meriwether Financial to officially welcome them into the local business community. Offering a wide array of services including investment management, retirement planning, tax strategy, etc. Meriwether is dedicated to securing a healthy financial future for individuals and their families.

NEW BUSINESS

# Dog grooming is a work of art

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Outlaw Paws Grooming & Boarding Parlor recently opened up shop at 215 Main Street in Minden, offering a wide array of services to pet owners for pups and cats alike to make sure their furry friends are safe, happy, and looking stylish.

Owner of Outlaw Paws Resa Burke has been grooming dogs for 27 years. Having started dog grooming at the age of sixteen with her own Cocker Spaniels, "It's all I've ever done," said Burkes. Initially planning on settling down with a dog grooming studio in Florida, she decided to relocate her place of business here to Minden in order to be closer to her 4 children and two grandchildren.

As mentioned previously, Burke brings with her a wealth of over twenty years of dog grooming experience, and offers far more than your a-typical trim. As a diligent student of her craft, Burke stays up to date on all the latest dog grooming trends so that she is able to cater to a wide array of breeds as well as styles to suit the owner's tastes.

"As far as grooming

"As far as grooming goes, we do everything from dying hair to funky hari doos. Whatever they



WILL PHILLIPS/MINDEN PRESS-HERALD pened up at 215 Main Street

Outlaw Paws Grooming & Boarding Parlor recently opened up at 215 Main Street in Minden, offering grooming and 24/7 boarding, as well as a free taxi service to any customers seeking a new doo for their pooch.

want. I go to shows regularly. I keep up on all my classes, the latest trends, I try to stay on top of everything," said Burke.

More than grooming, Outlaw Paws also offers boarding and daycare services. "It's 24 hour care. No boarding dog will ever be left unattended. So that's around the clock service for boarding dogs, which I find very important, because just like kids, you don't want to leave animals unattended," said Burke.

For any customers using their grooming or boarding services, Outlaw Paws offers a free taxi service to make it easy and convenient for pets to be picked up and returned to their homes.

"For each service, if you call and have an appointment, we do a taxi service for free. Our taxis run from 7 AM to 9:30 AM. In the evenings they usually run around 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM," said Burke. "They can pick up whenever they want. We will call or text to let them know that their pet is ready."



CITY COUNCIL

## Budget finally gets approved in Nov. City Council Meeting

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Minden Press-Herald

At the Nov. Minden City Council Meeting, roughly two months after initial concerns were brought forward concerning the City of Minden's Budget, the Council at the November City Council meeting unanimously voted to approve it, allowing Minden to move forward and operate under its normal budgetary capacity.

Between this City Council meeting and last month's meeting, Acting City Clerk Michael Fluhr met with Council-

man Edwards to address some of his concerns, namely, communication between the Council and the Mayor, council input in compensation issues above the limitations regulated by the employee

by the employee manual, and the pay raise for the HR manager.

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"I know since September we've been working to approve this budget. There has been some discussion, maybe not enough. Three issues that were concerning me. That was to improve communications between the council and the mayor so we can basically get on the same team. The second one comes to manager or higher positions, for the council to be involved in any raise above what's written in the employee manual. And the last one there was a discussion for the rate of pay for the HR

Position," said Edwards. "I just want it to be part of the record, the fact that not only does the mayor want to move the city forward, but the Council does too, but we want to be part of what's going on. This is one unit, not the individual unit. Just for note, we are under the City Charter, and under the city charter, we are council strong, which means the vote here is extremely important for what we do, and we take this responsibility tremely seriously."

tremely seriously."

It seems as though these discussions and the response to these raised concerns has been productive, as the entire city council voted unanimously to finally pass the budget.

Time was also allotted to Minden Fire Department Chief Kipp Mourad to share that Walmart had recently donated a sizable amount of smoke alarms for the department to install for people who are in need.

"I just want to tell Walmart that I appreciate them, and a woman named Pam Calhoun that works for Walmart, she did everything to arrange this," said Mourad.
"We would like people

them. People who need them or can't put them up themselves."

There was an attempt to

who need them to get

add three potential new police hires to the agenda before the meeting began, however, the vote to add them to the agenda failed

vote to add them to the agenda failed 3/2 with Councilmen Edwards, Roy, and Bloxom in favor and Councilmen Walker and Bradford opposed. The Mayor stated

during the meeting that there with be a special session held to get the new policeman hired as soon as possible, given that as of now the MPD is short-staffed, making getting new hires a high pri-

Near the end of the meeting, Minden's Economic Developer Phillip Smart bid his farewell's as he announced that he will be leaving and taking up a new position as the Economic Developer for the City of Ruston.

City of Ruston.

"I want to make sure we maintain the same attitude economically to make sure we pursue our goals and keep moving forward in being prosperous. We can argue how best to achieve our goals, but we can't be complacent about the goals

themselves," said Smart. "For if we don't create opportunities for all people, this disaffection and division that has stalled our progress will only sharpen in years to come. It's been a pleasure serving you all and the citizens of Minden. I definitely love it here, it's hard to say goodbye. I know there's some turmoil in the waters, and things haven't been the greatest. We all came over here in different ships, but now we're in the same boat."

The monthly Minden City Council Meeting takes place on the first Monday of each month starting at 5:30 PM. It takes place in Minden City Hall and is open for the public to attend.



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# WEBSTER & MORE

COVID-19

# Louisiana to receive 148K coronavirus vaccine doses for kids

(AP) — Louisiana's top public health official said Wednesday the state expects to receive 148,000 initial doses of the pediatric coronavirus vaccine, though the doses are trickling in across three shipments and may not be immediately available through health care providers.

Dr. Joe Kanter, with the state Department of Health, said he expects all of Louisiana's vaccine providers will have gotten their doses of the Pfizer vaccine for children by early next week. That will be enough shots to cover 35% of the state's 420,000 children between ages 5

Kanter urged parents to contact Louisiana's vaccine hotline at 855-453-0774 or 211 to find out where the pediatric coronavirus vaccines are available. More than 450 clinics, pharmacies and other health providers are signed up to distribute

The state health department encouraged parents with questions to reach out to their pediatricians.

For children ages 5 to 11, the Pfizer vaccine dosage is about one-third of what's given to people age 12 and older, Kanter said. The

younger children still will need to receive two shots, 21 days apart to be considered fully immunized, just like teenagers and adults who get the Pfizer vaccine.

Leaders of the Louisiana chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics encouraged parents to consider vaccination to help protect children from the COVID-19 illness caused by the virus and tried to push back against misinformation.

"There's nothing nefarious in this vaccine or its development," said Shreveport Dr. John Vanchiere.

**POLICE JURY** 

# **DOTD** introduces proposal to Police Jury to adopt a road in return for cash

**WILL PHILLIPS** Minden Press-Herald

David North of the Department of Transportation and Development met with the Webster Parish Police Jury earlier this week to make them aware of a road transfer program that could greatly benefit the jury. Essentially the Police Jury would adopt Dorcheat Road, otherwise known as Highway 3008, and in return would get roughly 4 million dollars in road development credits that could be used for any road projects the Jury would like.

There is a road in Webster Parish that is absolutely ripe for rightsizing, and that's Dorcheat Road. Dorcheat Runs partway up and turns into a state highway, 3008. For those

of you not familiar with the highway numbering system, a 3000 series state highway is a highway that was never intended to be a permanent part of the state highway system. It was a temporary possession that turned into a permanent possession," said North.

"In the rightsizing program what will happen is the state will bring it to a very good condition, and then give to Webster Parish in consideration for taking the road into their system, 40 years worth of maintenance budget that is averaged over the state highways of what it costs to keep them up."

Given the limitations of the DOTD's budget, it turns out that paying parishes to take over possession of lower traffic roads

is more cost effective in the long term. Since the road being taken over the parish is a low traffic road, and the amount of money allocated is based on an average to take care of all state highways for the DOTD, the parish is poised to actually gain money given that the cost of maintaining the road will be lower than the total amount given.

"Over the past 42 years, it has averaged a traffic count of 255 a day. And where that is a disadvantage to me is that our maintenance money and operations money has to spread out over everything, and it's obvious that 371 which carries about 478 vehicles a day is going to get money before 3008," said North.

The amount given to the

parish will be 436,749.09 per mile in transfer credits, and the transfer credits can be used for any highway project that the parish deems necessary. Bridge maintenance funds would be included on top of this amount as well. With 3008 being roughly 10 miles, the parish would get close to 4 million dollars in credits.

"The overall benefit to your road system will overall be greater than what you're taking in. Because you're going to get our low traffic road with high traffic money associated with it, because that money is predicated on what it takes to keep a state highway up," said North.

COMMUNITY

#### Main To Main Trade Days 50 Miles Of Food, **Fun And Shopping! Celebrating 22 Years!**

STAFF REPORT Minden Press-Herald

Join the folks in Webster Parish for the 22nd Annual Main to Main Trade Days. Whether you are an art lover, a bargain hunter, an antique shopper, a flea market and garage sale enthusiast or you just love the art of shopping; you won't want to miss the Main to Main Trade Days experience!

The 50-mile route runs from Main Street in Springhill, Louisiana, then down Highway 371 south through the Main Streets of the small Webster Parish towns of Cullen, Sarepta, Cotton Valley, Couchwood to Dixie Inn onto Highway 80 on the Shreveport Road, through Downtown Minden then back south on 371 to the Sibley Road Flea Market, south through Sibley. The food, fun, and shopping begin at dawn each day and run through dusk.

The sidewalks of both Minden and Springhill Main Streets will be filled with vendors. The downtown shops also bring it "outside" and offer store specials and bargains galore. Vendors are many and varied. One street corner may have homemade gumbo for sale by a local church group, while another has original handmade jewelry. You'll find homemade pickles at one end of the street and original oil paintings on display on the

"Downtown Minden will feature food, art. and crafts," says Mahala Hutto, Main Street Director for Minden. "A giant flea market will be located on the Sibley Road as you head south from Main Street with plenty of parking," adds Hutto.

McDaniel, Linda Springhill Main Street Director, adds, "Plan at least one full day with us and two if you want to see everything along the route. The clock tower triangle in Springhill is a hot spot for a variety of treasures. Shoppers and vendors are welcome!"

We encourage all participants setting up a booth and all shoppers to follow the State and Local social distancing guidelines. Honor the 6' distance and if participants are sick please stay home. Please be safe and respectful and honor the local authorities if you are asked to move or not set up in an area.

We must thank the sponsors and the folks who help make this event possible:

Louisiana Main Street, Webster Parish Convention & Visitors Bureau, Springhill Chamber of Commerce and the Minden South Webster Chamber of Commerce. For more information, call Mahala at 318-371-4258 (Minden) or Linda at 318-539-5699 (Springhill).



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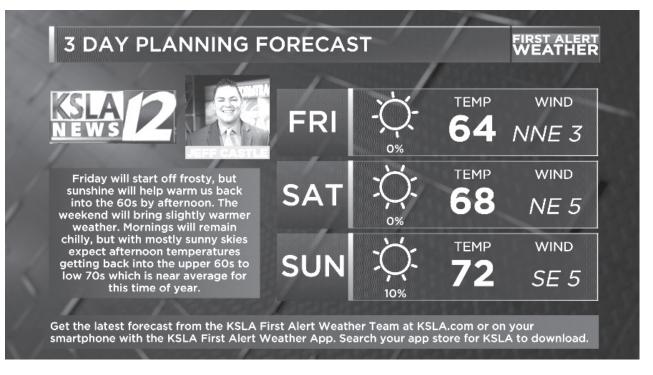
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### WEBSTER & MORE



**GOVERNMENT** 

# Appeals court sides with health care workers against Ochsner Health vaccination mandate

(The Center Square)

- A Louisiana appeals
court has issued a temporary setback for Ochsner Health as a lawsuit
challenging the hospital
chain's employee COVID-19 vaccination mandate was sent back to a
lower court for further
review.

Ochsner, the state's largest health system, implemented a vaccination mandate for all employees in August. The policy set an Oct. 29 compliance deadline, after which unvaccinated health workers would be terminated.

Dozens of employees in Shreveport sued the health care giant, but the case was dismissed early last month. The 2nd Circuit Court of Appeal in Shreveport, however, ruled Ochsner cannot penalize its employees while the vaccination mandate is still being challenged in

Disciplining or firing unvaccinated employees "would unlawfully abridge certain alleged constitutional rights," a three-judge panel said Thursday, one day before the vaccine deadline.

The panel reversed a Caddo Parish district court's dismissal, which it said was in "error," and remanded the case back to state District Judge Craig Marcotte for a full hearing.

"The matter is remanded to the trial court with instructions to enter a temporary restraining order enjoining any disciplinary action [by Ochsner] including termination of employment for unvaccinated employees on October 29, 2021, as requested and to conduct a hearing on the request for preliminary injunction and declaratory relief within the timeframe provided by law," the deci-

While applying only to Ochsner employees in the appeals court's north Louisiana jurisdiction, plaintiff attorney Jimmy Faircloth, who once served as executive counsel to former Gov. Bobby Jindal, said the decision could have far-reaching consequences.

"This ruling applies not only to the Ochsner Shreveport plaintiffs in the case, but it has broader implications for all hospitals statewide who are imposing vaccine mandates," Faircloth said in a statement.

"The anti-reprisal statute prohibits employers from taking action against employees for refusing to participate in an unlawful activity. It provides for damages and attorney fees against an offending employer. The Second Circuit just informed employers that this action is very likely unlawful," he

Faircloth sued Ochsner's Lafayette location in September on behalf of 48 unvaccinated employees. That case also was dismissed at the district court level. The 3rd Circuit Court of Appeal, the largest of Louisiana's five circuit courts, however, rejected a similar appeal last week.

In response to Thursday's ruling, Ochsner Health President and CEO Warner Thomas issued a statement, saying the decision was both "surprising and disappointing."

"This ruling is inconsistent with established Louisiana law as well as with decisions of courts across the country upholding COVID-19 vaccine mandates," he said.

Thomas said the vast majority of Ochsner employees have complied with the health system's vaccination mandate and the policy is aligned with "the anticipated federal requirement for COV-ID-19 vaccination of staff within all Medicare and Medicaid-certified facilities announced Sept. 9."

"Ochsner Health intends to appeal to the Louisiana Supreme Court and is confident we will prevail," Thomas said.

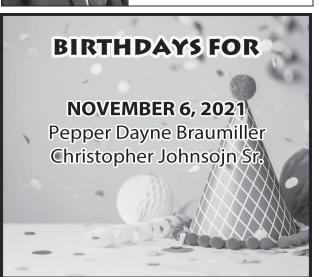
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#### OBITUARIES



#### Billie Ann Brown

Billie Ann Brown, 69, passed away unexpectedly September 22, 2021, in Nassau Bay, Texas.

Billie Ann was born in Shreveport, LA on September 17, 1952. She grew up in Cotton Valley, Louisiana, where she attended Cotton Valley High School. After high school. she attended Louisiana

Tech University where she earned a degree in Fashion Merchandising. Post college, Billie worked in and eventually managed major department stores. After leaving merchandising, a career change into Land Management, took her across the United States freelancing for Energy Companies involved in Fracking.

In her spare time, Billie Ann loved to travel (particularly to places with scenic coastlines), visit with close friends and family, and raise and spoil Shih Tzu dogs.

After retirement, Billie Ann relocated to Seabrook, Texas, where she lived until her death. Billie Ann loved to attend and watch LSU and New Orleans Saints football games. Billie is survived by her beloved Chewie, her sister from another mother, LaNese Hooten Bedsole, her Aunt Bobbie Rogers Mandell, numerous cousins and other dear friends.

Billie Ann was preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Mabel Brown.

A memorial service will be held graveside at Cotton Valley Cemetery November 13 at 1:30 P.M. In lieu of flowers, family requests that condolences be made in the form of gifts to St. Jude's Children's Hospital and/or your local Shriners Hospital.



#### Ms. Doris Lee Ward

Ms. Doris Lee Ward, 73, transitioned on October 27, 2021 in Minden, LA.

Doris was born on March 8, 1948, in Shreveport, Louisiana, the

second born of Louis and Gradie Ward. She attended Union Elementary School in Doyline and graduated from Webster High School in Minden, LA in 1966. After graduation, she headed for New York City. She lived there for 5 years, working in the clerical field. She left New York City and lived in a number of different cities. Ms. Ward eventually returned home to Doyline. She took pride in the various job types with which she found employment. She worked at Louisiana Downs Racetrack and Lake Bisteneau State Park, and she found sustainable and long term employment in the child care and domestic vocations.

Ms. Ward found comfort in helping those in need, making every effort to help them in the way that would best help them. Her greatest loves were her friends and family. She was especially proud of her only son, Daudi and his family. Ms. Ward loved stylish clothing, collecting angels and enjoyed listening to and dancing to mu-

sic of all types.

Doris was preceded in death by her parents, her brother, Luther James Ward, and her sister, Dorothy Ward Peoples. She leaves to cherish her memories:

A son, Daudi Ward (Nikki); seven (7) grandchildren: Char'Tavion Arrington, Chatoriana Ward, Ariana Ward, D'Metriana Ward, Zackeil Arrington, Tj'Jaylyn Kemp, Da'Quita Davis; one (1): great- grand daughter: Ava Grace Arrington; a special lifelong friend, Jimmy Hawk; six (6) siblings: Grace Boyd (Osvell), Thelma Ward, Sybil Myers, Louis Ward, Jr. (Adriane), Stella Jacobs (Carlton), and Mattie Ward; fourteen (14) nieces and nephews: Carla Ward, Angela Bryant (Jerome), Anthony Boyd, Timothy Ward, Sr. (Lucinda), D'metrus Myers, Krystal Lewis (Aundra), Enrique Montoya (Jamie), Marvin Ward (Jennine), Danaya Bryant, (Omarr), Arthur Myers, Robert Myers, Carlin Jacobs, Graianne Ward, Louis D. Ward III., a host of grand nieces and nephews, a great grand nephew, relatives and friends.

Viewing for Ms. Ward will be on Friday, November 5, 2021 at Benevolent Funeral Home, 401 E Union St, Minden, LA 71055, between the hours of 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Graveside service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 6, 2021, at Jenkins Community Cemetery, in Doyline, Louisiana under the direction of Benevolent Funeral Home.

She will be missed by all who knew her.

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OTHER OPINION

# Biden offers \$450,000 in payments to illegals

The Wall Street Journal who wants to sneak-or this past week reported that the Biden Administration is in talks with ACLU and private attorneys to offer around \$450,000 a person, or \$1 million for two people within the same family, to illegal immigrant families who were separated at the southern border pursuant to U.S. law to compensate them for the "lasting psychological trauma" they contend they suffered in connection with the illegal crossing.

Let's think about that. Americans are a very kind, generous and loving people and would never intentionally seek to inflict any sort of trauma or hardship upon any family but are we allowed to point out that these children and their parents were here illegally? Are we allowed to say that every sovereign nation has an inviolable right to determine who comes within its borders? Should we again make the point that America simply cannot be the home of every illegal in the world

walk defiantly—across our border?

As others have observed, this is like paying a robber who breaks into your home for the mental and emotional trauma they suffered during the crime.



**ROYAL ALEXANDER** 

Let's compare this \$450,000 payment to a member of the military killed in war whose family receives \$100,000 by way of a death gra-

tuity. Do we see how grossly distorted this is? How could we possibly justify placing a greater value on an illegal act than one in which an American was killed defending our country.

U.S. Congressman Dan Crenshaw stated, the Biden Administration wants

to "pay illegal immigrants \$450,000 for their hardship while breaking our laws" and noted the payments are worth more than current life insurance programs offered to those serving in the armed forces by the government. U.S. Senator Tom Cotton also noted "The Biden Administration's promises of citizenship and entitlement programs have already caused the worst border crisis in history—a huge cash reward will make it even worse."

Rep. Doug Lamborn (R-Colo.) pointed out that "Joe Biden gave a \$1300 stimulus check to Americans during the coronavirus pandemic, but wants to give illegal immigrants \$450,000, which is more than the 9/11 victims compensation fund authorized to victims. Amidst rising inflation, this is how he wants to spend your money. Priorities."

[For some context, please recall that the globally circulated photographs of 'kids in cages' that were used to unfairly cudgel President Trump for his alleged inhumanity toward children during the recent presidential campaign were actually taken in 2013 and 2014 during the Obama Administration.

So, although the largely dishonest national media has never reported the truth, it was Nobel Peace Prize Winner Obama and his addled sycophant Vice President Biden who actually put 'kids in cages'.]

At a time when inflation has sharply increased over the past 6 months, eating away at family budgets across this land, to pay noncitizen, illegal immigrants \$450,000 for entering our nation illegally and breaking the law, is really stunning and an insult to those who faithfully go to work daily and keep the basic services of our nation running.

**ROYAL ALEXANDER IS A SHREVEPORT** ATTORNEY.

OTHER OPINION

#### School choice is the way to prevent mask battles in schools

Colleen Hroncich & Solomon Chen

Cato Institute Nov 1, 2021 As a mom and a former teacher, Bucks County resident Jamie Walker knows the importance of education. And she's exasperated by policies that have been instituted in the wake of CO-VID-19, such as Pennsylvania's mask mandate.

"The mask mandate is frustrating on several fronts," she says. "A few weeks ago, I attended a back-to-school night at Central Bucks South High School. I felt like I was in a hospital. I couldn't understand what teachers were saying. I couldn't see anyone's face. This environment is leading to learning loss. A few nights later, I was at a Guns N' Roses concert with 7,000 mostly unmasked fans. This is madness. Especially considering Pennsylvania's guidance is so different than the World Health Organization (WHO), Europe, and 'red' U.S. states."

She's not alone in her frustrations. The third consecutive pandemic-affected school year has been marked by raucous debates over school mask mandates. As of Oct. 15, mandates have been issued in 16 states and Washington, D.C.; nine states have bans on mandates, and four of those have their mandate bans in legal limbo. In Pennsylvania, lawmakers unsuccessfully pushed to have the statewide mandate be subject to oversight like other regulations. District or county mandates add even more layers to disputes.

Meanwhile, throughout Europe, including the U.K., Ireland, and Denmark, exempt most children from mask requirements. The European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control recommends against masking in elementary schools. The WHO says young children should not be masked and recommends a risk-based approach for children aged 6 to 11.

These flexible policies are likely driven by the fact that children up to age 17 have the lowest COVID hospitalization rate - typically less than 1%. And the delta variant, although more contagious, does not appear more dangerous to children. Moreover, recent op-eds by doctors in the Wall Street Journal and The Atlantic show that the scientific case for masks on young children is not settled – particularly given potential negative impacts on developmental skills, mental health, and

While the CDC's recent studies on masks invoked headlines such as "COVID Outbreaks Far Higher at Schools Without Mask Mandates," the studies are far from conclusive that masks are the best solution. Neither study controls for other potential factors like teacher vaccination rates, and one states explicitly that "causation cannot be inferred."

Considering the lack of consensus on the need for masks, there's no justification for one-size-fits-all policies like Pennsylvania's.

countries Families should be able to choose schools that meet their needs, whether they're for or against masks.

Parents who worry about the negative effects of masks may not have the resources to move their children to other schools. While Arizona and Florida have introduced scholarships for families who object to a district's mask mandates and other COVID-19 policies, most states lack similar options.

These scholarships are helpful, but they should also be available for parents who want more stringent policies. In Florida, when the governor banned mask mandates in public schools, private schools took different approaches. Grace Success Academy decided to implement masks. Little Star Center, which serves many students on the autism spectrum, decided to use other mitigation strategies.

Whether parents prefer masks or not, the ability to choose a school with the policy best suited for their family is vital. This is the rationale behind a bill proposed by Wisconsin state Rep. Barbara Dittrich to allow parents to access open enrollment and school choice programs if they disagree with school COVID-19 policies.

Unfortunately, private schools have been swept up in mandatory mask mandates in Pennsylvania and several other states, including New York, Oregon, Virginia, and Washington. These top-down decrees prevent private schools

from pursuing more innovative solutions.

For example, Christian Central Academy near Buffalo spent more than \$200,000 on safety strategies like new ventilation and additional teachers to enable smaller class sizes. Many families enrolled in the school based on its "mask optional" policy. Then, just two weeks before the start of the new school year, New York imposed a mask mandate on private schools.

The school unsuccessfully sued to avoid losing families who don't want their children in masks all day. According to Michael O'Hara, Christian Central Academy's Director of Advancement, "Unfortunately, despite showing the safety precautions we've taken, we lost our case. We're now weighing our options moving forward."

One-size-fits-all schooling is never ideal, but it's even worse when basic health and education hang in the balance. A "winner takes all" approach results in wrenching conflicts, and masking has produced some of the worst seen in years. Rather than burdening parents with heavy-handed mandates, we must empower them to choose the educational environment that works for their children - in Pennsylvania and beyond.

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OTHER OPINION

# Wall Street Journal: Youngkin's victory provides GOP template

Glenn Youngkin's victory in the Virginia Governor's race on Tuesday is a political thunderclap that should warn Democrats about their ideological overreach. But it may be more important as a template for how Republicans can win back the suburbs after their alienation from the GOP during the Trump Presidency.

The rebuke to Democrats was also clear in New Jersey, where Republican Jack Ciattarelli was neckand-neck Wednesday morning with incumbent Gov. Phil Murphy. Mr. Ciattarelli won back suburban counties in a huge voter swing that pollsters didn't see coming in a state Joe Biden won by 16 points.

Mr. Youngkin, a businessman and first-time candidate, defied the historical trend by winning a state that has been trending Democratic. The GOP hadn't won a statewide Virginia race in more than a decade, and Mr. Biden beat Donald Trump by 10 points. The decisive swing vote had moved away from the GOP in the suburbs around Washington, D.C., Richmond and

Virginia Beach. Mr. Youngkin clawed back

enough of that vote to defeat former Democratic Gov. Terry McAuliffe and sweep the other two top statewide offices. He did so by focusing on quality-of-life issues such as education, public safety, and the cost of living. He didn't shrink from disputes over culture and school curriculum, but he didn't approach them as a zealot. He didn't run a single immigration ad that we heard about, a contrast with the Trump era. He talked like a normal human being.

The Republican was helped be-

cause this time the zealotry was on the left. Mr. McAuliffe, a centrist when he was raising money for Bill and Hillary Clinton, indulged every obsession of the party's dominant progressive wing. Keep schools closed, ignore parental objections to teaching critical race theory in schools, and call Mr. Youngkin a "Trumpkin" with sympathy for white supremacists. Mr. McAuliffe closed his campaign by appearing with Randi Weingarten, the teachers union chief who fought to keep

schools closed. There's a political Off-year races for Governor

aren't a predictor of 2022, but they should tell Democrats that they're on a losing path. President Biden ran as a centrist who would unite the country, but he has governed by bowing to the left on nearly everything. He has pushed iden-tity politics and radical spending programs when people care about the soaring price of gasoline. The President's approval rating has tanked, as independents and even many Democrats have grown disillusioned.

The Democratic temptation will be to dismiss their Tuesday thumping as a normal reaction against the party that controls Washington. Congressional leaders will make the case that they must now, more than ever, pass their \$4 trillion tax and spending bill lest they demoralize their supporters going into

That's easy for Speaker Nancy Pelosi to say. She's probably retiring anyway. But that strategy is volunteering 20 to 30 Democrats in swing suburban districts for political suicide. Virginia Reps. Elaine Luria and Abigail Spanberger are prime targets. Without Mr. Trump on the ballot, Democrats are less motivated to vote. Their agenda of record social spending and higher taxes has compromised, with inflation and supply shortages, what should be a booming recovery.

The smart strategy would be to drop the Bernie Sanders agenda, settle for the Senate infrastructure bill, and recalibrate to win some bipartisan victories. The Virginia defeat gives Mr. Biden the opening he needs to finally say no to the left. It may be the only way to salvage his Presidency. Senator Joe Manchin and the swing-district House Democrats would do their party a favor by withdrawing support for the Sanders-Pelosi entitlement blowout.

As for the GOP, the Youngkin strategy won't be replicable everywhere. But it does show a path to regaining support in the suburbs that was lost under Mr. Trump. The GOP in the Trump years won a larger share of the vote in shrinking parts of the country, but a smaller share in the rising areas. Much of this was due to Mr. Trump's persona and polarizing style that alienated college-educated voters and

Mr. Youngkin triangulated the Trump dilemma with skill. He didn't attack the former President but he also didn't invite him to campaign with him. Mr. McAuliffe tried to wrap Mr. Trump around the Republican but it didn't work because Mr. Youngkin was so un-Trump-like. He could talk about some of the same cultural issues, such as critical race theory in schools, but without playing into

the hands of the Democrats who

want to portray all Republicans as

Mr. Trump, naturally, tried to take credit for Mr. Youngkin's victory in statements on Tuesday night. But he was jumping in front of the victory parade. The former President would have hurt Mr. Youngkin had he campaigned for him. The message from Virginia is that voters don't want the agenda of the progressive left, and they'll listen to a Republican who forthrightly addresses problems they care about

without being a jerk.

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# LIFE

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**SPORTS LIFE** 

# 4th Annual Bazaar Craft and Bake Sale this Saturday The upcoming 4th Anall items offered for sale holiday wreaths - to name

nual Bazaar Craft and Bake Sale is on Saturday November 6 from 10 am to 1 pm, held in the Family Life Center at the First Baptist Church.

The purpose of our Craft and Bake Sale is to bring awareness to adoption, fostering, or fostering to adopt. We also support our local CASA Program. All funds raised help with the tremendous costs that are associated with adoption and/or fostering.

All items are donated, unique to the designer, and represent hours of sacrifice. Why? Because are handcrafted and/or represent an art in some way (i.e., sewing, quilting, painting, building, sculpting, photography, plants, candles, and so much more. also will have 6 feet of handmade cakes, cookies, pies, casseroles, jams, jellies, etc.). Something for everyone.

A Silent Auction takes place in the center of the room and items available for auction include: a handcrafted guitar, homemade quilt, a bench created from an antique bed, hand poured bird bath, charcuterie boards, a few.

unch is available - jambalaya and drink (\$8) or hot dog, chips and drink (\$5) and popcorn and cookies are available as

This sale began with the desire to return to a time when the "works of our hands" could be shared with others within our church. God impressed upon our hearts to "care for the orphans" with this bazaar and it is a wonderful opportunity to participate in the lives of children, locally and abroad.



# Are we becoming outdated?

I'm beginning to think my generation and the knowledge and skills we learned are truly outdated.

Do you have an analog clock in your house or are you totally digital? (For any

younger readers, an analog clock is one that shows the time with hands pointto the ing numbers on a clock face.) If you have one, ask a grandchild to look at it and tell you  $\ensuremath{\,^{\text{FANNIE}\,MOORE}}$ what time it is. Chances are,

popular digital time pieces because that is what most of our clocks and watches are. Our phones, coffeemakers, microwaves and other appliances all use the digital method as do most of our wristwatches. I still have two of the old-fashioned time pieces, one is a cute little school house with a clock on it given to me by our son while I was teaching, and the other is a large wooden decorative clock hanging by

our dining room table.

I'm not sure schools even teach children to tell time, without digital readouts, anymore. I remember spending hours over a period of weeks, teaching youngsters how to tell time. We began by letting them make their own clock with a paper plate, putting the numbers in the correct place and them adding hands with paper fasteners to allow them to be turned. They spent lots of time learning the skill of telling time. But they all learned to tell time. Now, as adults they are still able to do so. Another skill that

been discarded, more or less, is map reading. Paper maps have been replaced by the GPS and other methods so that drivers feel they don't need a map anymore. But let me assure you, sometimes you are given wrong directions or the long way around to get to your destination. My biggest complaint with the paper map is that

it is almost impossible to get it folded back up as it was.

We traveled all over the United States using the paper trusty Ĥubby map. was the driver and I was reading the map. It

most of them can't tell saved us many wrong Now, I'm not turns and lots of backputting down the very tracking. Now, I'm not saying we never had a problem using the map, but I think we had far fewer than we possibly could have without it.

> While teaching, we introduced simple map skills, beginning with directions on the map. It took quite a bit of reinforcement to convince them the top was always north, the bottom south, the right was east and the left was west. To simplify and reinforce this idea, we drew a rough sketch of the roads running near our school and discussed directions. We could pretend to go to Minden and they had to know which direction to travel. The simple skills were reinforced through the elementary grades until all could read maps adequately.

> Now, if someone isn't sure about the directions from a gadget, he simply calls on his cell phone and asks which route is shorter?

As for math skills, I shudder every time I think about the loss of fundamental skills. When calculators were introduced to the early elementary students I thought that was the most ridiculous thing the schools had done in a long time.Simple adding and subtracting now require a calculator. And don't even think about multiplying and dividing, especially long division. You might be asking, well who needs that anymore. To tell the truth, probably not many people perform these, but it surely is nice to know when you do need it.

Have you ever had a salesclerk count out your change? No, they just hand you a wad of money with the sales slip and tell you the amount. How do they know the amount? You're right, the computer. And whatever you do, don't try to pay for a fast food order with a \$5 bill and a quarter in order to keep from getting a hand full of change. They will quickly tell you that you gave them too much money.

Once, before all the stores had the computerized registers, when I was trying to purchase an item marked 10 percent off, the clerk had to get a calculator to see how much the item would cost. I told her it will be thus and so, and after she checked on her calculator, she said, "You did that in your head quicker than I could do it with the calculator." My thought was, "What mature adult can't figure 10 percent in his/ her head?"

There are many other skills that are now "outdated" which we consider essential. (You're probably thinking it's just that I'm outdated.)

Ask your grandchild to tell you the time and then ask them which direction they would travel to go to Wal-Mart.

Chances are, they can't do it. But, perhaps they don't need to

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# Claiborne Medical Center **Feeds MHS Football Team**



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Staff of Claiborne Medical Center took time out of their busy days to come and feed the Minden highschool Football Team before their game against Huntington.

**BUSINESS LIFE** 

# Gibsland Bank & Trust Welcomes William Michael **Hipp As President**



Thomas L. Martin, Chairman, & CEO, along with the Board of Directors of Gibsland Bank & Trust (GBT), in its continued effort to effectively serve the communities of Northwest Louisiana, is pleased to announce William Michael "Mike" Hipp has been named President of Gibsland Bank

& Trust. "We are delighted to welcome Mike to Gibsland Bank & Trust; he has proven himself as a strong leader in community banking," said Thomas L. Martin, Chairman & CEO of GBT. "We are looking forward to Mike's leadership and are confident that his experience and perspective will further the success the Bank has enjoyed as a leading community bank in Northwest Louisiana."

Mike succeeds Tom Martin, who has been with Gibsland Bank & Trust for 40 years and has served as the President, Chairman, and CEO for the past seven years. Tom will continue his tion as CEO and will remain Chairman of the Board of Directors. Mike has over 34 years of experience in Financial Services, including time as Vice President and Compliance Officer at Sicily Island State Bank and most recently as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Winnsboro

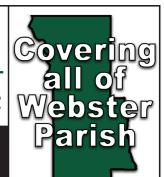
State Bank. Mike's experience covers all aspects of banking, from consumer and commercial lending to operations and com-

pliance. Mike is married to Sharon Maxwell Hipp, has two children; a son, Taylor, married to Savannah; a daughter, Laureen, married to Andrew; and four grandchildren. He is an outdoorsman that loves to hunt, fish, and spend time with family. Mike is a graduate of West Monroe High School, Northeast Louisiana University, and LSU School of Banking. Mike and Sharon are members of Christ Church in West Monroe.

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# **SPORTS**

# Parish teams set to close out regular season play

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Three Webster Parish high school football teams will be playing for their postseason fates tonight while the fourth Glenbrook — will be playing its final game of the season.

As a first-year member of the Louisiana High School Athletics Association, Glenbrook is ineligible for postseason play in all sports until the 2022-23 school year.

Glenbrook (7-2, 4-2 in District 1-1A) will close out its season by playing host to Arcadia (3-6, 3-4 in 1-1A).

"Haynesville (which the Apaches stunned in a 42-41 win on Oct. 8) was our Super Bowl, but Friday will still be a big night," said Apaches coach David Feaster. "We looked at that game a long time in advance. Arcadia is our last home game, and senior night, so there's still going to be a lot to play for. But it doesn feel kind of funny going in and knowing it's our last game, especially considering the kind of season we've had."

For Minden, it's win to hopefully secure getting in for the Crimson Tide, who will close out the regular season at Franklin Parish on Friday night.

The Tide stands at 3-6 while Franklin Parish is 1-7.

Minden stands at No. 30 in unofficial Class 4A power rankings published by GeauxPreps.com, but does have a higher schedule strength factor than the teams right below the Tide, meaning a win should earn a playoff berth among the top 32 teams while a loss could end their season depending on



Minden quarterback Andrew Cooper (preparing to throw a pass) will lead the Crimson Tide into their regular-season finale tonight at Franklin Parish.

other outcomes.

Lakeside faces an even challenge (3-5, 0-2 in District 1-2A) as the Warriors close out the regular season at Jonesboro-Hodge,

which stands at 7-2 and 1-1 in district play.

The Warriors stand at No. 35 in GeauxPrep's Class 2A power rankings, so even an upset win over

the Tigers on Friday is the only change Lakeside likely has at moving into

postseason play. North Webster's big win at Mansfield last week likely earned a playoff spot for the Knights, who stand at 4-5 overall and 1-2 in District 1-3A

The Knights are currently ranked No. 27 in GeauxPrep's unofficial Class 3A power rankings and will close out the regular season by playing host to Green Oaks (1-8, 0-3) on Friday night.

# LA Tech faces tough test playing at UAB on Saturday

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Louisiana Tech hits the road and travels to Protective Stadium to face Alabama-Birmingham starting at 11 a.m.

on Saturday. UAB (5-3, 3-1 C-USA) and Louisiana Tech (2-6, 1-3 C-USA) have played closely contested games since UAB's return to the playing field in 2017 with three of the four contests being decided by one possession. UAB is 3-1 in those four games, but Louisiana Tech won last year's contest 37-34 in double overtime.

The Bulldogs own a 6-3 advantage in the alltime series.

LA Tech will be looking to shake off a tough 26-23 loss that saw Old Dominion kick a field goal as time expired to get the home win.

"It's frustrating be so close and to still come up short. I was proud of the way a lot of guys played defensively for three quarters," said Tech head coach Skip Holtz. "We played outstanding football. I continue to look at the growth of Keivie Rose and the way he's playing.



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Louisiana Tech head coach Skip Holtz will lead his Bulldogs into a Conference USA football game at Alabama-Birmingham on Saturday.

Deshon Hall. DJ Jackson is getting more and more minutes upfront. Mykol Clark is doing a their own. I say that be-

really nice job for us. Our linebackers are really starting to come into

cause Trey Baldwin and Tyler Grubbs have been playing a major role, but to see the way Kody Fulp has come in and the minutes he's giving us right now. Maki Carabin. Even Allen Walker is doing a really nice job. Those five guys are playing really well for us at linebacker. BeeJay Williamson continues to step up. I was proud of Khalil Ladler Saturday. Baylen Buchanan, unfortunately, wasn't able to finish the game but he played really well at corner. Our defense was 3-of-10 through the first three quarters on third down.

"Unfortunately, in the fourth quarter, we had that score to put us up 20-17 and they had a 20-play drive that went down and tied the game up."

Holtz knows his team has to win out the remainder of the season to be eligible for a seventh straight bowl game.

"We have four games remaining on the schedule. The attitude right now is we have to find a way to win. The attitude and the togetherness of this team, they certainly haven't thrown in the towel. But, we need something good to happen to us at this point. We're struggling right now. Being so close and not being able to get it finished is just frustrating not only for our players and our coaches, but also our fans. We need to be able to find a way to get a win this week with UAB."

And he knows it won't be easy against a strong UAB team.

"We're going to have to protect the football," Holtz said. "We're going to have to do a really job protecting the football offensively. We have to try and generate some points whether that's through the running game or the passing game. Defensively, the key is we can't give up the big play. We've got to keep the ball in front of us. Make them earn it again.

"They're going to earn some yards rushing. You just have to make sure you don't give up the homerun ball and make them earn everything they get. Offensively, it's about trying to protect the ball and manufacture points. Defensively, it's about not giving up the big play, trying to keep the ball in front and make them snap it again."

# Grambling State to hit road to face Arkansas-Pine Bluff

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Grambling State looks to get back on a winning track as the Tigers hit the road to take on the Arkansas-Pine Bluff Golden Lions at 2 p.m. Saturday at Simmons Bank Field.

The G-Men enter the game coming off a 2-3 loss at Florida A&M and stand at 3-5 overall and 2-3 in Southwestern Athletic Conference play.

UAPB has lost seven games, including a 59-17 road defeat last week at Texas Southern, and stands at 1-7 overall and 0-5 in the SWAC. The Golden Lions have not won since topping Lane College 34-16 in UAPB's season opener.

The G-Men have played three quarterbacks this season. The

big question entering the weekend is will the Tigers once again play true freshman Noah Bodden, who leads the Tigers with four passing touchdowns and 474 yards on 42-of-102 passes (43..4 completion percentage) with four interceptions. If the Tigers don't play Bodden any more this season, it can be called a redshirt season for Bodden and he'll have four

more seasons of eligibility remaining.

If the G-Men do play Bodden in a fifth game this season, he'll only have three more years of eligibility left heading into next season.

Juniors Elijah Walker (247 passing yards and one touchdown) and Aldon Clark (191 passing yards and one score) are GSU's other two quarter-



# **WEEK 9 WINNERS:**

**#1 MARSHA TODD #2 RAGAN HOENKE #3 JESSIE BROOKS** 

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# Good News

**GOOD NEWS** 

As we grow older, often times we become unsure what our role is in the community, church or friendship circles. Many of our friends are unable to participate in activities and we, too, see limitations circling our own court. Perhaps we need to study some of the Biblical characters that continued to serve God in meaningful ways as they aged.

Abraham and Sarai were 100 and 90 years of age when God made a covenant with them. "You will be the father of many nations." (Gen 17: 4). So Sarai conceived and soon Isaac joined their family... and the covenant was put into action. And so it was in the generations to come. Moses was a mere 80 years old when God called him out of exile to lead the Children of Israel through the wilderness for 40 years to possess the Promised Land. The covenant with Abraham was being extended through Moses. (Ex 3). After Moses' death,

God prepared Joshua to lead His people across the Jordan River into the land promised to Abraham centuries before. His instructions to Joshua was to "possess the promised land,

just as I was with Moses I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you. So be strong and courageous for you will lead My peo-



**Bill Crider** 

ple to inherit the land promised to their forefathers." (Josh 1: 2-6). Joshua now was about 80 years old, as was his companion Ca-

Many of the prophets were 'elderly" as they faithfully served the Lord, calling His people back to repentance and commitment. On down through the Old Testament and even in the New Testament, we find no hint that 'retirement' from the Lord's work or service is found. The call of discipleship is a life-time

## We Are Never Too Old

commitment...to the very end.

There are two elderly saints mentioned in Luke's Gospel (2: 25-38) who missed the retirement message or party. They contin-

ued in their old age to serve the Lord as they always had done. (Simeon and Anna) We find them worshippraying ing, and encourothers aging

at the Temple day after day. Because they 'lived so close to God, they recognized Jesus as the Messiah (even as a babe) when his parents brought him to the Temple to be named and circumcised, according to the Law of Moses. The Spirit of God filled them so that day, they both recognized Jesus as the promised "Consolation of Israel - the Messiah." They offered prayers and blessings over Him.

"Whatever your age today, plan on remaining faithful and active your entire life. If you are available, God will use you to bless someone. The only aged saints who don't get used by God are those who have removed themselves from service."\*

You may not be asked to serve anymore in areas you feel you are qualified at church. You may not be called on to voice a prayer, sing in the choir though you love music, serve food at special functions, or participate in activities you long have favored. Don't lose heart; create your own ministry list. Make a list of homebound persons you can share treats with, call or write. Consider visiting those confined to a nursing home or assisted living areas. (Note there are still some restrictions.) Adopt a young family or single adult with children and seek to minister to them. Cut fresh flowers and share them with ill neighbors or friends. Bake your favorite cake or pie to

your "ministry list"..... and on and on....see there is no limit. Just because vou feel neglected sometimes by your church is no reason to stop service your Lord. Defeat this feeling, this attitude of not being useful. The Lord will bless you and you will draw new strength just knowing you can still be effective in serving the Lord in your lat-

ter years. Paul, as an old wornout traveling evangelist and missionary, wrote these words to young Timothy, a pastor: "I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now I am ready for the crown of righteousness which the Lord will award me on the day of my departure. And He has one for all who keep on serving and longing for his appearing.' (2 Tim

The Apostle John, in share with folks from his old age, was caught

up in the Spirit and wrote that glorious account of the New Jerusalem coming down out of heaven....a new heaven and a new earth. The early Councils that met to consider which manuscripts were "inspired by the Holy Spirit of God" were led to select his work to conclude the collection of our Biblical Canon. God still uses folks our age (80's 90's,- even 100 +).

Don't stop, don't sit down, don't settled for a rocking chair to watch TV all day long. The Lord is not through with us yet, even though someone keeps reminding us we are getting old....really old! Abe Lincoln is credited with saying: "And in the end, it is not the years in your life that counts, it is the life in your years that is most important."

\* Morning and Evening Devotions, David Jeremiah, pg. 627.

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THE UPWARD LOOK

#### Reading Scripture

"By reading this you are able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ." Ephesians 3:4 CSB

the mystery of Christ, that God's gift of grace offers salvation to all who trust in the atoning work of Christ.



Lord Jesus, give me understanding and wisdom to know Your Word. Teach me the truths of Your gospel as I spend time daily reading and

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studying the Bible.

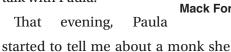
Paul stressed the importance of reading Scripture to perceive, grasp, know, understand, and comprehend the mystery that is the gospel of Christ. It is crucial for a believer to spend time consistently and continually in daily reading and in-depth Bible study, striving to know and to apply the riches of God's Word. Reading Scripture leads to an understanding and insight into

LET NOT YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED

#### Francis (continued)

Paula? That was such a surprise, I thought he must be a prophet. He

said he spent the night with the priest in Minden and, as he was leaving that morning, a lady named Paula stopped and talked with him. I was anxious to talk with Paula.



He said, is your daughter's name talked to that morning. I finished the story, and she was surprised. If judgement started then, it has pro-

> gressed to where we are now. I believe that Jesus will return soon.

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Come soon, Lord Jesus.



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# FUN & GAMES

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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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#### Here's How It Works:

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

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#### COMICS

#### **BABY BLUES I** RICK KIRKMAN AND JERRY SCOTI



**BLONDIE I** DEAN YOUNG AND JOHN MARSHALI



BEETLE BAILEY I MORT & GREG WALKER AW, SARGE ... AFTER THAT HIKE, OUR THIS PLACE WHAT?! FEET NEED PUTSOME SOCKS ON. AIRING OUT

HOW'S YOUR BUT SINCE I'VE BEEN APPARENTLY MY OFF MY KNEES, THEY DON'T HURT ANYMORE. KNEES CAN'T WAIT FOOT BEEN FEELING?







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





**MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM I** MIKE PETERS



SAM AND SILO I JERRY DUMAS







**CRYPTOQUIP** 

YHKE ZKKYA YHM WLE AM

JLNNKM-RYKPOHW YLQ WQYLJ

ΙY WOPM L R GMKJ. GM'R

CMROWHZIMC GOHIMQ. I G M

ZPRQKXTR. Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF THE COLONEL IN "MY FAIR LADY" WERE IN A PETTY ARGUMENT, THAT WOULD BE PICKERING BICKERING.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: K equals L



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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice of Sale of Timber: The Louisiana Office of State Lands Division of Administration is accepting bids for al merchantable timber both pine and hardwood under OSL Sale No. 2021-2 covering two tracts, Tract No. 1 being approximately 30 acres lying in NE/4 of SW/4 of Section 1, T23N-R13W, Bossier Parish, Louisiana and Tract No. 2 being approximately 80 acres lying in N/2 of SE/4 of Section 11. T22N-R12W. Bossier Parish, Louisiana (less

road right of way); both tracts are surrounded by yellow painted boundary lines. Bids will be publicly opened and read at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 16th, 2021 in the Montana Room of the Claiborne Building, Room Number 1-142, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802 (downtown Baton Rouge). Bids may be mailed to the Office of State Lands at P.O. Box 44124, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804. Bids will also be accepted by hand delivery to the Office of State Lands in the Montana Room beginning at 2 p.m. on the day of bid opening until bid opening occurs at 3:00 p.m. Bids should be marked "OSL Timber Sale No. 2021-2" and include the name and contact information of the bidder Additional information and a complete copy of the prospectus can be obtained by contacting Cheston Hill by phone at

October 19, 2021 October 22, 2021 October 26, 2021 October 29, 2021 November 2, 2021 November 5, 2021 November 15, 2021 Movember 15, 2021 Minden Press-Heral

(225) 219-9454 and by

email at Cheston.Hill@

la.gov. The Louisiana

Office of State Lands

any and all bids.

reserves the right to reject

October 19, 2021

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS WEBSTER PARISH POLICE JURY

> 2022 ROAD CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS

The Webster Parish Police Jury solicits sealed proposals for: 2022 Road Construction Materials.

in the hands of the undersigned no later than 2:00 p.m., Friday, November 19. 2021 - in the Courthouse House Annex meeting room of the Webster Parish Police Jury, 401 Main Street, Minden, Louisiana 71055 The bid forms and specification sheets are available at no charge in the office of the Secretary-Treasurer, Webster Parish Policy Jury. Successful hids will be approved at the Regular Meeting, Webster Parish Police Jury on December

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

7. 2021.

The Webster Parish Police Jury abides by the requirements of the

Louisiana Bid Law.

ALL BIDS SUBMITTED

MUST BE CLEARLY

MARKED.

Webster Parish Police

\_\_\_\_s/\_\_\_ Lisa Balkom

Secretary-Treasurer

October 22, 2021

October 26, 2021

Nevember 5, 2021

October 22, 2021 October 26, 2021 November 5, 2021 November 9, 2021 November 16, 2021 Minden Press-Herald

PUBLIC NOTICE

Minden Planning Commission Meeting

November 11, 2021 –

Pelican Room -

Pelican Room -Minden City Hall

On the agenda is a request from Ol' West Bar-B-Que, LLC for a zoning variance on property owned by them located at the municipal address of 206 Hwy. 531 This property is zoned B-4 (Hwy. Commercial).

The purpose of this zoning variance is to be able to build a small residence for the owner's personal use on the same lot as the business.

Legal Description: 1.52 ACRES – TRACT 200 X 329.89 X 199.98 X 332.74 FT. IN SW/4 OF NW/4 SEC. 24-19-9 All interested parties will be given a chance to be

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SHERIFF'S SALE

DITECH FINAN-CIAL LLC

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 appraisement 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 vards: thence run North 70 yards; thence run West 70 yards, thence run South 70 yards to the point of beginning; together with

71075
SOLD SUBJECT
TO ANY SUPERIOR LIENS,
MORTGAGES
OR PRIVILEGES

all improvements

thereto belonging

Property Address:

1000 Baker Street,

Springhill, Louisiana

located thereon

and all rights

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

October 8, 2021 November 5, 2021 Minden Press-Herald

> VILLAGE OF DOYLINE COUNCIL MEETING

NOVEMBER 1, 2021

THE COUNCIL
MEETING OF
THE MAYOR
AND BOARD OF
ALDERMEN FOR
DOYLINE, LOUISIANA WAS HELD
AT THE DOYLINE
VILLAGE HALL ON
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2021 AT
6:00 PM, PURSUANT TO DUE
NOTICE.

COUNCIL MEM-BERS PRESENT WERE JAKIE DANIELS AND CHRISTIE GATES. ABSENT CARLY COLLIER.

THE MEET-ING WAS PRE-SIDED OVER BY MAYOR STEVEN BRIDWELL.

THE MEETING
WAS OPENED
WITH PRAYER BY
MIKE DUNAWAY
AND THE PLEDGE
OF ALLEGIANCE
WAS LED BY STEVEN BRIDWELL.

THERE WERE NO CITIZENS IN AT-TENDANCE.

NO ADDITIONS WERE ADDED.

A MOTION WAS

MADE BY JAKIE DANIELS TO APPROVE THE COUNCIL MEET-ING MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 4, 2021 SECONDED BY CHRISTIE GATES. THERE WERE NO COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE, MOTION CARRIED. AYES: 2 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1

ABSTAIN: 0

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CHRISTIE GATES TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 2021 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, SECONDED BY JAKIE DANIELS. THERE WERE NO COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE, MOTION CARRIED. AYES: 2 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 ABSTAIN: 0

A MOTION WAS
MADE BYCHRISTIE GATES TO
APPROVE THE
FISCAL YEAR
BUDGET JULY 1,
2021 THROUGH
JUNE 30, 2022,
SECONDED BY
JAKIE DANIELS.
THERE WERE
NO COMMENTS
OR QUESTIONS
FROM THE AUDIENCE, MOTION
CARRIED. AYES: 2
NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1
ABSTAIN:0

THERE WAS A
DISCUSSION FOR
USE OF THE ARPA
FUNDS TO BE
USED FOR HAZARD PAY/BONUS
PAY FOR ESSENTIAL WORKERS
DURING THE PANDEMIC. IT NEEDS
TO BE FURTHER
LOOKED IN TO
FOR APPROVAL.

THERE WAS A DISCUSSION OF ROOF REPAIR FOR THE COMMUNITY CENTER.

JOHNNY MONT-GOMERY, MAINTE-NANCE REPORT.

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

MIKE DUNAWAY, SEWER OP-ERATOR, GAVE THE SEWER REPORT. LIFT STATION PUMPS AT APARTMENT. PUMPS WILL BE REPLACED SOON LOOKING INTO DOING A SMOKE TEST FOR SEW-AGE ISSUES.

ROBBY HAYDEN, CHIEF'S REPORT: ABSENT

A MOTION
WAS MADE BY
JAKIE DANIELS
TO ADJOURN
THE MEETING,
SECONDED BY
CHRISTIE GATES
THERE WERE
NO COMMENTS
OR QUESTIONS
FROM THE AUDIENCE, MOTION
CARRIED. AYES: 2
NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1
ABSTAIN: 0

SHANE JONES, VILLAGE CLERK

STEVEN BRIDWELL, MAYOR

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Public Notice

This is to certify that the City of Minden has complied with Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1307 relative to public participation in the budget process for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022. Notice of availability for public inspection and public hearing was held in compliance with the applicable statute.

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Michael Fluhr colm Jamal Acting City Clerk/ Treasurer Breedlove, City of Minden Law at 318-

MINUTES VIII S The Webster Parish Oc

Library Board of Control met for a regular meeting in the Stewart Center Meeting Room Friday, October 29, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Present were board members George French, Linda Watson, Nick Cox, Nelwyn Terrell, Laura Evans, Charlotte Dean, and Secretary Savannah

Mr. French established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

Jones.

Absent: None

Mr. French asked for any additions to the agenda. There were no additions to the agenda.

Mr. French asked for audience comments. There were no audience comments.

Upon motion by Nelwyn Terrell, second by Charlotte Dean, the minutes of the July 30, 2021 regular meeting were approved as mailed.

Director Savannah Jones gave an overview of the 2021 year-to-date financial report. Upon motion by Laura Evans, second by Linda Watson, the 2021 year-to-date financial report was approved as presented.

Savannah Jones presented the 2021 amended budgets. Upon motion by Nelwyn Terrell, second by Linda Watson, the 2021 amended budgets were approved as presented.

Savannah Jones presented the 2022 proposed budgets as well as the 2022 budget resolution in detail. Upon motion by Nelwyn Terrell, seconded by Laura Evans, it was moved to approve Resolution 2021-10-29 adopting the 2022 Proposed Budgets as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Absent from vote: 0. Absent from

meeting: 0. Fund 15 \$4,510,372.22

Fund 16 \$ 530,207.94 Fund 17

\$ 0.00 Fund 25

\$249,395.33

Nick Cox reported that the Library received a clean audit for 2020. Upon motion by Linda Watson, second by Nelwyn Terrell, it was moved to accept the audit report as presented. Motion carried.

Upon motion by Linda Watson, second by Charlotte Dean, resolution 2021-10-29 authorizing the purchase of property located at 183 Fuller Street, Doyline, LA 71023 was approved as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Upon motion by Charlotte Dean, second by Nelwyn Terrell, the 2022 Holiday calendar was approved as mailed. Motion carried.

Upon motion by Laura Evans, second by Nick Cox, the following policies were approved as mailed: \* Stewart Center

\* Stewart Center Meeting Room Application

Evans, second by Linda Watson, it was moved to recommend that the Police Jury reappoint George French, III to serve another five year term on the library board. His new term will expire on December 31, 2026. Motion carried.

Upon motion by Laura

There being no further business, upon motion by Nelwyn Terrell, second by Charlotte Dean the meeting adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

President

Secretary

Date

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If anyone knows the whereabouts of Malcolm Jamal Wilson, Sr. please contact Pamela Breedlove, Attorney at Law at 318-423-0845.

November 5, 2021 Minden Press-Herald Village of Dixie Inn Special Session October 25, 2021

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

The Mayor and Board

of Aldermen for the Village of Dixie Inn met in special session on October 25, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Dixie Inn, Louisiana with the following members present: Mayor Kay Hallmark-Stratton, Aldermen Donna Hoffoss, Judy McKenzie, and Lance Milligan.

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

There were no public comments.

Mayor Kay Hallmark-Stratton welcomed

A motion was made by Lance Milligan and seconded by Donna Hoffoss to approve the resignation letter of Officer Robert Alan Davis effective October 25, 2021. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

Mayor Kay Hallmark-Stratton read aloud Resolution No. 01-10252021, a resolutior approving final pay of hours worked and one-half (1/2) of sick leave days accumulated but not used for Officer Alan Davis. A motion was made by Judy McKenzie and seconded by Donna Hoffoss to adopt Resolution No. 01-10252021. Vote on the motion was

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

unanimous.

ATTEST: Kay Hallmark-Stratton Mayor

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RESOLUTION NO. 01-10252021 A RESOLUTION APPROVING FINAL PAY OF HOURS WORKED, AND

WORKED, AND
ONE-HALF (1/2) OF
SICK LEAVE DAYS,
ACCUMULATED
BUT NOT USED,
FOR OFFICER ALAN
DAVIS

WHEREAS, the Village of Dixie Inn previously paid a full-time employee for one-half (1/2) of sick leave days, accumulated but not used, although said employee had not been permanent for the ten (10) consecutive years required as stated in Ordinance #71-F. and

WHEREAS, this has been deemed an oversight by the Mayor and Council, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Mayor and Council feel that Officer Alan Davis is deserving and entitled to pay for one-half (1/2) of the sixty-one (61) days he has not used of sick time, which he earned and accumulated since his hire date of December 1, 2014, Officer Davis is separating from employment with the Village of Dixie Inn under honorable circumstances

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Mayor and Council will follow Ordinance #71-F and/or any amendments concerning this matter in the future.

resolution having been submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: 3 (Donna Hof-

The aforesaid

foss, Judy McKenzie, Lance Milligan) NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0

the resolution was declared adopted on the 25th day of October, 2021. s/Kay Hallmark-Strat-

WHEREUPON,

ton, Mayor

CERTIFICATE

I, Dana James, Clerk for the Village of Dixie Inn hereby certify that the above constitutes a true and accurate copy of a Resolution, which UPON MOTION of Judy McKenzie, and seconded by Donna Hoffoss, was adopted by the following Yea and Nay vote: YEAS: 3 (Donna Hoffoss, Judy McKenzie, Lance Milligan) NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 and the same was declared adopted by

Dana James, Clerk Village of Dixie Inn, Louisiana

the Mayor on the 25th day of October 2021.

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> Village of Dixie Inn Special Session October 29, 2021

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

There were no public comments.

Mayor Kay Hallmark-

Stratton welcomed guests.

Mayor Kay Hallmark-

Stratton read aloud Resolution No. 01-10292021, a resolution to make a request to Division of Administration for a Water Sector Fund Grant to make improvements to water and sewer infrastructure. A motion was made by Donna Hoffoss and seconded by Judy McKenzie to adopt Resolution No. 01-10292021. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

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

Kay Hallmark-Stratton Mayor

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RESOLUTION NO. 01-10292021 VILLAGE OF DIXIE

WHEREAS, the Village of Dixie Inn has a need to make water and sewer infrastructure improvements throughout the town,

WHEREAS, the Village of Dixie Inn does not have the resources to construct these improvements, and

WHEREAS, funds are available from the Louisiana Water Sector Fund, and

WHEREAS, the Town's Engineer, Cothren, Graff, Smoak Engineering, Inc. has determined this project can be funded with the funds available from the Water Sector Fund.

NOW THERE-FORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Village of Dixie Inn is in full agreement and accord on making a request to the Division of Administration for a Water Sector Fund grant in the amount of \$293.000 to assist us with this badly needed project, to fund the \$51,000 in engineering fees from the village's local funds and to fund the project balance of \$52,000 from the Town's American Res cue Plan Act funds as shown on the attached project budget.

Upon motion by Donna Hoffoss, duly seconded by Judy McKenzie and carried, the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Village of Dixie Inn in special session convened on October 29, 2021.

ABSTAIN: 0

vote was as follows: YEAS:3 (Donna Hoffoss, Judy McKenzie, Lance Milligan) NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0

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I, Dana James, Clerk of the Village of Dixie Inn, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Village of Dixie Inn in special session convened on October 29, 2021.

Given under my official signature and seal of office on this the 29th day of October

(SEAL)

Dana James, Clerk Village of Dixie Inn

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MISC.

20-week Christian Intervention Program(CIP) class. For the chemically dependent, their families, and others. Anyone is welcome.

The program offers life-skills and is court approved. Classes are on Sundays 4:30pm - 5:30pm. If you are interested, please contact us at (318) 377-0390.

EMPLOYMENT
Presbyterian
Village of Homer
is hiring CNA's
all shifts, LPN's
all shifts, and
weekend RN's.
For more information, please
call (318)9276133 and ask for
Joyce Pickens

for CNA applica-

tions, and Alex

Vansickle for

LPN/RN applications.

DRIVERS

Delivery Drivers
Needed

Bill & Ralph's
Inc.
118 B & R Drive,
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71071
Accepting Applications For

Delivery Route Drivers with a CDL(Class A) Drivers License. Free Medical Insurance for

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Monthly Safety/
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# phs.com GARAGE/ESTATE SALES GARAGE SALE

Saturday,

November 6th.
Starts at 7:00
AM. Something
for everyone: furniture, seasonal
items, & misc.
Most items only
25 cents! 705
Drew Lane in
Minden.

HOMES FOR SALE BY

**OWNER** 

279 SUGAR CREEK RD 3BR 2.5BATH 1.24 ACRES 1709 SQ FT \$160,000.00 268-2601 OR 455-8732

#### 2022 Proposed Budget Webster Parish Police Jury Public Hearing December 7, 2021 at 11:00 am

COURTHOUSE ANNEX- 401 MAIN STREET - WEST ENTRANCE, MINDEN, LA 71055 318-377-7564

DESCRIPTION	GENE	RAL FUND	SPEC	IAL REVENUE	BUD	GET YEAR	
			FUNDS			ND TOTALS	
REVENUE:							
TAXES	\$	925,000.00	\$	4,900,000.00	\$	5,825,000.00	
LICENSE & PERMITS	\$	270,650.00	\$	25,000.00	\$	295,650.00	
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE							
FEDERAL FUNDS					\$	-00.00	
STATE FUNDS	\$	1,932,170.00	\$	120,000.00	\$	2,052,170.00	
OTHER FUNDS							
CHARGES FOR SERVICES	\$	30,000.00	\$	59,725.00	\$	89,725.00	
FINES AND FORFEITURES			\$	233,900.00	\$	233,900.00	
USE OF MONEY	\$	310,500.00	\$	19,900.00	\$	330,400.00	
OTHER REVENUE	\$	30,000.00	\$	532,100.00	\$	562,100.00	
LIBRARY REVENUE			\$	4,510,372.00	\$	4,510,372.00	
TOTAL REVENUE	\$	3,498,320.00	\$	10,400,997.00	\$	13,899,317.00	
OPERATING TRANSFERS IN	\$	100,000.00	\$	300,000.00	\$	400,000.00	
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	\$	2,161,529.00	\$	3,411,364.00	\$	5,572,893.00	
TOTAL REVENUE, FUND BALANCE,							
AND TRANSFERS IN:	\$	5,759,849.00	\$	14,112,361.00	\$	19,872,210.00	
EXPENDITURES							
LEGISLATIVE	\$	222,200.00	\$	912,171.00	\$	1,134,371.00	
JUDICIAL	\$	945,300.00			\$	945,300.00	

COURTHOUSE ANNEX- 401 MAIN STREET - WEST ENTRANCE, MINDEN, LA 71055 318-377-7564

ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCE	\$	1,171,845.00	\$	96,965.00	\$ 1,268,810.00	
ELECTIONS	\$	56,750.00			\$ 56,750.00	
PUBLIC SAFETY/CORRENCTIONS	\$	548,000.00	\$	922,000.00	\$ 1,470,000.00	
HEALTH & WELFARE	\$	435,545.00	\$	93,800.00	\$ 529,345.00	
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$	126,500.00	\$	649,400.00	\$ 775,900.00	
PUBLIC WORKS			\$	3,714,600.00	\$ 3,714,600.00	
LIBRARY			\$	5,040,580.00	\$ 5,040,580.00	
LIBRARY DEBT SERVICE			\$	249,395.00	\$ 249,395.00	
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$	3,506,140.00	\$	11,678,911.00	\$ 15,185,051.00	
Contingency/reserve	\$	2,253,709.00	\$	2,433,450.00	\$ 4,687,159.00	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES, RESERVES, ETC.	\$	5,759,849.00	\$	14,112,361.00	\$ 19,872,210.00	
Individual fund balances for the	propos	sed budget may be	revie	ewed in the		
office of the Secretary-Treasure	-					
As published in the Minden Press	Heral	d November 5 202	11			

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#### EARLY VOTING SCHEDULE November 13, 2021

#### REGISTRAR OF VOTERS OFFICE WEBSTER PARISH COURTHOUSE

410 Main St., Minden Saturday, October 30, - Saturday, November 6 **Excluding Sunday, October 31** 8:30 AM until 6:00 PM

#### SPRINGHILL CIVIC CENTER

101 Machen Dr., Springhill Wednesday, November 3, - Saturday, November 6 8:30 AM until 6:00 PM

To view your sample ballot and obtain additional information regarding voting and elections visit www.GeauxVote.com or contact your local Registrar of Voters office at 377-9272.

council strong which

means the vote here is

extremely important as

to what we do and we

take this responsibil-

ity extremely serious.

unanimously in favor of adopting the City

of Minden 2021-2022

moved to authorize

enter into and sign a

seven year contract

for the solid waste

the Mayor to negotiate,

with Republic Services

collection and disposal

for the City of Minden

contingent upon meet

ing all specifications

The motion was duly

seconded by Michael

Roy and carried unanimously.

Acting City Clerk, presented the Budget/

Financial Report for the

month of September, 2021. No motion was

required. Upon motion by

Wayne Edwards ánd

dulý seconded by Mi-

chael Roy, the council

the Police Report for

presented.

adjourned.

unanimously approved

September of 2021, as

Public comments

were heard, council

and the meeting was

Michael Fluhr,

and requirements.

Áfter discussion,

Budget. Pam Bloxom

the council voted

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF MINDEN, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN IN REGULAR SES-SION HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEM-BER 1, 2021.

The Minden City Council met at City Hall, Minden, Louisiana, beginning at 5:30 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Terry Gardner. Wayne Edwards, Terika Williams-Walker, Vincen Bradford, Michael Roy and Pam Bloxom. Absent: None. Mayor Gardner welcomed everyone to the meeting. It is noted for the record that Mayor Terry Gardner allowed both council and public comments prior to every vote.

Prayer was offered

by Michael Roy and Wayne Edwards led the Pledge of Al-

Michael Roy moved to amend the printed agenda to add Item (G) Personnel – Policé Department New Hires. The motion was duly seconded by Pam Bloxom and the vote was as follows: Ayes: Wayne Edwards, Michael Roy and Pam Bloxom. Navs: Terika Williams Walker and Vincen Bradford. Absent: None. Abstain: None The motion failed for lack of a unanimous

Upon motion by Wayne Edwards and duly seconded by Michael Roy, the council adopted the minutes of Council Regular Session held on October 4, 2021,

as presented, by the following vote: Ayes: Wayne Edwards Michael Roy and Pam Bloxom. Nays: Terika Williams-Walker and Vincen Bradford. Absent: None. Abstain: None. The motion carried.

Fire Chief Kip Mourad presented a report on smoke donated by Wal-Mart of Minden. These smoke detectors, as well as installation by the Fire Department if the citizen is unable to install, are available to the citizens of Minden upon request. Michael Roy moved

to adopt a Resolution Adopting the City of Minden 2021/2022 Budget, as presented seconded by Pam Bloxom. During discussion, Wayne Edwards noted for the record that the council had been working since September to approve the budget Three issues were addressed: (1) Improve communication

between the Council and Mayor so that we can basically get on the same team; (2) Manager or higher positions – the Counci should be involved in any raises above what is written in the employee manual; (3) Rate of pay for the

further stated for the

record that under the

City Charter, we are a

Terry L. Gardner, Mayor **Human Resources** position - After talk ATTEST: we came to the conclusion of a 6% pay increase which is Michael Fluhr, lower than the 10% allocated. Mr. Edwards

Acting City Clerk November 5, 2021 Minden Press-Herald

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