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GRAND OPENING

Minden Chamber Celebrates Highland Clinic Opening with Ribbon Cutting

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Minden Press-Herald

The Greater Minden Chamber welcomed Highland Clinic to Minden after they chose to open a clinic on Homer Road. Business and community leaders gathered at the new facility on Friday in order to celebrate its opening. This clinic, led by oncologist and hematologist Dr. Kirtan Koticha, focuses on providing top quality treatment to patients with cancer as well as other ailments such as leukemia, lymphoma, bone marrow disorders, and many others.

At the ribbon cutting, Minden Mayor Terry Gardner thanked Dr. Koticha, his staff, and Highland Clinic for choosing Minden as the location for their new facility. "For decades, this facility where we're standing has been for healthcare. Previous doctors have been here and treated their patients here. I was very proud to see when this facility was purchased by Highland and they pushed it over and they repurposed the slab," said Gardner.

"Most of all, I'm proud that they reinvested money in the city of Minden. Minden is growing, the population is growing, and we're glad that you're part of that popu-



The Greater Minden Chamber hosted a ribbon cutting to celebrate the opening of a Highland Clinic location here in Minden. This new facility ensures that patients battling cancer here locally will be able to receive treatment closer to home.

WILL PHILLIPS/PRESS-HERALD PHOTOS

lation. If there's anything that we can do for you at the city of Minden please don't hesitate to reach out to us."

Representing the local healthcare community, Jim Williams, CEO of Minden Medical Center, offered some words of welcome as well: "We're so excited about your new location here in Minden. We always love to see you in the hospital setting and are glad that you're here. You're one of our favorite doctors

on the medical staff and we're just super excited about the success that you're going to have here in Minden, and if there's anything that we can do to support that effort, let us know."

The man of the hour himself, Dr. Koticha, also shared some of his thoughts about opening a facility here in Minden as well. "I'm so grateful to be able to open this facility here," said Koticha. "We have great staff, great patients, the community

needs us, and we're able to provide treatments and quality care here locally and close to the patients homes, that way they don't have to travel all the way to Shreveport where we have our main facility. I think our patients appreciate it, and I appreciate that I can be here for that."

He went on to thank everyone for the support that they have received throughout the process of getting the clinic up and running.

"I'm very grateful to Minden and the hospital especially for supporting us, making it possible for us to be here. They've always been good to us, taken good care of patients locally, and I feel that without them this would not be possible," said Koticha.

"I'm glad we are here, it took a while because of COVID and the delay, but I think we finally got it, and it's been a long time coming. Minden deserves it."

AWARD

Former Mindenite to receive award

Special to the Minden Press-Herald

Brittney Dunn, former resident of Minden, Louisiana was selected by the United States Small Business Administration, Louisiana District for the 2022 Entrepreneurial Success Award of the Year.

Each year since 1963, the president has issued a proclamation declaring National Small Business on May 5, 2022. On this day, she will be celebrated with other district winners at a special ceremony at Capitol Park Museum in Baton Rouge, LA.

Brittney will be acknowledged for her challenging work, innovative ideas and dedication to her community that has built an outstanding business to strengthen the state's economy.

The SBA is pleased to celebrate Brittney Dunn CPA, LLC achievements and recognize her personal role as President in driving our nation's economic growth.

Brittney serves on the board of Volunteers of America and United Way. President of the SBAACC and a member of Shreveport-Caddo Economic Steering Group, The Louisiana Chamber of Commerce Foundation, and Iota Rho Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. in Minden, Louisiana.

Brittney is a graduate of Minden High School (2004) and is the daughter of Brainard and Toni Odom. She resides in Shreveport, LA with her husband Drayden and two boys Christian and Cayden.

COMMUNITY

Quilt show presents traditional quilts with a twist

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Minden Press-Herald

The Piney Needles Quilt Guild will be presenting their annual quilt show in Springhill on Saturday, May 7. This year's show, titled Tradition with a Twist, will feature quilter Melanie Dean.

The Piney Needles Quilt Guild got its start in 2000, when four ladies began quilting together. They held their first quilt show in 2001 and have had one each year until they were interrupted by the pandemic. The guild has grown and now has 30 members.

"Nearly all the quilts displayed are new made and owned by guild members only according to the guild bylaws," said Virginia Hughes, President of the Piney Needles Quilt Guild. The quilts will not be tagged for sale; however, attendees are welcome to inquire as to their availability.

There will be about 80 quilts and quilt-related items to enjoy at the show. And for those with an interest in history, "there will be a small display of



COURTESY PHOTOS

The Tradition with a Twist quilt show, presented by the Piney Needles Quilt Guild, will be held Saturday, May 7. This quilt, made in the traditional buzzsaw pattern with reproduction 1930s fabric, will be raffled off at the end of the show.

long lost quilts owned by guild members that have local historical interest," said Virginia.

An opportunity quilt will be available. Tickets can be purchased for an opportunity to receive this quilt for \$1.00 each or six tickets for \$5.00. This beautiful quilt was constructed in the traditional buzzsaw pattern, which is apropos to Springhill's

logging history, and was created using reproduction fabrics of the 1930s.

Tradition with a Twist will be held in the South Main Mall (courtesy of the late Mr. Ed Kenyan) on Saturday, May 7, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. There is no admission charge to attend, but there will be vendors selling personal and quilt items, so come prepared.

EDUCATION

North Webster student receives FFA State Degree Award

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Rachael Reed, a senior at North Webster High, recently earned the FFA State Degree Award. This is the highest degree awarded by FFA.

Future Farmers of America (FFA) is an intracurricular student organization for those interested in agriculture and leadership. According to their website, "FFA members are future chemists, veterinarians, government officials, entrepreneurs, bankers, international business leaders, teachers and premier professionals in many career fields."

"As the highest degree achievable in the National FFA Organization, the American FFA Degree shows an FFA member's dedication to his or her chapter and state FFA association. It demonstrates the effort FFA members apply toward their supervised agricultural experience and the outstanding leadership abilities and community involvement they exhibited through their FFA career," the FFA website states. "To be eligible to receive the American FFA Degree, members must

meet qualifications such as receiving a State FFA Degree, holding active membership for the past three years, completing secondary instruction in an agricultural education program and operating an outstanding supervised agricultural experience program. Community service, leadership abilities and outstanding scholastic achievement are also required."

Rachael's agricultural experiences included helping a previous teacher with a goat project and the associated management practices as well as raising and then showing a goat.

"My project started by begging my parents to let me get a goat so that I could show an animal at the fairs and livestock shows," said Rachael. When her parents pointed out that they had nowhere to keep a goat, Rachael's advisor, Ms. Katelin Breau, volunteered to allow Rachael to house her goat with Ms. Breau's. "She had a few goats at the time so, when I would go over there to take care of mine, I start-

ed helping out with hers as well — caring for them as mine," Rachael said. "Over time, I was able to learn how to properly take care of a Boer goat."

Rachael is currently the Area Officer of Area 1 for FFA and will be running for State Office when she attends their convention in June.

"FFA is in my blood," said Rachael. "I am a fourth generation FFA member and, to achieve something higher than my great granddad did, is rewarding. The State Degree isn't something that's given out; it is something that is earned. And in earning it there have been amazing achievements and memories that will forever be with me."

Rachel continued: "I'm over-the-moon excited about winning this award. The Lord has blessed me by giving me the resources and people to achieve this goal of mine. This award opens the doors to more scholarships, not to mention looking good on my college and employment resumes. I honestly have strived to reach what Christ has called me to do — to do what it takes to get to where I want to go."

Congratulations, Rachael Reed, on earning this well-deserved, prestigious award.



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WEBSTER & MORE

LEGISLATION

Louisiana House committee approves two school choice-related bills

(The Center Square) — Bills to give parents of certain students more educational options gained approval from the House Committee on Appropriations, while another broader proposal was shelved by the bill's sponsor.

The House Committee on Appropriations voted unanimously to advance House bills 194 and 452, which would create state-funded Education Savings Accounts (ESAs) parents can use to educate their children outside of the public education system.

HB 194, sponsored by Rep. Rhonda Butler, R-Ville Platte, would create ESAs for students with disabilities such as deafness, blindness or autism with the average per pupil state funding parents can use for tuition, tutoring, and educational services and supplies necessary to meet their child's educational needs.

"Hundreds of emails have been sent to me from parents that are loving the option of this," said Butler on Tuesday. She is a mother of a special needs child.

Several lawmakers with experience with special needs children thanked Butler for bringing the bill, which was opposed by the Louisiana School Boards Association (LSBA), Louisiana Association of Educators (LAE) and Louisiana Progress Action. HB 194 is backed by the Pelican Institute, the American Federation for Children and Louisiana Association of Business and Industry (LABI).

HB 452, sponsored by Rep. Barbara Freiberg, R-Baton Rouge, would create the same ESA option for students who have documented at least two instances of bullying, or any student who is the victim of sexual assault.

"I think you all know that bullying ... sometimes it's a very, very serious issue," Freiberg said. "For teens, it can mean suicide at the end, if they don't feel comfortable about themselves, about their situations."

"This is just an option for parents, it's not a mandate," she said.

HB 452 is also supported by the Pelican Institute, American Federation for Children, and LABI, as well as the Council for a Better Louisiana, among others. The bill was opposed by the LSBA, LAE, and Louisiana Progress Action.

A broader proposal to extend ESAs to all students, House Bill 824, did not make it out of committee. The bill's sponsor, Rep. Laurie Schlegel, R-Jefferson, voluntarily deferred the bill, which shelves the legislation for now but technically keeps the proposal alive.

"I believe we need to look at doing different things, but I understand when you do different things there's a lot of trepidation in it," she said. "I also understand that for some they would like to look at an incremental approach when looking at something new, so for that reason I'm going to voluntarily defer this bill."

All three bills were approved by the House Education Committee in early April. HB 194 and 452 now move to the full House, which approved a similar ESA bill, House Bill 33, with a vote of 75-26 last week.

HB 33, sponsored by Rep. Phillip Devillier, R-Eunice, would provide ESAs for children of military families, those in foster care, and students attending D- or F-rated schools that have been denied a transfer to higher-rated schools. HB 33 is now in the Senate Committee on Education.

Another ESA bill in the Senate, Senate Bill 203, sponsored by Sen. Sharon Hewitt, R-Slidell, would provide the school choice option for students reading below grade level. SB 203 gained approval from the Senate Committee on Education in March and is now in the Senate Committee on Finance.

GOVERNMENT

Louisiana report on juvenile detention centers finds violations of state standards

(The Center Square) — A new state audit of juvenile detention centers and secure care facilities is highlighting issues with the use of solitary confinement and room isolation, including violations of state standards and inconsistent reporting.

A report issued by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor last week examined the use of room confinement and isolation in juvenile detention centers and secure care facilities throughout Louisiana in 2019 and 2020, as requested by House Resolution 50 approved by the Legislature last year.

The resolution tasked the legislative auditor with analyzing the duration, reasons and demographics of youth held in room confinement by facility, and the report addresses both the state's 13 licensed juvenile detention centers and five secure care facilities.

At the juvenile detention centers — Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) licensed facilities where youth await court proceedings — auditors found "at least 1,318 youth were assigned to 6,188 instances of room confinement" in 2019 and 2020.

Louisiana juvenile detention standards allow the use of room confinement for up to 72 hours and for disciplinary reasons. Auditors found that "while the average amount of room confinement time was 20.7 hours, detention centers document room confinement differently and do not always include required information, which makes it difficult to know exactly how much time youth are spending in room confinement," according to the report.

Auditors found some instances of room confinement exceeded 72 hours at the detention centers, and noted that calculations of time spent in isolation are not recorded the same way at all facilities.

"We ... found that some detention centers do not include sleep time in the calculation of room confinement duration when confinement extends overnight, which makes their confinement duration shorter than centers that do," the auditors wrote.

The most common reason for room confinement in detention centers was youth-on-youth fighting and physical aggression, with black 16-year-old males accounting for the most instances.

"Of the 6,188 instances of room confinement in calendar years 2019 and 2020, youth-on-youth fighting and threats/violence to staff accounted for 2,171 (35.1%) of confinement," the report read. "However, the detention centers also used room confinement as a punishment for lesser negative behaviors, such as failure to follow instructions and disruptive behavior, which accounted for 2,302 (37.2%) of confinements."

The Office of Juvenile Justice (OJJ) oversees four

facilities for males and one for female youth adjudicated by a court and placed under supervision or custody by a judge. No laws or regulations provide standards for room confinement at the secure care facilities, but OJJ policy allows for "extended behavioral intervention" of up to seven days, or 168 hours.

In 2019 and 2020, "approximately 217 youth in secure care facilities were assigned 751 instance of room confinement. The average amount of time youth were in room confinement was 137 hours," the auditors wrote. "In August 2020, OJJ changed its policy from a maximum of eight hours to a maximum of seven days (168 hours). However, we found that 76 (33.2%) of these instances of confinement that occurred after this policy change exceeded seven days."

Auditors also found confinement time in the secure care facilities exceeded the national average. The most common reason for room confinement was threats, cursing, or violence towards staff, followed by disruptive behavior, again with black 16-year-old males accounting for most instances.

DCFS officials addressed a series of audit recommendations to standardize reporting, ensure best practices to limit the time youth spend in isolation, and increase public transparency, but local officials with the Florida Parishes Juvenile Justice District and Jefferson

Parish Department of Juvenile Services took issue with some of the recommendations.

The OJJ also concurred with most of the audit recommendations and offered insight into how the department is working to limit the use of room confinement, though OJJ Deputy Secretary William Sommers disagreed with a recommendation to post information on instances of room confinement online.

"The use of behavioral intervention is captured on paper forms and logbooks. There is not an automated process to calculate this data," Sommers wrote. "Data is manually counted for (performance-based standards) two months out of the year and reported. OJJ does not have the manpower to make this happen 12 months out of the year, nor do we see the need for this to occur."

EVENT

Bike Show Kicks Off 30th Annual Mayhaw Festival

El Dorado (April 20, 2022) The South Arkansas Historical Preservation Society is inviting the community to the Antique Car and Bike Show, sponsored by Karl Malone Auto Group. The show will be held in the parking lot behind the Newton House Museum on 510 N. Jackson in downtown El Dorado. Vehicles will start lining up at 8 a.m. on the day of the festival. The event is free and open to the public.

Steve Biernacki, executive director of the South Arkansas Historical Preservation Society, said this year's show is shaping up to be a great one, noting, "This will be a showcase of beautiful vintage trucks, muscle cars, side-by-sides, and more. We have several vehicles signed up already and expect things to be a lot busier this year!"

Show awards will be announced at 2 p.m. on the Main Stage. The entry fee is \$20 for a single vehicle or \$30 for two



vehicles. To win cash prizes and awards, contact Steve by phone at 870-862-9890 or email him at steve@soarkhistory.com.

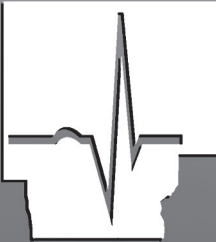
The Mayhaw Festival is held on the first Saturday of May each year since 1992 and is hosted by the South Arkansas Historical Preservation Society in El Dorado, Arkansas. Title sponsors are First Financial Bank and Murphy USA; additional sponsors include The City of El Dorado, Delek Refinery, Hepco Distributing, Karl Malone Auto Group, and Southern Bancorp. For more information, visit the Mayhaw Festival Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/mayhawfestival>.



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LIBRARY

Your Webster Parish Libraries Doyline Branch - On the Move

Special to the Minden Press-Herald

The Webster Parish Library System has deep roots within the Doyline community that date all the way back to the 1930's. The local library was moved to many different locations before the Town of Doyline generously allowed the library to be housed at its current location. While the existing building has served its purpose, it is time for the branch to relocate to a permanent home and one that better accommodates library users and their needs. According to Webster Parish Libraries Director, Savannah Jones, "The need for a new facility in Doyline has been on our radar for quite some time. Not only is it needed – it is necessary. If you have been to the current location, you know why. The problem was finding a suitable, new location to house a branch

in the heart of the town.” The First Baptist Church of Doyline had a solution to this problem. On April 11, 2022, title work was completed, and a piece of property in the heart of the town was transferred from the church to the library system with the community’s best interest in mind. “We are beyond grateful for the support shown from the First Baptist Church of Doyline. It is evident we are two entities that both care deeply about the Doyline community,” said Jones. The Doyline Library Branch offers a wide array of services and materials to the public.

An average of 430 physical materials check-out from the branch per month by patrons, 617 people attended a program at the branch in 2021, and an estimated number of 497 patrons accessed a computer or used Wi-Fi provided by this branch in the same

year. "Considering in 2019 the population count of Doyline was 734, and well over 50% of those residents have active library cards, I can accurately say that the majority of people within Doyline take advantage of their library. Those are just library card holders. You don't have to have a library card to take advantage of the many services." Branch Manager, Kelly Burge, is particularly ecstatic over the acquisition. "I was born and raised in the Town of Doyline and used the library as a child. I am very excited about the possibility of branch growth in the near future. When I accepted this position four years ago, I never dreamed I would love a job as much as I do this one," said Burge. When asked about future plans for the newly acquired property, Jones stated, "We have hopes of eventually building a new branch at the location, but ultimately that deci-

sion is made by the people within the parish. We are in the process of trying to position ourselves to build without having to go out to the public for additional funds. It's taken a lot of strategic planning for the future. As a governmental entity, we always strive to be good stewards of public funds and make decisions with the parish residents' needs in mind. After all, this is their library system. It's important not to forget that." The Webster Parish Library System is the fourth oldest library system in the State of Louisiana and was created to be the 'model' library for others to follow. The library system operates off a millage rate voted on by parish residents every ten years that is dedicated to library services. Webster Parish Libraries is looking to get back on the ballot for a renewal in the spring of 2023.

LIFE

Storms remind us of peace of God

The storm was raging. Lightning flashed and thunder roared. It sounded ferocious and seemed to be surrounding us, threatening to devour everything in its path.

With a calm that can come only from a higher power, we gave it all to Him and went back to sleep. Each time we awoke, it was still storming but we made it peacefully through the night.

Some people call that being ignorant of the dangers posed by the wind and rains, but whatever it might have been, we were rested when we finally awoke and the storm had passed through.

It was only later, we learned of downed trees and power lines not many miles away, the real power of the storm that was all around us.

The storm reminded me of the Bible accounts of such powerful winds and waves that threatened the followers of Jesus. With the calm of His voice, He stilled the storm. And His followers were safe and astonished at the power He exhib-

ited.

This storm is just one kind of storm that we find ourselves threatened by. Storms come in many forms and bring heartache and pain to those who find themselves in the wake of the storm. We all can expect life's storms to touch us at sometime in our lives.

The storm may be in form of a life-threatening illness affecting us or a loved one. We may find ourselves by the side of a loved one for many months, and sometimes years, until the situation is resolved in one way or another. It might be our own body that is wracked with pain as we battle our way through an illness.

The unexpected loss of a loved one can cast us into the middle of a storm that is hard to pull out of. The pain of the loss, the adjustment to life without the loved one, can cause one to spiral downward until he seems to see no

way out. It is only with time, lots of time, and the strength we can draw on from other sources that we will finally be able to weather that particular storm.

We've seen this happen to so many friends over the past few years. In addition, there have been those who have the debilitating situation caused by dementia or Alzheimer's disease. The loved

one no longer recognizes his family members or his friends. They may seem to be in the midst of a new world and only the family caregiver is suffering in the storm.

The storm that passed through during the night caused damage that could not be prevented. Likewise, the storms of life create havoc beyond our control.

I have heard many ministers and others say that everyone will have storms in his life. If you have not just come through a storm or living in one at the time, there will definitely be one in



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your future.

There is only one way we can survive life's storms. We must lift our eyes and place our faith in the Higher Power that is able and willing to bring us through. We are not promised that we will come through unscathed, but He will bring us through the storm.

Today, after the storm made its way through the area, the sun came out and shone brightly on a freshly-washed world. Everything seemed cleaner and brighter.

So it is with life's storms, our faith is stronger and we may be a better witness and more caring person than before the storm. We may find ourselves able to help others as they face similar situations.

Let's not be ignorant to the the force of the storms, but be willing to seek the Higher Power to bring us through them.

And, then, let us share that strength with those in similar situations.

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OTHER OPINION

Rozeman: Overcoming the great divide

Watching news, reading newspapers, and scouring social media identifies deep divisions in our politics and our culture. Poll results indicate that Americans on both sides of the political divide have significant concerns about the direction of our country.

Our tendency is to initially blame some entity – government, political leaders, schools, universities, or political parties. However, pointing our fingers at one or more of these entities accomplishes nothing. The blame game does nothing to change things for the better.

For this column I thought about five things I could do as an individual promote civility in areas of disagreement with others. Then I added five more ways to work with others to change the direction of our culture in a positive way. On a personal level we can:

Live the truth. The Bible says “the truth will set you free”. The defense of freedom begins with all of us seeking truth and then living it.

Have gratitude for our blessings and share these blessings with others. My anxiety over the direction of our country is greatly allayed when I realize I live in the greatest country in the history of the world. For over 250 years, America has been a beacon of freedom.

Practice the Golden Rule. Would the world around me be

better if I treated others the way I want to be treated? Would there be greater civility? Could practicing this rule as individuals or as a community change the direction of the country? What if we really took the great commandment to heart and “loved one another”?

Don’t underestimate the potential to impact others for the good. It is easy to just throw up hands in despair at every new headline, but nothing good is accomplished with that attitude. None of us fully realizes our impact on others and the world around us. When we think about it just a moment, we can all remember teachers, parents, and friends who transformed our lives.

Focus on creating opportunity for others. This means providing and encouraging work and innovation as keys to prosperity. Though no one can guarantee equal outcomes, equal opportunity is a founding principle. We can help provide excellence in education for all people.

On a community and national level, we can work together



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to change the direction of our culture.

Strong families can turn the culture in the right direction. We can start with our own family. We can pass along the treasures of civilization and freedom to our children and grandchildren. Building strong families is the foundation of overcoming generational poverty. What if we could find a way to build more strong families?

Apply Biblical principles. In the Old Testament, the prophet Micah wrote “What does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?”. The scriptures show the way to justice and mercy. Silencing the church and censorship were the first steps in the Communist and Nazi movements of the 20th century. We shouldn’t let it happen in America.

Don’t forget the foundation of our Declaration of Independence. We should live by it as individuals and as a government. The Founding Fathers wrote “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness”.

Preserve the Bill of Rights. These civil liberties are our unalienable Rights. Threats to

freedom of speech, press, assembly, protest, petition, and religion in Amendment One are threats to our democracy. The same is true for the other civil liberties in Amendments 2-10. Elon Musk described these rights as the “bedrock of a functioning democracy”. We should all work together to preserve the liberty that comes with the Bill of Rights.

Stand up for these foundation principles in our founding documents. In the classic work “Democracy in America” by de Tocqueville, he noted “Despotism may govern without faith, but liberty cannot”. We can and should speak truth to power and stand up to those who threaten our foundation principles.

There are individual and collective ways to provide solutions for our deep divide and seemingly endless hostility. Those solutions are found in the heart of Americans. Integrity, gratitude, charity, opportunity, and a reliance on long-standing principles applies the wisdom of the ages to our differences.

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OTHER OPINION

Alexander: Disney leadership the latest to learn that there is a backlash when forcing “woke” principles on all

I’m sometimes amazed at the tone deafness of CEOs who follow their “woke” staffers off a cliff in the cultural battles occurring in America. I think they must all be hearing only each other, and Leftist news and opinion, creating an isolating and reinforcing echo chamber.

Whatever the case, Disney stock has plummeted more than 30% of late and Florida state government has also now stripped Disney of its corporate “carve out” which benefited the company to the tune of tens of millions of dollars a year and essentially allowed the company to function as its own government within the state of Florida.

What’s all the commotion? There are really two separate but related issues here.

One, according to a leaked video of Disney executive Latoya Ravaneau, the company intends to “add queerness” content to all of Disney’s media product in the coming months and years, promoting, she says, her “not-at-all-secret gay agenda.” Disney Corporate President Karey Burke also

announced plans to add “many, many, many LGBTQ characters” to its shows and movies, stating that a large percentage (50%) of its characters will be LGBTQ in the near future, according to the New York Post. (3-30-22).

Second, these videos come amid Disney declaring war on the state of Florida over its Parental Rights Law — what a radical LGBTQ activists have dubbed the “Don’t Say Gay” bill—which simply bans teachers from giving prepubescent grooming lessons on gender identity, sexuality, and sexual orientation in kindergarten through the third grade. I note that Florida parents could be equally livid that Florida law still incredibly ALLOWS sexual grooming of children in 4th through 8th grade.

U.S. Senator Marco Rubio succinctly stated in a Tweet that “the @WaltDisneyCo



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filmed Mulan near #Uighur genocide camps & then thanked the people who run those camps in the credits—projects through which Disney takes in millions in blood money annually, including \$5.5 billion invested in its Shanghai theme park—but they are outraged that Florida schools will no longer be indoctrinating 5-year olds on “gender identity.” The stench of hypocrisy is sickening.

As a result of the discovery of Disney’s trafficking in the innocence of children to increase corporate profit, Disney stocks are tanking and approval of Governor Desantis’ actions is rising to over 60 percent in opinion polls all in response to the roar of millions of Florida and American parents who demand in unison that “we don’t want and won’t tolerate our children being taught about or exposed to sexuality, sexual orientation or gender identity in our schools.

As Gerard Baker of the Wall Street Journal has observed “is opposition to parents’ rights really the hill for a children’s entertainment

company to die on?” He continues “... when a company whose products entertained, enlivened and enriched the lives of millions of children and their parents decides it must take a stand against the Parental Rights in Education Bill—allowing them to determine whether their children as young as 5 are taught sexual orientation or gender identity in the classroom—what does it expect” other than this backlash?

If the China Virus pandemic can be said to have a silver lining it must be that, during the times children were required to do on-line schooling their parents were exposed to what they are actually being taught in schools—whether gender identity or other sexual perversions or Critical Race Theory—and they have risen up against it.

May this parental vigilance in defense of childhood innocence long endure.

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EDITORIAL ROUNDUP

WSJ: Biden administration steps closer toward student mass loan forgiveness

The Biden Administration this week announced another installment in its student-loan forgiveness plan to “fix longstanding failures” in the program. Translation: Taxpayers will pay again for the mistakes of Congress and the Obama Administration.

Congress created income-based repayment plans in 2007 to help borrowers manage mountains of debt they can’t repay. Initially borrowers could cap monthly payments at 15% of their discretionary income and discharge their remaining balance after 25 years. Those who went to work in “public service” had to pay 10% for 10 years.

Democrats made the terms more generous when they nationalized the student-loan market to pay for ObamaCare, reducing payments for new borrowers after June 2014 to 10% of their income and canceling debt after 20 years. In the run-up to the 2016 election the Obama Administration expanded these plans to older borrowers.

Many of the eight million or so borrowers now enrolled in these plans aren’t paying enough to reduce their balances and have continued to accrue interest. This is one reason federal student debt has more than doubled since 2010, even

though the number of borrowers has increased by only some 25%.

The plans have also been a headache for loan servicers that have to certify income, which can change. Rather than enroll in the plans, many borrowers have opted to pause payments for a time, though this means their loans won’t eventually be forgiven. Progressives have lambasted servicers for following borrowers’ wishes.

The Education Department is now riding to the rescue by announcing it will credit up to three years of paused payments toward loan forgiveness—on top of the two-years-and-counting

pandemic pause. The Administration is taking the “income” and “repayment” out of income-based repayment.

About 3.6 million borrowers will benefit. Who knows how much it will cost, but an internal Trump Administration analysis projected that the government would lose \$435 billion on the \$1.4 trillion federal loan balance in 2018, mainly due to these loan forgiveness plans. That was before the pandemic pause.

The Administration has already canceled more than \$100 billion in student debt by discrete regulatory actions and extending the pan-

demic pause through August. None of this has been authorized by Congress or satisfied the demands of progressives. White House Press Secretary Jen Psaki tipped last week that the pause will “be extended again or we’re going to make a decision” about “canceling student debt.”

Progressives won’t sleep until President Biden erases all \$1.6 trillion in federal student debt. As ever, the saps are those who worked to repay their debt on time.

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SPORTS

Warriors, Panthers advance in baseball playoffs
Minden, North Webster both fall in opening-round showdowns

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Minden Press-Herald

It was a case of mixed results for Webster Parish teams as the Louisiana High School Athletics Association baseball playoffs got underway earlier this weekend.

Minden and North Webster both fell in opening-round action while Lakeside and Doyline picked up wins to advance to second-round play.

Following is a recap of opening round play-off action:

Pearl River 5, Minden 3

Errors were the difference Tuesday as Pearl River 19th-seeded Pearl River traveled to Minden and defeated the Crimson Tide 5-3 in Class 4A post-season play.

Five Minden miscues proved costly for the Tide in a tight contest.

But the Tide didn't go down easy, or at least not early.

The Rebels plated a pair of runs in the top half of the first inning before the Crimson Tide countered with a pair of runs of their own in the bottom half.

But that inning, only to have Minden answer with a pair of runs in the bottom of the inning. But that was only the offense the Crimson Tide (15-14) could provide until adding their final run in the seventh and final inning.

Pearl River moved on top 3-2 in the top on the third inning on a two-run single by Trey Turnage

took the lead for good in the third on sophomore Trey Turnage's two-strike, two-run single.

The Rebels also took advantage of five stolen bases led by Drake Stickler with three.

Brody Bower took the loss for Minden after going five innings and



The Lakeside High School Warriors (above left) and Doyline High School Panthers (above right) were the Webster Parish survivors following first-round play in the Louisiana High School Athletic Association Baseball players. Lakeside defeated Beekman Charter 11-1 in Class 2B while Doyline downed Castor 9-0 in Class B.



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allowing five runs on four hits with one walk and six strikeouts.

Brandon Winston pitched two scoreless innings in relief for Minden.

Lakeside 11, Beekman Charter 1

Lakeside jumped on top early and never looked back to advance to second-round play of the Class 2A playoffs with a five-inning win.

Seth Levesque's RBI-single sparked the Warriors to a 1-0 advantage in the bottom of the first inning, and before it was over Lakeside had pushed across its 11 runs on 11 hits.

Levesque led the Warriors with a 3-for-4 plate performance while Jordan Isbell and Jon Jon Dick also added a pair of hits each.

Lakeside starting pitcher Jake Wilkins struck out five Tigers to earn the win.

The 12th-seeded Warriors move on to a best-of series at fifth-seeded Many with the first game played starting at 6 p.m. Friday night.

Game two will be played at 5 p.m. Saturday in Many while if needed, a third and deciding game will be played shortly following the end of game

two at 7 p.m. Saturday.

Doyline 9, Castor 0

DOYLINE — Panthers' pitcher Noah Spears hurled a complete home game shut-out to defeat Castor Wednesday evening and advance to the second-round of the Class B playoffs.

Doyline took control with six runs in the fourth inning with Spears, Dakota Stewart, Kenneth Lee, Cameron Johnson and Austin Arbaugh all providing runs batted in.

Stewart, Arbaugh and Spears each had a pair of hits for the Panthers, who totaled eight

as a team.

Nine stolen bases were a big catalyst in the scoring surge for the 10th-seeded Panthers, who will next play at seventh-seeded Glenmora at 5 p.m. Monday.

Brusly 4, North Webster 3

BRUSLY — North Webster rallied to tie things up in the top of the seventh inning Tuesday evening before Brusly rallied to plate the winning run in the bottom in a Class 3A showdown that sent the 17th-ranked Knights on the road to face the 16th-

seeded Panthers.

The Panthers pushed across a pair of runs in the first inning for an early 2-0 advantage before North Webster first got on the scoreboard in the top of the third.

Brusly added a run in the fourth inning to push its lead to 3-1 before North Webster rallied in the top of the seventh by pushing across a pair of runs with two outs to knot things up at 3-3.

But with a runner on third and one out in the bottom of the seventh, Brusly's Nick Bardwell singled to right field to drive to propel the Panthers to the win.

Demons defeat G-Men 8-3

Minden Press-Herald Sports Service

GRAMBLING — Grambling State University pitcher Connor Rudy took a no-hitter into the sixth inning, but Northwestern State struck for four runs in the frame in defeating the Tigers, 8-3, on Tuesday night at Wilbert Ellis Field at R.W.E. Jones Park.

Rudy (3-6) overcame an error-plagued fourth inning, which saw Northwestern State (20-20) grab a 2-0 lead. However, Grambling State (18-22), which saw its three-game win streak snapped, picked up three runs in the fifth.

The Demons scored the final six runs, including back-to-back homers by Jeffrey Elkins and Gray Rowlett in the seventh to pick up the victory.

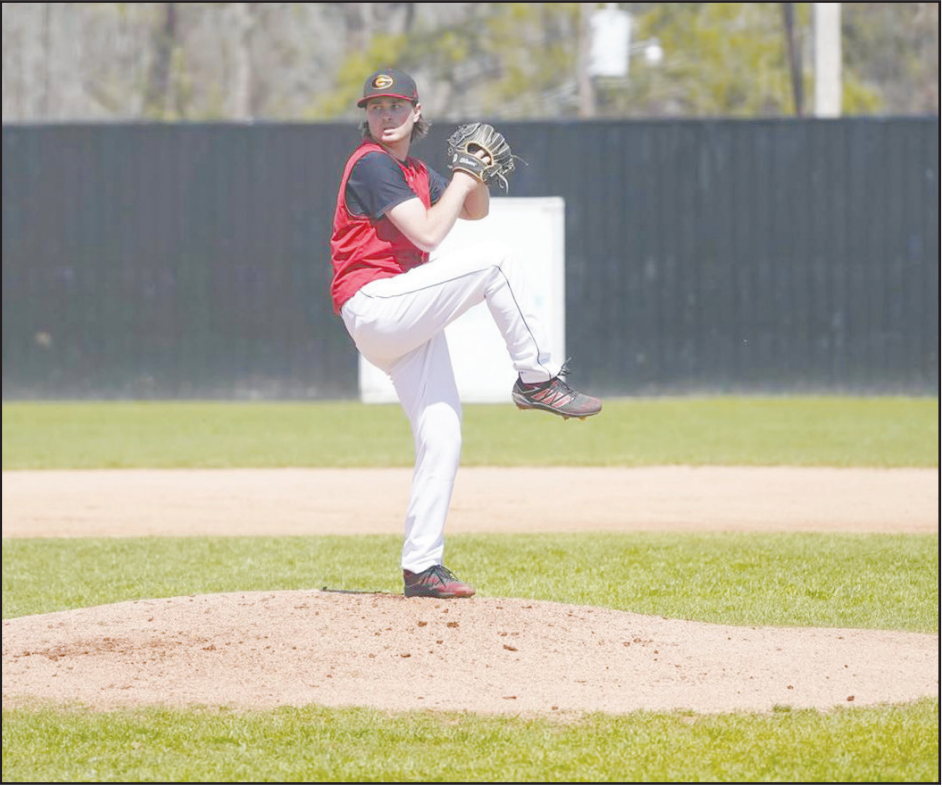


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Grambling State pitcher Connor Rudy hurled a no-hitter through five innings Tuesday night before Northwestern State finally chased Rudy off the mound with three hits in the sixth inning.

Diamond 'Dogs downed at Little Rock

Minden Press-Herald Sports Service

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Louisiana Tech's baseball team lost to Little Rock 8-7 on Wednesday night at Gary Hogan Field, splitting the sea-


son series.

The Bulldogs (28-14, 12-6 C-USA) dropped the midweek matchup at Little Rock (17-19, 6-11 Sun Belt) as the Trojans pushed across seven runs in the fifth inning.

In the top of the sixth, Louisiana Tech's Steele Netterville blasted his team-leading 11th home run of the year driving in three more runs to even the game back up 7-7 before the Trojans

pushed across a run in the bottom of the eighth.

Louisiana Tech next Tech heads to Norfolk to face off with Old Dominion for a three-game conference series this weekend.




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Jacey Adams,
Minden HS Softball

Adams, the catcher for the Lady Tiders, blasted a two-run homer with four total bases while leading her team with six putouts in Minden's 6-3 second-round Class 4A softball playoffs loss to North Vermilion.

The Press-Herald Athlete of the Week feature is brought to you every other Friday by Under Dawgs.

Good News

GOOD NEWS

Eating Green Plums and Playing Hooky – Bad Ideas!

In early spring the wild plum is one of the first bushes to put on blooms and bring forth those delightful, tart and stomach-aching plumbs. Everybody loves them (that is one or two) yet everyone seems to hate them (after about a dozen of them have made their way down the food passage). They get stuck in the stomach and begin to create a lot of ‘uncomfortable feelings.’

Green plumbs are good for early jelly. They were not meant to eat them without a limit of ‘no more than three.’ They will set you teeth on ‘edge’ (Ezek 18:2). These would be the first fruit of the spring to appear, and the fence rows near our house were loaded with them each year. And so was the fence row near the school house.

Plums are always

turning ripe about the time school is ending. At least when I was growing up! So when I see the wild plumb bushes blooming, I am reminded of my last ‘wild plum party’ -in early May when I was in the 7th Grade. Central High School was located about 15 miles from n o w h e r e . North Central Baptist Church was on a high hill about a half-mile from the school. Looking out the second-story windows (at school) those keen-eyed teachers could see wayward students for miles it seemed. No hooky playing could pass their watchful eye. But one day a friend and I tried it. Just for fun of

course. We had a plan, but not a good one. After getting off the school bus that morning, we made our way down to the Agriculture Building. We climbed the fence behind the building, making our way out to the road, along the fence row. We used the fence for our guide as we ‘hunched over and crawled’ up the hill with our backs to the school. Evidently no one saw these strange centipedes inching up the hill toward the church. But we were on a mission – to play hooky!

The church was surrounded by hedge that created a perfect hiding place all day. Our plan was to crawl back to school and catch the bus home in the

afternoon. (Our bus made two runs, making it easy to get back to school after the other buses left. There we could rejoin the other later-riders.)

We had heard of others playing hooky and now it was our time. So, there we were in the hedges behind the church near the water faucet. We had no food, no books, nothing! But we had water! When no one came up the hill to check on us by noon, we knew we had outsmarted everyone. But just as Adam and Eve were tricked into eating forbidden fruit (Gen 3), these two smart 7th Graders were pulled in the same kind of temptation. Those two plums trees on the fence row by the church began to look more and more enticing. They were loaded with large green plums,

ready for takers. Now, we didn’t see a serpent nearby to tempt us, but the empty feeling within began to play tricks on us. “Come, get me,” they beckoned. Soon, our desires overcame our resistance to ‘fill up on those plums.’ So we did! The first handful was a little tart, but good. But on the second batch, our teeth had been ‘set on edge.’ Know what I mean? But we kept eating. After a rest and some water, we begin to feel stomach pains. And by bus-time, we were both sick and in big trouble. Get the picture!

We knew those keen eyes of our teachers may not have seen us playing hooky, but the Good Lord saw us and was ‘pronouncing judgment!’ Poor theology, maybe, but it was about all two kids could come up with

that day. We made the bathroom just in time, and we met the bus for the ride home...just in time! But we paid for the ‘fun day’ of playing hooky and eating green plums. The moral of this true story is: Playing hooky from school and eating green plums is not a good combination for anyone to consider. Both of them are bad ideas and should be erased from any thought pattern you may have. We must always remember: His (God) eye is on the sparrow, (so we know) He’s always watching us! So the best thing for us to consider is ‘stay in school and avoid eating green plums.’ Beware you sins will find you out...and you will pay for them dearly!

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THE UPWARD LOOK

A Disciple’s Confession

“Thomas answered and said to Him, and sovereign, who possesses absolute authority and power. In exclaiming that Jesus is “my Lord and my God,” Thomas is declaring his faith in Him, yielding his life in total obedience to Him.



Max Hutto

The words exclaimed by Thomas when he sees the Risen Christ form a confession, a commitment, a surrender of his total allegiance to Jesus. This declaration is more than just a mental acknowledgment that Jesus is the Lord God. Indeed Jesus is God the Son, the second person of the Holy Trinity, the Three in One. Jesus is also the Lord, the supreme master, ruler,

Lord Jesus, I bow before You in faith, trusting only in You for my salvation, and in surrender of my life to follow You and to obey Your Word.

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INSPIRATION

A New Vessel

Think of a moment in your life when everything was the way you liked it. Now think of the moment when it all changed. Did that change happen gradually or immediately? Next focus on how you reacted to the changes. Did you embrace it willingly or did you fight? Now conclude this moment of reflection with one last question. Did I handle the situation in a Christian manner? This line of thinking can be very helpful in following Christ completely. We can’t ground ourselves in our old lives and expect a new one with Christ. We have to let go of our old lives and become a new vessel for God. Jesus makes

this point to the religious leaders in Luke 5:37-39. “And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. For the new wine would burst the wineskins, spilling the wine and ruining the skins. New wine must be stored in new wineskins. But no one who drinks the old wine seems to want the new wine. ‘The old is just fine,’ they say.” I would like to conclude by encouraging everyone to be open to the possibility of a new life in Christ. Don’t let the comfort of your past make you rigid to the future.




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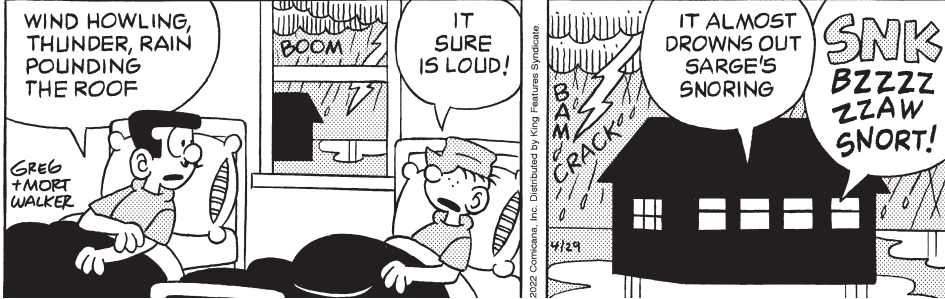
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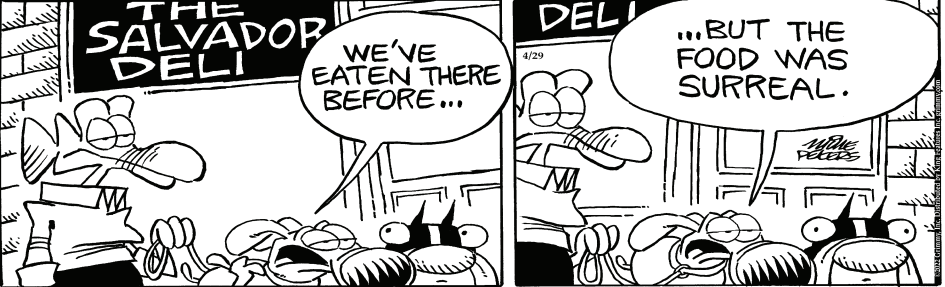
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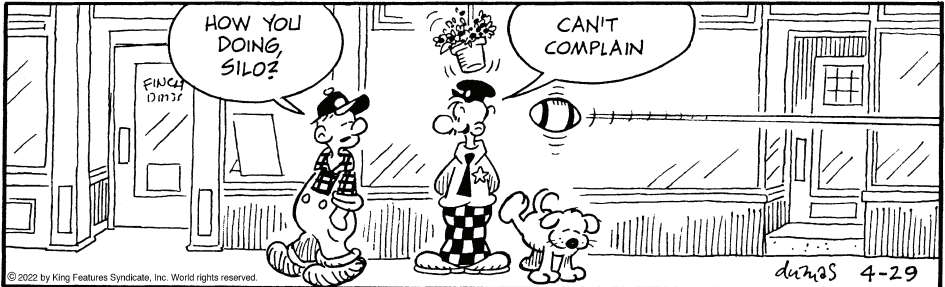
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SELENE FINANCE LP VS. CHARLES E. TRIM, A/K/A CHARLES E. TRIM, SR., CHARLES EDWARD TRIM, CHARLES EDWARD TRIM, SR., CHARLES TRIM, CHARLES TRIM, SR.

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. CV79832

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 appraisal and according to law at the principal front door of the Courthouse in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana on WEDNESDAY, May 4, 2022, During the legal sale hours, the following property,

to wit:

LOT FIVE (5), BLOCK V of the Town of Sibley, AND the NORTH EIGHTY (80) feet of LOTS ONE (1) and TWO (2), AND the NORTH EIGHTY (80) feet of the EAST TWENTY-FIVE (25) feet of LOT THREE (3), all in BLOCK V of the Town of Sibley, Webster Parish, Louisiana (also formerly known as Lanesville) located in the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NW/4 of NE/4) Section 21, Township 18 North, Range 9 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana, as shown by map and plat in Map Book 1, Page 1, Map Records of Webster Parish, Louisiana, together with all improvements thereon and all rights thereto belonging. The Municipal Address of the Property is 124 NE Natchitoches, Sibley, LA 71073

ALSO INCLUDING ONE (1) 2008 RIVER BIRCH MANUFACTURED HOME, being 30 X 80, and bearing Serial Numbers # R B 0 7 A L 1 2 5 1 3 A & R B 0 7 A L 1 2 5 1 3 B, which has been immobilized on the above described property by an Act of Immobilization being filed simultaneously herewith;

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

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

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

Linda Vaughan - Deputy

April 1, 2022
April 29, 2022
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Flash Market, LLC, d/b/a Flash Market #292 is applying to the Office of Alcohol & Tobacco Control of the State of Louisiana and the City of Minden for a permit to sell beverages of high and low alcohol content at retail in the Parish of Webster at the following address:
982 Highway 531
Minden, LA 71055
Flash Market, LLC
Flash Market #292
Owner/Member - Transit Energy Group, LLC

April 26, 2022
April 29, 2022
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Flash Market, LLC, d/b/a Flash Market #293 is applying to the Office of Alcohol & Tobacco Control of the State of Louisiana and the City of Minden for a permit to sell beverages of high and low alcohol content at retail in the Parish of Webster at the following address:
1403 Sibley Road
Minden, LA 71055
Flash Market, LLC
Flash Market #293
Owner/Member - Transit Energy Group, LLC

April 26, 2022
April 29, 2022
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Flash Market, LLC, d/b/a Flash Market #290 is applying to

the Office of Alcohol & Tobacco Control of the State of Louisiana and the City of Minden for a permit to sell beverages of high and low alcohol content at retail in the Parish of Webster at the following address:
800 Lewisville Road
Minden, LA 71055
Flash Market, LLC
Flash Market #290
Owner/Member - Transit Energy Group, LLC

April 26, 2022
April 29, 2022
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Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed Activity in a 100-Year Floodplain and/or Wetlands

This is to give notice that the Village of Dixie Inn has determined that the following proposed action under the Village's Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG-CV) program is located in the 100-year floodplain, and the Village of Dixie Inn will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action in the floodplain and the potential impacts on the floodplain from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11988 and 11990, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands.

The Village of Dixie Inn proposes to construct park/recreation improvements at the McClanahan Park. The proposed project for the park will consist of the following activities: 14x18 CMU restroom building (Men/Women), sewer and water connection, 10x10 picnic shelters, and fence repair and grading.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplains, and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information about floodplains can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplains, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by the Village of Dixie Inn at the following address on or before May 16, 2022: Kay Hallmark-Stratton, Mayor, Village of Dixie Inn, 60 Shell St., Minden, LA 71055. The Village can be contacted by phone at 318-377-6855. A full description of the project may also be reviewed upon request from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Town Hall of Dixie Inn, Minden, Louisiana.

The Village of Dixie Inn is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

April 29, 2022
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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**

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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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 Germantown 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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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

April 5, 2022
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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SHERIFF’S SALE

PELICAN STATE CREDIT UNION VS. THE SUCCESSION OF MAGGIE MAE BINGLE GANDY, PHILLIS KAY GASKINS DAY, SHANNA GASKINS SORRELL, JEFFERY ALAN CONATSER & STEPHANIE GASKINS MORRISON

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 79714

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 appraisal and according to law at the principal front door of the Courthouse in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana on WEDNESDAY, June 1, 2022, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

EXHIBIT “A”

The South twelve (12) feet of LOT EIGHT (8) and the North 64 feet of LOT SEVEN (7), WEBB PLACE, located in the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SE 1/4 of NW 1/4) of Section 22, Township 19 North, Range 9 West, Minden, Webster parish, Louisiana, as shown by map and plat thereof on file and of recorded in Map Book 1, Page 46, together with all buildings and improvements located thereon, municipally known as 620 Oak Knoll Avenue, Minden, Louisiana 71055.

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

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

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

Linda Vaughan - Deputy

April 29, 2022
May 27, 2022
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SHERIFF’S SALE

FEDERAL NATION-

AL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION VS. SHERRICA L. MOODY A/K/A SHERRICA LADAWN MOODY

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 77627

By virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued out of the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, in the above styled and numbered suit and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder for cash WITH the benefit of appraisal and according to law at the principal front door of the Courthouse in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana on WEDNESDAY, June 1, 2022, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

Begin at the Northwest Corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (NW/Cor of SW/4 of SE/4), Section 21, Township 18 North, Range 9 West, Sibley, Webster Parish, Louisiana; thence run South 900 feet; thence run East 1,682.5 feet to the point of beginning; thence continue East 200 feet; thence run North 200 feet; thence run West 200 feet; thence run South 200 feet to the point of beginning, together with all improvements thereon and all rights thereto belonging, also known as LOT FORTY-THREE (43) of SEVEN PINES ESTATE SUBDIVISION, Sibley, Webster Parish, Louisiana; subject to restrictions, servitudes, rights-of-way and outstanding mineral rights of record affecting the property.

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

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

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

Linda Vaughan - Deputy

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The City of Minden hereby advertises for bids for the purchase of one (1) **6/8-YARD DUMP TRUCK** - Bid No. 14-2022.

Separate sealed bids will be accepted in the office of the City Clerk, City Hall, Minden, Louisiana, until 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at Minden City Hall, located at 520 Broadway, Minden, LA. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud upon completion of administrative tasks. Late bids will not be accepted. Faxed bids cannot be accepted and will be discarded. The City of Minden is Continued on Next Page....

not responsible for the timely delivery of bids by the USPS or any other carrier.

Any bids received after the above time will not be accepted under any circumstances. Any uncertainty regarding the time a bid is received will be resolved against the bidder.

Only bids written in ink or type written, and properly signed by a member of the firm or authorized representative, will be accepted. Pencil and/or photo-static figures or signatures will disqualify bid. However, electronic signatures as defined in LA-R.S. 9:2602(8) may be acceptable.

Electronic Bidding: Contractors are provided the option to submit bid for public contracts through a uniform and secure electronic interactive system. Comply with electronic bidding as stated in the Louisiana Bid Law R.S. 38:2212.1.

Bid related materials may be found online and electronic bids may be submitted at www.BidExpress.com.

Bidding Documents: Bid specifications may be obtained at the City of Minden Public Works Department, 520 Broadway, Minden, LA 71055, (318) 377-2144.

Bid specifications will also be available online at www.BidExpress.com. If bidding online, all interested bidders must register for the project online. If bidders encounter any problems accessing Bid Express, please contact Bid Express at 888-352-2439.

Bid Proposal: Bids shall be received from bidders only on the bid form included in the bidding documents, as provided in the Louisiana R.S. 37:2162(b). A single lump-sum bid shall be submitted.

Bid Withdrawal: Bids shall not be subject to withdrawal by bidder for a period of forty-five (45) calendar days after the bid opening, except as provided for in the Instructions to Bidders.

Award, Waiver and Rejection of Bids: The contract will be awarded pursuant to the requirements of applicable local and state laws and regulations. To the extent permitted by such laws and regulations, the City of Minden reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality or irregularity in any bid received. Refer to the Instructions to Bidders for any forms required to be submitted with the bid.

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Public Notice

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Article IV, Section 21 (D) (1) of the Louisiana Constitution that Southwestern Electric Power Company ("SWEP- CO"), an electric public utility supplying retail electric service to approximately 244,000 customers in eleven Parishes in the State of Louisiana through its retail business, and who also serves customers in Arkansas and Texas, filed with the Louisiana Public Service Commission ("LPSC") of an Application for a Two Phase proceeding. In Phase I, SWEPCO requested Authorization for Expedited Consideration and

Approval to Replace Vintage Meters and to begin initial installation of a limited number of meters as part of an Advanced Meter System (AMS), including the corresponding communications networks in order to meet an immediate need to replace older and out-dated meters. In the Phase II, approval request filed April 25, 2022, SWEPCO seeks Commission approval to install a complete AMS for the benefit of SWEPCO Louisiana customers in accordance with the Commission's 2009 General Order, and for appropriate recovery as further set forth in the supporting documents, including testimony and a proposed tariff filed with the Commission in this proceeding. The eleven Parishes through which SWEPCO's service area extends in Louisiana are: Bossier, Bienville, Caddo, DeSoto, Grant, Natchitoches, Red River, Sabine, Webster, Winn, and Vernon.

The proposed rate change for the Phase II deployment of the AMS meters will affect all parishes served by SWEPCO if approved by the Commission. The proposed rate change is sought primarily to recover the cost of service incurred by SWEPCO to replace older, out-dated meters with a new AMS that will provide the technology and capabilities needed to continue to provide reliable service to SWEPCO customers.

SWEPCO's Application filed with the LPSC, was noticed in Bulletin #1256, and docketed in the captioned proceeding in LPSC docket No. U-36169, in accordance with LPSC Rules and may be viewed in the office of the LPSC in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and also on the LPSC's website (www.lpsc.louisiana.gov). Additionally, the LPSC may be contacted regarding any questions.

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(TOOTHMAN) *****

NOTICE OF FILING TABLEAU OF DISTRIBUTION

Notice is here given to the creditors of this estate and all other interested persons to show cause within seven (7) days from the publication of this notice, if any they have or can, why the tableau of distribution filed by William Randall Miller, Executor for the Succession of Melba Corinne Toothman Lowe, should not be approved and homologated and the funds distributed in accordance with it.

Hall Vining
Deputy Clerk of Court

April 29, 2022
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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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