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## COMMUNITY

# Community joins in prayer after Minden High gun threat

WILL PHILLIPS  
Minden Press-Herald

Friday night, the threat of a gun at the Minden High School football scrimmage caused a panic amongst those at the stadium, leading school authorities to cancel the game.

A statement by the Minden Police Association said that authorities were quick to arrive on scene with some MPD officers who were already on site making contact with the juveniles on school property, and no gun was located on them.

They went on to say that no shots were fired, and that the threat of a gun was unsubstantiated. They believe the origin of the claim to have started due to a verbal altercation that occurred there, though no witnesses were able to be located to verify that.

Luckily, there was no danger, but the event still brought a shock to many. Students, parents, teachers, and members of the community alike were given a glimpse of the grim reality countless schools throughout the U.S. have had to face.

In response to this event, some felt called to take action, one of those people being Jodie Martin, who shared a post that they, along with a few others, would be praying over Minden High School on Sunday evening. Anticipating only a handful of people to show up originally, Martin stated that she was overwhelmed with all the people from different churches and backgrounds that came out on Sunday.

"The events that happened Friday night



Various members of the community joined together in the power of prayer Sunday afternoon in front of Minden High School in response to the gun threat that took place last Friday.

opened up fear in children that had never experienced that before. The reality is that it happens in a lot of places, but now it's happened here, so now we have to address it. One of the most positive ways we know how is to show them by showing up and being a presence there while also inviting the presence of God," said Martin.

Martin stated she got the idea while talking to Phillip Smart about the events that had taken place Friday.

"I reached out to Phillip Smart on Saturday to see if they saw what had gone on at the school. He said he was aware of it. I told him I was thinking about making a post and seeing if anybody wanted to join us in going to pray up at the school, and he said count me in," said Martin.

I thought maybe five people might show up. I was really shocked, overwhelmed when it got over 74 shares. That told me it was important to people. That it must have resonated with others."

Martin went on to say that one of the best aspects of the event was that it showed how many people there are in the community who care about what goes on and are willing to take time out of their days to be there for others.

"Every great move of God starts with prayer. I think it's totally essential for these kids. I didn't know who would arrive, and I thought it was really awesome, because it wasn't just about one church, there were many churches represented. There were people in city offices that came. It really reminded me of the Ax Church where everybody dropped their own agenda and just came in one accord for one common goal," said Martin.

"I think people are already ready to do some things in our community. It's already been stirring in the hearts of people, this just kind of catapulted us to be like, hey, we really need to be in one accord with what happens in our city."

The event itself had nu-

merous people who took time to let God speak through, all joined under the common goal of praying over the school and for the safety of its students, teachers, and staff.

"There are people in Minden who really love our community and don't want it to be divided, but want it to be united. Obviously there's not going to be perfection here. But you can do as much good as you possibly can. That's what our lives were created to be," said Martin.

"There's a lot of people who care. Our lives were meant to be for good, but there are broken people that don't know how to run their lives for good, so we can step up and be examples to lead them and help guide them."

Martin stated that there are plans to hold another prayer at Minden High School on Sept. 9 at 6 p.m. before the game, though the exact location is still being finalized. All who are interested in joining are welcome to attend.

## EDUCATION

### Introducing Mr. Ritchie

*This is the third in a series of interviews to introduce the community to the new administrators in our public schools.*

AMBER MCDOWN  
Minden Press-Herald

Doyline High School is starting the new school year with a new principal, Mr. Walter Ritchie.

Mr. Ritchie had already completed a 20-year stint in the Air Force before entering the field of education. "I'm originally from Virginia," he said. "I joined the Air Force right out of high school; I was 17 years old, and my parents signed the paperwork. I spent 20 years serving in the Air Force as a cryptologic systems maintenance technician — fancy words for coding machines. Then I was a computer network person. And then, toward the end of my career, I went down to Keesler Air Force Base and was a curriculum developer for all the Air Force Comm. specialties; I would write training packages and that kind of stuff for all the different people in Air Force communications."

"When I retired, I got my alternative certification in education and went to work. My first job teaching was J.C. Clark Middle School over in Shreveport. I was there for a couple years. When I went to Bossier Parish, I was actually hired at Rusheon Middle School as a math teacher, but their numbers were low, so they moved me to Haughton Middle School. I was there for 11 years as a softball coach and assistant football coach. I taught just about everything there but English; I taught math, science, social studies, some business classes, and P.E."

"Then I got my masters in educational technology leadership and an add-on for educational leadership from Northwestern State. I got hired as the assistant principal at North Webster High School, and I was up there for two years."

"I came down here last year as the assistant principal. When Ms. Leal moved over to Phillips, I was hired as the principal here. I live in Doyline now. My wife is a Doyline graduate. I like to think I'm part of the community."



RITCHIE

When asked what Mr. Ritchie was bringing to Doyline, he said, "I want to build a sense of community in the school. It's a great school; it's a great community. The best thing about THE Doyline High School is the fact that you have the opportunity to impact these

kids from the time they first walk into school as a PreK kid until the time they walk across that stage to get their diploma. I want them to own that, and I want them to understand that being from a school like Doyline or being from a small community is not a limiting factor. It's something that can propel them to greater things."

"And one of the things we're working on now is finding Doyline graduates who are doing various things all over the world and having them record videos to send back to us so that we can play them for the students so they can see that you're not limited because you're from a small town. You're not limited because you went to a PreK-12 school. That's a blessing for you. That's something that you can always have in your back pocket."

Mr. Ritchie hopes to add some programs to Doyline as well. "One thing we're working toward is figuring out a way to get dual enrollment for our kids," he said. [Dual enrollment allows students to earn college credits while still in high school.] "I would love to be able to expand a lot of the programs and offer a lot of the things that other larger schools offer. I was actually approached recently by a student inquiring about restarting drama — first as a drama club and maybe eventually going into having a drama class. He was very convincing when he came in to talk to me, and he'd already secured a faculty member who was willing to be the sponsor so, hopefully, within the next month or two, we'll have a drama club up and running."

While Mr. Ritchie is not from Doyline, he says he got here as quickly as he

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## GAS BUDDY

### Gas continues to fall in Louisiana

August 22, 2021 - Average gasoline prices in Louisiana have fallen 10.3 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.42/g today, according to GasBuddy's survey of 2,436 stations in Louisiana. Prices in Louisiana are 52.8 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand 61.0 cents per gallon higher than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has declined 6.3 cents in the last week and stands at \$4.97 per gallon.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Louisiana was priced at \$2.93/g yesterday while the most expensive was \$5.59/g, a difference of \$2.66/g. The lowest price in the state yesterday was \$2.93/g

while the highest was \$5.59/g, a difference of \$2.66/g.

The national average price of gasoline has fallen 5.1 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.86/g today. The national average is down 51.3 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 72.2 cents per gallon higher than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

Neighboring areas and their current gas prices:

Baton Rouge- \$3.28/g, down 14.7 cents per gallon from last week's \$3.43/g.

Jackson- \$3.38/g, down 7.7 cents per gallon from

last week's \$3.45/g.

New Orleans- \$3.53/g, down 11.0 cents per gallon from last week's \$3.64/g.

"While some areas saw gas prices rise slightly last week, the national average saw yet another weekly decline, extending the streak to ten straight weeks. The pace of declines is certainly slowing down as oil prices have bounced up slightly, but the West Coast and Northeastern U.S. are areas that still may see gas prices decline, while the South and Midwest see the drop fade and potentially slight increases," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy. "In addition to falling gasoline prices, the average price of diesel has fallen

below \$5 per gallon for the first time since March, likely helping to cool off aggressive inflation numbers. Thus far, Mother Nature has spared us from disruptions from hurricanes, but that remains a wildcard as we head into the peak of hurricane season."

GasBuddy is the authoritative voice for gas prices and the only source for station-level data. GasBuddy's survey updates 288 times every day from the most diverse list of sources covering nearly 150,000 stations nationwide, the most comprehensive and up-to-date in the country. GasBuddy data is accessible at <http://prices.GasBuddy.com>.

## GOVERNMENT

### Despite court victory, new law means oil and gas lease sales in Gulf of Mexico can continue

(The Center Square) — Despite a court victory, President Joe Biden's signing of the so-called Inflation Reduction Act means his administration's attempt to halt oil and gas lease sales in the Gulf of Mexico and Alaska won't go into effect at least for the next few years.

The U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals on Wednesday delivered a win for the Biden administration, vacating a lower court order that forced his administration to hold lease sales.

A three-judge panel in New Orleans reversed a June ruling from U.S. District Judge Terry Doughty that blocked a Biden executive order suspending new oil and gas lease sales on federal lands and waters, sending the case back to Doughty.

"We cannot reach the merits of the government's challenge when we cannot ascertain from the record what conduct — an unwritten agency policy, a written policy outside of the Executive Order, or the Executive Order itself — is enjoined," the ruling read.

Doughty's June ruling stems from a lawsuit filed by Louisiana Attorney General Jeff Landry

on behalf of the state and 12 others that argued the Biden administration bypassed comment periods and other required steps to implement a moratorium that costs the states revenues and jobs.

"Millions and possibly billions of dollars are at stake," Doughty wrote at the time. "Local government funding, jobs for Plaintiff State workers, and funds for the restoration of Louisiana's Coastline are at stake."

Biden campaigned on a promise to end oil and gas leases on federal property and the decision Wednesday reinstates the president's executive order to fulfill that promise.

The law requires the Biden administration to reinstate \$192 million in leases for the Gulf of Mexico that were blocked by a different court ruling last year. It also calls for two additional lease sales in the Gulf of Mexico and one in Alaska before October 2023, The Associated Press reports.

The new law also ties any future renewable energy leases from wind or solar to a requirement for the Department of Interior to offer oil and gas lease sales for at least 60 million acres of offshore

property and 2 million acres of onshore property the year prior.

"It's unfortunate we have to continue litigating policies by Biden that cause pain for American families, especially those crushing us at the pump," Louisiana Attorney General Jeff Landry said in an emailed statement to Bloomberg.

The latest developments come as the Department of Interior is vetting a draft plan for proposed lease sales for the outer continental shelf for the next five years, which will replace an Obama-era plan that was implemented in 2017 and expired in July.

The proposed plan is raised concerns from lawmakers and coastal communities that rely on revenue sharing because it stipulates "no more than 10 potential sales in the Gulf of Mexico" that could be "further refined and targeted, based on public input and analysis" to "include fewer lease sales, including no lease sales." Public comment on the proposal runs until Oct. 6.

Environmental groups are hoping the Wednesday ruling will embolden the Biden administration to make significant

changes to the oil and gas leasing program to limit future development.

"They may not be able to deliver a full moratorium on leasing, but at least they can exercise more restraint than they could with the injunction in place," Jeremy Nichols, spokesman for WildEarth Guardians, told the AP. "All eyes are going to be on the Interior Department to see what their next move might be."

An Interior spokeswoman told Bloomberg the department is reviewing the ruling.

Congress created the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act in 2006 to share revenues from oil and gas leases with Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas for coastal conservation, restoration and hurricane protection.

The most recent 2022 GOMESA disbursements from the Office of Natural Resources Revenue included nearly \$34.8 million for Alabama, \$111.8 million for Louisiana, \$36.7 million for Mississippi and \$68.8 million for Texas. While the bulk of the funding goes to the states, large sums are also distributed directly to coastal parishes or counties.

## BLOTTER

### Recent arrest in Webster Parish

Kimberley Crowell, 41, of the 900 block of Victory Drive, was arrested for disturbing the peace through public intoxication and resisting an officer.

Timothy Grim, 52, of the 900 block of East Street, was arrested for drinking in public, public drunkenness, aggravated assault, and false imprisonment with a weapon.

Stanley Ford, 46, of the 200 block of Fort Street, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

Davarius Moore, 30, of the 16600 block of Highway 80 E, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

Taylor Robertston, 28, of the 900 block of Bayou Avenue, was arrested for domestic abuse battery and reckless operation of a motor vehicle.

David Holland, 48, of the 700 block of East Todd Street, was arrested for being a fugitive of Bossier parish.

Lance Souther, 35, was arrested for resisting an officer, disturbing the peace through public intoxication, and being a fugitive from Springhill.

Zl'Kendrick Morgan, 18, of the 300 block of S Talton Street, was arrested for disturbing the peace through fighting and resisting arrest with force or violence.

Kendrick McGlothen, 18, of the 100 block of Shane Drive, was arrested on three counts of battery of a school teacher.

Billy Joe Culverhouse II, 28, of the 100 block of Sarah Circle, was arrested for burglary, pos-

session of a schedule II substance, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Sammie Dixon Jr., 59, of the 800 block of Plum Street, was arrested for disturbing the peace through language.

Ty Chaun Edwards, 21, of the 800 block of Harris Street, was arrested for simple criminal damage to property and battery on a dating partner.

Dylan Thomas, 20, of the 2300 block of Franklin Road, was arrested for possession of a schedule II substance, possession of legend drug, possession of drug paraphernalia, driving with an expired license plate, and driving with no driver's license.

Shakeia Fincher, 36, of the 500 block of Babb Circle, was arrested on two counts of simple criminal damage to property and driving under suspension.

Anthony Kelley, 35, of the 100 block of Robertson Drive, was arrested for cruelty to juveniles and domestic abuse battery with child endangerment.

Timothy Berry, 39, of Mousser lane, was arrested for simple battery and improper supervision of a minor.

Julie Taylor, 40, of the 100 block of Litt Benson Road, was arrested on a warrant.

Ronald Pearson, of Canal Street, was arrested on a warrant and for being a fugitive of the Bossier City Police Department.

David Handy, 53, of the 2300 block of Harold Montgomery Road, was arrested for aggravated assault.

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could. "I'm not originally from Doyline, but I married into Doyline. From just talking to people and getting to know people since I've been around, there's always been a sense of community at this school, and I want to make sure that we build on that and get people to really embrace that and to get our kids to embrace that. And 20 years from now or 30 years from now, they're the ones who will be talking about Doyline and what Doyline's always been."

Mr. Ritchie wants the students of Doyline and their parents to know that they should come to him if there are any problems. "I'm easy going, and I'm easy to talk to," he said. "If there's ever a concern, I'd rather them bring the concern to me so that I can address it. I love this

community. I consider myself a part of this community. I'm their partner in making sure that this school is kept up the way it should be. I'm here for their concerns, and I want the best for their children."

Mr. Ritchie's focus right now is closing the gaps caused by students being out so much during the pandemic and making sure that the students continue to grow academically. "I want to continue seeing growth and make sure we're getting back to where we were before the pandemic," he said. "Making sure those gaps from kids being out — as far as what they missed from when we shut down in 2020 — things they've missed with all the quarantines over the last few years, making sure that we're closing those gaps and preparing our kids to be successful at the

next level — whether it be moving from elementary to middle, middle to high, or going to college or going into the workforce. My expectations are that we continue to make progress and help them grow."

Over the past decade or so, Doyline has had many different principals. Mr. Ritchie hopes to be a stable influence on the school. "I want people to know that I'm excited to be in Doyline. I don't see myself anywhere else. I love this school. I love what this school means to the community. I want to see this school be what it can be for this community. I'm here to stay as long as I can be here."

If you have anything you'd like to talk about with Mr. Ritchie, or if you have anything you'd like to offer to Doyline High School, please contact Mr. Ritchie to discuss it.

## EDUCATION

### BPCC academic awards and graduates from Webster Parish for the summer 2022 semester

Special to the Minden Press-Herald

Bossier Parish Community College (BPCC) has posted the academic awards for the Summer 2022 semester. The Dean's List and the Chancellor's List are used to recognize students who have excelled academically. The Dean's List acknowledges students who have maintained a grade point average (GPA) of 3.5 or higher on a 4-point scale. The Chancellor's List honors those students who have sustained a GPA of 3.75 or higher.

Webster Parish students who made BPCC's Dean's list are Elizabeth Pickett of Doyline; Tristan Jones of Heflin; Parker Austin, Anitra Coleman, Baylee Hough, and Samantha Thomas of Minden; and Kordarus McClendon of Sibley.

The Chancellor's List recipients from Webster Parish are Franchesca Castle of Doyline; Madeline Capps and Julie Ortega of Dubberly; Tylar Bare and Aubrey Gray of Heflin; Amaris Buitrago, Wesley Butts, Jakiya Malone, Barbara McClendon, Libbi Musgraves, Chloe Poore, and Anointess Scott of Minden; Adam Backes and Zoe Loyd of Sarepta; and Darlisia Baxter of Sibley.

A number of students from Webster Parish are graduating from BPCC this summer. Hayden Hollis of Doyline - Physical Therapist Assistant; Ivory Ware of Doyline - General Studies; Hillary Butler of Heflin - Practical Nursing; Toni Hartz of Heflin - General Science; Amber Comeaux of Minden - Physical Therapist Assistant; Baylee Hough of Minden - Business Administra-

tion; Dewanda Jones of Minden - Laboratory Assistant; Elijah Taylor of Minden - General Studies; Kelly Weaver of Minden - Culinary Arts; La'Bridget Williams of Minden - General Studies; Ty'Quesha Gill of Minden - Criminal Justice Investigations and CTS Police Procedures; Adam Backes of Sarepta - Basic Management; Brooke Coldiron of Sarepta - General Studies; Jennifer Prescott of Sarepta - General Studies; Samantha Thomas of Sarepta - Practical Nursing; Darlisia Baxter of Sibley - Practical Nursing; Hayley White of Springhill - Criminal Justice; Saida Walker of Springhill - Emergency Medical Technician; and Salina Malone of Springhill - Basic Management. Congratulations to each of you, and keep up the excellent work.



# WEBSTER & MORE

OBITUARIES



## Elizabeth Earline Sanders

Elizabeth “Earline” Cartwright Sanders passed away peacefully at her home in Minden, Louisiana surrounded by all of her loving family on August 13, 2022, after a courageous battle with esophageal cancer.

Earline was born August 28, 1950, to Earl and Lillie Mae Cartwright in Bossier City, Louisiana. She graduated from Bossier High School in 1968.

She is preceded in death by both paternal and maternal grandparents, father (Earl Cartwright Sr.), mother (Lillie Mae Cartwright), sister (Lynda Cardona), Father-In-Law (Buster Sanders) and Mother-In-Law (Dorothy Sanders).

Earline is survived by husband of 35 years Bennie Sanders, daughter (Tisha Jones Matthews), brother (Earl Cartwright III), step-daughter (Lori Sanders) four grandchildren (Courtney Matthews, Colton Matthews, Alanna Johnson and Mallori Sanders) two great-grandchildren (Ryder Matthews and Mason Allen) and her

faithful fur baby (Sparkle)

Earline was a die-hard New Orleans Saints fan. She loved America, was a Proud Republican, who loved Donald Trump. Being a true sun goddess, she was always beside the pool or at the beach. Earline was a matching fashionista always with big bling and accessories. Her favorite color was leopard. She went by many names in life, such as Earline, Earl, Momma, Momma E, but her favorite and most cherished was “Mammaw”. She never gave up and fought like the warrior she was. She will be forever missed and in all of our hearts and memories.

A memorial service honoring the life of Earline will be held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, August 27, 2022, at Holly Springs Church, 854 Hwy 79, Minden, Louisiana. Officiating the service will be Bro. Byron Longino. A visitation will be held prior to the service beginning at 1:00 p.m. at the church.

The family would like to give a special thanks to Dr. Kishore Malireddy, all of the staff of Passages Hospice of Minden, especially Wendy, Melba and Kim for all their loving and compassionate care.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests that memorials may be made to Holly Springs Church, 854 Hwy 79 Minden, LA 71055, Shriners Hospital for Children, 3100 Samford Ave, Shreveport, Louisiana 71103, or American Cancer Society, 920 Pierremont Road #300, Shreveport, Louisiana 71106.

## Willie “Billy” Stevens, III

Memorial Services for Mr. Willie “Billy” Stevens, III, will be 11 a.m., Saturday, August 27, 2022 at Green Oaks High School, 2550 Thomas Howard Blvd., Shreveport, LA. A graveside service will follow at Northwest Louisiana Veterans Cemetery at 7970 Mike Clark Road, Keithville, LA. Billy entered into rest on August 10, 2022.

He is survived by former spouse Delphia Stevens, Minden, LA, his children Darian Murray (Delira), Memphis, TN, Dietrich Seamster, Shreveport, LA, Gracia Stevens, Arlington TX, Cary and Leah Stevens, Minden, LA, brothers James Smith (Louise), Sanford Smith, sisters Doretha Green (Wilbert), Lee Eta Logan Ora (Levi) Brown, Shreveport, LA and a host of other relatives and friends.



## Mary Frances Morse

Graveside services for Mrs. Mary Frances Morse, age 80, of Minden, LA, formerly of Springhill, will be held at 11:00 am, Saturday, August 20, 2022, at the Hephzibah Cemetery, Emerson, AR with Bro. John Franklin officiating. Interment will follow under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home, Springhill, LA.

Visitation will be held Friday, August 19, 2022, 5:00

pm - 7:00 pm at Bailey Funeral Home, Springhill, LA.

Mrs. Morse was born on October 29, 1941 to Otto Cullen and Ina Lorene Dumas Morse in Emerson, AR and passed away on Monday, August 15, 2022 in Minden, LA. She was a member of Temple Baptist church and a homemaker; she enjoyed gardening, canning, and lived life to the fullest. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

She is survived by her son, Calvin DeWayne Gildon of Heflin, LA; daughter, Cynthia Gail (Tony) Flynn of Overton, TX; six grandchildren; and sister, Brenda Thompson of Springhill, LA.

Mrs. Morse was preceded in death by her parents; son, Alfred Lynn Gildon; and brother, Claude Earl Morse.

Sign our online guest book at [www.baileyfuneral-home.net](http://www.baileyfuneral-home.net)



## Wanda Nell Merritt McEachern

Wanda Nell Merritt McEachern was born on December 7, 1952, in Shreveport, LA and left this Earth in her home in Minden, LA surrounded by her loved ones, on August 21, 2022.

She is preceded in death by her parents; T.J. and Paunell Merritt, brothers, Charles and Darrell Merritt; sister, Pauline Harkey; granddaughters, Angel McEachern Langley and Kendal

Reed; and grandsons, Robbie Reed and Ryan Irving.

She is survived by her husband, Gerald McEachern, Sr.; son, Gerald McEachern, Jr.; daughters, Wendy Chandler and husband Kevin and Lucy Irving and husband Robbie; grandsons, Kevin Chandler and wife Holli, Wesley McEachern and girlfriend Heather, Connor Chandler and wife Kim, Trevor Chandler and Dale Irving; sister, Martha Adkins; nine grandchildren and many nieces and nephews and special friend Brandy McEachern.

Graveside service will be held Wednesday, August 24, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. at Evergreen Cemetery in Minden, Louisiana.

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## Helen Elizabeth Madison Yore

Helen Elizabeth Madison Yore was born on January 22, 1934 to James Jurrell and Helen Madison in San Diego, Texas, and passed away on Friday, July 29, 2022 in Pittsboro, North Carolina at the home of Mike and Marilyn Yore.

Betty married Arthur R. ‘Dick’ Yore, USAF in December of 1954 and traveled while being stationed in San Angelo, Texas, England, Omaha, Nebraska, Merced, California, Bangor and Hermon, Maine, and Bossier City until he retired from the Air Force. They then made their home in Doyline, Louisiana and were members of First Baptist Church of Doyline. During their time in Bossier and in Doyline while

stationed at Barksdale, Betty was a homemaker, an avid and talented quilter, and an alto in several choirs. She was a member of the Barksdale Officers Wives Club, Treble Clef, Choral Ensemble, Red Hats, Red River Quilters, and worked at the church thrift store.

After Arthur “Dick” passed in 2010, Betty moved to Shreveport to live with her daughter, Carrie, and her family. She remained in Shreveport until moving with her son, Mike (Marilyn) to Pittsboro, NC., where they took wonderful care of her in her last year. Betty will be greatly missed by all who knew her. She is especially remembered for making quilts for friends and family or to celebrate a wedding or welcome a new baby.

Betty is preceded in death by her parents, and husband of 55 years, Arthur R. Yore. Left to cherish her memory are her son, Mike Yore and wife Marilyn, daughters, Carrie Rachal and husband Tommy, and Bonnie Kirkley and husband Jimmy, 8 grandchildren, and 13 great grandchildren.

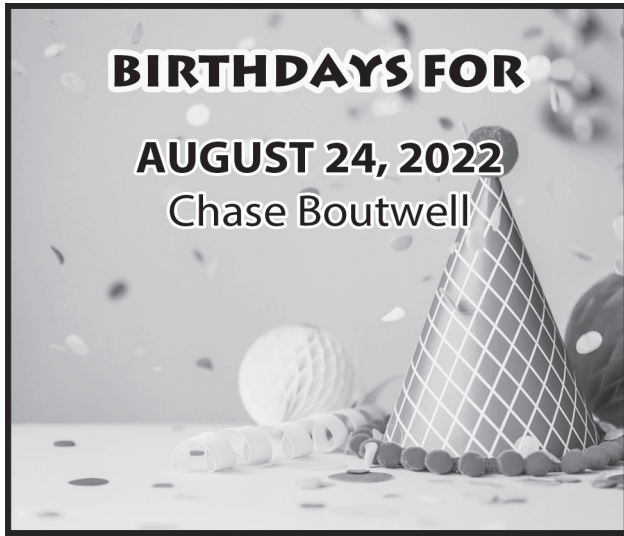
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GOVERNMENT

## ‘Unprecedented’: Judge ruling moves Trump raid affidavit one step closer to release

(The Center Square) – Judge Bruce Reinhart on Monday released an order rejecting the Department of Justice’s argument that the affidavit used to justify a raid of former President Donald Trump’s Florida residence should remain entirely sealed, moving the document one step closer to potentially being released.

The federal government now has until Thursday to propose redactions and make any other arguments as to why the docu-

ment should not be made public.

“It is a foundational principle of American law that judicial proceedings should be open to the public,” said Reinhart, who also authorized the original search of the Mar-A-Lago property that was met with controversy and backlash.

The federal government argued that unsealing the affidavit would threaten its investigation into Trump. Reinhardt did acknowledge the legitimacy

of that claim.

“There is a significant likelihood that unsealing the Affidavit would harm legitimate privacy interests by directly disclosing the identity of the affiant as well as providing evidence that could be used to identify witnesses,” he wrote. “As discussed above, these disclosures could then impede the ongoing investigation through obstruction of justice and witness intimidation or retaliation. This factor weighs in favor

of sealing.”

Reinhardt said partially unsealing could be a good middle ground.

“Particularly given the intense public and historical interest in an unprecedented search of a former President’s residence, the Government has not yet shown that these administrative concerns are sufficient to justify sealing,” he wrote. “I therefore reject the Government’s argument that the present record justifies keeping the entire Af-

fidavit under seal.”

The federal government also argued that the redactions in the document to allow for its unsealing would make it useless to the public. Reinhardt said that may in fact be the case and asked the federal government to propose redactions this week.

“In its Response, the Government asked that I give it an opportunity to propose redactions if I declined to seal the entire Affidavit. I granted

that request and gave the Government a deadline of noon on Thursday, August 25, 2022,” the order reads. “Accordingly, it is hereby ordered that by the deadline, the Government shall file under seal a submission addressing possible redactions and providing any additional evidence or legal argument that the Government believes relevant to the pending Motions to Unseal.”



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OTHER OPINION

A Catalyst for change: From history to now  
How we should respond to what happened at The Pit Friday night

**JEFF RHODES**  
Special to the Minden Press-Herald

In Minden, Friday nights in the Pit have for decades been a highlight in the lives of students, parents, and community members. From rivalry grudge matchups and pivotal playoff berths to exciting homecoming celebrations, emotional senior nights, and annual graduation ceremonies, W.W. Williams Stadium has hosted both Minden legends and emotional memories. Walking off Ash Street into this iconic North Louisiana sporting venue, one can't help but reflect upon the rich history encapsulated into this little patch of earth.

As early as 1936, the first Minden High football stadium was erected with seating for 350 people. Two years later, the first concrete stadium was constructed. In 1946, the East side concrete stands capacity was increased to hold 1200. Then, in 1955, on the West side of the field, a new stadium was built increasing the capacity to 5,000. After years of memories and proud traditions, the facility was demolished after a major flood event in 2016. In the Fall of 2017, "the Pit" reopened with a newly constructed stadium and field, ushering in a new era of experiences mixed with long-standing traditions.

For decades, multiple generations of family members have taken pride in Minden High School and its rich traditions and well-rounded educational experiences. Through the years, students and the surrounding community have faced a variety of adversities and challenges. Yet, even in the most difficult of times, Friday nights in the Fall have provided a time of unity, excitement, and pride. The Pit has served Mindenites well as a transition from the hectic world around them to a fun, relaxing weekend while enjoying the athleticism and dedication of student athletes.

On Friday, August 19, 2022, something changed. Thankfully,

this is not a tragic tale of recounting the horrors or brutality of mortal violence. However, as reported elsewhere, that school day, which was only the 12th day of school for the 2022-23 school year, was interrupted by a round of student fighting. These fights resulted in all students being required to shelter in place for the remainder of the day. School officials and local law enforcement were able to get the situation at the school under control and ensure students were safe.

It's important to understand, this scenario is not necessarily new. The violent behavior of some students has long been present and growing at Minden High School. The faculty and administration have more than once been assaulted by defiant and violent students. Of course, these issues are typically isolated to a small group of students, but they are often disruptive for all students. Due to privacy laws, and the fact that these issues are perpetrated by juveniles, these events aren't typically reported to the general public.

Details of what transpired throughout the day and into the evening on August 19 are still under investigation, and, again, due to privacy laws, much of what happened will not be publicly disclosed. This, of course, creates a recipe for rumors and conjecture around the community and on social media. Following that day's events, guns were apparently mentioned via texts and social media. Graphic violence was allegedly mentioned. Misinformation, immaturity, and fear fueled the emotions of children, and were ultimately carried into the stands at the Pit.

With the Minden-Benton Scrimmage game nearing completion that evening, the initial exodus of students was barely noticeable. Allegedly some kids began shouting about guns. Fear began to mount. Confusion set in. More students and many adults frantically emptied from the stands and stampeded toward the exits.

Others knelt down between stadium seats in an effort to take cover while trying to comprehend what was ensuing. As the scene in the stands unfolded, the players and coaches on the field, trying to comprehend the pounding of running feet in the stands, took cover behind the benches and fence. In the chaos, small children could be heard screaming and crying. Parents were searching for their kids.

No gun shots were ever fired. No evidence of any weapons have been confirmed. Fortunately, no one in the stadium was injured or hurt as the momentary chaos broke out. However, that scene will forever be seared into my mind. As I stood in front of my wife and looked on the field to see my son and his friends ducking for cover, I experienced a profound change. We have all watched the news or read stories concerning school and other public shootings. Though no shooting was occurring, the mere fact that this moment was happening at my Alma Mater with my son involved, made me very, very angry, and incomprehensibly sad.

In that moment I felt a helplessness that I had never encountered, and all I could think or say was, "No!" No. Not in my community. Not with my children. Not at my school. I took this moment, this chaos, this fear, this absolutely ridiculous moment, and I determined right then and there that I would not sit idly by and watch my community be taken hostage by domestic terrorism. Our children will not live in fear and hate. This is not the hometown I know and love, and we cannot tolerate this in our schools and community. We cannot stick our head in the sand of ignorance and ignore the reality that we have a problem. A problem which must be solved with real solutions rather than idle talk.

These problems will not be resolved by school officials or local law enforcement alone. No politician will bring the help we need and deserve. We must stand up as a united community and resolve

ourselves to be the change we need. It will take parents, grandparents, students, concerned community members, churches, civic organizations, and public officials to work in unison. We shouldn't be looking for some imaginary utopia here. We must acknowledge that not all of our neighbors want the same type of community, and that's okay. If enough of us stand together and put real, practical solutions to work, we can make a difference.

- What can you do now?**
1. Get to know your civic leaders and those running for upcoming offices in the city and parish. These people will either be a part of the solution or they need to be replaced. Your involvement and vote matter.
  2. Talk with faculty and staff in the schools. These are your neighbors, and they are teaching your younger neighbors. It's important to know them, and show them appreciation.
  3. Attend school events such as sporting events or other school-sponsored public events. Follow the Minden High School page on Facebook. They share a ton!
  4. Attend City Council and School Board meetings, or at least watch them on live stream. Being informed is a great way to help catalyze change.
  5. Volunteer. Ask around and watch for opportunities to volunteer. There are plenty of opportunities if you're watching.
  6. Join our new Facebook Group: "Our Minden" and use the #hashtag #ourminden for sharing opportunities and ideas for getting the City of Minden and our schools the help they need.
- Multiple groups of parents and concerned citizens have already begun to mobilize, discuss, and share ideas. Though we are many, we can be one. This is our community. This is #ourminden.

JEFF RHODES LIVES IN MINDEN.

OPINION

I wouldn't take nothing for my journey now

At seventy -four I am so uplifted when I hear Vestal Goodman sing "I wouldn't take nothing for my journey now" inspiring me to tell when my life took a tremendous turn. It's February, 1962. As a fourteen year old girl, I sat on the floor in front of the cast iron wood stove, inside our unpainted, mostly unheated cabin in the woods near Noel, Missouri. As I put kindling in the stove, I stirred the coals and watched the flame ignite. Looking deep within the fire, I vowed then and there that "I will rise up from whence I came."

Not knowing exactly what that would entail, change came at lightning speed! Less than six weeks later I became a Christian and was asked a couple of weeks later by the minister Fred Webb, of Grove, Oklahoma, who baptized me, if I would like to go to a Christian orphanage near Tulsa, Oklahoma.

He assured me that I would have immaculate surroundings and plenty of food and clothing and that I would be sent to school.



**SARAH HUDSON PIERCE**  
age.

And it changed both of our lives forever! It wasn't easy but I knew that God had a plan in it for me! I know "life is difficult" as the famed author M. Scott Peck, wrote in The Road Less Traveled but I cherish my memories but God has always taken care of me and has always pro-

vided sometimes even more than I need. Life isn't easy in our world, though it never has been I suppose. Fifty six years later I still struggle At thirteen I almost drowned and actually went down five times before the Easter siblings, from South West City, Missouri, came to rescue me when they saw I wasn't clowning around! I know what it feels like to almost drown but I know God will pull me through the tight places because He always does. I would encourage you to pour your own thoughts out upon the page and do it and do it until it becomes a habit because writing can be one of the greatest forms of creative therapy there is. Not only is writing very therapeutic it is the only way I know to leave your own story as well as a legacy for your family to have for generations to come.

If we don't tell our stories in our words they will never be told. The motivational speaker, Tony Robbins, said "a life worth living is worth recording." I treasure the family stories I've found within my old trunk because these stories have helped me to make some sense of my life. Not only will you be your own therapist but you may be providing the rope that others need to survive as they reach out through the pen upon the page. And remember that it all works out and that we do get what we say and we should begin immediately thanking Him in advance for what He is about to give us because it works that way. It is all good. We get what we say!

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OPINION

The Advocate: One more form to fill out, but a clue students' futures

We're No. 1 in education? Not really, but there is one way that Louisiana is meeting the challenge of education and its response to a rapidly changing economy. Since 2018, high school seniors have been required to submit the form for federal financial aid. Sounds pretty boring and in fact the form, while long, is a questionnaire about family finances and most of us will put zeros in many of the blocks on it. The long form can be avoided by parents who file a shorter form that says the family has no plans to request student aid. What does this have to do with being No. 1? Louisiana leads the nation in the percentage of students who have completed the form needed to apply for college aid, according to the state Department of Education. The Free Application of Federal Stu-

dent Aid, FAFSA, qualifies students for Pell grants, work-study programs and federal student loans. It also expedites approval of the popular college tuition waivers called TOPS. And requiring the form to be filled out is what is called, in a highly technical sociological term, a nudge. The idea is that many decisions that can be good for people will be helped along with a small nudge in the right direction. As in saving for retirement: Studies show people are more likely to save if their companies sign them up for savings plans, requiring them to opt out if they don't want to participate. That's a nudge. And after a while, most of us don't notice the automatic investments. Long-term investment is good for people and the nudge helps them make it a habit. The result is seen even in today's stock

market plunge. Americans are still investing because, doing nothing, they are putting money away for their futures, when the markets will have recovered. Having seen that sociological effect, then-Superintendent John White of the state Department of Education pushed the FAFSA requirement as a nudge. Students and their parents are being encouraged to look at the kinds of financial aid they can get because they have a required form to fill out. They don't have to, because they can opt out. But if they do look at the aid available, that may lead a high-school graduate to look at the options. Why is this small nudge important? Because so many jobs today, and even more in the future, require some training or education beyond a high-school diploma. That is particularly true of the thousands of students today improving their

vocational opportunities in community colleges and technical schools. Vastly better-paying jobs can open up with the right training, but it costs money to pay for classes; FAFSA can open doors for the aid that will pay off for students in the job market. The FAFSA requirement was prompted in part by the belief that students who did not deal with that paperwork upfront might have no idea that they were eligible for grants and loans. We can't know how much the nudge may work in individual cases but with Louisiana's industrial employers begging for everything from welders to computer technicians to process operators in petrochemical plants, anything that can get students into the pipeline of post-secondary training is worth trying. We're No. 1 in FAFSA and we hope it leads students to better lives.



SPORTS

# Minden takes early test scrimmaging Benton

## Crimson Tide coach Spencer Heard pleased with team’s preseason progress

T. SCOTT BOATRIGHT  
Minden Press-Herald

Despite an unexpected early end, Minden High School football coach Spencer Heard saw pretty much what he expected during Friday’s shortened home scrimmage against Benton — some good, some bad, and a whole lot to learn from.

“I thought it was a good scrimmage,” Heard said of the event, which ended because of rumors of a possible gun threat. “It was very productive for us, especially against a team like Benton that is also really sound. That kind of team shows you your weaknesses and what you need to work on. From that aspect it was a very good scrimmage.

“We showed some good things, too. We moved the ball and I thought our offensive line played well, especially considering we’ve got quite a few sophomores up front.”

Heard was pleased with the way his new starting quarterback looked running the Crimson Tide offense.

“Jakobe played well,” Heard said. “We’ve got some stuff to clean up but he’s a very athletic and intelligent young man and we’re looking for some big things from him.”

Jackson showed much composure in the face of a Benton defensive line that pressured him throughout the scrimmage.

“We’ve got to shore up protection to help him,” Heard said. “He

threw the ball well when he didn’t have someone up in his face about to hit him. He was under duress quite a bit.”

Minden’s offensive star of the scrimmage was junior Cameron Mitchell, who scored on a long pass while adding a long run.

“He’s an explosive kid and definitely somebody we want touching the ball,” Heard said about Mitchell. “He went long on a pitch and on a catch. He had a good scrimmage and is going to be a good player for us. He showed some of it last year and will get more of a chance — more touches — this year.”

Mitchell provides a good complement to Crimson Tide tailback Daylen Robinson, who didn’t receive as many touches during the scrimmage in a safety move based on the fact Heard and his staff know what they have in the senior who rushed for 1,007 yards last year.

“He’s a load to bring down and as long as he stays healthy he’ll be a big part of our offense again this year,” Heard said of Robinson.

Heard also singled out Jaylin Williams as a major factor for the Crimson Tide’s offense.

“We hit him a couple of times during the scrimmage and is a guy we’ll definitely look to target,” Heard said. “He’s a big kid. A 6-3 receiver is always good to have.”

“I think the pieces are there for us to have



Minden slotback Cameron Mitchell went for long yardage on this run during Friday’s scrimmage against Benton.

a good season,” Heard said. “We just have to keep on putting it all together.”

Defensively, sophomore Demetrius Robinson spent quite a bit of time in the Benton backfield during the scrimmage.

“He played some as a freshman last year,” Heard said. “He’s got some experience and is a big kid. He’s about 6-2 and 265 pounds. He’s a strong kid.”

Heard said he does want to see some improvement at the linebacker position.

“We have some stuff there to improve on, but that’s what we were looking for out of the scrimmage,” Heard said. “There’s some stuff our linebackers — and the whole team — can learn from all of it.”



Minden quarterback Jakobe Jackson (7) prepares to fire a pass during Friday’s scrimmage against Benton.

# Louisiana Tech DBs, RBs devote focus to details

Minden Press-Herald Sports Service

RUSTON — Daily progression and attention to detail on and off the playing field has been a big theme for the Louisiana Tech running backs and defensive secondary in their two weeks of fall camp.

In the secondary, one thing that has stood out so far has been the high energy level and competition on the practice field.

“Our guys have been flying around and having fun and a lot of energy,” Tech cornerbacks coach Marcus Walker said. “One thing about our guys and this team is that they love to practice and compete against each other. There has been a lot of back and forth each day at every position on both sides of the ball. Guys are having fun.”

At cornerback, the Bulldogs return a multi-year starter and preseason All-Conference USA selection in Cedric Woods.



Louisiana Tech running back Marquis Crosby (with ball) fights for yardage during a recent practice for the Bulldogs.

“Off the top, Cedric brings a lot of experience,” Walker said. “He is one of those kids who has come in and started from the beginning. He has a ton of experience and has been in many different situations. He is a quiet kid but has numerous leadership

skills and is a great person.”

Stephen F. Austin transfers Myles Brooks and Willie Roberts are expected to make an impact at corner for the Bulldogs this season. Both played under defensive coordinator Scott Power for multiple

seasons while with the Lumberjacks. Brooks tied for the team lead with four interceptions last season and Roberts led the team with eight pass breakups while recording two interceptions.

“When it comes to newcomers, every day we have

had a different person step up and impress,” Walker reflected. “It has been fun to watch those guys move around and compete.”

Safeties Coach Paul Turner has been pleased with his group’s efforts so far and has clarified the importance of fundamentals and attention to detail in practice.

“So far, we have had a solid camp,” Turner said. “We continually try to piece together things for us on the back end. It is important to focus on the little details and communication. We have to clean up a lot of our alignments and some of our assignments and our technique. I have seen some really good things like us getting our hands on the ball here and there, but for us to be the defense that we want to be, we just have to continue to stack up good days and hone in the details.”

On the offensive side of the ball, LA Tech brings some experience back despite losing leading

rusher Marcus Williams Jr. to graduation. Redshirt senior Greg Garner, junior Keyon Henry Brooks, sophomore Harlan Dixon and sophomore Marquis Crosby all return.

“I am excited about our running backs,” running backs coach Peter Hopkins said. “This room has progressed and has done the fundamental things to put themselves in a position to do really well. We are going to be fun to watch and you will see a physical and fun brand of football. You are going to see us having fun.”

Throughout fall camp Hopkins has drilled his running backs on the importance of being physical and showing toughness.

“We talk about putting the T back into Louisiana,” Hopkins added. “That T means take and make it right. We want to do things the right way and put that T back in Louisiana. The T stands for toughness, tenacity and togetherness.”

# Olave has 20-yard TD catch in Saints’ 20-10 loss to Packers

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — Chris Olave continues to show he’s capable of making a major impact in his rookie season with the New Orleans Saints.

The first-round draft pick from Ohio State caught a 20-yard pass for his first touchdown of the preseason in the Saints’

20-10 loss to the Green Bay Packers on Friday night. Olave also stood out in the Saints’ joint practices with the Packers last Tuesday and Wednesday.

“Any time there’s competition in front of us, I feel like I’m always going to put my best foot forward,” Olave said. “They got a

good group in Green Bay, they got a good group in the secondary, and I feel like I’m taking the next step to become a great NFL receiver.”

Olave wasn’t the only rookie receiver to deliver a big play in the contest.

Green Bay’s Romeo Doubs, a fourth-round

pick from Nevada, caught a touchdown pass from Jordan Love for the second straight week. The Packers’ other touchdown came on Danny Etling’s 51-yard quarterback keeper in the fourth quarter.

“We’ve had a really good connection, I think, since he got here for OTAs,” Love

said. “He’s been a guy that’s just been making plays out there.”

Olave, who set an Ohio State record with 35 touchdown catches, went to the Saints with the 11th overall pick in the draft. He scored his touchdown with 12 seconds left until halftime.

The Saints’ other points

came on Wil Lutz’s 59-yard field goal. New Orleans’ John Parker Romo missed a 35-yard attempt with 1:32 remaining.

Saints quarterback Ian Book played the whole game and went 16 of 28 for 113 yards while also running for 49 yards on seven carries.



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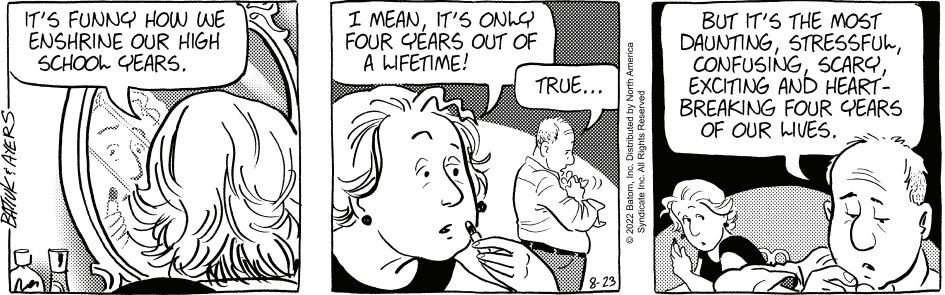
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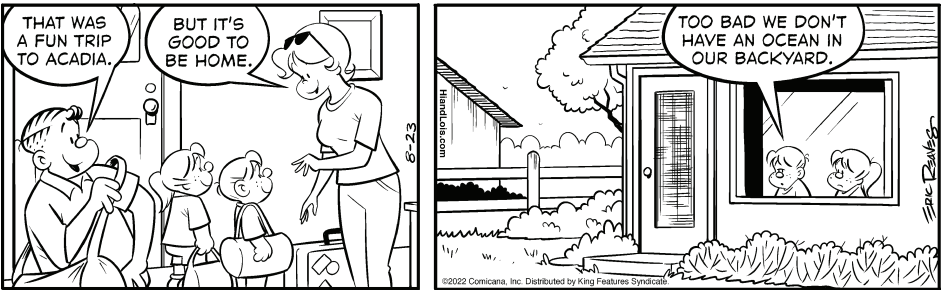
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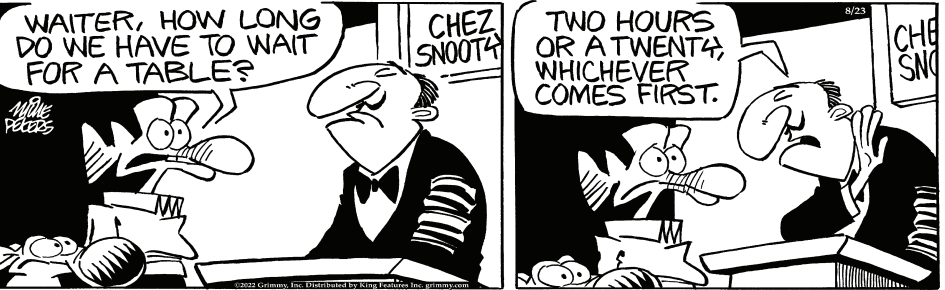
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All contractors submitting a bid on this project shall include their full company name, address and license number, as issued by the State of Louisiana Contractors Licensing Board, on the outside of the envelope containing said bid documents.

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

**There will be a Pre-Bid Conference on this project at 9:00 A.M. on Thursday, September 1, 2022, in the Village Hall for the Village of Doyline, Louisiana.**

A Bidder may withdraw their bid in accordance with LA R.S. 38§2214.

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

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

Minority owned firms and small businesses are encouraged to participate. Any person with disabilities requiring special accommodations must contact the City of Springhill no later than seven (7) days prior to bid opening.

**IN PARTICULAR, BIDDERS SHOULD NOTE THE FORMS AND DOCUMENTS TO BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED WITH THE BID.**

Steven Bridwell, Mayor  
Village of Doyline,

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**August 16, 2022  
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### PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that the City of Minden's 2022-2023 Proposed Budget is available for public inspection in the Office of the Mayor, City Hall, 520 Broadway, Minden, Louisiana, during office hours, 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. A Public Hearing will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 6, 2022, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 520 Broadway, Minden, Louisiana; a Council Meeting will follow. The public is hereby invited to attend and provide input.

Office of the Mayor  
City of Minden

**August 19, 2022  
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**Army National Guard in coordination with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6 and Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality is issuing this solicitation of interest in establishing a Restoration Advisory Board Former Louisiana Army Ammunition Plant (LAAP) Camp Minden, Webster and Bossier Parishes, Louisiana**

**Federal Facility No. LA0213820533 Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality Agency Interest No. 8993**

Army National Guard (ARNG), in coordination with the Louisiana Military Department, Environmental Protection Agency, and Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, recognizes the importance of stakeholder participation and community outreach regarding the ongoing Installation Restoration (IR) and Military Munitions Response (MMR) Programs at the former LAAP, now known as Camp Minden. Therefore, ARNG is soliciting interest in the establishment of a Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) to provide expanded opportunities for stakeholder relations and two-way communication between ARNG and the community.

The RAB is intended to include members who represent the diverse interests of the local community. The RAB will be asked to review and comment on plans and activities relating to the ongoing environmental studies and restoration activities at Camp Minden. Members will have the opportunity to provide input on activities that may accelerate the restoration. Members will also be expected to serve as a voluntary liaison between the RAB and community members, and be available to meet with community members and/or other interested parties. The RAB meetings will be open to the public.

Interested persons must be local residents of Bossier or Webster Parishes. Members will be expected to serve a 2 year term and attend RAB meetings regularly. Members will determine the frequency and preferred location of their meetings.

For more information on the environmental restoration programs at Camp Minden, or if you are interested in the establishment of a RAB and participating, contact Lt. Col. Noel Collins at [noel.collins@la.gov](mailto:noel.collins@la.gov) or 318-290-5027

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