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## CRIME

### Shooting causes three schools to go into lockdown

STAFF REPORT  
Minden Press-Herald

On the afternoon of November 29, multiple gunshots were fired in the vicinity of Peach Street and Talton Street, causing three nearby schools to go into lockdown.

A Minden police officer was on Talton Street, heard the shots, and immediately began searching for suspects. Both Minden police and Webster Parish sheriff's deputies were dispatched to assist. With unknown gunmen within walking distance of three schools, Phillips Elementary, Jones Elementary, and Webster Jr High were advised to go into lockdown mode as a safety measure.

"Once on Peach Street, multiple citizens confirmed my observation of hearing the shots and directed officers toward the Ewell Street and Plum Street area," the officer reported. "Once officers were in the area, two male subjects (later identified as Serderrick Harris and Gene Kemp) were observed fleeing the area on foot."

"During this time, units from the Webster Parish Sheriff's Department were able to apprehend Kemp as police officers continued to pursue Harris. As Harris continued to evade law enforcement, he threw a black backpack he was observed wearing. Officers continued to pursue Harris from Peach Street toward Talton, though he was able to elude officers. A perimeter was set up which resulted in Harris doubling back toward Peach Street and eventually emerging [in the 700 block of Plum Street]."

"Harris was confronted [in the 700 block of Plum Street], which resulted in him running to the back of the residence and making forced entry to gain entry to further evade officers. Once inside, he was confronted by the homeowner. Harris instructed the homeowner to be quiet and not inform law enforcement that he was inside. The homeowner exited the residence and informed officers that Harris was inside the residence."

The officers set up a perimeter and brought in K9 Officer Brams. With K9 Brams on a 30-foot leash, the officers entered the residence in tactical formation. Using K9 Brams, they were

able to track Harris to the master bedroom. Harris had refused to comply with the K9 announcements which warned that the dog would soon be deployed. K9 Brams was allowed to enter the room.

"Shortly after doing so, yells and screams were rendered from Harris in the back room. Officers then instructed Harris to come toward officers. He failed to comply. Officers then proceeded to the room and observed K9 Brams making contact with Harris."

Once Harris was handcuffed and had the dog removed from him, he was treated for the bite by medical personnel and then taken into custody.

Kemp was booked on drug charges by the sheriff's department. Harris was charged with home invasion, simple criminal damage to property (for trying to break out of the room through the ceiling), resisting an officer with force, and obstruction of justice. He was also charged with possession of marijuana, possession of ecstasy, possession of meth, and possession of drug paraphernalia for the contents of the backpack he discarded.

As it turns out, neither of these men had anything to do with the shots that had been fired.

Officers continued their investigation, looking for the shooters.

They discovered an abandoned vehicle parked on Plum Street. "Officers observed an AR-15 rifle in the rear of the vehicle along with several spent casings," the officer reported.

The vehicle was registered to Jockey Lott, 21. Lott was detained and transported to the police station.

"During an interview, Lott stated he was involved in an altercation with a subject on West Todd Street in Minden," the officer said. "After the altercation, Lott along with Timothy Jackson Jr. [23] and Collin Harris [20] proceeded to Peach Street where they located the subject he was involved in an altercation with. Lott stated he was driving with Jackson in the rear and Harris in the front passenger seat. Lott stated he had a handgun and Jackson had a rifle. Lott stated that Jackson opened fire on subjects on Peach Street. The three then fled the scene in the

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## TEEN CHALLENGE

### 'Tis the season to support

WILL PHILLIPS  
Minden Press-Herald

Louisiana Adult & Teen Challenge hosted their second annual Christmas Banquet and Auction this past week where people could take part in a good meal, some Christmas cheer, and auctions, all while knowing that the money was going to a good cause.

One of the organizers for the event Ashley Miller stated, "What we do here is a Christmas themed auction with choir events, a live auction and a silent auction event, and all these proceeds go back into providing a life of freedom and sobriety for women and children."

"It's our biggest fundraiser of the year. It all goes towards our non-profit, which is the Minden Family Center. We're the only Women and Children's Center throughout the entire state."

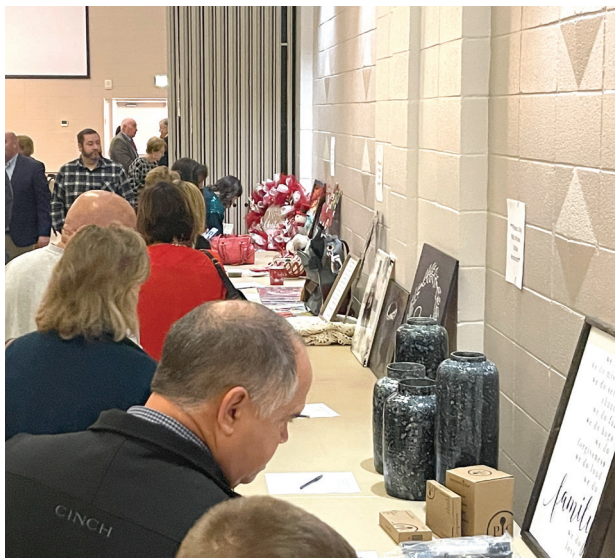
With it being the only center that provides the service that they do in the entire state, it's important



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PHOTOS

Louisiana Adult and Teen Challenge in Minden hosted their second ever Annual Christmas Banquet, featuring auctions, both live and silent, as well as choir performances to help get people in the Christmas Spirit. The organization extends its thanks for the community's continued support of the auction and aiding them in their mission.

that they get the funding necessary to keep their programs going, and they are quick to express their thanks to the local Minden community for their giving hearts and willing-



ness to help their cause. "We want to express our extreme gratitude to the community of Minden for your continuous support in all that we do. This event would not have

been possible without your donations, attendance, participation, and prayers. Thank you for helping us pull off such a successful event," said Miller.

## RIBBON CUTTING

### New Orleans Style Courtyard officially open



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The Greater Minden Chamber recently held a ribbon cutting for Easley Studios Courtyard to celebrate the recent opening of their New Orleans Style Courtyard Wedding Venue that now features an indoor area to seat up to 50 people as well as an Upstairs Bridal Room with an authentic period correct bathroom with a clawfoot tub. In the short time since opening, the venue has seen quite the success, having hosted seventeen weddings since its opening in September. For those interested, more information about the venue can be found at [easleystudioscourtyard.com](http://easleystudioscourtyard.com).



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# WEBSTER & MORE

## BLOTTER

**Recent Arrests in Webster Parish**

Amanda Baxter, 20, of the 700 block of Columbia Street, was arrested for resisting an officer.

Melissa Procell, 38, of the 100 block of Holoman Loop, was arrested on a warrant.

Rowdy Branhm, 40, of the 900 block of CR 105, was arrested for driving while intoxicated second offense, impeding the flow of traffic, driving with an open container, and driving with an expired driver's license.

Chauncey Grant, 26, of the 700 block of Plum Street, was arrested for simple criminal damage to property.

Serderrick Harris, of the 200 block of Lorex Road, was arrested for home invasion, simple criminal damage to property, obstruction of justice, resisting an officer by force, two counts of possession of a schedule I substance, possession of a schedule II substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, and for failure to appear in court.

Jocques Lott, 21, of the 800 block of Fincher Road, was arrested for illegal use of a weapon.

Christopher Couston,

42, of the 400 block of Hebron Road, was arrested for molestation of a juvenile.

Lactivius Sterling, 33, of the 500 block of Fincher Road, was arrested for cruelty to juveniles.

Derrick Carey, 32, of the 800 block of Woods Street, was arrested on multiple warrants.

Timothy Jackson Jr., 23, of the 279 block of Methodist Camp Road, was arrested for illegal use of a weapon and conspiracy to commit illegal use of a weapon.

Latasha Bittle, 27, of the 7100 block of Hypony Trail, was arrested for simple obstruction of justice, obscenity, aggravated assault, disturbing the peace through language, and simple criminal damage to property.

Ralph Mims, 73, of the 1300 block of Sheppard Street, was arrested for a hit and run.

Joski Rabb, 39, of the 500 block of Woodard Road, was arrested for driving while intoxicated first offense, vehicular negligent injuring, and being a fugitive of the Bossier Police Department and Sheriff's Office.

Polly Thomas, 55, was arrested for failure to ap-

pear in court.

Jason Smith, 48, of the 400 block of McIntyre Road, was arrested for driving under suspension, expired license plate, and no seat belt.

Antonious Joyner, 35, of the 2900 block of Donald Drive, was arrested on four counts of criminal neglect of family.

Michael Martin, of the 1200 block of Highway 163, was arrested for two counts of felony theft.

Raphael Armstrong, 39, of the 400 block of Half Pint Road, was arrested for failure to register and disturbing the peace.

Morris Kearney, 36, of the 1800 block of Blue Run Road, was arrested for violation of protective order and cyber stalking.

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## CRIME


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2005 Pontiac driven by Lott. Lott stated the three [of them] abandoned the vehicle on Plum Street and then fled on foot.”

After obtaining a search warrant, the vehicle was searched and officers found a Diamondback AR-15 rifle, Lott’s ID, and 11 spent .223 casings.

Collin Harris was charged with illegal use of a weapon and criminal conspiracy to commit illegal use of a weapon. Lott was also charged with illegal use of a weapon. Timothy Jackson turned himself in on December 1 and was charged with illegal use of weapons and conspiracy to commit illegal use of weapons.

## OBITUARIES




Robert Steven Salter

Memorial services for Robert Steven Salter will be held at Whispering Pines Missionary Baptist Church in Minden, LA on December 10th, 2022, at 2 o'clock p.m. with Brother Mike Wilkes officiating. Interment will follow at Whispering Pines Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 1 o'clock p.m. until time of service. Steve was born May 23, 1960, in Minden, LA and entered into rest November 18, 2022, in Dixie Inn, LA.

He's proceeded in death by his father Robert Earl Salter. He is survived by his mother Edna Ruth Turner Salter of Minden, LA, his daughter Christina Salter Johnson and Husband Rodney Johnson of Greenwood, LA, son Brandon Kyle Waters and wife Erin Waters of Bossier, LA, his sister Debra Salter Ashley and husband Mike Ashley of Minden, LA, nephew Clay Ashley and fiancé Katie Franks of Minden, LA, as well as numerous grandchildren and one great grandson.

Steve retired as Sargent First Class from the Louisiana National Guard. In 1979 when Steve enlisted, he was a member of the 1087th Transportation Company and in later years transferred to the 527th Engineering Group. During his 25 years of service, he traveled to many places, a few to list would be, Belize, Desert Shield/Desert Storm, Kuwait Liberation, and Saudi Arabia.

We would like to give a special thanks to Mickey Ashley, who took care of Steve during his last days and St. Joseph Hospice in Sibley, LA.




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## OBITUARIES



### Robert (Bob) Johnson

Robert (Bob) Johnson – a loving dedicated husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend of many – passed away on November 24, 2022, at the age of 82 in Hot Springs, Arkansas. Bob was born to William (Bill) and Ruby Johnson in Oppelo, Arkansas on June 18, 1940. He was a graduate of Morrilton High School and an Army Veteran. He married the love of his life Vicla Flewellen in 1959 and later had three daughters, Gayla, Susan, and Michele. While in the Army, Bob learned to operate heavy equipment and loved changing the shape of the world one bucket at a time. Bob retired from England Air Force Base but continued to work until he was 75. Bob spent the last few years of his life dedicated to caring for and loving

Vicla.

He was preceded in death by his wife Vicla of 63 years, his daughter Gayla Johnson Spears, his father Bill Johnson, his mother Ruby Johnson Thompson, and brother James (Jimmy) Johnson. He is survived by his daughters Susan Ashmore (Jimmy) and Michele Bishop, grandchildren Heath Ashmore (Brittany), Justin Bishop (Julie Mae), and Zane Bishop, Great Grandchildren Landon, Skylynn, Kennedy, Langston, Landry, Tinsley, Elijah, and Althea. He is also survived by his sisters Sue Scroggins (Doyle) and Vernell Middleton (Jimmy), and numerous family and friends. He was a member of Hot Springs Baptist Church.

Funeral services were 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 29, at the Harris Chapel with Pastor Gene Tanner officiating. Burial was at Antioch Cemetery by Harris Funeral Home of Morrilton. Pallbearers were Jimmy Ashmore, Sam Ivy, Gus Jones, Bobby Hoyt, Rick Hoyt, and Steven Hoyt. Honorary pallbearer was Lynn George. Online Guestbook: [www.harrisfuneralhomes.net](http://www.harrisfuneralhomes.net)



### Billie Robert Pool

Billie Robert Pool passed away recently due to health complications. He is preceded in death by his wife Shirley; his younger sister, Sandra Simpson; and brother, Jack Pool. Born in Lindale, Texas on December 25, 1938, he was the oldest of 4 children born to Fern and Murry Pool.

Bill graduated from Van High School before enlisting in the Army in 1958 where he served as a Private. Honorably discharged in 1964, he received the Good Conduct Medal and continued to serve his country in the Reserves for a number of years. He then established his own swimming pool company, building and servicing pools throughout the Ark-La-Tex area for over 40 years before settling and retiring in Sibley, Louisiana with his wife Shirley. He was a devoted husband to her during their marriage of 39 years before her passing in December of 2021. He loved fishing and was a major football, baseball, and horse racing fan. But his greatest role and one he was most proud of, was that of “papaw” to his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Visiting the cows, attending many recitals, games, and school lunch times and even taking his great-grandson to school; he was always there for us and ready to help in whatever capacity. If you knew Bill, you knew he was a man of few words, but showed his love with his ac-

### Margaret Leona Fulton

Memorial graveside services for Mrs. Margaret Leona Fulton, age 82, of Minden, LA, were held Monday, November 28, 2022, at Western Cemetery, Emerson, AR, with Rev. Aaron Middleton officiating. Mrs. Fulton was born on March 29, 1940 to Archie Garland and Pauline Green Mayfield in Emerson, AR and passed away on Monday, November 21, 2022 in Springhill, LA. She was a member of Western Missionary Baptist Church, and an accountant for Arkla Gas for forty years. She is survived by her sister, Judy Grant and hus-

band, James of Waldo, AR; brother, Colin Dale Mayfield and wife, Ila of Lufkin, TX; and a number of nieces and nephews; as well as a number of great and great-great nieces and nephews. Mrs. Fulton was preceded in death by her husband of 62 years, William Ballard Fulton; father, Archie Garland Mayfield; mother, Pauline Mayfield; sisters, Trixie Scott, and Jeanette Benefield; and brothers, Arnold Garland Mayfield, and Gwendol Ellis “Dick” Mayfield. Sign the online guest book at [www.baileyfuneral-home.net](http://www.baileyfuneral-home.net)

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### Carole Guenther

Services for Carole Guenther, will be held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, December 2, 2022 at St. John’s Episcopal Church, 1107 Broadway, Minden, LA, 71055, with Rev. Wayne E. Carter officiating. Interment will follow at Hill Crest Memorial Park, Hwy. 80 E., Houghton, LA. Visitation will be held on Thursday, December 1, 2022 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Hill Crest Memorial Funeral Home. Carole was born in Portsmouth, NH on November 2, (year undisclosed), she always said she was 29 years old. Carole passed away peacefully on November 26, 2022 after a lengthy illness. She was the youngest of two daughters, born to Paul and Margaret Heffernan. Carole lived in New Hampshire in her earlier life and earned a degree in English from The University of New Hampshire. She worked as a clerk at the Naval Base where she met and eventually married Gordon Guenther in December 1960 in Portsmouth. The couple traveled the United States serving our country with the Air Force. She had a tremendous love for our country and the military held a special place in her heart. In 1974, the family relocated to Bossier City after an assignment to Barksdale AFB and made the area their permanent home. However, Carole always called New Hampshire her true home and considered herself a proud “Yankee”. She had a special love for the Nubble Lighthouse in York Beach, Maine. Carole’s life was filled with many loving and cherished memories. She was involved in the Officer’s Wives Club, her children’s band programs, her church family, community choral groups, and worked for a greeting card company and several local small gift boutiques. She also volunteered for many years in the

Schumpert Gift Shop. Carole loved to decorate and invite friends over for a game of Bunco or to just have a meal and chat. Over the years, she opened her home to family and friends making her guests laugh with her sassy wittiness and feel welcome with her loving support. Carole cherished many trips and events with her family and friends. She is preceded in death by her husband of 44 years, Gordon Guenther and other beloved family members and friends. Carole is survived by her three daughters, Beth Hamm (husband Nathan) of Onalaska, WI, Lisa Moore (husband Tommy) of Henderson, TX, and Karen Arbuckle (husband Don) of Bossier City, LA; grandchildren, Matthew Hamm (wife Jessica), Mary Herrick (husband Robert), Janson Moore, Madison Burns (husband Jesse), Kyla Self (husband Cory), and Alyssa Arbuckle; great grandchildren, Aiden, Vanessa, Jamie, Eli, Max, Taytum, Matthew, and Tristan; sister, Frances Noonan as well as several nieces, nephews, extended family and friends, but most of all her beloved dog, Sugar. Pallbearers will be Tommy Moore, Don Arbuckle, Janson Moore, Robert Herrick, Jesse Burns and Corey Self. Honorary pallbearer will be Matthew Hamm. The family would like to thank the staff of: The Glen Nursing Home Pelican House, The Blake Assisted Living, Willis Knighton South and especially, LifePath Hospice for their loving care and support of Carole and her family during the time of her illness. The family requests any memorial contributions be made to the Memorial Flag Fund at St. John’s Episcopal Church in Minden, LA. A flag is flown on the church grounds in honor of Gordon’s service, as well as all who served our country. The flag and pole are regularly maintained and replaced to “Never Forget” the sacrifices for freedom. This was Carole’s truest passion and legacy left with her family.



### Cloie Edmunds Worsham, R.N. (retired)

Graveside memorial will be held December 10, 2022, 1:30 PM at the Fellowship Cemetery in Dubberly. Honor Guard ceremony will be performed by Northwest Louisiana Nurse Honor Guard. Cloie was born in Meña, Arkansas in February, 1920.

She and her siblings grew up in Arkansas as sharecroppers and tenant farmers. Cloie was the youngest of the family. After Cloie graduated from high school, she enrolled in a nurse’s training program at Tri-State Hospital in Shreveport, Louisiana; and also trained in pediatrics and obstetrics at Charity Hospital in New Orleans. Cloie graduated nurse’s training as a Registered Nurse from Tri-State School of Nursing and began working at Tri-State Hospital in Shreveport. While employed at Tri-State, she became friends with another nurse, who introduced Cloie to her brother, Jim Worsham (of Dubberly, LA). Cloie and Jim eventually married. Cloie and Jim were married from 1946 to 2002, when Jim passed away. In 1942, Cloie received her certification of training in First Aid from the USA Department of the Interior, Bureau of Mines. In 1943, she was appointed as an American Red Cross nurse. From 1943 on, Cloie performed her duties as a Registered Nurse in surgery, private duty, a doctor’s office, hospital charge nurse, Director of Nursing in a nursing home and for a period



### Joan M. Matlock

Springhill, LA  
Funeral services for Mrs. Joan M. Matlock, age 90, of Springhill, LA, will be held at 10:00 am, Friday, December 2, 2022, at the Trinity Worship Center, Springhill, LA with Rev. Jeff Spring officiating. Interment will follow in Springhill Cemetery, Springhill, LA under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home, Springhill.

Visitation will be held Thursday, December 1, 2022, from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm at the funeral home. Mrs. Matlock was born on June 10, 1932 to J.G. and Addie Belle Walker Martin in Springhill, LA and passed away on Monday, November 28, 2022 in Bossier City, LA. She was a very devoted mother and “MeMe” who dearly loved her kids and grandkids. She is survived by her son, Jonathan M. Matlock and wife, Rebecca of Springhill, LA; two daughters, Vicki D. Boyter of Vivian, LA, Jamie M. Doster of Springhill, LA; twelve grandchildren; a host of great-grandchildren; one great great-grandson; two brothers, Gerald Martin and wife, Susan of Minden, LA, Jackie Martin and wife, Bonnie of Mott, LA; and several nieces and nephews. Mrs. Matlock was preceded in death by her parents; son-in-law, Jerry Boyter; and grandson-in-law, Doug Green. Pallbearers will be Craig Nelms, Kevin Hartzo, Dakota Whatley, Joshua Matlock, Jarred Matlock, Beaux Green and Wyatt Nelms. Sign our online guest book at [www.baileyfuneral-home.net](http://www.baileyfuneral-home.net)

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### John Eric Day

Graveside services for John Eric Day will be held Monday, December 5, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. at Arlington Cemetery in Homer Louisiana under the direction of Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Minden, Louisiana. Officiating will be Rev. Reggie Day. Eric was born September 21, 1973, in Haynesville, Louisiana and entered into rest November 30, 2022, in Minden, Louisiana. He was preceded in death by his father, Randall A. Day. He is survived by his wife, Micaela Day; mother, Johnette Taylor and stepdad, Bobby Taylor; daughters, Tyler and Cameron Day; and brother, Scott Day and wife Rachel all of Minden; brother-in-law Jared Elliott; sister-in-law, Leah Hardy and husband Evan; nieces and nephews, Mia, Hannah, and Hunter Day, Jonathon and Allyssa Elliott and Ethan and Julie Hardy. Rose-Neath Funeral Home  
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### Fred Alton Gordon

November 1, 1951 - November 29, 2022  
A memorial service for Fred Alton Gordon, 71, of Calhoun, LA was held on Friday, December 2, 2022 in the chapel of Kilpatrick Funeral Home, West Monroe with Rev. Ron Charrier officiating. Fred was born November 1, 1951 and passed away peacefully at home on November 29, 2022. A 1971 graduate of Minden High School, Fred went to Northeast University on an athletic scholarship. He was a retired mechanic and an avid outdoorsman. Fred is preceded in death by his parents, Fred J. Gordon and Lois Marie Gordon; granddaughter, Audrey Leigh Gordon and one sister, Marie Cunningham. Fred is survived by his wife of 50 years, Laura Gordon; sons Fred Earl Jackson (E.J.) and wife, Chynna; Charles Lorin Gordon and wife, Bobbi; daughter Laura Beth Hurd and husband, D.J., and family; two adopted sons, Elijah James Gordon and Malachi Austin Gordon; eight grandchildren and two great-grandsons; sister, Essie Askin; brother, Paul Gordon and wife, Lynda, and family; and numerous nieces and nephews. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.kilpatrickfuneralhomes.com](http://www.kilpatrickfuneralhomes.com)

she worked as a nurse in a State mental health facility. During her nursing career, Cloie was cross-licensed in three states; Louisiana, Texas, and Oklahoma. Cloie was always very proud of her career and had many stories that she loved to tell to family and friends. Cloie’s nursing career memorabilia is being donated for display to the Tri-State School of Nursing Collection at the Willis-Knighton Talbot Medical Museum in Shreveport. Cloie Edmunds Worsham passed away at her home in Moore, Oklahoma in January, 2022 at the age of (almost) 102. Cloie leaves behind two children, Judy, and Jim; grandchildren Mike, Allison, James III, Clayton, and Cooper; as well as great-grandchildren, Shellby, Keelie, and Ethan. IN LIEU OF FLOWERS, CHARITABLE DONATIONS MAY BE MADE TO: Northwest Louisiana Nurse Honor Guard  
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OTHER OPINION

# Specht: Louisiana’s tax code is hindering the state, but fixing it isn’t easy

**Editor’s Note: This column first appeared in the December Issue of BIZ. Magazine (bizmagsb.com).**

As we round out 2022, many businesses are thinking about the end of their calendar/fiscal year, and their tax burdens here in the Bayou State. Unfortunately, some will decide it is just too costly to operate here.

The Tax Foundation recently ranked Louisiana’s tax climate as the 12th worst in the country. Those in economic development circles know this puts our state at a great disadvantage. In the full-contact sport of attracting and retaining businesses, tax climate is a major weapon.

According to Vance Gann of the Pelican Institute, the playing field just got even more competitive, especially when it comes to personal income taxes.

“This year, four states passed a flat personal income tax, making a soon-to-be total of 14 flat income tax states across the nation,” Gann wrote in an Op-Ed. “One of them is Louisiana’s neighbor, Mississippi, cur-

rently ranked 30th in business tax climate. With a flat income tax, Mississippi’s status will improve, but not as much as it could if it also eliminated the personal income tax altogether. Even the improvement of flattening income taxes won’t support as much prosperity as eliminating them.”

Gann’s advocacy of eliminating the personal income tax is not new. Republicans have been discussing and debating that prospect for years. However, the numbers coming from states without said taxes are undeniable.

“The nine states without personal income taxes, including nearby Texas and Florida, show better economic growth, domestic migration, and non-farm payroll employment when compared to flat-tax states,” Gann wrote. “Uncoincidentally, Florida ranked 4th best and Texas 13th in business



DAVID SPECHT

tax climate.”

While the answer may seem obvious, lower or remove personal income tax, the implementation isn’t so easy. After all, this is the same state that was headed toward a “fiscal cliff” just six years ago. Of course, we could also debate bloat and inefficiencies in state government too.

The truth is that the benefits of lowering, simplifying, or eliminating personal income taxes will take years to be realized. It is a long-tail game.

It’s this long-game approach that tends to stifle any significant action. How can you have a six-year plan when you need to be reelected in four years or less? You need “free money” while the plan is given its chance to work.

Over the past two years, Louisiana has benefitted from federal money from various sources, some stemming from COVID-19 relief, building back better, or natural disaster response.

This unexpected influx of revenue has helped Louisiana weather the storm of the past three two years. It

also allows us the opportunity to revamp the state’s tax system, and mitigate some of the revenue adjustments required to make it happen.

While you can’t just “move money around” in government, I am sure there are some things that can be done to lower the pain points of a major overhaul. The key is to make the decision to do whatever it takes, and then work out the details.

If Louisiana is to emerge as the leader we all know it can be, we have to stop the outmigration of our best and brightest, while attracting those from other states. We need more folks to call Louisiana, “home.”

More people will bring more opportunity for economic growth, which will — eventually — fill state coffers, providing for the needs of the state.

It all starts with a tax overhaul, and inaction isn’t an option.

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OPINION

## You better listen close the first time

Randy Guttenberg, licensed family counselor and author wrote the book titled Managing Your Crazy Self really piqued my interest recently as I talked to others who were signed up for his workshops.

I believe that more creativity is wasted and many opportunities are lost because we don’t know how or we will not manage our crazy self.

By that I mean that we have to control what goes on in our mind as well as knowing when to speak and when to keep silent. I sense this is where most of our problems originate, when our lives spin out of control, where we destroy ourselves and hurt those we come in contact with. from our families, friends, those we work with, because we simply cannot see our own faults therefore we cannot take constructive criticism, although at this point I wish to quote, Harriet Taylor, a retired teacher from New Mexico, who said ‘the advice we give others is wasted breath unless it is something we can take for ourselves.”

She said a mouth full. Not being able to accept criticism from a superior will cause some professionals to quit their

jobs, retire early or get fired.

Not being able to look in the mirror, to see ourselves as others see us, is a real kicker and even what many licensed counselors have to deal with in their own personalities -- not being able to see their own faults which is why many psychologists go in for regular counseling so they will be able to not only help their clients but be able to better “manage their crazy self.”

I just said a mouthful not to be a professional counselor!, however I had to become my own therapist when I had my nervous breakdown as a minister’s wife in 1981.

Professionals are human just like the rest of us and sometimes make the mistake not filtering their words and sometime are jealous of those less educated than themselves who are using their creative time in a way that even they wish to



SARAH HUDSON PIERCE

know how to do we all don’t fully know how to manage our crazy self but I find my way of coping, of making a difference to myself but to those who read my words, to give others the courage to speak, to write, to hone their talents lest they go off the deep end which I could easily have done!

I said a mouthful. Had I not turned to writing where might I be today?

I am so grateful I had my nervous breakdown because it gave me the courage to write, to voice my thoughts, even offending some in my midst who might not like my audacity to speak my mind but I like being me!

I celebrate my uniqueness, including my fast talking, which I know is genetic and also the gap between my front teeth that I preserved even when I had to get my demist to design my partial plates!

There will only be one of you and one of me!

God must not have like duplicates or He would not have made each of us unique!

So if you have trouble understanding my fast talking you “just better listen the first time” a quote borrowed from Hee

Haw!

Had I known then what I know I would not have allowed the bullies on the playground to put me down, to make fun of my teeth, my fast talking, my old-fashioned clothes and all of the other things that I endured as a child, being born in poverty to older parents and to a disabled mother who had suffered a brain injury as a child.

I like to envision my parents looking down, grateful that my life has turned out as well as it has in spite of and perhaps because of my broken dreams!

It’s what we go through that makes us stronger, that gives us our edge, our energy! I can hand it all to God when I took my stand and became a Christian in 1962 at the age of fourteen so all I can say is thank you, God, for making me like I am and for all you have given me including a tad of the ability to “manage my crazy self” as limited as my abilities might be.

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OPINION

## The ongoing saga of the Biden student debt cancellation

The Biden Administration on Tuesday canceled tens of billions of more dollars in student debt on the sly by extending its payment and interest moratorium for the umpteenth time. Who knows if or when borrowers will have to make payments again.

On Friday the Justice Department asked the Supreme Court to lift an Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals injunction on the Administration’s half-a-trillion-dollar write-off or hear the case on expedited review. Now the Education Department is extending its pandemic payment pause through next August or until the High Court rules on the case — or so it says.

“It isn’t fair to ask tens of millions of borrowers who are eligible for relief to resume their student debt payments

while the courts consider the lawsuit,” President Biden said. So the payment pause that the Administration earlier claimed was needed to give borrowers time to prepare to make payments is now needed so they can prepare... not to make payments.

Congress initially paused payments and interest accrual on student loans in March 2020 amid government lockdowns. The “forbearance” was supposed to expire on Sept. 30, 2020, but the Trump and Biden Administration have extended it again and again. The Biden Administration keeps claiming this will be the last extension, only to provide another.

The Administration last extended the moratorium through December when it announced its student loan

write-off in August. Few borrowers needed it. The unemployment rate among college grads (1.9%) is similar to pre-pandemic levels. A Federal Reserve study in May found that “borrowers have seen their financial positions improve during the pandemic,” owing in part to generous government transfer payments, including \$3,600 child tax credits and \$3,200 in stimulus checks. Delinquency rates on auto loans and credit cards are below pre-pandemic levels.

The two-and-a-half-year pause has saved the average borrower \$400 a month, which many have saved, invested or used to pay off higher-yielding debt. Yet it has also cost taxpayers \$155 billion to date since interest isn’t accruing on student debt that Uncle

Sam is financing with debt that carries increasing interest rates. This latest extension would start in January, and if the litigation isn’t ended by June 30 payments would be delayed for another 60 days after that. This could cost another \$40 billion.

None of this money has been appropriated by Congress. The Administration cites the same legal justification — the 2003 Heroes Act — for extending the payment moratorium as it has for canceling debt outright. It claims the law allows the Education Secretary to waive any regulatory or statutory provision related to the federal student aid program during a national emergency.

Missouri and other states that have challenged the Administration’s write-off are

likely to prevail on the merits if the Supreme Court agrees they have legal standing. But the Administration almost appears to be taunting the High Court and reminding Justices that it could extend the payment pause even if its write-off gets struck down.

That is all the more reason for the Supreme Court to take the case. The Administration’s unilateral claim of a never-ending Covid national emergency to provide sweeping student loan relief deserves to get slapped down as the abuse of power it is.

Getting this history right matters. “The Vice President has the power to reject fraudulently chosen electors,” Mr. Trump tweeted on January 5, 2021, the day before the riot. He didn’t come up with that idea himself.



SPORTS

Crimson Tide wins two at Clayton Invitational



Minden's Mijai Batton grabs air on a jump shot during Friday's win for the Crimson Tide over Parkway during play in the Jack Clayton Invitation in Haughton.



The Lakeside Lady Warriors are pictured celebrating their first win of the season, a 36-33 decision at Simsboro last Thursday.

Lady Warriors earn first victory with 36-33 decision at Simsboro

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Minden Press-Herald

The Minden High School boys basketball team went 2-1 at the Jack Clayton Invitational in Haughton. Minden now stands at

4-6 after defeating Byrd (52-47) and Plain Dealing (55-33) with a loss to Parkway (50-42) sandwiched in between the two victories. North Webster stands at 0-3 with the Knights next game slated for Tuesday

at Plain Dealing. Lakeside stands at 4-2 after losing to both Minden (55-40) and Quitman (36-35) last week while defeating Calvin 63-60. The Warriors will play at Haynesville on Tuesday.

As their season begins to get underway, the Glenbrook Apaches will play host to Castor on Friday. After a strong start to the season, the Doyline boys will play at Byrd on Tuesday.

The Minden Lady Tid-ers will play at Richwood on Thursday while the Lady Knights of North Webster will play at Plain Dealing on Tuesday. Lakeside's Lady Warriors will play at Haynesville on Tuesday while

Glenbrook's girls will play host to Castor on Friday and Beekman Charter on Tuesday. Doyline's Lady Panthers entered the week at 5-3 with games slated at Stanley and at home against Choudrant.

OVERALL LOCAL PREP BOYS BASKETBALL STANDINGS (as of Monday, Dec. 5)

DISTRICT 1-4A			DISTRICT 1-3A			DISTRICT 1-2A			DISRICT 1-1A			DISTRICT 1-B		
	W	L		W	L		W	L		W	L		W	L
Evangel	7	0	Richwood	8	0	Calvary Bapt.	5	0	Ringgold	5	3	Doyline	9	1
Huntington	5	3	Sterlington	7	0	Green Oaks	3	5	Arcadia	3	2	Quitman	6	4
BTW	4	3	Wossman	3	1	Lakeside	2	4	Plain Dealing	1	3	Castor	4	5
Woodlawn	4	3	Carroll	4	3	Loyola Prep	2	4	Magnolia SOE	1	6	Weston	3	8
Bossier	5	4	Union Parish	2	3	North Caddo	1	2	Glenbrook	0	0			
Minden	4	6	Bastrop	0	7	D. Woods	0	2	Haynesville	0	0			
Northwood	2	3	N. Webster	0	3				Homer	0	0			
North DeSoto	0	1												



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B.T.W	5	1	Union Parish	5	0	Calvary Bapt.	3	2	Arcadia	4	3	Weston	12	2
Huntington	5	1	Bastrop	6	1	D. Woods	1	3	Ringgold	3	4	Quitman	8	3
Northwood	4	2	Sterlington	6	1	Lakeside	1	4	Plain Dealing	3	5	Doyline	5	3
Minden	4	3	Wossman	8	2	Loyola Prep	1	5	Glenbrook	1	2	Castor	4	4
Evangel	1	1	Carroll	2	2	Green Oaks	0	7	Haynesville	2	6			
North DeSoto	3	5	Richwood	3	4	North Caddo	0	3	Homer	1	3			
Woodlawn	3	8	N. Webster	2	3									
Bossier	0	8												



Tech takes 31st straight non-conference home game

Minden Press-Herald Sports Service

RUSTON — A pair of standout scoring halves by Keaston Willis and Cobe Williams helped Louisiana Tech set a new program record by claiming its 31st straight non-conference victory inside the Thomas Assembly Center as the Bulldogs defeated Southern, 74-59, on Friday night. Willis scored all 16 of his points in the first half, draining shots from all over the floor. Williams then came alive in the second half, tallying 15 of his game-high 21 points in the stanza. Most important though, LA Tech (6-2) was able to record its fifth straight win by taking care of the basketball. The Bulldogs tied their season low with just 11 turnovers, a massive point of emphasis going up against a Southern (3-5) squad that came in ranked in the top 10 in the country in forcing TOs. "We only turned it over 11 times, which was a big focus for us against their pressure," said Tech coach Talvin Hester. "We won the

rebounding battle as well and we had more assists to turnovers. All of that is a good recipe for success. We had a "next man up" mentality again with Isaiah being out. Injuries are part of the game. We do not want to be strapped by one individual. We try to celebrate each other and play together." Dravon Mangum and Bullock were two other Bulldogs in double figures with 11 and 10 points, respectively, as the team shot 48.3 percent from the field (28-58) while making nine total 3-pointers. Southern was limited to 34.9 percent shooting from the field (22-63) and 25.0 percent from beyond the arc (5-20). "You do not have to be great as individuals all game, but we have to be great as a team all game," Hester said. "Keaston was unbelievable in the first half. He could not miss. He got a little fatigued there, but then Cobe stepped up in the second half. We want to continue to have multiple guys step up like that."



PHOTO BY KELSEY CHANLER/LA TECH ATHLETICS COMMUNICATIONS Louisiana Tech's Cobe Williams' looks to score two of his game-best 21 points during the Dunkin' Dogs 75-59 home win over Southern on Friday night.



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Week 10 Football Picks winners

- First: Rita Hoenke
- Second: Barnell Johnson
- Third: Tom McGee

Week 11 Football Picks winners

- First: Rita Hoenke
- Second: Penny Morgan
- Third: Obie Jones, Jr.

Week 12 Football Picks winners

- First: Obie Jones, Jr.
- Second: Buddy Ward
- Third: Rita Hoenke



SPORTS

Tigers tumble in SEC Championship game

ATLANTA (AP) — Georgia swatted away the field goal attempt, the ball spinning to a stop at its 4-yard line. The LSU players trudged off the field, thinking the play was over. Christopher Smith knew better. He suddenly scooped it up and took off the other way, sprinting 96 yards for a touchdown that epitomized the Bulldogs program. They were a step ahead of LSU on Saturday. They’ve been a step ahead of everyone for two years now.

With all sorts of turmoil behind them in the rankings, Georgia headed to the College Football Playoff as the clear No. 1, dismantling the No. 11 Tigers 50-30 in the Southeastern Conference championship game Saturday. Stetson Bennett threw a season-high four touchdown passes in another stellar postseason performance, while Smith’s heads-up play gave the Bulldogs an early spark. “I’ve got good players around me. I’m not that bad at football, either,” Bennett said with a smile. “We’ve got a good team.”

Georgia (13-0, No. 1 CFP) also caught a big break when Smith deflected a pass that bounced off an LSU receiver’s helmet and wound up being picked off by the Bulldogs, setting up a score that contributed to a 35-10 lead by halftime. LSU quarterback Jayden Daniels re-injured a sore right ankle late in the second quarter, giving way to Garrett Nussmeier in the second half. The backup guided the Tigers (9-4, No. 14 CFP) to three touchdowns, but it wasn’t nearly enough. Georgia accomplished

something that not even last season’s national championship squad could do — win its first SEC title since 2017. The Bulldogs were denied in this game a year ago by Alabama, before bouncing back to beat the Crimson Tide in the title game. “I don’t want one kid to walk out of our program without an SEC championship ring in their careers,” coach Kirby Smart said. “That could’ve happened. They said enough is enough and got ‘em one tonight.”

Georgia heads into the playoff assured of a return trip to Atlanta for a de facto semifinal home game at Mercedes-Benz Stadium, just 75 miles from its Athens campus. LSU’s outside hopes of crashing the four-team playoff field were wiped out a week ago by a stunning loss at Texas A&M, one of several upsets that will give the selection committee plenty to think about before its announcement Sunday.

Tennessee and Clemson also ruined their playoff hopes with losses late in the regular season, while No. 4 Southern California is presumably out after getting blown out by Utah in the Pac-12 title game Friday night.

Just as the SEC game was kicking off, No. 3 TCU lost to Kansas State in overtime for the Big 12 championship, further clouding a playoff picture that suddenly looks much more favorable for No. 5 Ohio State and No. 6 Alabama.

No matter who makes the elite field, Georgia is firmly focused on becoming the first repeat national champion since Alabama in 2011-12.



LSU’s Kayshon Boutee (7) had seven catches for 107 yards, including a 53-yard TD catch, during Saturday’s loss to Georgia.

LSU to face Purdue in Citrus Bowl

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BATON ROUGE — LSU will meet Purdue on the gridiron for the first time on Jan. 2 when the Tigers face the Boilermakers in the Cheez-It Citrus Bowl, the Florida Citrus Sports announced on Sunday evening. Kickoff is set for noon CT on Jan. 2 from Camping World Stadium in Orlando. ABC will televise the game. This year’s Cheez-It Citrus Bowl will feature the champions of the SEC Western Division again the champions of the Big Ten’s West-

ern Division. LSU, ranked No. 15 in the AFCA Coaches Poll, No. 16 in the AP Poll and No. 17 in the CFP Rankings, brings a 9-4 overall mark into the contest. The Tigers are coming off a 50-30 loss to No. 1 Georgia in the SEC Championship Game. Purdue, winners of its last three regular-season games, is 8-5 overall following a 43-22 setback to No. 2 Michigan in the Big Ten Championship Game. LSU, who has appeared in a bowl game 22 out of the last 23 years, is 2-3 all-time in the Citrus Bowl. The Tigers most recently ap-

peared in the Citrus Bowl during the 2017 season, dropping a 21-17 decision to a then-Brian Kelly coached Notre Dame. LSU’s last win in the Citrus Bowl came during the 2016 season when the Tigers shutdown Louisville and Heisman Trophy quarterback Lamar Jackson, winning that game, 29-9. LSU’s six Citrus Bowl appearances tie for most appearances in the game among FBS programs. The Tigers will open the 2023 season in Camping World Stadium in Orlando, Florida, when LSU faces Florida State.

Midwest-style deer management working in Sabine

GLYNN HARRIS

There is an area in Louisiana capable of naturally producing habitat amenable to growing big healthy bucks and does. Land along the Mississippi delta is rich in nutrients with plants growing naturally there that are highly nutritious. Deer that feed on such a bountiful buffet tend to grow larger bodies with bucks sporting impressive racks. The northern part of the state, for the most part, consists of rolling red clay hills and pine trees, not the type of habitat where deer can reach their maximum potential.

Sabine Parish is just such a location with habitat basically that you don’t expect to see deer grow to impressive weights and antler growth. Ten years ago, something began taking shape to change the production of deer in a portion of Sabine Parish from piney woods averages to eye-popping characteristics. A group of hunters, who own and lease some 3,000 acres in Sabine Parish decided to see if their piney woods could do something to produce higher quality deer. Ryan Masters was one of the group who set out to see if it could be done. “Ten years or so ago, I was fortunate to be able to hunt in the Midwest. I began wondering how those guys up there had much bigger deer that we had here



PHOTO BY GLYNN HARRIS

Ryan Masters displays a buck he downed on his club’s property in Sabine Parish showing that bigger deer can be grown on marginal property.

in our part of Louisiana,” Masters said. “I began realizing that up there, they were allowed only one buck tag per season and bucks must be five years old or older. It started dawning on me that I get six tags and can hunt deer for over two months and there is no restriction on age or antler size here.” Masters and his friends decided to try and do something about it. Could bigger bucks be raised in Sabine Parish? They were determined to try and find out. “We developed what we’re calling the ‘Midwest Style’ of management,” Masters said. “We changed our regulations to allowing members to take only one buck a year and the one they can take has to be at least five years old. Our property is in the piney woods

with not much quality natural deer food. We keep food plots out all year and we developed our own protein blend of supplemental food we have been using on our club. “We studied up on things that can help any area produce more quality animals and learned that the amount of sunlight, the amount of minerals, the availability of water sources along with genetics are keys to raising deer that are above the norm.” By the 2018 deer season, Masters and his friends began seeing positive results from their more aggressive approach. On a personal note, I write stories of big bucks taken around the state for LA Sportsman magazine and in just about year, I’ll be hearing about and writing about one the

Masters’ group has produced. The current 2022-23 season has produced one when Ryan Masters son, Joel, downed a big 10-point buck weighing 220 pounds with an inside spread of over 20 inches, a buck with antlers measurements of 156 2/8 inches. By improving the land you’re permitting to hunt, providing year around nutritious food sources high in protein, limit the number of bucks members can take during season and passing on those smaller bucks giving them time to grow and reach their potential, results are possible. “I am able to tell folks that if they want to grow big deer on marginal habitat, it can be done,” Masters said.

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Fishing Report

**BLACK BAYOU** — Crappie fishing is fair on jigs and shiners. No report on bass or bream. Contact Honey Hole Tackle Shop 323-8707 for the latest information.

**BUSSEY BRAKE** — Bass fishing continues to be good with some nice fish caught on soft plastics around brush. Crappie fishing has been good also with some slabs caught on jigs or shiners.

**OUACHITA RIVER** — The water is on a slight rise and bass fishing has been best fishing the sloughs with soft plastics and crank baits. Crappie fishing has been fair in the river on jigs or shiners. For the latest information, contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

**LAKE D’ARBONNE** — Crappie fishing has continued to be good along the edges of the deeper channels on shiners or jigs. Bass fishing has improved along the channel edges on crank baits. Bream are slow while catfish are biting cold worms fished off the banks. For the latest information, call Anderson Sport Center at 368-9669 or Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

**LAKE CLAIBORNE** — Crappie fishing has been good in the deeper channels with shiners seeming to be preferred over jigs. Bass have been fair fishing crank baits

off the points. A few catfish have been caught on cold worms with jug fishing using chunks of wieners taking a few. The bream and stripers are slow. For the latest information, call Kel’s Cove at 927-2264 or Terzia Tackle at 278-4498.

**CANEY LAKE** — Jigging spoons and tail spinners are working best on bass bouncing these lures off the bottom in 18-20 foot deep water. Soft plastics and deep diving crank baits have been producing some around humps just off the channels. Crappie fishing continues to be best fishing the deep tops on shiners or jigs. No report on bream or 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** — Crappie fishing has improved both around the slips and on the lower end of the lake on shiners or jigs. Catfishing continues to be good. For latest reports, call Poverty Point Marina at 318-878-0101.

**LAKE YUCATAN** — The water has come up just a bit. Some real slab crappie have been caught as well as bass in the 3-4 pound range. No report on bream or catfish. For information, call Surplus City Landing at 318-467-2259.

— Glynn Harris



# Good News

GOOD NEWS

## CHRISTMAS ANTICIPATION

Christmas at our house was bitter/sweet. It was cold in the old house, ‘air-conditioned’ for sure in the winter. Cracks and holes, leaky tin roofs, and a long run to the out house, especially early in the morning. The morning routine was the same, Christmas or not! The difference was this: the kids stayed awake most of the night, anxious to see what was happening in the room where the fireplace was... wondering how that fat man was going to come down the chimney and not get ashes or soot on that pretty red suit.

Of course, the anticipation of Christmas began in early fall while we were still busy in the cotton fields. When that Sears’ Wishbook arrived, country kids began to ‘see visions of sugar plums and a few other things,’ in great anticipation of what Santa might leave.

Each night we’d take turns thumbing through the book, marking pages or dog earring them for “return visits”. Usually, the boys stopped on the overalls, blue jean section or the tennis shoes and underwear pages.

Of course, the cowboy stuff was everyone’s dream for sure. (This was long before The Christmas Story appeared on television)! A cap pistol with a holster to match was the dream of every small boy. Anticipation was alive, and we did not even know what the word meant!

As a 5-year old, I remember one rainy afternoon, when we lived far out in the country, away from almost everyone. An older brother yelled, ‘yonder comes Santa Claus’. And we all ran to the front porch to see. Yep, there he was, coming across the foot-log, making his way up the hill, through the gate, coming right toward the porch where we all stood with eyes and mouth wide opened. Then suddenly, fear took over! My younger brother and I made an about-face, hit the front door, making our way to the nearest bed. Under it we went, finding a safe place so that bearded man would not find us. We had an-



Bill Crider

ticipated his coming all year long, but now that he had come to see us, we were so afraid. Like it is today, children are fascinated with Santa as long as he stays a good distance from them, but the closer he comes to them, the more uncertain they become. Many cry out and run if they can to get away from him. We surely did that day.

We did not always have a Christmas tree. “Foolishness”, my daddy would say. But when my sisters were older, they began to bring one home and decorate it with ‘odds and ends’ Chains of popcorn, moss springs, ice cycles made from gum foil, ropes made from loops of colored paper, etc. Prettiest trees you’d ever see! And under the tree or near the fireplace our shoe boxes were always lined up in a row, with our names printed on them. Imagine Santa putting the wrong thing in a shoe box!

On Christmas morning, after we had raided the shoe boxes, ate the candy and dried

raisins, a few nuts or so, we played with our small toy while waiting for breakfast. It was a very exciting time! In the mid-morning, we would clear the kitchen for daddy to ‘do his thing.’ This was the only time I can remember liquor being in the house. He needed it for making his ‘eggnog’. He knew the recipe (the same each year): A dozen eggs, sugar, and cream and some Jack Daniels to give it “life”, he would say. He would give each of children a taste or two if we wanted it. And that was enough to satisfy, believe me! After that was cleaned up and cleared away, the women folks brought out the Christmas lunch.

Pies of all sorts, hen or duck with dressing, baked sweet potatoes, greens and such covered the table.. Usually buttermilk made its way to the table also. For desserts, there was always pecan and potato pies, coconut and fruit cake. You can see what a feast it was. (Really nothing to brag about, but the best we could do)! This is about what Christmas was like at the Crider house. There was not

much celebrating the Birth of Christ, no praying and thanking God for His blessings. Just ‘pass the dressing this way.” The truth is, it was much like it is today with many folks Just a day to get together and focus on gifts and food.

I am so thankful I became a Christian in college and began to realize more and more the true meaning of celebrating Jesus’ birthday. Sondra and I have celebrated some 54 Christmases and count each of them ‘special’. Christmas of 1970 was extra special.

We had just moved to Austin, Texas in July. At church we met another young couple who were stationed there in the Air Force. Their baby was due in January, just like ours. Anticipation was unbelievable. We would talk a lot about how Mary and Joseph must have had many conversations about the ‘forthcoming birth of their child.’

We read that year, for the first time, Marjorie Holmes’ book Two From Galilee. It has always been special to us ever since. As time slowly passed in December, this same anticipation was there as

it was when we were children, yet this time it was of a different nature. Our wives were miserable, the winter was very cold, and we had little money to invest in gifts, saving it all for the expenses coming in January.

Just as children today count off the days on the Advent calendar until Christmas Day, we were counting days until our son was born. In fact, we made two runs, racing across town to the hospital, only to find these were ‘false alarms’. We pondered whether Mary experienced the same thing as her time for delivery neared. And so today, as we open December and the journey to Christmas begins, may we be challenged to pause, take deep breathes and reflect on these elements of faith that leads us to the manger again this year with great anticipation: Joy, Peace, Hope and Love.

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### THE UPWARD LOOK

## Darkened and Hard Hearts

*“They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart.” Ephesians 4:18 ESV*



Max Hutto

The minds of the unbelievers, people without Christ, are darkened and corrupted by sin. Their understanding is limited and controlled by the darkness and foulness of sin. The ways of God are strange and foreign to them like a foreign and unknown world. Their hearts have been hardened by sin and the sinful

and depraved world they live in each day. Their cold and insensitive hearts have no understanding of God nor desire to know God or to experience the warmth of the love, mercy, and grace of God in Christ.

Lord Jesus, help me to show Your love and grace to those hardened by sin. Let my life, my words and deeds, be a light that points others to life in You.

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### INSPIRATION

## The Reason for the season

Thanksgiving has passed and Christmas is right around the corner but that doesn’t mean we can stop being thankful. Christmas should be one of our greatest times of thanksgiving because it represents one of the greatest sacrifices ever made. Of course, Jesus didn’t die on Christmas but he was born already marked for death. Imagine being born a sacrifice for the entire world knowing some of them would love you, some would hate you, and some would never know you. He would endure all of this to give the world the gift mentioned in John 3:16 (KJV). “ For God so loved the world,



Bernard Harris

that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” Sometimes it seems we get so wrapped up in glitz and glamor we forget the true reason for this season. Jesus is the reason for this season his love, hope, joy, peace and ultimately sacrifice. So as you enjoy this holiday season remember there is no greater gift you can give than the love of Jesus.

BERNARD HARRIS III IS A HOUGHTON FIREMAN AND A LOCAL RESIDENT OF MINDEN

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### SHERIFF'S SALE

**21ST MORTGAGE CORPORATION VS. AMBER S. TAYLOR**

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 80346

By virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued out of the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, in the above styled and numbered suit and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder for cash **WITH-OUT** the benefit of appraisalment and according to law at the principal front door of the Court-house in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana on WEDNESDAY, December 21, 2022, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

2014 Southern Homes 28 x 56 mobile home bearing serial numbers SA4063786ALA and SA4063786ALB

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

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

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

Linda Vaughan -  
Deputy

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### SHERIFF'S SALE

**JESSE J. JOHNSON VS. RENEE JANICE JORDAN**

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 80336

By virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued out of the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, in the above styled and numbered suit and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder for cash **WITH-OUT** the benefit of appraisalment and according to law at the principal front door of the Court-house in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana on WEDNESDAY, January 11, 2023, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

Lot 210x210 ft. in Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (SE/4 of NE/4), Section 17, Township 23, Range 10, with a municipal address of 362 Springhill Airport Road, Springhill, Louisiana 71075.

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### SHERIFF'S SALE

**REGIONS BANK D/B/A REGIONS MORTGAGE VS. THE UNOPENED SUCCESSION OF JUNIOR T. THOMAS**

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 80108

By virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued out of the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, in the above styled and numbered suit and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder for cash **WITH** the benefit of appraisalment and according to law at the principal front door of the Court-house in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana on WEDNESDAY, January 11, 2023, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

Commencing at the Southeast corner of Lot No. Six (6), Block "I", Justice Heights Addition to the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana, as per map and plat thereof on file and of record in the Office of the Clerk of Court, Webster Parish, Louisiana, in Map Book 1, Page 2, and run West along the South line of Lot No. 6 a distance of 70 feet to 1/2" iron pipe for the point of beginning; Thence continue West along said South line of Lot No. 6 a distance of 70 feet to conc. monument, thence run North 140 feet to 1" iron pipe, thence run East 70 feet to 1/2" iron pipe, thence run South 140 feet to the point of beginning, together with all improvements thereon and all rights thereto belonging, and being the same property as shown by plat of survey prepared by Doyle P. Sanders, Registered Land Surveyor, dated March 9, 1996, attached to Book 883, Page 305.

Which has the address of 403 Clerk Street, Minden, LA 71055

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### VILLAGE OF DOYLINE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

November 21, 2022

THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN FOR DOYLINE, LOUISIANA WAS HELD AT THE DOYLINE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST, 2022 AT 6:00 PM, PURSUANT TO DUE NOTICE.

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

THE MEETING WAS PRESIDED OVER BY MAYOR STEVEN BRIDWELL.

THE MEETING WAS OPENED WITH PRAYER BY JAKIE DANIELS AND THE PLEDGE OF

ALLEGIANCE WAS LED BY STEVEN BRIDWELL

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CRYSTAL GATES AND SECOND BY CARLY COLLIER TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN CLERK'S APPLICATION FOR LGAP ASSISTANCE. MOTION CARRIED AYES: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JAKIE DANIELS AND SECOND BY CARLY COLLIER TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT AN EQUOMENT ACQUISITION REQUEST TO LGAP FOR A GENERATOR, TOWED LIFT (CHERRY PICKER) & A DUMP TRAILER. MOTION CARRIED

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CHRISTIE GATES TO ADJOURN THE MEETING, SECOND BY CARLY COLLIER. MOTION CARRIED. AYES: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0

JAMES HILL,  
VILLAGE CLERK

STEVEN BRIDWELL,  
MAYOR

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Nationstar Mortgage LLC vs. The Unopened Succession of Norma Elizabeth Ford Coker A/K/A Norma Elizabeth Ford Coker A/K/A Norma Elizabeth Ford Coker A/K/A Norma F. Coker, 26th Judicial District Court, Webster Parish, State of Louisiana, Docket Number 80216. If anyone knows the identities and/or whereabouts of the heirs of Norma Elizabeth Ford Coker, please contact Attorney Jessica Davis at 318-935-9448 or [jessicagdavis.law@gmail.com](mailto:jessicagdavis.law@gmail.com).

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### NOTICE

The 26th Judicial District Attorney's Office has scheduled a public hearing to be held December 15th, 2022, at 1:00pm, in room 204, Webster Parish Courthouse, Minden, LA, to consider amendments to the 2022 Operating budget and to adopt the 2023 proposed operating budget for the 26th Judicial District Attorney's Office.

**J. Schuyler Marvin, District Attorney 26th Judicial District of Louisiana**

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### SHERIFF'S SALE

**VALUE FINANCE CORPORATION VS. ANTHONY ROBERT MATTESON**

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 79861

By virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued out of the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, in the above styled and numbered suit and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder for cash **WITH-OUT** the benefit of appraisalment and according to law at the principal front door of the Court-house in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana on WEDNESDAY, January 11, 2023,

During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

Lot Number One Hundred Twenty Eight (128) and West Twenty Five feet (W 25') of Lot Number One Hundred Twenty-Nine (129) of BABB Addition, a Subdivision in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana as per map and plat of said subdivision on file and of record in Map Book Two (2), Page 82 of the official records of Webster Parish, Louisiana, in the office of the Clerk of Court of said Parish, together with all improvements thereon and all rights thereto belonging. The municipal address of the above-described property is 1012 Horton Street, Minden, Louisiana 71055.

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Louisiana

Linda Vaughan -  
Deputy

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### SHERIFF'S SALE

**PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC VS. JACQUELINE N. MCDONOUGH A/K/A JACQUELINE N. HOERST MCDONOUGH A/K/A JACQUELINE MC-DONOUGH A/K/A JACQUELINE N. HOERST A/K/A JACQUELINE HOERST A/K/A JACQUELINE HOERST A/K/A JACQUELINE MC-DONOUGH A/K/A JACQUELINE H. MCDONOUGH**

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 80192

By virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued out of the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, in the above styled and numbered suit and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder for cash **WITH** the benefit of appraisalment and according to law at the principal front door of the Court-house in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana on WEDNESDAY, December 14, 2022, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

Tract 2:

Begin at the Northwest corner of the East half of Southwest Quarter of Section 8, Township 23 North, Range 10 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana; thence run East 510 feet to the point of beginning; thence continue East 50 feet; thence run South 660 feet; thence run North 660 feet to the point of beginning; together with all building and improvements located thereon and all rights thereto belonging.

Tract 3:

Begin at the Northwest corner of the East half of Southwest Quarter of Section 8, Township 23 North, Range 10 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana; thence run East 560 feet to the point of beginning; thence continue East 100 feet; thence run South 660 feet; thence run West 100 feet; thence run North 660 feet to the point of beginning; together with all buildings and improvements located thereon and all rights thereto belonging with GEO 120152.

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### SHERIFF'S SALE

**CLICK N CLOSE INC VS. FELICIA ANN COVINGTON**

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 80298

By virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued out of the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, in the above styled and numbered suit and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder for cash **WITH-OUT** the benefit of appraisalment and according to law at the principal front door of the Court-house in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana on WEDNESDAY, December 14, 2022, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

Tract 1:

Begin at the Northwest corner of the East half of Southwest Quarter of Section 8, Township 23 North, Range 10 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana, thence run East 410 feet to the point of beginning; thence continue East 100 feet; thence run South 660 feet; thence run West 100 feet; thence run North 660 feet to the point of beginning, together with all buildings and improvements located thereon and all rights thereto belonging.

Tract 2:

Begin at the Northwest corner of the East half of Southwest Quarter of Section 8, Township 23 North, Range 10 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana; thence run East 510 feet to the point of beginning; thence continue East 50 feet; thence run South 660 feet; thence run North 660 feet to the point of beginning; together with all building and improvements located thereon and all rights thereto belonging.

Tract 3:

Begin at the Northwest corner of the East half of Southwest Quarter of Section 8, Township 23 North, Range 10 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana; thence run East 560 feet to the point of beginning; thence continue East 100 feet; thence run South 660 feet; thence run West 100 feet; thence run North 660 feet to the point of beginning; together with all buildings and improvements located thereon and all rights thereto belonging with GEO 120152.

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### SHERIFF'S SALE

**PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC VS. ADAM JOSEPH POIRIER A/K/A ADAM J. POIRIER A/K/A ADAM POIRIER**

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. CV80143

By virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued out of the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, in the above styled and numbered suit and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder for cash **WITH** the benefit of appraisalment and according to law at the principal front door of the Court-house in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana on WEDNESDAY, December 14, 2022, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

By virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued out of the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, in the above styled and numbered suit and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder for cash **WITH** the benefit of appraisalment and according to law at the principal front door of the Court-house in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana on WEDNESDAY, December 14, 2022, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

A 2.72 acre, more or less, tract of land located in the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SE/4 of NW/4) of Section 21, Township 19 North, Range 9 West, Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana, more particularly described as follows:

Begin at an existing iron rod located at the intersection of the South right of way of West Marshall Street and the West right of way of Batton Street, and run South 00 degrees 25 minutes 00 seconds West for a distance of 290.23 feet along said West right of way to a 5/8 inch iron rod set for Martha C. Stinson for survey number 11-043C, dated February 23, 2011, for the Point of Beginning; thence continue South 00 degrees 25 minutes 00 seconds West for a distance of 239.77 feet, more or less, along said West right of way to a point at the intersection of said West right of way and the North right of way of Whitlock Street; thence run North 78 degrees 30 minutes 00 seconds West for a distance of 150.00 feet, more or less, along said North right of way to a point located at the Southeast Corner of the Alfred D. Rice property; thence run North 11 degrees 30 minutes 00 seconds East for a distance of 279.60 feet, more or less, to the Northeast Corner of the Alfred D. Rice property; thence run North 78 degrees 30 minutes 00 seconds West for a distance of 409.84 feet, more or less, to a point located in the center of Mile Creek; thence run North 05 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East for a distance of 168.53 feet, more or less, along said centerline to a point located at the Southwest Corner of the Jack G. Halterman property; thence run South 89 degrees 35 minutes 00 seconds East for a distance of 332.19 feet, more or less, to a point on the West end of West Marshall Street; thence run South 00 degrees 25 minutes 00 seconds West for a distance of 20.00 feet along the West end of West Marshall Street to a point; thence run South 89 degrees 35 minutes 00 seconds east for a distance of 55.00

feet to a 5/8 inch iron rod set for Martha C. Stinson, for survey 11-043C, dated February 23, 2011, and run to said 5/8 inch iron rod for the next five (5) calls; thence run South 00 degrees 25 minutes 00 seconds West for a distance of 100.00 feet to a point; thence run South 24 degrees 04 minutes 35 seconds East for a distance of 80.22 feet to a point; thence run South 27 degrees 45 minutes 34 seconds East for a distance of 90.01 feet to a point; thence run South 17 degrees 30 minutes 56 seconds East for a distance of 40.38 feet to a point; thence run North 85 degrees 52 minutes 38 seconds East for a distance of 6.83 feet to the Point of Beginning.

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Webster Parish,  
Louisiana

Linda Vaughan -  
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### SHERIFF'S SALE

**LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC VS. SHELENA R. SELLERS, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS SURVIVING SPOUSE IN COMMUNITY WITH RICHARD R. GREENE, JR.**

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 80327

By virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued out of the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, in the above styled and numbered suit and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder for cash **WITH-OUT** the benefit of appraisalment and according to law at the principal front door of the Court-house in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana on WEDNESDAY, January 11, 2023, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

Commencing at the intersection of the North side of Monroe and the West side of College (Union) Streets and run south 75 degrees West a distance of 132.5 feet; thence run North 17 degrees West 280 feet to the Point of Beginning; Thence run North 75 degrees East 106 feet; thence run North 22 degrees West 99 feet; thence run South 75 degrees West 217.5 feet; thence run South 17 degrees East 98.5 feet more or less; thence run North 75 degrees East 119 feet to the Point of Beginning located in the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 22, Township 19 North, Range 9 West, Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana, together with all improvements thereon and all rights thereto belonging.

ALSO the perpetual use of the alley 12 feet wide commencing on Monroe Street entering the property described hereinabove from that street, as more fully described hereinabove from that street, as more

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fully described in a deed from Minden Sanitarium to A.B. Moreland recorded in Conveyance Book 33, Page 216 of the Conveyance Records of Louisiana in which deed the alley is more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the intersection of Monroe and College (Union) Streets and run 75 degrees West along Monroe Street 132.5 feet to the point of beginning; thence run North 17 degrees West 280 feet; thence run North 75 degrees East 12 feet; thence run South 17 degrees East 280 feet; thence run South 75 degrees West 12 feet to the point of beginning located in Webster Parish, Louisiana, together with all buildings and improvements thereon.

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**NOTICE**

Webster Parish School Board adheres to the equal opportunity provisions of federal civil rights law and regulations that are applicable to this agency. Therefore, no one will be discriminated against on the basis of race, color, nation origin (Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964); gender (Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972); disability (Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973) in attaining educational goals and objectives and in the administration of personnel policies and procedures. Anyone with questions regarding this policy may contact Johnny Rowland, Jr., Superintendent at (318) 377-7052, P.O. Box 520, Minden, LA 71058.

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**NOTICE TO CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS, LABOR UNIONS AND PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS**

Grambling State University intends to solicit help from the Louisiana Army National Guard under the Innovative Readiness Construction Assistance Program. The project assistance will require them to clear, grub and flatten approximately 45+/- acres of wooded land which includes the demo and removal of existing Aquaculture Center aka Fish Hatchery, dead, woody plant material, logs, branches, standing dead trees and root wads to allow for future expansion and growth. The work will be performed during the Louisiana Army National Guard Fiscal Year 2023. No local funds are available to complete this project without National Guard assistance. Local contractors, labor union organizations or private individuals who have questions or who wish to voice opposition of the National Guard's assistance regarding this project may contact P. Reneé Harris - harrispat@gram.edu at (318) 243-7864 or Damien Chatman - chatmand@gram.edu at 318-274-6162, no later than December 16, 2022.

Persons not filing comments within the timeframe noted will be considered to have waived their objections to the participation of the Louisiana Army National Guard in this project.

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Sherry McCann, LMHC  
  
ALDERMEN  
Wayne Bolton  
Helen Chanler  
Richard Davis  
Alan Myers  
Robert Smart

November 14, 2022

The Sibley Town Council met in regular session on Monday, November 14, 2022 at 6pm in the Sibley Town Hall Meeting Room.

Members present were Mayor Jimmy Williams, Aldermen: Wayne Bolton, Helen Chanler, Richard Davis, Alan Myers and Robert Smart.

Mayor Williams opened the meeting in prayer; then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Wayne Bolton motioned to accept the minutes to the October 10, 2022 Regular Meeting as read, Helen Chanler seconded. Motion carried.

Richard Davis motioned to adopt Resolution No. 2022-18 authorizing Mayor Williams to submit the 2022 – 2023 Louisiana Government Assistance Program application for the purpose of upgrading infrastructure for drainage issues. Alan Myers seconded. Motion carried.

Wayne Bolton motioned to adopt Resolution No. 2022-19 authorizing Mayor Williams to submit the 2022 – 2023 Community Water Enrichment Fund Program application for the purpose of continuing rehabilitation of the Town's water distribution system. Richard Davis seconded. Motion carried.

Richard Davis motioned to purchase additional property 50 foot to the south and 50 foot to the west of the property recently purchased by the town. Robert Smart seconded. Motion carried.

Assistant Fire Chief Richard Davis gave the October 2022 activity report for the Sibley Volunteer Fire Department. And made the fire department recommendation to approve the following officers for 2023:

Chief: Alan Myers, Assistant Chief: Richard Davis, Captains: Joe David, Greg Sheppard and Keith Smart, and Secretary / Treasurer Keith Merritt

Robert Smart motioned to appoint those recommended officers, Wayne Bolton seconded. Motion carried.

Officer Clint Meshell gave the October 2022 activity report for the Sibley Police Department.

The Board acknowledged the receipt of the October 2022 Financial Reports.

The mayor gave updates on Water Sector funding & Saltworks Water System and Delta Region Authority funding. On Saturday, December 10, 2022 Santa & Mrs. Claus will be at Town Hall and the Fireworks show afterwards.

Alan Myers motioned to adjourn, Richard Davis seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Attest:

Jimmy Williams  
Mayor

Sherry McCann  
Town Clerk

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**26th JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT FOR THE PARISH OF WEBSTER STATE OF LOUISIANA**

**NO. 15945 DIVISION**

**SUCCESSION OF SAMMIE JAMES WATTREE**

**FILED:**

**DEPUTY CLERK**

**NOTICE TO SELL IMMOVABLE PROPERTY AT PRIVATE SALE**

The Administrator of the above estate has made application to the court for the sale, at private sale, of the immovable property described as follows:

1. LOT #13, BLK. "G", OAK MANNER ESTATES IN GOV'T LOT #4 SEC. 36-17-10

2. LOT #29 RE-SUBDIV. OF EAST HTS. SUBDIV. 619. Durwood Drive, Minden, LA

3. Parcel 115285 LOT 50.03 X 120.95 X 50X 118.8 FT. IN NW/4 OF SE/4 SEC. 27-19-9

Under the terms and conditions provided in the agreement to purchase filed in these proceedings.

Notice is now given to all parties to whom it may concern, including the heirs and creditors of decedent, and of this estate, that they be ordered to make any opposition which they may have to such application, at any time, prior to the issuance of the order or judgment authorizing, approving and homologating that application and that such order or judgment may be issued after the expiration of seven days, from the date of the last publication of such notice, all in accordance with law.

**HOLLI VINING WEBSTER PARISH CLERK OF COURT**

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**CIVIL DISTRICT COURT FOR THE PARISH OF ORLEANS STATE OF LOUISIANA**

**NO. 2016-8156 DIVISION "F-7" c/w 2019-7571**

**SUCCESSION OF MILDRED TYSON WATTREE**

**FILED:**

**DEPUTY CLERK**

**NOTICE TO SELL IMMOVABLE PROPERTY AT PRIVATE SALE**

The Administrator of the above estate has made application to the court for the sale, at private sale, of the immovable property described as follows:

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**CHELSEA RICHARD NAPOLEON ORLEANS PARISH CLERK OF COURT**

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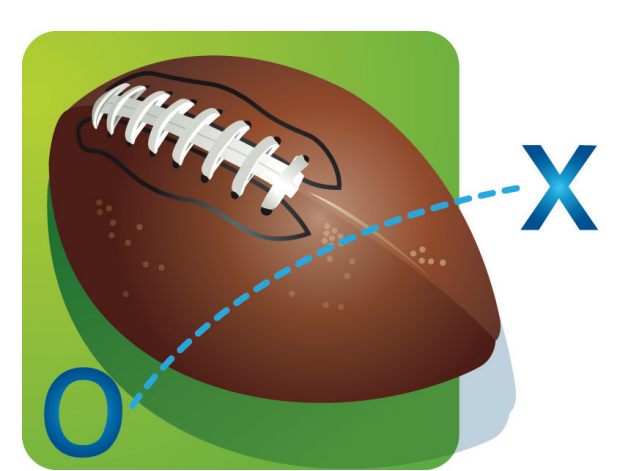
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