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HOLIDAY TRAIL OF LIGHTS

## Seeing the lights of Christmas



Visit Webster hosted the Holiday Trail of Lights in Minden this past Friday, featuring two tractor pulled trailers touring locals and visitors alike through Midnren's dazzlingly decorated city streets.

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TOY DRIVE

## "We're Here" Toy Drive a huge success

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The organization "We're Here,; best known locally for their Bicycle giveaway that took place over the summer, is back at it again working to make sure every child in Minden has a very Merry Christmas.

They, along with Cultural Crossroads, set up at the farm Saturday afternoon providing food, drink, and games, and over 1000 toys and \$1000 in gift cards to all kids 12 and under who came through the wooden gates.

"We're giving kids that are twelve \$50 dollar gift cards, kids that are eleven 25\$ gift cards, and the kids that are ten 10\$ gift cards. That, along with so many toys, we're trying to

make sure that they have a Merry Christmas. Really get to the heart," said We're Here creator Patrick White.

And get to the heart they did. Kids who came to the giveaway were led into a oom lined with toys that they could pick from to take home. For parents, Mrs. Claus was also available for some holiday photo opportunities.

This giveaway was able to take place due to the generosity of both local individuals, businesses, and organizations whole wanted to spread some Christmas cheer to the children. "Everybody just came together for Christmas and wanted to make it amazing for the youth," said White. We're Here would like to thank their sponsors Living Word



Bryson Pickens and Jaliyah Moore seen with the new toys they got courtesy of the We're Here Toy Giveaway that took place at the Farm of Cultural Crossroads over the Weekend.

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Worship Center, Mercy's Closet, Alice's Soul Kitchen, and Coca-Cola.

We're Here was going to ensure that nothing was left to go to waste, and already made plans with what they would do with the remaining toys. "If anything is left over, we're going to take a portion, and families that are in need, people who

have adopted that I know of, we're actually going to bless those families. We're also going to do a Christmas run with another portion. Anybody from the bicycle giveaway people who have reached out, we're going to load up the truck and ride around like Santa Clause delivering toys," said White.

PAPER SCHEDULE

Due to the upcoming holidays the Minden Press-Herald will not have a printed publication on the following days: Friday December 24, 2021 and Friday December 31, 2021. Thank you for your understanding and we hope you have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## A Christmas Message from the Mayor

Special to the Minden Press-Herald

There's likely to be less than 10 days until Christmas by the time you read this article. And what a magical time Christmas is. Minden has many things to be proud of and thankful for, and while we recently celebrated Thanksgiving and all the many reasons for which we should be thankful, today I want to talk about one of the most important tenets of the Christian faith.



GARDNER

The Bible teaches us that it is better to give than to receive. From Hebrews to John to Matthew and all books between, before, and after, the Holy Word points out to us that everyone needs a little help sometimes and that no one is meant to go through this life alone.

This is true for every day all year long, but our spirit of Brotherly and Sisterly love should be even greater at this special time of year.

There are so many ways you can help those less fortunate during this holiday season. I encourage all in our community to give to our local Angel Trees, to the local food pantries, to our local CASA chapter, and to the Civitans Toys for Tots outreach. Every one of

these programs is worthwhile and help put smiles on children's faces and Christmas meals on families' dinner tables.

These are exciting times in Minden, and we need to be good to one another. Christmas will be here soon, and we have so much to be thankful for because we are truly blessed. Our local business owners, both large and small, contribute so much to our local economy. Webster Parish Tourism has outdone itself once again as part of the Holiday Tour of Lights. Our Chamber is so active promoting our community, and we have a wonderful group of people who have gone above and beyond to shine the light on all the positive things happening in this community.

We all need to challenge each other to carry the Christmas Spirit with us everywhere we go. Christmas may only come once a year, but if we all do our part, the spirit of this holy day can live on every day not only in our hearts but also in our words and actions.

It is better to give than to receive. So too it is better to love and practice kindness all day every day.

From my family to yours, Merry Christmas.

CHRISTMAS

## Twas the Night Before Jesus Came

'Twas the night before Jesus came and all through the house  
Not a creature was praying, not one in the house.  
Their Bibles were lain on the shelf without care  
In hopes that Jesus would not come there.  
The children were dressing to crawl into bed,  
Not once ever kneeling or bowing a head.  
And Mom in her rocker

with baby on her lap  
Was watching the Late Show while I took a nap.  
When out of the East there arose such a clatter,  
I sprang to my feet to see what was the matter.  
Away to the window I flew like a flash  
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash!  
When what to my wondering eyes should appear

But angels proclaiming that Jesus was here.  
With a light like the sun sending forth a bright ray  
I knew in a moment this must be The Day!  
The light of His face made me cover my head  
It was Jesus! Returning just like He had said.  
And though I possessed worldly wisdom and wealth  
I cried when I saw Him

in spite of myself.  
In the Book of Life which He held in His Hand  
Was written the name of every saved man.  
He spoke not a word as He searched for my name;  
When He said "It's not here" My head hung in shame!  
The people whose names had been written with love

He gathered to take to His Father above.  
With those who were ready He rose without a sound  
While all the rest were left standing around.  
I fell to my knees, but it was too late;  
I had waited too long and this sealed my fate.  
I stood and I cried as they rose out of sight;  
Oh, if only I had been

ready tonight.  
In the words of this poem the meaning is clear;  
The coming of Jesus is drawing near.  
There's only one life and when comes the last call  
We'll find that the Bible was true after ALL!  
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INDUSTRY

## Omicron continues to drive oil demand down, lower gas prices as a result

(December 20, 2021) - Louisiana gas prices have fallen 0.8 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.00/g today, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 2,436 stations in Louisiana. Gas prices in Louisiana are 9.8 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand \$1.09/g higher than a year ago. The cheapest station in Louisiana is priced at \$2.59/g today while the most expensive is \$3.59/g, a difference of 100.0 cents per gallon.

“For yet another week, average gasoline prices continue to fall as omicron cases surge, leading oil demand, and thus oil prices, to stall. The de-

cline in gas prices will likely continue until new Covid cases slow down,” said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy.

The national average price of gasoline has fallen 2.9 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.30/g today. The national average is down 11.1 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands \$1.09/g higher than a year ago.

“With gas prices very likely to continue declining this week in most states, we may see Christmas gas prices fall just under their all-time high on the holiday, which was \$3.26 in 2013. Beyond

Christmas, with omicron cases likely to continue climbing, I do believe we'll see a more noticeable hit on gasoline demand once the holidays are over. There's a rising likelihood that we won't see gas prices rising for the rest of the year- with one caveat- gas prices in the Great Lakes states have plummeted by 30 to 50 cents in some areas, and stations in those areas may raise prices slightly should oil prices slow their decline. Aside from those areas, declines at the pump are likely to continue as we close out 2021,” said De Haan.

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and the only source for station-level data spanning nearly two decades. GasBuddy's survey up-

dates 288 times every day from the most diverse list of sources covering nearly 150,000 stations nationwide, the most comprehensive and up-to-date in the country.

### BLOTTER

**Recent arrests in Webster Parish**

Gerald Beene, 65, of the 100 block of Robertson Drive, was arrested for no driver's license, running a red light, and resisting an officer.

Claude Easley Jr., 35, of the 324 block of College Avenue, was arrested for failure to use turn signal, possession of a schedule II substance, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Timothy Harrell, 35, of the 7700 block of

Highway 154, was arrested for possession of a schedule II substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, and obstruction of justice.

William Sanders, 44, of the 300 block of Edward Street, was arrested for possession of a schedule II substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, and being a fugitive of Bienville Sheriff's Office.

Savannah Driggers, 28, of the 119 block of Coffee Road, was ar-

rested for two counts of possession of a schedule I substance, a hit and run, two counts of possession of a schedule IV substance, three counts of possession of drug paraphernalia, introducing contraband into a holding facility, and possession of controlled dangerous substances in the presence of a minor.

Dylan Turk, 24, of the 100 block of Millar Fuller Road, was arrested on a warrant for 2nd degree battery.

William Theus, 25, of the 700 block of State-line Road, was arrested on multiple warrants.

Keiauna Hudson, 39, of the 100 block of George Street, was arrested for felony theft.

Heather Triplet, 33, of the 2500 block of Jack Martin Road, was arrested for attempted fraud and illegal possession of stolen things.

Michelle Colston, 32, of the 900 block of Brackin Street, was arrested for failure to ap-

pear in court.

Pamela Nelson, 59, of the 11200 block of Highway 80, was arrested for misdemeanor theft.

Dominic Washington, 30, of the 500 block of MLK Drive, was arrested for intimidating, impeding, or injuring witnesses, domestic abuse aggravated assault, and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

Leeanna McGee, 29, of the 100 block of

Tharpe Lane, was arrested on a warrant.

Deswonica McClain, 23, of the 600 block of Marion Street, was arrested for theft.

Dathan Hall, 39, of the 1500 block of East Presidio Street, was arrested for disturbing the peace by intoxication.

Quida Engle, 69, of the 300 block of Crowlake Road, was arrested for simple criminal damage to property and criminal trespassing.

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# WEBSTER & MORE

OBITUARIES



## Becky Lorraine Pevy Alford

Memorial services for Becky Lorraine Pevy Alford, age 71, will be held on Tuesday, December 21, at 12:00 pm at Bible Baptist Tabernacle in Sibley, Louisiana. Visitation will be held prior to the service at 11:00 am; followed by a graveside service at Mt. Olive Cemetery. Officiating the service will be her nephew, Don Tinsley of Shreveport, Louisiana.

Becky Alford went to be with her Heavenly Father on December 17, surrounded by her daughter, Stacy, and husband Les. She won the victory over her illnesses and was welcomed into the gates of Heaven by her parents, Floyd and Casciel Pevy, and her brother, Jerry Pevy.

Becky is survived by her husband, Les Alford, daughter, Stacy Taylor (Shannon), son, Steven Fornea, and Tracy Moore (Jeff).

Beloved grandchildren, Mason Cupples (Megan),

Dayton Taylor (Abbey), Austin Taylor, Shepard Taylor, Morgan Monday (Kody), Madison Fornea, Zachary, Taylor, and Christopher Moore. Her legacy also includes eight great grandchildren. Also left to cherish her life and memory are her brothers and sisters, Dinah Tinsley, Mickey Bush (Andy), Dan Pevy (Pam), Tracy Pevy (Jeannie). She also leaves behind many cousins, family and close friends who loved her dearly.

Becky is preceded in death by her parents, Floyd and Casciel Pevy; maternal grandparents, John Ocie and Del Stewart; paternal grandparents, Floyd and Vashti Pevy; and her brother, Jerry Pevy.

Pallbearers will be her grandsons and nephews, with her cousins serving as honorary pallbearers.

In lieu of flowers, please make a memorial contribution to the Mt. Olive Cemetery Association in Jamestown, Louisiana. The family would also like to give special thanks to Sheena Page for her love and support.

Becky truly loved the Lord and always recognized His many blessings. She will be remembered for her considerate and caring spirit, and her loving and loyal heart.

Gone from this Earth, but never forgotten. God has a beautiful new angel by His side.

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GOVERNMENT

## Kennedy warns against proposed SBA direct lending program

(The Center Square) – U.S. Sen. John Kennedy is trying to stop an effort to allow the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) from making direct government loans through its 7(a) lending program.

The 7(a) program provides up to \$5 million for eligible borrowers to spend on real estate, short- and long-term working capital, refinancing of current business debt and “furniture, fixtures and supplies.”

Private banks typically issue the loans, but a provision in the Build Back Better congressional spending bill would allow the government agency to use taxpayer funds to make loans directly to selected businesses.

The provision, known as Section 100502, or the Funding for Credit Enhancement and Small Dollar Loan Funding, would allocate nearly \$4.5 billion over 10 years for the lending program.

Republican lawmakers, including Kennedy, and multiple banking associations have warned against crowding out private lending entities in favor of government workers. Kennedy and others sent a letter to Senate leadership in October, citing past abuses regarding singular SBA direct loan initiatives.

Kennedy introduced legislation Tuesday to block the proposed 7(a) practice outright, along with U.S. Sen. Tim Scott, R-S.C., and 18 cosponsors, including Louisiana Republican U.S. Sen. Bill Cassidy.

“The government shouldn’t encroach on a space where private lenders are already doing a good job getting funds to the small businesses that need them,” Kennedy said.

“Forcing community banks and local credit unions to compete with a massive government agency is inefficient and

wrong,” Scott said. “Funneling tax dollars through the federal government in order to loan it back to small business owners with interest makes no sense.”

The SBA direct loan provision comes as part of a \$25 billion small business package contained in the multitrillion dollar Democratic Build Back Better bill.

House Small Business Committee chair Rep. Nydia Velázquez, D-N.Y., has said the funding is critical to moving beyond the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Small businesses are the foundation of our economy and ultimately the key to our nation making a full economic recovery,” Velázquez said.

Kennedy referred to an inspector general’s report on the SBA’s Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) program as evidence for concern. The report estimated the government-run lending initiative advanced

\$79 billion in potentially fraudulent loans.

The inspector general’s office was alerted to potential fraud problems only when private banking institutions reported red flags upon receiving EIDL deposits, the report read.

“We have received complaints of more than 5,000 instances of suspected fraud from financial institutions receiving economic injury loan deposits,” the report read.

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EDUCATION

## Teacher shortages, classroom gaps outlined in state report

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — Louisiana’s teacher workforce has seen a 30% drop in the ranks of aspiring teachers, a glut of educators working outside their field of expertise and a glaring need for more racial diversity, according to a new state report.

The findings were presented to a joint meeting of the state Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and the state Board of Regents, The Advocate reports.

A 17-member task force worked on the study authorized by the state Legislature earlier this year to address a growing teacher shortage that school leaders say is making it difficult to ensure that classroom slots are filled.

“We have classrooms not staffed because teachers have left the profession,” said Belinda Davis, a member of the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education from Baton Rouge.

Those enrolled in teacher preparation programs

have dropped 30% over the last decade, according to the report, from 17,898 teacher candidates in 2011-12 to 12,597 during the last school year. And the number of those finishing the programs has fallen 15% during the same time, from 3,231 to 2,743.

St. Bernard Parish Superintendent Doris Voitier, a member of the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, said she was unable to start the school year with enough teachers.

“Alternative certification programs are coming up all over the place because that natural pipeline we used to have is not productive enough,” Voitier told the newspaper.

Of the 43,931 Louisiana teachers in 2020, nearly one in four is either uncertified or working outside their field, according to the task force. Math and science classes suffer the most, with 21% of public school math classes and 24% of science

classes taught by someone uncertified or outside that field.

The task force suggested both education boards should be seeking more diversity in the classroom in a state where 73% of teachers are white and 23% are Black. White women make up 60% of teacher ranks and Black males only 5%, the report says.

“We have been talking about the need for teachers of color in the elementary, middle and high school setting,” said Susannah Craig, deputy commissioner of the Board of Regents and a member of the task force.

The task force said it plans to hold “listening sessions” with teachers in 2022 to discuss opportunities and barriers to educator retention. It also plans to team up with the Board of Regents to study the impact of teacher entrance exams and the chances for setting up a statewide compensation plan, the newspaper reported.

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OTHER OPINION

COVID doesn't lesson gifts of Christmas

Over the last couple of years, I have written about COVID-19 and the importance of adjusting what we do as we learn more about the virus. This is all in hopes of reducing the anxiety and fear of the unknown and bolstering hope and confidence. It is in consideration of Proverbs 24:14 that says: "Know also that wisdom is like honey for you... if you find it, there is a future hope for you and your hope will not be cut off."

Many people have suffered great personal loss during this pandemic. Many grieve over the loss of friends and loved ones. Health and careers have been impacted. The problems of anxiety, depression, drug abuse, and suicides have been even more impactful on our lives.

The negative impact of this pandemic on the development of children is tremendous and will be felt for decades. Marked drops in reading and math skills occurred with substitution of virtual learning for in-school learning. This year, physical and sexual abuse in children and opioid use and suicide in adolescents became even more of a concern than previous years. The last couple of years have been a time of personal disruption.

Even during the Christmas season, it is hard to think about gratitude with all the personal loss. However, there is much for us to be thankful. We can be thankful for public sector and private business working

together to produce effective vaccines. We can be thankful for healthcare workers who worked increased shifts under difficult circumstances. We can be thankful for healthcare systems that stayed flexible and handled the major logistic and personnel difficulties of the pandemic.



PHILLIP ROZEMAN

We can be thankful for essential workers who showed up at work every day despite the fear of the unknown. We can be thankful for the resilience of small business owners who helped their employees even more than they could really afford. And we can be thankful for physicians who worked together across the globe to learn and share with each other to improve treatment regimens.

We've learned the importance of realistic expectations and the need to consider context in the natural history of surges in viral epidemics. As the delta and now omicron variant go up and then down in number of cases and hospitalizations, we should avoid adding "new solutions" aimed at the unobtainable goal of eradication of the virus.

For COVID, the goal is to manage the disease with safe

and effective vaccines, natural immunity and very promising new therapeutics. Controversy over vaccine mandates and masks have dominated the news. However, the future impact of the COVID virus will depend on the effectiveness of new therapies as well as establishing natural and vaccine immunity.

Maybe the most notable difference of the last couple of years is the added grief and loss suffered by so many. This past Saturday on December 11th, this became more real for my wife and I as we attended the holiday memorial vigil held at Forest Park Funeral Home in remembrance of her mother who passed away last December.

Also, on that day, we attended the celebration of life for the man who had been the CEO of my cardiology practice for 25 years. December 11, 2021 was also the day our brother-in-law's stepfather died at age 95 from COVID. Eight years ago to the day on December 11th, my family also lost our daughter Sarah's twins—Hunter and Brooke—born just a couple of weeks before they had a chance to survive.

At the vigil, I thought about the pastor's words about the often difficult times of grief at Christmas and I thought again about the great personal loss of so many during the pandemic. In the quietness of the moment, I listened to the words of the hymn "O Holy Night" being played in the background.

"O holy night! The stars are brightly shining, it is the night of the dear Savior's birth... A thrill of hope, the weary soul rejoices, for yonder breaks a new and glorious morn! Fall on your knees, O hear the angel voices... O night divine, O night when Christ was born."

Christmas is a time to reflect on what is important. And as I listened to the lyrics of "O Holy Night" and thought about the pandemic and the personal impact of December 11th this year, it occurred to me I had left out something very important in all my writing about COVID-19. What we learned again during this pandemic was that we need each other and we need the "thrill of hope" of that night when Christ was born.

So, the most important words I will share this Christmas about the pandemic come from the last verse of "O Holy Night": "He taught us to love one another. His law is love and His gospel is peace." If we internalize this lyric, we won't let COVID lessen the gift of Christmas.

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ANALYSIS

Edwards, lawmakers both claim wins in Saints deal

Louisiana's new deal with the New Orleans Saints gives state legislative leaders a victory, with lower-than-expected payments to help cover Superdome renovations, the ending of a stadium manager debt that irked lawmakers and cuts to office lease costs for state agencies.

Gov. John Bel Edwards also gets to declare a win, striking an agreement that will lock the Saints into a deal to stay in New Orleans for years past the Democratic governor's term — and possibly for decades longer.

Negotiations took more than two years. Approval of the central pieces of the plan came together Thursday, though a few details remain to be settled in later legislation. But while some Republican lawmakers privately grouched about continuing to spend money that goes into helping the NFL team and its wealthy owner, those complaints weren't aired publicly.

Instead, the Bond Commission and the joint House and Senate budget committee quickly gave the necessary votes, while officials applauded the lower price tag for the state and the benefits of keeping the Saints in New Orleans.

Edwards issued a statement calling it a "great day not only for the city of New Orleans and the Saints, but for Louisiana and its economy."

Republican Senate President Page Cortez thanked Saints owner Gayle Benson for agreeing to renegotiate terms of the stadium agreement and described it as "a better partnership" for the state and the NFL club.

GOP House Speaker Clay Schexnayder called it a fair deal for Louisiana and the Saints.

And Treasurer John Schroder, the Republican Bond Commission chairman, posted on Twitter after the approvals: "The Superdome is an iconic facility but we must be sensitive to concerns of legislators in districts with major needs as well. Today's action was a win-win for the state."

That kind of broad praise for a financial deal can be tough to achieve in the Louisiana Capitol these days, and it took extensive, behind-the-scenes negotiations to reach that point.

In August 2019, Edwards announced \$450 million in planned upgrades to the nearly 50-year-old iconic Superdome, framing the improvements as critical to keeping the Saints in New Or-

leans through 2055. Louisiana's lease with the NFL team was set to expire in 2025, though Benson had pledged to keep the club in New Orleans long-term.

But Republican legislative leaders balked at continuing pieces of the state's existing lease arrangement with the Saints and raised objections to Edwards' plan to have the state pay \$90 million toward the Superdome renovations.

Those GOP lawmakers temporarily stalled some construction budget financing the Edwards administration wanted for the renovations, though they later approved it. But they also refused a proposal to forgive a borrowing debt owed to the state by the Superdome manager, the Louisiana Stadium and Exposition District.

Under the terms of the deal approved Thursday, the Louisiana Stadium and Exposition District will pay off the debt to the state in a lump sum of \$28 million, rather than seeing it forgiven. Meanwhile, the state will contribute up to \$54 million toward the domed stadium improvements.

The state will use \$27 million in federal coronavirus pandemic aid and \$27 million through the state construction budget to put up 12% of the renovation costs.

That's less than the \$90 million originally proposed. And the final price tag could drop further.

The \$27 million in federal aid

would be returned to the state if hotel/motel tax dollars allocated to the Louisiana Stadium and Exposition District rebound to certain levels by 2023. Those levels remain to be negotiated and set into legislation.

"We want to be frugal in how much we put into this," said Cortez, of Lafayette.

Plus, the Saints have agreed to reduce the rent charged of state agencies in a Benson-owned office building to market value, rather than the higher-than-average lease arrangements currently in place, said Commissioner of Administration Jay Dardenne, the governor's chief negotiator on the deal.

The Superdome renovations — which include expanded club and suite levels, new concession stands, viewing decks and other improvements — began in 2020 and are expected to wrap up before the Super Bowl is held in the stadium in February 2025.

As part of the new deal, the Saints have committed to sign an agreement keeping the team in New Orleans through 2035, with four five-year extension options through 2055 if the full Superdome renovations are completed.

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

OPINION

Randy Brown: Memories of Christmas

On Saturday, we will celebrate CHRISTmas, my very favorite day of the year for so many wonderful reasons! Of course, my favorite reason is the REASON FOR THE SEASON! I hope and pray that you all will have a most wonderful and VERY MERRY CHRISTmas!!

What is your favorite memory of Christmas? If you are like me, you have not just one favorite memory, but several. First of all, I love what Christmas means - as I have so often talked about in my columns over the years. And, as I have said so many times, I love music. So for me, I relate happenings, events, special memories, etc. to music.

Of course, for most of us, traditional Christmas songs include: "White Christmas," "The Christmas Song (Chestnuts Roasting On An Open Fire)," "Frosty The Snowman," "Jingle Bells," "Rudolph The Red-

Nosed Reindeer," Andy Williams singing "Happy Holidays" or Perry Como singing "There's No Place Like Home For The Holidays."



RANDY BROWN

I also love The Carpenters version of that one too. And, there are so many more Christmas songs that I did not mention. For sure, we all have our favorite Christmas song(s).

Though I relate so many memories to music, I also have a few other Christmas memories that are extremely important to me. I can remember traveling down Sibley Rd. in Minden (where my mother grew up) during the

mid-to-late 1960's during the Christmas season on a frequent visit to my grandparents' house. I can so vividly recall looking out the back window of the car while hearing "Silver Bells" playing on the car radio. I could not have been more than five or six years old at the time. I can still remember how fascinated I was by the glistening Christmas decorations adorning the street light poles. I also remember the silver tinsel Christmas tree that we had in our "bay window" with the multi colored rotating light device that periodically changed the tree into different shades of color. I think Mom said the tree came from Sears, as did so many of the things in our household back in those days.

And, I remember our family visits to Couchatta (where my Dad grew up) during the Christmas season. Visiting fam-

ily "down home," as my Grandmother Brown always referred to it, was always extra special at any time of the year, but especially at Christmas.

Like so many of you, I strongly believe that Christmas isn't all about gifts but as a kid, there are some wonderful gifts that I will always remember. Gosh, my parents were always so good to me (of course, I would never admit to being spoiled). I remember my first set of drums from TG&Y when I was about six years old. I guess my parents didn't know back then how that particular gift would stick with me for life. Over 50 years later, and I am still playing. I play for God now. I also remember the Fender Stratocaster electric guitar that I was just dying to have. Wow, I couldn't put it down. Mine was a 1973 model in a natural blonde finish. And, I remember playing my trombone

as a teenager in the midnight mass brass quartet on Christmas Eve as a special guest at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Shreveport.

There were so many fantastic Christmas dinners too. And again, let us never forget the most important part of CHRISTmas and the most precious gift that the world will ever receive.

As always, I am looking forward to the new year. Though we are living in unprecedented times in so many ways, 2022 holds many great things in store for us all! And with that being said, I wish both you and your family the very best in the new year to come!

RANDY BROWN IS EDITOR AND PUBLISHER OF THE BOSSIER PRESS-TRIBUNE.



LIFE

INSPIRATION

Christmas Evokes Memories From ‘55

Christmas evokes many memories because children thrive on make believe, knowing Santa Claus will come whether they have reason to believe in him or not.. (In 1975 when we lived near Cleveland, Ark., our two older children remember the night that they heard sleigh bells ringing, not knowing it was me pulling out toys from under the house near the spot where the old whiskey still once stood. I was eight months pregnant at the time)

As a child I believed in Santa Claus even though we were told he didn’t exist. One time I crept outside and placed a paper grocery bag on the porch, knowing he dared not step inside. Even though it remained empty I continued to believe.

One of my sweetest Christmas memories occurred in 1955 when I was in the first grade. There were two little girls, Marilyn and Blythe Epperly. Their parents owned an IGA country store in South West City, Mo., They lived over the store as was the custom years ago.

The girls came with their mom to our house with two dolls for my sister and myself. Those gifts planted wonder that led me to locate Marilyn and Blythe fifty years later because they moved back to Nashville, Tennessee, on Marilyn’s eighth birth-

day in 1956.

Being a sleuth, I had little trouble finding them because I remembered their father’s name from so many years ago.

To my surprise, she and her younger sister Blythe remembered the gifts that their mother brought to us. I assumed the dolls were from their store — not so. Marilyn explained that their parents felt that they had received too many gifts from family members and requested the girls choose a doll to give to us because they sensed our need. She went on to say that the reason their family moved was they could barely make a living in our rural area so they understood what doing without might mean.

What a sweet ending to the story as we rekindled childhood friendships. Marilyn added with fondness then that she fantasized running away to come back to see her friends as she watched her baby sister LuEllen sleeping on the back seat of the car in a baby bed inside a huge Jello box from their country store but Marilyn soon learned that God had a hand in their move because their mom had emergency heart surgery that could never have been performed in our rural area.

One of the best gifts we can give others as well as ourselves may be listening with

the heart, of loving another unconditionally and without judgment. Some friendships come easily because we are magnetically drawn to others as we find soul mates and kindred spirits but sometimes friendships require courage, of making the first move, of picking up the phone to call, to extend oneself as we make ourselves vulnerable but the price is worth the effort because life would be dull without friends who know who we really are.

Having lost close friends I’m reminded that this life is not forever and that if we want to do something for a friend or relative we better do it now lest we live in regret of wasted opportunities -- besides we just can’t have too many friends whether they are older or younger than ourselves.

We can never replace departed friends but life can still be beautiful as we respond to friends God places within our paths.

The Bible still says “as iron sharpens iron so a man’s countenance sharpens his friends countenance.”

Friends add a glow to our face and put a sparkle to our eyes.

One dear departed friend, Joyce Duke Moore, quoted an unknown source who wrote “our friends help us test the water.”

Luciano De Crescenzo wrote “we are angels with only one wing and we can only fly embracing each other.”

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THE UPWARD LOOK

Christ, the Messiah

“Today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.” Luke 2:11 NASB

ful man and a holy God by offering the perfect sacrifice for our redemption. He is The King, ruling and reigning as Lord, the supreme authority and master of all.



Max Hutto

The joyous celebration of the birth of Jesus announces the coming of the Christ, the Messiah, the Anointed One, who brings us salvation from our sins. As Messiah Jesus holds three important titles and jobs. He is The Prophet, proclaiming both God’s judgment on sin and His provision of reconciliation. He is The Priest, mediating between sin-

Lord Jesus, reign in my life as I faithfully obey Your commands. I bow and worship You my Christ, my Savior, my Lord.

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A STRANGER FROM A STRANGE LAND

Gimme the Funnies

I try to think carefully what I’m about to say before I say it. I saw my young friend Madeleine talking to her wristwatch and my first impulse was to say, “What’s that? You and Sam Ketchum planning to put the bag on Pruneface?” Then I quickly judged this too obscure a reference and instead said, “That’s like the Dick Tracy 2-way wrist radio.” She still had no idea what I was talking about.

The granite jawed police detective Dick Tracy was a mainstay of newspaper comics for much of the last century. We called them the “Funnies” although many strips (Chester Gould’s Dick Tracy, Milt Caniff’s Steve Canyon, Ed Dodd’s Mark Trail) weren’t intended to be funny. That was a kid’s favorite portion of the paper. “Gimme the funnies,” we’d say when the Sunday paper was unrolled.

I’m happy to see some still thriving in the Minden Press-Herald. I read Blondie (by Chic Young) and Beetle Bailey (creator Mort Walker was a graduate of the University of Missouri) growing up. I miss some of the great comics I used to read in newspapers. The Far Side (Gary Larson) single panel comics were intelligent and amusing. Zippy the Pinhead (Bill Griffith) was weird and delightful. Everyone liked Charlie Brown and his friends in the Peanuts (Charles Schulz) strip. Doonesbury (Garry Trudeau) made you interested in politics. Pogo (Walt Kelly) was political too when you pondered what the cute animals were saying. Dilbert (Scott Adams) is insightful about working in an office. For outright hilarity, I miss most the Born Loser (Art Sansom).

I still laugh at one particular Born Loser strip over forty years after its publication. Protagonist

Brutus Thornapple is sitting by a stranger at a ball game, an empty seat between them. He comments on what a great game they are attending and the stranger agrees. Brutus then wonders aloud about the vacant seat. The stranger explains that’s his wife’s old ticket but she was deceased. Brutus offers his condolences and then asks the man why he didn’t bring along a friend to watch the game.



DIRK ELLINGSON

“Oh, they’re all at the funeral.” Funny stuff. I cut it out of the paper and it adorned my bulletin board for years.

The comic strip from a century back I never read but read about was Little Nemo in Slumberland by Winsor McCay. His illustrations were remarkable. Vertical panels of varying shapes and sizes. Mesmerizing architectural depictions. The psychology of dreams. It’s like nothing my generation associated with newspaper comics. McCay was also an innovator of motion picture animation in the early days of cartoons. Little Nemo was probably the apex of the newspaper comics art medium.

I’m glad some toothless comics are not featured in our local paper, even though many remain popular. I love cats but Garfield (Jim Davis) leaned too much on a single joke that wasn’t that funny (lasagna gluttony). Ziggy (Tom Wilson) was poorly drawn. Family Circus (Bil Keane) was insipid.

Minden Press-Herald publisher Joshua Specht tells me the eight strips featured in our paper are part of a syndication package. They’re not selected individually so the powers that be (publisher and/or readers) may not have the powers to pick and choose à la carte. But you readers could still make your voices

heard on your favorites.

Okay, I’ll go first. If I set up the current comics in a seeded tournament where my rankings arranged the bracket, number 4 Mother Goose & Grimm (the daily strip usually makes me laugh monthly) would edge 5 seed Hi and Lois (decent drawings). Number 3 Hagar the Horrible (mediocre art but frequently funny) would easily get by 6 seed Sam and Silo (yawn). The 2 seed Beetle Bailey (still a classic I suppose) would defeat 7 seed Baby Blues (Hammie hijinks are tiresome). And 1 seed Blondie (excellent art and the eponymous heroine somehow is still stunning after decades) would crush 8 seed Funky Winkerbean (plots never seem to reach a resolution before they switch to another and none are particularly funny).

Most readers of my generation and older would certainly remember Dick Tracy. I polled a few younger friends and family between age 25 (Madeleine’s age) and 43 (born the year Chester Gould retired from the funny papers) about the Sam Ketchum and Pruneface references. The funniest response was my daughter Claire’s, “Is this some sort of troll bridge riddle?” If so, only her husband Jacob gets to cross the bridge. My son-in-law knew Dick Tracy and Sam Ketchum were professional colleagues. No one else a generation or more behind me had a clue. I asked Jacob how he knew. He told me he learned about it from his grandpa.

I don’t wish to sound like an aged curmudgeon complaining about the state of newspaper comics compared to what I grew up reading. Ghosts from the generation of my grandparents could likewise lament to me how nothing compared to Little Nemo. They would be right.

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SPORTS

LSU surges late to hold off LA Tech

T. SCOTT BOATRIGHT  
Minden Press-Herald

BOSSIER CITY — In a hard-fought battle from start to finish, LSU simply outlasted Louisiana Tech Saturday night as the 19th-ranked Tigers held on for a 66-57 win over the Dunkin’ Dogs before a crowd of 6,838 fans inside Brookshire Grocery Arena.

It was LA Tech that held the upper hand in the opening minutes, using an 11-0 start to build a 13-point advantage early in the first half before taking a 35-27 lead at halftime.

Momentum bounced the other way in the second half as LSU quickly countered with a 10-0 run coming out of intermission to take its first lead of the game at 41-38 with 15:47 remaining.

But the Bulldogs responded with eight straight points, including back-to-back 3-pointers by Keaston Willis and Exavian Christon.

The teams swapped the lead five times with seven ties in the second half.

With Kenneth Lofton

out of the game due to foul trouble and down by two with 7:30 remaining, Tech’s Amorie Archibald netted five consecutive free throws to move out in front 55-52.

But the ’Dogs would manage only two more points the rest of the way.

After returning to the game after spending time on the bench due to early foul trouble, Tech’s Lofton hauled down an offensive rebound before making good on the putback to tie things up for a seventh time at 57-57 with less than three minutes left on the clock.

But that’s all the scoring the Dunkin’ Dogs would muster as LSU, now 11-0, ended up going on a 9-0 run ignited by Tari Eason’s 3-pointer. Eason, who finished with 21 points, followed that up by launching a shot up toward the goal while falling to the floor.

That shot somehow fell through the nets, and LSU continued its run that was capped off by Eason’s dunk with 33 seconds remaining.

“The turnover battle was the thing we were



PHOTO COURTESY OF LA TECH ATHLETICS COMMUNICATIONS

Louisiana Tech’s Amorie Archibald (3) scored 13 points for the Bulldogs during Saturday’s 66-57 loss to LSU at Bossier City’s Brookshire Grocery Arena.

trying to manage the most,” said Tech coach Eric Konkol. In the second half, foul trouble

and trying to manage minutes on our end, became tough. I asked our guys to empty the tank

and they absolutely did that. No moral victories here. We wanted to win this ball game. I thought

our guys did so much to give us a shot. We just needed to manufacture a few more buckets.”

LSU coach Will Wade had praise for the Bulldogs after the contest.

“Obviously, it was a really great game,” Wade said. “I thought Louisiana Tech played tremendously.”

Darius Days added 13 with a career-high 18 rebounds for LSU.

The Bulldogs, who held LSU to a season-low scoring total, had three players put up double figures in points.

Lofton Jr. and Amorie Archibald led the Bulldogs with 13 points each while Exavian Christon scored 11.

The loss to LSU marked the second time this season the Bulldogs have lost to a Top 25 team. They also lost 93-64 to No. 14 Alabama in the season opener.

Tech will close out its non-conference season when the Bulldogs play host to Crowley’s Ridge starting at 4 p.m. Wednesday inside the Thomas Assembly Center on Karl Malone Court.



PHOTO BY MARNIE GREGG

Glenbrook 4th-6th grade girls take tourney title

The Glenbrook fourth-sixth grade girls basketball team played in a tournament hosted by Ruston’s Cedar Creek School with the Apaches winning the championship game 17-2 on Saturday.

GSU Lady Tigers fall at Auburn, 82-58

Minden Press-Herald Sports Service

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Senior guard Alexis Holt registered a team-high 21 points as the Grambling State University women’s basketball team dropped a road game to Southeastern Athletic Conference (SEC) opponent, Auburn, 82-58 at the Auburn Arena on Saturday afternoon.

Holt connected on eight-of-23 of her field goals, including two-of-eight from 3-point range. She also tallied five rebounds with three assists and two steals.

Justice Coleman also



scored in double-figures, racking up 10 points to go with four rebounds and one steal.

Coleman got the Lady Tigers on the board first with a three-pointer. Ciera Ellington nailed a jumper less the 30 seconds later, giving GSU (2-7) an early 5-0 lead with 9:11 to go in the first period.

After Auburn (7-3)

jumped ahead 6-5, GSU once again regained the lead when Ellington converted a layup. Holt followed that up a fast-break bucket of her own, putting the Lady Tigers on top 9-6 at the 4:52 mark.

Grambling State snagged its final lead of the contest, 13-12, on an Ashanti Lavergne layup with 2:19 left in the first quarter.

The second quarter was another close affair, with Auburn outscoring GSU 19-15. The Lady Tigers trailed by as many as 13, but whittled the AU lead to 38-30 heading into the half.

Grambling State shot the ball well in the first half, shooting 44.5 percent (13-of-29). However, Auburn shot an even higher percentage, going 14-for-25 from the field (56.0 percent).

Auburn seized control of the contest in the third period. After Kaci Chairs knocked a jumper down with 5:51 left in the third frame, to keep GSU within nine (45-36), AU closed out the period on 13-3 run, carrying a 58-38 lead in to the fourth.

Auburn maintained its distance in the final quarter, securing the 82-58 win.

Saints shut out Buccaneers, Brady in 9-0 win

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — No-body hounds Tom Brady like the New Orleans Saints.

Cameron Jordan and the New Orleans defense gave Brady fits again, shutting down Tampa Bay’s high-powered offense Sunday night as the Saints put the Buccaneers’ division-title celebration plans on hold with a 9-0 victory over the reigning Super Bowl champions.

“Just a tough night. Didn’t do much of anything right,” said Brady, who smashed a tablet on the bench in frustration late in the fourth quarter.

“I wish it was just one thing. It was a lot of things,” he added. “We just didn’t play well enough. We’re not going to win scoring no points.”

Despite playing without coach Sean Payton on the sideline, the Saints (7-7)

beat the Bucs (10-4) for the seventh straight time during the regular season — fourth since Brady left New England for Tampa Bay in 2020.

And no doubt, defense was the driving force behind this one.

“You can’t say enough about what they did to pitch a shutout like that. And against a Brady-led offense, it’s incredible,” Saints quarterback Tay-

som Hill said. “Part of our play calling and all that was reflective of how well they were playing.”

The victory gave New Orleans a sweep of the season series between the NFC South rivals and boosted the Saints into playoff position with a hold on the conference’s final wild card. It also forced Tampa Bay to wait at least another week to clinch its first division crown since 2007.

Lady Techsters tumble at ULL

Minden Press-Herald Sports Service

LAFAYETTE – Second-half shooting and Louisiana Tech defensive struggles helped UL-Lafayette to 69-57 win over the Lady Techsters Sunday night inside the Cajundome.

The Lady Techsters fell to 7-3 on the year with the loss, while UL-Lafayette improved to 8-2 overall with the win.

A fast and physical start to the game saw the Lady Techsters use a quick 6-0 burst to open up an 8-5 lead just four minutes into the contest. The Ragin’ Cajuns responded with seven straight points to take a 16-10 advantage, and hold an 18-14 lead after the opening frame.

The Lady Techsters battled back with a 7-0 spurt, behind five points from Bates to take a 21-20 lead with 5:56 left in the second stanza. Lafayette grabbed the lead right back, but it didn’t last long as a jumper by sophomore Anna Larr Roberson and the fourth made three-pointer by Bates gave the Lady Techsters a 30-29 lead at the break.

Lafayette caught fire out of the break, sparking an 11-2 run to open up a 42-34 advantage with 6:23 remaining in the third quarter. A pair of jumpers by senior Jadona Davis and Walker cut the deficit down to five at 47-42 before Lafayette extended the lead out to 52-42 heading to the final period.

The Ragin’ Cajuns pushed their lead out to as much as 18 at 63-45 before seven straight points by Walker cutting it to 67-54 before falling to UL-Lafayette, 69-57.

“It was a struggle for us today on both ends of the floor,” said Tech coach Brooke Stohr. “We have been very solid defensively all year and were not today. We got beaten to too many 50/50 balls and that can’t ever happen. I liked our energy and focus in practice the last two days. I didn’t see this coming today. Lafayette was the more aggressive team on both ends of the floor. I thought our group battled in the second quarter and found a way to take the lead despite our struggles.

“Our defensive energy to start the third wasn’t what it needed to be. We were trading baskets and you can’t do that on the road. We’ll get back tonight and address some things in film and practice to get better and prepare for another road game Wednesday.”

The Lady Techsters will wrap-up the non-conference portion of their schedule when they travel to McNeese State. Tip-off is set for 6:30 p.m. Wednesday inside Burton Coliseum in Lake Charles.



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Louisiana Tech’s Salma Bates (10) defends against Louisiana-Lafayette’s Destini Rice during Sunday’s road loss to the Ragin’ Cajuns.







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Minden Planning Commission Meeting

January 6, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.

Pelican Room - Minden City Hall

On the agenda is a zoning variance request from Huffman Mgmt. LLC, option holder on property belonging to ROHA, Inc., located at the municipal address of 1114 Broadway Street. This property is zoned R-2 (Single Family Residential).

The purpose of this zoning variance is to use the property as a bed and breakfast/inn with lounge and event center. This use will be similar to prior variances issued on this property.

**Legal Description:** LOTS #126 & 127, WILLIAMSON JONES MAP OF MINDEN, THE NORTHERLY 40 FT. OF LOTS #143 & 144, WILLIAMSON JONES MAP OF MINDEN, STRIP 30 X 305 FT. ADJ. IN NE/4 OF SW/4 SEC. 22-19-9 (FORMERLY AN ALLEY) & STRIP 30 X 305 FT. ADJ. IN NE/4 OF SW/4 SEC. 22-19-9 (FORMERLY AN ALLEY) (BEING A LOT FRONTING 220 FT. ON NORTH BROADWAY X 305 FT. IN NE/4 OF SW/4 SEC. 22-19-9)

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

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING WEBSTER PARISH POLICE JURY December 7, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Bonsall, President; Nick Cox, Vice President; Steve Lemmons, Steve Ramsey, Randy Thomas, Beverly Kennon, Vera Davison, Bruce Blanton, Ed Jordan, Allen Gilbert, Daniel Thomas and Bernard Hudson

PUBLIC HEARING: To hear comments concerning the proposed 2022 Budget of the Webster Parish Police Jury. There were no comments concerning the proposed 2022 Budget of the Webster Parish Police Jury.

PUBLIC HEARING: To hear comments concerning the Local Provider Healthcare Participation Program for Webster Parish. Jim Williams, CEO of Minden Medical Center spoke on behalf of the hospital in support of the program. There

were no other comments or concerns concerning the Local Provider Healthcare Participation Program for Webster Parish.

Mr. Jim Bonsall called the meeting to order and asked Mr. Nick Cox to open the meeting with prayer. Mr. Bernard Hudson led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Bonsall then asked for additions to the agenda.

There were no comments from the audience concerning the agenda.

Mr. Steve Lemmons moved, seconded by Mr. Steve Ramsey to approve invoices for payment pending review by juror Steve Lemmons. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Randy Thomas moved, seconded by Ms. Vera Davison to adopt the minutes of the November 2, 2021 Road Committee, Environmental Committee, Finance Committee, and Regular Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ed Jordan moved, seconded by Mr. Bruce Blanton to approve the Proposed 2022 Financial Budget of the Webster Parish Police Jury as presented with Budget Notes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Nick Cox moved, seconded by Ms. Beverly Kennon to approve the Local Provider Healthcare Participation Program for Webster Parish. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Daniel Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Bernard Hudson to approve Recreational Funding for District #3 the Town of Sarepta for signs for the town, \$850.26, District #5 the Town of Cotton Valley for office supplies, \$100 and District #8 for Dorcheat Historical Museum for signage, \$937.91. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Vera Davison moved, seconded by Mr. Ed Jordan to approve Board Appointments for Webster Parish Communications District to Appoint Dr. Grady Smith to replace Ms. Truvesta Johnson to a 4-year term to expire 2025, and to Reappoint Mr. Ray Brown to a 4-year term to expire 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bernard Hudson moved, seconded by Mr. Nick Cox to approve Board Appointments for Webster Parish Fire District #7 to Reappoint Mr. Gary Green to a 2-year term ending 12/31/2023. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Vera Davison moved, seconded by Mr. Bruce Blanton to approve Signature Resolution 012-2021 authorizing Mrs. Melinda Davidson, Director of the WPPJ Office of Community Services to sign documents on behalf of the organization. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bruce Blanton moved, seconded by Ms. Vera Davison to approve Signature Resolution 012-2021 authorizing Mrs. Melinda Davidson, Director of the WPPJ Office of Community Services to sign documents on behalf of the organization. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ed Jordan moved, seconded by Ms. Allen Gilbert to approve the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Webster Parish Police Jury and select fire departments for conex boxes for sandbag locations in the

parish. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMENTS: Melinda Davidson WP OCS, Director Wanda Finley WP OCS HeadStart Savannah Jones WP Library Christie Cox WP Coroner, Allen Mosley Philip Krouse Jason Parker, Sheriff Col. Carl Thompson WP Assessor, Denise Edwards John Monzingo LSU/Ag Center Johnnye Kennon WP C.V.B (Tourism) Angie Chapman E911 Director

Mr. Jim Bonsall recognized members of the audience. Ms. Catherine Hunt, resident of Tanglewood Subdivision addressed the jury about a Fire District #10 tax that is on her assessment. Mr. Ben Gorman, Secretary-Treasurer of Fire District #10 spoke as well. They are going to contact bonding attorneys. Foley & Judell LLP for information on this tax.

Mr. Steve Ramsey moved, seconded by Mr. Steve Lemmons to approve the action taken at the Road Committee Meeting held earlier today. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Nick Cox moved, seconded by Ms. Vera Davison to approve the action taken at the Finance Committee Meeting held earlier today. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Jim Bonsall then gave Presidents' closing remarks.

There being no further business to bring before the Jury, the meeting adjourned.

/s/

Lisa C. Balkom Secretary-Treasurer

/s/

Jim Bonsall President

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Notice is hereby given that the Webster Parish School Board will receive sealed bids from LA licensed general contractors until 2:00 P.M., Thursday, January 27, 2022, for:

JOB #2021-13 SYNTHETIC TURF FOOTBALL FIELD FOR LAKESIDE JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL SIBLEY, LOUISIANA

Bids will be accepted until the date and time specified and will be publicly opened and read aloud at that time in the School Board's Office, 1442 Shepard Street, Minden, Louisiana 71055. All submittal packages will be stamped or marked to acknowledge timely receipt. Sole responsibility for proper mailing or delivery of any bid in compliance with this advertisement is that of the bidder. Bids received after the date and time of opening will not be considered.

A non-mandatory Pre-bid Conference will be held at 10:30 A.M. on Thursday January 6, 2022 at the jobsite: 9090 Hwy 371, Sibley, Louisiana 71073. Bidders must check in at the office.

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Complete bid documents may be obtained from Yeager, Watson & Associates, LLC, 118 S. Trenton St., Ruston, LA 71270-4432, (318) 202-5708, upon receipt of deposit of \$100.00 for each set of documents. The deposit is fully-refundable to all plan holders upon return of the documents, in good condition, no later than fifteen (15) days after receipt of bids. The deposits for all other sets of documents will not be refunded. Bid-related materials and electronic submittal of bids may be found at: WWW.CENTRAL-BIDDING.COM. For questions relating to the electronic bidding process, please call Central Bidding at (225) 810-4814. Electronic bid documents are also available for a purchase price of \$20 from the architect's office or by membership to following Plan Rooms: LAGC, ConstructConnect, Dodge, or ISqFt.

The Webster Parish School Board is an equal opportunity agency dedicated to a policy of non-discrimination regarding Title VI, the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

The Webster Parish School Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

/s/ Johnny Rowland /t/ Johnny Rowland, Secretary Treasurer Webster Parish School Board

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Notice is hereby given that the Webster Parish School Board will receive sealed bids from LA licensed general contractors until 3:00 P.M., Thursday January 27, 2022, for:

JOB #2021-12 RENOVATIONS TO NORTH WEBSTER JUNIOR HIGH FOOTBALL STADIUM SAREPTA, LOUISIANA

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A non-mandatory Pre-bid Conference will be held at 1:00 P.M. on Thursday January 06, 2022 at the jobsite: 6041 HWY 2, Sarepta, Louisiana 71071. Bidders must check in at the office.

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Village of Dixie Inn Regular Session December 14, 2021

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

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen for the Village of Dixie Inn met in regular session on December 14, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, Dixie Inn, Louisiana with the following members present: Mayor Kay Hallmark-Stratton, Aldermen Donna Hoffoss, Judy McKenzie, and Lance Milligan.

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

There were no public comments.

Mayor Kay Hallmark-Stratton welcomed guests.

A motion was made by Donna Hoffoss and seconded by Judy McKenzie to adopt the minutes of the Regular Session of November 9, 2021. 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 Lance Milligan and seconded by Judy McKenzie to adopt all financial statements for November 2021. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

Department Reports: Mike Chreene reported all is well with the water department.

Chief James Edwards reported no issues in the Village.

Mayor Kay Hallmark-Stratton reported the engineer has sent the contract to Hope Contractors for the Town Hall/Police Department generator. Hopefully, will install soon. Engineer will open proposals December 21, 2021 for the Water Scada project. LCDBG environmental review record has been approved for the WWTP Improvements

project. DRA equalization tank project is progressing.

New Business:

Mr. Travis Morehart, CPA, of Cook & Morehart will be at the January council meeting to discuss our audit.

Mr. Brian Conditt of Live Oak Environmental, LLC discussed the new contract and price increase. A motion was made by Judy McKenzie and seconded by Donna Hoffoss to accept an increase to \$17.00 monthly per unit charge for once-a-week garbage pickup and for twice a month large item and debris pickup service. Vote on the motion was unanimous. There will be an annual review of costs for garbage, large item, and debris pick-up.

A motion was made by Lance Milligan and seconded by Donna Hoffoss to adopt Resolution for LCDBG-CV Citizen Participation Plan, Citizen Complaint Procedure, Resolution adopting LCDBG-CV Procurement Policy, and Resolution No. 01-12142021 entering into agreements with administration and engineering services for the LCDBG-CV program. Vote on the motion was unanimous and having 3 Years, 0 Nays, and 0 Abstains.

A motion was made by Judy McKenzie and seconded by Lance Milligan to change Sales Tax Savings deposit from \$100.00 monthly to \$100.00 quarterly and change Police Fund Savings deposit from \$1500.00 monthly to \$100.00 quarterly. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

A motion was made by Lance Milligan and seconded by Judy McKenzie to purchase two (2) vacuum regulators for chlorine at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

Discussion was held regarding the transfer of funds to the investment fund account. Matter was tabled.

A motion was made by Donna Hoffoss, seconded by Lance Milligan for the purchase of (3) new cell phones to replace obsolete phones.

A motion was made by Donna Hoffoss and seconded by Judy McKenzie to reappoint Mike Griffith for a two-year term to the Webster Parish Fire District #7 Board. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

Old Business:

Mayor Kay Hallmark-Stratton closed the regular session and opened public hearing on Ordinance 38-D – an Ordinance amending 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. Mayor read aloud the Ordinance. There were no public comments. Mayor Stratton closed the public hearing and opened regular session to adopt Ordinance 38-D. A motion was made by Judy McKenzie and seconded by Donna Hoffoss to adopt Ordinance No. 38-D with changes to garbage and debris charges as noted above. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

Chief James Edwards

reported he hopes to have pricing for a new police vehicle within the next few weeks.

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

ATTEST: Kay Hallmark-Stratton Mayor

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ORDINANCE 38-D

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING 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

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Ordinance to protect the stability of the municipal utility system, and

WHEREAS, The Village of Dixie Inn, Louisiana, is desirous of amending its Code of Ordinances to accomplish this purpose.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen for the Village of Dixie Inn, Louisiana, the governing authority thereof, in its regular session convened on the 9th day of November 2021, that Ordinances 37, 38, 38-A, 38-B, and 38-C of the Code of Ordinance are hereby amended as follows:

A. Ordinances 37, 38, 38-A, 38-B, and 38-C of the Village of Dixie Inn be and the same are hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 1: Water Rates:

Residential Rates: \$32.78 for first 2,000 gallons of water usage \$4.92 for each additional 1,000 gallons

Non-Residential Rates \$109.27 for first 2,000 gallons of water usage \$5.19 for each additional 1,000 gallons

Sewer Rates:

Residential Rates \$21.86 for first 2,000 gallons of water usage \$3.28 for each additional 1,000 gallons

Non-Residential Rates: \$109.27 for first 2,000 gallons of water usage \$3.28 for each additional 1,000 gallons

Garbage Service and Debris Disposal Rate: \$17.00 per month for each customer or user\*

Master Meter Residential Customer Rates:

Water: \$32.78 for each unit occupied No charge for first 2,000 gallons of water usage per unit \$4.92 for each additional 1,000 gallons

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**Sewer:**  
\$21.86 for each unit occupied  
No charge for first 2,000 gallons per unit  
\$3.28 for each additional 1,000 gallons

Section 1. A: Delete

Section 1. B: Customers requesting a new water and/or sewer service will assume the responsibility of all fees charged by a certified contractor and said fees will be paid to the Village of Dixie Inn utility office prior to any work commencing.

Section 2: That the above established rates and service charges shall be and are hereby ordained to be effective January 1, 2022, and, said rates and service charges are to be increased by three percent (3%) beginning with the first billing period of January 2023 and with the first billing period each year thereafter.

\*Garbage service rate annual increases will be based on data provided by US-CPI: Urban Consumer - Garbage and Trash Collection.

Section 3:  
**A: A water deposit will be required, in advance of providing services, in the amount of THREE HUNDRED AND NO/100 (\$300.00) for each Residential Customer, SIX HUNDRED AND NO/100 (\$600.00) for each Non-Residential Customer and SIX HUNDRED AND NO/100 (\$600.00) for each Master Meter Residential Customer.** A customer who does not make payments on the 25th of the month, and who are disconnected, must pay amount due for previous month and current month before utility service will be reconnected. Deposits cannot be used to apply toward a bill unless the resident or user is moving from the village limits and if so, the water deposit will be applied to the satisfaction

of any final bill. The owner, resident or user is required to notify the Village before or at the time a dwelling, business, or property is vacated so utility service can be disconnected and a final bill computed. The tenant or owner is to provide the Village of Dixie Inn utility office a forwarding address when moving, and the balance of the deposit will be mailed to that person. The Village reserves the right to apply deposits toward a bill for nonpayment when the customer has not contacted the Village five (5) days after a cutoff of services. A new deposit will be required in advance of providing services at a rate to be determined by the mayor.

B: Any owner, resident, or user with no deposit in place and who should become delinquent on utility bills for two consecutive months will be required to put up a deposit, along with paying the disconnect or reconnect fee and balance due.

C: Any owner, resident, or user who has a utility deposit in place but is not using utilities for a specific time, can request through the Village of Dixie Inn utility office to suspend service.

Billing will resume if there is any usage shown when meters are read.

**D: All bills are due upon receipt. The net amount will be due through the 15th of each month and the gross amount will be due by the 25th of each month. Bills are to be paid monthly and cannot be carried over to the next month. The cutoff for nonpayment of a monthly bill will be the 25th day of each month, after 9:00 A.M., or on the first working day after the 25th day of each month, should the 25th fall on a weekend or a holiday. Late fee notices and cutoff notices will not be mailed out.**

**E: Disconnect fees will be \$30.00, reconnect fees will be \$30.00, and there will be a \$30.00 fee to return to reconnect, disconnect, or read a meter due to vehicles being parked over the meter box. If, in connection with a disconnect of utilities, a lock is cut off or damaged, in addition to the disconnect and reconnect fees, an additional fee of \$35.00 per lock will be charged. In addition, if any village property, such as meters, lines, valves, etc., is damaged by an owner, resident, or user, all fees charged by a certified contractor will be charged to the resident or user before service is reconnected.**

**F: Late fees will be charged at a rate of \$25.00 per month on the balance due after the 15th of each month on all services, including but not limited to, water, sewer, and garbage for non-residential customers. All unpaid balances due the Village of Dixie Inn will be turned over to a collection agency and additional fees will be applied by the collection agency. If balances are not paid, your credit rating will be affected.**

G: As required and provided by applicable Louisiana State Law, no water bill can be adjusted for any reason, absent any error or misread on the part of the Village of Dixie Inn utility department.

H. When there is a severe leak or when a resident is filling a swimming pool, and when prior and/or proper notice in writing is provided to the Village of Dixie Inn utility department within twenty-four (24) hours, a 50% discount will be deducted from the sewer portion of the bill. The owner, resident, or user must provide sufficient proof of the leak or filling of the pool.

I: All restaurants, eating establishments, or other commercial businesses which deal in the use or disposal of any petroleum products are required to have a 1000-gallon concrete grease trap, and no exceptions shall be permitted.

**J. Owners, residents, or users will be charged a fee of \$40.00 for non-sufficient checks.**

K. To provide for the requirement of owners of residential and commercial rental property to be responsible for the cost of water, sewerage, and garbage and debris disposal usage by renters of said property. Customer means a person, business establishment, corporation, rental property owner, governmental agency or political subdivision, who is presently receiving services from the utility department and is billed on a monthly basis for such service and whose account is paid on or before the twenty-fifth (25th) day of any current month. Delinquent bills, reconnection, penalty: In the event there exists an unpaid balance for utility service at a particular dwelling, business, or property, services shall not be reconnected until all past due amounts are paid.

L. Should the Public Works Director or Mayor of the Village of Dixie Inn notice or be notified of a leak, utility service will be disconnected immediately and utility service will not be reconnected until the leak is repaired and inspected by the Public Works Director or Mayor (no fee for this service if the Village is notified immediately.)

M: The Ordinance 38-D Attached Agreement Form must be signed by the Tenant, Landlord or Property Owner, and Village, accompanied by a Landlord/Tenant Lease Agreement in order for utility services to be connected. A valid driver's license or government issued identification card must be presented at the time of application for utility services.

All ordinances and parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

This ordinance will become effective on the 1st day of January 2022.

This Amended Ordinance was read in Sections and as a whole and on a motion of Judy McKenzie, and seconded by Donna Hoffoss, was adopted by the following vote:

YEAS: 3 (Donna Hoffoss, Judy McKenzie, Lance Milligan) NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0

The above-mentioned ordinance was declared adopted on this 14th day of December 2021.

Kay Hallmark-Stratton, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dana James, Clerk

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December 13, 2021  
The Sibley Town Council met in regular session on Monday, December 13, 2021 at 6pm in the Sibley Town Hall Meeting Room.  
Members present were Mayor Jimmy Williams, Aldermen Wayne Bolton, Helen Chanler, Richard Davis, and Robert Smart.  
Mayor Williams opened the meeting in prayer; then led the Pledge of Allegiance.  
Robert Smart motioned to accept the minutes to the November 8, 2021 Regular Meeting as read, Wayne Bolton seconded. Motion carried.  
No new items were added to the agenda.  
Richard Davis motioned to accept and reimburse the Sibley Volunteer Firemen 2021 expenses, as well as accept the 2022 Sibley Volunteer Fire Department Officers:  
Chief - Tommy Kelly  
Asst. Chief - Richard Davis  
Captains - Joe David, Gregg Shepherd, Jeremy Gros, Alan Myers  
President - Robert Smart  
Vice President - Kaleb Smart  
Secretary - Keith Merritt  
Treasurer - Alan Myers  
Chaplain - Jim Frazier, Joe David  
Richard Davis gave the November 2021 activity report for the Sibley Volunteer Fire Department.  
Officer Jeremy Gros gave the November 2021 activity report for the Sibley Police Department.  
The board acknowledged the acceptance of the November 2021 Financial Report.  
The mayor announced the Sibley Christmas Parade & Fireworks would be on Saturday, December 18, 2021.  
Alan Myers motioned to adjourn, Helen Chanler seconded. Motion carried.  
Meeting Adjourned.  
Jimmy Williams Mayor  
Attest:  
Sherry McCann Town Clerk

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Webster Parish Public Transportation Fare Schedule January 1, 2022		
Origination / Destination	Round Trip FARE	FARE
Springhill/Cullen/Sarepta to Shreveport	\$25.00	
Shongaloo to Shreveport	\$25.00	
Cotton Valley to Shreveport	\$25.00	
Minden/Sibley to Shreveport	\$20.00	
Doyleine to Shreveport	\$20.00	
Heflin to Shreveport	\$20.00	
Dubberly to Shreveport	\$20.00	
Sibley to Shreveport	\$20.00	
Cotton Valley to Minden		\$2.50
Sarepta to Minden		\$2.50
Shongaloo to Minden		\$2.50
Cotton Valley to Springhill		\$2.50
Sarepta to Springhill		\$2.50
Shongaloo to Springhill		\$2.50
Shongaloo to Minden		\$3.50
Springhill to Minden		\$3.50
Sarepta to Minden		\$3.50
Doyleine/Heflin/Dubberly to Minden		\$2.00
Sibley/Minden to Minden		\$2.00
Springhill to Springhill		\$2.00
MONTHLY BUS PASS		\$60.00

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Webster Parish Convention & Visitors Commission  
P. O. Box 5238 Minden, Louisiana 71058-5238

Minutes of the  
Webster Parish Tourism Commission Regular Meeting

Wednesday, September 15, 2021  
North Webster Chamber of Commerce, 400 Giles Street, Springhill, LA 71075

The Webster Parish Convention and Visitors Commission meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM. Attending the meeting were Ty Pendergrass, Derek Melancon, Tracy Campbell, Nicky Patel, Karen Calvert, Nick Cox, Serena Gray, Executive Director, Johnnye Kennon, Administrative Assistant. Absent was Sara McDaniel.

Ty Pendergrass called the meeting to order.

Karen Calvert led the Prayer and Tracy Campbell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Tracy Campbell made the motion to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, May 19, 2021 and the minutes of the Special Meeting held on Wednesday, June, 29, 2021. Karen Calvert seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report**  
The profit loss statement was presented by treasurer, Tracy Campbell. Derek Melancon made the motion to accept the financial report. Nicky Patel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**New Business**  
Derek Melancon made the motion to approve advertising grant for Bobbie's Hobbies in the amount of \$2,000 to promote Shop Small Business Saturday. Tracy Campbell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Nicky Patel made the motion to adopt a resolution authorizing Serena Gray to enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with the Louisiana Department of the Treasury and the State of Louisiana in order to receive Visitor Enterprise Funds for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year. Derek Melancon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Tracy Campbell made the motion to adopt a resolution authorizing executive director, Serena Gray, to sign on behalf of Webster Parish Convention and Visitors Commission in order to apply for Louisiana Tourism Revival Funds made available by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. Nick Cox seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman, Ty Pendergrass, called for public comments. Hearing none, the meeting was adjourned.

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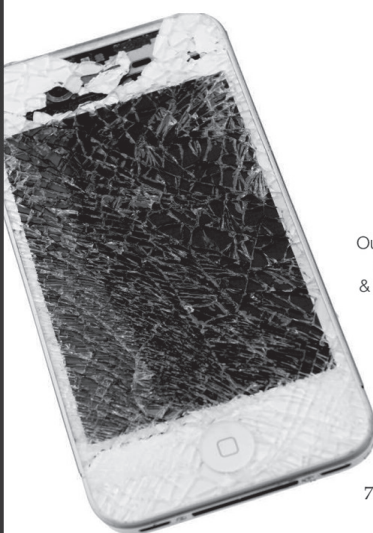
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