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## CRIME

### Stolen scrap thief caught in the act

STAFF REPORT  
Minden Press-Herald

Earlier this month James Gibson Jr., 43, was arrested by Webster Sheriff Deputies after stealing scrap metal from Tie Mill over the course of two to three weeks and selling it to Webster Scrap for an excess of \$1000.

The Webster Parish Sheriff's Office responded to a complaint in early Feb. regarding the theft of several loads of scrap iron from Tie Mill. An employee of Webster Scrap contacted the sheriff's office after an employee of the mill positively identified items at the scrap yard that had been stolen from the mill.

The Webster Scrap employee "identified the individual that sold [them] this particular scrap iron on numerous occasions recently as James R. Gibson Jr.," the booking report stated.

Conveniently, while

the deputies investigating the case were at the scrap yard photographing the stolen scrap metal, Gibson returned to the scrap yard with another load of scrap.

"As we were leaving the scrap yard, the suspect, James R. Gibson, returned to the scrap yard with another load of ... scrap. After the transaction was completed, Gibson was taken into custody and transported to the Sheriff's Department for questioning," the booking report stated.

"During the interview he confessed that he had been on the property 6-8 times and had stolen the iron from the mill." It was discovered during questioning that the amount Gibson was paid for his ill gotten scrap was in excess of a thousand dollars over the course of the past two to three weeks. Gibson was charged with felony theft.

## CRIME

### Brothers arrested after one gives the other a gun during traffic stop

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In early Feb. a traffic stop conducted by a Webster Sheriff Deputy ended in the arrest of two brothers Jeffery Lard, 51, and Cassalis Lard, 51, after the deputy noticed a handgun that the Lards failed to make him aware of.

The deputy stopped the vehicle along Highway 531 after it was discovered that the license plate in the vehicle was both expired and belonged to another vehicle. After stopping the Lards the deputy asked them to exit the vehicle in order to conduct a standardized field sobriety test. It was then that the deputy noticed the gun on the floorboard.

"As Jeffery exited the car, in plain view I could see a small black handgun on the floorboard. Jeffrey and Cassalis were both detained in handcuffs for officer safety and advised of their rights per miranda," the booking report stated.

This gun would end up causing both Lards to receive charges, due to the brothers admitting to the deputy that Cassalis gave the handgun to Jeffery when they were being

pulled over.

"Jeffery stated the gun belonged to his brother Cassalis. He said Cassalis gave him the gun when they were being pulled over. Jeffery knowingly took possession of the firearm and did not tell officers there was a weapon in the vehicle. I only knew of the gun because I happened to see it as Jeffery was exiting the car," the booking report stated.

In the booking report for Cassalis, they ended up confirming what Jeffery had told the deputy, stating, "Cassalis stated that he handed Jeffery the gun when he was getting pulled over."

On top of failing to mention the gun, Jeffery also had an open can of Natural Light that he was drinking in the vehicle.

Both were later transported to the BDCC, with Jeffery being charged with possession of a firearm by a felon and driving with an open container, and Cassalis being charged with supplying a felon with a firearm, switching tags, driving under suspension, as well as it being discovered that he had multiple warrants out for his arrest from both Bienville and Minden law enforcement.

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

### MLK Celebration Committee Showcases Black Owned Businesses for Black History Month

WILL PHILLIPS  
Minden Press-Herald

The MLK Celebration Committee of Minden have taken it upon themselves to spotlight various black owned businesses in the local area throughout the course of Black History Month. Each day so far they have been visiting different businesses and showcasing them on their Facebook page as a way to feature what new ventures black entrepreneurs have taken part in here locally, as well as a way to pay homage to the ones who have been here for many a year now.

Since the beginning of February, the committee has showcased six different businesses and will continue to do so throughout the rest of the month. Be sure to check out the "MLK Celebration Minden 2022" Facebook page to stay up to date on which days the committee will be visiting which businesses.

One of the businesses featured was Harris' Corner, owned by Larry Gipson. "This establishment is a neighborhood store and a true one stop shop. A place you can get your gas, food, and beverages. Well known for their deli items, tasty chicken salad and deviled eggs. Also, this time of the year they have their Valentine specialty shop," said the committee.

Offering up a specialized service, the next business featured was Cali Tees, owned by Shawanda Doss. "Are you looking for a t-shirt, mask, or hoodie as individual as you, a true self indulgence, or that tells every story of your life? If so, Tee up with Cali Tees' black

business owner, Shawanda Doss. Also specializing in custom cups and mirrors. Providing professional service with custom, character, and class. Shawanda Doss is ready to take your Black History Month and Valentine's Day orders.

Just in time for the upcoming tax season, the committee showcased JW's Tax and Professional Services, owned by Jasmine Vicky Crew. "The late famous gospel singer Lee Williams sang the song, 'Can't Run.' He said you can't run and you can't hide and there is no need to try. That is what it is like with taxes; you can't run and you can't hide from them. Everyone has to deal with taxes. Taxes can be confusing and overwhelming," the committee said.

"Let black business owners, Jasmine Crew and Vicky Crew simplify your tax process. They are committed to completing your taxes accurately in an experienced, friendly, and professional atmosphere. The Crews' can assist with completing your current year's taxes, but if you are behind on any tax year filings they can also help get you on the right path."

And just in time for Valentine's Day, Tessa's Designs, owned by Tessa Bryant Flournoy, was one of the featured businesses, offering a unique service of personalized gift baskets that can be customized to fit any occasion.

"Gifting can sometimes be a time consuming task. You can find yourself in a tense situation trying to decide. Black business owner, Tessa Bryant Flournoy is ready



WILL PHILLIPS/MINDEN PRESS-HERALD PHOTO

The MLK Celebration Committee is using Black History Month as an opportunity to spotlight local businesses owned by black entrepreneurs. Each day they feature a new business and will continue throughout the month of February.



to take this task over for you. If you think it, she will select it and wrap it. All you have to do is gift it. Tessa is ready to make your exclusive, personalized gift basket for any occasion. Tessa's tailored gift baskets are so unique and personalized that it makes your heart and the recipient's heart smile," the committee said.

Of course, the MLK Celebration Committee was also sure to spotlight some local eats such as both Jean's Diner, owned

by Wardell and Jean Clayton, and the Tasty Munch Truck, owned by Shontee Webb, garnering some attention.

As mentioned prior, the MLK Celebration Committee will be showcasing black owned businesses throughout black History Month. Check out their Facebook page to get ideas for new places to shop and eat while also supporting the Black entrepreneurs investing in our city.

## WPSB

### Webster Parish School Board continues improvements

AMBER MCDOWN  
Minden Press-Herald

The Webster Parish School Board approved a number of proposals for making improvements to various campuses during this month's school board meeting.

North Webster Junior High (NWJH) in Sarepta has started the process needed to be able to sell timber that is located on their campus in order to use that money to make updates to their school. NWJH will also be getting renovations to their football stadium. The work will be completed by Thrash Construction Services. They have also been approved for a new

LED sign with an Ethernet connection which will be prepared by Main Street LED Signs. The sign will be funded by the Sarepta Maintenance Fund.

Phillips Elementary in Minden will be having all the exterior doors and hardware replaced as well as any exterior door frames that need to be replaced by A&A Building Specialties. They will also have a new security fence with a gate installed by Pepper Fence. These updates will be funded by the Minden District 6 ½ cent Maintenance Fund.

Lakeside Jr/Sr High in Sibley will be having the baseball and softball lighting replaced or repaired as needed by Stewart Electric. They will

also have a synthetic turf football field installed by Precision Construction & Contracting, LLC. These will be funded by the Consolidated District 3 Maintenance Fund.

The Doyline Maintenance Fund will be used to purchase a championship banner for Doyline High from Rapid Signs.

Webster Jr. High in Minden will be having a new security camera installed in a staircase of the classroom wing. The camera was purchased from Homeland Safety Systems and paid for by the Minden District 6 ½ cent Maintenance Fund.

North Webster Lower Elementary in Shongaloo will be having a sewer line repaired at the sewer

pond. The work will be performed by Fitzgerald Contractors and funded by the Shongaloo Building Fund.

And last, but by no means least, the district will purchase E-Rate Category 2 support warranties for networking equipment already owned by the district, and they are also in the process of reviewing accounting systems with the intention of upgrading the entire system. This will be a necessary change since the current system is COBOL based, and COBOL is rapidly becoming obsolete.

The school board will meet again March 14th at 6:00 pm at the school board office.



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# WEBSTER & MORE

CITY COUNCIL

## Zoning Ordinance Change for Home Occupations Tabled in Feb City Council Meeting

**WILL PHILLIPS**  
Minden Press-Herald

Overall the Feb. City Council Meeting was a relatively smooth meeting, with most items on the agenda passing smoothly with unanimous votes.

Given the recent decision by the Minden Planning Commission to allow Huffman Management to turn the property formerly known as Grace Estates into a Bed & Breakfast, the city of Minden wanted to

go ahead and amend a part of their zoning ordinance.

The item of note would amend the city code of ordinances, adding descriptions and definitions that would pertain to House Occupations, i.e. residential properties that will also be used for commercial activities, such as the previously mentioned bed and breakfast.

After the item was motioned through, Councilman Terika Williams-Walker proposed a substitute motion to table

the item until it could be further discussed during a workshop. Councilman Pam Bloxom of Dist. E asked why Walker wanted to table the agenda item.

Walker responded, “Cause I need clarity on some definitions in here. There’s kind of some gray area with boarding, lodging, and Bed and Breakfast. So just to get some more clarity.”

The substitute motion passed with three in favor, those being Councilmen Wayne Edwards of Dist. A, Terika Williams-Walk-

er of Dist. B, and Vincen Bradford of Dist. C, and two opposed, those being Councilmen Micahel Roy of Dist. D and Pam Bloxom of Dist E.

Having been successfully tabled, the agenda item will be discussed by the council in a later workshop, date yet to be determined, and will likely appear on March’s City Council Agenda for another vote.

Other items of note included the adoption of the 2021 Webster Parish Multi-Jurisdictional Haz-

ard Mitigation Plan. The resolution states that this plan “identifies mitigation goals and actions that would reduce or eliminate long term risk to people or property in the city of Minden from the impacts of future hazards and disasters.”

Another item unanimously passed allowed the Mayor to enter into a contract with The North Delta Regional Planning and Development District, tasking them with the responsibility of adapting the city’s dis-

tricts. The ultimate decision to approve the districts as they’re presented by NDRPDD will still be with the council, who are scheduled to have a workshop to discuss the matter on Friday, Feb. 11.

The Minden City Council Meeting takes place on the first Monday of each month starting at 5:30 at Minden City Hall. The meetings are open for the public to attend and can also be viewed live at the city’s YouTube channel: City of Minden - Feels Like Home.

BURN BAN

## Burn ban in effect for Webster Parish

**STAFF REPORT**  
Minden Press-Herald

The Webster Parish Fire Chiefs Association has requested a burn ban for all of Webster Parish.

“The Parish of Webster is threatened with an emergency condition due to the lack of rainfall in our region, that has created dangerous fire conditions for our parish,” states the Webster Parish Police Jury’s press release. The Fire Chiefs Association and the Police Jury agree that “there is a very definite threat possible to life and property of the citizens of this Parish; and requested the Burn Ban be in effect for Webster

Parish effective immediately and remain in effect until conditions improve.” This request is due to the lack of adequate rainfall the parish has received lately, placing it in an Extreme Drought condition.

The burn ban prohibits all outdoor burning such as campfires, fire pits, trash fires, or any other open burning. This ban does not apply to prescribed burns by the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry.

The ban is in effect and shall remain in force until such time the Webster Parish Fire Chiefs Association determines that the weather conditions are safe enough to cancel the burn ban.

WPSB

## Webster Parish weathers virtual school day

**AMBER MCDOWN**  
Minden Press-Herald

In-class school changed to virtual classes last Friday due to the anticipated weather conditions in Webster Parish. Students attended meetings and completed assignments at home using Google Classroom and the Chromebooks provided by the school district.

“I was never concerned about the roads. Our concern was for the bridges and elevated surfaces,” said Superintendent Rowland at this month’s school board meeting. “We’re going to always err on the side of caution—every time.”

Mr. Rowland continued, “When it became apparent that school would most likely be closed, Ms. Banks and Ms. Hudson

came to me and said, ‘We can have virtual school tomorrow. We’re ready. We’ve been prepared for this.’” Messages were sent to all the principals to have teachers prepare to teach virtually on Friday.

A survey was sent to the major stakeholders, such as principals, teachers, administrators, parents, and students, to request feedback on how the day went. Recipients were asked to rate the day on a scale of one to five (with one being low and five being excellent) and to provide explanations for the rating chosen as well as any suggestions for improvement.

At the time of the meeting, approximately 330 responses had been received. Over 80% of respondents were parents.

About 60% of respondents rated the day, over-

all, as either a four or five. Some of the comments from parents included “My kids received good instruction for their work in the Google Classroom,” “The teachers were great at delivering lessons to the kids. The students were very attentive and were participating as if they were in the classroom,” “Even though school was out for weather, students were still able to attend.” Comments attached to lower ratings were frequently concerned with internet and connection issues.

“Overall, I think that a major focus of what all major stakeholders and parents are asking for is more communication between everyone,” said Ms. Hudson. “We are communicating better, but there is room for even more communication. I’m very

pleased with the results.”

Results from the survey will be sent to each school so that they can use the data to make improvements.

If school had been canceled as a “snow day,” it would have had to have been made up at the end of the year. Because school was conducted virtually, it counts as a regular school day.

Mr. Rowland stated, “Is it perfect? No. No way it can ever be. Is it like being in person for most of our kids? No. But it’s a very, very good alternative to be able to offer our kids than simply just doing nothing.”

The school board’s next meeting will be March 14th at 6:00 pm at the school board office. The public is welcome to attend.

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OBITUARIES

**William T. Welch, Sr.**

Funeral services celebrating the life of William T. Welch, Sr. will be held Friday, February 11, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. at The Pentecostals of Haughton Church, 7594 Hwy 157, Haughton, Louisiana with Pastor Michael Tull and Rev. Derrin Benoit officiating. Graveside service will follow at 3:00 p.m. at Epps Cemetery, Hwy 17, Epps, Louisiana. The family will receive friends Thursday, February 10, 2022, from 5:00 until 8:00 p.m. at the church.

William was born March 12, 1938, in Darnell, Louisiana and entered into eternal rest February 7, 2022, in Minden, Louisiana.

He was preceded in death by his grandson, Jason Glenn Jordan; three brothers; and two sisters.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley Welch of Minden; sons, Adam M. Welch and wife Lisa of Natchez, Mississippi and Rev. William T. Welch, Jr. and wife Paula of Ripley, Tennessee; daughters, Laura Payton and husband Tim of Woodville, Texas, Rebecca Benoit and husband Rev. Derrin of Minden, Teresa Ballard of Minden, Emily Welch of Minden, and Ellen Welch of Minden; sister, Leona Eubanks of Delhi; thirteen grandchildren, and twenty-five great-grandchildren.

Rose-Neath Funeral Home  
211 Murrell Street  
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**Nelwyn Anne Mitchell Terrell**

Celebration of life Services for Nelwyn Anne Mitchell Terrell will be held Saturday, February 12, 2022, 12:00 Noon at St. Rest Baptist Church with Minister Lavina Williams, officiating.

Nelwyn was born August 16, 1958 to Elroy Mitchell and Verline Walker Mitchell.

On February 6, 2022, Nelwyn entered into eternal rest.

Nelwyn was a 1976 graduate of Minden High School. She continued her academic pursuits and obtained her instructor's certificate in Cosmetology and Master Barber.

**Faye Humphrey Lindsay**

Memorial services celebrating the life of Faye Humphrey Lindsay will be held Monday, February 14, 2022, at 11:00 a.m., at Rose-Neath Funeral Home Chapel in Minden, Louisiana. Rev. Scotty Gibson will officiate the service.

The family will receive friends at 10:00 a.m. Monday, prior to the service.

Faye was born February 18, 1939, in Shreveport, Louisiana, and entered into rest February 6, 2022, in Bossier City, Louisiana. She was a graduate of Fair Park High School and Ayres Business College. Her careers included being a secretary, and a homemaker. She was a devout Christian who gave of her time singing in the church choir, teaching Sunday School and Vacation Bible School, leading children's choir, and rocking babies in the church nursery. She enjoyed spending time with

**Dorothy Tinsley**

Funeral services for Dorothy Tinsley will be held Saturday, February 12, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. at Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Minden Louisiana with Ronnie Watson officiating. Interment will follow at Antioch Cemetery near Simsboro. The family will receive friends Saturday at 10:00 a.m. at Rose-Neath prior to the service.

Dorothy was born July 8, 1955, in Hodge, Louisiana and entered into rest February 9, 2022, in Doyline, Louisiana.

GOVERNMENT

**Louisiana reports delays in delivery of EBT cards**

(The Center Square) – The Louisiana Department of Children & Family Services is warning about delays for new or replacement Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) cards.

The department recently posted an advisory regarding the card delays because of severe winter weather and supply chain issues.

“We have been looking into reports of unusual delays in the receipt of EBT cards,” the advisory read. “Some households are reporting it is taking well beyond the 10-14 business days typical for cards to be delivered.

“If you're waiting for a card, please be assured your request has been received and is being processed by our contractor. However, severe winter weather and pandemic-related supply chain and labor challenges are affecting EBT contractors and compounding the delay in the production and

shipment of cards – not just to Louisiana, but throughout the U.S.”

The department is urging beneficiaries to “please be patient” and not to reorder a new card.

“We understand your frustration,” the advisory read. “We are working with our EBT contractor, Inmar, and the USDA Food and Nutrition Service to identify ways to work around the weather and expedite EBT card deliveries.”

The advisory explained reordering a new card will only increase the wait.

“If you've already requested a card and are experiencing a delay, please do not request another card,” it read. “Ordering another card will deactivate the initial card and increase your delay.”

The Louisiana Department of Children & Family Services lays out four ways to order new cards on its website.

The delays follow a series of rate increases to programs that use the EBT cards to get benefits to Louisianans.

Benefits through the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) increased in October from a maximum allotment of \$535 a month to a maximum of \$658 a month after a re-evaluation of the USDA's Thrifty Food Plan, a gauge of the cost of a healthy diet used to set food assistance levels.

The USDA expects the total SNAP benefits issued for fiscal year 2022 will increase \$435 million in Louisiana because of the change, leading to an estimated \$670 million in additional economic impact, according to the Department of Children & Family Services.

The change came about the same time as the annual cost-of-living adjustment for the USDA's income lim-

ber. She was the owner of Ebone Trich Shop.

Nelwyn loved her family, her grandchildren were her heart. She was also active in the community and served the Webster Parish Library Board for many years.

Nelwyn is preceded in death by her parents, siblings: Alice Robinson and David Mitchell; and long time friend and children's father, Larry Terrell.

Nelwyn leaves to cherish her memories, her three daughters: Skye Terrell, Erin Terrell (Bailey Myles), and Amber Terrell (Tramaine Love); four grandchildren: Isiah Love, Isis Love, Noah Scott, and Bella Myles; a sister, Lessie Brown; four brothers: Arthur Walker, Archie Robinson, Bobby Mitchell and Fredrick Mtichell; goddaughter, Asia Miller; her best friend, Carolyn Battley; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Services are entrusted to Kennon's Mortuary. Visitation will be held Friday, February 11 from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM in the chapel of Kennon's Mortuary.

family and delighted in visits with her grandchildren.

Faye was preceded in death by her parents, Walter C. and Gladys Humphrey; sister Maudine Tucker; brothers Alton Humphrey, John Robert Humphrey, and Clifton Humphrey; and granddaughter, Kati Elizabeth Mourad.

She is survived by her husband of 61 years, Ray Lindsay, Jr., of Benton; son, Ray Lindsay III, Eules, Texas; daughter, Becky Mourad and husband Jeff of Minden; granddaughter Allison Mourad of Bossier City; grandson Nick Mourad of Minden; brothers, Walter Humphrey and wife Odessa; Tommy Humphrey and wife Debbie; sisters-in-law Dot Humphrey and Barbara Humphrey; and a host of nieces and nephews.

The family would like to thank the staffs of Old Brownlee Community Care Center, Pilgrim Manor Nursing Facility, Willow Ridge Nursing Facility, Regional Hospice, and her hospice nurse, Sherri Powell, for their loving care of Faye.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests anyone wishing to remember Faye with a memorial do so to Arkansas Children's Hospital, or a charity of the donor's choice.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas Tinsley.

She is survived by her son, Josh Bryant; daughter, Michelle Hunkins and husband Matt; brother, Charlie Poole; grandchildren, Ann, Kellie, J.D. and Remington; uncle, Fred Boulware; and niece, Mandy Poole.

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OTHER OPINION

Amnesty International report slanders Israel

Amnesty International (AI), which purportedly exists to fight against human rights violations, sharply disparaged Israel this week labeling Israel an “apartheid” state that should be scorned by the world. In its Feb. 1, 2022 report, entitled “Israel’s Apartheid against Palestinians: Cruel System of Domination and Crime Against Humanity,” AI disingenuously attempts to compare the treatment of blacks in South Africa during that period of racial segregation and oppression—up to the early 1990s—to how Israel “treats” Palestinians in Israel and the occupied territories of the West Bank and Gaza. The AI report concludes that the state of Israel has “perpetrated the international wrong of apartheid” against Palestinians. The Coalition for Jewish Values (CJV), an organization that represents more than 2,000 Orthodox Jewish rabbis, condemned the report as “antisemitic” and a “litany of shameless lies.” This false narrative, of course, profoundly misstates and misleads regarding the circumstances of Israel’s creation and survival among its hostile Arab neighbors. With a population of 9.2 million, Israel survives on a constant state of high alert in a largely antagonistic Middle East with a population of over 463 million. First and foremost, we must recognize that many of the Arab nations that surround Israel still contain as a central te-

net of both their theology and governing charters the extermination of Israel. Hamas, Hezbollah, and Iran still literally demand Israel’s removal from the map. We could be forgiven for believing that Israel—since its creation in 1948—had permanently and unassailably established its right to exist as a sovereign Jewish state. It’s legitimacy and fundamental right to exist, created as it was in the aftermath of the Holocaust, is believed and accepted by hundreds of millions across the globe as definitive and inalienable. Well, not according to the leftists at Amnesty International. As the Wall Street Journal notes, “The Amnesty report isn’t (just) one more denunciation of the Israeli settlements in the West Bank, or its housing policies in Jerusalem, though all of that is included. It also isn’t an attack on one Israeli government or another. The report is a denunciation of the very existence of Israel as a refuge for the Jewish people.” Emphasis added. (WSJ, Feb. 1, 2022). The Amnesty report, WSJ



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further notes, makes no real effort to highlight or detail the great struggles Israel has faced in merely surviving as a nation state and being required to constantly devise security defenses to do so. (Including the Iron Dome rocket-defense system which was provided substantial funding by the George W. Bush Administration). It makes no effort to explain how Israel must constantly defend itself from the missiles lobbed into Gaza by Hamas—and in fact is always criticized for defending itself when it’s bombed—or the fact that through the 1990 Oslo Accords and again in 2000 the Palestinians could have had their own state had they agreed to a peaceful coexistence with Israel. Palestinian leadership always rejected this opportunity for peace. Israel is our most trusted ally in the Middle East and one of our most trusted allies in the world. It is certainly the most like the U.S. in terms of dedication to democratic values. As the Journal further points out “... the report all but ignores that Israel is a democracy that accords more rights to Arabs and Palestinians than does any other state in the region. Arabs participate in elections, hold seats in the Knesset, and one Arab is now a cabinet minister.” (WSJ, Feb. 1, 2022). We should ask a simple question: where are basic civil rights and individual freedoms of speech and religion most likely to exist and thrive? In Israel,

certainly not in the Arab nations that despise it. Yet, it is Israel that the AI report vilifies and calls upon the United Nations to sanction. As Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has observed before “If the Arabs put down their weapons today, there would be no more violence. If the Jews put down their weapons today, there would be no more Israel.” As CJV Managing Director Rabbi Yaakov Menken said after reading the report “no one should pretend it is about a political dispute when it is rife with hatred against individual Jews.” Fortunately, the UK, the U.S., and Germany have joined many organizations around the world in rejecting and condemning the report. At a time when historic progress towards peace is being made between Israel and other Arab states this report does nothing but confuse and distort and should be soundly rejected. (See, timesofisrael.com/trump-nominated-for-nobel-peace-prize-for-brokering-israel-uae-deal/; nbcnews.com/think/opinion/trump-deserves-nobel-peace-prize-israel-bahrain-uae-deal-it-ncna1240363; nypost.com/2021/09/22/the-squads-anti-semite-carry-the-day-among-house-democrats-yet-again/).

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OTHER OPINION

Looking forward to an endemic COVID-19

The Omicron variant is the most contagious but least virulent COVID variant we have faced during the pandemic. This combination of lots of cases and less severe illness leads to greater natural immunity in the population. Along with America’s intense vaccination efforts, this will greatly reduce the impact of COVID in our near future. It doesn’t mean COVID-19 will be eradicated. The virus will be with us always but at much less a threat. We will manage the disease with vaccinations, natural immunity and therapeutics. As we get past the epidemic, COVID will become more like the seasonal flu. Like influenza, we will be able to identify the disease and prescribe treatment to shorten the illness and reduce the symptoms. The next step is to turn greater attention to therapeutics. As a physician, I don’t throw my hands up in defeat if prevention of heart disease doesn’t work. I have lots of therapies to consider for each individual patient. I have strategies to use for outpatients in the office and those I can use in the hospital. Developing therapeutics should be our main goal now. Right now, we have monoclonal antibodies that have worked well for many in this pandemic. We have promising new oral drugs from Pfizer and Merck and other ones in the pipeline. Studies on Flu-

voxamine (antidepressant) and Budesonide (asthma drug) show promise in off label use. Studies on Hydroxychloroquine and Ivermectin continue but thus far have mixed reviews. There are no studies on Vitamin D, Vitamin C and Zinc but many practitioners recommend them. Beyond disease prevention, one lesson learned during the pandemic is the realization that the real goal is preventing overall harm. In retrospect, lockdowns and school closures and unproductive restrictions on jobs and economic activity often caused more harm than the disease. The harm of lockdowns continues to this day in job issues, critical shortages and inflation. The harm of school closures as prevention has been substantial. The education loss of our children is greater than one year—with the greatest loss in those more disadvantaged. Child and adolescent physical and sexual abuse, substance abuse, anxiety and depression have all increased. The past year, we exceeded all previous records of opioid use and suicides in children and adoles-



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cents. These harms exceed the harm of the virus itself in children where the rate of severe illness is low. The results of school closures will be felt for years. Virtual learning is not even close to in school learning in effectiveness. In school learning is hindered by significant absences due to quarantines. In Los Angeles in September of 2021, thirty thousand students have been quarantined with only sixty positive COVID tests – a 0.2% positivity rate. COVID is a much milder disease in children with the rate of severe illness being very low. The whole idea of vaccine mandates is controversial for a number of reasons. People who have recovered from COVID have natural resistance—an immunity superior to vaccines. In addition, vaccines don’t necessarily prevent the transmission of the virus to someone else and vaccine efficacy declines over time. Lastly, the impact of removing people with critical job skills from the workforce will be felt by all. The vaccine mandate prevention effort builds on the false premise that only unvaccinated people can spread the virus and only the vaccination could prevent its spread. These mandates should not be left to stand long. It is easy to criticize people who refuse vaccination but these are people who staffed our hospitals and faced COVID every day over the last

two years. Essential workers need to be added back to the workforce sooner rather than later. Any other decision would defeat the goal of getting America back to normal again. The healthcare workforce shortage is real. The presence of burnout, difficult working conditions, illness, and viral infections – seasonal and COVID – should cause us to pause before adding vaccine mandates as another negative impact on our worker shortage. The biggest challenge now is deciding when we will declare the COVID pandemic over. The tendency will be to hang on to previous decisions. The right thing to do will be to correct course when new data contradicts the narrative. Fear is a powerful emotion that has been used too much during this epidemic. It is why too many do not feel safe even with the harshest of restrictions. We need to avoid looking backward and holding on to fear. There is a lot of science now that supports hope. There is reason for more confidence this pandemic’s hold on our lives will end soon.

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EDITORIAL ROUNDUP

An opportunity roadmap for poverty relief

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Special to the Press-Herald

The South is the fastest growing region in the country. The pull of our warm winters, friendly people, and low cost of living has drawn millions over the last few years. However, an old foe that we have attempted to fight for decades continues to afflict our people. Rampant, inescapable poverty has been a staple of urban and rural areas in the South for generations. Government has long purported to be the solution to this problem, but after years of government programs and promises of a better tomorrow, our fellow man continues to be stuck in the cyclical nature of poverty. The status quo and government solutions have failed.

It’s time to change focus and realize that while our safety net programs are well intentioned, they often act as snare nets trapping people in poverty with no means to escape. Safety net programs should catch people when they fall and put them back on their feet. The Pelican Institute for Public Policy has joined together with the Texas Public Policy Foundation (TPPF) and Georgia Center for Opportunity (GCO) to forge a new path forward to bring poverty relief to our friends and neighbors, beginning now. The Alliance for Opportunity has one core goal: lift one million people out of poverty over the next 10 years. This will be accomplished through the removal of barriers to opportunity

and prosperity while the focus of poverty relief programs is shifted to be consumer focused and geared toward helping people find meaningful work opportunities. The Alliance has targeted three key areas to unlock opportunity for those in poverty. We must keep vulnerable Americans on track, remove barriers to work, and address poverty perpetuated by the justice system. States need to make it simple to find work and start a business by lowering regulatory burdens associated with occupational licensing. It’s also necessary to break the school-to-prison pipeline by improving and expanding access to youth apprenticeship programs and auditing government sponsored em-

ployment programs for effective outcomes. Similarly, we need a criminal justice system that protects the public from violent criminals without locking the poor into poverty for petty infractions. Finally, we must have a social safety net that functions effectively when Americans need it but doesn’t discourage work. Policy experts from GCO, Pelican, and TPPF have published a detailed policy agenda with recommendations for action. Although currently focused on our three states, the agenda has relevance across the southern states. These proposed changes will require cooperation from state houses to Congress to community stakeholders with the goal of helping our neighbors at the

forefront. The opportunity roadmap set forth by the Alliance for Opportunity will not be an easy path, but bold reforms never are. Poverty relief can’t wait. It’s time to take action and unlock opportunity for people across the South and finally address this issue that has afflicted countless individuals for generations. We welcome feedback from and collaboration with all interested parties regardless of political affiliation. We look forward to engaging stakeholders and community leaders across the ideological spectrum to advance good policy wherever, whenever possible.

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SPORTS

Parish girls hoops teams to wrap up regular season

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It's crunch time for high school girls basketball teams in Webster Parish as regular-season play wraps up today and Louisiana High School playoff pairings are released on Monday.

Minden High is on the Class 4A bubble, currently ranked No. 34 by GeauxPreps.com at 10-15 on the season. The Lady Crimson Tide close out the regular season tonight at Huntington, which is ranked No. 6 at 16-6 on the season. Istrouma stands ahead of

Minden for the final playoff slot at No. 32 (Bolton is ranked 33rd). Istouma played host to Tara (6-10) Thursday night and appears poised to hold onto that final No. 32 playoff spot should the Indians get the win over Tara. At 18-9, Doyline at No 18 in GeauxPreps.com

power rankings. Wth 24 open slots, the Class B bracket would make that a road contest should the playoffs start today. The Lady Panthers close out regular-season play at home tonight against Summerfield, which stands at 24-11 and is the No. 3 ranked team

in Class C according to GeauxPreps.com. At 4-16 on the season, the North Webster Lady Knights are ranked 48th in GeauxPrep.com's power rankings and will close out their season tonight at Green Oaks. Another team set to close out its season to-

night is Lakeside, which stands at 2-17. The Lady Warriors will play their season finale tonight at D'Arbonne Woods. As a first-year competitor in the LHSA, the Glenbrook Lady Apaches are not eligible for post-season play this academic year.

Lady Techsters set to open softball season

Minden Press-Herald Sports Service

MONROE — The Josh Taylor-era of Louisiana Tech softball opens Friday when the Lady Techsters travel east across Interstate 20 to participate in the Best of the Bayou hosted by ULM at the Ouachita Sports Complex. Tech plays five games in three days, including match-ups against Morehead State (12:30 p.m. today), SIU-Edwardsville (3 p.m. today), Stephen F. Austin (3 p.m. Saturday), Southern (11:15 a.m. Sunday) and Mississippi Valley State (1:30 p.m. Sunday). Tickets are \$10 per day or \$25 for an all-tournament pass. Tickets can only be purchased at the gate of the Ouachita Sports Complex day of games.

Taylor said he is anxious to see his team take their preparation onto the field against some outside competition this weekend.

"Our strength is going to come in our willingness to compete. I think this is a very competitive group, and I think they have learned a lot since we took the field in September," said Taylor, who came to Tech in June from the University of Nevada. "I think the things they have learned has created a more competitive environment. I think they ability to overcome adversity will be a strength. Their mental toughness."

Unfortunately, that mental toughness and ability to overcome adversity will be tested early as the Techsters have already lost KB Briley (shoulder) and Brook Melnychuk (knee) for the season with injuries.



PHOTO BY DARRELL JAMES

Louisiana Tech will open the 2022 softball season at 12:30 p.m. today as the Lady Techsters take on Morehead State at the University of Louisiana-Monroe Best of the Bayou Tournament at the Ouachita Softball Complex.



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Glenbrook honors senior players

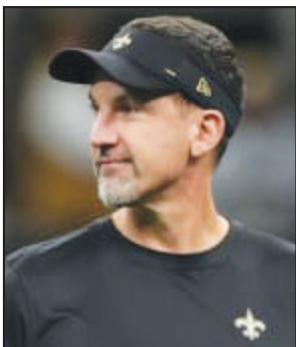
Glenbrook honored its senior basketball players during Tuesday's doubleheader against Downsview Charter, in which the Apaches won 70-42 and the Lady Apaches won 60-29. Pictured from left to right are Reese Hanson, Emma Earnhardt, Emma Pitman and Collin Gregg.

Saints' Allen wants continuity with own flair

METAIRIE (AP) — Newly named New Orleans Saints head coach Dennis Allen asserts that he's "at peace" with being constantly measured against the person he's replacing. Allen's first head coaching job with the Oakland Raiders nearly a decade ago taught him he has more pressing matters to attend to than how he measures up to Sean Payton, who stepped down Jan. 25 as the Saints' all-time leader in victories, not to mention the only Super Bowl winning coach in the club's 55 seasons.

"Look, I understand what the expectations are here," Allen, a longtime Payton assistant, said at his introductory press conference Tuesday.

"I look at it as: What a great example to follow," Allen added. "I know we have a great foundation in place and I'm grateful for that.



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"It's the perfect fit because I know the people here," he said. "I know the administration. I know the players. I know the support staff. I understand all the culture here in this building."

When Allen became the Raiders' head coach, the franchise had a first-year general manager and an owner in Mark Davis who was in his first year succeeding his late Hall of Fame father, Al Davis. The team was rebuilding, experience was in short supply and losses mounted

quickly before Allen was fired four games into his third season.

"It was a totally different set of circumstances," Allen, 49, recalled. "I was a 39-year-old head coach at that time.

"I'm excited about this organization," Allen continued, referring to the Saints. "I love this organization. I've been part of it for 12 of the last 16 years."

Allen was part of Payton's first staff in 2006 as a defensive assistant. His first stint lasted until 2010, a period that included a Super Bowl title in the 2009 season. Allen left New Orleans in 2011 to become Denver's defensive coordinator before taking the Raiders job one season later.

He was back with the Saints in 2015 as a senior assistant and was named defensive coordinator later that season when Payton fired Rob Ryan.

For the past two seasons, Allen's defenses have ranked in the top seven in the NFL.

The Saints didn't want to lose him, so he was always going to be a favorite to fill the head coaching opening with the team he helped win four straight NFC South titles from 2017 to 2020.

"This was not a broken job," Allen asserted. "There's a foundation and culture of winning that's already been built. "I want to try to continue this winning tradition," Allen added. "I don't see this as something where we need to have a ton of change."

At the same time, Allen spoke of the importance of being himself and putting his "own spin" on things. "I'm looking more at it as: I want to take lessons I've learned, I want to build on those lessons and create my own legacy here," Allen said.

LSU's Burrow, Chase play big roles in Bengals' run to Super Bowl

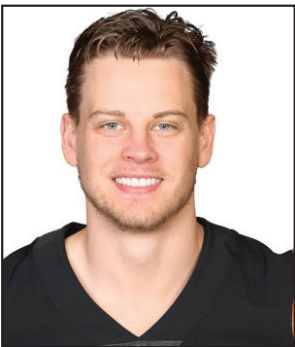
LOS ANGELES (AP) — The key to the Bengals' latest rebuild that has led them to this most unexpected Super Bowl run starts with one player: Joe Burrow.

The Bengals were coming off an NFL-worst 2-14 season in 2019 and once again in need of serious help.

Enter Burrow, the Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback who led LSU to the national championship.

Not surprisingly, Burrow, the top overall draft pick in 2020, had some ups and downs in his rookie season in 2020 before suffering a season-ending knee injury against Washington, and the team stumbled to a 4-11-1 record.

Going into the 2021 draft, the Bengals had a significant choice to make with the No. 5 pick. Start to fix the porous offensive line with tackle Penei Sewell or take dynamic wide receiver Ja'Marr Chase, who was Burrow's



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teammate at LSU but sat out the 2020 college season due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

By adding Chase, who had 81 catches for 1,455 yards and 13 touchdowns in the regular season, to a group that also included Tee Higgins, a second-round pick in 2020, steady slot man Tyler Boyd as well as running back Joe Mixon (a 2017 second-rounder) gave the Bengals plenty of playmakers to help Burrow.

"I wouldn't call it surreal, I would say it's exciting," Burrow said after beating the Chiefs for the AFC title. "I think

if you would have told me before the season that we'd be going to the Super Bowl, I probably would have called you crazy. Then, you know, we play the whole season and nothing surprises me now."

However, the offensive line remained a mess. Burrow was sacked 51 times in the regular season and nine times in the divisional-round win at Tennessee. The Bengals did use three 2021 draft picks on guard Jackson Carman (second round), guard D'Ante Smith (fourth) and center Trey Hill (sixth), but the line is still a major work in progress. It almost certainly will be addressed again in the offseason regardless of what happens in the Super Bowl against the Los Angeles Rams and their fearsome pass rush.

The line features 2019 first-rounder Jonah Williams at left tackle, veterans Quinton Spain at left guard

and Trey Hopkins at center, struggling right guard Hakeem Adeniji and right tackle Isaiah Prince, who is playing in place of the injured Riley Reiff.

One other draft pick who was little noticed last spring was Evan McPherson, selected in the fifth round — the only kicker drafted in 2021. McPherson has had a superb season, especially in the playoffs. He is 12 for 12 on field goals in the postseason and hit game-winners on the road to beat the top-seeded Titans and No. 2 seed Chiefs in consecutive weeks.

"He has ice in his veins," Bengals coach Zac Taylor said of his kicker last week.

With all the rebuilding through the draft the Bengals did on the offense and at kicker, the team has been unexpectedly aggressive in addressing the defense, especially via free agency in the previous two offseasons.



CHASE

In 2020, the Bengals signed defensive lineman D.J. Reader to a four-year \$53 million deal, cornerback Trae Waynes to a three-year, \$42 million contract, and safety Vonn Bell to a three-year, \$18 million deal.

Reader and Waynes were hurt that season and their absences were a major factor in some defensive struggles.

The Bengals also drafted three linebackers in 2020: Logan Wilson (third round), Akeem Davis-Gaither (fourth) and Markus Bailey (seventh) to address another position

of immediate need. Wilson had a particularly strong 2021.

And last offseason the Bengals went big into free agency again by signing defensive lineman Trey Hendrickson to a four-year, \$60 million deal; cornerback Chidobe Awuzie to a three-year, \$21.75 million contract; and cornerback Mike Hilton to a four-year, \$24 million deal.

The Bengals also acquired lineman B.J. Hill in a trade with the Giants and signed Larry Ogunjobi to a one-year, \$6.2 million contract.

Hendrickson led the Bengals with 14 sacks in the regular season and Reader helped shore up the run defense.

"When I showed up, guys were really ready to work. Guys who had been here, they were hungry to win. Coaching staff was hungry to win. We knew we had to make some adjustments and things come with time," Reader said.



# Good News

GOOD NEWS

## Take A Look At Your Heart

February is American Heart Month. It’s that time again to look, personally, at our hearts. That special muscle just does so much work. Think of all the pumping, contracting and expanding, sending blood all through the body, 24-hours a day without fail! It never goes on vacation, take a ‘coffee-break’ nor go on strike. It is always on the job. And aren’t we thankful. However, we all know there are special things we can do help our special friend—the heart!

Now we all know that smoking, diets of fats and cholesterol, etc. put a lot of extra pressure and stress on the heart. Every study calls for better eating habits, exercise, rest, and being ‘kind to our heart.’ About 15 years ago, I

was brought face-to-face with the fact that this Crider ticker was slowing down, way down! So I reluctantly got a pacemaker to rib up my heart rate. And it worked! And it has continued to help my weak heart keep rhythm these many years. I have a new appreciation for what that little muscle does for me; And a wondrous appreciation for those doctors who help us with such delicate medical care when needed! I hope you pass on a ‘thank you’ to your cardiologist this month for helping you. Will you give your family a special Valentine gift by taking better care of



Bill Crider

your heart! You can begin today. Eat an apple instead of a doughnut; drink water instead of soda drinks, etc.

Not only are we encouraged to take care of our bodies, but we are instructed to make sure our ‘spiritual heart’ is in good order as well. The heart is referred to often as the center of man’s being (soul). It is the central ‘control box’ of man’s life. Like the little black box that is searched for when there’s a plane crash, our hearts contains special ‘ingredients’ that can cause us to ‘crash’ or fly high. It depends on how we take care of it daily. We want to know the inside and outside mak-

ings of the heart so we can best know how to provide best care for it.

Some strong references about the heart are found throughout the Holy Scriptures: “The fool has said in his heart, there is no god”. (Psalm 14:1); “Thy Word have I hidden in my heart that I may not sin against Thee.” (Psalm 119:11) ‘Who shall stand before Thee; Only those with pure hands and hearts” (Psalm 24: 4) “Trust in the Lord and He shall give you the desires of thy heart.” (Psalm 37:4) “Search me, O God, and know my heart; test my thoughts.” (Psalms 139:23). All of these point to the strong relationship of man’s heart and the heart of God.

As we celebrate our “love relationships” with family and friends,

exchanging gifts of candy, flowers and such, may we be reminded that God’s great gift to us was more than a mixture of chocolates, flowers or sentimental tokens. His cost was nothing less than total sacrifice, Yes, “God so loves us that He gave His only Son-Jesus-to die for each of us, to bring redemption for our broken, unfixable hearts. Through this love, our tarnished hearts were restored, polished with God’s tender love and made useable once more, to shine eternally with the brightness of His love. A new heart for each of us to claim through Jesus! We have a lot to celebrate this Valentine Day.

Paul teaches us about the virtues of a ‘true and pure heart’ that is

saturated with the Love of God...”does not keep score, forgiving, loving and kind...” (1 Cor 13). This kind of Godly love just keeps on giving and sharing on and on throughout eternity.

As we celebrate Valentine Day with our sweetheart, family and friends, may we be energized by the ever present love of our Father, creating in us a new heart, so that we may love like the Heavenly Father. Share this joyous gift of love with others this month. See how easy it is to say “I love you.”

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### THE UPWARD LOOK

## Bow the Knee

*“For this reason I bow my knees before the Father,” Ephesians 3:14 NASB*

der, and humility from the one coming into the presence of the Almighty God. These attitudes are more important than a specific prayer posture.



Max Hutto

Paul’s thoughts returned to praying for the believers and their spiritual needs as he bowed on his knees before God the Father. A number of prayer postures are referenced in Scripture including standing with arms and face lifted upward, standing or sitting with head bowed, bowing on knees, and lying prostrate face down on the ground. Many of these postures demonstrate reverence, respect, submission, surren-

Lord God, by Your grace I humbly come into Your holy and glorious presence. Bowing in reverence and total surrender, I come to worship, glorify, and praise You.

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### LET NOT YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED

## Nebuchadnezzar—Was he a Christian?

This man had a dream that troubled him, but he forgot what he dreamed. He called his wise men and told them to tell him what he dreamed, but they could not tell him. He was to have all the wise men put to death, but the prophet Daniel told him he would tell him what he dreamed. Daniel saved the lives of all the wise

men by telling the King his dream. Daniel was promoted to a very high position which made the wise men envious of him. They planned a way in which they could trap Daniel and have him killed.



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### INSPIRATION

## We Won’t Be Shaken

In times of extreme struggle, man tends to look for someone to blame. We make great efforts to search

out the negatives of our situation. Well, I’m here to tell everyone reading today that this is not the way.

God wants us to find his blessing in all our situations. He wants us to seek out the good in everything.

And if we search through a situation and find nothing good he wants us to bring the good. This is done

through trust and faith in Gods plan. In Genesis Joseph demonstrates this flawlessly. Genesis 45:3-5 NLT

“I am Joseph!” he said to his brothers. “Is my father still alive?” But his brothers were speechless! They



Bernard Harris

were stunned to realize that Joseph was standing there in front of them. “Please, come closer,” he said to them. So they came closer. And he said again, “I am Joseph, your brother, whom you sold into slavery in Egypt. But don’t be upset, and don’t be angry with yourselves for selling me to this place. It was God who sent me here ahead of you to preserve your lives.” I would like to encourage us all to be like Joseph and bring the good to our bad situations.

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Level: Advanced

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

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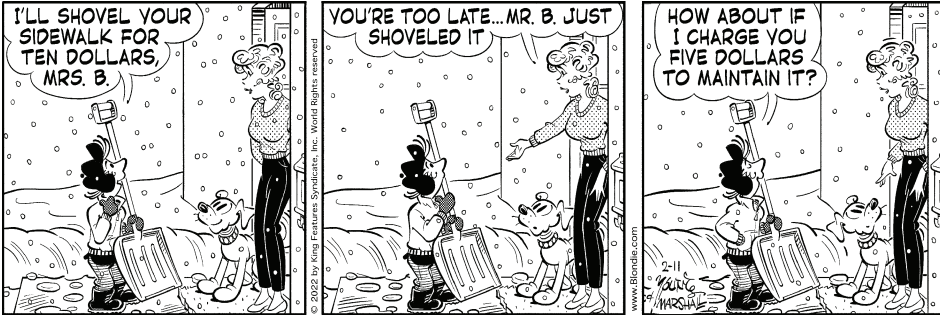
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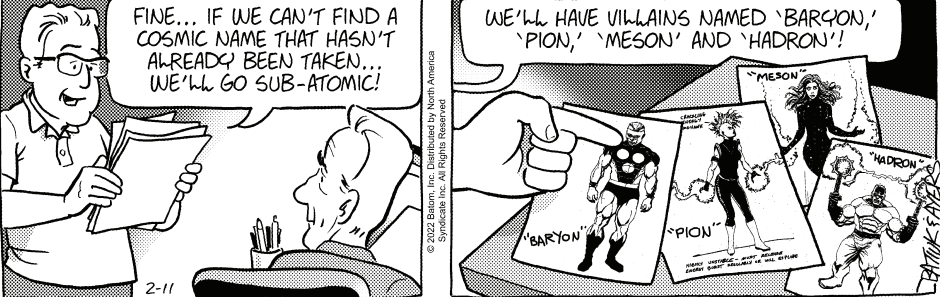
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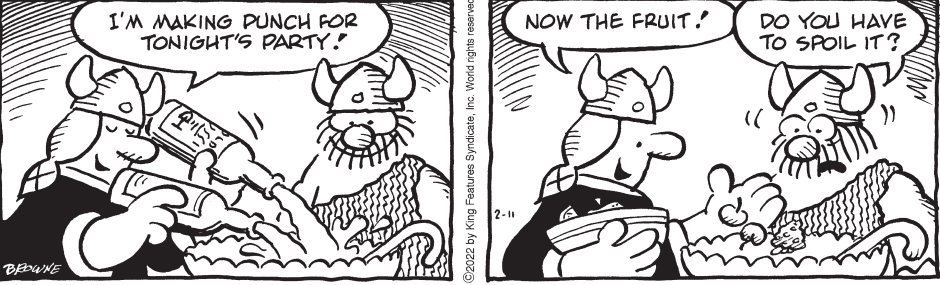
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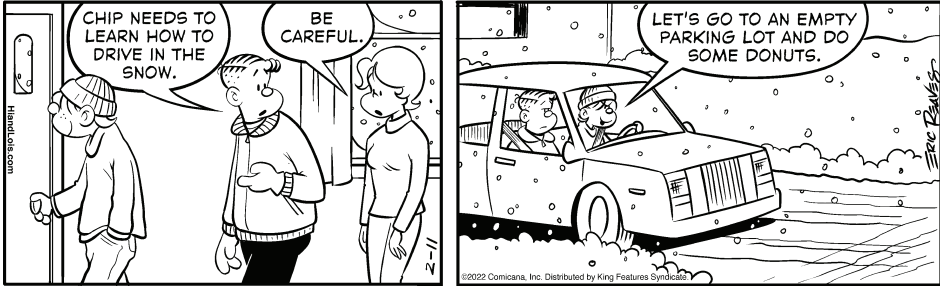
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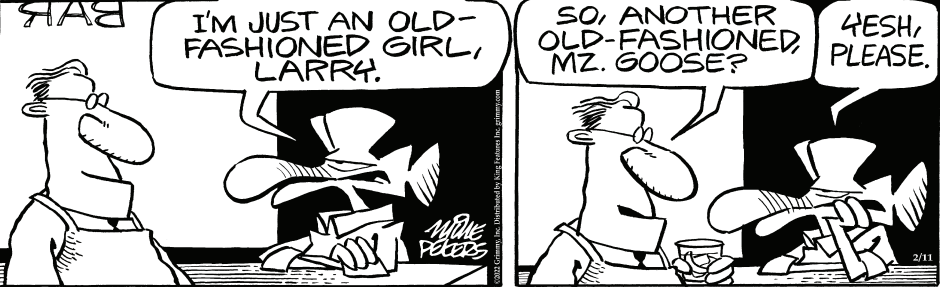
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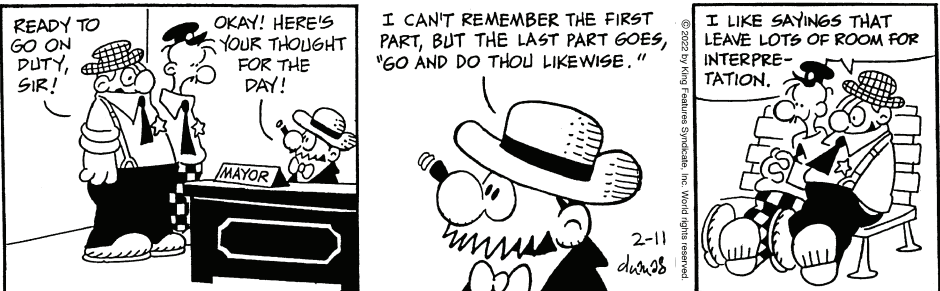
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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: T equals Y

FUN & GAMES



# CLASSIFIEDS

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Per Day - Up to 20 words!  
Additional words are only 30 cents more!

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“All real estate advertised here is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act, which makes it illegal to advertise any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin, or intention to make any such preference, limitation, or discrimination. We will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate, which is in violation of the law. All persons are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised are available on an equal opportunity basis.

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Call to place your ad!

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AD  
TODAY!  
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### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

WEBSTER PARISH POLICE JURY (hereinafter referred to as the “Owner”).

Sealed bids marked “Sealed Bid” WEBSTER PARISH POLICE JURY Community Development Block Grant Project to be financed by the State of Louisiana CDBG Program will be received by the Owner for the construction of the project described as follows:

**WEBSTER PARISH POLICE JURY - SALT WORKS WATER SYSTEM FY 2021 LCDBG CONTRACT I - NEW WATER WELLS**

Proposals shall be addressed to the W PARISH POLICE JURY and delivered to the **Webster Parish Police Jury, 401 Main Street, West Entrance, Minden, LA 71058** not later than **2:00 P.M., TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2022**. Sealed bids shall be marked as “Sealed Bid” – WEBSTER PARISH POLICE JURY Community Development Block Grant Project to be financed by the State of Louisiana CDBG Program. All bids must be submitted on the proper bid form. The Contractor shall display his Contractor’s license number prominently on the outside of the envelope. Any bids received after the specified time and date will not be considered. The sealed bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at **2:00 P.M., Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at the Webster Parish Police Jury, 401 Main Street, West Entrance, Minden, Louisiana 71058**.

The Information for Bidders, Form of Bid Proposal, Form of Contract, Plans, Specifications, and Forms of Bid Bond, Performance and Payment Bond, and other contract documents may be examined at the Webster Parish Police Jury. Copies may be obtained at the office of the Engineer, COTHREN, GRAFF, SMOAK ENGINEERING, INC., upon payment of **\$50.00** which amount constitutes the cost of reproduction and handling. This payment will not be refunded.

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. All bidders must sign: (1) the Bid, (2) Certificate of Corporate Principal and Surety, (3) any Addenda issued, and (4) Bid Bond which always must accompany the bid in the correct amount.

A Corporate Resolution authorizing a representative of the corporation to sign the bid must accompany the bid, if the bidder is a corporation.

Each bidder must deposit with his/her bid, security in the amount, form, and subject to the conditions provided in the Information for Bidders. Sureties used for obtaining bonds must appear as acceptable on the U.S. Department of Treasury Circular 570.

No bidder may withdraw his/her bid within thirty (30) days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

Each bidder must have an active DUNS Number, as verified

on [www.sam.gov](http://www.sam.gov), prior to beginning of construction.

The Contractor Classification for the project is:

### SPECIALTY CLASSIFICATION - WATER WELL

Attention of Bidders is particularly called to the requirement as to conditions of employment to be observed and minimum wage rates to be paid under the Contract, Section 3, Segregated Facilities, Section 109, Executive Order 11246, and all applicable laws and regulations of the Federal government and State of Louisiana and bonding and insurance requirements.

The successful bidder must submit executed copies of Certification Regarding Equal Employment Opportunity, Section 3 and Segregated Facilities, Section 3 Plan with Tables A and B, Certification Concerning Labor Standards and all subcontractor’s certifications prior to contract execution.

The successful bidder will be required to execute the Owner’s Standard Form of Agreement/ Contract for construction together with the Performance and Payment Bonds within ten (10) working days after normal award of contract.

The Contractor shall begin mobilization and procurement of materials within ten (10) working days of the receipt of the Notice to Proceed.

Please notify the Owner seven (7) days in advance of the scheduled bid opening if special accommodations specified under ADA are required.

The Owner hereby notifies all bidders that in regard to any contract entered into pursuant to this Advertisement, that Minority Business Enterprises will be afforded equal opportunity to submit offers in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, national origin or disability in consideration for an award.

**January 28, 2022  
February 4, 2022  
February 11, 2022  
Minden Press-Herald**

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No bidder may withdraw his/her bid within thirty (30) days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

Each bidder must have an active DUNS Number, as verified on [www.sam.gov](http://www.sam.gov), prior to beginning of construction.

The Contractor Classification for the project is:

### MUNICIPAL AND PUBLIC WORKS

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### VILLAGE OF DOYLINE COUNCIL MEETING

FEBRUARY 7, 2022

THE COUNCIL MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN FOR DOYLINE, LOUISIANA WAS HELD AT THE DOYLINE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2022 AT 6:00 PM, PURSUANT TO DUE NOTICE.

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

THE MEETING WAS PRESIDED OVER BY MAYOR STEVEN BRIDWELL.

THE MEETING WAS OPENED WITH PRAYER BY JAKIE DANIELS AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS LED BY STEVEN BRIDWELL.

THERE WERE NO CITIZENS IN ATTENDANCE.

NO ADDITIONS WERE ADDED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CHRISTIE GATES TO APPROVE THE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FROM JANUARY 3, 2022. SECONDED BY JAKIE DANIELS. THERE WERE NO COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE, MOTION CARRIED. AYES: 2 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 ABSTAIN: 0

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JAKIE DANIELS TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 2022 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, SECONDED BY CHRISTIE GATES. THERE WERE NO COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE, MOTION CARRIED. AYES: 2 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 ABSTAIN: 0

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CHRISTIE GATES AND SECONDED BY JAKIE DANIELS TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2022-3 2021 WEBSTER PARISH MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN. AYES: 2 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 ABSTAIN: 0

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JAKIE DANIELS AND SECONDED BY CHRISTIE

GATES TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2022-4 CULVERT RESOLUTION UNDER DOYLE ST AT COLLEGE ST. REPAIR PAVEMENT, DREDGE DITCH WEST TO CROSS CULVERT CROSSING COLLEGE STREET.

AUDIT REPORT, TRAVIS MOREHART

JOHNNY MONTGOMERY, MAINTENANCE REPORT

MIKE DUNAWAY, SEWER OPERATOR

ROBBY HAYDEN, CHIEF’S REPORT

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

SHANE JONES, VILLAGE CLERK

STEVEN BRIDWELL, MAYOR

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LCDBG Application Available for Review

The City of Minden announces that an application for the FY 2022 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) funds will be submitted for the following:

Activity: LCDBG funds will be used to resolve problems within the Town’s sewerage collection systems. Objective: To provide adequate service for low-moderate income residents of the City of Minden.

Location: The target area lies within the corporate limits of the City of Minden. Amount: \$1,158,000

All citizens, particularly persons of low and moderate income and residents of blighted areas, are encouraged to submit their views and proposals by February 18, 2022, to the mayor at the following address:

Office of the Mayor  
City of Minden  
P.O. Box 580  
Minden, LA 71055  
Telephone: (318) 377-2144

The application is to be submitted to the Division of Administration, Office of Community Development on or about February 28, 2022. A copy of the application will be available for review at the City Hall between the hours of 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM on Monday through Friday.

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The Horseshoe Road Water System was in violation of the maximum contaminant level (MCL) for total trihalomethanes as set for by the State [Part XII of the Louisiana State Sanitary Code (LAC 51:XII) and the Federal Primary Drinking Water Regulations (40 CFR Part 141) for the second and fourth quarters of 2017 and the first, second, and third quarters of 2018.

The United State Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) set drinking water standards and requires the disinfection of drinking water. Where disinfection is used in the treatment of drinking water, disinfectants combine with naturally

occurring organic and inorganic matter present in water to form chemicals called disinfection byproducts (DBPs). EPA and LDH set standards for controlling the levels of disinfectants and DBPs in drinking water, including trihalomethanes (THMs) and haloacetic acid (HAAs). Some people who drink water containing THMs in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

In December 1998, EPA set enforceable drinking water standards for TTHMs at 80 parts per billion (ppb) and for HAA5 at 60 parts per billion (ppb) to reduce the risk of cancer or other adverse health effects. Compliance with the TTHMs and HAA5 standard for public water systems serving less than 10,000 individuals initially became effective and enforceable on January 1, 2004. Compliance with the TTHMs standard is determined by calculating a locational running annual average (LRAA) of quarterly TTHMs sample results. Compliance calculations performed for the second quarter of 2017 and the third quarter of 2018 show that the system’s TTHMs LRAA is 87 ppb at DBP01; thus, the system was in violation of the TTHMs standard.

The water system has taken steps to comply to the standards set by the EPA and the LDH. Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly.

This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. EPA and LDH do not consider this violation to have any serious adverse health effects on human health as a result of short-term exposure; however, continued long-term exposure to TTHMs and HAA5 levels above the standard (e.g. 20 years of exposure) has the potential to have serious adverse effects on human health. For additional information, one may contact the Horseshoe Road Water System at 318-393-2371.

**February 11, 2022  
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### SHERIFF’S SALE

CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC VS. JOHN HARRISON NEAL

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 79121

By virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued out of the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, in the above styled and numbered suit and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder for cash WITH the benefit of appraisal and according to law at the principal front door of the Courthouse in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana, on WEDNESDAY, March 16, 2022, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

The East 74 feet of Lot Ten (10), Block “C”, Bonnie Heights Subdivision, a subdivision located in the South Half of the Southeast Quarter (S/2 of SE/4), Section 16, Township 19 North, Range 9 West, Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana, as shown by map and plat thereof in Map Book 2, Page 97, Map Records of Webster Parish, Louisiana, together with all improvements thereon and all rights thereto belonging.

Which has the address of 210 Virginia Avenue, Minden, LA 71055.

**SOLD SUBJECT TO ANY SUPERIOR LIENS, MORTGAGES OR PRIVILEGES THERETO.**

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

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

Linda Vaughan - Deputy

**January 14, 2022  
February 11, 2022  
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### SHERIFF’S SALE

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A MR. COOPER VS. WYMEATRIS DEWONE KIRKSEY A/K/A WYMEATRIS DEWONE KIRKSEY

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 78466

By virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued out of the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, in the above styled and numbered suit and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder for cash WITH the benefit of appraisal and according to law at the principal front door of the Courthouse in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana on WEDNESDAY, March 16, 2022, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

A CERTAIN PIECE OR PORTION OF GROUND, together with all the buildings and improvements thereon, and all the rights, ways, privileges, servitudes, advantages and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, situated in the PARISH OF WEBSTER, STATE OF LOUISIANA, Lot No. Ten (10) of Block “C” of Oakridge Drive RE-Subdivision of Northwest Quarter of Southwets Quarter (NW 1/4 of SW 1/4) of Section 28, Township 19 North, Range 9 West, Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana, as per map thereof of file and of record in the Office of Continued on Next Page...



the Clerk of Court, Webster Parish, Louisiana, in Map Book 2 at page 12; subject to restrictions, servitudes, rights-of-way and outstanding mineral rights of record affecting the property.

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Sheriff & Ex-Officio  
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Webster Parish,  
Louisiana

Linda Vaughan -  
Deputy

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**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEBSTER PARISH  
POLICE JURY  
February 1, 2022**

**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

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.

Mr. Steve Lemmons moved, seconded by Mr. Ed Jordan to add Waldron Road to the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

There were no comments from the audience concerning the agenda.

Mr. Daniel Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Vera Davison to approve invoices for payment pending review by juror Daniel Thomas. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bruce Blanton moved, seconded by Mr. Randy Thomas to adopt the minutes of the January 4, 2022 Regular Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ed Jordan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen Gilbert to approve the board appointment for the Webster Parish Communication District to fill the unexpired term of Kip Mourad who resigned effective 1/31/2022 and to appoint Brian R. Williams to the board to expire 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kelly Wells, Shreveport Bossier Sports Commission presented the jury with a plaque, thanking them for their service contribution to the upcoming Archery Competition to be held at Camp Minden, April 2022.

Mr. Daniel Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Ed Jordan to approve to advertise to hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at 10:30am concerning the Reapportionment Plan 1 for Webster Parish. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bruce Blanton moved, seconded by Mr. Ed Jordan to approve to advertise to surplus and sell Webster Parish OEP equipment on govdeals.com. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Steve Lemmons

moved, seconded by Mr. Nick Cox to approve to advertise for bid for Disaster Recovery & Emergency Planning services pending legal review. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Daniel Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Randy Thomas to approve to advertise to hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at 10:30am concerning the abandonment of Waldron Road in Webster Parish. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMENTS:  
Melinda Davidson  
WP OCS, Director  
Wanda Finley  
WP OCS HeadStart  
Savannah Jones  
WP Library  
Jason Parker  
W.P. Sheriff  
Col. Carl Thompson  
WP Assessor, Denise  
Edwards  
Lee Faulk  
LSU/Ag Center  
Johnnye Kennon  
WP C.V.B (Tourism)  
Brian Williams  
OEP Director  
Angie Chapman  
E911 Director

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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**SHERIFF'S SALE**

COMMUNITY LOAN SERVICING, LLC, A DELAWARE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY VS. THE UNOPENED SUCCESSION OF NORMA ELIZABETH FORD COKER A/K/A NORMA ELIZABETH FORD COKER A/K/A NORMA ELIZABETH FORD COKER A/K/A NORMA ELIZABETH FORD COKER A/K/A NORMA F. COKER

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 79662

By virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued out of the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, in the above styled and numbered suit and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder for cash WITH-OUT the benefit of appraisalment and according to law at the principal front door of the Court-house in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana on WEDNESDAY, March 16, 2022, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

The following

described property, to-wit: Immovable property located in Webster Parish, Louisiana, more particularly described as follows: Begin at a point 165.95 feet south of and 312.48 feet east of the northwest corner of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter (NE/4 of SE/4), Section 14, Township 17 North, Range 9 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana, for the point of beginning; (said point being on the north right of way of Louisiana Hwy. No. 531) thence run south 59 degrees 14 minutes west along said R/W 235.00 feet; thence run north 34 degrees 58 minutes 30 seconds west 137.70 feet; thence run north 34 degrees 34 minutes west 145.60 feet; thence run north 55 degrees 10 minutes east 239.10 feet; thence run south 33 degrees 52 minutes east 300 feet to the point of beginning, containing 1.59 acres, together with all improvements thereon and all rights there to belonging, as per survey prepared by Wayne Williamson, Registered Land Surveyor dated February 18, 1987.

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JASON R. PARKER  
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Webster Parish,  
Louisiana

Linda Vaughan -  
Deputy

**February 11, 2022  
March 11, 2022  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

NOTICE is hereby given that 1803 Electric Cooperative, Inc., Beauregard Electric Cooperative, Inc., Claiborne Electric Cooperative, Inc., Northeast Louisiana Power Cooperative, Inc., South Louisiana Electric Cooperative Association, and Washington-St. Tammany Electric Cooperative, Inc., have applied to the Louisiana Public Service Commission (the "LPSC") for approval of the 1803 wholesale formula rate and the 1803 Member Wholesale Power Contracts in a matter entitled "1803 Electric Cooperative, Inc.; Beauregard Electric Cooperative, Inc.; Claiborne Electric Cooperative, Inc.; Northeast Electric Cooperative, Inc.; South Louisiana Electric Cooperative Assoc.; and Washington- St. Tammany Electric Cooperative, Inc. In re: Application for Approval of the 1803 Electric Cooperative, Inc. Wholesale Formula Rate Plan and Member Wholesale Power Contracts" docketed as DOCKET NO. U-36268, which would increase the wholesale cost of electricity initially by \$0.80 per megawatt hour in 2022, \$1.40 in 2023, and \$1.46 in 2024. For an end-use member customer using 1,200 kilowatt hours a month, the cost is estimated to be \$0.96 per month in 2022 up to \$1.75 per month in 2024. Beginning in 2025, it is forecasted that the wholesale cost of electricity provided to the five retail cooperatives listed above will decline from current levels (excluding fuel).

1803 Electric Cooperative is a newly formed wholesale power supply cooperative that will begin providing the electric power and energy needs of the five electric cooperatives named above which provide retail electric service to member customers in portions of Louisiana.

This filing may be viewed in the offices of the LPSC located at 602 North Fifth Street, Galvez Bldg, 11th Floor, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, phone 225-342-4404, and on the LPSC website (www.lpsc.org) under Docket No. U-36268.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

A Public Hearing of the Webster Parish Police Jury will be held on **Tuesday, March 1, 2022** at 10:30 a.m. on the west side of the Webster Parish Courthouse Annex, Police Jury Meeting Room at 401 Main Street, Minden, Louisiana. The Public Hearing is to hear comments concerning the **adoption of Webster Parish Reapportionment Plan 1 of the Webster Parish Police Jury.**

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

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**SHERIFF'S SALE**

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

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

By virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued out of the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, in the above styled and numbered suit and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder for cash WITH-OUT the benefit of appraisalment and according to law at the principal front door of the Court-house in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana on WEDNESDAY, March 16, 2022, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

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**SOLD SUBJECT TO ANY SUPERIOR LIENS, MORTGAGES OR PRIVILEGES THERETO.**  
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JASON R. PARKER  
Sheriff & Ex-Officio  
Auctioneer  
Webster Parish,  
Louisiana

Linda Vaughan -  
Deputy

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF MINDEN, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN IN REGULAR SESSION HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2022.**

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

Prayer was offered by Michael Roy and Pam Bloxom led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon motion by Wayne Edwards and duly seconded by Michael Roy, the council adopted the minutes of Council Regular Session held on January 4, 2022, and Council Special Session held on January 13, 2022, as presented, by the following vote: Ayes: Wayne Edwards, Michael Roy and Pam Bloxom. Nays: Terika Williams-Walker and Vincen Bradford. Absent: None. The motion carried.

Pam Bloxom moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1126, an Ordinance to Amend and Reenact Appendix A - Zoning, Article 2 - General Provisions, Section 2.12 - Home Occupations Permitted and Article 25 - Definitions of the Code of Ordinances, City of

Minden, State of Louisiana, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Michael Roy. Terika Williams-Walker offered a substitute motion to table this matter until a workshop could be held for further discussion. The substitute motion was duly seconded by Vincen Bradford and the vote was as follows: Ayes: Wayne Edwards, Terika Williams-Walker and Vincen Bradford. Nays: Michael Roy and Pam Bloxom. Absent: None. Abstain: None. The substitute motion carried.

Upon motion by Wayne Edwards and duly seconded by Terika Williams-Walker, the council unanimously adopted a Resolution to Amend the City of Minden 2020/2021 Budget, as presented. Said resolution is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

A Resolution Regarding a Lease Purchase Agreement for the Purpose of Financing a Backyard Bucket Truck was unanimously adopted, as presented, upon motion by Michael Roy and duly seconded by Vincen Bradford. Said resolution is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

A Resolution Regarding a Lease Purchase Agreement for the Purpose of Financing a Cab Tractor and Mowing Implements was unanimously adopted, as presented, upon motion by Wayne Edwards and duly seconded by Vincen Bradford. Said resolution is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Upon motion by Michael Roy and duly seconded by Wayne Edwards, a Resolution Adopting the 2021 Webster Parish Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan was unanimously adopted, as presented. Said resolution is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Upon motion by Michael Roy and duly seconded by Wayne Edwards, a Resolution adopting the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for the Audit Period of 10/1/2020 - 9/30/2021 was unanimously adopted, as presented. Said resolution is attached to and made a part of these minutes. Terika Williams-Walker noted for the record that Acting City Clerk Michael Fluhr's name needs to be added to the questionnaire.

Michael Roy moved to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract with William Douglas Mitchell, Executive Director of The North Delta Regional Planning and Development District, Inc. for the 2022 City of Minden Redistricting Project, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Terika Williams-Walker and carried unanimously.

Wayne Edwards moved to authorize the City Clerk to award Surplus Property Bid Nos. 01-2022, 02-2022, 03-2022, 04-2022, 05-2022 and 06-2022 to the highest qualified bidder meeting all specifications. The motion was duly seconded by Terika Williams-Walker and carried unanimously.

Upon motion by Wayne Edwards and duly seconded by Vincen Bradford, the council authorized the City Clerk to advertise for bids for the purchase of one (1) 2500 or 3500 Crew Cab Chassis 4 X 4 Flatbed Pick-up Truck by the following vote: Ayes: Wayne Edwards, Terika Williams-Walker, Vincen Bradford and Pam Bloxom. Nays: None. Absent: Michael Roy. Heather Feedback, Assistant City Clerk, presented the Budget/Financial Report for the month of December, 2021. No motion was required.

Upon motion by

Vincen Bradford and duly seconded by Michael Roy, the council unanimously approved the Police Report for December of 2021, as presented.

There were no public announcements, Council comments were heard and the meeting was adjourned.

Terry L. Gardner,  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Michael Fluhr,  
Acting City Clerk

*Please note: All attachments to these minutes are on file for public viewing at Minden City Hall, 520 Broadway Street during regular working hours.*

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**NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT NOTICE AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS FOR TIERED PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS STATEWIDE FEDERAL ASSISTANCE FOR HOMEOWNER RECOVERY PROGRAMS - NORTHWEST REGION OF LOUISIANA**

Patrick Forbes,  
Executive Director  
Louisiana Division of  
Administration  
Office of Community  
Development  
("LA OCD")  
617 N. Third Street,  
6th Floor  
Baton Rouge, LA  
70802  
(225) 219-9600

**Notice Issued:** Publishing by February 18, 2022. These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the LA OCD.

**REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or after March 8, 2022 the LA OCD will submit a request to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of funds approved September 2021, appropriated as part of the Disaster Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law No: 117-43,); published February 3, 2022 in Federal Register Docket No. FR-6303-N-01; to undertake programs known as Statewide Federal Assistance for Homeowner Recovery for the purpose of minor and major rehabilitation, reconstruction, buyouts/demolition to greenspace, relocation and new construction of single-family residences, duplexes, one-to-four unit structures, mobile homes, and resilient manufactured (modular) housing units. The request at this time is for funding limited to certain parishes; however, environmental review was completed covering activities with potential for all 64 parishes in the event of allocations forthcoming. This review request covers improvements of residential properties, specific address not yet identified, within the target area of the Northwest Region of Louisiana (Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, De Soto, Natchitoches, Red River, Sabine, and Webster Parishes). The Tier 1 review has been prepared in accordance with the Environmental Assessment level of review per 24 CFR Part 58.36. Tier 2 site-specific reviews will cover the laws and authorities not addressed in the Tier 1 broad review including: airport hazards, flood insurance, contamination and toxic substances, historic preservation, wild and

scenic rivers and noise abatement. For each of the laws and authorities listed in the Tier 2 site-specific review, issues will be addressed, and mitigation measures, conditions or permits required will be implemented. The estimated total amount of HUD funding requested for this activity is \$6,477,219; proposed activity funding will also include previously released CDBG-MIT funds. Any non-HUD funded activities would be funded by private applicants/property owners and are unknown.

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

The LA OCD has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the LA OCD Office at 617 N. Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana and may be examined or copied weekdays between 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. If you would like to request an electronic copy, please submit your request to Tina. Cantrell@la.gov.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR via email to the LA OCD at Tina. Cantrell@la.gov. All comments received by March 7, 2022 will be considered by this office prior to the authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. All comments should specify which part of this notice they are addressing.

**ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION**

LA OCD certifies to HUD that Patrick Forbes, in his capacity as Executive Director, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the LA OCD to use Program Funds.

**OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and to the LA OCD's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request, whichever is later, only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer or other officer of LA OCD approved by HUD; (b) LA OCD has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the project have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted via email in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to DRSI, Division Director, Dep. of Housing and Urban Development at Disaster\_Recovery@hud.gov. Potential

objectors should contact HUD via email (Disaster\_Recovery@hud.gov) to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Patrick Forbes,  
Executive Director  
LA Office of Community Development

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Village of Dixie Inn  
Regular Session  
February 8, 2022

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 February 8, 2022, 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, which included Mr. Brian Conditt, GM, Live Oak Environmental, LLC.

A motion was made by Judy McKenzie and seconded by Lance Milligan to adopt the minutes of the Regular Session of January 11, 2022. 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 Donna Hoffoss and seconded by Judy McKenzie to adopt all financial statements for January 2022. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

Department Reports:

Mike Chreene reported all is well with the water department.

Chief Edwards was not present - no police report.

Council members discussed hiring of another police officer.

Mayor Kay Hallmark-Stratton announced there will be a 2022-2023 budget workshop at 4:00 p.m. on February 25, 2022. In March, Mayor plans to discuss best usage for the Village funds from the Webster Parish Police Jury. St. Jude and Muddy Bottoms will be held this coming weekend. The mayor suggested the 2014 Tahoe be parked under the maintenance shed in the water yard to protect it from the weather.

New Business:

A motion was made by Lance Milligan and seconded by Judy McKenzie to accept the Live Oak Environmental, LLC contract. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

Mayor Kay Hallmark-Stratton presented a quote to the Council regarding IT Management, matter was tabled.

Old Business:

There was no old business to discuss.

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


ATTEST:  
Kay Hallmark-Stratton  
Mayor

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Webster Parish Convention & Visitors Commission  
P. O. Box 1526 Minden, Louisiana 71058-1526

Minutes of the  
Webster Parish Tourism Commission Regular Meeting

Wednesday, December 8, 2021  
Greater Minden Chamber, 110 Sibley Road, Minden, LA 71055

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, Karen Calvert, Sara McDaniel, Nick Cox, and Johnnye Kennon, Administrative Assistant. Absent was Nicky Patel.

Ty Pendergrass called the meeting to order.

Derek Melancon led the Prayer and Karen Calvert led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Derek Melancon made the motion to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, September 15, 2021. Sara McDaniel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Financial Review**  
Christine Cole presented the financial review for the year 2020. Tracy made the motion to accept the report. Nick Cox 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. Karen Calvert seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Sara McDaniel made the motion to approve the proposed budget for 2022. Derek Melancon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Tourism Report**  
Administrative Assistant, Johnnye Kennon, Informed the Commissioners that WPCVC was approved for ARPA Louisiana Tourism Revival Program Funds and the funds would be deposited directly into the checking account. She notified the Commissioners of the need to purchase insurance for the upcoming Hayride, and the dates of the upcoming events.

Sara McDaniel gave an update on the HGTV Show the various projects going on around Minden. Tracy made the motion to appoint Sara McDaniel and Rachel Miller Film and Media Liaison for the Webster Parish Convention & Visitors Commission. Derek Melancon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**New Business**  
Derek Melancon made the motion to approve the cooperative endeavor for the Greater Minden Chamber in the amount of \$2,500 for fireworks for Christmas in Minden. Nick Cox seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Nick Cox made the motion to approve the advertising grant for the Vintage Car Club in the amount of \$2,000 for the Annual Show and Shine. Tracy Campbell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Derek Melancon made the motion to approve the CEA for Homer Humphreys. Sara McDaniel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Sara McDaniel made the motion to go into executive session. Tracy Campbell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Karen Calvert made the motion to reconvene open meeting. Tracy Campbell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Karen Calvert made the motion to approve compensation for Johnnye Kennon for taking on the additional duties in the absence of the Executive Director. Tracy Campbell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

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**Maintenance Supervisor**  
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## If you’re a duck

We probably can’t recall the number of times we’ve heard sermons on the diversity of gifts, and may have even taken tests to try and determine our gifts. But, if we looked closely at ourselves, the things we enjoy doing and do fairly well, we could most likely recognize at least one gift with which we have been blessed.

Romans 12 tells us even though we are one body, we have different gifts.

“For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office..

“Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us,”

We are exhorted to

use our gifts, accordingly.

I can’t even imagine the times I wished I could play the piano, or sing in the choir, or



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been gifted, however it might not be as obvious to others as these special gifts.

teach like someone else does. I have to be careful not to be envious of their talents and gifts. I realize that I, too, have

I try to remind myself that I can be an encourager, a group leader, a planner, or perform other tasks that must be done in the church.

As I ruminated on this topic, I was reminded of an article I had clipped and saved from a publication that was copied from Pulpit Helps, titled, “If You’re a Duck, Swim”.

The story goes that a group of animals decided to improve themselves by starting a school with the curriculum including swimming, running, climbing and flying.

The duck, an excellent swimmer, majored in climbing, running and flying. The result was detrimental to his swimming.

The rabbit, a superior runner, had to spend so much time in other classes that he lost much of his famed speed. The squirrel, who had rated “A” in climbing dropped to a “C” when he was made to spend hours trying to swim and fly.

The eagle was expert in soaring to the treetops but he was told he had to learn to climb, even though flying was

what was natural to him.

This portrays what often happens in the church. We each have a gift, but our gifts differ. Some of us try to do so many different things, we lose our effectiveness in our most qualified area. As a result, the body suffers.

Romans 12 exhorts us to use the gift we have.

If God made you a duck saint, you’re a duck. Swim and don’t get upset because you waddle when you walk. If you’re an eagle saint, stop expecting squirrels to fly like you do,

or rabbit saints to build nests like you do. They are doing their own things, using their own gifts.

Diversity of gifts makes the body effective.

Don’t fret if you don’t play the piano, or sing, or teach, or preach as well as someone else.

Just remember, you are gifted and if you’re duck, swim.

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