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Each year the Greater Minden Chamber hosts their Annual Awards Gala. This event serves as an opportunity for the local community to gather and enjoy an evening amongst one another, all while recognizing the individuals that go above and beyond in their efforts to better the City of Minden. Shown are the award winners for the categories of Small Business of the Year, Business of the Year, Community Partner of the Year, Chamber Champion, Lifetime Achievement Award, and, a new category added this year, Hometown Hero.

CITY COUNCIL

## \$75k for Minden Animal Shelter Up in the Air After City Council Meeting

WILL PHILLIPS  
Minden Press-Herald

At this month's Minden City Council meeting, an opportunity to fulfill the requirements needed to attain an already approved \$75,000 grant that would fund a new animal shelter fell flat due to the council members not adding the relevant item to the agenda.

Council members Wayne Edwards, Michael Roy and Pam Bloxom voted in favor, while Council members Terika Williams-Walker and Vincen Bradford voted in opposition. Needing a unanimous vote to be added to the agenda, the motion failed.

"You do realize you're giving away \$75,000?" Mayor Gardner asked after the motion failed.

"No, I'm not realizing nothing. I'm realizing that we were supposed to talk about it in a workshop and we didn't. Did you realize that you said that?" Councilman Bradford responded. "We've got till June ... I'm not the only one voting no, ok."

Essentially, had the item been added and the Council voted in favor, it would have granted City Clerk Michael Fluhr the authority to advertise for bids on projects for the animal shelter including the contracting of architectural drawings, dirt work on the site, as well as beginning the plumbing and concrete foundation work.

Fluhr expressed his concerns about the Council not passing the motion, indicating that they were running short on time to meet the requirements for the grant

funding.

"I rise, because I think the City Council makes a mistake in reference to the \$75,000. ... The secretary called us and said 'where is your application for the \$75,000?' I said, 'I'm sorry, at the moment I cannot answer your question,'" said Fluhr.

"His comment was, 'By June the 30th you have to spend \$75,000. If not, you're going to lose it.' When he says we have to spend it, we have to prove that we spent that money by receipts."

Council member Bradford indicated that he thought the Council still had enough time to settle this matter, later stating, "You did say we had until June the 30th," with Fluhr's response being, "To spend it."

"But we haven't even talked about it," said Bradford.

"I understand Mr. Bradford, but I want to be clear. The process of advertisement for bids takes a whole month. We have to advertise several times, then it goes to the next council meeting. We are running so short on time, then we lose that money," said Fluhr.

It seemed as though Bradford's main contention was that the Council and Mayor had not previously discussed and agreed upon the location for the new animal shelter. Whether or not they had was unclear, with the Mayor claiming the matter to have been discussed, and Brad claiming the matter had not.

"I understand this, but we haven't made a decision on whether we're going to repair the one that we had or build a See, **COUNCIL**, Page 2



BRADFORD

SCHOOL BOARD

## WPSB announces Students of the Year

AMBER MCDOWN  
Minden Press-Herald

The Students of the Year for Webster Parish were announced during this month's school board meeting. The selections were difficult to make as all of these students were worthy of this title.

Presley Wood of Richardson Elementary won the 5th grade division which also included Brennan Hubbard of Central Elementary, Landreigh Sparish of Doyline High, Isabella Deaver of Brown Upper Elementary, and Travis Craighead of North Webster Upper Elementary.

Presley is active in her community as a member of both the Lady Gators travel ball team and Cyndi's School of Dance. "One of Presley's most recent accomplishments, and one that she is most proud of, is that she established the Roadrunner Reading Club," states her letter of recommenda-

tion.

Shadavion Martin of Doyline High won the 8th grade division which also included Angel Stewart of Webster Jr. High, Cole Shirley of Lakeside Jr/Sr High, and Kadi Colvin of North Webster Jr. High.

Shadavion participates in activities including Student Council, 4-H, basketball, and church youth choir. "Shadavion aspires to also become an educator one day and hopes to also eventually become a principal," her letter of recommendation stated.

Connor Heard of Minden High won the 12th grade division which included Kali Moreno of Doyline High, Jake Chumley of Lakeside Jr/Sr High, and Brianna Lewis of North Webster High.

Conner's accomplishments include maintaining a 4.0 GPA, scoring a 34 on his ACT, and being named 2022 Commended Student in the National Merit Scholarship Program. He has also



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The Students of the Year for the Webster parish school district are Presley Wood, a 5th grade student from Richardson Elementary; Shadavion Martin, an 8th grade student from Doyline High; and Conner Heard, a 12th grade student from Minden High.

received several athletic awards. "He has received numerous scholarships, but has accepted the Presidential Scholarship at La. Tech University where he will major in Engineering in the Fall," his recommendation letter stated.

Due to COVID restrictions, the awards have not been presented in person for the past couple of years, but the schools are happy to be able to start doing them again. "It's been a little over two years since we were able to recognize our students of the year and teachers of the year in person," said Ms. Tucker about the award ceremony. While they have started back doing them in smaller groups, Ms. Tucker said that they look forward to being able

to have more elaborate ceremonies again in the future.

During next month's school board meeting on May 2nd, the support employees of the year and teachers of the year will be announced.

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# WEBSTER & MORE

COMMUNITY

## New welcome sign and Jacqueline Park upgrades to be featured at ‘Boots on the Boulevard’ later this week

**WILL PHILLIPS**  
Minden Press-Herald

The City of Minden, the Greater Minden Chamber, and other local business leaders have partnered with the State of Louisiana during their “Love the Boot” campaign and have initiated the first annual “Boots on the Boulevard.” This event will be taking place April 8, starting at 11 AM.

“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.

The Boots on the Boulevard event taking place here locally will feature

the unveiling of a new Welcome Sign for the City of Minden as well as serving as a rededication of Jacqueline Park, celebrating the upgrades that were able to be made due to fundraising efforts that raised roughly \$26,200 (nearly doubling the committee’s initial goal of \$14,000).

One update that Jacqueline Park has undergone include the replacement of the gazebo’s roof, with the labor and shingles being donated by Speer Roofing. The gazebo is also acquiring 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 con-

tributed free of charge by TG Companies, which included the planting of thirty-five new trees.

The park will also be receiving the addition of a new seating area, with the benches being installed later this Wednesday. This will also be the area that will showcase the engraved bricks which will recognize local businesses, organizations, and individuals for the contributions they made to the park and the event.

For those wishing to attend the event, RSVP is required so that they can determine how many people will need to be served lunch. Reservations can be made by contacting the City of Minden’s Main Street Director, Mahalla Hutto at phone number 318-377-2144 ext. 433, or by emailing wpittman@mindenu-sa.com.

GOVERNMENT

## Bipartisan group of senators file measure to aid U.S. businesses hurt by Chinese ‘dumping’

(The Center Square) - U.S. Sen. Bill Cassidy of Louisiana is partnering with his colleagues in Montana, Iowa and South Dakota on legislation to funnel funds from duties on Chinese crawfish imports to domestic producers in Louisiana and elsewhere.

Cassidy, R-La., Sen. John Tester, D-Mont., Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, and Sen. John Thune, R-S.D., introduced the China Trade Cheating Restitution Act last week to direct Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to pay \$38.5 million from the interest on anti-dumping duties received from Chinese imports to certain agricultural sectors harmed by the country’s illegal trade practices.

The funding would include \$10.6 million for crawfish producers.

The issue stems from the Chinese trade practice known as “dumping,” which involves exporting crawfish and other products to the U.S. at a price below the cost of production. The intent is to drive Louisiana crawfish producers out of business.

The lawmakers note that federal law requires CBP to pass duties on Chinese imports including crawfish to American agricultural producers,

but administrative delays have prevented much of the funding from reaching Louisiana businesses impacted by the scheme.

“Crawfish is part of our culture in Louisiana and we will defend it,” Cassidy said. “China is attempting to put our crawfish farmers out of business dumping their product in the U.S. at prices below the cost of production. This is against the law. This legislation gives American farmers the resources they need to stay competitive and thrive.”

Congress passed the Continued Dumping and Subsidy Offset Act in 2000 to require CBP to pay all collected anti-dumping duties and accrued interest to U.S. producers impacted by the nefarious dumping. The act applies to imports that entered the U.S. through Sept. 30, 2007, but CBP is still assessing and collecting duties and interest on many of the imports, according to a Cassidy statement.

The China Trade Cheating Restitution Act would require the CBP to distribute an estimated \$35.6 million in accrued delinquency interest on the anti-dumping duties that have been wrongfully withheld.

The bill would also amend the Trade Facilitation and Trade En-

forcement Act of 2015 to change the date of interest collected by CBP from Oct. 1, 2014 to Oct. 1, 2000 to account for substantial interest withheld by the CBP, the statement read.

“Louisiana crawfish processors have taken a beating from unfairly traded crawfish from China,” said Adam Johnson of Bayou Land Seafood in Breaux Bridge, Louisiana. “We are fortunate to have a Senator, like Bill Cassidy, who is willing to stand up for the industry”

The anti-dumping legislation is backed by lawmakers in other states because of similar issues with China-imported honey, fresh garlic, and mushrooms.

“South Dakota is one of the top honey-producing states in the country,” Thune said. “The unfair practice of circumventing U.S. trade laws, which jeopardizes honey producers’ financial security, should be met with strict enforcement and increased protections. South Dakota honey producers deserve a level-playing field. This bipartisan legislation helps ensure fair treatment for affected domestic producers and strengthens their ability to compete globally.”

# COUNCIL

Continued from Page 1 new one,” said Bradford.

During the time for the Council’s and Mayor’s comments, Gardner reintroduced the topic, reading out the agenda item that was not added. “The city has been approved for a \$75,000 grant from the State of Louisiana for the construction of a new animal shelter. The grant specifically states that the \$75,000 must be spent before June 30th 2022. The project does not have to be completed by June 30th 2022, but invoices must be submitted before the date to prove that the \$75,000 grant was used for the purpose intended,” said Gardner. “That’s what was turned down.”

Council member Walker appeared to disagree with the Mayor’s portrayal of the situation, stating, “No. When it came up before about the grant, the location was said to be at the old wildlife building, cause we were supposed to have a discussion about an alternative location

and that’s what we had been waiting on. This just came to us a couple days before when you wanted to amend the agenda, we never had a discussion about the new location of the animal shelter.”

Fluhr once again addressed the Council, reiterating that this would not immediately approve any of the projects and that the Council members could do so later, implying that there was still time for the Council and Mayor to finalize the details while still moving forward with meeting the grant’s requirements.

“Mrs. Walker. We are only asking to give the authority to go out for bids. You still can deny it at the end, that doesn’t mean you approve the project. Going out for bids means you’re going to go out, ask the company ... How much does it cost? And then he comes back to you as the council member, and you either vote in favor to award the bid, or you deny it. That’s all that was asked tonight,” said Fluhr.

Whether or not the city will be able to attain this funding is unclear though rather bleak considering the upcoming deadline. It would require that the Council and Mayor come to an agreement on the location of the animal shelter, at the very least, before next month’s council meeting takes place. As Fluhr mentioned, even after he is granted authority to advertise the bids, the process is a time-consuming one and the later the Council waits to move forward on the matter the harder it will be to start the projects and obtain the receipts necessary to receive the funding.

The Minden City Council meeting takes place on the first Monday of each month starting at 5:30 p.m. at the Minden City Hall. The meetings are open for the public to attend and can also be viewed live at either the City of Minden Facebook page or on their YouTube channel titled “City of Minden - Feels Like Home.”

# VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITES!

\*Deadline for entries is Monday, April 18, 2022 at 4 p.m.



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Favorite Casino

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Favorite Real Estate Office

Favorite School Teacher

Favorite Tuxedo Rental

Favorite Salad Bar

Favorite Tanning Salon

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Favorite Pawn Shop

Favorite Pediatrician

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Favorite Golf Course In Area

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Favorite Hardware Store

Favorite Men’s Apparel Provider

Favorite Health Care Provider

Favorite Daycare Provider

Favorite High School

Favorite Glass Shop (not eyewear)

Favorite Homebuilder/Contractor

Favorite Oil Change Location

Favorite Hotel/Motel

Favorite Pharmacy

Favorite Insurance Agent

Favorite Pet Groomer

Favorite Lawn Equipment Dealer

Favorite Pest Control Provider

Favorite Jeweler

Favorite Photographer

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Favorite Lunch Location

Favorite Public Official

Favorite Middle School

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MEETING

School Board authorizes improvements

AMBER MCDOWN  
Minden Press-Herald

During this month's school board meeting, a number of expenditures for improvements to our schools were approved. The Consolidated 3 Maintenance Fund will be used to pay for improvements to Lakeside Jr/Sr High. Virco will be providing 8 new tables and 32 new chairs. Minden Athletic Supply will be replacing the broken scoreboard at the baseball field with a new one. Homeland Safety Systems will be installing microphone equipment for the

security cameras in the office area. The Springhill Maintenance Fund will be used to purchase a trimmer, an edger, and a blower from Hol-Mont Sales to maintain the grounds of Brown Upper Elementary. Richardson Elementary will be purchasing a trimmer and a mower from Hol-Mont Sales using the District 6 ½ Cent Sales Tax Fund. The District 6 ½ Cent Sales Tax Fund will also be used to pay Johnson Controls to replace two drives and bypasses for both chilled water pumps, chiller repairs, bearing and blower repairs, and

boiler repairs at Minden High. Wildlife Abatement will be paid for providing bat exclusion from the south side of the courtyard at Minden High through the District 6 ½ Cent Sales Tax Fund. The Doyline Maintenance Fund will be used to make several upgrades and repairs at Doyline High. A replacement sign for the baseball/softball field complex will be purchased from Designs by Kelly Avery. Four metal picnic tables will be purchased from Outdoor School Furniture. A six-foot privacy fence will be installed around the shop

area and a new perimeter fence installed around the baseball field by JNJ Fencing. Mechanical Concepts will be paid for making much-needed HVAC repairs to the P-K building. And finally, the Shongaloo Building Fund will be used to pay Mechanical Cooling Services for rebuilding and installing the chilled water pumps at North Webster Lower Elementary. The next school board meeting will be on May 2nd and will be held at the Harper Pathways to Excellence Center. The meetings are open to the public.

GOVERNMENT

Louisiana Senate committee advances measure to bump benefits of retired teachers, state police

(The Center Square) – Retired teachers and state police could soon see extra income with legislation that cleared the Senate Finance Committee. Senate Bill 6, sponsored by Sen. Ed Price, D-Gonzalez, would provide a permanent 2% benefit increase for about 76,000 retired educators in the Teachers Retirement System of Louisiana, which amounts to an average monthly boost of \$42. Katherine Whitney, director of teacher retirement system, told lawmakers on the committee the proposed increase would be the first since 2016. “It will cost \$369 million, which is in our experience

account, which is solely funded through excess investment returns,” she said. “It’s a permanent benefit increase, so it’s going forward for the rest of their life and it’s fully funded through the experience account.” Lawmakers questioned how the added cost will impact the system in the long term, but Whitney said the entire increase is totally funded now, so it won’t increase costs down the line. The funding in the experience account, she said, is what’s left from excess investment returns after paying \$200 million toward accrued unfunded liabilities, Whitney said. The teacher retirement

system is currently at 71.8% fully funded, she said. If approved, the increase would begin on July 1. Senate Bill 7, also sponsored by Price, would provide the same 2% permanent benefit increase for retired state police. “The PBI (permanent benefit increase) for the Louisiana State Police Retirement System is similar in structure to (the teacher increase),” said Kevin Reed, the system’s executive director. “The PBI is funded from our experience account. The experience account has a balance of \$9,497,110. Actuarial costs of granting a 2% PBI for those retirees

who qualify – which are 60 years of age or older, and a supplemental 2% to members at least 65 and retired on or before June 30, 2001 – is \$9,497,110. “In essence, we will deplete the experience account for the purpose it was intended and that is to pay the PBI to the retirees,” he said. The average benefit for state police retirees is \$57,243, and the average monthly benefit increase would be \$65.60, Reed said. Committee members offered no objections to either bill and unanimously advanced both. The bills now move to the full Senate for consideration.

OBITUARIES

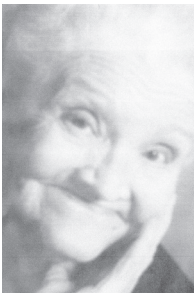


Kay McKinney Ford

A Catholic Memorial Service will be held on Friday, April 8, 2022 at 1:00 PM at Martin & Castille's La Fleur de Lis Chapel for Kay McKinney Ford, 65, who passed away on Saturday, April 2, 2022 at her residence in Youngsville, Louisiana.

Reverend Mario Romero, Pastor of Holy Cross Catholic Church, will conduct the funeral services. The family requests that visitation be observed at Martin & Castille on Friday from 11:00 a.m. until the time of services at 1:00 p.m. Survivors include her beloved husband, Willard C. Ford, Jr.; her daughter, Jenny Descant and husband, Jacob; her sons, Paul Robichaux and Matt Robichaux and wife, Heatherbrook; her grandchildren, Hudson Descant, Parker Robichaux, Breckin Robichaux, Rhyland Robichaux, Lando Young-Robichaux, Jameson Robichaux and Lively Robichaux; her sisters, Karen Yost and husband, Matt, Donna Caruso and husband, Jim, and Terri McKinney and husband, Dave, as well as her well-loved Chihuahuas, Dolly and Dillion.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Joe E. McKinney and Dixie Liles McKinney. Kay was born in Austin, TX at Bergstorm Air Force Base Hospital in 1956. She lived in many places in her life as her father was in the Army. She grew up in Minden, Louisiana where she graduated as salutatorian of her class at Minden High School. She received a full scholarship to Northeastern State University and obtained a Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy and a Master's in Toxicology at the top of her class. She loved her work as a Registered Pharmacist for 38 years. She was an excellent seamstress and shared her talents with local schools and churches, as well as her friends. She was very social and loved spending time with her friends. She was kind and loved helping anyone in need. She was an avid antique enthusiast and loved shopping with friends and family. One of her favorite pastimes was creating and sewing costumes for her belly dance troupe and Renaissance Festivals. She was able to spend her retirement with her loving husband, chihuahuas, children, and grandchildren. A heartfelt appreciation is extended by the Ford family to Steve LeBlanc for the devotion and care he has selflessly given to Kay in her time of need and to the staff of Audubon Hospice for their compassion. View the obituary and guestbook online at [www.mourning.com](http://www.mourning.com)



Kathryn Hunter

Funeral services celebrating the life of Kathryn Hunter will be held Wednesday, April 6, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. at City On A Hill Pentecostal Church with Rev. Keith Adcock officiating. Interment will follow at Gardens of Memory Cemetery in Minden, Louisiana. The family will receive friends from 5:00 until 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 5, 2022, at the church.

Kathryn was born July 28, 1933, in Shreveport, Louisiana and entered rest April 2, 2022, in Chandler, Texas. She is preceded in death by her husband, Robert Hunter; sons, Chris Hunter and David Eldridge; daugh-

ters, Dorothy Lynn Eldridge, and Georgiana Lynn Jones and husband Steve; sisters, Ann Hedricks and Virginia Frasier; and brothers, Joe Frasier, Billy Vaughn, James Vaughn, George Vaughn, Pete Vaughn, and Jack Vaughn. She is survived by her son, Todd Hunter; daughters, Terri Eldridge and Cindy Eldridge; sisters Patsy Stevens and Beaulah Sanders; brothers, Joey Frasier and Gerald Frasier; eleven grandchildren, fifteen great-grandchildren, and 2 great great-grandchildren. Pallbearers will be Steve Lemons, Jeremy Hasty, Kyle Swain, Mitchel Shirley, Fred Shafer, and Aidan Hunter. Rose-Neath Funeral Home 211 Murrell Street Minden, Louisiana 71055 (318) 377-3412

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OTHER OPINION

Biden denies his policies caused high gas prices

BY WILLIAM HAUPT III  
Special to the Minden Press-Herald

“By reversing Trump’s energy policies we’ll reduce our dependence on fossil fuels.” – Joe Biden

A few weeks ago, President Joe Biden announced he was banning oil imports from Russia in retaliation for their invasion of Ukraine. He bluntly said that Americans will have to pay more at the pump. This left people scratching their heads, asking why in 2020, America was energy independent under then President Donald Trump? And the U.S. produced so much petroleum, America was a major exporter of oil?

Biden stoically claimed higher gas prices were due to the Russians invading Ukraine. Yet for over a year, Americans have faced sharp increases in gas prices each week, along with rapid increases on fuel oil and all other fossil fuels. Biden not only made America dependent on importing oil from rogue nations, double digit inflation has caused the price of all consumer commodities to skyrocket.

In reaction to panic at the pump, Biden announced he is tapping our emergency oil reserves to stem a rising tide of energy prices. He just released 50 million barrels of crude from the nation’s Strategic Petroleum Reserve. In a PBS interview, the oil industry’s Dan Meter said, “This will have little impact on gas prices since Biden’s energy policies will continue to drive future prices higher.”

Biden claims once the Russian-Ukraine conflict is over, the energy market will return to pre-war conditions. Yet this is little consolation for consumers since the price of gas, methane, natural gas and fuel oil almost doubled since he took office. With double digit inflation, there is no end in sight.

“By God, this will be over sooner than people think. They just need to be more patient.” – Joe Biden

The liberal media and the Dem-

ocratic Party are frantically running interference for Biden’s failed energy policies and the resulting chaos around the nation. Blue states are finding it hard to convince drivers this is for the good of the climate. And red states are saying, “We told you so!”

It’s getting more difficult each day for the left to blame the conflict in Ukraine for the spike in energy prices. Biden is walking in lockstep with the environmentalists and the EPA on energy policies. This will continue to empty the pocketbooks of consumers and it will negatively affect economic growth.

To reward his climate geeks, on his first day in office, Joe Biden signed executive orders to halt new oil and gas drilling permits on federal lands and waters. He canceled the Keystone pipeline and suspended oil and gas leases in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. He then reinstated the “Waters of the United States” rule to ban energy projects in New Mexico; a move that has infuriated the Navajo Nation.

This not only resulted in higher energy costs for all consumers, it blew gas and oil futures through the market’s roof. U.S. prices last month rose 8.9% over last year, the largest increase since 1982.

Last year, Biden directed the EPA to enact new regulations governing methane emissions from oil and gas production, storage and distribution. They will increase costs well over a billion dollars this year.

He also signed a resolution to cancel Trump’s EPA energy production reforms. Biden’s move will increase prices with onerous regulations, and will negatively impact consumers and businesses.

Shortly after he took office, without the consent of Congress, Biden rejoined the Paris agreement, which will result in increased “punishing new energy manifests” that will additionally raise energy costs. Paris energy gurus are

pursuing new standards for ozone content that will create barriers for energy project permits. And these levels of air purification are impossible to achieve in any country.

Biden created a number of new oversight agencies to reform and regulate energy. These councils are run by people appointed by him without Senate confirmation. He has given them broad powers to develop new regulations on U.S. energy production without consenting approval from Congress.

The left’s Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act included the climate-change wizard’s wish list of new regulations supported by the White House. These will force states to develop carbon-reduction plans that must be increased every four years and be approved by the Department of Transportation. Failure to comply will result in cutting interstate matching funds for highway maintenance projects.

This plan was developed by progressives to make the people more dependent on costly new rapid transit systems financed by state and federal funds. They are supposed to reduce driving even for those in rural areas where little public transportation exists and driving is their only option.

“It’s our goal to get more electric cars on American roads and more charging stations built.” – Joe Biden

Biden’s proposed new carbon taxes on electricity markets will be costly, ineffective and regressive. This is another attempt to pass former President Barack Obama’s failed “Cap and Trade” redistribution of wealth stratagem.

“Under my plan, you can build a coal fired burning plant but it will cost you dearly.” – Barack Obama

With midterm elections around the corner, Biden and the Democrats are looking for any way to right the ship of public approval before November. But they could be opening up an even bigger can of worms. They see Biden’s best bet to boost supply is reaching a

nuclear deal with Iran. But getting in bed with another rogue nation armed with nuclear weapons can be a fatal mistake for America.

One option that is being discussed by Biden and his advisors is banning future U.S. oil exports to insulate U.S. drivers from global volatility. That is a progressive pipe dream. With Biden’s current energy policies, it is unlikely we’ll ever be producing enough oil to export one single barrel again.

Stephen King wrote, “Why can’t we see the elephant in the room?” The get out of jail free card for Biden to end our dependence on importing oil from rouge nations is to trash his domestic energy killing global warming agenda. If he was to turn back the energy hands of time to the day he took office, we’d be oil independent in less than a year. But, “Hell will freeze over before that happens.”

With the Democratic Party sharply divided, Biden is walking a tightrope. Socialists in the House claim the Russian invasion of Ukraine is a result of American “imperialism” and demand the U.S. withdraws from NATO. Those on the moderate left can no longer defend Biden’s energy policies. The Ukraine crisis is upending the party’s midterm agenda, and it is now “a crisis for Democrats.”

“America has no business getting involved with the war in Ukraine.” – Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez.

Biden can run but he can’t hide from voters. His fiscal and his energy policies have caused a labor shortage, runaway inflation and a major energy crisis. Biden knows he must clean up his act before the midterms, since the economy, energy and foreign policy have the greatest influence on the way people vote Election Day.

“The ultimate rulers of our democracy are not a President and senators and congressmen and government officials, but the voters of this country.” – Franklin D. Roosevelt

OTHER OPINION

As Biden administration drifts, Congress must assert itself

Given the trying times in which we live—often of our federal government’s own making—it is useful to remember the brilliance of the Framers of our Constitution in setting up the national government.

We remember the term “checks and balances” as being the primary way each of the three branches of our government checks and limits the reach and/or encroachments of the other two. We recall, for example, that all tax bills—i.e., bills for “raising revenue”—must originate in the U.S. House of Representatives. The Congress—possessed of this power of the purse—may decide to fund or not to fund presidential priorities. Congress also possesses the power to regulate commerce, including with foreign nations.

We also recall that the Congress is entrusted with the power to declare war and that Congress—by a two-thirds vote—may also over-



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ride a presidential veto. The Congress also has the authority to limit or expand the jurisdiction of the U.S. Supreme Court and the lower federal courts, and also the power to create lower federal courts when it deems it necessary.

These are obviously significant formal powers entrusted to the Congress. However, there is another source of authority the Congress possesses that is every bit as important as its legal and constitutional authority and that’s its moral authority.

As I alluded to above, there are many challenging national and international issues urgently at stake right now and national polling reflects the view of millions of Americans that the Biden Administration is flailing and failing in several respects. Within our system of checks and balances, Congress must step in and fill this policy and moral leadership gap.

John Adams, one of the most influential of the Founding Fathers, said “Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious People. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.”

While the president, as Commander in Chief, is entrusted with setting foreign policy for our nation, when he is tentative, weak, and lacking a moral compass, Congress should assert its own

policy and moral authority. One clear and positive current example of the Congress doing just that involves the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

Throughout the war, President Biden has been reluctant to do enough, quickly enough to assist Ukraine for fear of provoking a nuclear exchange with Russia. His frequent gaffes followed by his contrived angry denials and disavowals only make the delicate diplomatic effort more difficult. However, while experts say a nuclear incident is an unlikely scenario, what is an absolute certainty is that if Russia is not stopped it will devour Ukraine.

To this end, the Congress has continued to put significant bipartisan policy and moral pressure on the Biden Administration to provide more and heavier weapons and other military aid, better intelligence support, and stronger economic sanctions.

Allegedly to this end, on March 8, 2022, Biden announced a ban on Russian oil and other energy imports in retaliation for the invasion of Ukraine. But this was misleading given no ban on U.S. purchases of Russian energy occurs until 45 days from March 8, or roughly April 28. So, since March 8, the U.S. has bought roughly 672,000 barrels of oil per day from Russia,

at a cost of roughly \$100 barrel, or nearly \$70 million per day. By the time the 45 days has run, and America finally stops buying Russian oil, Biden will have sent over \$3 billion in U.S. dollars to fund Russia’s war machine.

Given America’s abundant supply of energy that Biden rejects due to his religious fanaticism over the climate, this is shameful and scandalous and must stop today. We need a president with a functional policy and a moral compass who will reassert America’s energy and moral independence.

The Wall Street Journal noted this week that “the world is entering the most dangerous period since the Soviet Union collapsed, and perhaps since the 1930s. The Covid crisis obscured the trend, but the dangers have become obvious as adversaries have reacted to what they perceive to be the American decline, division, and weakness at the root of the Afghanistan debacle.” (WSJ, 3-28-22).

The bi-partisan initiative Congress is demonstrating regarding the Ukraine-Russian conflict will need to be replicated several more times in the near future if America hopes to again project strength, power and moral authority to the world while also checking the aggressions of the very worst of the world’s bad actors.

EDITORIAL ROUNDUP

WSJ: The House bill capping insulin cost is not a solution

The House moved last week to cap the cost of insulin, and Democrats think they’ve found a winner to save seats in November. What ghou! could oppose cheaper insulin? Alas the bill misdiagnoses the problem and is a pretext for more political control of drug prices, which won’t serve suffering Americans.

The Affordable Insulin Now Act caps cost-sharing for insulin at \$35 a month for diabetics with private insurance or on Medicare Part D. The bill’s Democratic sponsors call it “a critical drug pricing reform” to deal with “the skyrocketing cost of insulin.” The bill passed 232-193.

The real story is more complicated. Sticker prices for insulin have increased, but those calculations ignore discounts negotiated by pharmacy-benefit managers. Over the past five years, net revenues to drug manufacturers on diabetes drugs “have been declining and patient out-of-pocket costs have been flat or risen only slightly,” says a 2020 report from the IQVIA Institute for Human Data Sci-

ence. This isn’t a story about greed if pharma companies are earning less and less.

The gap between list and net prices can be huge, and many discounts don’t flow to customers at the counter, a real if smaller-than-advertised problem. In 2019 patients paid less than \$30 out of pocket for 74% of all diabetes prescriptions, according to IQVIA’s analysis. More than nine in 10 were less than \$75. But folks can get stuck paying exorbitant prices if they aren’t insured or must burn through a large deductible before coverage starts.

What would the House bill do for the uninsured? Oh—nothing. Insulin makers are treated as villains, but they do try to help such customers. Lilly’s Insulin Value Program offers a discount card for \$35 a month for insulin.

The Trump Administration in 2019 revised federal guidance to allow high-deductible plans to cover more care for chronic conditions before the deduct-

ible, including insulin. It appears to have helped. Some 76% of employers reported in a 2021 Employee Benefit Research Institute survey that they’d added pre-deductible coverage as a result of the change, most often for diabetes or heart disease.

As for the House bill, insurers will respond to the added costs by increasing premiums. The grand irony of Democrats claiming to be tough on Big Pharma is that drug manufacturers would no longer have an incentive to limit price increases, confident that patients won’t notice and insurers can be stuck with the bill. Great work, everybody.

The premium spikes also mean the bill increases federal spending—for instance, on ObamaCare subsidies—which Democrats would finance by pretending to delay a long-dead Trump drug-pricing rule. This “pay for” is as phony as the policy solution.

Insulin markets need more competition, the opposite of what the House bill

encourages. Congress would be smarter to prod the Food and Drug Administration to make it easier for generic equivalents to win approval, a problem that has long vexed insulin markets.

Democrats haven’t been shy about their broader plan to control the price of medicine through the euphemism of Medicare “negotiation.” This tells investors: Move your money out of better medicines or long-shot cures and into businesses that aren’t under political assault.

That would be a terrible development for diabetics, especially as cell therapies may someday provide a cure. As former FDA commissioner Scott Gottlieb put it recently, it’s essential that diabetes treatments are affordable, but Congress and the public shouldn’t forget that the “ultimate goal is to free patients from insulin.”

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LIFE

FROM THE BACK PORCH

I shall not pass this way again

Does your mind say you are 19 but your body reminds you that you are decades past that?

I was talking with a friend this week and she gently reminded me that we're no longer the youngsters we once were. She had been weeding her flower beds and had to give up on it after she finished the first one.

She said, " I thought I could do both but I couldn't finish the job."

How often do we still think we can still do everything we had done earlier? I will admit I'm one of those who runs out of steam before the tasks are completed. I will have my to do list, but I am finding more

and more my lists are far more than I can accomplish. And it seems as is my floors are the things that are still waiting for me when I am "finished".

After suffering from back problems several years ago, I have been more limited in what I can do. This has been my excuse and I wonder if it is just that-an excuse.

Now, at the end of the day, I think back on what I have left undone. Then I make plans for the next day, and again at the end of that day, I still have those things



FANNIE MOORE

that are undone.

I enjoy baking and I have done a lot of baking and sharing baked goods through the years. As I think about it, I realize that those who were recipients of those goods must be wondering what has happened that they are no longer receiving pies, blueberry breads or pound cakes. It's not that I no longer want to share with friends and neighbors, it's just that I no longer seem to have the time and energy to do so.

Recently, I discovered a method for improving the taste of

cake mixes by adding other ingredients, so I experimented with it for Valentine's Day.

It would be just the two of us, so I didn't mind trying something new. If it flopped, no one would have to know. But if it worked, I could share with others.

I gathered the ingredients, found my heart-shaped cake pans (handed down from Mama) and set out to make a beautiful cake. Using a new recipe for icing, I created a delicious new kind of cake. I was so proud of myself for trying something new.

After boasting about the cake, I decided to use that method again

and make cupcakes for Easter when the kiddos would be here. The mix made 36 cupcakes that our daughter iced with beautiful pastel frosting. They were a hit at lunch that day and I was able to send some home with those who wanted them.

Now, I'm thinking, why not do this again and I can share with several friends?

We're presently in the process of ophthalmologist visits, but perhaps when we finish those I can go back into the kitchen and try my hand at baking again.

If it seems as if I always have an excuse for not doing something, that might be true. But today, I was reminded

of how I have neglected so much and so many people.

On my desk calendar, I read these words from William Penn:

"I expect to pass through life but once. If, therefore, there can be any kindness I can show, or any good thing I can do to any fellow being, let me do it now... as I shall not pass this way again."

I must try to manage my time more efficiently so I have time and energy to put this into action.

And remind myself, I shall not pass this way again.

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AGRICULTURE

USDA Takes Action to Strengthen Pollinator Research Support

WASHINGTON, April 6, 2022 - The U.S. Department of Agriculture today announced its strengthened commitment to advancing research and programmatic priorities that support pollinator health by soliciting nominations for members to serve on its newly formed USDA National Pollinator Subcommittee.

The subcommittee will be part of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics (NAREEE) Advisory Board, which provides feedback to the Secretary of Agriculture, USDA's science agencies and university collaborators on food and agricultural research, education, extension and economics

priorities and policies.

"USDA takes very seriously our duty to protect pollinators so that they can continue to play a critical role in our food production system," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "Pollinator species help produce more than 100 crops grown in the United States. We are keenly interested in understanding the stressors that impact pollinators, including climate change, pests, pathogens and reduced forage. We strive to ensure our research and data in this area are meeting the needs of bee managers and the farmers that rely on pollinators."

The NAREEE Advisory Board's Pollina-

tor Subcommittee will provide input on annual USDA strategic pollinator priorities and goals and will make pollinator health-related recommendations to strengthen USDA pollinator research efforts. USDA is both a major funder and conductor of pollinator research, with research initiatives spanning across five USDA mission areas.

NAREEE Board members play an important advisory role for USDA's science agencies as they shape and advance the large-scale, collaborative research initiatives needed to address tough challenges that our nation's farmers, ranchers and consumers face.

USDA is seeking nominations for sub-

committee members from individuals with diverse expertise in pollinator health. USDA's research is organized by five major study areas: Status and Trends (e.g., pollinator inventory and monitoring, economics and social sciences); Pests and Pathogens (both established and emerging); Environmental Stressors (e.g., weather stress, pesticide exposure, migratory and stocking density stress); Forage, Habitat, and Nutrition; and Genetics and Breeding.

USDA expects to appoint seven new Pollinator Subcommittee members in accordance with the federal statute. Candidates selected to the Pollinator Subcommittee may serve

1-3 years with terms anticipated to start in July 2022.

NAREEE is accepting nomination packages from now until May 31, 2022, and should be sent by email to [nareee@usda.gov](mailto:nareee@usda.gov). The Federal Register Notice is available online. For information on how to apply visit the NAREEE website.

To learn more about USDA pollinator activities and research efforts visit USDA's Pollinator website.

USDA touches the lives of all Americans each day in so many positive ways. In the Biden-Harris Administration, USDA is transforming America's food system with a greater focus on more resilient local and

regional food production, fairer markets for all producers, ensuring access to safe, healthy, and nutritious food in all communities, building new markets and streams of income for farmers and producers using climate smart food and forestry practices, making historic investments in infrastructure and clean energy capabilities in rural America, and committing to equity across the Department by removing systemic barriers and building a workforce more representative of America. To learn more, visit [www.usda.gov](http://www.usda.gov).



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SPORTS

LA Tech baseball splits midweek series vs. ULL

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RUSTON — After defeating Louisiana-Lafayette 7-3 on Tuesday, the Louisiana Tech baseball team dropped game two of the midweek series 8-6 to the Ragin' Cajuns on Wednesday night on J.C. Love Field at Pat Patterson Park.

Tech (20-10, 6-3 C-USA) split the midweek series with UL-Lafayette (15-14, 4-5 Sun Belt) as Taylor Young and Walker Burchfield both hitting home runs and pitcher Ryan Harland makes his first career start in four solid innings of work in game two.

The Bulldogs jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the first Wednesday night as

Burchfield hit two-run double down the line and Kyle Hasler singled up the middle with two outs.

LA Tech plated one more run in the second and another in the third off of the solo homers by Young and Burchfield.

The southpaw Harland pitched four innings, allowing one run, walking none and striking out four batters.

Jarret Whorff picked the loss in relief of Harland.

"He was outstanding," said LA Tech coach Lane Burroughs. "He has been that way all year. It's different now that he is starting because it is a different routine and he is not just going down and getting hot. He was good and he settled in.

He threw strikes, got underneath their barrel with his changeup. It was encouraging to see him do that in a starting role."

Louisiana-Lafayette plated seven of its eight runs in the sixth inning on six hits.

ULL righthander Cooper Rawls pitched the final 7.2 giving up one and striking out 12 as he earned his first win of the season.

"Give their guy credit — he only had two innings on the year with three strikeouts and now he has 15," Burroughs said. "He made us like it. He absolutely diced us up. It's disappointing we couldn't do anything with it, but that is the way it goes. We set it up a couple of times and didn't get it done."



PHOTO BY SEAN CRIPPLE

Louisiana Tech's Taylor Young hit a home runs during game two on Wednesday as the Bulldogs split games with Louisiana-Lafayette at The Love Shack.

LSU bats ignite as Tigers pound Grambling State 16-3

Minden Press-Herald Sports Service

BATON ROUGE.— LSU pounded out a season-high 18 hits, including four home runs, Tuesday night as the Tigers posted a 16-3 win over Grambling in Alex Box Stadium, Skip Bertman Field.

The game was halted after 6.5 innings after the coaches on each side agreed to employ the NCAA 10-run rule.

LSU improved to 20-9 on the year, while Grambling dropped to 11-18. LSU returns to action at 7 p.m.Friday when the Tigers open a three-game SEC series versus Mississippi State in Starkville, Miss.

Catcher Hayden Travinski launched two homers and collected three RBI on Tuesday night to lead LSU's offensive output. Right-



PHOTO COURTESY OF GSU ATHLETICS COMMUNICATIONS

Roy Peguero (1-3) was charged with the loss for the Grambling State in Tuesday's loss at LSU after he surrendered four runs on three hits in one inning of work.

fielder Jacob Berry was 3-for-3 at the plate with a homer and two RBI, and centerfielder Dylan Crews homered and drove in two runs.

Second baseman Jordan Thompson doubled and produced three RBI, as the Tigers matched their season high of 18 hits, a mark they also

reached on March 13 versus Bethune-Cookman.

"Our players were fresh and ready to go, and eager to get back out on the field," said LSU coach Jay Johnson. "It was a good performance by a lot of guys tonight. We put together a lot of good swings, and everyone contributed to it, which was great."

Freshman right-hander Grant Taylor (3-0), the first of five LSU pitchers, was credited with the win, as he worked two innings and allowed two runs on four hits with no walks and five strikeouts.

"I have a lot of faith in Grant," Johnson said. "He's very good for his age and his maturity. This is a guy LSU fans should be excited about being in our program for the next couple of years."

Relievers Trent Vietmeier, Garrett Edwards, Michael Fowler and Jacob Hasty combined to limit Grambling to one unearned run on one hit over the final five innings with 13 strikeouts.

GSU scored three runs on five hits, committing one error, while leaving six runners on base.

Roy Peguero (1-3) was charged with the loss for the Grambling State, surrendering four runs on three hits in one inning of work. Emir Garrett, Santiago Hungria, III, Heath Backhus, Malik Abdul, and Jacorey Boudreaux made a relief appearances for GSU.

Grambling State returns home for a weekend series versus Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) opponent Arkansas-Pine Bluff with game one starting at 6 p.m. Friday.

Rachel Barr: World Slam superstar

GLYNN HARRIS  
Special to the Minden Press-Herald

With the 2022 spring wild turkey season being launched in most of the state April 2, hunters all over are heading out in the pre-dawn darkness to try their hand at out-smarting one of the wildest critters on the planet. When this happens, there is a feeling of satisfaction like no other.

While most turkey hunters are content to bring down any legal gobbler, there are those who aspire to take it to the next level. If you are able to move about the country to take the four subspecies in the US, Eastern, Rio Grande, Merriams and Osceola, you meet the qualifications for a Grand Slam.

Add to this the Gould's and you qualify for the Royal Slam while being able to down an Oscellated in Mexico and you have a World Slam. The ultimate is the U.S. Super Slam which means you have taken a gobbler in each of the 49 states that have wild turkeys; there are none in Alaska. Thirteen hunters have been able to accomplish this amazing quest.

When it comes to challenges, seven years ago a then 19-year-old Rachel Barr of West Monroe, a high school senior, reached for a mark that was other worldly. She set out with a goal very few have attempted and fewer still have accomplished.

Her mission? Take a World Slam of wild turkeys. That in and of itself would be quite a feat but she added a kicker to her challenge.

"I wanted to take the World Slam with my bow



COURTESY PHOTO

Rachel Barr is shown with mounts of her World Slam gobblers she took with her bow before finishing high school.

before finishing high school," Barr said.

Believe it or not, Rachel did exactly that, adding the final sixth notch to her bow with a Rio Grande gobbler one month before high school graduation.

"When I was little," Barr explained, "my dad bought me a rifle but I never took an animal with it. I didn't like the noise, the smell, the kick that broke a pair of my glasses once. I told my dad I wanted to hunt with a bow so he sold my rifle and bought me a bow. I have been hooked ever since."

Barr's first turkey with her bow was taken March 29, 2011, when she arrowed an Eastern subspecies and at that point she shared her dream with her dad.

"In checking the NWTf site for information on 'Slams,' I told Dad I wanted to try for a World Slam with my bow. My dad, who is a surgeon in West Monroe, was all for it and agreed to arrange for trips necessary to make it happen," Barr said.

She didn't connect on a gobbler in 2012 but be-

ginning the spring season of 2013, the determined young lady was off and running, arrowing a Merriam's near Holt, Nebraska, on March 28 and a Gould's in Chihuahua, Mexico on April 19.

With graduation looming in May, 2014, Barr went to work, skewering an Oscellated gobbler in Campeche, Mexico on Feb. 16 and an Osceola near St. Cloud, Florida, on March 15. This left only the Rio Grande to complete her World Slam, a bird that gave her the most trouble.

"On our initial trip to Texas, the weather was not in our favor and I was not able to get a shot at a Rio. However, we were able to return the following weekend but problems cropped up and Barr was beginning to doubt if she could reach her goal of a World Slam.

"We did not hear a single gobble that morning but did have some turkeys come in silently but I could not get a shot. That afternoon, a big Rio broke away from a flock of gobblers and jakes and when he stopped at 15 yards, I made the shot and down he went," a relieved Barr said.

A check of the records www.nwtf.org validates Rachel Barr's incredible feat.

Any hunter able to qualify for any of the Slams deserves a pat on the back. What Rachel Barr was able to complete, a World Slam with her bow before finishing high school, in my opinion, tops them all.

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

FISHING REPORT

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

**OUACHITA RIVER** – 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 shiners 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 shiners 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** – The crappie are starting to move up to spawn and some nice fish have been caught using ultra-light tackle to cast shiners 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.

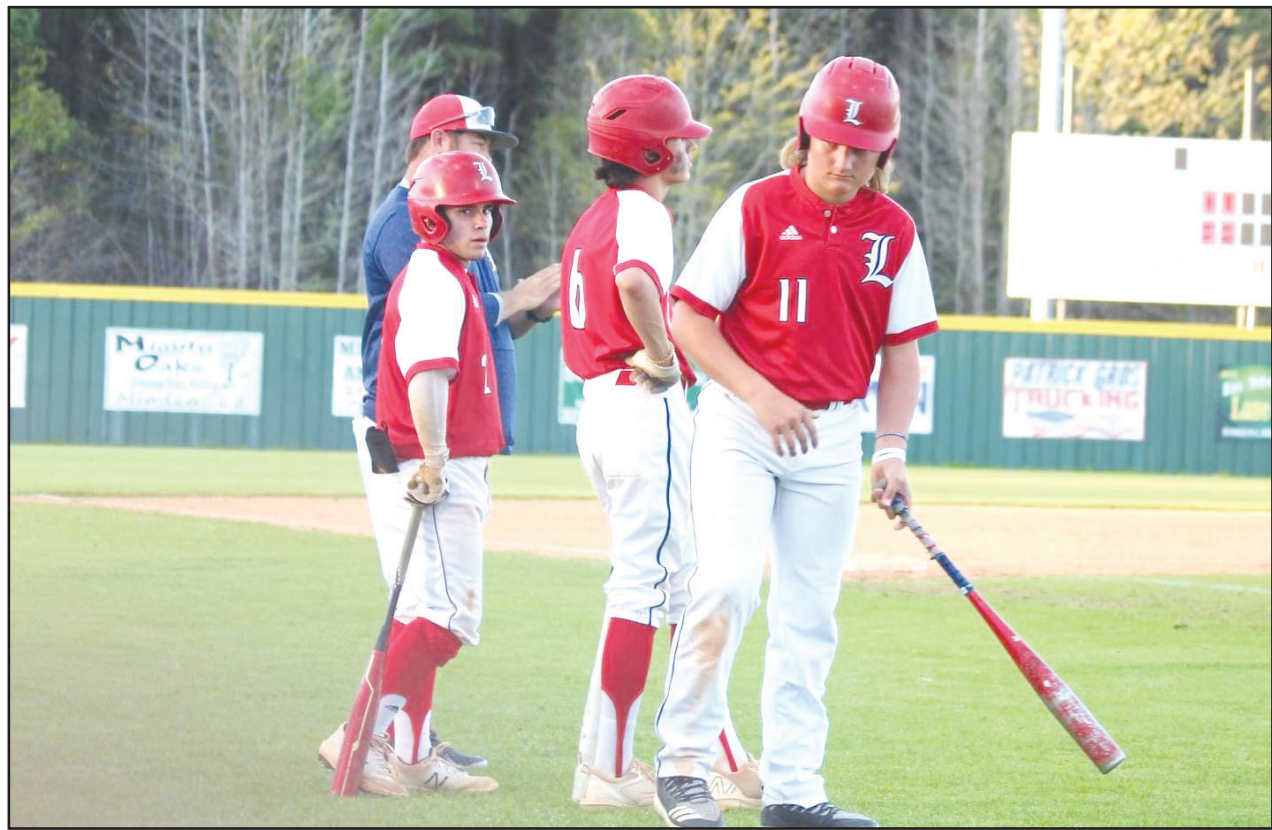
**LAKE ST. JOHN** – The water is back to pool stage and bass are good on jigs and soft plastics. Crappie fishing is fair while catfishing is good. For information, call Ken Mahoney at 318-201-3821.

**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



SPORTS



COURTESY PHOTO

MHS softball  
crushes Caddo  
Magnet, 20-0

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SHREVEPORT — Jacey Adams’ red-hot performance at the plate combined with pitcher Alivia McKenzie’s complete game shutout power Minden High School to a 20-0 softball road win in three innings on Wednesday at Caddo Magnet.

Adams batted four-for-four with four runs batted in, including a two-run homer in the third inning that also plated Kemp, who had tripled to push across Kylie Ryan and Charli Flournoy.

Minden opened the game with a seven-run first inning, beginning with Ryan and Kemp leading off with singles before Adams’ two-RBI triple plated that tandem

Adams stole home to push the Lady Tide’s advantage to 3-0 before Ella Ffloyd, who had reached first on a walk, did the same to put Minden up by four runs.

Minden’s other three scores of the inning came as Toland singled in Lynn before scoring herself along with Cheatham on a double hit by Ryan.

The Lady Tide, which totaled 19 hits on the day, added seven more runs in the second inning.

It all started with Adams double and Floyd walk before a triple by Lynn pushed across that duo.

Lynn scored off a double by Edge, who scored one batted later off a triple hit by McKenzie, scored off a groundout hit by Foster.

Cheatham then reached base on a single smf advanced to second base on a groundout before scoring off a Caddo Magnet error that allowed Kemp to reach base.

Kemp scored on a single by Adams for the last run of the inning that put Minden on top 14-0.

Minden added six runs in the third stanza, all with the two outs.

Warriors shut out Doyline, 13-0

The Lakeside Warriors baseball team continued their recent surge on Wednesday with a 13-0 win at Doyline.

Parish baseball power rankings  
(Rankings/information provided by GeauxPreps.com)

TEAM	RECORD	CLASS/POWER RANKING
Minden	12-7	4A/13th (23.7895)
North Webster	15-9	3A/10th (22.3750)
Lakeside	15-6	2A/11th (24.2381)
Doyline	9-8	B/12th (22.)

Parish softball power rankings  
(Rankings/information provided by GeauxPreps.com)

TEAM	RECORD	CLASS/POWER RANKING
Minden	17-7	4A/Fifth (24.4167)
North Webster	9-13	3A/25th (21.0227)
Lakeside	5-12	2A/30th (16.0588)
Doyline	14-5	B/12th (26.0000)

Louisiana Tech football to hold  
open scrimmage this afternoon

Minden Press-Herald Sports Service

RUSTON — Louisiana Tech’s Football team will host an intra-squad scrimmage at 4 p.m. today

inside Joe Aillet Stadium. The scrimmage is open to the public and fans are asked to park on the West side of the stadium and enter through Gate Four on the Southwest side of the Press Box.

The scrimmage will take place before LA Tech Baseball welcomes conference USA foe Rice for a weekend series that begins at 6 p.m. Friday. at J.C. Love Field. Fans are encouraged to come over early to The Joe and take in the double-header of football and baseball.

Tech is currently in its third week of Spring practice under the direction of new Head Coach Sonny Cumbie. Tech will have completed eight of their 15 scheduled practices by Friday’s scrimmage in preparation 3 Spring Game which will also be held inside The Joe at 11 a.m. April 23.

With two weeks of Spring practice under their belts, the Louisiana Tech football staff continues to focus growth and development that comes with installing and learning new systems.

LA Tech Defensive Coordinator Scott Power is pleased with the way his players have looked so far.

“The main goal through six practices so far has been to get our system installed and have the players be able to feel comfortable with what we are asking them to do,” Power said. “Things like how to get themselves lined up, how to communicate with each other, who is doing what, and we’ve been able to get that accomplished.”

There are still a lot of

unknowns, and a lot of competition at several positions, but that is exactly what Head Coach Sonny Cumbie and his staff want. They consistently preach looking for players who want to do things the right way, the hard way, the Bulldog way.

“I’ve been pleased with how things are flowing from a structure standpoint in practice so far,” Cumbie said. “Everyone is getting a feel for how we practice, the organization, where we go, how to move around, and

as we get into the next two weeks of Spring that should continue to flow faster and even quicker.”

“Overall, we’ve seen a ton of growth,” Cumbie continued. “The group has been very willing, the energy has been great, and the guys have been attentive in meetings. We just want to continue to build, climb and accelerate through this thing. We aren’t trying to get to a point and then just level off. We have to keep pushing and keep pushing together.”

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Minden Press-Herald & Holcomb’s  
Player of the Week



Syndi Garmany

2B, North Webster HS Softball  
Garmany, a senior for North Webster, led the Lady Knights with a three run homer and added three runs as NWHS won at home over Ruston by the score of 15-0.

The Press-Herald Athlete of the Week feature is brought to you every other Friday by Holcomb’s Body Shop in Minden.



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# Good News

GOOD NEWS

## THE OLD RUGGED CROSS MADE THE DIFFERENCE

We know about the agonizing week Jesus experienced before His crucifixion. The Gospel writers present a composite account of these events from Jerusalem’s triumphant entry to the cruel crucifixion on the Cross. Upon arrival, He went directly to the Temple and began cleansing it of the moneychangers and merchants who had set up shop. He confronted and challenged the Jewish leaders with parables and other teachings. Jesus struggled with His disciples around the table in the Upper Room, where He predicted His betrayal and death. Peter hassled with Him when He washed the disciples’ feet, teaching them some final lessons on humility. He promised that after His death the Holy Spirit would be sent as their Great Comforter.(He explained the work of

the Holy Spirit among them also). Knowing they did not fully understand it all, He comforted and encouraged them.(John 14). Then He led them out into the Garden of Gethsemane to pray, ‘neath the old olive trees.’ (Matt 21:1-26:35 & Luke 19:28-22:46). Leaving His disciples to pray for Him, He went farther into the garden to pray. “Father, if You are willing, take this cup from Me; yet not My will, but Yours be done.” (Luke 22:42). When He finished praying, He turned to find the disciples sleeping, not being able deal with the sorrowing news they had just heard from their Master. They were interrupted by the noise of the Roman soldiers and Jewish lead-



Bill Crider

ers, coming in mighty force. As they neared, taking Jesus captive, one of His disciples cut off the ear of a servant of the high priest. Jesus promptly rebuked him and healed the man’s ear where the incision had been made. (Those who live by the sword will die by the sword! (Matt. 26:36-56). Now the momentum picks up dramatically! After His arrest, Jesus was taken before the high priest, Caiaphas, and the Jewish assembly. They charged Him with false evidence so they could have Jesus put to death. The high priest demanded Jesus to tell him if He were the Christ as the crowds had been proclaiming. “Yes, it is as you say”, Jesus replied. (Matt. 26:64). He was charged then with blasphemy,

which was “worthy of death”! They spit on him, slapped and struck him many times, mocking Him. Even His disciples disowned him. Peter, so quick to speak up and defend Jesus, now found himself in a compromising position, denying three times he even knew ‘that Man’. Back and forth, Jesus was dragged: Caiaphas sent him to Pilate, the governor; Pilate sent him to Herod, who had jurisdiction over those from Galilee. After Herod ridiculed and mocked Jesus, he sent Him back to Pilate. Trying to bargain with the Jewish leaders to release Jesus, Herod was ‘overruled’ by the crowd who demanded a known criminal - Barabbas - to be released instead of Jesus. (Luke 23: 18). All four Gospel writers record the accounts of the crucifixion,

death, burial and resurrection of Jesus from the grave. When Jesus said, “it is finished”, He really meant it – His mission on earth had been completed! Redemption had been completed...man’s sin was covered by His blood there on Calvary. No more goats and sheep needed to be sacrificed. He had fulfilled the Father’s will for Him. (Once and for all – our sins were covered). And God the Father thundered across the universe: “This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased”. (John 19:20). Luke gives the stirring account of the resurrection, Jesus’ walking with the two disciples on the Road to Emmaus, and His appearing many times to the disciples gathered in other places. “He opened up their minds so they could under-

stand the Scriptures... and the things He had been teaching them all-along.” (24:45). As He lifted up His hands and blessed them, He was taken up into the heaven. And they worshiped Him and praised Him with great joy. (Luke 24: 46-52) And He did all of this for you and me. That’s why we serve Him, that’s why we sing; That’s why we offer Him our everything; That’s why we bow down and call Him our King -for He gave us everything! And He offers us this salvation as a ‘free gift’ for those who will confess Him as Lord and Savior. (Easter 1959 is my spiritual birthday – when is yours?)

BILL CRIDER IS CHAPLAIN OF MINDEN MEDICAL CENTER

### Yearning Crowd

*“So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, ‘Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of*

God’s salvation. Hosanna! Praise God for His representative who will save us and deliver us from our oppression! Today, people are still yearning and hoping for a release from the troubles and trials of life.



Max Hutto

Lord Jesus, I cry out to You in praise for You have rescued me from my sins. Even in the midst of the turmoil of life, You my King have given me joy, peace, and hope.

MAX HUTTO IS A BAPTIST MINISTER AND A RESIDENT OF MINDEN. MORE INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND AT [WWW.UPWARDLOOK.ORG](http://WWW.UPWARDLOOK.ORG).

#### THE UPWARD LOOK

*Israel!” John 12:13 ESV*

The crowd was clamoring for someone to save them from their dismal and gloomy lives. They yearned for relief from all their troubles, especially those caused by the stifling Roman government. As Jesus approached Jerusalem this passionate crowd yelled out in hope for

#### INSPIRATION

### Bringing the Good

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 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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15 Patriot Allen

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18 View-points

20 Sci-fi villain

21 Off-torn knee part, for short

23 Used a chair

24 Drivers with handles

25 Lure

27 Chocolate source

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31 Greyhound alternative

35 Bottom

37 Big rig

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53 Catchall abbr.

54 Wicker-work willow

55 "Le Coq —"

56 Crosses (out)

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2 Performance

3 Gospel singer Jackson

4 — Bator

5 Hunger signals

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21 "GMA" network

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34 Half a ton

36 Author Susan

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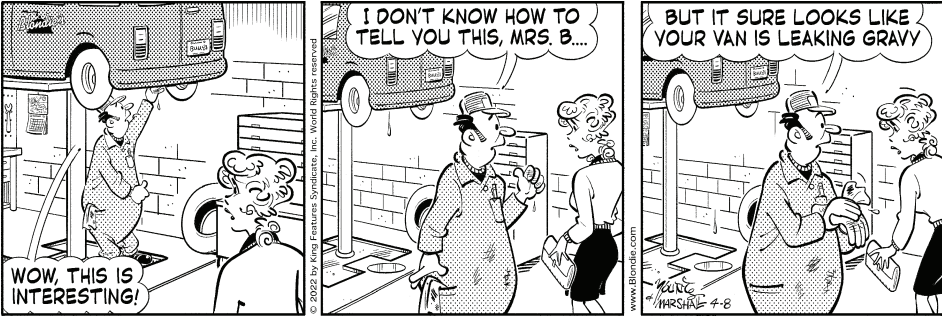
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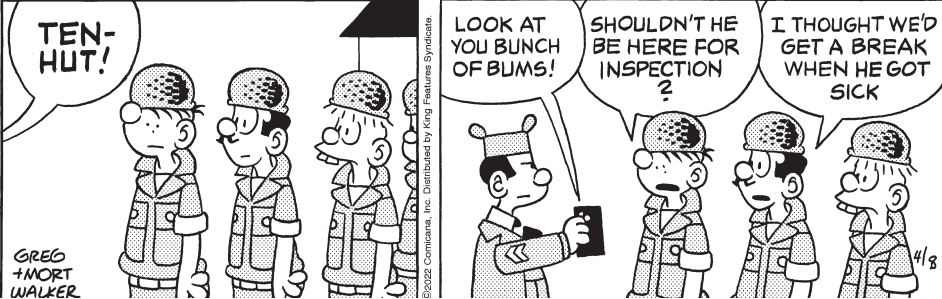
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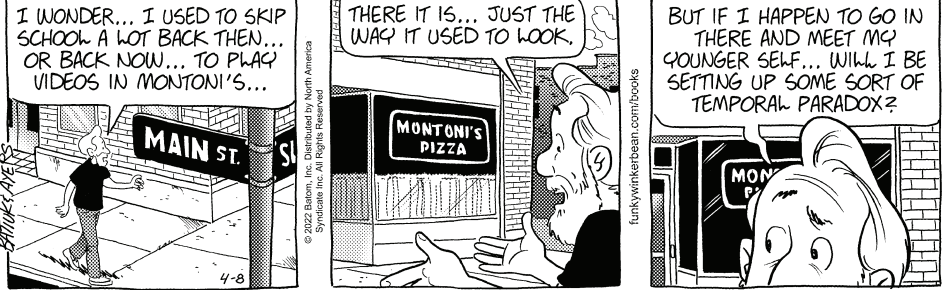
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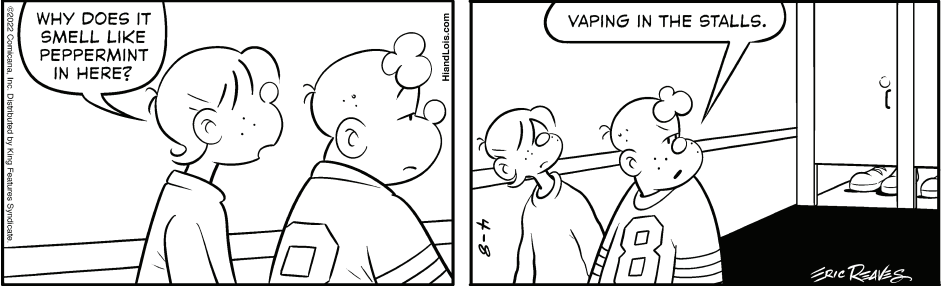
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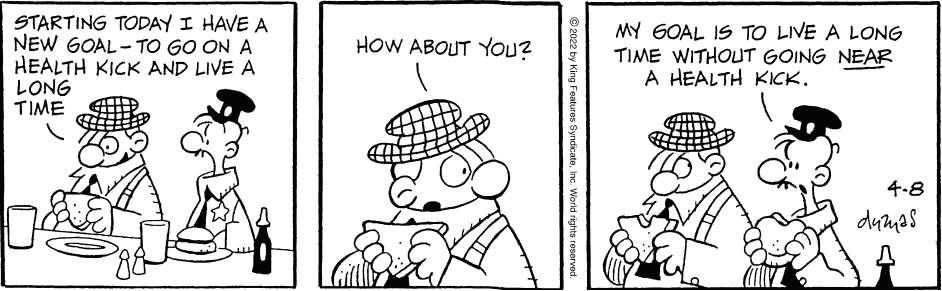
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By virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued out of the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, in the above styled and numbered suit and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder for cash WITH-OUT the benefit of appraisement and according to law at the principal front door of the Courthouse in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana on WEDNESDAY, April 13, 2022, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

A 18.26 acre, more or less, tract of land located in the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (NE/4 SE/4). Section 21, Township 18 North, Range 8 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana, more particularly described as follows:

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March 11, 2022 April 8, 2022 Minden Press-Herald

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of Mason Storm Studdard whose last known address was in Columbus, Mississippi, is asked to contact Jack W. Slaid, Attorney-at-Law at (318) 382-1177 or at 1374 Homer Road, Suite 200, Minden, LA 71055.

April 1, 2022 April 8, 2022 Minden Press-Herald

VILLAGE OF DOYLINE COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 4, 2022

THE COUNCIL MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN FOR DOYLINE, LOUISIANA WAS HELD AT THE DOYLINE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2022 AT 6:00 PM, PURSUANT TO DUE NOTICE.

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

THE MEETING WAS PRESIDED OVER BY MAYOR STEVEN BRIDWELL.

THE MEETING WAS OPENED WITH PRAYER BY MIKE DUNAWAY AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS LED BY STEVEN BRIDWELL.

THERE WAS ONE CITIZEN IN ATTENDANCE.

NO ADDITIONS WERE ADDED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JAKIE DANIELS TO APPROVE THE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FROM MARCH 7, 2022. SECONDED BY CARLY COLLIER. THERE WERE NO COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE, MOTION CARRIED. AYES: 2 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 ABSTAIN: 0

A MOTION WAS

MADE BY CARLY COLLIER TO APPROVE THE MARCH 2022 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, 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 CARLY COLLIER AND SECONDED BY JAKIE DANIELS TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #2022-5 WATSON FARM ROAD AYES:2 NAYS:0 ABSENT: 1 ABSTAIN: 0

COMPUTER/CYBER ISSUES, RON COTSPOULOS

JOHNNY MONTGOMERY, MAINTENANCE REPORT (ABSENT)

MIKE DUNAWAY, SEWER OPERATOR

SHANE JONES, CLERK’S REPORT

ROBBY HAYDEN, CHIEF’S REPORT (ABSENT)

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CARLY COLLIER TO ADJOURN THE MEETING, SECONDED BY JAKIE DANIELS. 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

April 8, 2022 Minden Press-Herald

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.

April 8, 2022 April 12, 2022 Minden Press-Herald

LOST AND FOUND SEEKING CHIHUAHUA FINDERS.

My mother’s chihuahua went missing in Texas. He was found at a gas station by a couple who attended Cliff’s Auction on 3/25. They were seeking the dog’s owner. While their names are unknown, people at Cliff’s said that they live in Arcadia. Please help me locate these kind people so my 80 year old mother can get her beloved pet back. He is light tan with floppy ears and was last seen wearing a blue collar. Please call (318) 564-6099 with any information.

EMPLOYMENT

Presbyterian Village of Homer is hiring CNA’s all shifts, LPN’s all shifts, and weekend RN’s. For more information, please call (318)927-6133 and ask for Alex Vansickle for RN/ LPN/ CNA applications.

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Presbyterian Village of Homer is accepting applications for an Office Clerk. Contact: Toni Abercrombie Business Office Manager @ 318-927-6133 for an application.

GARAGE/ESTATE SALES

2 FAMILY GARAGE SALE Saturday April 9th from 8am to 2pm. 1101 Ridgewood Circle, Minden. Furniture, home decor, clothes, shoes, jewelry, baby items, toys, and more!

615 Bradford St., Minden. Friday 4/8 12pm-5pm & Saturday 4/9 8am-3pm. Lots of ladies shoes - 8 1/2 & 9 - some new and many name brands, Ladies clothing - sizes 16, 18, & 20. Other items available.

NOTICE

The Webster Parish Police Jury will be accepting sealed bids until the hour of 10:00 A.M. Friday May 13, 2022. Bids will be received by SEALED BID ONLY. There is a \$25 bid fee per parcel listing. Bid fee is NON-REFUNDABLE! (For Example: If a bidder bids on parcel numbers 12345, 12346 & 12347, then the bid fee will be \$75) Bids will be read aloud in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Webster Parish Courthouse Annex, Minden, Louisiana, for the following: To sell the adjudicated interest of the Webster Parish Police Jury in the following described properties, having been declared as surplus property by the Webster Parish Police Jury.

Assessment #	City	Street Name or Subdivision	Min Bid
100532	Heflin	Webster Road	495.47
100761	Heflin	Canal St	432.63
101253	Heflin	Off Diamond T. (down a dirt road)	513.55
101961	Heflin	Off Canal	439.15
102101	Heflin	183 Webster St.	1653.53
102561	Minden	Goodwill Road	561.56
102962	Heflin	Off Claiborne St.	438.55
102970	Heflin	Davis St.	438.55
104421	Heflin	Canal	814.19
104525	Heflin	Off Webster Rd. @ Dead End	514.52
106676	Heflin	Webster Rd. (7 lots)	3491.27
106709	Heflin	next to 153 Mattie Lane Mattie Lane	738.54
106995	Heflin	Webster Road	484.37
107130	Dubberly	Webster Rd.	482.21
107182	Doyline	Palmetto Dr.	1746.91
107184	Doyline	Palmetto Dr.	1245.60
108257	Doyline	219 Lakeview Dr	3061.77
108629	Heflin	Mattie Lane	439.54
108879	Doyline	Main St.	502.87
109139	Doyline	1032 College St.	777.82
110426	Minden	404 Marrow	2587.12
111463	Minden	315 Gilbert St.	3644.62
111765	Minden	Next to 614 Long St.	541.99
111954	Minden	301 Clerk	1875.80
112095	Minden	305 Walnut	10709.17
112669	Minden	402 N. Roosevelt	5426.18
113006	Minden	Constable	683.37
114277	Minden	113 Marshall St.	3025.63
114399	Minden	218 Hall St.	916.55
114580	Minden	408 N. Roosevelt	8351.88
117525	Springhill	108 Percy Burns/JD Clayton	490.71
119689	Sarepta	Short Rd.	1289.38
120946	Cotton Valley	222 Resident Rd.	939.03
121105	Cotton Valley	191 McClanahan Dr.	638.93
121289	Cotton Valley	HWY 160	181.99
121478	Cotton Valley	next to 313 Lewis Loop	431.46
121480	Cotton Valley	Lewis Loop	890.26
121521	Cotton Valley	Church St.	426.00
121589	Cotton Valley	Lum St.	442.93
121748	Cullen	202 Stewart St.	3086.14

121764	Cullen	111 N. Morris St.	774.86
121766	Cullen	Corner of Moore & Cobb	613.74
121770	Cullen	North Curtis St.	591.06
121859	Cullen	Cobb St.	330.51
121952	Cullen	Off Abbott Circle	0.00
121958	Cullen	Behind 106 White St.	647.30
122033	Cullen	Off of Burnham	202.80
122167	Cullen	Williams St.	482.98
122236	Springhill	Orr St.	3827.37
122260	Cullen	125 Payne St.	2019.97
122264	Cullen	Henrietta White Blvd.	443.89
122268	Cullen	114 Henrietta White Blvd.	4308.50
122286	Cullen	403 Henrietta White Blvd.	873.45
122320	Cullen	109 Plymouth	1,283.14
122321	Cullen	107 Plymouth	803.71
122357	Cullen	Abbot Cir. & Henrietta White	531.94
122358	Cullen	Cobb St.	612.93
122407	Cullen	Abbot Cir & Henrietta White (behind Rhone)	450.97
122422	Cullen	617 East St.	5380.35
123081	Springhill	Coyle St.	437.87
123780	Springhill	302 3 <sup>rd</sup> St. SE	3484.75
124524	Springhill	118 8 <sup>th</sup> St. NW & Church St.	2831.85
124870	Springhill	Patterson & 4 <sup>th</sup> St. SW	1605.73
124888	Springhill	911 1 <sup>st</sup> St. SE	1122.96
125813	Springhill	Center St.	2424.36
129335	Cotton Valley	Hwy 160	482.13

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Lisa Balkom, Secretary-Treasurer Jim Bonsall, President Webster Parish Police Jury

If you have any questions call Angie at 318-377-7564

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- Before placing a bid please make sure you have located the property and actually looked at it. Never bid on a piece of property you have never seen. Make sure you do all of your research on the property before bidding on it. Check with the Town Hall or the Clerk’s office to find out if there are any liens or other taxes owed on the property.
- Obtain a Bid Form from the Police Jury office
- Complete bid form in its entirety. \*\*There is a \$25 bid fee per parcel listing. Bid fee is NON-REFUNDABLE! (For Example: If a bidder bids on parcel #'s 12345, 12346 & 12347 then the bid fee will be \$75). Bid forms and bid fee needs to be in a sealed envelope marked “Sealed Bid”. Any bid received without a bid fee will be disqualified.

Mail all bids to: Webster Parish Police Jury ADJ Sealed Bids P.O. Box 389 Minden, LA 71055

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- 4) Bids will be opened on the date and time scheduled at the Courthouse Annex Building, West Entrance. You are not required to be present. No determinations will be made on the day of the Bid Opening. All bids will be reviewed before any determinations are made.
- 5) After the highest bidder has been determined a letter will be sent out to both the successful bidder and the unsuccessful bidder. The successful bidder will receive a packet with instructions on what to do next.
- 6) The successful bidder has (5) business days from the date of the letter to make payment. If payment is not made within (5) days the property will go to the next highest bidder.
- 7) Any bidder who bids on the same property more than once and is the highest bidder, then does not honor the bid, is disqualified from bidding on anything else. This in turn disqualifies any other bids.

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