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WILL PHILLIPS
Minden Press-Herald

This Saturday four young women will be competing for the crown of Miss Minden 2022.

Set for 7 p.m., Saturday, at the Minden High School Auditorium, one of these young women will be selected to represent the City of Minden, as well as receive scholarships among other prizes. Admission will be \$10 at the door during the door the night of the event. During the evening the titles of Miss Minden Outstanding Teen and Spirit of Fasching will be crowned to the most deserving contestants as well.

The categories the Miss Minden contestants will be competing in include talent, evening wear, and an onstage question. Outstanding Teen Contestants will be competing in these same categories, with the addition of Lifestyle & Fitness.

Following an opening number, the pageant will begin and the selection of this year's Miss Minden will be underway.

Throughout the evening, there will also be a wide array of talent performing to spice up the intermissions. Scheduled entertainers include past Miss Minden winners Joy Davis and Grace Powell, Miss Louisiana Julia Williams, musician No-



land Garnes, and performances from local dance studios Miss Cydni's School of Dance and Wise Dance Center.

The contestants crowned the winner of Miss Minden and Spirit of Fasching pageants will each receive a \$1,500 scholarship. In the Miss Minden Outstanding Teen, the winner will receive a \$250 wardrobe allowance to use in-state competition.

"We encourage everyone to come out to the pageant this Saturday to support these young women," said Cayla Cox, VP for the Young Women's Service Club. "Each of these young women has put in countless hours of work to prove themselves up for the task of representing our City as Miss Minden. This is an opportunity for people to come out and see all of that hard work on display."

CELEBRATIONS

24th Annual Minden Mardi Gras/Minden Fasching Karneval & Parade

STAFF REPORT
Minden Press-Herald

Minden, LA Preparations have begun for the 24th Annual Minden Mardi Gras Parade sponsored by the Minden Main Street Program. The parade is scheduled to begin at 5:00pm on Saturday, February 5, 2022, with lineup being at 3:00pm. The parade route will cover a 3.3 mile route which begins at the intersection of Germantown Road and Elm Street and winds through the Minden Historic District, Downtown and back to Germantown Road.

City Art Works will be offering free Mardi Gras mask making for the kids from 1:30-4:30pm. Bring them down and let their artistic side shine!

Face painters will be set up in the Downtown area from 2:00pm until the parade begins.

On Saturday, families are encouraged to tailgate along the parade route.

Serving as Grand Marshals will be Minden's Man and Women of Year, Jake Chatman

Judging for the parade entries will be set up in front of City Hall at 520

Broadway in Historic Downtown Minden.

Categories are as follows: 1) Most Spirited Group 2) Sweepstakes Winner (Best Overall) 3) Best Small Float 4) Best Marching Group 5) Most Original (Creative) Entry.

Although there is no cash prize, winners receive a trophy and bragging rights for the rest of the year!

All are invited to participate in the parade by entering a float in the lineup. Parade entrants are asked to preregister by January 28th, through Minden City Hall. Only those entries that register in advance will be permitted to parade. Entry forms may be found on the Main Street page of the mindenla.org website for online registration, requested by email at mainstreet@mindenusa.com, picked up at Minden City Hall, or at the Webster Parish Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Office.

"Fasching" or the "Fifth Season" is the German equivalent of Mardi Gras which officially began on November 11th at 11:11AM. Our Parade take place during the Fasching Fifth Season, which ends on Shrove Tuesday.

GOVERNMENT

Louisiana AG's office will present SCOTUS arguments against Biden's CMS vaccine mandate

(The Center Square) - Louisiana Attorney General Jeff Landry's office will present oral arguments at the U.S. Supreme Court on Friday against President Joe Biden's COVID-19 vaccination mandate for health care workers.

The court will hear oral arguments on both the health care worker mandate, which was enacted through the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), and Biden's employer vaccination mandate for businesses with 100 or more employees, enacted through the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

Landry has led coalitions of states against the CMS and OSHA mandates, as well as multi-state opposition to vaccination mandates for federal contractors and Head Start program staff.

Landry's office will present opposing remarks to Biden's CMS mandate Friday along with Missouri Attorney General Eric Schmitt's office.

"The rule of law is on our side, and I look forward to preventing the federal government from imposing medical tyranny on our citizens and turning last year's healthcare heroes into this year's unemployed," Landry said in a statement.

"This is one of the most consequential cases in history - my office has been a leader in pushing back on outrageous federal overreach, and we're confident we will prevail again at the nation's highest court," Schmitt said.

The CMS mandate was implemented through an Interim Final Rule in November. It applies to full-time employees, part-time employees, volunteers and contractors at health care facilities that participate in Medicare and Medicaid programs, affecting an estimated 76,000 health providers.

Landry won an injunction against the mandate in the U.S. District Court

for the Western District of Louisiana. Schmitt won an identical injunction in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri.

The Biden administration appealed the rulings, and the Supreme Court will decide whether to stay the injunctions - block the mandate from taking effect during ongoing legal battles - or allow it to be implemented as scheduled.

The administration originally required affected health providers to develop compliance policies by Dec. 6 and ensure all eligible staff members be fully vaccinated - either two doses of Pfizer or

Moderna or one dose of Johnson & Johnson - by Jan. 4.

CMS delayed the compliance deadlines until Jan. 27 (instead of Dec. 6, 2021) and Feb. 28 (instead of Jan. 4) pending further litigation.

The court will hear separate oral arguments regarding the OSHA employer mandate.

Louisiana businessman Brandon Trosclair sued the administration after the OSHA mandate was issued in November. He won an injunction in the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, though it was later dissolved in the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

Trosclair, an Ascension Parish resident, employs nearly 500 people across 15 grocery stores in Louisiana and Mississippi. He's represented by the Liberty Justice Center and the Pelican Institute for Public Policy, based in New Orleans.

"When I found out that we would be held to the mandate, to me it was a fairly obvious thing to get involved because the government was putting me in a position to terminate employees for not taking the vaccine or do multiple testings every week," he said in a previous phone interview.

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RECYCLING

‘Reef Rodeo’; Unused Christmas tree giveaway at lake

HOMER, La. (AP) — Christmas trees that went unsold will be given to anglers to sink at their favorite fishing spots in a north Louisiana lake to attract fish.

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries said it has obtained more than 200 trees from local vendors. It also has a limited number of weights to sink them in Lake Claiborne.

People can also bring their own weights, such as concrete cinderblocks, the department said in a news release.

The Claiborne Parish Watershed District Commission is co-host of the “Reef Rodeo” from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Jan. 15.

The department said any trees not given away will be set out around public fishing piers and existing artificial reefs in the lake.

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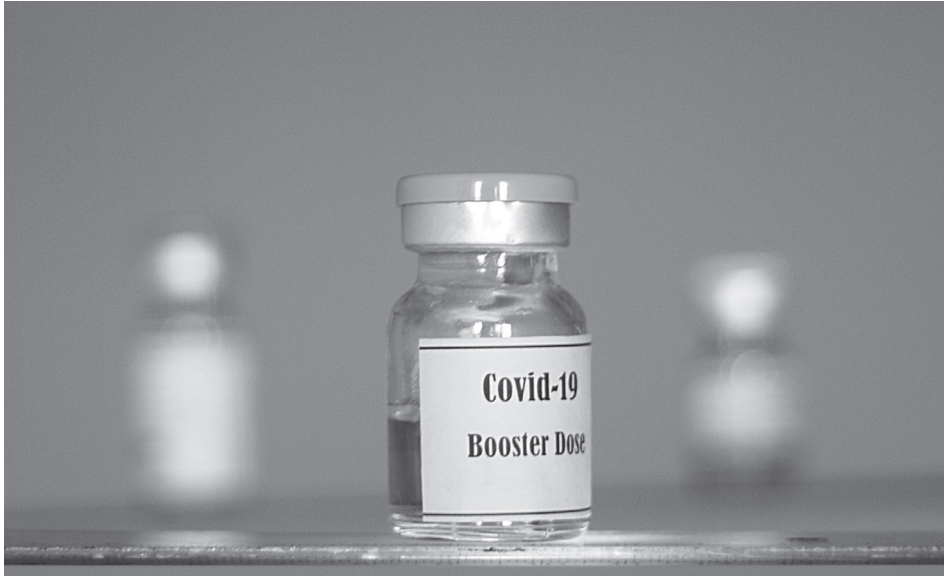
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COVID

CDC shortens Moderna booster dose interval to 5 months

Baton Rouge, La. (January 8, 2022) — The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has updated its recommendations for the Moderna booster, shortening the 6 month interval between completing the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine series and receiving a booster dose to 5 months.

Earlier this week, the booster interval was shortened for the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine as well. This means that individuals 12 and older who initially received an mRNA vaccine series (two doses of either the Moderna or Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine) should now receive an mRNA booster dose five months after completing their initial series. The booster inter-



val recommendation for people who initially received the J&J vaccine (two months) has not changed.

LDH has reviewed the latest CDC recommendation and alerted all vaccine providers in the state that this guidance is effective immediately.

Data show that COVID-19 boosters help broaden and strengthen protection against Omicron and other SARS-CoV-2 variants. COVID-19 vaccines are widely available at more than 1,000 locations in all of Louisiana’s 64 parishes, including at pharmacies, hospitals, healthcare clinics and doctor’s offices.

For a list of locations near you, visit ldh.la.gov/covidvaccine or text your ZIP code to GETVAX (438829) in English or VACUNA (822862) in Spanish. If you have questions or need help scheduling an appointment, call 211 or the Louisiana vaccine hotline at 1-855-453-0774. The vaccine hotline can also connect you with medical professionals who can answer your questions.

GAS BUDDY

Gas prices have fallen in Louisiana

(January 10, 2022) - Average gasoline prices in Louisiana have fallen 0.8 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$2.99/g today, according to GasBuddy’s survey of 2,436 stations in Louisiana. Prices in Louisiana are 3.6 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand \$1.01/g higher than a year ago. The cheapest station in Louisiana was priced at \$2.59/g yesterday while the most expensive was \$3.59/g, a difference of 100.0 cents per gallon.

“Oil prices have remained stubbornly strong, touching nearly \$80 per barrel last week, pushing gasoline prices higher even as U.S. gasoline demand starts to struggle. Some of this is typical seasonal weakness, but the lack of demand is likely enhanced by omicron cases surging and Americans who are just a bit more hesitant to get out right now,” said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy.

The national average price of gasoline has risen 2.3 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.29/g today. The national average is down 5.5 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 97.5 cents per gallon higher than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

“In addition, unrest in Kazakhstan, the 18th largest oil producer, is likely leading to impacts on oil production, while continued unrest in Libya also worries markets and overpowers the seasonal drop in gasoline demand. Without improvement or stability in oil producing countries, we’re likely to continue to see upward pressure on oil prices,” said De Haan.

GasBuddy is the authoritative voice for gas prices and the only source for station-level data spanning nearly two decades. GasBuddy’s survey updates 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.

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Tuesday morning will be on of the coldest this week with morning lows near and below freezing. Sunny skies for much of the day on Tuesday morning and afternoon with highs near average. Wednesday and Thursday will warm much more with highs in the low to mid 60s with dry weather.

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OBITUARIES

John D. McCann

John Dennis McCann began his life on Earth on November 14, 1937. He was born in Minden, LA to Lemuel Dennis McCann and Myrtle Heflin McCann of Minden.

John graduated from Sibley High School in 1960. He met his sweetheart, Penelope Edwards in 1965 and made her his wife on May 21, 1965. They welcomed their son, John in 1969, and in 1974 their family was completed by the birth of their daughter, Julia.

John always worked very hard to take care of and provide for his family. After a 43-year career at the Louisiana Army Ammunition Plant, he retired in 2005. With retirement came the opportunity to spend his days with his family that he loved so much. He also loved fishing and enjoyed working with his hands. You could often find him on a lawn mower or with a paintbrush in his hand. John was an active member of North Acres Baptist Church and had spent the last 62 years serving his church home.

After a long and courageous battle with cancer, John began his eternal life with his Lord and Savior on January 8, 2022, at his home, surrounded by his loved ones.

John was welcomed into Heaven by his parents; brother, Jerry McCann; sister, Nelda Ivy; and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Left to honor his memory are his wife of 55 years, Penny McCann; children, John McCann (Sherry), and Julia McCann Miller; brother, William McCann; brothers-in-law, Frank Ivy and Malcolm Edwards; sister-in-law, Barbara Slack; aunt, Kathleen Richardson; grandchildren, Kirstie and Russell Wood, John Daniel Miller, Dylan Miller, Kim and Aaron Spence, Kaiti and Evan McFarland, Matthew and Taylor Boyd; ten great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

The family would like to thank everyone who has prayed, visited, called, brought food, and loved on us.

Visitation and funeral service will both be held on Wednesday, January 12, 2022, with the visitation starting at 10:00 a.m. and the funeral at 11:00 a.m. at North Acres Baptist Church, 1852 Lewisville Road, Minden, LA 71055. Graveside services will follow at Gardens of Memory.

Honoring John by serving as pallbearers will be John Daniel Miller, Dylan Miller, Kevin McCann, Dennis McCann, Matt Boyd, and Russell Wood. Honorary pallbearers will be Eugene Morris, Randall Carter, Tee Clifford, and Joe V. Smith.

The family request that memorials be made to North Acres Baptist Church.

GOVERNMENT

Supreme Court skeptical of Biden’s workplace vaccine rule

WASHINGTON (AP) — Fully vaccinated and mostly masked, the Supreme Court’s conservative majority appeared skeptical Friday of the Biden administration’s authority to impose a vaccine-or-testing requirement on the nation’s large employers. The court seemed more open to a separate vaccine mandate for most health care workers.

The arguments in the two cases come at a time of spiking coronavirus cases because of the omicron variant, and the decision Friday by seven justices to wear masks for the first time while hearing arguments reflected the new phase of the pandemic.

An eighth justice, Sonia Sotomayor, a diabetic since childhood, didn’t even appear in the courtroom, choosing to remain in her office at the court and take part remotely. Two lawyers, representing Ohio and Louisiana, argued by telephone after recent positive COVID-19 tests, state officials said.

But the COVID circumstances did not appear to outweigh the views of the court’s six conservatives that the administration overstepped its authority in its vaccine-or-testing requirement for businesses with at least 100 employees.

“This is something the federal government has never done before,” Chief Justice John Roberts said, casting doubt on the administration’s argument that a half-century-established law, the Occupational Safety and Health Act, confers such broad authority.

Roberts and Justices Brett Kavanaugh and Amy Coney Barrett probably hold the key to the outcome in both cases, as they have been more receptive to state-level vaccine requirements than the other three conservative justices. Barrett and Kavanaugh also had tough questions for Solicitor General Elizabeth Prelogar, the administration’s top Supreme Court lawyer.

The court’s three liberal justices suggested support for the employer rule. Justice Elena Kagan said officials have shown “quite clearly that no other policy will prevent sickness and death to anywhere like the degree that this one will.” And Justice Stephen Breyer said he found it “unbelievable” that it could be in the “public interest” to put that rule on hold. He said that on Thursday there were some 750,000 new cases in the country and that hospitals are full.

Beginning Monday, unvaccinated employees in big companies are supposed to wear masks at work, unless the court blocks enforcement. But testing requirements and potential fines for employers don’t kick in until February.

Legal challenges to the policies from Republican-led states and business groups are in their early stages, but the outcome at the high court probably will determine the fate of vaccine requirements affecting more than 80 million people.

Roberts, Kavanaugh and Barrett seemed to have fewer doubts about the health care vaccine mandate. Kavanaugh said it was a “very unusual situation” that hospitals and health care organizations affected by the regulation were “not here complaining” about the rule but instead support it. “What are we to make of that?” he asked.

The second regulation is a mandate that would apply to virtually all health care staff in the country. It covers health care providers that receive federal Medicare or Medicaid funding, potentially affecting 76,000 health care facilities as well as home health care providers. The rule has medical and religious exemptions.

Decisions by federal

appeals courts in New Orleans and St. Louis have blocked the mandate in about half the states. The administration has said it is taking steps to enforce it in the rest.

“I think effectively what is at stake is whether these mandates are going to go into effect at all,” said Sean Marotta, a Washington lawyer whose clients include the American Hospital Association. The trade group is not involved in the Supreme Court cases.

Both vaccine rules would exacerbate labor shortages and be costly to businesses, lawyer Scott Keller argued Friday on behalf of more than two dozen business groups. Without an immediate order from the court, “workers will quit right away,” Keller said.

Administration lawyer Prelogar told the justices that COVID-19 “is the deadliest pandemic in American history and it poses a unique workplace danger.” OSHA has estimated that its emergency regulation will save 6,500 lives and prevent 250,000 hospitalizations over six months.

Nearly 207 million Americans, 62.3% of the population, are fully vaccinated, and more than a third of those have received booster shots, including the nine justices.

Andy Slavitt, a former adviser to the Biden administration on COVID-19, said the vaccine requirements are extremely effective for 15% to 20% of Americans “who don’t like to get a shot but they will and don’t have any strenuous objection.”

The high court is weighing in on administration vaccine policies for the first time, although the justices have turned away pleas to block state-level mandates.

A conservative majority concerned about federal overreach did bring an end to a federal moratorium on evictions put in place because of the pandemic.

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OTHER OPINION

U.S. natural gas is critical to strengthening America's national security

RICHARD D. KAUZLARICH
Special to the Press-Herald

In recent months, European gas prices have risen as much as 700%, leaving millions of citizens vulnerable to a dangerously unstable grid and burdened with high electricity costs heading into this winter. Disruptions from this energy crisis have been felt by households and many industries that rely on affordable power to provide goods and services.

Until the recent escalation of Russia's confrontation with NATO over Ukraine, the Biden administration's solution to Europe's energy crisis had been to implore Russia to send more gas to Europe. EU member states are already dependent on Moscow for roughly 40% of their gas supply. Initially, the White House made a deal with Germany, letting the Nord Stream 2 gas pipeline move forward. As part of an effort to repair relations with Germany, this decision allows Russia to tighten Putin's grip over European energy security at the expense of our strategic partner Ukraine. Fortunately, German regulators refused to approve the pipeline, effectively delaying the certification of the project before July 2022. As part of the growing confrontation with Europe and the U.S. over Ukraine, Russia has further cut gas exports to Europe.

Thus, geopolitics and energy security in Europe is front and center of the U.S. national security interests. We need a

multi-phase strategy to protect U.S. interests while supporting our European allies in their time of need. The Administration should champion liquefied natural gas (LNG) exports. We are in a military face-off with Russia regarding Ukraine that worsens by the day. Moscow has upped the pressure by repeatedly using energy as an economic weapon. This signal would create certainty in the global market by providing predictability of supply while also providing geopolitical and national security benefits.

As the world's premier energy producer, America has enormous potential to impact both national and international security. The U.S. is set to become the world's largest LNG exporter by the end of 2022, an impressive milestone for a nation that began exporting just six years ago. Calcasieu Pass and Sabine Pass Train 6, based in Louisiana and Texas respectively, will soon come online and export LNG to many nations. Poland is an ally on the front lines of the military confrontation with Russia. It is also committed to reducing its dependence on Russian gas. Poland will soon import over a third of its gas supply from the U.S., and no longer fear that Russia will shut off its energy supply as it has done in the past. Other European nations have also signed supply contracts with U.S. producers to diversify their gas supply.

Fortunately, the U.S. is already moving in this direction. Gas has generated consider-

able income in 2021 for U.S. oil and gas producers. This positive trend will be necessary for a successful energy transition. Now is not the time to undermine this progress by restricting U.S. LNG exports.

Providing our allies with an alternative to Russia and Qatar strengthens U.S. national security. Notably, the price of U.S. LNG can encourage lower prices from other gas producers. From a climate point of view, less U.S. LNG on the market means higher global prices and increased global use of coal plants to produce electricity.

U.S. LNG exports influence geopolitics beyond Europe. The U.S. has recently become China's second-largest LNG supplier. Despite geopolitical tensions between Washington and Beijing, China has recently committed to a significant volume of long-term supply contracts of U.S. LNG, lowering the US trade deficit with China.

Finally, U.S. LNG can reduce global carbon emissions - an important international and national security policy objective. A 2020 ICF International study examined U.S. LNG exports to Germany, China, and India and calculated the climate benefits. For these three countries, the study found that "using U.S. LNG or imported pipelined gas for electricity generation produces on average 50.5 percent lower GHG emissions than electricity from coal." Therefore, the transition from coal to natural gas overseas provides a proven climate solution to meet energy

demand while addressing the risks of climate change. Some disagree, but I believe that curtailing U.S. LNG exports would set back, not advance, the U.S.'s climate goals.

This process will not be easy: first, U.S. LNG exports may drive up domestic U.S. gas prices if supply and demand for gas do not synch carefully, depending on how energy markets respond to price changes. Second, producers, transporters, and owners of U.S. natural gas have a responsibility to develop plans for a low-carbon, clean energy future. Climate change is real. Renewable energy must play a more significant role in reducing carbon emissions. The public and shareholders alike believe the US private sector should be doing all it can to reduce carbon emissions and significantly minimize methane emissions. Fortunately, while the private sector has made progress in dealing with gas leaks, more can be done throughout the supply chain.

The U.S. is blessed with abundant natural gas and oil. Soaring energy costs for our allies require policies that support - not hinder - the safe and responsible production, transportation, and export of American natural gas.

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ANALYSIS

The Advocate: We need more reliable power

When Hurricane Ida knocked out power to millions for days or weeks, the voters were hot in every sense of the word. They were uncomfortable because the outages stretched into September, and there was no air conditioning to vanquish the summer heat. And they were angry because - well, all this misery had to be someone's fault.

Politicians were quick to step in and promise to investigate someone or fine someone or, in the case of the New Orleans City Council, maybe just buy the local power provider, Entergy New Orleans.

That was the single worst idea to emerge from the passions of September: A government that can't fix the streets and can't keep the pumps working taking on the management of a complex power distribution system and repairing it expeditiously in its moment of distress.

The stark truth is that Louisiana has one of the least reli-

able distribution grids in the nation, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration. In 2020, when Louisiana was disproportionately impacted by tropical weather, our state ranked No. 1 for the number of minutes power was out for each customer on average.

We also have some of the lowest power bills in the land, thanks largely to the availability of natural gas. Both are important.

So how can we have better reliability?

Supporters of the bipartisan infrastructure bill that President Joe Biden signed last year note that it includes \$27 billion for new transmission structures, "smart grid" technology and storm hardening.

But Louisiana will only get a fraction of that. Entergy, which is a big player but is only one of the utilities serving Louisiana, expects to spend \$4 billion recovering from Ida and the string of

2020 hurricanes that devastated southwest Louisiana. So our share of the \$27 billion won't make much of a dent.

Maybe Louisiana can convince Washington to chip in because our grid is of critical national importance, with a fifth of the nation's oil refining capacity in our state. But other states have critical industries too.

Green energy fans believe Ida demonstrates the need to transition away from fossil fuels to solar energy. If communities powered themselves with solar panels, they note, we wouldn't be as dependent on a grid.

Technological improvements have made solar power more competitive on price with conventional fossil fuels. Louisiana ranks 49th in the nation for the proportion of renewable energy consumption, and we're the most vulnerable state when it comes to climate change. So there is a role for renewable energy here.

But if communities are to rely on solar power exclusively, they will need costly battery capacity that will be a challenge for a poor state like Louisiana. A study by Lazard found that utility-scale solar power systems are competitive with natural gas. But community solar and residential rooftop (which is what would we would need if we wanted to eliminate the conventional power grid) cost two to five times as much. When factoring in battery storage, the costs rise even higher.

Storms are inevitable for our communities, and so are the power outages that follow. If we want to shorten the outages and limit the inconvenience, we'll need a stronger grid.

How much strengthening we want, and how much our people can afford, is something our political leaders will have to sort out.

With electricity, as with so many things, there is no such thing as a free lunch.

OPINION

Coastal credit schemes are a paper tiger for coastal restoration

DANIEL ERSAMER
Special to the Press-Herald

For years, frivolous lawsuits levied by a few coastal parishes against hundreds of oil and gas companies have created a chilling effect that has stopped investment and pushed countless jobs out of Louisiana. While Louisiana's coastline is a vital resource that protects our state from natural disasters, these lawsuits do nothing to help restore our coast. The latest example of this is the proposed Freeport-McMoRan settlement that is more like a paper tiger than a serious proposal for coastal restoration.

The key part of the proposed settlement is an environmental credit scheme that would be managed by the proposed Coastal Zone

Recovery Authority (CZRA), an unelected bureaucracy that would be given sweeping power to establish rules and regulations outside of the lead government agency that already exists to direct state coastal policy, the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority. Supporters of the settlement claim that the scheme will provide \$100 million for coastal restoration. In reality, the vast majority of these promised funds would come from the sale of credits through an environmental banking program that doesn't currently exist.

Credit schemes like this one have been tried multiple times, but they almost always fail to deliver. California attempted a similar credit scheme that promised \$600 million in credit

sales but only delivered \$8.2 million. Another example is nine Northeastern and mid-Atlantic states attempted a credit scheme that promised to cut carbon dioxide emissions by 30%, but non-participating states had the same reduction in emissions as the states that participated in the scheme, proving that the credit generation had no impact on the reduction of emissions. Credit schemes fall short of their promises almost every time they are tried because they are overly complex and easy targets for corruption.

This settlement is on pace to follow in the footsteps of other failed schemes. The proposal gives broad authority in spending to the CZRA and only requires 60% of the funds be dedicated to the Coastal Master Plan. The re-

maining dollars would be in the form of a slush fund that could be spent on pet projects that may have nothing to do with coastal restoration. This should frighten proponents and opponents of the lawsuits alike because it means that almost half the money could be spent on stop signs and parks instead of restoring Louisiana's coastline.

Despite the fact that 40% of the money may never make it to the coast, there is another major issue with the scheme. The net benefit for the coast from the credit scheme related projects would likely be zero. The projects that would generate credits replicate restoration that would already need to be done if a company decided to expand. This means the coast is no better off because

of the scheme than it would be without it. The sole beneficiaries are the politicians that can spend the settlement dollars on pet projects and the trial attorneys that negotiated the proposed settlement.

Environmental crediting schemes have been attempted many times but are almost always problematic. Our coastline needs to be protected, but the proposed Freeport-McMoRan settlement is not the solution to restoring our coast. Paper tigers may make a lot of noise, but their bite is nonexistent. This settlement claims to be a boon for coastal restoration, but boondoggle is a more accurate description.

DANIEL ERSAMER IS CEO OF THE PELICAN INSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC POLICY.

SPORTS



COURTESY PHOTO

Minden High School boys fall to Homer

The Minden High School Crimson Tide boys basketball team fell to Homer Saturday by the score of 68-47. Minden will next play a girls/boys doubleheader at Northwood tonight.

Lady Techsters fall at home to USM

Minden Press-Herald Sports Service

RUSTON — The Louisiana Tech women's basketball team fell to Southern Miss Sunday afternoon 65-59 in the Lady Techsters Conference USA home opener inside the Thomas Assembly Center.

The Lady Techsters fall to 8-6 on the year and 0-3 in Conference USA action, while Southern Miss improves to 9-5 overall and 1-2 in conference play.

Four Lady Techsters knocked down shots as they opened up the contest with an 8-2 run just four minutes into the game. Tech extended their lead out to 14-7 as junior Keiunna Walker made a pair of free throws, for her 1,000th career point. The Golden Eagles responded with six straight points, cutting the deficit down to 14-13 with 42 second remaining in the opening period. Walker drove the lane, finishing at the rim to give LA Tech a 16-13 lead after the first quar-

ter. and the lowest in a C-USA game since the Lady Techsters shot 27.8 percent at Southern Miss last season.

Southern Miss used a 10-0 run to move out in front 57-49 with 55 seconds remaining. With Tech forced to foul, USM knocked down eight of their last 10 free throws to seal the 65-59 victory.

Tech's Anna Larr Roberson recorded her fifth double-double of the season with a team-high 18 points and 15 rebounds.

Dunkin' Dogs move to 4-0 in C-USA play

Minden Press-Herald Sports Service

SAN ANTONIO — Amorie Archibald poured in a career-high 31 points to propel Louisiana Tech to a 79-63 victory over Texas-San Antonio on Saturday afternoon inside the Convocation Center.

LA Tech (13-3, 4-0 C-USA) extended its winning streak to five and remained perfect in Conference USA play, sweeping the UTEP/UTSA trip for just the third time ever.

Both teams traded early runs and found themselves tied up at 16-16 midway through the first half. And just like against the Miners on Thursday, the Bulldogs kicked things into another gear offensively the rest of the stanza, making 10 of their next 15 field goal attempts to build a 40-26 halftime lead.

Archibald and Cobe Williams combined for 26 points in the first half. The fifth-year senior made six of his seven shot attempts through the first 20 minutes and he stayed on fire, making back-to-back 3-pointers in the first three minutes of the second half, forcing a timeout by UTSA (7-9, 0-3 C-USA) to give the 'Dogs a 51-30 advantage.

"Amorie was special today," said Tech coach Eric Konkol. "He has played at a high level in so many games this season and in his career. He can do a little bit of everything. Today, he shot the cover off

the basketball. We played a low turnover game. Coming off of Thursday's game when we turned it over so much, we talked so much about taking care of the basketball today. It took us a little bit to figure out their zone, but the guys did a nice job of hitting the elbows, making some nice passes out of the post. The team played very unselfishly and found some great shots."

The lead ballooned to as much as 23 (67-44) at the 9:34 mark when David Green threw down a two-handed dunk.

LA Tech shot 48.4 percent from the field (48.4) and 50.0 percent from three (14-28) while committing only seven turnovers and racking up 19 assists. Archibald went 12-of-14 from the field and made all six of his 3-pointers, becoming just the second player in program history to go 6-of-6 from deep.

Williams was efficient again, finishing in double-figures for the fifth straight game with 15 (career-high five threes).

Kenneth Lofton, Jr. registered his ninth double-double of the season (third straight) with 12 points for the Dunkin' Dogs along with a game-high 16 rebounds as well as a career-high five assists.

The Roadrunners shot 42.4 percent from the field and were limited to five made 3-pointers. Jordan Ivy-Curry scored a team-high 22 points.

Crossbow nails big backyard buck

GLYNN HARRIS
Special to the Minden Press-Herald

This has been a typical deer season where hunters downing trophy bucks have sometimes traveled across the state to hunting leases or tracts of public land in the thousands of acres. Many have been successful as well bringing down big bucks with rocking-chair headgear.

Ross Wigginton, Ferriday, has done it entirely differently. The 25-year-old doesn't belong to hunting clubs nor does he travel to nearest public lands to deer hunt. He takes care of business on his own property near Ferriday in Concordia Parish.

His "own property" consists of his back yard containing less than one acre. Wigginton lives near the banks of the Tensas River with a tract of woods near the river and a levee separating his yard from the river.

"I like to take a doe for the freezer if possible so I put out corn in my yard. I also hung up a trail camera to keep up with any deer that might visit my corn pile," Wigginton said.

On the morning of Nov. 14, Wigginton got up early, pulled up a chair on his back porch to see if something might show up. His camera had shown the images of a huge buck that had visited the corn a few times and always at night. In the back of his mind, he hoped he would have a chance at the buck but had his doubts in that the buck only showed up at night.

"At first, a doe stepped out and I could make her out even though it wasn't



COURTESY PHOTO

Ross Wigginton of Ferriday nailed this monster buck while he was sitting on his back porch.

daylight yet. I watched her eat and then she walked off. I didn't shoot because it was not legal shooting time yet," he said.

While it was still dark, Wigginton could hear a deer walking in the woods over the levee and to his surprise, the big buck he had on camera accompanied by two smaller bucks, hopped over the levee and walked up to within 20

yards of where he was sitting. It was just starting to get light enough to shoot as he watched the buck turn and begin walking away. When it got to 40 yards, the buck turned broadside and Wigginton let a bolt fly from his Raven crossbow.

"When I shot, he kicked up real good so I knew I had made a good shot. I gave him a few minutes before walking over to where

he was standing when I shot and could only find a couple of pin-sized drops of blood. I was starting to worry that I had made a bad shot and would never see the buck again," Wigginton said.

Wigginton continued looking around the area and at about 70 yards, excitement welled up when he spotted antlers. The buck was down for good.

"The first thing I did was go wake up my wife," he said. "I told her what I had done and we celebrated a bit. I dragged the buck to the levee and backed my truck up so I could slide him in. There was no way I would have been able otherwise to load him up because of the size. He weighed 270 pounds."

The buck sported a massive and gnarled rack containing 17 scorable points with an extra tine growing off the base, a tine that measured over 11 inches. Wigginton took the buck to Simmons Sporting Goods in Bastrop to be measured and entered into that store's big buck contest. Main beams were over 24 inches each, bases were 5 1/2 inches each and inside spread was 19 3/8 inches. The rack was measured at an astounding 189 7/8 inches, placing the buck at the top of the non-typical archery category.

"While I was sitting on the porch watching the buck and waiting for daylight," Wigginton said. "I'm just glad my wife didn't come to the door and tell me coffee was ready."

GLYNN HARRIS' OUTDOORS APPEARS TUESDAYS OR FRIDAYS IN THE MINDEN PRESS-HERALD.

FISHING REPORT

BLACK BAYOU - Fishing is slow. No report this week. Contact Honey Hole Tackle Shop 323-8707 for the latest information.

OUACHITA RIVER - Bass are slow and not many fishers are reporting catches. Crappie have been best fishing around sunken brush and stumps in the river in the deeper holes. For the latest information, contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

LAKE D'ARBONNE - Crappie fishing has slowed down a bit but some are still being caught fishing in the deeper channels 18-feet deep in 20-25 foot water. Jigs and shiners are producing fair catches. Bass are in the deeper holes in the channel and have been fair on soft plastics and jigs. Bream fishing is slow while catfish are still biting cold worms fished off the banks. For the latest reports, call Anderson's Sport Center at 368-9669 or the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

LAKE CLAIBORNE - Catfishing has been fair on night crawlers and cold worms. Crappie fishing has been best out from the State Park on jigs and shiners and at night around the lighted docks. Bass fishing has been fair on soft plastics. No report on bream. For the latest information, call Misty at Kel's Cove at 331-2730 or Terzia Tackle at 278-4498.

CANEY LAKE - Bass fishing has been best fishing deep water with deep diving crank baits and soft plastics picking up a few with the largest being around 7 pounds. Crappie fishing has been best just out from the dam fishing jigs or shiners near the bottom in 35-foot water. Jigging spoons bounced off the bottom in deep water are fair for yellow bass. No report on catfish. For information contact Hooks Marina at 249-2347, Terzia Tackle at 278-4498 or the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

LAKE POVERTY POINT - Catfishing has been good on cold worms. Crappie fishing has been best on the south end of the lake on shiner or jigs. No report on bass. For latest reports, call Poverty Point Marina at 318-878-0101.

LAKE ST. JOHN - The water is low; launching boats is a near impossibility. No fishing this week. For information, call Ken Mahoney at 318-201-3821.

LAKE YUCATAN - The water is on a rise. Best fishing this week has been far barfish with lots of them being caught. A few bass were reported and crappie are slow. For information, call Surplus City Landing at 318-467-2259.

— Glynn Harris

FUN & GAMES

CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 Not so hot?
5 Dog tags, e.g.
8 Quick look
12 Anti-oxidant berry
13 French vineyard
14 Impetuous
15 Dungeon's quality
17 Actress Rae
18 Small batteries
19 Detroit hoopster
21 Like a neglected lawn
24 Coop group
25 Within (Pref.)
26 Foppish behavior
30 Caustic cleaner
31 Loud
32 Dean's list stat
33 Writer Steel

35 Three-

- sloth
36 Barn birds
37 Travesty
38 "Jane Eyre" author
41 Tofu source
42 Chicago's Mayor
43 Hanging loosely
48 Location
49 Swiss canton
50 Roasting spot
51 Church song
52 Domino spot
53 Harvest

DOWN

- 1 Bankroll
2 Obama-care acronym
3 Scooted
4 Japanese emperor
5 Frosts a cake
6 Hosp. workers
7 Hitchcock forte
8 Overly proper
9 Bridge position
10 Canadian gas brand
11 "Star Trek II" villain
16 Aye undoer
20 "500" race

21 Use a

- blowtorch
22 New Age singer
23 Genesis garden
24 Salutes
26 Prettified
27 Composer Stravinsky
28 Detail, briefly
29 Created
31 Salamander
34 Sea off Sicily
35 "Fearless" singer Swift
37 Boating hazard
38 Humdrum
39 "Gilmore Girls" daughter
40 Utah city
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45 "— had it!"
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Level: Beginner

Here's How It Works:

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

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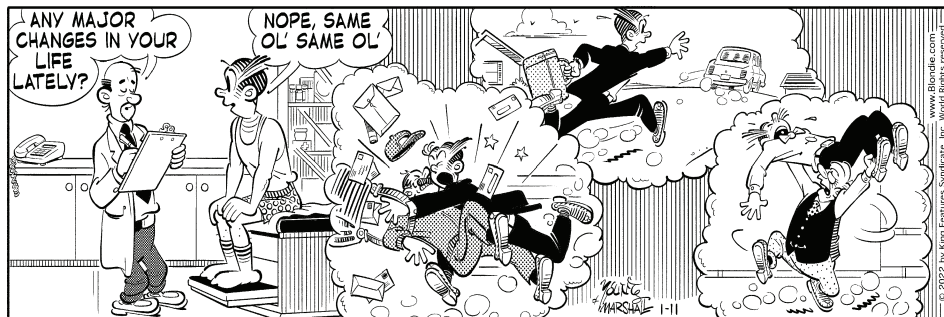
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BLONDIE I DEAN YOUNG AND JOHN MARSHALL



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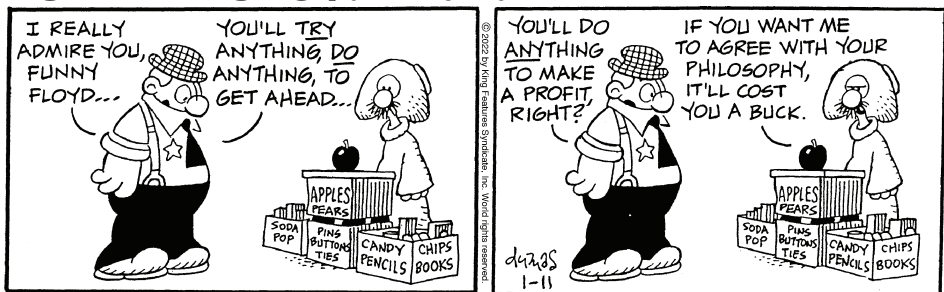
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Saturday's Cryptoquip: GOVERNMENT GROUP
THAT AMASSES INFO ON PARTICULAR FISH
FINS: THE VENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: I equals B

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The Webster Parish School Board is posting a Request for Proposal(RFP) for E-Rate Category 2 for FY 2022. You can access the RFP by going to www.websterpsb.org and navigating to Departments, Technology, E-Rate Category 2 – 2022

December 17, 2021
December 21, 2021
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LEGAL NOTICE

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE WEBSTER PARISH ASSESSOR HAS COMPLIED WITH LA REVISED STATUTE 39:1306 RELATIVE TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN THE AMENDED BUDGET PROCESS FOR THE YEAR ENDED, DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND IN THE BUDGET PROCESS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022. NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION, PUBLICATION OF BUDGET SUMMARY AND PUBLIC HEARING WAS HELD IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE APPLICABLE STATUTES.

DENISE G. EDWARDS, CLA
WEBSTER PARISH ASSESSOR

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING WEBSTER PARISH POLICE JURY

January 4, 2022

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

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Mr. Steve Ramsey nominated Mr. Jim Bonsall as President for 2022. There were no other nominations. Mr. Bonsall elected by acclamation.

Mr. Bruce Blanton nominated Mr. Nick Cox as Vice-President for 2022: There were no other nominations. Mr. Cox elected by acclamation.

REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 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. Bernard Hudson moved, seconded by Mr. Allen Gilbert to approve invoices for payment pending review by Juror Bernard Hudson. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Randy Thomas moved, seconded by Ms. Vera Davison to adopt the minutes of the December 7, 2021 Road Committee,

Finance Committee, Community Services Committee and Regular Meeting and the Special December 16, 2021 Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Vera Davison moved, seconded by Ms. Beverly Kennon to Reappoint Lisa C. Balkom, Secretary-Treasurer and Alicia Owens, Asst. Secretary-Treasurer for a 2- year term ending 12/31/2023. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ed Jordan moved, seconded by Mr. Nick Cox to approve Resolution 001-2022 Signature Authority for President, Secretary-Treasurer, and Asst. Secretary-Treasurer to be signature authority for Webster Parish Police Jury. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Steve Ramsey moved, seconded by Mr. Ed Jordan to approve Resolution 002-2022 to set the date and time for the Webster Parish Police Jury Regular Meetings to the 1st Tuesday of the month at 10:30AM. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bruce Blanton moved, seconded by Mr. Bernard Hudson to approve Resolution 003-2022 for the DOTD Road Transfer Program for Goodwill Frontage Road pending the amendment that states that LADOTD will get the road up to standards before the transfer takes place. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Randy Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Allen Gilbert to approve Resolution 004-2022 Hazard Mitigation Plan for the Webster Parish Police Jury. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Nick Cox moved, seconded by Mr. Ed Jordan to approve the 2022 Budget with Actual Brought Forward Figures from 2021 and End of Year Budget Amendments to include Brought Forward Figures from 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Vera Davison moved, seconded by Mr. Bruce Blanton to approve the November 2021 Financial Statement, Check Register and Bank Reconciliation. Motion carried unanimously.

The December 2021 Financials were presented to the jury to be approved at the February Finance Committee meeting.

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Mr. Bernard Hudson moved, seconded by Mr. Randy Thomas to approve the following beer and/or video poker permit renewals as presented: Video Poker: Two Jacks Casino, Pot O' Gold, Minden Truckstop & Casino, Timberland Truckstop LLC, Shongaloo Crossroad Lounge, Shongaloo Crossroad Deli Beer: E-Z Mart, Shongaloo Crossroad Lounge, Shongaloo Crossroad Deli, Sawmill Lounge, Timberland Truckstop, LLC, Springhill Country Club and Bonnie & Clyde Café and Store High Alcohol Content: Springhill Country Club and Shongaloo Crossroads Lounge Motion carried 10 YES, 1 NO (Jordan) and 1 Absent.

Ms. Beverly Kennon moved, seconded by Ms. Vera Davison to approve the personnel policy holiday schedule change as of 01/04/2022. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Steve Ramsey moved, seconded by Mr. Bruce Blanton to

amend Ordinance 851 concerning board members living inside of the voting district. Motion carried. 10 YES, 1 NO (Hudson) 1 Absent.

Ordinance 994 was removed as an agenda item.

Mr. Nick Cox moved, seconded by Mr. Allen Gilbert to approve the FEMA request from the Hazard Mitigation Plan as funding allows for MMC to purchase a generator for the hospital. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMENTS: Col. Carl Thompson WP Assessor, Denise Edwards Lee Faulk LSU/AG Center Brian Williams WPPJ OEP/Homeland Security Director Jason Parker WP Sheriff John Barr Sen. John Kennedy Chris McGarity E911

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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PUBLIC NOTICE

Minden Planning Commission Meeting

February 3, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.

Pelican Room - Minden City Hall

On the agenda is a request from David & Delisa Brown for a lot size variance on property owned by them located at the municipal address of 715 Brooks Alley. This property is zoned R-3 (Single Family Residential).

The purpose of this lot size variance request is to tear down the existing residence and place a 2022 manufactured home on the property. According to City of Minden Ordinances, Appendix A Zoning, Section 8.03, the minimum required lot size in an R-3 District is 5,000 square feet. The property at 715 Brooks Alley only has approximately 4,700 square feet.

Legal Description: THE NORTH 55 FT. OF LOT #3 & THE NORTH 55 FT. OF THE WEST 5 FT. OF LOT #4, BLK. "A", S.J. HARRELL SUBDIV.

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

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EMPLOYMENT

Presbyterian Village of Homer is hiring CNA's all shifts, LPN's all shifts, and RN's. For more information, please call (318)927-6133 and ask for Alex Vansickle for RN/ LPN/ CNA applications. Presbyterian Village of Homer is hiring Dietary Staff and Housekeeping Staff. For more information, please contact Iva Albritton Dietary Supervisor or Mary Holloway Housekeeping Supervisor at (318)927-6133 for applications.

City of Minden GENERAL INFORMATION FOR BIDDERS Used Vehicles

Purpose of Bid: The City of Minden, Louisiana seeks sealed bids to sell multiple used vehicles.

Bid Opening: January 31, 2022 - 11:00 am. Minden City Hall, 520 Broadway Street, Minden, Louisiana 71055

Standard Forms: No special form required.

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

Delivery of Bids: Sealed envelopes containing bid documents must be clearly marked as:
Bid 01/2022 – 2017 Ford Taurus
Bid 02/2022 – 2014 Ford Taurus
Bid 03/2022 – 2008 Dodge Charger
Bid 04/2022 – 2011 Ford Crown Victoria
Bid 05/2022 – 2013 Dodge Charger
Bid 06/2022 – 1997 Ford Ambulance E350

Each individual Bid is to be addressed to the City Clerk of the City of Minden and delivered to the City Clerk's Office located at Minden City Hall, 520 Broadway Street, Minden, Louisiana 71055.

Questions: Questions concerning the bid must be in writing to the City Clerk's office. Questions will be answered in writing and both questions and answers will be distributed to all Bidders who are on record as having received this Invitation for Bids.

Addenda: If it becomes necessary to revise any part of this Invitation for Bids, or if additional data is necessary to enable an exact interpretation of provisions, such addenda will be provided by mail or fax to all bidders who have requested this Invitation for Bids.

Withdrawal or Modification of Bid: A bid may be withdrawn by written request received prior to the submission deadline. Modifications to bids received prior to the submission deadline will be accepted. Modifications shall be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked ie: 'Modification to "Bid 01/2022" or "Bid 02/2022"'. No telephone or faxed bid, change in bid, or withdrawal of bid will be accepted.

Pricing Structure: Bidders should submit a bid price with the responsibility for the transportation of the vehicle(s) from the designated location.

Successful Bidder: The bid will be awarded to the highest responsible Bidder (Bidder possessing the skill, ability and integrity to complete the job) and eligible Bidder (Bidder meeting all the requirements set forth in the bid document).

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

Execution of Agreement: The Bidder whose bid is accepted will be notified by phone.

Termination for Default: The City of Minden reserves the right to enforce the performance of this contract in any manner prescribed by law or deemed to be in the best interest of the City of Minden in the event of breach or default of this contract.

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The City of Minden seeks sealed bids to sell multiple used and damaged motor vehicles. Sealed bids marked:

Bid # 01/2022 – One Used 2017 Ford Taurus, Black
Vin #1FAHP2MK5HG105485
Mileage: 94,089

Bid # 02/2022 – One Used 2014 Ford Taurus, Black
Vin #1FAHP2MK5EG159512
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