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## UPCOMING EVENT

# Miss Minden pageant coming Jan 7

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On Saturday, January 7, 2023, the Young Women's Service Club (YWSC) will be presenting the Miss Minden and Little Miss Minden pageants at the Civic Center. This scholarship competition has been a long-time tradition in Minden, and this will be their 70th year.

The morning will start with the Little Miss Minden pageant. The age categories have changed somewhat this year; they start at newborn and go to age 14. Little Miss Minden

titles, unlike the Miss Minden pageant, do not require any on-stage questions or outfit changes. Baby Miss Minden is for newborn to 17 months, Toddler Miss Minden is for 18 months to 3 years old, Tiny Miss Minden is for 4 to 6 year olds, Mini Miss Minden is for 7 to 9 year olds, Pre-teen Miss Minden is for 10 to 12 year olds, and Junior Miss Minden is for 13 to 14 year olds. The doors will open at 9:30 a.m. with the pageant starting at 10 a.m. The entrance fee will be \$5, and children under two get in free.

That evening, the Miss Min-

den pageant will take place at 7 p.m., with the doors opening at 6:30 p.m. The entrance fee for this event will be \$10, and children under two years old get in free.

There will be four different titles awarded at the Miss Minden pageant. The title of Miss Minden will go to a young lady who is between the ages of 17 and 26 and is a resident of Minden. The title of Miss Minden Outstanding Teen will go to a teen who is 13 to 17 years old and a resident of Minden.

For the Spirit of Fasching titles, the contestants must be

### Details Online

For more information about the pageants, check out their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/MissMinden>.

residents of Louisiana. Miss Spirit of Fasching must be 17 to 26 years old, and Miss Spirit of Fasching Outstanding Teen must be 13 to 17 years old.

In 2022, the winners were Anna Claire Lemoine for Miss Minden, Olivia Blackwelder

for Miss Minden Outstanding Teen, Courtney Patterson for Miss Spirit of Fasching, and Izzy Gray for Miss Spirit of Fasching Outstanding Teen.

Baby Miss Minden was awarded to Madilyn Crawford. Toddler Miss Minden was awarded to Kristlyn Carter. Petite Miss Minden was awarded to Tessa Adams. Little Miss Minden was awarded to Kensington Pamintuan. Pre-teen Miss Minden was awarded to Landry Edwards, and Junior Miss Minden was awarded to Isabel Sifuentez.

## WEBSTER PARISH SCHOOLS



School board members serve themselves a delicious lunch prepared by the culinary arts students of Webster Parish.

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# Skills in the kitchen

Students create Christmas lunch for school board, faculty, and staff

AMBER MCDOWN  
Minden Press-Herald

On December 20, 2022, the culinary arts students of Webster Parish showed off their food preparation skills by making a Christmas lunch for members of the school board, faculty, and staff at Harper Pathways to Excellence.

Superintendent Johnny Rowland thanked numerous people for helping to make this happen including Linda Hudson, who supervises the program, Tia Damond, the Jump Start coordinator, and Chef Carey, the instructor.

"What a truly joyous occasion, and I say that



Kielyn Combs (shown above) puts his culinary skills to work in the kitchen created for the culinary arts students at Harper Pathways to Excellence.

not only because it is a very special time of year that we're in the midst of celebrating," said Superintendent Rowland.

"When we had a vision about forming a culinary arts program for the students of Webster Parish, these are the types

of things that we hoped might happen, but then to see it actually happen and come to fruition is a true, true blessing for me personally. And I have a feeling that I'm speaking for everyone here, and I know I'm speaking for our board members because without their support this would never have happened: Wow! That's what I'm thinking right now...wow!"

The culinary arts program offers two national credentials: ServSafe Food Handler and ServSafe Manager.

"The actual class that I teach is Sanitation Safety," said Chef Carey.

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## PUBLIC SAFETY

# Drugs off the streets

WPSO seizes \$26k worth of meth

Mikel Stegall, 42, of the 600 block of Childs Road, was arrested for possession of a schedule II substance (methamphetamine) with intent to distribute. This arrest was carried out by the Webster Parish Sheriff's Office. As a result of the bust, WPSO obtained approximately 1.4 pounds of methamphetamine with a street value of around \$26,000.

On December 14, WPSO detectives and narcotics agents executed a search warrant after receiving information that a large quantity of illegal controlled dangerous substances was at said residence. Based on this information, detectives were able to obtain a search warrant for the residence.

The booking report states, "Upon execution of the search warrant, detectives located a natural void in a karaoke speaker containing a sealed clear



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**WPSO seized methamphetamine, other items during a recent drug arrest.**

plastic baggie containing a large amount of suspected methamphetamine."

Upon questioning Stegall, he admitted full ownership of the suspected illegal narcotics located within the speaker.

Stegall was transported to WPSO where a booking/arrest report was completed. Stegall was later transported to BDCC where he was booked.

## HIGHER EDUCATION

# LCTCS names Spillers chancellor of NLTC

On December 7, 2022, Dr. Jayda Spillers was named chancellor of Northwest Louisiana Technical Community College (NLTC). Spillers will be taking over for Chancellor Earl Meador who has been a leader at NLTC since 2017. Meador announced his intention to step down in February.

Dr. Spillers, who has a doctorate in education, curriculum, and instruction from the University

of Louisiana at Monroe, has been serving as the vice chancellor of academics and student affairs at NLTC for the past 18 months. She has worked at secondary and post-secondary levels of instruction in business education and administration for the past 27 years in Oklahoma, Texas, and Louisiana.

During her time as vice chancellor, Spillers has increased dual enrollment, industry-based certifications, and credential attainment by students as well as leading the effort in the initial process

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# WEBSTER & MORE

## PUBLIC SAFETY

### Police nab hiding man on assault charges

STAFF REPORT  
Minden Press-Herald

A Minden man was arrested on domestic abuse and aggravated assault charges after officers located him hiding in his victim's mother's home.

At the time of the initial incident, Nicholas Bryant, 31, and his girlfriend, the victim, were living together in the 400 block of North Roosevelt Street in Minden. Bryant's girlfriend was six months pregnant with his child, and they had been dating for a year and a half.

On November 30, the girlfriend confronted Bryant about text messages she had found on his phone from a prior girlfriend indicating he was considering rekindling their relationship.

"Nicholas was in the shower when confronted by [the victim]," she reported to police. "Nicholas became angry, exited the shower, and pushed [her] out of the bathroom and into a sheetrock wall across from the bathroom door. The sheetrock was damaged due to the battery. Nicholas then began striking [her] in the head and face area with open and closed hands. [She] was able to get to the living room of the residence before falling on the ground.

"While on the ground, Nicholas wrapped his arm around [her] neck, which prevented her from being able to breathe normally. Nicholas released [her], grabbed [her] by her hair, and began to drag [her] across the floor, telling her to get out of the house.

"[She] still had Nicholas' cell phone in her hand during this time. Nicholas attempted to grab the phone from [her]. [She] refused to give Nicholas the phone. Nicholas then bent down and bit [her] on her back near her right shoulder blade.

"During the physical altercation, Nicholas pulled [her] shirt off. Nicholas then 'threw' [her] off the back steps of the house with no clothing covering the top half of her body, and locked the door."

The victim stated that she knocked on the door, begging to be let back inside. When he let her back in, he hit her in the back of the head with an object as she walked past him. The abusive incident continued to escalate.

"Nicholas then walked outside of the residence to his [vehicle], retrieved a silver and black Smith and Wesson handgun and initially pointed the gun at [her]," the report continued. "Nicholas turned the gun to the ground and fired one round into the ground within approximately six feet from where [she] was standing. Nicholas then entered the vehicle and drove away from the residence."

Officers attempting to serve a warrant on Bryant located his vehicle parked at Hinton Park. One of the officers knew that the victim's mother's house was in the 1000 block of Mark Drive, which is within walking distance of Hinton Park. The officers proceeded to that address in an attempt to locate Bryant.

There were two people home at that time, including the victim. Both stated that Nicholas Bryant was not in the residence. However, the second person did contact the homeowner and gained her permission for the police to conduct a search. Bryant was located in a bedroom closet and was taken into custody without incident.

Bryant has been booked and charged with domestic abuse with strangulation, domestic abuse aggravated assault, and possession of a firearm by a felon — all three charges are felonies.

All subjects are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

## SPIRIT OF THE HOLIDAYS



WILL PHILLIPS/MINDEN PRESS-HERALD  
The Minden District of Minsters' Spouses and Widows/Widowers is seen making a donation of knitted goods to Fresenius Kidney Care.

### Warm and cozy

Local group donates knitted goods to dialysis patients

WILL PHILLIPS  
Minden Press-Herald

The Minden District of Minster's Spouses and Widows/Widowers made a donation to Fresenius Kidney Care, providing patients there with a variety of knitted goods to help keep the patients cozy during their dialysis treatment.

"One of the things that we do is find an out-

reach where we can do something worthwhile for our communities. We picked Minden this time to share with the patients here," said president of MSWW, Daisy Caesar.

"Our mission is to reach out and help those in need, or make places better. Our group consists of men and women who have a spouse that is a minister."

The organization has

departments stationed all throughout Louisiana including other cities and towns such as Homer, Cullen, Holton, and Ringgold.

Minden was selected as the recipient region this time around due to the organization's treasurer, Bobby Baker, who introduced the idea for the donation.



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Santa and Mrs. Claus came out to help Seeds Women's Center celebrate at their first annual Christmas party.

### Seeds celebrates the season with Santa Claus party

AMBER MCDOWN  
Minden Press-Herald

On December 2, Seeds Women's Center hosted their first annual Seeds Christmas party at Calvary Baptist Church in Minden.

"We had a great turnout at our first annual Seeds Christmas party last Friday!" said Amber Bradford, executive director for Seeds. "Over 50 patients, clients, and

precious babies attended."

Santa and Mrs. Claus were the special guests for this event. Seeds gave out blankets, lotion, baby clothes, and books, and Pizza Hut donated pizza.

Seeds offers consultations, pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, reproductive health and loss counseling, parenting classes, and adoption option counseling at no

cost to the client. Seeds prides themselves on providing confidential services to equip women and men in the community to make an informed decision about their pregnancy options and educational resources available.

For more information you can visit their website at seedswomenscenter.com, or you can call (318) 639-0907 or text (318) 459-8579.

## WEBSTER PARISH SCHOOLS

### WPSB funds repairs, improvements at several schools

AMBER MCDOWN  
Minden Press-Herald

During the December 5, 2022, board meeting, the Webster Parish School Board approved a number of expenditures to help maintain and improve campuses across Webster Parish.

The Consolidated District 3 Maintenance Fund will be used to purchase two Kwik Goal soccer goals for Lakeside Jr/Sr High School from Anthem Sports for \$7,216.80. It will also be used to pay an invoice of \$2,240 to Sexton Tree Service for the removal of a large pine tree which was struck by lightning at Central Elementary School.

The Doyline Maintenance Fund will be used to pay for HVAC work at Doyline High School. Mechanical Concepts will be paid \$6,388.96 to replace one compressor and inverter board, \$7,287.93 for repairing the HVAC system in the pre-K building, and \$8,886.62 for repairing the HVAC system in rooms 129 and 130 at the school.

The District 6 ½ Cent Sales Tax Fund will be used to pay Homeland Safety \$109,902.21 for security camera upgrades and \$3,670.50 for a remote electronic

#### Next WPSB Meeting

The next meeting will be held at the school board office on January 9, 2023, at 6 p.m.

locking system at Webster Jr High School. It will also be used to pay Mechanical Cooling Services \$1,650 for a blower wheel, housing, and motor for room 109 at Webster Jr High School.

Griffith Park will also be seeing some improvements courtesy of the District 6 ½ Cent Sales Tax Fund. Stewart Electric will be paid \$7,985 to repair or replace and re-aim the baseball field lighting, and Minden Farm and Garden will be paid \$1,080 for rye grass seed for the baseball field.

And last but not least, the Sarepta Maintenance Fund will be used to pay Mechanical Cooling for a blower motor and module form in room 104 at North Webster Jr High School.

The Webster Parish School Board continually seeks to improve and maintain our campuses across the parish to give students excellent environments to learn in. School board meetings are open to the public.

### Report: Minden household expenses lower than national average

STAFF REPORT  
Minden Press-Herald

A recently released study by doxo INSIGHTS found that people in Minden are paying 16.4% less than the national average on utility bills which include electric, gas, waste, and water and sewer. The study analyzed household spending for 2022 across the United States.

While many of the findings in this report could be expected, a few stand out as unusual.

Minden residents are paying about the same, on average, as the rest of the nation for auto insurance, life insurance, cable/satellite, and security alarms.

In some categories we came out better than the national average. The average cost of our auto loans is slightly lower than the national average at \$393 versus the national average of \$433. Our average utilities were \$243 compared to the national average of \$328. And both



mortgage costs and rent costs were significantly lower than the national average: \$785 versus national average of \$1,368 for mortgages and \$745 versus national average of \$1,129 for rent.

However, in two categories, Minden residents are paying significantly more than the average American. While the national average for cell phone service is \$113 per month, our average is \$212 per month. And we are paying, on average, \$217 per month for health insurance while the national average is \$123.

All together, this study showed that, in Minden, we're paying about \$1,674 per month on household bills compared to the national average of \$2,003.

### Webster Parish Council on Aging celebrates Christmas with party

AMBER MCDOWN  
Minden Press-Herald

The Webster Parish Council on Aging hosted its annual Christmas party on December 9 at their center, which is located at 1482 Sheppard Street in Minden.

A big crowd came out to celebrate Christmas with fellowship, entertainment, door prizes, and food. Almost everybody was dressed up or wearing Christmas-themed clothes, and some took this opportunity to have their pictures taken in front of the spectacular Christmas tree.

A group of teens from the Louisiana National Guard Youth Challenge program came out to serve coffee and beverages, and Santa Claus and Frosty the Snowman made appearances as well.

Sherry Dodson, Karen Guice, Dr. Bryon McCoy and Lynne McCoy provided the entertainment, singing Christmas songs for the seniors. Afterwards, door prizes were given out and everyone was served lunch.

The Webster Parish Council on Aging provides a number of services to help seniors live better and enjoy life

more. As Johnny Johnson, the executive director, said, "I found out early on when I came to work here that the staff here isn't in it for the money. They're here because they care. Each and every one of them cares about y'all, and they want to do their best for y'all. Every day I see it, and I'm constantly amazed at the things they do to help all of y'all and to help this community."

For more information on the Council on Aging, you can contact them at (318) 371-3056.



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The Webster Parish Council on Aging had a big crowd for their Christmas party this year. Several people came out to entertain the seniors, and Santa Claus stopped by to wish everyone a merry Christmas.



# WEBSTER & MORE

## Dorcheat Historical Museum needs your help

**Editor’s Note: The following letter is being published in support of the Dorcheat Historical Museum.**

Dear Supporters of the Dorcheat Historical Museum,

The holiday season is approaching and with that comes a feeling of excitement! Here at the museum we have so much to be excited about. This year we came out of our Covid hibernation period and had our “TIE ONE ON” apron exhibit, book and fundraiser gala. It was a wonderful evening filled with a “standing room only” crowd of friends, patrons, new faces and cakes, raising over \$25K. Our bank account looks so much better than it did a year ago; however, just like other businesses, we face the challenge of increased operating costs, so we are asking for your continued support.

After many years of service to the museum as Board President, Louise Baird Snook stepped down from her position and Mike Harper stepped up to serve as President, along with several new board members. It was my pleasure to officially introduce Jessica Stewart Gorman as my successor

as executive director on June 22, 2023. Many were already aware of all Jessica is doing for Webster Parish. We now have a Dorcheat Museum Channel on YouTube, where you can watch all our previous speakers on your various devices. Her passion for history has now expanded to a weekly column, “Historically Speaking,” in the online Webster Parish Journal, sharing long-forgotten stories of Webster Parish. We also collaborated with Brookshire’s local grocery to display historic area pictures highlighting Webster-Minden history. Check these pictures out along the top of the walls all around the store.

With our new Board in place, we want to address the financial strategy necessary to start on our annex next door. It will take a significant influx of contributions to accomplish this, to include new exhibits, bathrooms, and office space. Jessica and I both have the same vision for the stories that need to be told. Each community in Webster parish has so much to share and this will be our way to let each one of those communities shine. It will also be our chance to honor our History Keepers, those rare

### How to help

The Dorcheat Historical Museum is a 501 C3 nonprofit. Donations can be mailed to Dorcheat Historical Museum P.O. Box 1094 Minden, LA 71058

individuals that spend or spent a good part of their lives making sure our history is not forgotten. The following are just a few that come to mind: John Agan, Juanita Agan, Thad Andress, Mrs. Thomas Campbell, Richard Carey, Frank Griffith, Christine Hunt, Ben Hunter, Dr. Luther Longino, R. O. Machen, Charlotte Martin, Carter Norman, Dr. Roy Phillips, Beth White and Marcus Wren. I would like to include Jessica and myself in that group, also. Without all of us, much of our history would be gone forever.

We now have our own website, [www.dorcheat-museum.com](http://www.dorcheat-museum.com), where we can take credit cards for purchases, as well as financial donations. The website is a nice overview of what we are all about and our progress, including a sample of our books and an easy-click button

to take you to our YouTube channel. Check it out and let us know what you think.

Minden/Webster Parish is ever-changing, but with your help we will keep some of the past preserved. Our rich history seems to fade more quickly than ever these days. History is not there for us to change; it is there for us to learn from. I hope that you will continue to help us keep Webster Parish history alive for future generations. Your financial support makes a difference to the museum and is always appreciated; remember we are a 501 C3 nonprofit organization.

You can now donate online with our new website [www.dorcheatmuseum.com](http://www.dorcheatmuseum.com) for your convenience.

Sincerely,

**Schelley Brown Francis,**  
Dorcheat Museum Director

**Jessica Stewart**  
Gorman,  
Assistant Director

**Mike Harper,**  
Dorcheat Museum Board President



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**The Webster Parish School Board named Jessica Green the Employee of the Month at its most recent meeting.**

## Jessica Green named WPSB Employee of the Month

**AMBER MCDOWN**  
Minden Press-Herald

At the December 5, 2022, meeting of the Webster Parish School Board, Jessica Green, an 8th grade science teacher at Lakeside Jr/Sr High School, was named Employee of the Month.

Her award was presented by Rodney Taylor of Taylor and Sons, and her letter of recommendation reads as follows:

“Ms. Jessica Green is a graduate of Lakeside. While in college she always wanted to return to her alma mater because she loves the school first and foremost. Ms. Green is an outstanding teacher; she had extremely high test scores during the 21-22 school year, and her students grew by leaps and bounds. She has taught many things in her tenure, and

has never once complained. Ms. Green has a wonderful relationship with her students, both past and present. ‘Once her students, always her students’ is her motto. You can always find her at any event supporting the students of lakeside. The part that most do not see is the time behind the scenes when Ms. Green is working to ensure that her students have only the best. I think that I speak for every faculty member and student at Lakeside when I say that there has never been a more deserving candidate for Employee of the Month. We love her.”

The school board meets on the first Monday of each month. The next meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on January 9, 2023, at the school board office.



AMBER MCDOWN/MINDEN PRESS-HERALD

**Central Elementary has a new computer lab thanks to the hard work of first-grade teacher Ana Fleming.**

# A much-needed upgrade

Central Elementary computer lab gets face lift thanks to grant

**STAFF REPORT**  
Minden Press-Herald

The computer lab at Central Elementary School in Dubberly is getting a facelift. The classroom will soon have new computers for students.

First-grade teacher Ana Fleming saw the need for new computers, so she applied for a grant from Claiborne Electric Cooperative. Fleming was shocked when the electric co-op responded with a \$10,000 grant for the project.

“The computer lab will have all-new updated technology, including a class set of the latest available Chromebooks with charging stations,” said Fleming.



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She opted for Chromebooks because Central students will be required to take LEAP and other tests on Chromebooks as they

move into the higher grades. Fleming sees this early introduction to the devices as a chance for students to become more comfortable with navigating the computers.

The grant is part of Claiborne Electric’s Operation Round-Up®.

“Operation Round-Up is funded by our members who have the option to round their bill up to the next whole dollar,” said Claiborne Electric Cooperative Director of Communications EmmaLee Tingle. “They basically al-

low us to keep the change. One hundred percent of those funds are reallocated to the communities we serve.”

A trust board reviews each grant request and decides whether to fund the request. The educational value of this request was important to the board. That is why they approved the maximum grant amount of \$10,000 for the elementary school. This is the largest grant ever received by Central Elementary.

## CULINARY

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“They get two credentials and dual enrollment through BPCC. This is the first year that we’ve had 100% certification for the ServSafe Food Protection Management credential, which is the big one. It’s not easy; it’s a hard test. We have food handler certification and then the big one which is manager certification. That’s required at every restaurant that you go into; somebody in that building has

to have one stuck on the wall. So, if they go into food service, they’ll get a little bit more money and get looked at first on resumes.”

Chef Carey presented the students with their certificates, and he also had a special gift for the highest scoring student, Kielyn Combs, who received a laser thermometer to use when cooking.

Kevin Washington, the supervisor of student services, also spoke, saying, “I want to showcase

young people. Sometimes they’re only getting press when they’re not doing positive things. We have some amazing young people in Webster Parish. We have way more kids that do right than do wrong. I want to say kudos to these young people for doing an amazing job.”

Superintendent Rowland wrapped up by wishing everyone peace and joy in this season: “I hope, at this time of year, that each and every one of us in this room today experi-

ences peace, experiences joy, and experiences a sense of calm. Because, when you think about the true meaning of Christmas, that is what it was intended to do; to provide a way of peace and joy and calm in our lives.”

On January 9, 2023, the first meeting of the school board with its new members will take place at the school board office at 6 p.m. The public is welcome to attend.

## SPILLERS

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of getting NLTC accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC).

Spillers was one of three finalists for this position after an extensive national search for candidates. As part of the selection process, the finalists engaged in a series of forums in which members of the community, faculty, and student body were able to meet and have discussions with the candidates.

Spillers was ultimately chosen over Lawrence Brandyburg, interim president of Bishop

State Community College and Jerry Thomas, vice president for student affairs and enrollment management at National Park College in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

“I would like to thank Dr. Sullivan and our board of supervisors for their faith in me to lead NLTC,” said Dr. Spillers. “Our faculty and staff have proven to me that they are poised and ready to take on any challenge and meet the workforce demands of Northwest Louisiana. I am so proud to lead such a tremendous group of dedicated people in our mission and to serve our community.”

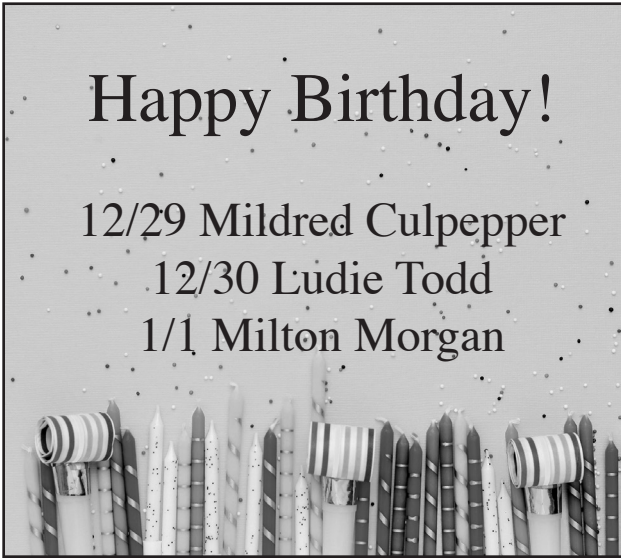
Dr. Spiller’s appointment will be effective January 1, 2023.



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FROM THE BACK PORCH

Happy holidays from ‘The Back Porch’

It has been a while since I visited with you but I am happy to be back.. It has been a hectic time at our house for the past several months and it just wasn’t possible for me to connect with you, my faithful readers.

It began in May when i had a terrible fall, which resulted in so many different problems. I have been battling these since that time. And during the time, I also spent a few days in the hospital with Covid. Our children were our lifesavers: driving us around, cooking numerous meals

and grocery shopping for us. They also took care of Hubby while I was unable to.

And most recently, have done preparations for Christmas; decorating

the tree, shopping for gifts for the family and wrapping them as well. What would we do without our children?



FANNIE MOORE

I know everyone has had their own slate of problems so I will not belabor the point. It’s good to be back.

I have continued to keep up with what’s going on by way of the Press-Herald, Facebook and other means, so I know many of you have had similar problems, or even worse. I hope things are looking up for all of you and I hope to be able to continue to be in touch by way of this column.

We all spend a lot of time and money for trees, ornaments, gifts and all of this is great, but not necessary. It is

all about Him. Do we remember the real reason for Christmas? Would we make available room at the inn or do we tend to relegate the Christ Child to the stable?

I would like to remind you of the real reason for Christmas and to be sure to include it in all your busy preparations.

Until next time, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

FANNIE MOORE LIVES IN SHONGALOO.

OPINION

Life is too beautiful to give up!

“What doesn’t kill us makes us stronger” was first attributed to Friedrich Nietzsche, a German philosopher, in the 1800’s. It is the key line from Steel Magnolias, set in Natchitoches, Louisiana.

I’ve enjoyed this life with all it’s challenges, heartaches and broken dreams and if I had it to do over again I wouldn’t change anything. Next time around it might turn out worse.

We can’t undo our mistakes so we might as well not keep on beating ourselves up.

I always say “I’m not going to beat myself up. I’ll let someone else do it for me.”

Even though I lived in an orphanage as a child, had a nervous breakdown in 1981, not to count numerous other situations in my life that would be called unbearable, I see life as a patchwork quilt. We have

to wait until the end of life, in eternity, if not sooner, to see God’s hand in every step of our journey.

A few things I have learned, along the way, are that this life is not forever and I want to go to heaven. Also I know that I have made many mistakes in my life,

and if I were capable of living my life over again I might make even more wrong decisions next time if there are wrong choices.

Sometimes mistakes lead us to a brighter day.



SARAH HUDSON PIERCE

Life is a learning process. We have all made mistakes but with God in the center of our lives things have a way of working out no matter how dreary the circumstances we face.

Life is simply not easy. No matter what happens to us, including losing limbs or family members, these tragedies can somehow be used to benefit others and help us fulfill our purpose on this earth.

God sees our heart. Sometime ago I watched a segment with John Stossel who had a most enlightening discussion about separation of church and state. He also said he has yet to really believe in God but he wants to.

I suspect there are a number of people who really want to believe in God. I know there will always be a hunger deep inside our souls until we know

and accept the existence of God and allow Him to take that place in our lives -- and not in just a “church house” way which comes across as false and often hypocritical to those round about us.

God can use each one of our experiences to make us a light to a lost and dying world no matter where we are or how deep our depression.

Life is just too beautiful to give in.

We must not give up. Our family and friends need us too much.

We must keep on keeping on and look to Him for the answers. Sometimes God places people in our paths to help us do that.

SARAH HUDSON PIERCE IS AN AUTHOR WHO LIVES NEAR MOORINGSPOUT, LOUISIANA

OPINION

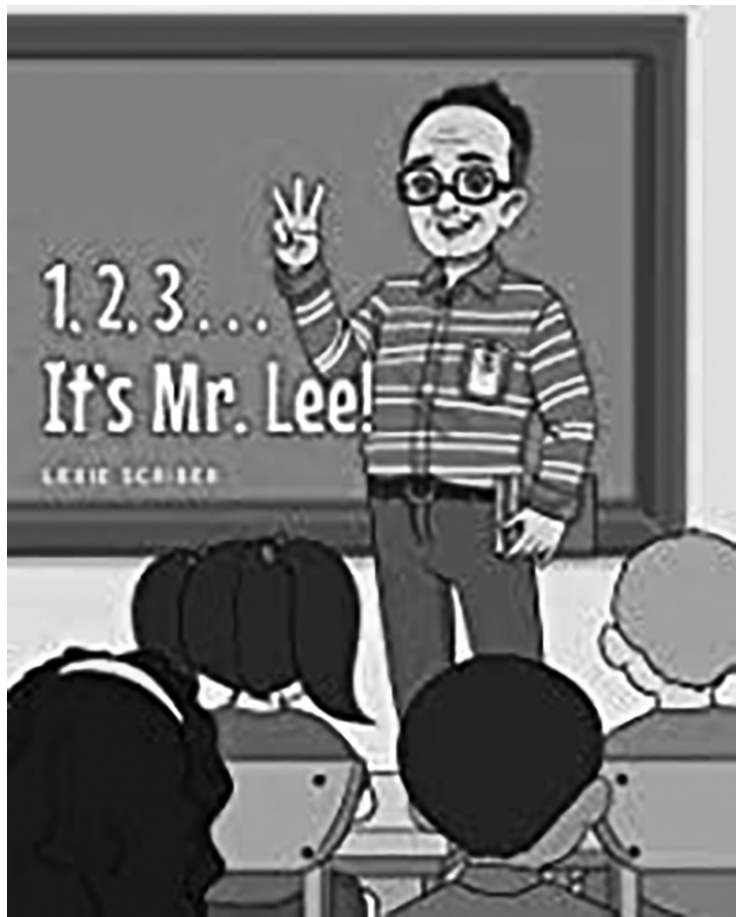
1...2...3... It’s Mr. Lee, now in book form

LEXIE SCRIBER

Special to the Minden Press-Herald

Every student remembers one teacher that inspired or motivated them in the classroom. I truly believe that the teacher is my father, Mr. John Lee. He is the most genuine person that I know and would go above and beyond to help any student. Mr. Lee has been an educator for over fifty years, and his influence in the classroom has made him a legend. My mother and I have seen many occasions where students have approached him in public by saying, “Hey, it’s 1,2,3 Mr. Lee”. The students always have a smile on their face and sometimes run up to him to give him

a hug. He is known to be the substitute teacher that everyone wants when the teacher is absent for the day. He has made such an impact that an Instagram page was created by the students named 123mr.lee\_fanpage. On this page, the students take pictures with him either at school functions or public places. Because of his positive character and influence in the educational system, I have written a children’s book entitled “1,2,3 . . . It’s Mr. Lee!” to commemorate his career in teaching. The book is now available on Amazon and in bookstores like Barnes & Noble. I hope everyone will enjoy reading this story about this legendary teacher, Mr. Lee.



OPINION

Happy New Year, and a few other thoughts

Well, the New Year is almost here! Happy New Year! Happy 2023! Is that true? Is it really 2023? NO WAY! REALLY? To me, that is an unbelievable reality. It doesn’t seem possible to that it can actually be 2023. For those of us born in the 1960’s, that means we are either over 50 years old on the lower end or slightly over 60 years old on the upper end. That doesn’t seem real either. But once again, there is the “R” word “Reality.” I hope and pray that you and your family had both a very BLESSED and a very MERRY CHRISTmas! Also, I wish you ALL an extremely blessed and most prosperous New Year for 2023!

As with both 2020 and 2021, 2022 had its challenges. There were tough times in one way or another for most ALL of us. So many unforgettable things have happened over the last couple of years. The pandemic has

changed our lives in so many ways. And in some ways, normalcy (as we formerly knew it) will never exist again. If you are like me, you have not dealt well with many of the changes. However, on the other hand, many of the changes have made things better for us all. I am ready to put 2022 behind me and move on. I am sure that most of you

feel that way too. The New Year always brings many opportunities for all of us! I love brainstorming and exploring new opportunities! I am a positive person by nature. So, the “O” word really gets my heart racing! Truthfully, the “O”



RANDY BROWN

word really gets my mind spinning with all kinds of plans! In the New Year, we all get a chance for a fresh start. The New Year gives us

the opportunity for a new beginning. This causes us to turn our focus toward the things that we most want to accomplish in the New Year. In the New Year, we will have many chances to maximize the opportunities that will come our way. Of course, the reality of life is that we will also face some challenges in the New Year. These challenges will affect and influence us personally and they will make us stronger. We will face personal challenges, but there will also be challenges (as always) for our city, our state our nation and our world.

I am really looking forward to 2023. And, as most of us tend to do with the start of the each new year, I have set lots of personal goals upon which I

am very anxious to get started right away. I have been asking myself a several questions over the last few weeks in relation to the plans that I have made (the goals that I have set) for 2023. Do I have the vision and the persistence necessary to make my goals become reality? Can I maximize all of the opportunities that will come my way? Am I seeing clearly in terms my action plan for achieving the goals that I have set for myself? As I have mentioned so many times before in my columns, my Dad always used to say that hindsight is 20/20 vision. Well, I plan to use what I have learned in 2022 (and throughout my life) in order to craft a better vision, a better plan for 2023.

At MPH, we also have some goals that we have set for 2023. We have some big things planned for your newspaper. Please know that we can never pass up the opportunity to say

“Thank You’ to our highly valued readers and advertisers. Thank you for your support, your friendship and your encouragement. Without you, we would have no vehicle to drive. Without you, we would not be here.

As the Publisher of your newspaper, I promise you that in 2023, our team will be even more committed to chronicling the history of Webster Parish as it happens. As such, it is our hopeful and aggressive plan that 2023 will bring many positive changes to your newspaper, as we constantly focus upon improving our publication in a concerted effort to change and to grow with our ever-changing and ever-growing Webster Parish community that we all love so dearly!

RANDY BROWN IS VICE PRESIDENT OF SPECHT NEWSPAPERS, INC., AND PUBLISHER OF THE MINDEN PRESS-HERALD.



SPORTS

Apaches dominant on All-District 1-1A squad

T. SCOTT BOATRIGHT  
Minden Press-Herald

The Glenbrook Apaches, 2022 District 1-1A football champions, fittingly dominated the major individual awards on the all-league team recently voted on and announced by member coaches.

Glenbrook quarterback Ty Feaster was named Offensive MVP while the Apaches' linebacker Rhett Johnson shared Defensive MVP on the All-District 1-1A team..

The Apaches' David Feaster was named Coach of the Year after guiding his team to a 6-0 record in district player and 10-0 regular season mark.

Glenbrook advanced to the quarterfinals of the select Division I playoffs before losing to eventual Division IV Select School champion Ouachita's Christian, 28-27.

Feaster, a junior, completed 157 of 231 passes for 2,436 yards and 37 touchdowns with only four interceptions.

Johnson, a senior, totaled 111 tackles, including 11 for loss, and three fumble recoveries. He shared Defensive MVP honors with Homer senior lineman

Walteze Champ.

Feaster was also named first-team all-district kicker.

Other Apaches selected to the All-District 1-1A First Team were senior receiver Turner McClelland and junior receiver Cason Clemons, junior tight end Landry Powell, junior tackle Garrett Brown and senior running back D.J. Carter.

McClelland caught 32 passes for 540 yards and nine touchdowns and. Clemons hauled in 32 passes for 571 and seven scores while Williams had 16 receptions for 254 yards and four TDs.

Carte, a key member of Glenbrook's running back corps for five seasons, rushed for 671 yards on 71 carries and scored seven touchdowns while adding 18 catches for 266 yards and five scores.

Glenbrook's other first-team selections on defense were sophomore lineman Daivari Jackson, senior linebacker Hayden Harmon, senior defensive back Maddox Mandino and senior defensive back Trey Kent.

Mandino was also named first-team returner and second-team athlete. Powell was named to the sec-



Glenbrook quarterback Ty Feaster (left) is the All-District 1-1A Offensive MVP while Apaches' linebacker Rhett Johnson (5, right) is the league's Co-Defensive MVP.



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PHOTO BY RUSSELL HEDGES/BOSSIER PRESS-TRIBUNE  
Head Apache David Feaster is the District 1-1A Football Coach of the Year.

Lakeside trio earn all-league first team accolades

T. SCOTT BOATRIGHT  
Minden Press-Herald

Lakeside senior receiver Josh Sebald,

senior linebacker Ty Maness and junior defensive back Tamarjah Ferrell were the two Warrior representa-

tives on the All-District 1-2A football team as selected by league coaches. Warriors earning

second-team all-district accolades were senior quarterback Cooper Chase, junior running back Jordan

Case, senior offensive lineman Kegan Bryan, and junior defensive back Jay Allen. Picking up all-dis-

trict honorable mention for the Warriors were Jamarriion Evans, Gavin Garland, Omero Urbina.

Wishes for Happy Holidays from the great outdoors

GLYNN HARRIS

I had the privilege of wrChristmas is here but it is sometimes difficult to get a clear vision of what it's really all about when filtered through clouds of war, political upheaval, famine and disease in every corner of the world.

Yet, the time for celebrating the birth of Christ is here and we're often faced with how to best honor Him in the midst of all that is going on around us.

Our church has an annual food drive where bags of groceries are accumulated from donations and distributed to needy families in the community.

A few years ago, Kay and I helped bring a bit of joy to some families in our community. Seeing the faces of children and grateful parents and being able to take a bit of edge off what pain and anxiety they may be facing was worth giving up the few hours we spent.



COURTESY PHOTO  
Outdoors writer Glynn Harris wishes all his readers Happy Holidays.

As we handed out bags of groceries and received heartfelt thanks, my thoughts turned to memories of the season when I was growing up in the country.

Our Christmases were relatively simple, but that didn't make them any less special. When it came time to put up the tree, we didn't go to the shopping center and select an artificial one. We didn't go to a Christmas tree farm and cut our own from a neat row of cloned trees.

We walked out behind the house to the woods with the hope of finding a cedar growing away from other trees. This didn't happen often; you'd find a tree that looked just right and nicely shaped, until you checked the back side and saw that the oak next to it had robbed it of sunlight, leaving it shapely on one side and skimpy on the other. If this was the best one you could

find, you cut it and put the skimpy side next to the wall.

For decoration, there was red roping, icicles and colored balls. We didn't have strings of lights during those early Christmases because there was nothing to plug them into. Electricity hadn't found its way to Goldonna yet.

My mama's kitchen was a mixture of sights, sounds and aromas as the special day neared.

Dad, my brother and I made sure we saved a couple of wood ducks shot down at the Sand Flats for mama's special recipe.

I recall seeing those ducks, roasted almost black in a Dutch oven, swimming in a dark sea of the richest gravy you can imagine.

There was a pan of dressing mama made from cornbread she'd cooked the day before and set aside.

A fat hen provided the broth and zest to the dressing.

On the side, there was a bowl of ambrosia, pecan pies, chocolate pies, divinity, fudge and the traditional applesauce cake mama made from homemade fig preserves, raisins and pecans from our tree in the yard.

As we handed out bags of groceries that day, I recalled a parallel event from childhood that made me want to have a part in sharing with other folks this time of year. Before we sat down to our Christmas dinner, Mama would always prepare a big tray from the bounty of our table and our whole family would walk through the pine thicket to the home of an old couple, our neighbors, whose Christmas dinner would have been meager had it not been for mama's generosity.

Times change, and they do it in the blink of an eye. All the older participants in those early Christmases are gone; Mom and Dad, the old couple down the road.

The memories of

those events came into focus though, in the eyes of appreciative folks whose Christmas may have been bleak without the provisions we brought them.

If you run into me during the next few days, don't expect me to greet you with Hap-

py Holidays, Merry X-mas or Season's Greetings.

You'll hear "Merry Christmas" in honor of the One this season is all about.

— Contact Glynn Harris at [glynnharris37@gmail.com](mailto:glynnharris37@gmail.com).

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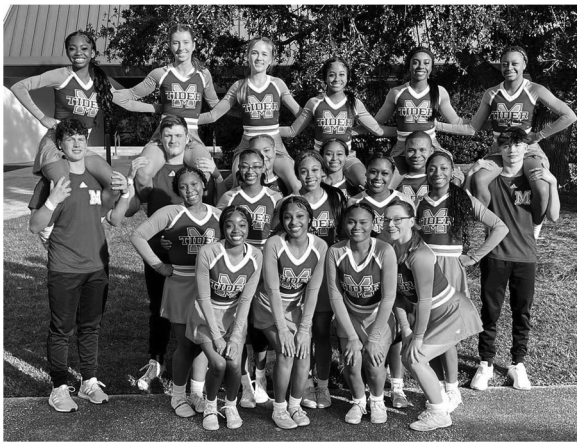
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Minden Press-Herald & Holcomb's

Athletes of the Week



Crimson Tide Cheer Squad

Minden High School

The Minden High School Cheer Squad captured fourth place in the Gameday Medium Varsity Coed division during the United Cheer Association Regional Cheer Competition held last weekend in Hammond.

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



# Good News

GOOD NEWS

## Salvation and a new hope, thanks to Advent

Christmas – one night among millions, but it was enough to make us believe in miracles. There is no way our simple minds can comprehend the love God has for us. But that did not keep Him from coming to us in the form of a baby, born in a stall in Bethlehem. His name is Immanuel – “God with us....” Yes, Jesus came to live among us. He breathed our air, felt our pain, knew our sorrows, and died for our sins. He did not come to frighten us, or threaten us, but to show us the way to warmth, safety and to God. (Max Lucado/Chuck Swindoll)

Christmas began in the heart of God. It is complete only when it reaches the heart of man. Through Jesus, God reached down for man to bring reconcilia-

tion to Him. Only when man reaches up and takes God’s hand does the reconciliation take place. Perhaps Jesus pondered: “Try to imagine what I gave up when I came into your world as a baby. I set aside My Glory, so that I could identify with you. I became poor so that you might become rich. I gave My life that you might gain yours.” (Sarah Young).

Yes, this is Christmas... God loving, searching, and giving Himself – to us. It is completed when man recognizes his need for receiving, giving and yielding Himself totally – to God. Just think of this: While the innkeeper tended to his guests,



Bill Crider

the devoted Joseph tended to Mary, and the shepherds tended their flocks....and over in the stall, a Child came forth to tend to all the souls of man, including ours! When Christ entered our world, He didn’t come to brighten our long, dreary December days, but to transform our lives so we can be ‘candles glowing in the darkness around us.’ We could not do this by ourselves. We could not earn our salvation. But the very purpose of His coming into the world was that He might offer up His life as a sacrifice for our sins. From the Cradle to the Grave...His mission was simply this: “He came to die for us!” And this is the heart of the Christmas story. The Cradle is just the beginning point. (Billy & Ruth Graham/Rich Miller).

Christmas is the most stunning rescue story of all time. Think about this: Man is lost without any hope of ever surviving in this sick world. But a loving God is not willing that any should perish, so in His divine wisdom, He sent His only Son into the world (Baby Jesus) to live among man, identify with them, and then take the sins of the world on His back all the way to the Cross so man might be made ‘right with the Heavenly Father’ and be in full fellowship with Him. God was willing to invade the human race in order to rescue man. What a thriller! “The Greatest Rescue Story Ever Told!” (John Eldredge).

Christmas is reassurance that God keeps His promises, then and now. So, one night...

among the wrinkled hills of Bethlehem.... God, who knows no boundaries, took on the shocking confines of a baby’s skin. (Philip Yancey). That night, with the Baby’s first cry, history was sliced open and the world was changed forever. And on that holy night, the Light entered the darkness and brightened the surroundings. Yes, that first Christmas changed everything. And it was a child that did it....but not’ just any child’ – Jesus Christ, God’s Holy Son. O Blessed Advent, prepare our hearts to celebrate with great anticipation! (Reference taken from “Christmas, On This Holy Night”).

**BILL CRIDER IS CHAPLAIN OF MINDEN MEDICAL CENTER**

### THE UPWARD LOOK

#### Bad News, Good News

*“And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.” Luke 2:10 KJV*

Even as we celebrate Christmas, our world is filled with bad news that makes us sad, anxious, and depressed. Yet, the tidings that the angel brought so many years ago still ring out today. There is “good news” that can give you “great joy!” That baby, born that night in Bethlehem, is the Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord. He offers this salvation to all who would put their trust in



Max Hutto

Him alone. Have you placed your faith in Him? Are you obediently following Him? Christmas is a wonderful time to commit or recommit your life to following Jesus.

Lord Jesus, thank You for giving me great joy even in the midst of so much bad news in the world. Help me to live in a way that brings honor and glory to You, my Savior and Lord.

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

### INSPIRATION

#### Reframe your situations

In times of extreme struggle, man tends to look for someone to blame. We make great efforts to search out the negatives of our situation. Well, I’m here to tell everyone reading today that this is not the way.

God wants us to find his blessing in all our situations. He wants us to seek out the good in everything.

And if we search through a situation and find nothing good he wants us to bring the good. This is done through trust and faith in Gods plan. In Genesis Joseph demonstrates this flawlessly. Genesis 45:3-5 NLT

“I am Joseph!” he said to his brothers. “Is my father still alive?” But his brothers were speechless! They were stunned to



Bernard Harris

realize that Joseph was standing there in front of them. “Please, come closer,” he said to them. So they came closer. And he said again, “I am Joseph, your brother, whom you sold into slavery in Egypt. But don’t be upset, and don’t be angry with yourselves for selling me to this place. It was God who sent me here ahead of you to preserve your lives.” I would like to encourage us all to be like Joseph and bring the good to our bad situations.

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

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### SHERIFF'S SALE

**B1 BANK VS. NELLIE MAE SPARKS**

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 80380

By virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued out of the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, in the above styled and numbered suit and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder for cash WITH the benefit of appraisal and according to law at the principal front door of the Court-house in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana on WEDNESDAY, February 1, 2023, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

LOTS 103 and 104 BABB ADDITION, City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana, as per plat recorded in Book 2, Page 82, in the Conveyance Records of Webster Parish, Louisiana, together with all buildings and improvements thereon. The Municipal Address is 1007 Horton Street, Minden, LA 71055.

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

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

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

Linda Vaughan - Deputy

**December 28, 2022  
January 25, 2023  
Minden Press-Herald**

### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Notice is hereby given that the Webster Parish School Board will receive sealed bids from LA licensed general contractors until **2:00 P.M., Thursday January 19, 2023, for:**

**JOB #2022-14 NEW VISITOR FOOTBALL GRANDSTAND FOR MINDEN HIGH SCHOOL MINDEN, LOUISIANA**

Bids will be accepted until the date and time specified and will be publicly opened and read aloud at that time in the School Board's Office, 1442 Shepard Street, Minden, Louisiana 71055. All submittal packages will be stamped or marked to acknowledge timely receipt. Sole responsibility for proper mailing or delivery of any bid in compliance with this advertisement is that of the bidder. Bids received after the date and time of opening will not be considered.

A non-mandatory Pre-bid Conference will be held at **10:00 A.M. on Tuesday January 10, 2023** at Minden High School: **400 College St., Minden, Louisiana 71055.** Bidders must check in at the office.

All bids must be accompanied by bid security equal to five percent (5%) of the base bid and all alternates and must be in the form of a certified check, cashier's check or bid bond written by a company licensed to do business in the State of Louisiana.

Complete bid documents may be obtained from Yeager, Watson & Associates, LLC, 118 S. Trenton St., Ruston, LA 71270-4432, (318) 202-5708, upon

receipt of deposit of \$200.00 for each set of documents. The deposit is fully-refundable to all plan holders upon return of the documents, in good condition, no later than fifteen (15) days after receipt of bids. The deposits for all other sets of documents will not be refunded. Bid-related materials and electronic submittal of bids may be found at: [WWW.CENTRAL-BIDDING.COM](http://WWW.CENTRAL-BIDDING.COM). For questions relating to the electronic bidding process, please call Central Bidding at (225) 810-4814. Electronic bid documents are also available for a purchase price of \$20 from the architect's office or by membership to following Plan Rooms: LAGC, ConstructConnect, Dodge, or ISqFt.

The Webster Parish School Board is an equal opportunity agency dedicated to a policy of non-discrimination regarding Title VI, the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

The Webster Parish School Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

*/s/ Johnny Rowland*  
/t/ Johnny Rowland,  
Secretary Treasurer  
Webster Parish  
School Board

**December 14, 2022  
December 21, 2022  
December 28, 2022  
Minden Press-Herald**

I, Bryant Lyons, DOC #- 428978, have applied for clemency for my conviction of: second degree cruelty to a juvenile. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Board of Pardons at (225)-342-5421.

**December 21, 2022  
December 28, 2022  
January 4, 2023  
Minden Press-Herald**

GPM Southeast, LLC d/b/a Dixie Mart #7290 is applying to the Office of Alcohol & Tobacco Control of the State of Louisiana for a permit to sell beverages of low alcohol content at retail in the Parish of Webster at the following address:

800 Lewisville Road, Minden, LA 71055  
GPM Southeast, LLC Dixie Mart #7290  
Investments, LLC  
Corporate Officers: Arie Kotler, CEO, Eyal Nuchamovitz, EVP, Donald Bassell, CFO

**December 21, 2022  
December 28, 2022  
Minden Press-Herald**

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Investments, LLC  
Corporate Officers: Arie Kotler, CEO, Eyal Nuchamovitz, EVP, Donald Bassell, CFO

**December 21, 2022  
December 28, 2022  
Minden Press-Herald**

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1403 Sibley Road, Minden, LA 71055  
GPM Southeast, LLC Dixie Mart #7293  
Member: GPM Investments, LLC  
Corporate Officers: Arie Kotler, CEO, Eyal Nuchamovitz, EVP, Donald Bassell, CFO

**December 21, 2022  
December 28, 2022  
Minden Press-Herald**

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Member: GPM Investments, LLC  
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**December 21, 2022  
December 28, 2022  
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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**

**December 7, 2022  
December 28, 2022  
Minden Press-Herald**

**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: \_\_\_\_\_**

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

**December 7, 2022  
December 28, 2022  
Minden Press-Herald**

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By virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued out of the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, in the above styled and numbered suit and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder for cash WITH the benefit of appraisal and according to law at the principal front door of the Court-house in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana on WEDNESDAY, February 1, 2023, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

LOT EIGHT (8), HILLSIDE SUBDIVISION, PHASE "1", SITUATED IN THE NORTH-WEST QUARTER OF THE NORTH-WEST QUARTER (NW/4 OF NW/4) OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 8 WEST, WEBSTER PARISH, LOUISIANA, AS PER MAP AND PLAT OF SAID SUBDIVISION FILED IN CONVEYANCE BOOK 897, PAGE 489, REGISTRY NUMBER 432036 OF THE CONVEYANCE RECORDS OF WEBSTER PARISH, LOUISIANA.

**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.

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Linda Vaughan - Deputy

**December 28, 2022  
January 25, 2023  
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### NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on December 19, 2022, Entergy Louisiana, LLC ("ELL"), a

public utility providing retail electric and gas service throughout the State of Louisiana, filed with the Louisiana Public Service Commission ("LPSC") its Application for Approval of the Entergy Future Ready Resilience Plan (Phase I) (the "Application"). The Application requests LPSC approval, and issuance of a public interest finding regarding, the Entergy Future Ready Resilience Plan (the "Resilience Plan"), which is ELL's proposed course of action to improve the resilience of its electric system through accelerated infrastructure hardening and vegetation management over the 10-year period from 2024 to 2033. In the Application, ELL seeks specific approval of Phase I of the Resilience Plan, which includes approximately \$5.0 billion in projects proposed to be implemented in the first five years (2024 to 2028) ("Phase I"). ELL's Resilience Plan will not result in a change in rates unless approved by the LPSC and implemented by ELL.

ELL also seeks approval of a new rider, the Future Ready Resilience Plan Cost Recovery Rider (the "Rider"), to permit timely recovery of the Resilience Plan's revenue requirement. The proposed Rider would accomplish contemporaneous recovery of Resilience Plan costs through a forward-looking rate that would also include a true-up after a prudence review.

ELL also requests authorization to create a regulatory asset for addressing recovery of (and on, if applicable), the remaining net book value of assets that are replaced through the Resilience Plan, at the level currently reflected in ELL's rates. With this approved ratemaking treatment, customers would not see an incremental increase in rates associated with ELL's recovery of assets prudently retired in connection with the Resilience Plan.

Finally, ELL requests LPSC acknowledgment of ELL's seeking a waiver from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to allow ELL to capitalize conductor handling costs incurred through the Resilience Plan, which would lower the Resilience Plan's immediate bill effects.

For questions and comments regarding ELL's filing, please call the LPSC toll free at (800) 256-2397. Additionally, the filing, including its attachments, may be viewed in the Records Division of the LPSC at the following address:

Records Division  
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