

COMMUNITY

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas



THANKSGIVING

A message from the Mayor

Special to the Minden Press-Herald

If someone were to ask me what is the one thing for which I am most thankful, I don't think I could give an answer.

There are so many things to be thankful for, and like so many of us, I realize there

are far more good things in our lives than those that bring us sadness.

But how do you pick just one? It's too dif-GARDNER ficult to choose

in our community, so let's not worry about doing so. That's the beauty of Thanksgiving Day; it's the one day a year built around the important idea that we all need to pause, reflect, and give thanks for the good in ourworlds.

So, in no particular order, these are just some of the many things I am thankful for about living in our community.

1. I am thankful to all our blessed friends. They always love you no matter your faults and make your day better.

2. I am thankful for our business community and how through the pandemic they held on and we all supported each other. We were the true definition of community in the most difficult months. I am still amazed at the dedication of the 50 new business owners during this time and

people productive and thoughtful members of the community we love.

4. I am thankful for all the things we sometimes take for granted. Food on our tables. Hugs from

our loved ones. The beauty of our town during this season and beyond. Tam thankful

for my friends and family, those still with us and those who have moved on to a

better place. 6. I am thankful

for all of our first responders who risk their lives everyday

to keep our town and parish safe during dangerous times.

7. I am thankful for this simple Thanksgiving day, this American tradition to spend with family and

friends.

8. I am thankful for my faith, my Lord, my Savior, for these blessings and all the others we have been given.

Looking back on this list, I realize there are many other gratitudes that could be added, but the Lord knows what's in my prayers of thanks every night. I just wanted to take a brief moment on this special day to share with you what was on my heart and hope you too see all that we have to be thankful for in Minden. I hope we continue to realize we are all human and all have the desire to do what we think is right for our community and those who call it home. Let's all ask for the strength to keep the power of Thanksgiving alive throughout the year so we can all be the people God wants us to be. So, on this Novemberday, I would like to extend to all of you a happy Thanksgiving. I am thankful to serve you as the mayor of what will continue to be the best small town on Earth.

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Minden is getting all dressed up for Christmas and ready to receive visitors as part of the North Louisiana Holiday Trail of Lights this Christmas season. Along with other North Louisiana Cities and Towns such as Shreveport/Bossier, Monroe, Natchitoches, and Alexandrtia, Minden is participating in the trail by brightening up downtown with Christmas lights and decorations to showcase to Louisiana and visitors that Minden means business when it comes to celebrating Christmas!

the more than 200 new jobs they created.

3. I am thankful for our amazing schools and churches with their hardworking teachers and kind

congregations. They each serve similar purposes. One is to educate the mind. The other is to educate the spirit. I think, though, that they both do a little of each and help make our young

Terry L. Gardner

GAS BUDDY

Louisiana gas prices steadily fall

(GAS BUDDY) - Louisiana gas prices have fallen 0.8 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.09/g today, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 2,436 stations in Louisiana. Gas prices in Louisiana are 3.1 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand \$1.29/g higher than a year

ago. The cheapest station in Louisiana is priced at \$2.75/g today while the most expensive is \$3.53/g, a difference of 78.0 cents per gallon.

"With oil prices plunging nearly \$10 from the recent peak of \$85 per barrel, motorists will start to see gas prices decline nationwide, just in time

for Thanksgiving, and the decline could stretch for several weeks," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for Gas-Buddy.

The national average price of gasoline has fallen 1.9 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.39/g today. The national average is up 2.8

cents per gallon from a month ago and stands \$1.30/g higher than a year ago.

"It's not impossible- so long as oil prices hold near these levels or continue falling- that the national average could shed 15 to 30 cents per gallon over the coming weeks, while some areas

like California could see declines of as much as 25 to 40 cents. While there's reason to be optimistic that the peak of gas prices will soon be behind us, the decline in the price of oil is likely reflecting the possibility of a coordinated global release of oil from strategic reserves. If that doesn't happen, oil could again rally. However, with Covid cases on the rise again reducing global demand, it does seem the most likely outcome will be a drop in gas prices that could last several weeks," said De Haan.





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GOVERNMENT

OSHA halts implementation of workplace vaccine mandate after court order

(The Center Square) – The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) is temporarily suspending enforcement of the Biden administration's private sector COVID-19 vaccine mandate.

The Wednesday announcement comes after the Fifth Circuit U.S. Courts of Appeals in New Orleans twice ordered implementation of the mandate halted, citing "grave" constitutional issues.

"The court ordered that OSHA 'take no steps to implement or enforce' the [Emergency Temporary Standard,] 'until further court order,"" OSHA said in a statement. "While OSHA remains confident in its authority to protect workers in emergencies, OSHA has suspended activities related to the implementation and enforcement of the ETS pending future developments in the litigation."

States, businesses and other groups filed 34 law-

suits against the Biden administration's mandate that private sector businesses with 100 or more employees require workers to be vaccinated against the coronavirus or face weekly testing. The policy also would impose nearly \$14,000 in fines per employee if businesses are caught letting their workers skirt the directive.

The mandate was scheduled to go into effect Jan. 4 before the Fifth Circuit ordered the stay.

On Tuesday, the lawsuits were consolidated by the U.S. Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation and sent after a lottery to the Sixth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati.

"It took two court orders but the Biden admin is finally telling OSHA to stand down," Liberty Justice Center (LJC), a nonprofit law firm that defends workers rights, tweeted in response.

LJC and the New Orleans-based Pelican Institute represent businessman Brandon Trosclair, who owns 15 grocery stores in Louisiana and Mississippi, employing nearly 500 people. Trosclair filed the lawsuit at the center of the Fifth Circuit court's two rulings.

"I am proud to be in this fight on behalf of not just my employees, but all Americans," Trosclair said in a statement after the second Fifth Circuit decision. "It's wrong for the federal government to order me to interfere in the private medical decisions of my team members or to impose insurmountable costs on my businesses."

The Biden administration says the mandate is necessary to protect workers and end the pandemic.

But the Fifth Circuit said the "mandate is a one-size-fits-all sledgehammer that makes hardly any attempt to account for differences in workplaces (and workers)," its ruling states.

Frustration boils over about Louisiana road and bridge work

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — As Louisiana readies for an infusion of federal infrastructure cash, a powerful state senator Friday said he's so dissatisfied with the state transportation department's handling of road and bridge money that he's ready to "blow it up and start over."

Republican Senate Finance Chairman Bodi White, of Central, slammed the agency's performance repeatedly, singling out specific road projects that he said have been on the drawing board for years and have moved too slowly even when they get financing.

White said he wants lawmakers to look at restructuring the Department of Transportation and Development, known as DOTD.

"You're just dysfunctional," White told DOTD Deputy Secretary Eric Kalivoda during a meeting of the Legislature's joint House and Senate budget committee.

White added: "When I get into a system that doesn't work, the only thing I know to do is blow it up and start over."

Lawmakers have sought to steer significantly more money to transportation projects in recent years, but have gotten frustrated with the pace of construction. projects splitting \$563 million in federal pandemic aid that lawmakers set aside to pay for road and bridge work and discussing the money Louisiana is in line to receive from the \$1 trillion bipartisan infrastructure package recently passed by Congress. Lawmakers also have set aside hundreds of millions in oil spill recovery money for

transportation. Republican Rep. Barry Ivey, who lives in the same area as White, said people are skeptical that DOTD will move swiftly and effectively to spend all the cash being sent its way.

"My constituents don't trust y'all to get it done," Ivey said.

Several lawmakers, mostly Republicans, criticized the agency as too laden with bureaucracy and too politicized in the selection of projects.

Kalivoda replied that only 5% of the department's budget covers administrative costs, and he said many of the projects that lawmakers criticized as politicized either were selected by legislators themselves or involved decisions made by the governor, not the dething done with the money we give you. It takes forever," he told Kalivoda.

Louisiana has a \$15 billion backlog of road and bridge repairs and a \$15 billion wish list of new bridges, interstate widenings and other highway projects aimed at addressing traffic problems.

White dismissed as "chump change" the new money Louisiana is expected to receive for roads and bridges from the federal bipartisan infrastructure bill championed by President Joe Biden and negotiated with input from Louisiana's U.S. Sen. Bill Cassidy, a Republican.

Kalivoda noted that of the \$6 billion Louisiana is guaranteed to receive for highway and bridge work over the next five years, the state was expecting to receive \$4.8 billion of that already through the traditional federal highway financing formula.

But he also pointed out that Louisiana will be able to compete for billions of dollars in other competitive grant programs that will be available.

Outside of road and bridge money, the federal infrastructure bill will send dollars to Louisiana for public transit, airports, broadband improvements, water system upgrades, coastal storm risk management and more.

Suspect arrested after carrying drugs to drug possession hearing

STAFF REPORT Minden Press-Herald

CRIME

Earlier last week one Travis Reynolds was arrested at the Webster Parish Courthouse by a Webster Parish Sheriff's office Deputy for the same charge that he was facing a sentence for that day at the courthouse, possession of a schedule II controlled dangerous "The judge sentenced him but gave him another sentence on the date of

substance.

"Reynolds was arrested at the Webster Parish Courthouse on the charge of LRS 40:967, poss. Sch II CDS. Travis was in court for this charge," the booking report read.

Makayla Dill, 18, of the

100 block of West Roos-

12-27-21."

Travis was handcuffed and transported to BDCC on the charge of possession of a schedule II substance.

The committee was reviewing the list of

partment.

White was the most to severe in his com- tra plaints, saying legisla- ba tive leaders want to do wa a "major renovation" gra of the agency. ris

"You don't get any-

BLOTTER

Recent Arrests in Webster Parish

Morlicia Sims, 24, of the 700 block of Monroe Street, was arrested for simple battery.

f evelt, was arrested for a
warrant for principal to
aggravated assault with a
firearm.

Conmack Moore, 63, was arrested for theft and resisting an officer.

Austin Sims, 20, of the 100 block of Eisenhower Drive, was arrested on a warrant.

Chris Yates, 39, of the 1100 block of Pine Street, was arrested for possession of a schedule II substance, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Mary Woodall, 29, of the 1100 block of Shreveport Road, was arrested for failure to appear in court. Brittania Bailey, 28, of the 1200 block of Shreveport Road, was arrested for remaining on property

Mikalah Brooks, 22, of the 900 block of Mayfield Road, was arrested for resisting an officer and being a fugitive of Claiborne and Webster Parish Sher-

after being forbidden.

iff's Offices.

Mary Woodall, 29, of the 1100 block of Shreveport Road, was arrested for possession of a schedule II substance, possession of a schedule I substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, and remaining Torry Capers, 29, of the 300 block of Weston Street, was arrested for domestic abuse battery.

on property after being

forbidden.

Devon Stiles, 21, of the 100 block of North East avenue, was arrested on a warrant.

Nathan Simpson, 20, of the 600 block of Red Chute Street, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

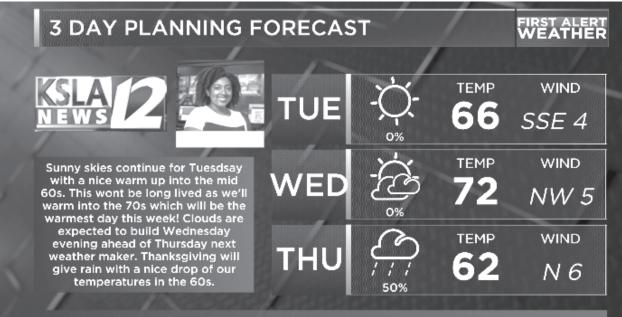
Bobby Specks, 45, of the 100 block of Hacket Street, was arrested for driving while intoxicated first offense.

Dillon Tatum, of the 100 block of Martin Street, was arrested on multiple warrants. Send us your letters to Santal All letters will be published in our special christmas greetings section and forwarded to the North Pole.

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OBITUARIES



Don Edwin Hart

Funeral services for Don Edwin Hart will be held Sunday, November 21, 2021, at 3:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church West Chapel in Minden, Louisiana with Rev. Bill Crider officiating. Interment will follow at Gardens of Memory Cem-

etery in Minden, Louisiana under the direction of Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Minden, Louisiana. The family will receive friends at 2:00 p.m. Sunday at the church prior to the service.

Don was born September 30, 1941, in Jackson, Mississippi and entered into rest November 17, 2021, in Sharpsburg, Georgia.



Melvin "Bubba" Barbo

Memorial services for Melvin "Bubba" Barbo will be held Tuesday, November 23, 2021, at 2:00

p.m. at Heflin United Methodist Church in Heflin, Louisiana with Pastor Judy Bazer and Father Wayne Carter officiating.

Melvin was born January 12, 1945, in Coushatta, Louisiana and entered into rest November 19, 2021, in Sibley Louisiana He was preceded in death by his wife, Betty Jean Hart.

He is survived by his son, Don Hart Jr. and wife Mandi of Minden; daughters, Sandra Botzong and husband David of Minden and Pamela Hart-Garcia and husband Nick of Georgia; sister, Ann Hart Boone of South Carolina; nine grandchildren, Amber Yount, Heather McCullough, Nicolette Phillips, Alexis Garcia, Adriana Garcia, Nicholas Garcia, Maddox Hart, Mason Hart, and Harleigh Hart, and six great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be David Botzong, Chad McCullough, Ted Yount, Nick Garcia, Nicholas Garcia, and Hugh Wood.

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He is survived by his wife, Brenda Holland Barbo of Sibley; daughters, Rachel Barbo Morgan (Jimmy) of Madisonville, and Jennifer Barbo Neale (Timothy Jr.) of Goodman, MO; sisters, Bertha Moore of Haughton, Pauline Barbo of Haughton, and Helen McGee (Sammy) of Crosby, TX; brother, Walter Hunter Barbo of Shreveport; and grandchildren, Jackson Clarkson, Anna Clarkson, John Philip Clarkson, Abel Barbo, Luke Michael Morgan, and Sylvester Hubbard-Grimble III.

In lieu of flowers, please take your family out to make memories or donations can be made to the Veterans of Foreign War-Post 7564, 444 Sheyenne Street, West Fargo, ND 58078, phone # (701-282-4728) Attention Color

Guard.

Charlene Day.





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He was preceded in death by his parents, Fernando and Cora Barbo; sister and brother-in-law, Virginia and James Crawford; brothers, William "Bill" Barbo and Mervin "Jack" Barbo; sister Jeannette "Sissy" Bamburg, and brother-in-law, Thomas Fred "Buck" Moore.



Jerry Wayne Day

Funeral services for Jerry Wayne Day will be held Monday, November 22, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. at Rose-Neath Funeral Home Chapel in Minden, Louisiana with Bro. Rich-

ard Methvin officiating. Interment will follow at Minden Cemetery in Minden, Louisiana with military honors. The family will receive friends at 9:00 a.m. Monday at Rose-Neath prior to the service.

Jerry was born September 7, 1937, in Shreveport, Louisiana and entered into rest November 18, 2021, in Minden, Louisiana. Jerry served his country in the United States Army and was a member of the Minden F&AM Lodge # 51.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Carson and



Patrick "Butch" Michael

Funeral services for Butch Michael will be held Tuesday, November 23, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. at Rose-Neath Funeral Home Chapel

in Minden, Louisiana with Bishop Drew Rousse and Rev. Todd Hennigan officiating. Interment will follow at Gardens of Memory Cemetery in Minden, Louisiana. The family will receive friends at 9:00 a.m. Tuesday at Rose-Neath Funeral Home prior to the service.

Butch was born February 1, 1948, in Minden, Louisiana and entered into rest November 19, 2021, in Shreveport, Louisiana.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Anthony

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He is survived by his wife, Keitha Day of Minden; sons, Scott Edward Day and Susie, Rick Allen Day and Jennifer, and Gary Wayne Day and Amy all of Minden; daughter, Denise Weeks and Bobby of Minden; sisters, Bennie Bailey of Natchitoches and Patsy Crain of Greenwood; brothers, Mike Day and Kay of Minden; grandchildren, Scott Edward Day, Jr., Jacob Day, April Day, Nicole Cox, Garrett Day, Gary Wayne Day, Jr., Ryan

Day, Nicole Cox, Garrett Day, Gary Wayne Day, J., Ryan Day, Sarah Bailey, Brittney Weaver, and Kayla Tidwell, and 24 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Garrett Day, Ryan Day, Gary "Butch" Day, II, and Steve Milam.

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(Anice) and Johanna Michael and nephew, Benjamin Michael.

He is survived by his wife, Carolyn Michael of Minden; sons, Anthony Justin Michael (Renate) of Shreveport, Todd Hennigan (Jo Anne) of Minden, Tim Hennigan of Missouri, and Tracy Hennigan of Minden; daughter, Angela Michael Dison (Chris) of Bossier City; sisters, Debbie Michael Haynes (Joe) of Minden and Tammy Michael Bloxom (Mark) of Shreveport; brother, Gregory Paul Michael (Sylvia) of Bossier City; and grandchildren, Landrie Michael, Zac Michael, Peyton Wilhite, Meaghan Hennigan, and special grandson, Jax Olivia.

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Defeat won't end La. sales tax collection debate

Louisiana voters may have rejected a constitutional amendment to start the centralization of the state's sales tax collections, but that doesn't mean lawmakers and outside groups are giving up on trying to make the change.

A coalition of right-leaning organizations and an Arizonabased business that sells jewelry-making supplies have sued in federal court, challenging the current patchwork method of differing local government agencies collecting sales taxes.

ers are reviewing the possibility of reintroducing the legislation for another try at the ballot box. House Speaker Clay Schexnayder said the Legislature's staff is researching if lawmakers can pass the proposal again in the 2022 regular legislative session or if they'd have to wait until the 2023 session because of limits on when tax bills can be considered.

helps our state, helps us move forward, so we're going to keep pushing it," said Schexnayder, a Republican from Gonzales who sponsored the failed amendment. "We're not going to give up on it. We just have to find a path."

Meanwhile, it remains unclear if there will be any fallout between the legislative leadership and New Orleans Mayor LaToya Cantrell, who helped sink the constitutional amendment.

Lawmakers

Republican legislative lead-

"It's something that I believe

proposed

streamlining the sales tax collection process through an eight-member commission, rather than through the more than 50 local government agencies ranging from sheriffs and mayors to school boards that currently do the work. The constitutional change - a longsought goal of business groups — passed the Legislature with unanimous support from Republicans and Democrats and the backing of Democratic Gov. John Bel Edwards.

But voters this month rejected the proposal. Uncertified results from the secretary of state's office show 52% of those who voted in the low-turnout election opposed

Supporters of centralization say Louisiana is one of only three states that handle sales tax collections through a hodgepodge of local government agencies. They argue it's too burdensome for businesses to navigate the complex tax filing and remittance process.

Critics of the constitutional amendment pointed to uncertainty on the details of how the sales tax commission would work, because lawmakers still had to draft the specific regulations. They also argued it could tie up sales tax collections in state bureaucracy.

Cantrell didn't publicly object to the centralization effort when it moved through the Legislature. But she came out strongly in opposition ahead of the election, arguing the commission could withhold sales taxes owed to municipalities when state officials are unhappy with local decisions. She called it a "state power grab."

The New Orleans mayor's opposition followed the August decision of the Bond Commission - which includes legislative leaders and statewide elected officials - to temporarily hold up millions for state construction work around New Orleans, at least partially because of the city's coronavirus response.

The Bond Commission approved the financing a month later. But that delay was part of the reason Cantrell opposed the sales tax centralization effort, according to her spokesperson Beau Tidwell.

"It was not a tit for tat, but that really highlighted for us why it was such a concern," Tidwell said. "That was a really big red flag about what could happen."

The construction dollars temporarily held up by the Bond Commission, however, are discretionary. The sales tax dollars are not. Lawmakers note that distinction.

"You're not owed a project in Bond Commission," Magee said. "Sales tax money is very different."

Tidwell said Cantrell also had concerns that lawmakers haven't passed legislation spelling out how the sales tax commission would work. "It was so nebulous," Tidwell said.

Only days after voters rejected the constitutional amendment, some groups that pushed for passage wasted no time with a different approach, filing a lawsuit in New Orleans federal court that seeks to upend the current tax collection system as unconstitutional.

The lawsuit could complicate legislative efforts to revisit the constitutional amendment proposal if it's successful and a judge decides how the state should collect sales taxes, Schexnayder said.

"The lawsuit that was filed puts us and the locals in a really bad spot," he said.

MELINDA DESLATTE HAS COVERED LOUISIANA POLITICS FOR THE ASSOCIATED PRESS SINCE 2000.

OTHER OPINION

As we prepare to observe Thanksgiving 2021, there are many thoughts that come to mind.

This has been another challenging year for many of us. Many of us have experienced both success and loss. Our nation still seems divided although the patriotism and sense of community we see in our cities and towns is simply not what is reflected in the national media. Most of us go to work every day, love and support our families, assist our friends and neighbors if possible, attend religious services if we wish, and try to remain prayerfully hopeful about the future. While the economy has experienced fits and startsand in some business and industries workers remain difficult to find due to the Covid shutdown--it will undoubtedly rebound if we give it half a chance and don't overburden it with onerous taxes and stifling federal regulations. American entrepreneurship ingenuity, and hard work will again be our guiding lights and will lead us through these difficult economic and political times.

A Thanksgiving reflection

daily bitterness and acrimony reflected in national politics, instead turning our attention to our faith and our families. I believe that sincere gratitude for our many blessings as Americans is the true key to happiness in this life and salvation in the next. That is the real source

and on our beautiful, bountiful land. Through the decades, through the centuries, in log cabins, country churches, cathedrals, homes, and halls, the American people have paused to give thanks to God, in times of peace and plenty or of danger and distress.

neficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be," we have even greater cause for gratitude than the fresh triumphs that inspired Washington's prose.

We have seen the splendor of our natural resources spread across the tables of the world, and we have seen the splendor of freedom coursing with new vigor through the channels of history. The cause for which we give thanks, for which so many of our citizens through the years have given their lives, has endured over 200 years-a blessing to us and a light to all mankind. On Thanksgiving Day, 1987, let us, in this unbroken chain of observance, dedicate ourselves to honor anew the Author of Liberty and to publicly acknowledge our debt to all those who have sacrificed so much in our behalf. May our gratitude always be coupled with petitions for divine guidance and protection for our Nation and with ready help for our neighbors in time of need." (Pres. Ronald Reagan, 1987). Happy Thanksgiving!



MELINDA DESLATTE

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Magee said.

Houma Rep. Tanner Magee,

the House's second-ranking

Republican leader, said the

close vote — with about 15,000

more people voting against

the amendment than for it

- shows passage is worth re-

trying. He suggested more

education could improve the

proposal's chances in a future

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I have also found that it helps when I focus on being thankful-and I feel we are all more at peace-when we get off of social media and ignore the

of peace and tranquility and for that we can certainly be thank-

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binds us all together as Americans is far greater than what divides us, I close with an excerpt from President Reagan's 1987 Thanksgiving Proclamation, the words of which still ring true to me.

'Thanksgiving Day is one of our most beloved holidays, an occasion set aside by Americans from earliest times to thank our Maker prayerfully and humbly for the blessings and the care He bestows on us

Acknowledgement of dependence on God's favor was, in fact, our fledgling Nation's very first order of business. When the delegates to the First Continental Congress met in Philadelphia in 1774, they overcame discord by uniting in prayer for our country. Despite the differences among them as they began their work, they found common voice in the 35th Psalm, which concludes with a verse of joyous gratitude, "And my tongue shall speak of thy righteousness and of thy praise all the day long."

In 1789 the government established by that great charter of freedom, our Constitution, and "the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed," were cited by George Washington in the first Presidential Thanksgiving Proclamation as among "the great and various favors" conferred upon us by the Lord and Ruler of Nations. As we thank the God our first President called "that great and glorious Being, who is the be-

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ATTORNEY.

OTHER OPINION

Dated work regulations are hurting Louisianans

RAHEEM WILLIAMS

Special to the Minden Press-Herald

Louisiana is the land of great food, good music, ample natural resources, and resilient communities that come together in times of both challenge and celebration. Unfortunately, Louisiana is also a land of extreme government licensure regulations that limit work and entrepreneurship.

This problem dates back many decades, but the worst growth in licensure has occurred in the last 30 years. Louisiana has added more new licenses in that time than any other state. The result: more than 22% of jobs require a license in Louisiana. And some of them are truly ridiculous, like our

unique requirement that florists be licensed. Seriously. You need a license in Louisiana to trim flowers and put them on wedding tables. These licensure boards act like cartels, controlling supply and crushing competition.

The problem extends to all sorts of anti-opportunity policies. Take the story of Daltonio Elaire. Daltonio's dream was to run a mobile barber shop, traveling across Lafayette to conveniently cut the hair of his patrons. He served people who are often disabled, elderly, or can't easily travel to a brickand-mortar establishment. Daltonio invested his hardearned money in this dream only to be shut down after a former employer complained to the board. Do you think this was about a risk to the public? Or that his business was dangerous? No. His old boss didn't want competition. It's that simple.

Similarly, the late Sandy Meadows found herself crushed by absurd florist licensure requirements. When her husband passed away, she relocated to Baton Rouge from Monroe. At her local Walmart in Monroe, she worked all over the store, but her favorite job was in the floral department. In Baton Rouge, her skills were sought by a local Albertsons, but she was later forced by the state to stop arranging flowers altogether because even with nine years of experience, she couldn't pass the state's subjective floral exam. Louisiana is the only state in the country that requires florists to obtain a license.

It's even worse for justiceinvolved individuals. Louisiana laws allow boards to deny licenses on the grounds of things like "moral turpitude" and giving licensure boards broad authority to deny the formerly imprisoned the opportunity to positively contribute to society and reject criminal behavior. Even when the crime they committed has nothing to do with the license they're pursuing.

It's easy to brush off concerns about laws and regulations like licensure as a minor inconvenience. However, new research from The Pelican Institute and the Archbridge Institute has

identified a direct correlation between licensure and economic mobility. Logically, the ability to earn a living and command your own destiny enhances human flourishing and reduces poverty.

Conservatives have long worked on less tangible issues, while missing a focus on the most significant reason capitalism and freedom are important: opportunity. Reining in Louisiana's anticompetitive and regressive occupational licensure laws isn't about pushing an ideological goal, it's about helping real people build better lives and communities.

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LIFE

INSPIRATION When God Winked On My Life!

There are times in our lives when we have "God Wink" experiences when we see God step out of the woodwork and into our lives making His presence known.

There's no mistaking it! We know without a shadow of a doubt when it happens to us if we are

in touch with that spiritual realm that transcends time and space.

Squire Rushnell, author of When God Winks, made me acquainted with the God Wink concept even though I have been aware of His presence

for most of my life. My first God Wink experience that I can recall occurred when I was ten years old in 1958 and still living on top of the rocky hill in South West City, Missouri where my daddy had just died at home. That road was known as Victory Heights.

Anyway Wayne and Linda Earnest, my precious childhood minister's family, had just given our family a tiny black and white television before they moved that same year.

Never having been a fan of television, even back then, because I would rather think than to watch "the world turn" but I I got caught up watching a wonderful Loretta Young movie where she had

adopted some poor children. I was totally overwhelmed with emotion as the show ended.

I went outside and sat down on our kitchen step facing the woods.

I thought "that's what I will do when I grow up! I will adopt a child."

That thought would not leave my mind.

I didn't share it with anyone at that time but I longed to be adopted because it is really hard being born in poverty to a mother who had suffered brain

damage as a child after a fall

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Anyway when I later went to the orphanage when I was fourteen I shared my dream of wanting to adopt with a few close friends.

When I got married at the age of nineteen I knew I had a plan to enact and told my husband of my long for him to follow my

During the last church service we would attend in Coy, Arkansas in August of 1969, a minister named Doyce Hall, of Little Rock. Arkansas visited our church on Wednes-

day night. I knew his darling six month old baby girl was adopted. Immediately I approached him and told him I knew his daughter was adopted and would he please tell me how he received her. Instantly he wrote down the doctor's name and address. I told my husband and the next day we called the doctor before beginning to move the same day.

Lo and behold he said he thought he might have a baby available.

I put baby clothes on layaway and would pinch myself thinking I might wake up from this glorious dream!

And that day we moved to Mountain View, Arkansas.

I put baby clothes on layaway and would pinch myself thinking I might wake up from this glorious dream!

Within three months we had our precious baby daughter who is not only my daughter, now fortynine years later, Robin is my best friend!

This is what I call a "God Wink" moment when God knew what I needed most as part of the plan for my life.

My life has been checkered with these breathtaking moments when God spoke to me as clearly as could be giving me what I needed most!

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SHOPPING

Target to keep stores closed on Thanksgiving for good

NEW YORK (AP) - Target will no longer open its stores on Thanksgiving Day, making permanent a shift to the unofficial start of the holiday season that was suspended during the pandemic.

To limit crowds in stores, retailers last year were forced to turn what had become a weekend shopping blitz into an extended event, with holiday sales beginning as early as October.

That forced shift appears to have been fortuitous.

U.S. holiday sales last November and December rose 8.2% in 2020 from the previous year, according to The National Retail Federation, the nation's largest retail trade group. The trade group predicts 2021 could shatter that record, growing between 8.5% and 10.5%.

Americans, able to get the same offers over a broader timespan relieving some of the stresses that go hand in hand with the holidays, appeared to embrace the change.

"What started as a temporary measure driven by the pandemic is now our new standard - one that recognizes our ability to deliver on our guests' holiday wishes both within and well beyond store hours," Target CEO Brian Cornell wrote in a note to employees.

The new standard at Target, on top very healthy sales last year, could push other retailers to follow in its path.

Distribution and call centers will have some staff on Thanksgiving, Target said Monday, but stores will remain closed.

Target began opening its stores on Thanksgiving a decade ago, joining other retailers in kicking off Black Friday sales a day early and creating a holiday rush after the turkey feast. Many did so to compete with Amazon.com and other rising online threats.

But the shift seemed to merely cannibalize Black Friday sales. And big retailers suffered some blowback from critics who said thousands of people were forced to work, rather than being with family during the holiday.

Some stores and malls like the Mall of America in Minnesota, ended the practice and remained closed on Thanksgiving. Some, like Costco and Nordstrom, never opened their doors during the holiday, saying they wanted to respect the holiday.

Thanksgiving had historically not been a big sales day overall, not one of the top 10, because stores usually opened their doors around 5 p.m. However, it's been a big online sales day.

Last year, the holiday trailed only Cyber Monday and Black Friday in online sales, according to the Adobe Digital Economy Index.

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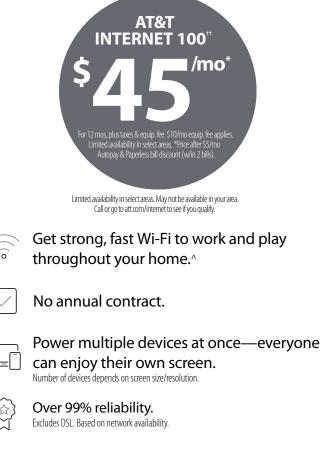
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SPORTS **Apaches edged 54-51 in season opener vs. R.O.**

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The Glenbrook boys basketball team couldn't overcome a slow start with a furious finish Friday night as the Apaches fell 54-51 to River Oaks in their season opener.

"It took us a while to get going," said Glenbrook coach James head Thurman. "It was our first game and it was their third, and I think that showed. We're still just trying to figure ourselves



out. We have a couple of kids that haven't played before and it took us a little while to get a little cohesion going."

The Apaches found themselves down 13-4 at the end of the opening stanza and that 11-point point deficit remaining at the end of the first half half with the Mustangs up 23-12 at intermission.

But Thurman's halftime talk sparked something in his team as the Apaches outscored River Oaks 20-14 in the third quarter to pull within eight points at 40-32.

"Defensively we've had to change some things up," Thurman said.

"As the game progressed we started finding some ways to stop some shots and some ways to make some baskets trying to crawl out of that early hole we put ourselves in."

The Apaches continued

picking up their pace in the final quarter, outscoring the Mustangs 19-14 and pulling within a point in the game's final minute,

"We were down by one and tried a shot with about 17 seconds left to take the lead but didn't hit it and (the Mustangs) came down and made their free throws," Thurman said. "Then we had a tough shot at the buzzer and it just didn't fall. We just started too slow and couldn't overcome it."

Junior DJ Carter led the Apaches with 15 points while Ty Feaster scored 11, Tre Kent hit for eight and Rhett Johnson and Turner McClelland added six each.

Thurman said Carter will be one of the key players for the Apaches this season.

"He played more of the 2 or 3 last year and is transitioning to the point guard role for us this year," Thurman said about Carter. "Ty Feaster also returns from last year, although he didn't

get a lot of varsity playing time last year - he played mainly JV basketball."

Thurman said the Apaches have a sevenman roster right now with Collin Gregg rehabbing a broken leg he suffered during football season.

"He's our only senior and once we get him back in December I feel like he will play an important role for us," Thurman said about Gregg. But as of right now Carter is pretty much leading the team and taking charge for us a little bit."



Grambling State sophomore quarterback John-Paul Pierce (left) is expected to get his second career start when the Tigers face Southern in the 48th annual Bayou Classic on Saturday in New Orleans.

GSU hopes for Bayou Classic rebirth

G-Men to close out turbulent season on Saturday vs. Southern

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head coach of the Tigers.

been dismissed from his role as The Tigers enter this year's Bayou Classic at 3-7 overall and "Broderick Fobbs is one of 2-5 in SWAC play after a 31-14

Bulldogs fall to USM, 35-19

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RUSTON — Losing the football can lose a football game.

That was a costly lesson for the Louisiana Tech football team Friday night as the Bulldogs lost the ball five times while fallingl 35-19 to Southern Mississippi at Joe Aillet Stadium,

"Offensively, we couldn't protect the quarterback," said Tech head coach Skip Holtz after the game. "We couldn't hold onto the ball. It was a poor performance offensively. I give Southern Miss an awful lot of credit. They played hard and they made plays they needed to make down the stretch. The bottom line difference of this game is they came up with some big plays and we turned the ball over."

Tech (3-8, 2-5 C-USA) started strong as the Bulldogs forced а turnover on the very first play of the Southern Miss (2-9, 1-6 C-USA) opening drive. Tech freshman linebacker Tyler Grubbs forced a fumble, which senior linebacker Ezekiel Barnett scooped up and returned for six yards to help set up a 39-yard field goal by redshirt freshman kicker Jacob Barnes to give the 'Dogs an early 3-0 lead.



as he was 4-for-4 in field goals, including two from 43-yards and two from 39-yards out.

His first three field goals were each countered by a Southern Miss touchdown as USM took a 21-9 lead going into the half.

Southern Miss forced three fumbles and two interceptions which resulted in 14 points while Tech forced three turnovers of its own. After the forced fumble by Grubbs early in the first quarter. Barnett intercepted a Gore pass attempt and returned it 46 yards to the USM 20-yard line.

History will be made as Grambling State takes on Southern in the 48th annual Bayou Classic starting at 4 p.m. Saturday at Caesar's Superdome in New Orleans.

Interim head coach Terrance Graves will become the seventh head Tigers to lead the G-Men in the Bayou Classic in GSU's first game since former head coach Broderick Fobbs was relieved of his duties on Nov. 15.

Graves had been serving as linebackers coach and Special Teams coordinator for the Tigers before Fobbs was dismissed.

The legendary Eddie Robinson guided the Tigers in the Bayou Classic from 1974-97 before giving up to Doug Williams, who has served two different stints as head coach of the Tigers. Melvin Spears and Rod Broadway came after Williams before Fobbs took over as GSU's head coach in 2015.

Graves, who has not yet spoken to the press since taking over the Tigers, will be the third interim head coach leading the Tigers into a Bayou Classic. Spears did so in replacing Williams in 2004 while Dennis "Dirt" Winston did so in 2013 after Williams was dismissed during his second stint coaching the Tigers.

New Grambling Vice President of Athletics Trayvean Scott only had glowing words about Fobbs in the statement released last week announcing Fobbs had the finest human beings I have had the pleasure to meet in this industry and he has been a tremendous role model and mentor to our young men," Scott said in that statement, "We appreciate his many years of service to our university and wish both him and his family nothing but the best. Consistent with our values as an institution, he deserves the utmost respect from the Grambling State University Tiger family throughout this transition."

Fobbs led the Tigers to a 54-31 overall record and 42-17 mark in conference play through sevenplus seasons as head coach, leading his team to a Black college national championship, two SWAC titles and three Western Division crowns.

The Tigers also won three straight Bayou Classics from 2015-17, though the 2015 win was later vacated.

But offensive struggles have plagued the Tigers in recent years. Grambling went 0-4 during the pandemic-troubled spring season, falling to Southern 49-7 at the Bayou Classic held outdoors at Shreveport's Independence Stadium.

That marked Southern's largest margin of victory over the G-Men since 1939 and was the Jaguars' third straight win in the Bayou Classic series. Southern leads the overall Bayou Classic series 24-23.

loss to Bethune-Cookman on Nov. 13.

Grambling has managed only 240.3 yards per game and 3.9 yards per play with 13 touchdowns so far this season — both of those lows rank at the bottom of Southwestern Athletic Conference statistics.

In that most recent game, the Tigers amassed only 186 yards of total offense against Bethune-Cookman, a 2-8 team that has given up 35.5 points per game heading into that contest.

Grambling quarterback John-Paul Pierce, a sophomore quarterback from Brother Martin making his first career start, did fire a pair of scoring strikes in that contest. Touchdown passes had been few and far between for GSU this season heading into that contest.

The hope for Grambling fans is that the coaching change will help change the Tigers' fortunes in the Bayou Classic series.

If that happened, it would be a game-changer. After Williams was fired in 2013 after the Tigers started the season at 0-2, GSU's first interim head coach, George Ragsdale, led the team to five straight losses before he too, was fired.

 $As\,Grambling's\,\,second\,interim$ head coach that turbulent season, Winston led the Tigers to a 1-3 mark to close out the year, including a 40-17 loss to the Jaguars in the 2013 Bayou Classic.

That would be the last time Tech would lead in the contest.

Barnes scored Tech's first 12 points of the day

Tech's final two drives of the game both resulted in an interception, including PIck 6.

Louisiana Tech will close out the 2021 season on the road as the Bulldogs will play at Rice (3-8, 2-5 C-USA) at noon Saturday at Rice Stadium.

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Nabers, Johnson lead LSU past Louisiana-Monroe 27-14

BATON ROUGE (AP) – Freshman Malik Nabers had a career-high 143 yards receiving and a touchdown as LSU defeated Louisiana-Monroe 27-14 Saturday night.

Snapping a three-game losing streak, the Tigers (5-6, 2-5 SEC) continued to struggle to develop any sort of rhythm offensively, scoring only 17 points well into the third quarter against



the nation's 115th-ranked scoring defense in ULM (4-7, 2-5 Sun Belt).

"Very pleased with the win," LSU coach Ed Orgeron said. "Did we play great? No. Did we make some mistakes? Yes, but we won the game. I'm happy for the boys.

"It was good to finally be back at home and playing at night. Our guys were energized. I'm very pleased with how we played defensively. We came out and scored on the first drive offensively, but once again stalled in the red zone."

After forcing a ULM punt on its opening possession, sophomore Max Johnson connected with Nabers on passes of 7and 48 yards on a five-play, 64 yard drive that culminated in a 3-yard touchdown run by Johnson to make it a 7-0 LSU advantage.

Up 10-0 after a 27-yard field goal by Cade York, Johnson hit Nabers on a quick slant that turned into a 67-yard scoring strike, a season long for the Tigers, to extend the lead to 17-0.

Rhett Rodriguez found Boogie Knight for a 28-yard

touchdown pass, cutting ULM's deficit to 17-7 just before halftime.

Johnson connected with freshman Brian Thomas from 42 yards out late in the third quarter and, after Chandler Rogers found Zach Rasmussen for a 27yard score that pulled the Warhawks to 24-14, York kicked a 50-yard field goal with 46 seconds left.

After only playing two

series last week against Arkansas, Johnson took $every offensive snap \, against$ ULM, completing 22 of 33 passes for 319 yards and two touchdowns.

With the victory the Tigers keep their bowl chances alive. LSU must defeatTexasA&Mnextweek in order to finish the regular season with a 6-6 mark. They haven't had a losing season since a 3-8 finish in 1999.

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Foreclosure Commissioner LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP Penny M. Daigrepont, Attorney Louisiana Bar Roll Number 30464 3510 N. Causeway Blvd., Suite 600 Metairie, LA 70002 Phone (504) 831-7726 Fax (504) 837-7622

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PUBLIC NOTICE Minden Planning

Commission Meeting December 2, 2021 -10:00 a.m

Pelican Room - Minden City Hall

On the agenda is a request from MGM Development Group, option holder on prop erty belonging to Anti-Pest and Veitch, Inc. for a zoning change from R-1 (Šingle Family Residential) to R-5 (Multifamily Residential) on property located at 711, 715, 719, and 723 Germantown Road

The purpose of this zoning change is for the proposed construction of a 50-unit gated, senior citizen retirement community on this site. The \$10.2 million development will be duplexes and will also have a community clubhouse.

Legal Description: LOTS #2, 3, 4, & 5, GERMANTOWN SUBDIV. IN SW/4 OF NW/4 SEC. 14-19-9, LESS 2.20 AC. PRE VIOUSLY SOLD, & SS LOT #1 SOLD

All interested parties will be given a chance to be heard.

November 12, 2021 November 19, 2021 November 23, 2021 Village of Dixie Inn Regular Session November 9, 2021 NOTICE: THESE MINUTES HAVE NOT BEEN FORMALLY APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL. The Mayor and Board of Aldermen for the Village of Dixie Inn met in regular session on November 9, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, Dixie Inn, Louisi ana 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 There were no public comments Mayor Kay Hallmark-Stratton asked to add to the agenda an item 8E to discuss adding gutters, window trim, and downspout(s) to the new shop building. A motion was made by Donna Hoffoss and seconded by Judy McKenzie to add item 8E to the agenda. Vote on the motion was unanimous. Mayor Kay Hallmark-Stratton welcomed guests. A motion was made by Donna Hoffoss and seconded by Judy McKenzie to adopt the minutes of the Regular Session of October 12, 2021, October 25, 2021 Special Meeting and October 29, 2021 Special Meeting. Vote on the motion was unanimous. Financial statements of all funds, including a current budget vs. actual, were presented and discussed. A motion was made by Judy McKenzie and seconded by Lance Milligan to adopt all financial statements for October 2021. Vote on the motion was unanimous Department Reports:

Mike Chreene reported all is well with the water department. Addition of the gas line at the shop building would be completed within the next few days. Chief James Edwards reported the National Drug Take Back Initiative was held October 23, 2021 at Dixie Inn Police Department and was very successful. The previous week Dixie Inn hosted a First Aid and Narcan training class that was also very successful. Chief Edwards would be attending a meeting as part of a consortium for fighting against Opioid problems. The consortium consists of agencies in Webster, Claiborne, and Bien-ville Parishes.

Mayor Kay Hallmark-Stratton reported Main to Main was a big hit as well as Antioch Church carnival. She announced Travis Morehart with Cook & Morehart CPA firm would be here next week to conduct the Village audit. New Business:

Mayor Kay Hallmark-Stratton re-introduced Ordinance 38-D, with changes, (an ordinance amend-ing ordinances 37, 38; 38-A, 38-B, and 38-C providing for the establishment of service charges and rates to users of water sewer, and garbage services and additional water, sewer, and garbage regulations for the users thereof in the Village of Dixie Inn, Louisiana). Council members discussed the ordinance Ordinance 38-D, with changes, will be adopted at the December council meeting and become effective January 1, 2022.

Mayor Stratton reported Brad Graff of Cothren, Graff, Smoak Engineering opened sealed bids for the generator for the Village Hall and Police Department. A NOTICE IS motion was made by Donna Hoffoss and seconded by Lance Milligan to accept the proposal from Hope Contractors. Vote on the motion was unanimous. The 2021 - 2022 budget will be amended to cover additional costs, if any, by using unreserved funds or sales tax The Village was invited to submit a full application for the Love Louisiana Outdoors Office of Community Development Block Grant. A motion was made by Judy McKen zie and seconded by Lance Milligan to allow 2021 Mayor Kay Hallmark-Stratton to begin the application process for this Block Grant. Vote on the motion was unanimous. A discussion was had by the Council, Mayor Stratton, and Chief Edwards regarding advertising to hire a full time/part time police officer. Further discussion will be had at a later date A motion was made by Judy McKenzie and seconded by Lance Milligan to allow Mayor Kay Hallmark-Stratton to get quotes for adding gutters, window trim, and downspouts(s) to the new shop building. Vote on the motion was unanimous. Old Business: A motion was made by Judy McKenzie and seconded by Lance Milligan to adopt Ordinance 129, a Resolution assessing a collection fee in an amount not to exceed thirty (30%) that has been referred by the Municipality to a Collection Agency, being AMS. Mayor read the Resolution aloud. Vote on the motion was unanimous and having 3 Yeas, 0 Nays, and 0 Abstains. 2021. There being no further Kay Hallmarkbusiness, a motion to adjourn was made Stratton by Judy McKenzie Mayor and seconded by Lance Milligan. Vote ATTEST: on the motion was unanimous. Dana James ATTEST Village Clerk Kay Hallmark-Stratton Mayor November 23, 2021 Minden Press-Herald ORDINANCE NO. 129 **A RESOLUTION** Act, a proposed

ASSESSING A COL-LECTION FEE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THIRTY PERCENT (30%) THAT HAS BEEN REFERRED BY THE MUNICIPALITY TO A COLLECTION AGENCY. Dixie Inn, LA may contract with a collection agency to collect one or more of the following

Office, 103 South Monroe, Minden, La to items hear public comments 1. Debts and accounts receivable including, but not limited to. unpaid fees, penalties, for the year 2022 and interest, and other sums due the municifor 2021 pality, as applicable

Denise G. Edwards, WHFRFAS the CLA, Webster Parish Assessor governing body of Dixie Inn, LA desires to November 23, 2021 assess a collection fee, Vinden Press-Herald

THEREFORE, be it resolved that:

Dixie Inn, LA assesses a collection fee in an amount not to exceed thirty percent (30%) when the municipal-ity has entered into a contract with a collection agency for the items listed above This fee will be added to all fines submitted to the collection agency regardless of age.

Passed and approved this 9th day of November 2021 on a motion by Judy McKenzie, seconded by Lance Milligan, vote on motion was unanimous.

Signature Mayor Kay Hallmark-Stratton Title

Attest

Clerk

Title November 23, 2021 Minden Press-Herald

NOTICE OF INTRO-DUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE

Mobile home for HEREBY GIVEN that the following entitled ordinance rent. 2 bedintroduced at the room/1 bath. Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Board \$400/month. of Aldermen of the Call 377-Village of Dixie Inn, State of Louisiana, 7683 held on November 2021 is on file in LAND FOR SALE my office and will be ered for adoption s & more **200 ACRE** by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen BP. Burgess1361 (LA-SCAN) **TIMBER**of said Village and LAND SALE. is open to public inspection and will Claiborne remain so until at Parish, LA. least 7 days prior to the final adoption Multiple bid which is scheduled options. for December 14. Excellent hunting & PROPOSED ORDINANCE #38-D recreational property. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING OR-Public access DINANCES 37, 38, on Suggs 38-A, 38-B, AND 38-C PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISH-Road. Sealed bid opening MENT OF SERVICE CHARGES AND on December RATES TO USERS OF WATER, SEWER, AND GARBAGE 14, 2021. For property infor-SERVICES AND mation and a ADDITIONAL WATER, SEWER, bid package, AND GÁRBAGE call (318) REGULATIONS FOR THE USERS 548-0756 or THEREOF IN THE text an email VILLAGE OF DIXIE INN, LOUISIANA address. That said ordinance to be finally MISC. passed is on file Use Happy with the Clerk of the Village of Dixie Inn Jack ® DD-33 for public inspecto kill fleas & tion and that said ordinance is to be ticks on dogs & taken up for final cats on conpassage, after a public hearing, by tact. At Tractor the Mayor and Board Supply. (www. of Aldermen of the Village of Dixie Inn, fleabeacon. State of Louisiana, com) which is scheduled for December 14, EMPLOYMENT 2021 at 5:00 p.m. Presbyte-This declared by the Mayor and Board rian Village of of Aldermen of the Village of Dixie Inn, Homer is hir-Louisiana on this the ing CNA's all 9th day of November shifts, LPN's all shifts, and weekend RN's. For more information, please call (318)927-6133 and ask for Joyce Pickens November 23, 2021 for CNA ap-Minden Press-Herald plications, and Alex Vansickle for LPN/ RN Notice is hereby given applications. that in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1307, Local Government Budget

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date of the foreclosure sale When making their bids, all bidders except

bidder There is no right of redemption, or right of possession based upon a right of redemption, in the mortgagor or others subsequent to a foreclosure completed pursuant to the Act. Therefore, the Foreclosure Commissioner will issue a Deed to the purchaser(s) upon receipt of the entire purchase price in accordance with the terms of the sale as provided herein. HUD , does not guarantee that the property will be vacant. The scheduled foreclosure sale shall be cancelled or adjoined if it is established, by documented written application of the mortgagor to the Foreclosure Commissioner not less than 3 days before the date of sale, or otherwise, that the default or defaults upon which the foreclosure is based did not exist at the time of service of this notice of default and foreclosure sale, or all amounts due under the mortgage agreement are tendered to the Foreclosure Commissioner in the form of a certified or cashier's check payable to the Secretary of HUD, before public auction of the property is completed. The amount that must be paid if the mortgage is to be reinstated prior to the scheduled sale is \$173,940.88 as of December 2, 2021, plus all other amounts that would be due under the mortgage agreement if payments under the mortgage had not been accelerated, advertising costs and postage expenses incurred in giving notice, mileage by the most reasonable road distance for posting notices and for the Foreclosure Commissioner's attendance at the sale, reasonable and customary costs incurred for title and lien records searches. the necessary out-ofpocket costs incurred by the Foreclosure by the Secretary to the Commissioner for recording documents, a commission for the Foreclosure Commissioner, and all

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A series of Public Hearings will be held in accordance with LA R.S. 48:231 and conducted by the Joint Transportation, Highways, & Public Works Committee. Below is a list of the times and places where the hearings will be held. The purpose of the hearings is review highway construction priorities for the fiscal year 2022-2023. A copy of the <u>Preliminary Program for Fiscal Year 2022-2023</u> be available for review on October 1, 2021, by interested persons at the LADOTD Headquarters Building, 1201 Capitol Access Ro Room 200U, Baton Rouge, LA 70802 or online at <u>http://www.dctrl.a.gov/inside_LaDOTD/Dvisions/Multimedal/Transportation</u>. Plan

All interested persons are invited for the purpose of becoming fully acquainted with the proposed program and will be afforded an opportunity to express their views. Oral testimony may be supplemented by presenting important facts and documentation in writing. Written statements and comments should be handed to the committee conducting the Hearing, or mailed to the following address, postmarked within 45 calendar days following the Hearing:

JOINT TRANSPORTATION, HIGHWAYS, & PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE C/O LA DOTD (SECTION 85) P.O. BOX 94245

BATON ROUGE, LA 70804-9245

Should anyone requiring special assistance due to a disability wish to participate in this public hearing, please contact LADOTD (Atta: Ms. Mary Elliott) by mail at the address above or by telephone at (225) 379-1218 at least five days prior to the date of the public hearing.

Date & Time	DOTD District	Parishes	Location
December 1, 2021 10:00 am	58	Caldwell, Catahoula, Concordia, Franklin, LaSalle, Tensas	Franklin Media Center 7293 Prairie Road, Winnsboro
December 1, 2021 2:00 pm	05	E. Carroll, Jackson, Lincoln, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, Union, W. Carroll	Monroe Civic Center Fort Miro-Madison Room 401 Lea Joyner Expressway, Monroe
December 2, 2021 8:30 am	04	Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, Claiborne, Desoto, Red River, Webster	Bossier City Civic Center Bodcau Room 620 Benton Road, Bossier City
December 2, 2021 2:30 pm	08	Avoyelles, Grant, Natchitoches, Rapides, Sabine, Vernon, Winn	Pineville City Hall Council Meeting Room 910 Main Street, Pineville
December 7, 2021 9:00 am	07	Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, Jeff Davis	Lake Charles Civic Center Contraband Room 900 Lakeshore Drive, Lake Charles
December 7, 2021 1:30 pm	03	Acadia, Evangeline, Iberia, Lafayette, St. Landry, St. Martin, St. Mary, Vermilion	Clifton Chenier Center Town Hall 220 West Willow, Lafayette
December 8, 2021 9:30 am	02	Jefferson, Lafourche, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, Terrebonne	NO Regional Transportation Mgmt. Ctr Conference Room A/B #10 Veterans Blvd, New Orleans
December 8, 2021 2:30 pm	62	Livingston, St. Helena, St. John the Baptist, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Washington	St. Tammany Parish Council Chambers 21490 Koop Drive, Mandeville
December 9, 2021 9:00 am	61	Ascension, Assumption, E. Baton Rouge, E. Feliciana, Iberville, Pointe Coupee, St. James, W. Baton Rouge, W. Feliciana	State Capitol Basement, House Committee Room 1, Baton Rouge

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proposed 3:10 PM Town of Cotton Valley - Town Hall Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual 11/02/21 Accrual Basis January through De w 2022 Jan - Dec 22 Budget \$ Over Budget % of Budget **Ordinary Income/Expense** 41400 · Ad Valorem Tax Incor 0.00 41,225.00 -41,225.00 0.0% 405.00 228.00 0.0% 41403 · Beer Tax 41404 · Beer Licen 0.00 405.00 0.00 -228.00 Fines & Bon 75,500.00 -75.500.00 0.0% 41408 · Franchise Tax LP&L & SW Nat 0.00 15,000.00 -15,000.00 0.0% 0.00 Total in 132,358.00 -132,358.00 0.0% Expense 60050 · Ad Valorem Collection Fee 60000 · Advertising and Promotion 60100 · Alderman Expense 0.00 2,800.00 -2.800.00 0.0% 1,900.00 6,000.00 8,750.00 -1,900.00 0.0% Audit Expension 60200 -8.750.00 0.0% 17,100.00 3,950.00 61702 · Contract Labor -17,100.00 Dues and Subscriptions 62600 · Fuel -11,000.00 -46,000.00 -7,500.00 11.000.00 46,000.00 63100 · Insurance Expense 63410 · Legai 64200 · Mayor Expe 0.0% -7.800.00 7,800.00 7,000.00 -7,000.00 64900 Office Su 65000 Payroll Expen 0.0% 0.0% 0.0% Payroll Taxes 13.000.00 -13.000.00 -5,000.00 -150.00 5.000.00 66050 · Patrol Car Exc Police Dues & Sul 66391 150.00 0.0% 0.0% 0.0% 0.0% 66200 · Coroner Expe 1,100.00 -1,100.00 -700.00 66275 · Police Office Exp 700.00 Police Salaries
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Summary of Public Notice:

Total Units:

Project Owner: Retirement Villas of Minden, L.P. Project Name: Retirement Villas of Minden Project Address: 711 Germantown Road Minden Louisiana 50 New Construction Duplex Units (Elderly) – 1 & 2 Bedroom Units

Retirement Villas of Minden, L.P. is pleased to propose a gated retirement community development which will be new construction and named Retirement Villas of Minden. The development is classified strictly as elderly housing and will have 50 total units which will be duplexes with six, one-bedroom units, and forty-four, two-bedroom units. The development will consist of a community facility and supportive services which will be available for the tenants. The applicant is applying for a reservation of 9% LIHTC's from the Louisiana Housing Corporation.

The total estimated development cost is \$ 10,201,957. The development will be funded with private financing and equity proceeds from the sale of Low-Income Housing Tax Credits and other financing provided as follows (Amounts are estimated):

Permanent Financing	\$	1,800,000
LIHTC Equity	\$	8,599,140
Deferred Developer Fee	\$	307,568
Other:	<u>\$</u>	-0-
Total sources of funds	<u>\$ 1</u>	0,706,708

NOTE: Please contact the Coalition for Safe, Affordable Housing attention Mr. Gresham at COSAHDirector@gmail.com for any questions regarding this notice

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Louisiana Housing Corporation.

Public Notice:

Webster Village 2022, LP Project Owner: Project Name: Webster Village Subdivision Project Address: 101 Knight Street Minden (Webster Parish), LA Total Units: 24 Unit Single-Family (3 & 4 Bedroom Units)

The project owner is proposing the rehabilitation of Webster Village Subdivision, a 24-unit mixed income single-family development. The development will consist of a community facility and supportive services which will be available for tenants. The applicant is competing for a reservation of 9% LIHTC's from the

The total estimated development cost is \$ 5,246,803. The development will be funded with private financing and equity proceeds from the sale of Low Income Housing and Historic Tax Credits and other financing provided from the Louisiana Housing Corporation as follows (Amounts are estimated):

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Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual Accrual Basis January through December 2022

	Jan - Dec 22	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
40000 · Water & Sewer Sales	0.00	465,000.00	-465,000.00	0.0%
40100 · Bulk Water Sold	0.00	12,500.00	-12,500.00	0.0%
Total Income	0.00	477,500.00	-477,500.00	0.0%
Expense				
62100 · Contract Labor	0.00	18,500.00	-18,500.00	0.0%
62700 · Dues & Subscriptions	0.00	1,850.00	-1,850.00	0.0%
63000 · Fuel Expense	0.00	3,200.00	-3,200.00	0.0%
63100 · Insurance Expense	0.00	7,250.00	-7,250.00	0.0%
63250 · Materials & Supplies	0.00	3,200.00	-3,200.00	0.0%
66500 · Postage & Delivery	0.00	2,500.00	-2.500.00	0.0%
67200 · Repairs & Maintenan	0.00	37,700.00	-37,700.00	0.0%
68200 · Trash Services	0.00	75,000.00	-75,000.00	0.0%
68600 - Utilities Expense	0.00	41,000.00	-41,000.00	0.0%
Total Expense	0.00	190,200.00	-190,200.00	0.0%
Net Ordinary Income	0.00	287,300.00	-287,300.00	0.0%
Other Income/Expense Other Income				
75100 · ARPA Grant Income	0.00	173,090.91	-173,090.91	0.0%
75000 - Other Income	0.00	21,000.00		0.0%
Total Other Income	0.00	194,090.91	-194,090.91	0.0%
Net Other Income	0.00	194,090.91	-194,090.91	0.0%
Net Income	0.00	481,390.91	-481,390.91	0.0%

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WINNING TEAMS BALLOT

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CONTEST RULES

1. Locate the 20 games and circle the name of the team you think will win.

2. Print the winning team name in the blank on the ballot. BE SURE TO MATCH THE NUMBERS CORRECTLY.

3. Predict the TOTAL number of points you think will be scored in the tie breaker game and enter in the space provided.

4. Complete and cut our the entry blank and deposit at the Minden Press-Herald, 203 Gleason Street, Minden, LA or mail to Football Contest, P.O. Box 1339, Minden, LA 71058.

5. Entries must be dropped off no later than 12:00pm on Fridays. Entries received after 12:00pm on Friday will not be accepted

6. WE WILL NO LONGER ACCEPT FAXES.

7. Prizes awarded will be \$25 for first place, \$15 for second place, and \$10 for third place.

8. One entry per person per week.

9. Employees, Independent Contractors and Families of the Minden Press-Herald are not eligible.

10. NO PHOTOCOPIED ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.



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- 1.) Clip ham coupons on this page. Coupons must be deposited at the business whose name appears on the coupon.
- 2.) Coupons may be deposited by anyone over 16 years of age. No coupons will be accepted by mail.
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