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RESCUE

Springhill authorities team up to rescue 14 cats and one dog

(Springhill, LA) - Acting on a tip, Officer Fannie Rankin of the Springhill Police Department visited a residence on Wednesday, May 18th, on Second Street NW. Inside, Officer Rankin counted 11 cats, 3 kittens, and one dog living in squalid conditions, with urine, feces, and trash covering the floors of each room. The dog, a white and brown pit bull terrier mix named Bonnie, had open sores and needed immediate veterinary care. The family surrendered the 14 cats and the dog to Kristy Nix and her partner Emmett Logan, who accepted the animals on behalf of the Humane Society of Louisiana (HSLA). One cat gave birth to two kittens, but all the other cats have been spayed and neutered and are ready to be adopted or transported to another rescue organization. A local veterinary clinic treated the dog for skin allergies and severe flea infestation. All the animals are doing much better and are expected to make full recoveries. The majority of the cats were gray tabbies.

HSLA is no stranger to the area, having accepted 29 dogs from a similar situation in Springhill a few months ago and took custody of multiple dogs from



COURTESY PHOTOS

Acting on a tip, the Springhill Police Department was able to locate and rescue 14 cats and a dog from squalid conditions. The animals were surrendered by the family who had housed them and are being fostered on behalf of the Humane Society while they recover and await adoption.

the Bienville Parish Sheriff's Office last year. Sheriff deputies investigated several complaints, arrested the owners, and gave the dogs and two snakes to the Humane Society.

Like many parishes and towns in the rural areas of Louisiana, neither Webster Parish nor Springhill operate public shelters

that will house stray or confiscated animals, so they have to rely on private humane organizations to provide these services. But these services are not cheap. Next legislative session, HSLA plans to ask lawmakers to fund the construction of additional public animal shelters.

HSLA expects the hous-

ing, food costs, and vet care for both rescues to cost several thousands of dollars. Those willing to donate can send a check or money order to HSLA, P.O. Box 740321, New Orleans, LA 70174, or contribute online on its website at www.humanela.org. All donations are tax-deductible.

"We thank the Springhill Police Department for once more ensuring that animals in their town are adequately cared for and Kristy Nix and Emmett, our go-to rescuers in this area, for coordinating the logistics of moving these wonderful pets to safety," says Jeff Dorson, HSLA founder and Director.

"They deserve everyone's respect and appreciation for their selfless efforts," adds Dorson.

Established in 1988, HSLA is one of the largest animal advocacy organizations in the state and operates the Enoch J. Donaldson Animal Sanctuary, located in Mt. Hermon, Louisiana.

AWARD

Project Reclaim of Minden named a 2022 Ascend Math Gold Medal recipient

WILL PHILLIPS
Minden Press-Herald

Kevin Briley, CEO of Ascend Education, visited Project Reclaim on Thursday in order to present them the 2022 Gold Medal Award.

The Gold Medal Award was established in 2010 to honor the schools or districts that best demonstrate a dedication to ensuring that all students become successful at math. The strategies employed by this year's Gold Medal honorees made use of Ascend Math, an online individualized math instructional resource, to address unfinished learning, accelerate math learning and outpace growth targets.

In his submission for Project Reclaim of Minden, math instructor Ryan Lattier wrote, "Students have gained a higher interest in engaging and are continuing to perform at or above grade level expectations."

"Congratulations to Project Reclaim of Minden students for the perseverance and hard work that led to their exceptional results," said Kevin Briley. "We are extremely proud of the important job the educators at Project Reclaim of Minden are doing to help their students succeed in math, gain confidence and posi-



PRESS-HERALD PHOTO

Kevin Briley of Ascend Education presented Project Reclaim with the 2022 Gold Medal Award for their work in helping students reach and exceed their math learning goals.

tively advance in life."

"This year we have heard countless ways in which schools have addressed unfinished learning using Ascend Math. These educators reported grade level growth, improved test scores, and many other positive touch

points and outcomes. We are so thankful for our Gold Medal schools, what they are doing to support their students and the ways they have shared their models to help other educators accelerate math learning."

Project Reclaim of Min-

den will be featured on the Ascend Math website throughout the next year and receive a plaque commemorating their success. The complete honor roll can be viewed at <https://ascendmath.com/ascend-math-gold-medal-2022/>

Graduations to take place this week

The public high schools of Webster Parish are all having graduation ceremonies this week. Doyline High will hold its graduation ceremony at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 7, at the First Baptist Church in Minden. Lakeside High and North Webster High will both be having their ceremonies on Thursday, June 9. Lakeside will be at 7 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Minden, and North Webster will hold theirs at 7:30 p.m. in Baucum-Farrar Stadium at North Webster High. The final graduation ceremony of the week will be Minden's, which will be held at 7 p.m. on Friday, June 10 in Williams Stadium at Minden High.



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WEBSTER & MORE

LEGISLATION

Louisiana Senate passes occupational licensing reform for the formerly incarcerated

(The Center Square) — Legislation to give felons more clarity regarding eligibility to obtain certain occupational licenses cleared the Louisiana Senate on Thursday.

Lawmakers in the upper chamber voted unanimously to approve House Bill 639, sponsored by Rep. Thomas Pressly, R-Shreveport, to allow felons to petition state licensing boards for a determination on licensing eligibility before participating in school or training.

The bill passed the Senate without questions or objections following amendments last week in the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and International Affairs.

“We are giving them an ability to find out if they can qualify for that occupational license prior to actually obtaining the education,” Pressly told the committee. “The idea is to keep people from getting into student debt and finding out if they can get licenses prior to ... spending a significant amount of money, as well as time.”

HB 639 would require an individual making a request to provide any identifying information requested by the licensing entity and details of the individual’s criminal conviction, including any relevant information.

The bill would give the licensing entity 45 days to make a de-

termination, and also allows the individual making the request to seek a criminal background check to help make the determination.

“A determination made ... is binding upon a licensing authority unless, at the time a full application for a license is submitted, the applicant has been subsequently convicted of a crime, has pending criminal charges, or has previously undisclosed criminal convictions,” HB 639 states.

The bill was amended in the Senate committee to exempt several state licensing boards, including the State Boxing and Wrestling Commission, Louisiana Gaming Control Board, Louisiana Lottery Corporation, Louisiana State Racing Commission, the Department of Revenue’s office of charitable gaming and the state police’s gaming enforcement division.

HB 639 is backed by the Pelican Institute, GNO, Inc., Americans for Prosperity, the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry, the Baton Rouge Area Chamber, the Louisiana Budget Project, Louisiana Progress Action, Louisiana Family Forum, the Justice Accountability Center, Right on Crime, NFIB Louisiana, the ACLU, Smart on Crime, and others.

Patricia Wilton with the State Board of Medical Examiners

expressed concerns in the Senate committee about devoting resources to processing requests, but lawmakers did not act on a suggestion to allow officials to charge a fee, arguing existing state law already authorizes such.

The bill was opposed by Louisiana Realtors.

The Pelican Institute, which has promoted several occupational licensing reforms in the current session, lauded Senate approval of HB 639 on Thursday.

“Louisianans who are exiting the justice system often face countless barriers as they try to get their lives back together. We applaud the Senate for passing HB639 which would allow justice-involved citizens to get a pre-qualification check from a licensing board before going into education and training-related debt in pursuit of an occupational license,” said CEO Daniel Erspamer. “HB639 by Rep. Pressly would help lower recidivism rates while protecting public safety by giving people who are reentering society a fair chance at pursuing their chosen career.”

HB 639 is scheduled for a concurrence vote in the House on Friday, a formality for a lower chamber that approved the bill 99-0 earlier this month. It would then head to Gov. John Bel Edwards for his signature to become law.

LEGISLATION

Legislature votes to allow adopted people access to original birth certificates

ALEX TIRADO

LSU Manship School News Service

BATON ROUGE—The Senate gave final passage Friday to a bill that would allow adopted people 24 years of age or older to obtain their original birth certificates.

Rep. Charles Owen, R-Fort Polk, who was himself adopted, authored House Bill 450 to grant adoptees the same right to know where they came from as any other resident of Louisiana.

Under present law enacted in 1977, an adopted person’s original birth certificate is sealed after a final decree of adoption and can only be opened by a court order.

The bill, which the Senate approved 29-5, would create a simpler process, allowing an adopted person to request a copy of his or her original birth certificate from the state registrar without the costly burden of going to court.

Sen. Rick Ward III, R-Plaquemine, said that the legislation was important to those who have lived their lives trying to find more about where they came from.

“It’s completely unjust and unfair for the child

that is born 24 years later to have to continue to wonder where they come from,” Ward said. “So I believe there’s a way to do this and thread the needle to where anybody, no matter the circumstances, would have the ability to find out where they came from, who they are, and also be able to do so without having to spend an exorbitant amount of money.”

Much of the concern about the bill was that it did not respect the wishes of birth mothers who did not want to be contacted.

An amendment added earlier in the House would allow a birth mother to file a contact preference form included in an adoptee’s request for the original birth certificate specifying whether they wanted to be contacted.

However, Ward acknowledged that although a birth mother may express her preference not to be contacted, the adopted person still has the discretion to make contact.

Sen. Jay Luneau, D-Alexandria, on the fence about the bill, said it was one of the most difficult

decisions he had encountered.

“There are not any answers, there are not any experts, there’s not any data that tells us we need to vote for sure this way or that way,” Luneau said. “And that’s what’s made it so difficult.”

Luneau offered two additional amendments to the bill to allow a birth mother to remain anonymous.

The first, if requested, would permanently seal the birth certificate if the pregnancy was a result of rape or incest, and the other would redact the names of the birth parents from the birth certificate.

Both amendments were rejected.

President Pro Tempore Beth Mizell, R-Folsom, said she never knew her father and supported the bill’s aim to give adopted people the right to learn more about themselves.

“We’re so busy defending the woman, and you know, as a woman, I appreciate that, but we have this person who’s carrying all the baggage for whatever happened that deserves to know where they came from,” Mizell said.

LIONS CLUB

Michael Gullion guest speaker for Lions Club this week

STAFF REPORT
Minden Press-Herald

The Minden Lions Club will welcome Michael Gullion as guest speaker for this Thursday’s noon club meeting. He currently serves as the Assistant Scout Executive/COO of the Norwela Council – Boy Scouts of America.

Michael began his professional Scouting career in 2007 as a District Executive in the Illowa Council in Davenport, Iowa. He was later promoted to Senior District Executive at the Council before moving on in 2013 to serve as the Camping Director at the Chattahoochee Council in Columbus, Ga. In 2018, he became the Field Director for the Indian Nations Council in Tulsa, Okla., and served in that position until August 2021, when he joined the Norwela Council as the Assistant Scout Executive.


Michael has been active in the Scouting movement since he was a youth



and has earned the Vigil Honor in the Order of the Arrow. He currently resides in Bossier City with his significant other, Deserae McDermott, and his two daughters, Jaden and

Guinevere.

The Minden Lions Club meets Thursdays at noon at the American Legion Memorial Home, located at 119 Pine St. in downtown Minden.




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OBITUARIES



Debra “Debbie” Langwasser

Funeral services celebrating the life of Debbie Langwasser will be held Wednesday, June 8, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. at Rose-Neath Funeral Home Chapel in Minden, Louisiana with Pastor Ginger Gray officiating. Interment will follow at Gardens of Memory Cemetery in Minden, Louisiana. The family will receive friends Tuesday, June 7, 2022, from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. at Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Minden.

Debbie was born October 29, 1954, in Homer, Louisiana and entered into rest June 3, 2022, in Minden, Louisiana. Debbie loved Jesus and prayed over anyone in need. She served as a cafeteria lady with WPSB for

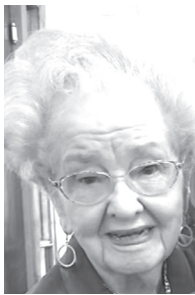
30 years. She loved cooking and her greatest joy was cooking and feeding her family, friends, and her kids at school.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lewis and Betty Lee, sisters, June Miller and Ruth Ellen Lee, and brother, Victor Lee.

She is survived by her son, Kyle Langwasser and wife Brandy, daughters Danielle McLaughlin and husband Brian and Angela Allen all of Minden; sister, Darlene Chandler of Minden; grandchildren, Brian, Tyler, Payton, Trenton, Logan and Brayden; niece Heather Chandler; great nephew, Dawson Gaston and great niece Brianna Gaston and many other lives she has touched.

The family extends a special thank you to Jessica Pearce and the caring staff of Hand In Hand Hospice.

Rose-Neath Funeral Home
211 Murrell Street
Minden, Louisiana 71055
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Bettye Nell Walker Cox

Funeral services for celebrating the life of Bettye Nell Walker Cox will be held Saturday, June 4, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. at Rose-Neath Funeral Home Chapel in Minden, Louisiana with Bro. Jeff Flenniken and Bor. Waylon Cloud officiating. Interment will follow at Gardens of Memory in Minden, Louisiana. The family will receive friends at 10:00 a.m. Saturday prior to the service.

Bettye was born July 14, 1933, in Minden, Louisiana and entered into rest June 1, 2022, in Minden, Louisiana.

She was preceded in death by her husband Donnie Cox, Sr., parents, B.A. and Thalia Walker, brother, Rodney Walker, sister, Dot Nicholson, special brother-in-law Bill Cox, niece, Charlotte Bouillion and her husband Joey.

She is survived by her sons, Donnie Cox, Jr. and wife Lynn, Terry Cox and wife Cissy, and Doug Cox and wife Athyl; special brother-in-law, Pierce Nicholson; special sister-in-law, Annie Bell Walker; 6 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren, and 2 great great grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Brian Walker, Van Cox, Andrew Lincoln, Daniel Lincoln, Tim Cox, Dusty Claiborne, and Robert Yarbrough.

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COMMUNITY

Ukrainian egg decorating classes at the library this Saturday

AMBER MCDOWN
Minden Press-Herald

The Minden branch of the Webster Parish Library will be hosting three Pysanky Egg classes on Saturday, June 11 for people ages ten and up. Classes will be held at 9 a.m., 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

“Each child will take home a beautiful work of art and learn about the Ukrainian art form. Work side by side with your little ones to create something beautiful!” said Savannah Jones, Director of Webster Parish Libraries.

Creating pysanky eggs is a Ukrainian tradition that is believed to date back to prehistoric times. And, according to My Modern Met, “Archaeologists have found decorated ceramic eggs to back up this theory.”

Pysanky eggs are made using a wax-resistant method in which a design is drawn on an egg, and then a series of waxes and dyes are used to color some parts while leaving other parts free of dyes. The end result can be spectacular.

The classes will be taught by Shelley Masog, Library Resource Administrator, in the Minden main meeting room, and registration is open. Due to limited supplies, you must register for these classes. You can either register through the Webster Parish Library mobile app or by calling Kaitlyn Taylor at (318) 371-3080 ext. 116.



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OTHER OPINION

TY PENDERGRASS
Special to the Minden Press-Herald

When I hear the term “kick-start” it brings back many memories from the late 1960’s when my parents begrudgingly allowed my grandfather to purchase a Honda 90cc motorcycle for me. For several years I enjoyed riding mostly back roads of central Lincoln Parish. Everyone of those rides started with a kick-start to get my motorcycle off & running. Not all my trips resulted in a good outcome- there was some close calls and some minor scrapes, bumps and bruises-but those are long forgotten overshadowed by the countless hours of good times and great memories.

The recent HGTV segment featuring Minden was part of a series of six communities across our country and was billed as a Hometown Kick Start. Minden was chosen over some 5000 other communities that submitted information on their communities. Thanks to the initiative and tireless efforts of Rachel Longfellow Miller and Sara McDaniel — Minden made the final cut.

As I watched last Sunday night’s segment on Minden-my takeaway was that the segment focused on people and not places. Granted, the venues chosen certainly



COURTESY PHOTO

added to the segment, but the focus was on Minden people. And in my opinion — HGTV gave Minden a kickstart! It highlighted Minden’s most attractive feature-the people who live here and who do their best to “Love Their Neighbor”.

The comments made by some involving the “secrecy” surrounding the Minden project are just part and parcel of reality-tv. Anyone even remotely connected to or informed about the project had to sign a “Do Not Disclose” document. Our segment was filmed when COVID was still front and center on the minds of the HGTV network executives and production staff. Everyone connected to the project was tested and retested

throughout the entire time the Minden segment was being produced. As for the venues chosen- it seems obvious to me that the HGTV folks wanted to tie together a theme of people really trying to make a difference in the lives of people, not just a difference in a building, home or public space.

Kickstarts can be really good things- especially when I think about our community. The following examples come to mind and I am sure I am missing some outstanding endeavors so I am asking for some grace if I missed yours- Someone kickstarted-

- The Minden St Jude Auction
- Evergreen Presbyterian Ministries

- Teen Challenge and The Broken Bean
- United Christian Assistance Program (UCAP)
- Minden Foundation & Minden Charity Classic
- Project Reclaim
- Cultural Crossroads-The Farm
- Dorcheat Historical Museum
- Joe LeBlanc Food Pantry
- Seeds Women’s Center
- Webster Parish Men and Women of Courage
- Mercy’s Closet
- We’re Here

Thank you, Rachel and Sara, for your efforts that have allowed millions of people to see what most of us know and appreciate- our people. People committed to helping others overcome- thrive and flourish as God intended! May this kickstart challenge all of us to take advantage of the opportunities our community provides us to “Love Our Neighbor”.

Just like the kickstart of my 90cc Honda in the late 60’s I believe the HGTV Kickstart is going to lead to many good outcomes for the people of Minden and Webster Parish.

TY PENDERGRASS IS A BUSINESSMAN IN MINDEN.

OTHER OPINION

When God smiled on me in Houston traffic

With tears streaming down my face, there I was lost in Houston, Texas in mid-August 1983.

I kept taking the exits off of the interstate just to escape the nightmare traffic.

I was totally overwhelmed by the drivers who blew their horns and kept shouting at me, while I panicked. I only wished to arrive safely home.

At the age of thirty-five I felt so helpless, having never driven in the big city. I kept praying to get to Louisiana before the sun went down.

Having been born in the back woods near Sulphur Springs, Arkansas in 1948, we rode to town in a horse drawn wagon. Even after moving into town in 1955, I seldom traveled more than ten miles away from home because neither one of my parents ever learned to drive a car.

That day in 1983 flashes so

vividly through my mind as if it happened yesterday. We were moving back to Louisiana from Ganado, Texas.

While I prayed to make it through this maze, I was prompted by God to “go into the Kroger Store up a h e a d and ask to speak to the manager.”

Feeling like a scared little girl, I hurried into the Kroger Store, on Greens Road, and did just that. Choking back my tears, I begged the manager to have someone drive me the rest of the way out of Houston, pleading “I am just a little girl who was born in the backwoods of Arkansas.”



SARAH HUDSON-PIERCE

He replied “you are already 17 miles out of Houston” to which I responded “it still feels like Houston to me!”

In compliance, he asked one of his sackers to drive me out town and another one to follow us, to bring him back. Also he told the employee not to accept any pay from me.

While driving my car, Rick, asked me where we were moving. When I responded “Plain Dealing, Louisiana” he replied in total amazement “You will never believe this but I lived there for about six months while working in the oil fields.”

My thirteen year old daughter, Robin, and I did make it to Plain Dealing before sunset that day.

Though I was exhausted, to the core, I was so grateful to make it there alive, back to my adopted “birthplace,”

the first state where I really felt like I belonged, having moved from Vivian, Louisiana, in 1981.

As I write this story in 2022, I feel the burning in my shoulder blades, while fighting the traffic that day. I will always know that God nudged me, in a “God wink” moment, to go into that Kroger Store on Greens Road to ask for help.

Though there are many things I do not understand I know that He always steps out of the woodwork, making His presence known, when I need Him most. I feel a peace that passes understanding because I know that Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever and He always gets me to the right place at the right time.

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EDITORIAL ROUNDUP

As hurricane season dawns, good news is hard to find

If the return of the “loop current” isn’t enough to give Louisianans nightmares, how does a longer and more active hurricane season sound? What about the prospect of Category 6 hurricanes?

If tropical weather makes you hyperventilate, stop reading now because hurricane season is here and all the news so far is bad.

In 2020, southwest Louisiana was assaulted by the most ferocious hurricane to hit our state since the Civil War.

In 2021, southeast Louisiana was assaulted by the most ferocious hurricane to hit our state since 2020.

We’ll have to pray that 2022 spares us another Laura or Ida, because so far the forecasts have been disheartening from the bureaucra-

cies and academics who do such a great job monitoring tropical weather. They’re our friends, but they have had little encouraging to say.

Let’s start with the Loop Current, a pool of warm tropical water that acts as a steroid for storms. Nick Shay, a professor of oceanography at the University of Miami, says the Loop Current is penetrating unusually far into the Gulf of Mexico for this time of year.

The Loop Current was blamed for fueling Hurricane Katrina, which remains the nation’s costliest natural disaster even though it took place 17 years ago.

Another disquieting development is that weather forecasters are thinking of extending hurricane season into May because storms have been jumping the gun

and spinning up in the second half of the month. That hasn’t happened yet, but in the meantime, the National Hurricane Center has decided to issue storm forecasts beginning two weeks before the season gets underway on June 1.

Not to mention storms’ growing ferocity. Last week, The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration projected yet another above-average hurricane season, including up to six major hurricanes and 14 to 21 named storms. NOAA Administrator Rick Spinrad said his agency is 65% sure of its forecast for an above-average hurricane season.

And there’s still more bad news.

Category 5 hurricanes pack winds of 157 mph or more, but now some scien-

tists say that stronger storms are going to call for a revision of the Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale to include a new Category 6.

“It has been argued by some that there’s no need for a higher category than ‘5’ because a ‘5’ causes total destruction,” Michael Mann, director of the Earth System Science Center at Penn State University, told USA Today. “That’s less true now with the more resilient infrastructure that we’re creating, and there is a qualitative difference in the impact of a 157 mph weak Cat 5 and a 185 mph monster Cat 5.”

Hurricane Dorian, which pounded the Bahamas in 2019, was such a storm, with sustained winds of 185 mph and gusts to 220 mph, reports Scientific American. Hurricane Rita in 2005 fea-

tured winds up to 180 mph.

Louisiana is still toiling to recover from the 2020 and 2021 storm seasons, and federal help has been slow to arrive in struggling communities like Lake Charles and Houma and Thibodaux. More than 9,000 households are living in trailers or mobile homes provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency or the state.

There is one piece of good news though: Seventeen years after Katrina, the network of levees, gates and floodwalls designed to protect the New Orleans area is finished. More than \$14 billion buys a lot of flood protection, but we’re not in a rush to see it all put to the test.

THE (BATON ROUGE) ADVOCATE.

SPORTS

LHSAA to reunite title game sites

T. SCOTT BOATRIGHT
Minden Press-Herald

Changes are in store for the Louisiana High School Athletic Association's Select/Nonselect school split, but there will be no more divide in organization championship game sites for the 2022-23 school year.

The LHSAA executive committee on Thursday used bylaw 4.4.4 on Thursday to pass a motion to bring all select and nonselect championships back to the same venues.

By a vote of 16-5 on Thursday, the executive committee also approved redefining what will be considered a select school based on LHSAA bylaw 4.4.4, which calls for the promotion of fair play among member schools.

Under that new definition, any LHSAA member determined to be a labo-



ratory school, a magnet school or one with magnet elements, charter schools, or schools in parishes that allow open enrollment at all its public schools and tuition-based schools could fall under the select category this fall.

But the decision won't go into effect until later this month. Before that, the association is giving any parishes that currently serve as open enrollment districts until June 22 to change said policy if they wish to remain on the non-select side.

The changes will take effect on July 1.

That change won't affect any Webster Parish School. In its first year as a fully-recognized LHSAA member school after serving a probationary year in 2021-22, Glenbrook's athletic teams will be eligible to compete in Division IV select-school postseason play.

As far as championship sites, last season some select school championships were played at different sites than nonselect schools. But last week's LHSAA vote will reunite all title games at one site for the upcoming school year.

Air Force puts end to Tech baseball season

Minden Press-Herald Sports Service

AUSTIN, Texas — Louisiana Tech's baseball season came to a sudden and somewhat startling end here in the Texas heat Sunday as Air Force scored seven runs over the final five innings to beat the Bulldogs, 9-7, and thump Tech out of the NCAA

Austin Regional at UFCU Disch-Falk Field.

It was the second NCAA Regional in two seasons for Tech, which hosted last year. Champions of the Conference USA Tournament, the Bulldogs finished 43-21.

After Air Force had taken a 7-5 lead in the top of the seventh, Tech tied things

with a two-run homer by senior right fielder Steele Netterville, his 15th homer of the season.

Air Force answered with two in the top of the eighth, got out of a bases-loaded jam in the bottom of the inning, and C.J. Dornak, the Falcons' third pitcher of the day, retired the side in the ninth.



COURTESY PHOTO

Doyline's Normand, Spears earn All-State HM

Doyline's Lexi Normand(pictured above) earned Honorable Mention on the Louisiana Sports Writers Association Class B All-State softball team. It marked the second straight season that Normand earns all-state honorable mention. The Panthers' Noah Spears also earned Honorable Mention as a LSWA All-State Baseball Selection.

Fishing for school bass can be educational

GLYNN HARRIS

Although the sun had not yet appeared over the horizon, the air was already warm and sticky, typical of the onset of another hot day in Louisiana. This would have been a good day to work on articles in my air conditioned office but fishing guide and friend Eddie Halbrook's call the night before had a sense of urgency about it.

"I don't care what you have planned for tomorrow, put it off" Halbrook said. "The bass are schooling on Grand Bayou and you need to come with me."

The "Grand Bayou" Halbrook mentioned is Grand Bayou Reservoir, a small 2500 acre impoundment located 50 miles south of Shreveport. I don't mind admitting a degree of skepticism when Halbrook mentioned that for the past week, he'd been catching at least a hundred bass a day. Skeptical or not, I found myself in the back of Halbrook's boat as the bright, and soon to be hot, sun made its appearance in a cloudless late spring sky.

Somewhere around 7 am, Halbrook caught the first bass of the day. At a little past noon, I released bass number 100. We had, indeed, hit the century mark with bass in a half day of fishing that can only be described as "hot"...in more ways than one.

Grand Bayou Reservoir is like so many lakes around the country. The lake has a thriving population of baitfish, in this case, threadfin shad, that seek the highest levels of oxygen. In warm months, oxygen is more plentiful in the top of the water column. Wave action near the surface continues to replenish



PHOTO BY GLYNN HARRIS

When bass are schooling and feeding on shad, any of a variety of lures will work on these hungry fish.

dissolved oxygen and huge schools of baitfish move about in comfort just beneath the surface.

For predator fish like largemouth bass, these roaming pods of baitfish are seen as a gourmet feast there for the taking. Slashing into baitfish schools, bass gorge themselves and in the process, make their presence known to alert bass fishermen from hundreds of yards away. Their feeding activity agitates the surface, often sending plumes of water flying in all directions.

Fishing for schooling bass can be at the same time exciting and frustrating. Here's a typical scenario... a couple of anglers see a school of feeding bass erupt from 100 yards away. Starting the engine, they rush to within casting distance of the school only to see the surface become quiet again before the first cast is made. Looking back to where they just came

from, they're frustrated to see the fish thrashing the surface back there.

Thus, patience is one of the key ingredients in fishing for schooling bass. When the fish are active, the best bet is to avoid the temptation of dashing from school to school. Just be patient; they'll soon be thrashing the water's surface where you are.

If you take a youngster along, there is no better way to spark an interest in bass fishing that could last a lifetime than to introduce him/her/them to fishing for school bass.

For starters, school bass are generally easy to catch, the fishing experience is filled with spine-tingling excitement, and the neophyte angler is almost always anxious to do it all over again another day. Equipment needs are simple and can be easily handled by a less-experienced angler.

As bass slash into bait-

fish on the surface, some of the bait will be injured or killed in the process and will likely be floating in the area. Scoop up a couple and determine their color but more importantly, the size. If they're silver in color, as most baitfish are, and are two inches long, it's not brain surgery to know what to do next. Simply dig in your tackle box and select a silvery lure, two inches in length. If you're hungry for an ice cream cone, you're not likely to head for the refrigerator and go slap-happy over a celery stick. Bass are no different; they want what they want when they want it.

If you get excited at the sight of bass exploding on the surface all around you; if you thrill to strike after strike; if you get pleasure at the look on the face of your youngster fighting a tenacious bass, then school bass fishing may be right up your alley.

Fishing Report

BLACK BAYOU

— Bream are starting to bite around the trees and bushes. Crappie are fair around the trees on shiners or jigs. No report on bass. Contact Honey Hole Tackle Shop 323-8707 for the latest information.

OUACHITA RIVER

— The river has started fallThe river is falling and fishing is improving. Crappie fishing is best in the river lakes. Bass are in the cuts and run-outs with spinners working best. For the latest information, contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

LAKE D'ARBONNE

— Bass fishing has been best up Corney Creek with topwaters, baby Brush Hogs and spinners picking up fish around the grass and on the flats. Crappie are still hanging around on the flats with some caught fishing 8 feet deep in 12 foot water on shiners or jigs. Bream are on the beds and fishing is good on crickets and worms fished in the shallows. Crappie fishing has been best fishing around the lighted piers at night using shiners. During the days, they are more scattered around deep brush. Bass are best fishing soft plastics around the deeper piers. Catfishing has been

LAKE CLAIBORNE

— Bream are on the beds and fishing is good on crickets and worms fished in the shallows. Crappie fishing has been best fishing around the lighted piers at night using shiners. During the days, they are more scattered around deep brush. Bass are best fishing soft plastics around the deeper piers. Catfishing has been

good on trotlines and set hooks using small bream for bait. For the latest information, call Misty at Kel's Cove at 331-2730 or Terzia Tackle at 278-4498.

CANEY LAKE

— Bass fishing continues to be fair to good with night fishing picking up some good fish with a 9.8-pounder caught one night last week. Soft plastics and jerk baits seem to be working best. Crappie are moving out onto the flats and are best fishing shiners or jigs around the deep tops. Bream fishing is good around the lake on crickets or worms. 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

— The crappie bite has slowed but plenty of catfish and bream can be caught. Bass are fair on Zoom worms and bait crank baits. For the latest reports, call Poverty Point Marina at 318-878-0101.

LAKE ST. JOHN

— Bass have been fair to good while catfish are fair and bream and crappie have slowed. For information, call Ken Mahoney at 318-201-3821.

LAKE YUCATAN

— The water is falling but is still too high for fishing. Things hopefully will improve soon. For information, call Surplus City Landing at 318-467-2259.

— Glynn Harris

FUN & GAMES

CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Ancient invader

5 Neighbor of Ill.

8 Spill the beans

12 Vicinity

13 Teeny

14 “— & Stitch”

15 Deb’s dress

17 Japanese noodle

18 NBC weekend show

19 Picnic crasher

20 Piquant

21 Crunchy sandwich

22 Farm squealer

23 BBQ fuel

26 Whim

30 “East of Eden” gir

31 Lemon

32 Israeli airline

33 Contrived concept

35 Adolescents

36 Geo-logical period

37 Have

38 Grimi-ness

41 Roman 551

42 Chicago winter hrs.

45 Sea predator

46 #1 Donna Summer hit

48 Nonfat milk

49 French article

50 Prez’s backup

51 Being, to Brutus

52 Sailor

53 Ever-green trees

DOWN

1 Yaks

2 Algerian port

3 Snitch

4 Actor Linden

5 “Forget it!”

6 Sala-mander

7 Lair

8 Aqua-marine

9 Pan covers

10 Oodles

11 Skeletal

16 Guys’ friends

20 Energy

21 Finger-pointing activity

22 Writer’s block?

23 Half- — (Star-bucks request)

24 Japanese sash

25 S.A. nation

26 Snip

27 — -de-France

28 Tuna container

29 Golfer Ernie

31 Crime lab evidence

34 Before

35 Tiny branch

37 Wiser partner

38 Rx amount

39 Annoys

40 Mark Harmon TV series

41 CNN’s Bash

42 Manitoba tribe

43 Dis-patched

44 Recipe amts.

46 However

47 Wall climber

Solution time: 22 mins.

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Level: Beginner

Here’s How It Works:

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

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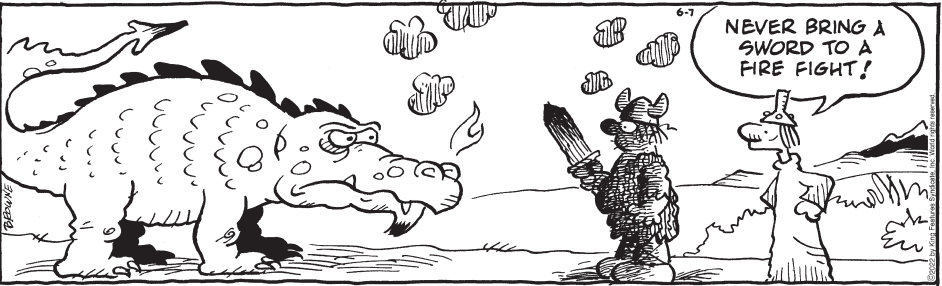
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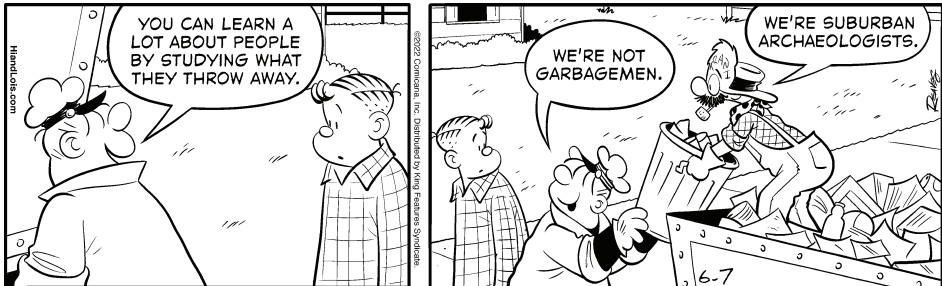
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MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM I MIKE PETERS



SAM AND SILO I JERRY DUMAS



CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday’s Cryptoquip: WHEN BROWN BEARS AREN’T FINDING FISH TO EAT FOR A LONG TIME, THAT MIGHT BE A SALMON FAMINE.

Today’s Cryptoquip Clue: L equals D

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The Water We Drink

SIBLEY WATER SYSTEM
Public Water Supply ID: LA1119027

We are pleased to present to you the Annual Water Quality Report for the year 2021. This report is designed to inform you about the quality of your water and services we deliver to you every day (Este Informe contiene informacién muy importante sobre su agua potable. Tradúzcalo a hablen con alguien que lo entienda bien). Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water. Our water source(s) are listed below:

| Source Name | Source Water Type |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| WELL NO. 5 HWY 371 INDUSTRIAL PARK | Ground Water |
| WELL #1 SE 4TH AVE | Ground Water |
| WELL #4 5TH STREET | Ground Water |
| WELL #3 LORI LANE | Ground Water |

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

Microbial Contaminants - such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.

Inorganic Chemicals - such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.

Pesticides and Herbicides - which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.

Organic Chemical Contaminants - including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.

Radioactive Contaminants - which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

A Source Water Assessment Plan (SWAP) is now available from our office. This plan is an assessment of a delineated area around our listed sources through which contaminants, if present, could migrate and reach our source water. It also includes an inventory of potential sources of contamination within the delineated area, and a determination of the water supply's susceptibility to contamination by the identified potential sources. According to the Source Water Assessment Plan, our water system had a susceptibility rating of 'MEDIUM'. If you would like to review the Source Water Assessment Plan, please feel free to contact our office.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you have any questions about this report, want to attend any scheduled meetings, or simply want to learn more about your drinking water, please contact JIMMY WILLIAMS at 318-377-0345.

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. SIBLEY WATER SYSTEM is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

The Louisiana Department of Health routinely monitors for constituents in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. The tables that follow show the results of our monitoring during the period of January 1st to December 31st, 2021. Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk.

In the tables below, you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms, we've provided the following definitions:

Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/L) - one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.

Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter (ug/L) - one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

Picocuries per liter (pCi/L) - picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.

Treatment Technique (TT) - an enforceable procedure or level of technological performance which public water systems must follow to ensure control of a contaminant.

Action level (AL) - the concentration of a contaminant that, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

Maximum contaminant level (MCL) - the "Maximum Allowed" MCL is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCL's are set as close to the MCLG's as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum contaminant level goal (MCLG) - the "Goal" is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to human health. MCLG's allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum residual disinfectant level (MRDL) - The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Maximum residual disinfectant level goal (MRDLG) - The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLG's do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

Level 1 assessment - A study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.

Level 2 Assessment - A very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why an E. coli MCL violation has occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions.

During the period covered by this report we had the below noted violations.

| Compliance Period | Analyte | Type |
|---|---------|------|
| No Violations Occurred in the Calendar Year of 2021 | | |

Our water system tested a minimum of 2 samples per month in accordance with the Total Coliform Rule for microbiological contaminants. With the microbiological samples collected, the water system collects disinfectant residuals to ensure control of microbial growth.

| Disinfectant | Date | HighestRAA | Unit | Range | MRDL | MRDLG | Typical Source |
|--------------|------|------------|------|------------|------|-------|--|
| CHLORINE | 2021 | 3.2 | ppm | 0.5 - 3.07 | 4 | 4 | Water additive used to control microbes. |

In the tables below, we have shown the regulated contaminants that were detected. Chemical Sampling of our drinking water may not be required on an annual basis; therefore, information provided in this table refers back to the latest year of chemical sampling results. To determine compliance with the primary drinking water standards, the treated water is monitored when a contaminant is elevated in the source water.

| Source Water Regulated Contaminants | Collection Date | Highest Value | Range | Unit | MCL | MCLG | Typical Source |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|----------|------|-----|------|--|
| BARIUM | 6/7/2021 | 0.23 | 0 - 0.23 | ppm | 2 | 2 | Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits |

| Treated Water Regulated Contaminants | Collection Date | Highest Value | Range | Unit | MCL | MCLG | Typical Source |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------|------|-----|------|---|
| NITRATE-NITRITE | 6/7/2021 | 0.2 | 0 - 0.2 | ppm | 10 | 10 | Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits |

| Source Water Radiological Contaminants | Collection Date | Highest Value | Range | Unit | MCL | MCLG | Typical Source |
|--|-----------------|---------------|-----------|-------|-----|------|--|
| COMBINED RADIUM (226 & 228) | 6/7/2021 | 0.785 | 0 - 0.785 | pCi/L | 5 | 0 | Erosion of natural deposits |
| GROSS BETA PARTICLE ACTIVITY | 6/7/2021 | 3.08 | 0 - 3.08 | pCi/L | 50 | 0 | Decay of natural and man-made deposits. Note: The gross beta particle activity MCL is 4 millirem/year annual dose equivalent to the total body or any internal organ. 50 pCi/L is used as a screening level. |

| Treated Water Radiological Contaminants | Collection Date | Highest Value | Range | Unit | MCL | MCLG | Typical Source |
|---|-----------------|---------------|-------|------|-----|------|----------------|
| No Detected Results were Found in the Calendar Year of 2021 | | | | | | | |

| Lead and Copper | Date | 90 th Percentile | Range | Unit | AL | Sites Over AL | Typical Source |
|-----------------|-------------|-----------------------------|---------|------|-----|---------------|--|
| COPPER, FREE | 2017 - 2019 | 0.3 | 0 - 0.4 | ppm | 1.3 | 0 | Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives |

| Disinfection Byproducts | Sample Point | Period | Highest LRAA | Range | Unit | MCL | MCLG | Typical Source |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|--------|--------------|-----------|------|-----|------|---|
| TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAAs) | 9090 HWY 371 | 2021 | 1 | 1.2 - 1.2 | ppb | 60 | 0 | By-product of drinking water disinfection |
| TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAAs) | CORPORATE DRIVE | 2021 | 9 | 8.8 - 8.8 | ppb | 60 | 0 | By-product of drinking water disinfection |

| TTTH | 9090 HWY 371 | 2021 | 4 | 3.5 - 3.5 | ppb | 80 | 0 | By-product of drinking water chlorination |
|------|-----------------|------|----|-----------|-----|----|---|---|
| TTTH | CORPORATE DRIVE | 2021 | 10 | 9.5 - 9.5 | ppb | 80 | 0 | By-product of drinking water chlorination |

| Source Secondary Contaminants | Collection Date | Highest Value | Range | Unit | SMCL |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------|------|------|
| ALUMINUM | 6/7/2021 | 0.02 | 0 - 0.02 | MG/L | 0.2 |
| CHLORIDE | 6/7/2021 | 18 | 0 - 18 | MG/L | 250 |
| IRON | 6/7/2021 | 1.8 | 0.37 - 1.8 | MG/L | 0.3 |
| MANGANESE | 6/7/2021 | 0.05 | 0.01 - 0.05 | MG/L | 0.05 |
| PH | 6/7/2021 | 5.97 | 5.24 - 5.97 | PH | 8.5 |
| SULFATE | 6/7/2021 | 16 | 0 - 16 | MG/L | 250 |

| Treated Secondary Contaminants | Collection Date | Highest Value | Range | Unit | SMCL |
|---|-----------------|---------------|-------|------|------|
| No Detected Results were Found in the Calendar Year of 2021 | | | | | |

| Unresolved significant deficiencies that were identified during a survey done on the water system are shown below. | | | | | |
|--|--------------|----------|-------------------------------------|------------|--|
| Date Identified | Facility | Code | Activity | Due Date | Description |
| 06/07/2021 | WATER SYSTEM | 20CC1 7B | GWR APPROVED CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN | 5/2/2022 | LAC 51.XII.344.B - In order to protect its water supply from potential contamination, each water supplier shall develop and implement a written backflow prevention plan outlining the policies and procedures it will use to verify that its customers comply with mandatory containment practices. |
| 06/07/2021 | WATER SYSTEM | 20CC1 7B | GWR APPROVED CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN | 2/1/2022 | LAC 51.XII.344.B - In order to protect its water supply from potential contamination, each water supplier shall develop and implement a written backflow prevention plan outlining the policies and procedures it will use to verify that its customers comply with mandatory containment practices. |
| 06/07/2021 | WATER SYSTEM | 20CC1 7B | GWR APPROVED CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN | 11/15/2021 | LAC 51.XII.344.B - In order to protect its water supply from potential contamination, each water supplier shall develop and implement a written backflow prevention plan outlining the policies and procedures it will use to verify that its customers comply with mandatory containment practices. |
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++++++Environmental Protection Agency Required Health Effects Language++++++
Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about

drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

There are no additional required health effects notices.

There are no additional required health effects violation notices.

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Thank you for allowing us to continue providing your family with clean, quality water this year. In order to maintain a safe and dependable water supply we sometimes need to make improvements that will benefit all of our customers.

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Webster Parish School Board

ADVERTISEMENT INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids are hereby invited by Webster Parish School Board for:

Bid #85 Cafeteria Equipment - Large Bids will be received no later than 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 22, at the Webster Parish School Board Child Nutrition Dept, 1442 Sheppard St, Minden, La 71055. After stamping to acknowledge timely receipt, bids will be publicly opened and read aloud by a designated representative of the Webster Parish School Board. Any bid received after this due date and time will not be accepted and will be returned unopened. Complete bid documents may be obtained at:

Webster Parish School Board 1442 Sheppard St. Minden, LA 71055. Bid shall be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked on the outside with: 1. Bidder's name 2. Bid due date 3. Project number/name: Bid#85 Cafeteria Equipment - Large Official bid documents can be made available online at www.centralbidding.com. Electronic bids may be submitted online at www.centralbidding.com. For questions related to the electronic bidding process please call Central Bidding at 225-810-4814. Bids must be submitted on the official bid form(s) furnished in the bid package. Bids submitted on any other form(s) will be rejected. Awards will not be made at the time of the bid opening, but will be awarded by the School Board at a later meeting. Webster Parish School Board reserves the right to reject, in whole or in part, any and all bids and to waive any and all technicalities and informalities in accordance with state law.

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TNT Storage, LLC, owner of Germantown Storage, (318-377-9733) located at 609 Germantown Rd., Minden, will have 1 unit to auction on www.StorageAuctions.com starting 6-7-22 and ending on 6-23-22 at 10:00 am. Germantown Storage #147 Shakendra Nelson - Tires, Pack N Play, Christmas Decor, Mickey Mouse table/chair

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF

MINDEN, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN IN SPECIAL SESSION HELD ON JUNE 2, 2022.

The Minden City Council met in Council Chambers at City Hall, Minden, Louisiana, beginning at 8:00 a.m. with the following members present: Mayor Terry L. Gardner, Wayne Edwards, Terika Williams-Walker, Vincen Bradford and Pam Bloxom. Absent: Michael Roy. Mayor Gardner welcomed everyone to the meeting. It is noted for the record that Mayor Gardner allowed public comments on the agenda items prior to the beginning of the meeting and allowed council comments concerning each agenda item prior to each vote. Prayer was offered by Pam Bloxom and Terika Williams-Walker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon the recommendation of Police Chief Steve Cropper, Wayne Edwards moved to confirm Heather Feeback as a police officer in the Minden Police Department, subject to passing all applicable tests. The motion was duly seconded by Terika Williams-Walker and carried unanimously. Upon the recommendation of Fire Chief Kip Mourad, Terika Williams-Walker moved to confirm Justin Richardson as a firefighter in the Minden Fire Department, subject to passing all applicable tests. The motion was duly seconded by Pam Bloxom and carried unanimously.

Upon motion by Wayne Edwards and duly seconded by Vincen Bradford, the council unanimously adopted a Resolution showing support of the completion and submission of the State of Louisiana Office of Community Development FY 2021-2022 Community Water Enrichment Fund Application, and empower the Mayor to execute any and all documents to accept and implement said grant, if awarded, on behalf of the City of Minden, as presented. Said resolution is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Upon motion by Wayne Edwards and duly seconded by Pam Bloxom, the council unanimously adopted a Resolution showing support of Local Government Assistance Program (LGAP) FY 2021-2022 Application, and if awarded, granting the Mayor authority to execute the contract and any other correspondence, as needed, with the State of Louisiana Office of Community Development Division of Administration, as presented. Said resolution is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Vincen Bradford moved to award Bid No. 13-2022, 2021/2022 Street

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