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## POLICE NEWS

### Traffic stop leads to drug arrest of Shreveport woman

STAFF REPORT  
Minden Press-Herald

A Shreveport woman was arrested on drug charges during a traffic stop on Tuesday.

Crystal Miller (37) was spotted driving a car bearing Texas plates down Shreveport Road. "I witnessed the driver swerve in between the lanes, bumping the right fog line," stated the arrest record. The officer initiated a traffic stop and made contact with Miller. "I could smell what I recognize from my training and experience to be the smell of burning marijuana," the report continued.



MILLER

After informing Miller of what he smelled and reading her Miranda rights, "the driver produced a glass pipe that she stated was used to smoke methamphetamine and a cigarette box containing two marijuana blunts." When asked if there were any other narcotics in the vehicle, Miller said that there was methamphetamine in her purse.

Miller was placed under arrest, transported to the Minden Police Department, and charged with possession of schedule 1 controlled dangerous substance, possession of schedule 2 controlled dangerous substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, and failure to maintain lane. She was later transported to Bayou Dorcheat Correctional Center.

## EASTER SEASON IN MINDEN

# EGG-CEPTIONAL

Easter Season egg hunts take place over weekend



To Celebrate the upcoming Easter Holiday, both the Webster Parish Library and Farm of Cultural Crossroads hosted egg hunts over the weekend. These events saw numerous attendees scrambling through the fields of grass filling their baskets to the brim with a variety of colored eggs containing all types of sweet treats for the children to enjoy.



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While the egg hunts were the main event, there were other activities to be enjoyed. The library also offered Easter decoration making arts & crafts while at the Farm kids could wait for their turn to hunt while jumping around in the bounce houses that were set up for the occasion.

## Dorcheat Museum encouraging folks to 'Tie One On' Vintage aprons, recipes, cookbooks sought

AMBER MCDOWN  
Minden Press-Herald

The Dorcheat Museum is gathering aprons, recipes, and pictures of great cooks for an exhibit that will run until October 1st.

The Dorcheat Museum, which is located at 116 Pearl Street, is an excellent local museum with the goal of preserving the history of Webster Parish. This current exhibition, titled "Tie One On," provides a way to share and preserve family histories.

"Aprons tie us to the past in more ways than one," said Schelley Francis of the Dorcheat Museum. "The memories of meals shared and recipes

handed down through time is what cooking and family is all about. Many times a simple recipe takes us down memory lane or the smell of a pound cake cooking in the oven."

This exhibit is open for both the younger and older cooks. So if you have your great grandma's recipe or if your youngest has taken to cooking with a passion, the Dorcheat Museum is interested in highlighting their histories.



FRANCIS

If you are interested in being part of this exhibition, this is what they need: an apron, two pictures to go with the apron (one of the cook and the other can be a family picture), a recipe (handwritten if possible), and a short bio about the person who owned/owns the apron. The aprons will stay on display until October 1st and can then be picked up October 2nd. The photographs and handwritten recipes will be scanned and immediately returned. If you have no apron to include, you could still provide a handwritten recipe along with a few vintage pictures to be added to the Dorcheat Museum's



cookbook.

This is a great time to get some of your family's history added to the museum. The exhibit will also be part of their Fund-raiser Gala for 2022 coming September 12th.

If you've never been to

the Dorcheat Museum, you should certainly check it out. They are open Tuesdays through Fridays 10:00-4:00 (closed for lunch 1:00-2:00) and, while there is no charge to visit, donations are happily accepted.

## LEGISLATURE

### Interstate tolls ban fails to move forward in Louisiana House committee

(The Center Square) - A Louisiana lawmaker wants to outlaw tolls on the state's interstate system by removing exceptions to an existing ban, but a House committee has deferred his bill.

State Rep. Les Farnum, R-Sulphur, told the House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works that Louisiana law prohibits tolls on existing roads, bridges, overpasses or highways

"unless you improve or expand the system."

Farnum sponsored House Bill 814 to remove the exception because he said tolls constitute a double tax and plans in the works to toll I-10 to

fund bridge work would send the wrong message to folks coming into the state.

"I believe the money is there, it's just the path of least resistance, I believe, that you put a toll on I-10,"

Farnum said during Tuesday's committee meeting. "You can go from San Diego to Jacksonville, Florida, and not pay a toll."

"I don't want to be the first example in the United States to say, 'Ok, as

soon as you get into Louisiana, we're going to tax you again," he said. "Y'all come visit our pretty state, but we're going to tax you as soon as you get here."

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# WEBSTER & MORE

## SCHOOLS



COURTESY PHOTOS  
Scenes from Brown Upper Elementary School's achievement parade.



## Brown Upper Elementary celebrates students with parade

Special to the Minden Press-Herald

Students at Brown Upper Elementary School in Springhill held a parade on April 8 to mark their incredible achievements this school year. The students and teachers were

given a police escort as they marched through the nearby neighborhood. Each student held up a certificate that showcased their accomplishments in math, reading and other subjects. The Grand Marshal for the

parade was Tampa Bay Buccaneers linebacker and Webster Parish native Devin White. In addition to the parade, Brown Upper Elementary students took part in an afternoon Easter egg hunt for some great prizes. Because of

Webster Parish's new school calendar, this was the last day of class for students before a two-week break. During that time, the district offers an intersession, which helps struggling students catch up with their classmates' progress.

## BLOTTER

### Recent Arrests in Webster Parish

Timothy Washington, 49, of the 700 block of Sibley Road, was arrested for disturbing the peace and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Joshua Thomas, 27, of the 700 block of Creighton, was arrested for remaining on property after being forbidden.

Jimmy Shine Jr., 33, of the 900 block of North Main Street, was arrested for public intoxication, remaining on property after being forbidden, and resisting an officer.

Morgan Thomas, 32, was arrested for remaining on property after being forbidden.

Alexander Gonzales, 24, was arrested on multiple warrants.

Crystal Miller, 37, was arrested for improper lane usage, possession of a schedule I substance, possession of a schedule II substance, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Daniel Collins, 35, of the 500 block of Holomon Loop, was arrested for possession of a schedule I substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, obstruction of driver view, and improper lane usage.

Marty Flow, 33, of the

1200 block of Shreveport Road, was arrested for being a fugitive of the WPSO.

Christain Hall, 21, of the 2700 block of Stanberry Drive, was arrested for being a fugitive of Caddo.

Sarah Seamster, 38, of the 1100 block of Cherry Street, was arrested for a hit and run and no driver's license.

Roshun Huey, 33, of the 1300 block of Lee Street, was arrested for driving while intoxicated, no driver's license, failure to stop at a stop sign, and for an outstanding warrant.

Yvonne Layton, 46, of the 1000 block of Taylor Street, was arrested for criminal neglect of family.

Matthew Clayton, 24, of the 400 block of Jessica Drive, was arrested on a warrant.

Marty Flow, 42, of the 3500 block of Highway 435, was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of synthetic drugs.

Samual Miller, 33, of the 100 block of Parkside Landing, was arrested for domestic abuse battery and domestic abuse battery with child endangerment.

Derrian Markray, of the 600 block of Pershing Street, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

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BOOTS ON THE BOULEVARD

Here’s your ‘new’ sign

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A new Welcome Sign for the City of Minden was unveiled last Friday at the City’s Boots on the Boulevard event. The event was created to join the State of Louisiana’s Love the Boot campaign that prompted cities throughout the state to take part in beautification efforts.

“Love the Boot Week is a statewide effort designed by Keep Louisiana Beautiful to bring thousands of citizens together to participate in cleanup and beautification events, all the while bringing awareness to the littering problem and its negative impacts on Louisiana,” states a press release from the Lt. Governor’s office.

More than just a new welcome sign, the event also served as a rededication of Jacqueline Park, which received some upgrades as a result of fundraising efforts as well as some services that were generously donated by local businesses. The event was able to raise \$26,200 for the projects, nearly doubling their initial goal of \$14,000.

One update that Jacqueline Park has undergone include the replace-



A celebration of completed repair work on the Jacquelyn Park gazebo took place as part of Boots on the Boulevard.

ment of the gazebo’s roof, with the labor and shingles being donated by Speer Roofing. The gazebo also saw the installation of a cell phone charging station for visitors to use. The walkways throughout the park also received some touch ups including a thorough power washing donated by JD’s Clean Krete & Pressure Washing Services. Furthermore, the park grounds received a landscaping uplift contributed free of charge by TG Companies, which included the planting of 35 new trees.

Just to the side of the gazebo you will find the dedicated bricks that were engraved with the names of businesses, organiza-

tions, or individuals who bought a top level sponsorship. These businesses include Blazer Construction; Chief T.C. Bloxom, Jr.; CW&W Contractors, Inc.; Gardner Group & TG Companies; Harold L. Gardner; Dr. Zach Goodman, DDS; JD’s Clean Krete & Pressure Washing; Lyda & James Madden; Claire & Harry McInnis, Sr.; Rosalie & John McInnis; Mercy’s Closet; Minden Main Street; Newt Brown Contractors, LLC; Perryman Welding; Republic Services; Sanders Machine, Inc.; Speer Roofing & Construction; Tucker Electric; Walmart Minden; Dot & Joe Winham; and Gay Stewart & Marcus Wren, Jr.



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That’s just not a good message, in my mind.”

Farnum explained that money included in the infrastructure law approved by Congress could fund the bridge work, but it requires lawmakers, the governor and the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to agree it’s a priority.

Farnum pointed out the I-10 bridge in Lake Charles costs about the same as a \$700 million planned expansion of the Baton Rouge bridge, though there is no plan to toll the latter.

“The playing field just needs to be the same all across the state,” he said.

Some lawmakers on the committee expressed concerns the bill would limit options for other big planned projects and

questioned how it would affect public-private partnerships that rely on a return on investment.

Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development Secretary Shawn Wilson told the committee the I-10 bridge in Lake Charles is in the procurement process for a public-private partnership and HB 814 “would undermine that procurement process.”

Wilson stressed the state and private partners have invested millions in the procurement process, and argued that having all available options to pay for big transportation projects is critical to getting the work done.

“All of the above approach is what we have to do in infrastructure today,” Wilson said. “It’s not a luxury. It’s not where anyone wants to be. But if we want to deliver these

projects, it’s going to take a host of things, from funding alternatives to financing tools. And the funding is the actual revenue that we get.

“The bigger issue is the message (HB 814) sends regarding our commitment or seriousness to being able to pursue the private partnership market,” he said.

Wilson contended there is no way to pay for \$1 billion-plus projects without private partnerships.

Rep. Mack Cormier, D-Belle Chasse, countered Wilson’s claim by pointing out some private businesses charge states use fees spread over decades, instead of imposing tolls.

“In a (public-private partnership) project, there’s ways to get around it,” he said. “It’s just something you really have to dig in to try to find, oth-

erwise you can get stuck with a toll.”

Local officials from Belle Chasse explained how the law would have prevented a toll on a bridge there that’s expected to generate \$700 million for the developer, money generated from locals who cross the structure daily for school and other necessities.

A representative from the Louisiana Motor Transport Association testified about other issues with tolls, as well as the negative effect the tolls have on those who deliver goods. The Southwest Louisiana Alliance, an economic development group, as well as lobbyists and locals from Ascension Parish opposed the bill.

The committee ultimately voted 6-9 to defer HB 814.



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OTHER OPINION

Private school vouchers provide students a better chance to excel? Prove it

JAY BOOKMAN  
Special to the Minden Press-Herald

Lawmakers are pitching expansions of school voucher programs to use taxpayer money to pay private school tuition with unproven claims that learning opportunities are better. (Klaus Vedfelt/Getty Images)

Bit by bit, inch by inch, year by year, Republicans in the Georgia General Assembly and in legislatures across the country have been moving toward passage of full-fledged school-voucher systems that would inevitably undermine public education.

This year, at least for the moment, and at least in Georgia, that incremental advance has been stalled. Perhaps wary of angering teachers on the eve of the 2022 election, the Georgia Senate rejected a bill this week that would have provided \$6,000 vouchers to encourage public-school students to switch to private schools. As pointed out by Stephen Owens of the Georgia Public Policy Institute, that would have been in addition to two existing voucher programs in Georgia that last year funneled more than \$130 million to private schools.

However, voucher advocates are a stubborn bunch, and they will be back. Some of their passion is driven by ideology, by a blind faith that the free-enterprise system can do everything better. Others are driven by the desire to leave the perceived problems of the public-school system behind, seeking shelter in private schools with a carefully curated student body. And investors and private companies eager to tap into what they envision as a highly profitable new industry play an increasingly important role in pushing the idea.

But let's talk a little bit about the reason that public education exists in the first place. Why did we decide two centuries ago that it was necessary to tax people, business and property for public schools? Why

did we pass laws making education mandatory, forcing children to attend school rather than work on their parents' farm or shop or in factories?

We did so because we recognize that to a substantial degree, children are a communal resource and a communal obligation. Like every human society since the dawn of the species, we do so because children are emphatically not just the responsibility of their parents. We all have an interest in them, and that's why, through government, we require each other to contribute financially to the cause of educating them.

Now, having accepted the need to use the power of the state to collect money to educate children, what should we do with those resources? Voucher advocates tell us that government's role should end with collecting and dispersing the money to parents, that the parents should decide where to send their children and that "the money should follow the child." Furthermore, because this is a fad driven by free-market ideology, not practicality, the ideology insists that government can't interfere in how those private schools use government-provided money. It can't influence curriculum, admission standards, performance standards, etc., even when government is paying all or much of the bill.

About this point, the hypocrisies are multiplying like rabbits. Many of those who are most insistent that government has no right to regulate private schools funded by government money would, in any other context, be apoplectic at the idea of just giving people government money, no strings attached, on the assumption that they would know best how to spend it. Yet that's essentially what they propose with vouchers.

And today, many of those insisting that voucher money go to private schools with no strings attached, with no government control over curriculum, staff, admissions, etc., are simultaneously insisting on mi-

cro-managing what goes on in public schools, from the books allowed in the school library to the content of history classes to sports programs to mandating the pledge of allegiance or even school prayers.

In one arena, government money requires strict government oversight, with ridiculous "don't say gay" laws and restrictions against non-existent "critical race theory;" in the other arena, government oversight is forbidden.

Now, if we have a mutual obligation to ensure that children are educated, if that's the justification for school taxes, how can we say that our obligation ends with providing tuition money, and that we don't have to care or worry about how that money is spent? To voucher advocates, the answer to that is the free-enterprise system. They argue that we don't have to worry about the quality of voucher-funded schools because parents will want to put their children in the best quality schools possible, forcing schools to compete on the basis of academic quality.

In the words of Woodstock state Republican Rep. Wes Cantrell, author of a Georgia vouchers bill:

"I submit to you today that if parents had a choice, that all of these issues would take care of themselves because schools would have to be more responsive to parents if they knew the parents could go to something else."

"All these issues would take care of themselves." How nice to be able to believe that.

Fortunately, or unfortunately, we have a close analogy from which to gauge the merits of Cantrell's claim. For-profit colleges may not be financed through vouchers, but they rely very heavily on government-backed college loans, which in form and function are pretty similar to vouchers. If competition and the free-enterprise system force schools to excel academically to attract students, as the theory insists, then for-

profit colleges ought to be bastions of academic performance, producing graduates that dominate their fields of expertise.

Except, of course, they don't. Not even close. Even the best for-profit schools struggle to provide the level of education provided by mediocre community colleges for a lot less money, and many younger Americans who have taken out loans to pay tuition at for-profit schools have found themselves saddled with debt that they may never have the earning power to pay back. Frankly, a lot of the for-profit schools have been little more than scams.

So why hasn't the theory worked out in reality? Well, it turns out academic excellence is expensive to create and hard to measure and market, and there are much easier, cheaper more profitable ways to compete for students. Sure, you can spend \$100,000 to hire a new math professor for your school. But if you take that same \$100,000 and spend it on marketing, TV ads and student recruitment, the impact on your student enrollment and profit margin will be much more dramatic. There's just very little evidence of schools even attempting to compete on academics.

No advocate of vouchers has ever been able to explain how K-12 for-profit schools would operate differently than for-profit colleges. The incentives would be the same, the dynamics would be the same. There's every reason to believe that the outcome would be the same as well.

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OTHER OPINION

Dems need to help families afford gasoline, not electric vehicles

HANK NAUGHTON  
Special to the Minden Press-Herald

When our economy is strong, that typically correlates with the U.S. president having a good job approval rating. But even though the country added 431,000 jobs in March, and unemployment has hit a pandemic-era low of 3.6 percent, Joe Biden's favorability with the American people continually hovers in the low 40s - which isn't good.

With the midterm elections looming this fall, a lot of Democrats are wondering what the president and his allies in Congress can do to restore trust with the American people. After all, unless President Joe Biden's poll numbers improve, it is more likely than not that Democrats will suffer serious losses this November, ceding the House and perhaps even the Senate back to Republican control.

One potential theory about why Biden is suffering from such low approval ratings, is the concern that the president, his administration, and many Democrats are out of touch or focusing on the wrong issues. Or in other words, focusing on policies that prioritize the

progressive elements of the Democratic Party, but are issues that most people either disagree with or simply don't care much about.

For example, as the American people struggle with record high gasoline prices, the Secretary of Energy touted the importance of a recent \$5 billion government investment in charging stations for electric vehicles, often called EVs. It's not that EVs - over time - won't play an important role in our effort to reduce our dependence on oil. It's just that prioritizing EVs is not a lifeline for working-class Americans trying to make ends meet. After all, the cost of the average EV is nearly \$52,000.

Looking closer at this issue, my organization just commissioned a poll on the attitudes of the American people on EVs. Unfortunately, yet unsurprisingly, the poll found that most people are struggling with the price of fuel at the pump. We found that 91% of respondents are either "very concerned" or "somewhat concerned" about the high costs of gas and oil. Sadly, 44% of respondents said high gas prices are "making it hard to make ends meet."

When we asked people how Congress should prioritize spending, issues that were most appeal-

ing were increased funding for "ending childhood hunger," "fixing our roads and bridges," and "for police training and hiring." Coming in dead last among respondents: "More funding for increasing the number of electric vehicles."

Here are some other key findings of the poll:

Only 7% of respondents strongly support adding "an additional charge on people's electrical bill to help fund the building of charging stations for electric vehicles"

Only 14% of the 1,000 respondents say they are "very likely" to purchase an EV in the next two years

For those not likely to buy an EV in the next two years or more, expense was the top concern

To get gas prices down, the most popular solutions are: "Temporarily stop charging state and federal taxes on gas," "Increase the number of permits for drilling for oil and gas," and the president's recent decision to release gasoline from the strategic reserve was popular with just over half of the respondents

But, to combat these high gas prices, only 26% of respondents think "we need to do whatever we can to get as many electric vehicles on the road as quickly as possible,

including the federal government subsidizing the costs of the cars and building the infrastructure for charging stations"

While Democrats are struggling today, the good news is that the American people are not hiding the issues that they prioritize and find meaningful. There is abundant polling out there that shows strengthening the economy, confronting inflation, and the pandemic and the cost of health care are issues that are at the top of people's minds.

As the leader of a group advocating for politically moderate policies, I urge the Biden administration and Congressional Democrats to listen to the voters and focus on their priorities. If Democrats respond to the needs of the nation, then I think we can both do well in the midterms, but more importantly, help our fellow Americans make ends meet during these challenging times.

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EDITORIAL ROUNDUP

The Advocate: Will GOP veto override win stand?

In a caucus of 68 members, there are probably seven or eight different political parties among Republicans in the Louisiana House.

There are Republican members who act like old-fashioned "silk stocking" Democrats from urban areas. Members who behave like traditional populists, often from rural areas. Hardcore party activists, with agendas in policy that can vary considerably from other caucus members. Regional ties divide further the political landscape in the ornate chamber.

Despite all this, remarkably, Speaker Clay Schexnayder of Gonzales held his caucus together in a 72-31 override of Gov. John Bel Edwards' veto of a new map for Louisiana congressional districts. The Senate followed

suit, 27-11.

It was only the third override of a governor's veto since adoption of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution. One of those was an uncontroversial decision about a 1993 bill that Gov. Edwin W. Edwards vetoed but then reconsidered, so he was technically overridden, but without political drama.

But there was enormous, and emotional, political drama in 1991, when Gov. Buddy Roemer's veto of an anti-abortion bill was overridden.

In today's case, maybe less emotion and more party politics, as the second Gov. Edwards more or less had to veto a new congressional map that protected the 5-1 Republican advantage in the state's U.S. House delegation. That was the party position for Edwards, a Demo-

crat. Republicans were just as committed the other way.

But a two-thirds vote in the House, 70 of 105 members, can be hard to achieve under the best of circumstances. Schexnayder's caucus was joined by several no-party members and one Democrat, veteran Francis Thompson of Delhi, who wanted to keep intact the political interests of his region's member of Congress, Julia Letlow.

In unpacking all the events, the mini-party of GOP hardliners in the House crowded.

"It's probably just the first veto override," state Rep. Alan Seabaugh, R-Shreveport, said afterward. "We tried last year and failed. This time we broke down the door. He better be careful."

We don't quite see it that way. The GOP blocs in House and Senate held together on

a highly party-oriented issue, and further one where influential members of Congress wanted state lawmakers to approve their favored districts.

Does this mean that on an issue involving state policies the party line will result in frequent efforts to override a popular governor in his last two years in office? We won't say it's impossible for Seabaugh's prediction to come true, but we wonder if that's the lasting effect of events Wednesday.

Other votes may well be different, as in the veto session last year, when all of Edwards' vetoes were upheld against a full-court press by Schexnayder and Senate President Page Cortez, R-Lafayette.

Edwards portrayed his redistricting veto as the right

thing to do, aimed at landing a second majority-Black district of the six. Louisiana's Black population is about a third of the total.

The question of whether the new map is legal will be settled in federal court, where civil rights groups filed suit Wednesday.

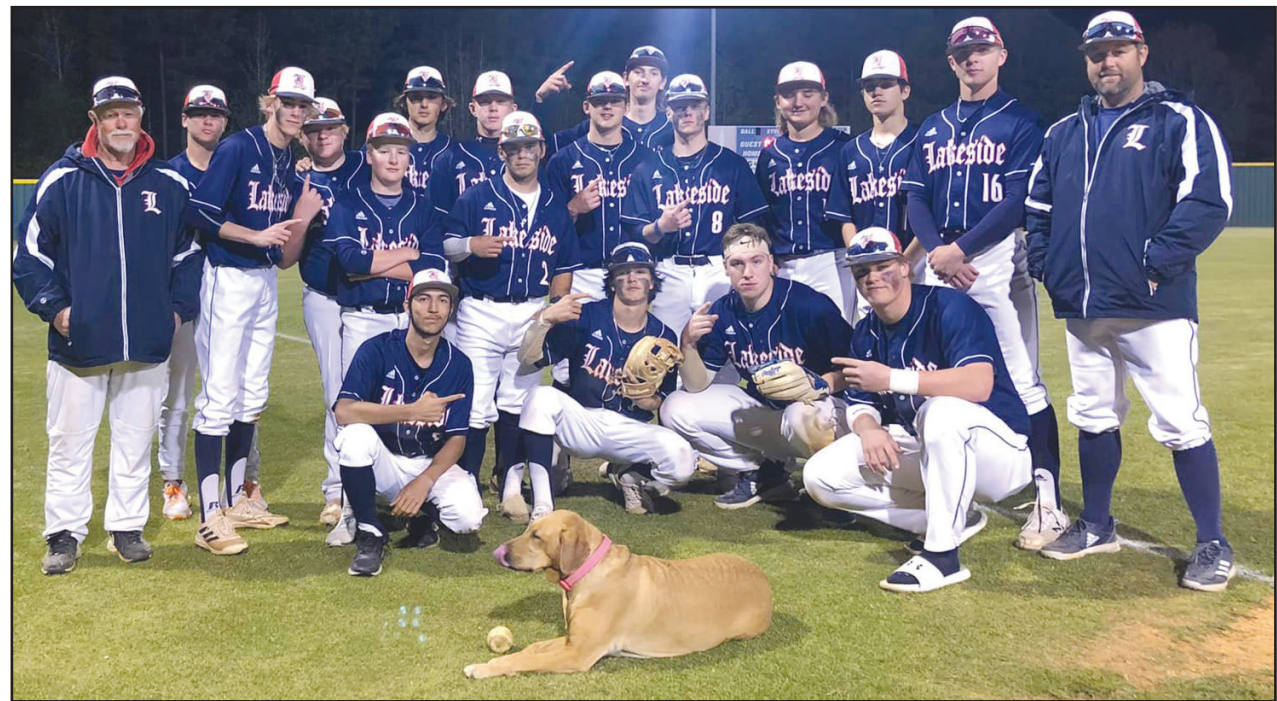
New battles on state issues, not federal district lines, may come up during 2023, a state election year. A lame-duck Edwards may find his influence more conspicuously waning soon.

Still, we don't think Seabaugh's take reflects the overall judgment at the State Capitol. Many of the mini-parties in the GOP majority don't necessarily want conflicts with the governor.

But we know that Edwards is a man who doesn't like to lose. And he did.



SPORTS



The Lakeside Warriors baseball team wrapped up an undefeated District 1-2B season on Thursday with a 20-0 win over Jonesboro Hodge.

Warriors capture district title

T. SCOTT BOATRUGHT  
Minden Press-Herald

One of the hottest teams in Louisiana prep baseball closed out its District 1-2A season in dominant fashion Friday as the Lakeside Warriors defeated Jonesboro-Hodge 20-0.

The Warriors stand at 18-7 (9-0 in district) and are currently the 12th-ranked baseball team in Class 2A according to GeauxPreps.com.

Lake's seven-game win streak was snapped on Saturday in a 13-9

loss to Loyola Prep.

**Minden 12, Taylor (Arkansas) 2**  
Minden rolled its record to 13-8 Saturday as the Crimson Tide defeated Arkansas' Taylor High School 12-2 to snap a two-game skid. The Tide stands at 2-1 in District 1-4A.

**North Webster 18, Bossier 0**  
North Webster snapped a two-game losing streak with a big shut-out over Bossier on Saturday as the Knights upped their record to 16-

11 and 3-2 in District 1-3A.

**Glenbrook 10, Mangham 1**  
The Glenbrook Apaches made it two straight wins on Saturday with a road win against a strong Mangham team. Glenbrook stands at 13-12 overall and 3-0 in District 1-1A.

**St. Mary's 15, Doyline 0**  
The Doyline Panthers lost at home to St. Mary's on Friday to fall to 9-9 overall. But the Panthers remain undefeated in District 1B at 4-0.

Parish baseball power rankings		
(Rankings/information provided by GeauxPreps.com)		
TEAM	RECORD	CLASS/POWER RANKING
Minden	13-8	4A/14th (24.8571)
North Webster	16-11	3A/14th (22.4815)
Lakeside	18-7	2A/12th (24.6000)
Doyline	9-9	B/11th (22.2778)

Parish softball power rankings		
(Rankings/information provided by GeauxPreps.com)		
TEAM	RECORD	CLASS/POWER RANKING
Minden	17-8	4A/Fourth (27.4880)
North Webster	11-14	3A/26th (21.8200)
Lakeside	6-13	2A/28th (17.7568)
Doyline	14-7	B/14th (25.2857)

Stanley rallies to down MHS softball, 11-6

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The Minden Lady Tide had an early advantage evaporate late Thursday as they fell 11-6 at Stanley.

Minden led 6-2 heading into the bottom of the fourth inning when Stanley plated five runs to move on top 7-6.

The Lady Tide totaled six hits on the day while Stanley had nine.

Kylie Ryan homered for Minden and went two-for-two at the plate with a team best three runs batted in.

Ella Floyd added a pair of doubles for Minden, which also got a two-bagger from Jacey Adams.

Ryan took the loss on the bump, pitching five innings and allowing nine hits and 11 runs, only five of which were earned, while totaling five strikeouts.

Mansfield 9, North Webster

The Lady Knights fell in their District 1-3A finale to Mansfield on Thursday, snapping North Webster's two-game win streak.

Union 11, Doyline 10  
Union 7, Doyline

The Lady Panthers dropped both games of a doubleheader at Union Parish Thursday night to fall to 14-7 overall.



MINDEN PRESS HERALD PHOTO BY T. SCOTT BOATRUGHT  
Minden's Ella Floyd hit a pair of doubles, batting two-for-3 with one RBI during Thursday's loss at Stanley.

GSU Diamond Tigers fall in series finale vs. UAPB

Minden Press-Herald Sports Service

GRAMBLING— After dominating the first two games of its series versus Arkansas-Pine Bluff, The Grambling State University baseball team found itself on the wrong side of the scoreboard, falling 17-7 to Arkansas-Pine Bluff in eight innings on Sunday afternoon at Wilbert Ellis Field at R.W.E. Jones Park.

GSU fell to 13-19 overall, 8-4 in the Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC). The loss also snapped a five game conference winning streak for the Tigers.

The Tigers erased a 6-1 deficit, tying the game 6-6 in the fifth inning. However, GSU could never pull ahead of the UAPB, being outscored 11-1 over the final three innings.

Keylon Mack was a bright spot for the Tigers, going 1-for-2 with a three-run home run. LaMarcus Jones and Trevor Hatton also showcased some power, hitting a pair of homers in the fourth inning.

Connor Rudy (3-5) got the start for the GSU, earning a no decision af-

ter working 4.0 innings, surrendering five runs on 10 hits, with three strikeouts and one walk. Emir Garrett (0-1) was charged with loss in relief, allowing six runs on four hits.

Arkansas-Pine Bluff (7-19-1 overall, 4-8 SWAC) put the pressure on Grambling State early. The Golden Lions built a 5-0 lead through three and half innings.

GSU began to claw its way back into the contest with a pair of home runs in the bottom of the fourth. LaMarcus Jones cranked a solo homer to left field, putting GSU on the scoreboard. Trevor Hatton followed with a two-run shot, cutting UAPB's lead to 5-3 at the end of four.

After the Golden Lions put up another run in the top of the fifth inning, Keylon Mack cracked a three-run homer in the bottom of the fifth, tying the game at 6-6.

Arkansas-Pine bluff broke the game open in the sixth inning, plating eight runs. The Golden Lions hit three home runs in the frame.

Grambling State's final run of the day came via a balk in the bottom of the



PHOTO COURTESY OF GSY ATHLETICS MEDIA RELATIONS  
Grambling State first baseman Kelon Mack went one-for-two at the plate with the three-RBI homer Sunday vs. UAPB.

sixth inning. UAPB closed the scoring with a three-run homer in the eighth inning.

GSU scored seven runs on nine hits, committing three errors, and leaving eight runners on base.

UAPB plated 17 runs on 18 hits, while making

one error on defense. The Golden Lions stranded 10 runners.

GSU hit three home runs while UAPB registered four homers.

Grambling's LaMarcus Jones went 2-for-4 with a solo home run while Trevor Hatton went 1-for-

3 with a two-run homer

In addition to Garrett, Malik Abdul, Corben Peters and Michael Mims III also made relief appearances for GSU

Brandon Little (1-1) earned the win in relief for UAPB, allowing one run on one hit, with

four strikeouts and three walks in 3.2 innings of work.

Grambling State next travels to Houston to begin a three-game SWAC series at Texas Southern. The series begins at MacGregor Park at 6 p.m. on Thursday.

Grambling Lady Tigers go 1-2 at Texas Southern

Minden Press-Herald Sports Service

HOUSTON, Texas —The Grambling State University softball team dropped its conference road series against a tough Texas Southern team over the weekend.

GSU fell 2-1 at Memorial Park Friday and Saturday

GAME 1

Grambling State (18-17, 5-10 SWAC) scored first in the top of the second as Faith McQueary singled to right field scoring Antiya Randle.

The Lady Tigers rallied with two out to score again as India Wells singled to shortstop scoring Deija

Russell.

Texas Southern (15-17, 12-3 SWAC) scored its first run in the bottom of the second inning as Julia Bilbao doubled to left field allowing Mila Rodriguez to score.

TSU tied the score 2-2 in the bottom of the fifth inning with an RBI single up the

middle from Daryn Haslam.

Texas Southern came up with a huge inning in the fifth scoring 10 more runs to breeze past GSU with the 12-2 victory.

GAME 2

Texas Southern took a 4-0 lead in the bottom of the second inning off of two hits and

one GSU error.

Texas Southern sealed the game, 8-1, in the bottom of the sixth scoring four more runs.

GAME 3

GSU scored first as Antiya Randle reached home on an error by third base.

GSU took a 2-0 lead in the top of the fifth as

Ta'mya Johnson singled to right field scoring Asli Strozier.

Texas Southern got on the board with a single to center field from Tamera McKnight that scored Julia Bilbao.

GSU held Texas Southern to its one run to steal the game three victory, 2-1.



SPORTS

LA Tech baseball splits midweek series vs. ULL

Minden Press-Herald Sports Service

RUSTON — Louisiana Tech defeats Rice 3-1 on Sunday afternoon at J.C. Love Field at Pat Patterson Park.

LA Tech (23-10, 9-3 C-USA) swept Rice (9-24, 3-9 C-USA) in a 3-1 victory behind a third straight dominant start from Jonathan Fincher and big days at the plate for Cole McConnell and Steele Netterville.

“It’s a sweep, but we left way too many runners out there,” said Tech head coach Lane Burroughs. “We had three great starts this weekend. Fincher was really good. We needed a great start out of him and he gave it to us. I thought Whorff was outstanding. He gave us six outs and was really strong. Crigger had a little trouble there at the end, but was able to slam the door. Steele was able

to get on one and hit a home run. Adarius Myers did a great job today with the wind out in left field. I’mroud of our defense we didn’t make any errors and we didn’t all weekend.”

The Bulldogs jumped out quickly in this one as they scored the first two runs of the game with two outs in the first. Cole McConnell delivered an RBI double and Walker Burchfield followed up with a single to bring the second run home.

LA Tech plated one more in the third inning coming from Netterville’s eighth long ball as he has homered in back-to-back games.

Jonathan Fincher made the start for LA Tech tossing six scoreless innings, allowing seven hits, one walk and striking out four. Fincher moves to 6-1 on the year.

Right-hander Jarret

Whorff came out of the bullpen in the seventh throwing two perfect innings in relief of Fincher. Whorff struck out thre of the six batters he faced.

Kyle Crigger came on to pitch the ninth inning. Crigger allowed the first two men to reach base, giving up one earned run. The Bulldog closer earned his sixth save as he struck out two after the run came across.

**NOTABLES**

- Fincher earns sixth win
- Crigger earns sixth save
- 41 total strikeouts for LA Tech pitching on the weekend
- McConnell with back-to-back three hit games
- Netterville back-to-back days with homer (8)
- Adarius Myers 2-for-3 with solo home run (3)
- It was Tech’s ninth straight C-USA win at home



PHOTO BY SEAN CRIPPLE

Louisiana Tech’s Walker Burchfield (14) congratulates teammate Logan McLeod as McLeod scores on Sunday afternoon.

Lady Techsters sweep softball DH over Nicholls

Minden Press-Herald Sports Service

RUSTON — Emma Hutchinson threw a two-hit shutout and Louisiana Tech rallied for a come-from-behind win in game one leading the Lady Techsters to a Saturday doubleheader sweep over Nicholls State at Dr. Billy Bundrick Field.

Tech won game one 6-5 before run-ruling the Colonels 8-0 in five innings in game two. The Lady Techsters (27-15) have now won six straight games.

“I am proud of them,” said Tech coach Josh Taylor. “All of them. To go 5-0 this week with three wins coming by run rule says a lot about where this team is right now. We are starting to get production

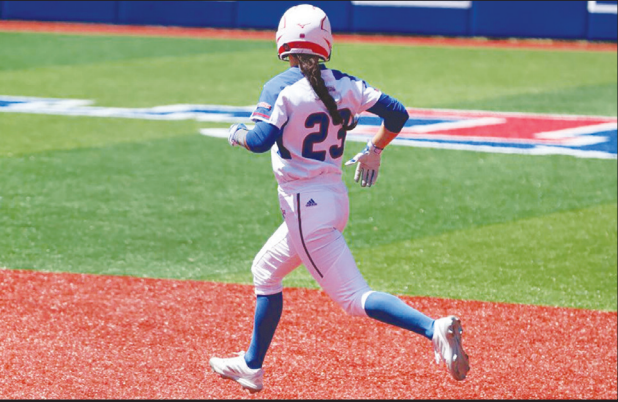


PHOTO BY SADIE PATTON

Louisiana Tech’s Bailey White batted two-for-two and scored a run in Saturday’s game one win over Nicholls State.

throughout the lineup. It was good to see Emma pitch so well today. That’s her best outing of the year. We found a way to win the first game, and

that’s a sign of this group growing. I told our team that it doesn’t matter if you are starting or coming off the bench at a certain point in the game. I knew

when Brooke got on to start the seventh we were in good shape. Why? Because I knew I could bring someone like Tanj(ala) Smith into the game and she could cause some real problems. She stole a base. She made the right read on line drives by both Green and Cooper and she just put pressure on the other team.

“Championships teams have those types of players coming off the bench in those types of situations. I know everyone wants to start, but people are buying into their roles and its producing wins.”

Trailing 5-4 and down to its last three outs, Tech rallied for two runs in the bottom of the seventh of

game one for the victory.

Brooke Diaz led the inning off by reaching base on a hit by pitch and then pinch runner Tanjala Smith stole second base. One out later, Katelin Cooper singled to centerfield to put runners on the corners.

Cooper then stole second and on the play Nicholls State catcher Sadie Wells threw the ball away, allowing Smith to score and Cooper to move to third with just one out. Lindsay Edwards then hit a fly ball to right centerfield that scored Cooper from third with the walk-off run.

Audrey Pickett (18-4) picked up her 18th win, allowing five runs — four earned — on 11 hits and

one walk over 7.0 innings of work.

In the bottom of the fifth, Green singled to left field, scoring Easom and trimming the deficit to 5-3. Tech added a run in the sixth as Bailey Wright doubled to centerfield and eventually scored on a ground ball out by Sierra Sacco.

Gonzalez and Wright each registered two hits in the win.

In the second game of the day, it was all Tech as Hutchinson tossed a two-hit shutout in the 8-0 victory.

Sacco was 4-for-4 at the plate in the win with three runs scored while Edwards and Gonzalez each recorded their seventh home runs of the season.

New turkey-hunting book on market

GLYNN HARRIS  
Special to the Minden Press-Herald

With Those of you who know me know of my passion for wild turkeys. I began my quest in 1992, not because I wanted to but because my good friend, fellow outdoor writer John Phillips asked me to as he had me set up for a hunt in Alabama.

It was a tough choice to make. The bream were bedded and big sway-bellied bass were in the shallows practically calling my name. However, he dangled a carrot in front of me in the form of an airplane ticket, a guide, all sorts of hunting attire and equipment, including a shotgun, I decided the fishing could wait so I accepted his invitation. Cutting to the chase, when the big old strutting gobbler came drifting in front of my gun and my aim was true, I forgot all about bedded bream and big bass. It hooked me in that moment with a narcotic more potent than any you could get from a dealer.

Over the years, I have been enthralled by the sport of hunting wild turkey gobblers. I have hunted around the country and have been fortunate to collect the coveted Grand Slam of wild turkeys having taken the four sub-species— Eastern, Rio Grande, Osceola and Merriams.

Having gotten older with nagging ailments have just about put a halt to my love of chasing gobblers. However, there is one thing I love to do nearly as much and that is to get my hands on top-notch pieces of literature having to do with wild turkeys.

Last week, I found one in my mail box that just about tops them all. “St.

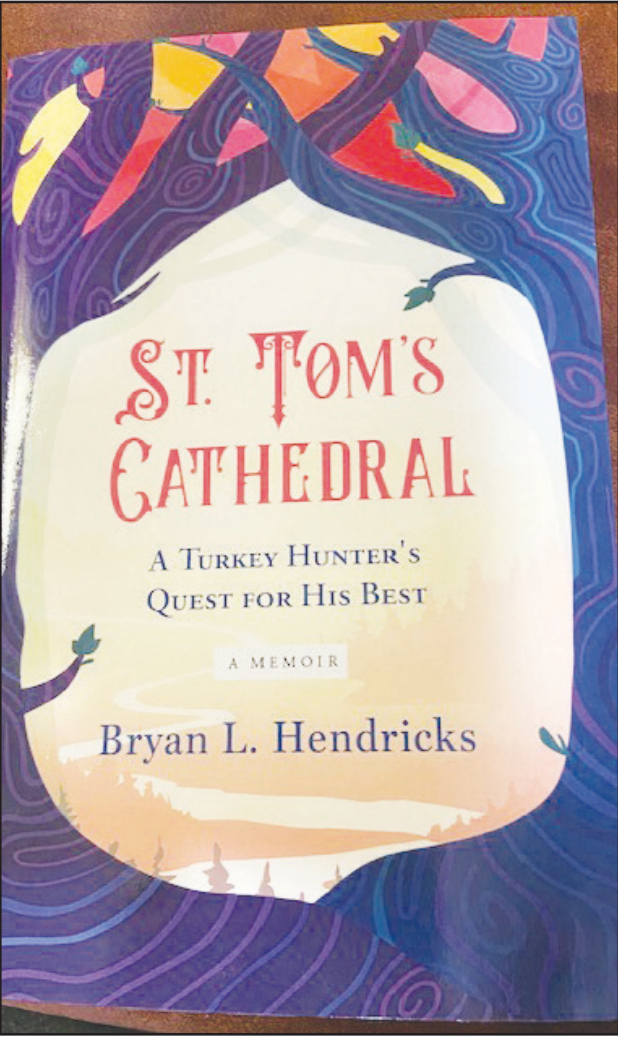


PHOTO BY GLYNN HARRIS

St. Tom’s Cathedral written by award winning outdoor writer Bryan Hendricks is a must-have for any turkey hunter’s library,

Tom’s Cathedral,” written by outdoor writer friend Bryan Hendricks is a masterpiece, not just by his telling of heart-stopping hunts, some successful and some that flopped, but Hendricks is a brilliant writer. As someone said about Hendricks at the end of his book, “He is a gifted storyteller with a unique ability to transport readers into the scene and fill their senses with sights, sounds, scents and emotions of the moment.”

Sid Dobrin, Professor and Chair of the Depart-

ment of English at the University of Florida offered this comment; “Hendricks’ ‘St. Tom’s Cathedral’ will sit on the dais alongside books by the likes of Tom Kelly, Henry Edwards Davis, Archibald Rutledge and Gene Nunnery. It is, frankly, a remarkable read.”

Dan Kibler, Editor of Carolina Sportsman Magazine adds “If St. Tom’s Cathedral does anything, it places author Bryan Hendricks at the top of a list of the nation’s finest outdoor writers. No. Make that writ-

ers, period.”

Todd Masson, host of Marsh Man Masson on YouTube says about St. Tom’s Cathedral “It’s an instant classic that grizzled veterans of the sport will pass to their prodigy with admonitions to pore over its pages before stepping boot in the spring woods.”

On Feb. 23, 2009, Hendricks was diagnosed with advanced stage III cancer. The way he described what lay ahead is indicative of the skill with which he writes. “The day was maelstrom of emotional body blows in which my oncologist, surgical oncologist and radiologist explained the details of my imminent demise. It’s like listening to your mechanic describe the procedure to rebuild a worn-out transmission.

Hendricks’ chemotherapy infusions required an intravenous port to be surgically implanted in his shoulder.

“Does it matter which shoulder the port goes in?” asked Hendricks. “No,” the doctor replied. “Put it in my left shoulder. Turkey season starts in April and I don’t want it to interfere with shooting a shotgun.” After a long silence, the doctor said resolutely, ‘I think YOU are going to be okay.”

He survived cancer and 13 years later, he still chases gobblers and has written a book turkey hunters will love.

For an inscribed copy of “St. Tom’s Cathedral,” send a check for \$20 to Bryan Hendricks at 301 Kingsrow Dr., Apt 609, Little Rock, AR 72207. It could be one of the best \$20 you ever spent.

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FISHING REPORT

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

**OUACHITA RIVER** – The river is high and rising. No fishing reports this week. For the latest information, contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

**LAKE D'ARBONNE** – The bass are in transition with some moving shallow and some still deep in the channels. Crank baits and soft plastics are best bets. The crappie are also in and out with some moving in and others still holding back. Some have also been caught below the spillway in the bayou. Shiners and jigs are both working. Bream have not started yet but catfish are still biting cold worms fished off the banks. For the latest reports, call Anderson's Sport Center at 368-9669 or Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

**LAKE CLAIBORNE** – Crappie fishing has been good on shinners and jigs with some still hanging out in deep water out from the dam while some are starting to move into shallow spawning grounds. Best fishing has been at night fishing shinners around the lighted piers. Bass are starting to move more shallow with best catches made on spinners and plastic lizards in fairly shallow water. A few stripers have been caught in deep water on shad imitations. No report on catfish or bream. For the latest in-

formation, call Misty at Kel's Cove at 331-2730 or Terzia Tackle at 278-4498.

**CANEY LAKE** – he crappie are starting to move up to spawn and some nice fish have been caught using ultra-light tackle to cast shinners in and around the lily pads. Bass are starting to move up as well but best fishing has been when they move back deeper and sinking jerk baits are picking up some fish. The chinquapins are starting to bite a bit but they're in 10-20 foot water hitting crickets and red wigglers. No report on catfish. For information contact Hooks Marina at 249-2347, Terzia Tackle at 278-4498 or the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

**LAKE POVERTY POINT** – Catfishing has been good on cold worms. Crappie fishing has improved this week around the boat slips with a couple near 3 pounds reported. No report on bass or bream. For the latest reports, call Poverty Point Marina at 318-878-0101.

**LAKE ST. JOHN** – The water is back to pool stage and bass are good on jigs and soft plastics. Crappie fishing is fair while catfishing is good. For information, call Ken Mahoney at 318-201-3821.

**LAKE YUCATAN** – The water is high and over the roads with a slow fall expected. Still too high for fishing. For information, call Surplus City Landing at 318-467-2259.

— Glynn Harris



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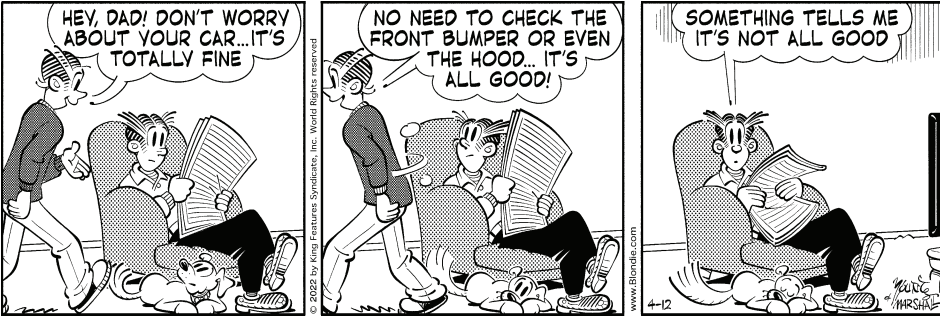
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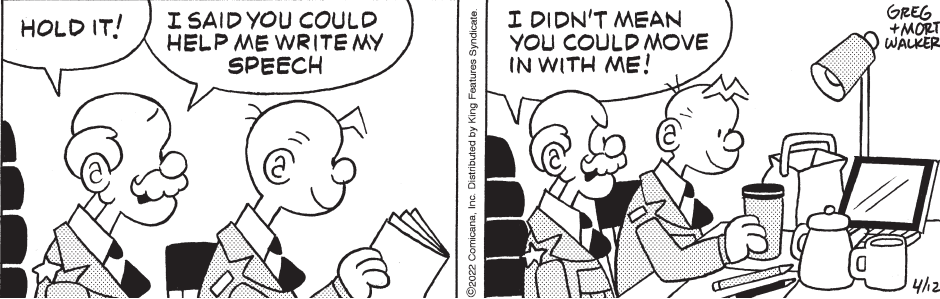
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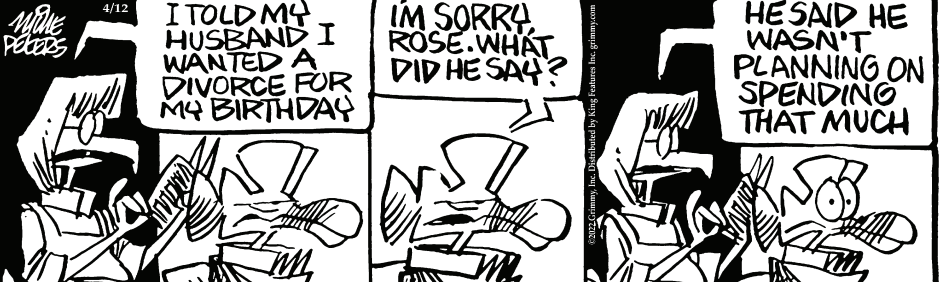
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ANY PERSON RE-QUIRING SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS SHALL NOTIFY 1LT LUKE A. KING OF THE TYPE(S) OF ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED NOT LESS THAN FIVE (5) DAYS BEFORE THE MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE.

All Bids must be accompanied by Bid Security equal to five percent (5%) of the Base Bid and Additional Bid Items (ABI) and must be in the form of a certified check, cashier's check or bid bond.

Bids shall be accepted by Contractors who are licensed under LA. R.S. 37:2150-2192 for the classification of **MECHANICAL WORK (STATEWIDE)**. Bidder is required to comply with provisions and requirements of LA R.S. 38:2212(B)(5).

The successful Bidder

will be required to furnish a Performance and Payment Bond written by a company licensed to do business in the State of Louisiana, equal to 100% of the Contract amount, including Additional Bid Items (ABI), if required.

No Bid may be withdrawn for a period of forty-five (45) days after receipt of Bids except under the provisions of LA R.S. 38:2214.

Electronic Bid Documents may be submitted by Contractors to the Construction & Facilities Management Office by submitting their bid along with their bid security to <https://www.centralauctionhouse.com/>. Electronic bids must be submitted so as to be posted prior to **10:00 a.m. CT, Wednesday, May 11, 2022**. Hard copies of the contractor's electronically submitted packet must be sent to the Camp Minden Training Site Construction and Facility Management Office, ATTN: Attention: Luke King, CFMO-FM Area Coordinator, **Post Headquarters, Camp Minden Training Site, (Building 100, Office# 137), 100 Louisiana Ave., Minden, Louisiana 71055**. Contractors MUST attend the mandatory Pre-Bid conference scheduled for **10:00 a.m. CT, Tuesday, April 26, 2022**, at the listed above location in order to submit an electronic bid.

The Owner reserves the right to accept or reject any and all Bids for just cause. In accordance with directives and guidance published by Facility Planning and Control, the Louisiana Revised Statutes, the provisions and requirements of those stated in the advertisement for bids and those required on the bid form shall not be waived. The Louisiana Military Department Deputy Director for Contracting and Purchasing and the State Contracting Officer do not possess authority to waive any informality incidental thereto. The Owner shall incur no obligation to the Contractor until the Contract between Owner and Contractor is fully executed.

The Louisiana Military Department is a participant in the Louisiana Initiative for Small Entrepreneurships (SE) Program (the Hudson Initiative) and the Veteran-Owned and Service-Connected Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Entrepreneurships Program (the Veteran Initiative). Bidders are encouraged to consider participation.

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**Webster Parish Police Jury  
401 Main Street ---  
P.O. Box 389  
Minden, Louisiana 71058-0389  
Phone# 318-377-7564  
Fax# 318-371-2366  
[lbalkom@sudden-linkmail.com](mailto:lbalkom@sudden-linkmail.com)**

**April 5, 2022**

INVITATION FOR BID

The Webster Parish Police Jury solicits sealed bids for the following:  
**One- (1) Shoulder-ing and Side Paver Attachment**

The proposals must be in the hands of the undersigned no later than **2:00 p.m., Monday, May 2, 2022 in the - in the**

**Courthouse House Annex meeting room of the Webster Parish Police Jury, 401 Main Street, Minden, Louisiana 71055.** The bid forms and specification sheets are available at no charge in the office of the Secretary-Treasurer, Webster Parish Policy Jury. Successful bids will be approved at the Regular Meeting, Webster Parish Police Jury on May 3, 2022.

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

The Webster Parish Police Jury abides by the requirements of the Louisiana Bid Law.

ALL BIDS SUBMITTED MUST BE CLEARLY MARKED. Webster Parish Police Jury – “BID ENCLOSED”

The Webster Parish Police Jury is a tax-exempt governmental agency. The Webster Parish Police Jury complies with the State of Louisiana Public Bid Law as stated in LA R.S. 38:2211. The Webster Parish Police Jury reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive informalities or to accept the bid, which may best serve its interest.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

*Minden Planning Commission Meeting*

**May 5, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.**

*Pelican Room - Minden City Hall*

On the agenda is a zoning change request from Herman R. Gooding Jr. & ToQuella Gooding, option holders on property belonging to William G. Fogle. The subject properties are located on a parcel on Columbia Street and a parcel on Talton Street. The requested zoning change is from R-3 (Single Family Residential) to B-1 (Neighborhood Commercial).

The purpose of this zoning change request is to use the property located on Columbia Street for a proposed event center.

**Legal Description:**  
*LOTS #7, 8, 9, 10, 11 & 12, BLK. "T", & LOTS #1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 & 16, BLK. "X", ROSEDALE SUBDIV. IN SE/4 OF SW/4 SEC. 27-19-9, & THE SOUTH 30 FT. OF SE/4 OF SW/4 SEC. 27-19-9, LESS 26.5 X 550 X 39 X 550 FT. SOLD*

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

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Separate sealed bids addressed to the City of Minden (herein referred to as Owner) will be received by the Owner for the construction of the project described as follows:

2022 ROAD PROJECT

Bids shall be addressed to the City of Minden and delivered to the City Clerk's Office located at 520 Broadway Street, Minden, Louisiana

71055 no later than 10:00 A.M. local time on Tuesday, May 10, 2022. Shortly after the deadline for bid submission, bids properly received will be publicly opened and read aloud in Minden City Hall Pelican Room located at 520 Broadway Street, Minden, Louisiana. Any bid received after the above time will not be accepted under any circumstances and will be returned unopened. Faxed bids cannot be accepted and will be discarded. Owner is not responsible for the timely delivery of bids by USPS or any other carrier.

The Contract Documents may be examined at the following locations:

City of Minden  
Department of Public Works  
520 Broadway  
Minden, LA 71055

Riley Company of Louisiana, Inc.  
112 East Mississippi Avenue  
Ruston, LA 71270

Copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained at the office of the engineer, Riley Company of Louisiana, Inc., 112 East Mississippi Avenue, Ruston, Louisiana 71270, telephone (318) 251-0238, fax (318) 251-0239 upon payment of \$50.00 for each set. Deposit is fully refundable to all bona fide prime bidders who submit a bid upon return of the documents in good condition no later than ten (10) days after receipt of bids. Deposit is 50% refundable to all others.

Contract documents will also be available online at [www.BidExpress.com](http://www.BidExpress.com). Contractors are provided the option to submit bid for public contracts through a uniform and secure electronic interactive system as stated in Louisiana Bid Law R.S. 38:2212.1. Electronic bids may be submitted at [www.BidExpress.com](http://www.BidExpress.com). If bidding online, all interested parties must register with Bid Express. If bidders encounter problems accessing Bid Express, please contact Bid Express at 888-352-2439.

The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any or all bids in accordance with state bid law.

Prime bidders for this work must be licensed under the classification of Highway, Street, and Bridge Construction. Any subcontractor submitting a sub-bid in excess of \$50,000 to a prime bidder is required to be licensed in accordance with the State of Louisiana requirements.

An acceptable Bid Bond, Cashier's Check, or Certified Check, payable to the Owner in an amount not less than 5% of the total and, must accompany the bid. Failure to do so will cause bid to be rejected. Negotiable Bid Bonds will be returned to the unsuccessful bidders as soon as possible or not more than 60 days after the opening of bids. Bidders failing to provide a bid bond will be considered a "no bid".

**Bids shall be in a sealed envelope marked "DO NOT OPEN - SEALED BID - CITY OF MINDEN 2022 ROAD PROJECT - BID NUMBER 13-2022 - ATTN: CITY CLERK." Bidder shall include their full company name, address, and license number, as**

**issued by the State of Louisiana Contractors Licensing Board on the outside of the envelope containing said bid documents.**

An acceptable Performance Bond and Payment Bond equal to 100% of the contract price will be required of the successful bidder.

No bidder may withdraw his/her bid within forty-five (45) days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

Bidders will also be in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations of the Federal Government, State of Louisiana, and meet all bonding and insurance requirements.

Michael Fluhr, City Clerk

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The Minden Housing Authority will be accepting bids April 8 - May 2, 2022 for work needed at the main office located at 1209 East Street. Installing 4 insulated windows. Installing few flooring in the office areas. Painting the offices and lobby. For more information, please contact Jeff Whaley at 318-272-6658.

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF MINDEN, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN IN REGULAR SESSION HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 4, 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 public comments on the agenda items prior to council action and allowed council comments on each agenda item prior to the vote.

Prayer was offered by Wayne Edwards and Terika Williams-Walker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Wayne Edwards moved to amend the printed agenda to add Item (X) Authority to Advertise for Bids for the Construction of New Animal Shelter. The motion was duly seconded by Michael Roy and the vote was as follows: Ayes: Wayne Edwards, Michael Roy and Pam Bloxom. Nays: Terika Williams-Walker and Vincen Bradford. Absent: None. Abstain: None. The motion failed for lack of a unanimous vote in order to amend the printed agenda.

Pam Bloxom moved to amend the printed agenda to add Item (Y) Adopt Resolution – National Community Development Week. The motion was duly seconded by Michael Roy and the vote was as follows: Ayes: Wayne Edwards, Terika Williams-Walker, Michael Roy and Pam Bloxom. Nays: Vincen Bradford. Absent: None. Abstain: None. The motion failed for lack of a unanimous vote in order to amend the printed agenda. Upon motion by Wayne Edwards and

duly seconded by Pam Bloxom, the council adopted the minutes of Council Regular Session held on March 7, 2022, and Council Special Session held on March 14, 2022, as presented, by the following vote: Ayes: Wayne Edwards, Michael Roy and Pam Bloxom.

Nays: Terika Williams-Walker and Vincen Bradford. Absent: None. Abstain: None. The motion carried.

Police Chief Steve Cropper addressed the council and asked that action to hire Joe Chandler as a Minden Police Officer be passed at this time. No action was taken.

Upon the recommendation of Police Chief Steve Cropper, Michael Roy moved to approve the promotion of Minden Police Officer First Class Brandon Shane Griffith to the rank of Sergeant. The motion was duly seconded by Pam Bloxom and the vote was as follows: Ayes: Wayne Edwards, Vincen Bradford, Michael Roy and Pam Bloxom. Nay: Terika Williams-Walker. Absent: None. Abstain: None. The motion carried.

Upon the recommendation of Police Chief Steve Cropper, Michael Roy moved to approve the promotion of Minden Police Officer First Class Michael Shawn Griffith to the rank of Sergeant. The motion was duly seconded by Pam Bloxom and the vote was as follows: Ayes: Wayne Edwards, Vincen Bradford, Michael Roy and Pam Bloxom. Nay: Terika Williams-Walker. Absent: None. Abstain: None. The motion carried.

Upon the recommendation of Police Chief Steve Cropper, Michael Roy moved to approve the promotion of Minden Police Officer First Class Jason Smith to the rank of Sergeant. The motion was duly seconded by Pam Bloxom and the vote was as follows: Ayes: Wayne Edwards, Vincen Bradford, Michael Roy and Pam Bloxom. Nay: Terika Williams-Walker. Absent: None. Abstain: None. The motion carried.

Upon the recommendation of Police Chief Steve Cropper, Michael Roy moved to approve the promotion of Minden Police Officer Jason Lee to the rank of Officer First Class. The motion was duly seconded by Pam Bloxom and carried unanimously.

Upon the recommendation of Minden Downtown Development Director Mahala Hutto, Vincen Bradford moved to appoint Diane Silvius to the Minden Main Street/ Downtown Development Commission, to replace Deborah Cooksey, and whose term will expire on September 8, 2023. The motion was duly seconded by Wayne Edwards and carried unanimously.

Upon the recommendation of Minden Downtown Development Director Mahala Hutto, Michael Roy moved to appoint Teresa Little to the Minden Main Street/ Downtown Development Commission, to replace Alicia Adams, and whose term will expire on September 8, 2024. The motion was duly seconded by Wayne Edwards and carried unanimously.

Upon the recommendation of Minden Downtown Development Director Mahala Hutto, Pam Bloxom moved to reappoint Lauren Davidson to the Minden Main Street/Downtown Development Commission, whose term will expire on September 8, 2023 and Larry Gipson, whose term will expire on

September 8, 2024. The motion was duly seconded by Wayne Edwards and the vote was as follows: Ayes: Wayne Edwards, Michael Roy and Pam Bloxom. Nays: Terika Williams-Walker and Vincen Bradford. Absent: None. Abstain: None. The motion carried.

Regarding the Minden Planning Commission appeal by MGM Development Group for the denial of a zoning change on property owned by Anti-Pest & Veitch, Inc. located at the municipal address of 711, 715, 719 and 723 Germantown Road from R-1, Single Family Residential to R-2, Multifamily Residential for the proposed construction of a 50-unit senior retirement community, Pam Bloxom moved to remand this matter back to the Minden Planning Commission for their reconsideration and clarification. The motion was duly seconded by Michael Roy and carried unanimously.

Regarding the Minden Planning Commission appeal by James and Kimberly Huffman representing Huffman Mgmt. LLC, on property owned by ROHA, Inc. located at the municipal address of 1114 Broadway Street, for a zoning variance in order to make the property available for rental for activities such as weddings, business gatherings/company parties, family reunions and other such catered events, no motion was offered and no action was taken.

Wayne Edwards moved to authorize the Mayor to retain the services of outside legal counsel for the purpose of reviewing the City's Employee Manual and making recommendations on any alterations that should be made. The motion was duly seconded by Pam Bloxom and carried unanimously.

Upon motion by Wayne Edwards and duly seconded by Vincen Bradford, the council unanimously agreed to authorize the Mayor to enter into a Low Income Household Water Assistance Vendor Agreement with the Louisiana Housing Corporation, as presented.

The council unanimously adopted a Resolution to Support the Development of Passenger Rail Service from Fort Worth, Texas through the City of Minden, Louisiana to Atlanta, Georgia along the Interstate 20 Corridor and Related Issues, as presented, by motion of Michael Roy and duly seconded by Wayne Edwards. Said resolution is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Wayne Edwards moved to adopt a Resolution authorizing Terry Gardner as Mayor, Michael Fluhr as Acting City Clerk/ Tax Office, Heather Feeback as Assistant City Clerk and Terika Williams-Walker, Council Representative, to sign checks drawn by this municipal corporation on any financial institution in custody of City of Minden funds, effective upon adoption, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Michael Roy and carried unanimously. Said resolution is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Pam Bloxom moved to authorize the City Clerk to advertise for bids for one (1) new 6/8 Yard Dump Truck, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by

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Wayne Edwards and carried unanimously.

No bids were received on Surplus Property Bid No. 08-2022, One (1) Westinghouse 44,800 KVA Three Phase Type SL Auto Transformer, Serial #13271, and therefore no action was taken.

No bids were received on Surplus Property Bid No. 09-2022, One (1) Westinghouse 20,000 KVA Three Phase Type SL Auto Transformer, Serial #13281, and therefore no action was taken.

Michael Roy moved to authorize the City Clerk to award Surplus Property Bid No. 10-2022, Scrap Metal, to the highest qualified bidder meeting all specifications. The motion was duly seconded by Terika Williams-Walker and carried unanimously.

No bids were received on Surplus Property Bid No. 11-2022, One (1) Used Ricoh Aficio MP 5001 Copier, and therefore no action was taken.

Wayne Edwards moved to award Bid No. 12-2022, Two (2) New 2,540 GPM Return Activated Sludge Screw Pump Parts, to the lowest qualified bidder meeting all requirements. The motion was duly seconded by Terika Williams-Walker and carried unanimously.

Michael Fluhr, Acting City Clerk, presented the Budget/Financial Report for the month of February, 2022. No motion was required.

Upon motion by Wayne Edwards and duly seconded by Michael Roy, the council unanimously approved the Police Report for February of 2022, as presented.

Public Announcements were heard, Council comments were heard and the meeting was adjourned.

Terry L. Gardner, Mayor

ATTEST:

Michael Fluhr, Acting City Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Minden Planning Commission Meeting

May 5, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.

Pelican Room - Minden City Hall

On the agenda is the request from the Minden City Council for the reconsideration and clarification of the Minden Planning Commission decision on the following request from December 2, 2021:

A zoning change request from MGM Development Group, option holder on property belonging to Anti-Pest and Veitch, Inc., for a zoning change from R-1 (Single Family Residential) to R-5 (Multifamily Residential) on property located at 711, 715, 719, and 723 German-town Road.

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

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

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

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INVITATION FOR BID

The Webster Parish Police Jury solicits sealed bids for the following:  
**Building Updates for the Webster Parish Health Unit Building 1200-1202 Homer Road, Minden, LA 71055**

The proposals must be in the hands of the undersigned no later than 2:00 p.m., **Thursday, May 5, 2022 in the - in the Courthouse House Annex meeting room of the Webster Parish Police Jury, 401 Main Street, Minden, Louisiana 71055.** The bid forms and specification sheets are available at no charge in the office of the Secretary-Treasurer, Webster Parish Policy Jury. A Pre-Bid Conference will be held at 1:00pm Monday, April 25, 2022 at 1200 Homer Road, Minden, LA 71055. Successful bids will be approved at the Regular Meeting, Webster Parish Police Jury on June 7, 2022 upon legal review.

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

The Webster Parish Police Jury abides by the requirements of the Louisiana Bid Law.

ALL BIDS SUBMITTED MUST BE CLEARLY MARKED. Webster Parish Police Jury – "BID ENCLOSED"

The Webster Parish Police Jury is a tax-exempt governmental agency. The Webster Parish Police Jury complies with the State of Louisiana Public Bid Law as stated in LA R.S. 38:2211. The Webster Parish Police Jury reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive informalities or to accept the bid, which may best serve its interest.

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PROCEEDING OF THE VILLAGE OF HEFLIN, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN IN REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MARCH 3, 2022.

The Heflin Town Council met at Town Hall, Heflin, Louisiana beginning at 7:50 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Todd Leake council members Matt Austin, Hallie DeMoss, Ralph James, Chief of Police Paul Migue, Water System Operator Jesse Williamson and Village Clerk Sherry Limosnero.

The meeting was opened with prayer offered by Ralph James and Hallie DeMoss led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Todd Leake welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Upon motion by Matt Austin and duly seconded by Hallie DeMoss, the council adopted the Minutes from February 3, 2022 at Council Regular Meeting held on March 3, 2022 as presented; the motion was approved unani-

mously.

Hallie DeMoss moved to accept the February, 2022 Operating Financial Statements as presented; the motion was duly seconded by Ralph James. The motion was approved unanimously.

Upon motion by Ralph James and duly seconded by Matt Austin, the council unanimously approved Water System Reports for February, 2022.

Matt Austin moved to accept the February, 2022 Police Department Report as presented; the motion was duly seconded by Hallie DeMoss. The motion was approved unanimously.

Council comments were heard, public comments were heard. There being no further business to come before this Council, meeting adjourned by Council Member Matt Austin.

Attest by: Sherry Limosnero LCMC, Village Clerk  
Respectfully posted: 03/10/2022  
Adopted:

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VILLAGE OF DOYLINE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 7, 2022

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

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

THE MEETING WAS PRESIDED OVER BY MAYOR STEVEN BRIDWELL.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CARLY COLLIER AND SECONDED BY JAKIE DANIELS TO DESIGNATE AND APPOINT STEVEN BRIDWELL, MAYOR TO PERFORM ALL DUTIES AND ADMINISTRATION OF SAID AWARD FOR THE RESOLUTION FOR DELTA REGIONAL AUTHORITY (DRA) 2021 FEDERAL AWARD PROGRAM CYCLE AYES:3 NAYS:0 ABSENT 0 ABSTAIN:0

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CHRISTIE GATES AND SECONDED BY CARLY COLLIER TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$44,000.00 TO SAID AWARD WHICH CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE. AYES:3 NAYS:0 ABSENT:0 ABSTAIN:0

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JAKIE DANIELS AND SECONDED BY CHRISTIE GATES THAT IN THE EVENT OF AN ADMINISTRATION CHANGE THE NEW MAYOR SHALL CONTINUE TO HAVE SUCH AUTHORITY UNDER THIS RESOLUTION BY VOICE VOTE. AYES:3 NAYS:0 ABSENT:0 ABSTAIN:0

THE RESOLUTION FOR THE DELTA REGIONAL AUTHORITY (DRA) WAS PASSED BY THE ALDERMEN OF DOYLINE ON APRIL 7, 2022.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CHRISTIE GATES TO ADJOURN THE MEETING, SECONDED BY CARLY COLLIER. THERE WERE NO COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE, MOTION CARRIED. AYES: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0

SHANE JONES, VILLAGE CLERK

STEVEN BRIDWELL, MAYOR

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING WEBSTER PARISH POLICE JURY April 5, 2022

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

**PUBLIC HEARING:**  
To hear comments concerning the acceptance of Reapportionment Plan 1 of Webster Parish. To obtain views on the adoption of a Twelve (12) District Single Member Plan for reapportionment to comply with reapportionment laws based on the 2020 Census data to rearrange, change, and relocate voting precincts.

**\*\*Mr. Sam Mims of District #6, resident of Central School Loop in Dubberly, La asked to speak. Mr. Mims had several questions concerning the proposed reapportionment. Mr. Doug Mitchell, North Delta Regional Planning District, Inc. Demographer and Patrick Jackson, Parish Attorney answered Mr. Mims questions and concerns.**

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

Mr. Bonsall then asked for additions to the agenda. There were no comments from the audience concerning the agenda.

Ms. Vera Davison moved, seconded by Mr. Nick Cox to approve invoices for payment pending review by Juror Jim Bonsall. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Nick Cox moved, seconded by Mr. Ed Jordan to adopt the minutes of the March 1, 2022 Road Committee, Finance Committee, Intergovernmental Committee and Regular Meeting and the March 22, 2022 Special Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Allen Gilbert moved, seconded by Ms. Vera Davison to approve a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Webster Parish Police Jury and the WPPJ Office of Community Services for use of parish buildings. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ed Jordan moved, seconded by Mr. Steve Ramsey to approve Resolution 006-2022 to support the development of Passenger Rail Service along the I-20 Corridor and related issues. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Steve Ramsey moved, seconded by Mr. Randy Thomas to approve the Recreation Funding: District #11-Town of Sibley - \$500 for Sibley Clean Up Day. Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance #1018 was presented. Ordinance#1018 is an Ordinance adopting twelve (12) district single member plan

of reapportionment for Webster Parish to comply with reapportionment laws based on 2020 PL 94171 data, to rearrange, change and relocate voting precincts. The plan will have to be submitted to the State first prior to the Department of Justice.

Mr. Daniel Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Bernard Hudson to adopt Webster Parish Ordinance #1018 that is based on data included in Plan 1 that adopts a Twelve (12) District Single Member plan of reapportionment for Webster Parish to comply with reapportionment laws, based on 2020 PL94171 Data, to Rearrange, change and relocate voting precincts. Motion carried unanimously.

**COMMENTS:**  
Melinda Davidson WP OCS, Director  
Wanda Finley WP OCS HeadStart  
Savannah Jones WP Library  
Christie Cox Allen Mosley/WP Coroner  
Serena Gray WP C.V.B (Tourism)  
Brian Williams OHSEP Director

Mr. Murray Sparks, Best Waste Environmental had questions and concerns with the new landfill rates since the Webster Parish Landfill has taken on new ownership.

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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EMPLOYMENT

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EMPLOYMENT

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