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PROCLAMATION

City of Minden Recognizes Glenbrook Varsity Football Team at City Council Meeting



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The City of Minden recognized the Glenbrook Varsity Football Team at the recent December City Council Meeting for making it to the Louisiana High School Athletic Association Quarterfinals. Mayor Tommy Davis read a proclamation detailing their accomplishments, a transcript of which can be read below.

WHEREAS, the City of Minden is committed to the youth of our community and firmly believes that football not only promotes the physical well-being of the players, but also instills into them the qualities of fairness, cooperation, and discipline, which contribute to the development of good citizenship;

and
WHEREAS, through hard work, determination, excellent coaching, and perseverance, the Glenbrook School Varsity Football Team advanced to the Louisiana High School Athletic Association Quarterfinals, proudly representing Minden;

and
WHEREAS the Mayor and Council of the City of Minden would like to recognize all of the players, coaches, parents, families, sponsors, and volunteers, who supported this team along the way.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor and Council of the City of Minden would like to formally recognize the Glenbrook School Varsity Football Team on its extraordinary performances as the team represented not only its city, but the entire state of Louisiana at the Louisiana High School Athletic Association Quarterfinals, demonstrating extraordinary skills, discipline, and sportsmanship.

WPSB

Facility improvements approved at school board meeting

AMBER MCDOWN
Minden Press-Herald

The December meeting of the Webster Parish School board was held in Sarepta on the campus of North Webster Jr. High on December 5 but, other than the change of location, the school board business conducted at the meeting was routine.

The minutes from November's finance committee meeting, curriculum committee meeting, and board meeting were approved. Jessica Green, an 8th grade science teacher at Lakeside Jr./Sr High, was presented with the Employee of the Month award by Rodney Taylor of Taylor and Sons. A number of faculty/staff trips to conferences were approved.

A new job description was approved that will allow speech therapists to

have assistants working under their guidance. The human resources department has had a very difficult time finding speech therapists and the new job description will enable the department to have more people working one-on-one with students.

The Minden High School cheerleaders have been approved to travel to the UCA Gameday Nationals in Orlando, Florida, pending their qualification for the event. They will be competing at the UCA State Competition in December in Hammond, Louisiana. If they get 1st place (or a very close 2nd place) in the Hammond, Louisiana, competition, they will be eligible to go to Nationals.

The Minden High JROTC was approved to travel to San Antonio, Texas, for JROTC Senior

Trip. The procedures for the Special Education Audio/Video Recording policy were approved.

The school board will be accepting sealed bids for replacing the visitor-side grandstand at the Minden High School football stadium. They also approved a change order in the amount of \$31,819.83 for changes in the electrical service and storm shelter at the new Minden High School multi-purpose building. These changes were required by the City of Minden and the Fire Marshal. A number of maintenance projects/improvements using different maintenance funds were also approved. These projects will be detailed in a future Minden Press-Herald story.

As this was the final board meeting with the current board, some

members took this opportunity to express their appreciation of the Webster Parish School Board.

In January, Malachi Ridgel will be replaced by Debbie Thomas in District 2; J.J. O'Neal will be replaced by Jonathan Guthrie in District 4; and Fred Evans will be replaced by Jana Watson in District 6. Frankie Mitchell's position does not yet have a replacement. Ms. Mitchell of District 9 is willing to continue in her seat until her seat is filled, but that will have to be approved by the new board in January 2023. There will be a special election to fill this seat in April 2023.

The next school board meeting will be held on January, 9, 2023, at 6 p.m. The public is welcome to attend.

CRIME

North Carolina woman drops her pants on Lee Street

STAFF REPORT
Minden Press-Herald

A North Carolina woman was arrested on Friday after obstructing traffic on Lee Street at Industrial Drive and then creating an obscene scene.

Officers were dispatched after Latasha Rena Bittle, 27, was reported to be displaying bizarre behavior in and around the roadway. She continued to act irrationally even after the police arrived to investigate.

According to the complainant, Bittle pulled a speed limit sign from the ground and then threw it into the road. She then walked into the road, causing traffic to come to a full stop.

"Once in the roadway," the complainant stated in the police report, "traffic came to a stop and Bittle began to dance. She then proceeded to pull her pants down to her ankles and began to slap her buttocks."

Next, she found a 2-foot piece of pipe and started chasing cars with it. She also charged at a group of people standing outside the Valero gas station and a person watching from the Exakta Inn parking lot.

When the officers ar-

rived, Bittle was standing in the street with the pipe. "I observed Bittle standing in the northbound lane of traffic (Lee Street) with a 2-foot metal pipe," the officer stated. "Once Bittle observed officers, she proceeded to walk into traffic and then into the parking lot of 1403 Sibley Road (the Exxon station). At this time, officers made contact with Bittle in the parking lot of Exxon. As officers approached her, she had the metal pipe in her hand. Bittle was asked to drop the pipe, and she complied. As the officer began to speak with Bittle, she began to yell obscene language as the patrons continued to enter and exit the store. Due to her erratic behavior, I advised dispatch to contact the Webster Parish coroner's office to speak with Bittle. In doing so, she was later detained and placed into handcuffs and placed in a marked patrol unit."

Bittle was not placed on OPC [order for protective custody], and she was arrested and charged with simple obstruction of a highway, obscenity, aggravated assault, disturbing the peace, and simple criminal damage to property.

COMMUNITY

Christmas in Minden this weekend

STAFF REPORT
Minden Press-Herald

Christmas in Minden will be taking place in downtown Minden on December 16 and 17.

The fun kicks off on Friday with the Tree Lighting Ceremony at 5:30 p.m. at the Civic Center. Then, from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m., there will be a tractor-pulled hayride from the Webster Parish Courthouse to tour Christmas lights and caroling in the Historic District. The Young Women's Service Club will be selling hot chocolate for \$1.

Also starting at 6 p.m., there will be a Rehab Reindeer Run 5k from Minden Medical Center through the Historic District.

On Saturday, December 17, there will be a host of activities going on, some free and some for a fee. Geaux Fresh will be serving a festive Christmas brunch between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. The Broken Bean will be

serving hot chocolate and coffee from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

The Dorcheat Museum will host adult ornament crafting from 10 a.m. till 3 p.m. for \$10. You'll be able to create keepsake ornaments while watching Christmas movies and enjoying refreshments.

The Reindeer Games Children's Area will be open in downtown 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. There will be bounce houses, pony rides, and more!

Presents on Pearl will allow you to get some of your Christmas shopping accomplished. Check out the art and craft vendors on Pearl Street between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Logan McConathy State Farm Agency will be hosting a free photo shoot with Santa and Mrs. Claus 11 a.m. till 2 p.m. Be sure to bring your Christmas list!

There will be kids' ornament crafting at City Art Works from noon See, **CHRISTMAS**, Page 3



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COMMUNITY

Chamber Connect event raises money for Project Reclaim

AMBER MCDOWN
Minden Press-Herald

On December 8, Jim and Kim Huffman of Huffman Management hosted a Chamber Connect networking party with the Greater Minden Chamber of Commerce at Huffman Manor which is located at 1114 Broadway in Minden.

The Huffmans used this platform as an opportunity to fundraise with a silent auction to benefit Project Reclaim, a local nonprofit that focuses on teaching leadership, academics, and social skills to youth in Webster Parish who are considered "at risk" due to factors such as poverty, having a single-parent household, behavior problems, or living in high-crime neighborhoods.

Over 70 local community and business leaders came out to support the cause and, by the end of the evening, \$1,000 had been raised.

Many businesses in Minden donated items

and services to help raise this money in support of the work of Project Reclaim. Auction items included a treat basket from Red Blooms; gift certificates from Under Dawgs, Silver Star Smokehouse, Smokin' J's, and End Zone Sports Bar; lawn service from Shane Rotten; haircuts from Main Street Barber; dog grooming from Spotless Paws; a complimentary night at a hotel with breakfast for two from Sunrise Hospitality; a gift package to visit Monroe and another hotel package to visit Ruston from Sunrise Hospitality, Holiday Inn Express & Suites; a two night stay at Huffman Manor from Huffman Management; and two tickets to the Independence Bowl from the Shreveport-Bossier Convention Center. All money raised in the auction goes to Project Reclaim.

Huffman Manor was decked out in its holiday finest, and visitors were encouraged to tour this historic home.



If you would like more information on Project Reclaim or would like to

donate your time or money, contact Ron Anderson by email at info@prstars.org

or by phone at (318) 423-4987. If you're interested in Huffman Manor,

check out their website at <https://huffmanmanorinn.com/>.

ELECTION

Runoff election results for Webster Parish

STAFF REPORT
Minden Press-Herald

The Congressional General Election was held on December 10, 2022. In this election there were three runoff elections in Webster Parish plus three proposed constitutional amendments.

The mayor of Springhill will be incumbent, Ray Huddleston, who received 62% of the votes (a total of 637 votes) over Ronnie Hearnberger, who received 38% of the votes (a total of 394 votes). The unofficial voter turnout was 36.8% for this election.

In Minden, District A's new city councilman will be Carlton Buddy Myles, who received 56% of the votes (a total of 227 votes) over incumbent, Wayne Edwards, who received 44% of the votes (a total of 178 votes). The unofficial voter turnout was 26.7% in this district.

Also in Minden, District C's new city councilman will be Latasha Anderson Mitchell, who received

53% of the votes (a total of 149 votes) over incumbent, Vincen "Cheese" Bradford, who received 47% of the votes (a total of 130 votes). The unofficial voter turnout was 20.2% in this district.

Buddy Myles had this to say about winning the race for Dist. A's Council seat.

"I just want to thank the people of Minden, for all of their support and for sticking beside me. Also I'd like to thank Councilman Edwards for his years of service to our community. It takes sacrifice to do that. Myself and I'm sure the community appreciates him very much.

"I'm looking forward to working with the new council to grow and implement new changes in the city to help us move forward from the days of the past. We have capable people on the council and in the mayor's seat, and everyone is ready to work with one another.

"In the short amount of time since the runoff, I've gotten numerous texts and calls from people who are

ready to move the city forward, and I'm ready to do that as well. I'm looking forward to a new Minden.

"Again I want to say thank you to the people of district A, and to the new council and mayor, let's put our boots on and get to work," said Myles.

Latasha Anderson also shared her thanks to her supporters and ensured that she would continue to keep open communication with her constituents to help bring forth the changes in Minden that will move the city forward.

"First I want to thank God, then I want to thank all the people that voted for me and supported me, through the primaries and the runoff. I had some good supporters, I really did.

"I worked hard for this position. I walked and I talked and I walked to all the people in Dist C, and it paid off. I'm going to continue talking to people in the community, and anyone with any concerns is more than welcome to call or email me," said Mitchell.

Proposed Amendment No. 1 which asked "Do you support an amendment to provide that no person who is not a citizen of the United States shall be allowed to register and vote in this state?" passed with 73% of the votes, meaning only US citizens will be allowed to register to vote and then vote in Louisiana.

Proposed Amendment No. 2 which asked "Do you support an amendment to

make appointed members of the State Civil Service Commission subject to confirmation by the Louisiana Senate?" passed with 71% of the votes, meaning that persons appointed to this position by the governor must now also be confirmed by the State Senate.

Proposed Amendment No. 3 which asked "Do you support an amendment to make appointed members of the State Police Com-

mission subject to confirmation by the Louisiana Senate?" passed with 71% of the votes, meaning that persons appointed to this position by the governor must now also be confirmed by the State Senate.

These are the unofficial results as of the evening of December 10. The official and verified numbers should be available by the end of the week.

BLOTTER

Recent Arrests in Webster Parish

Rickey Craig, of the 100 block of Posey Lane, was arrested for driving under suspension, switched tags, no insurance, and running a stop sign.

Nicholes Bryant, 31, of the 1700 block of Rhodes Lane, was arrested for domestic abuse with strangulation, domestic abuse aggravated assault, and possession of a firearm by a felon.

Ziyon Crawford, 22, of the 200 block of Hartwell Road, was arrested for home invasion and aggravated assault with a firearm.

Artie Brown, 52, of the 400 block of Hartwell Road, was arrested on a warrant.

Chaundrika Harris, 28, of the 600 block of Stone Street, was arrested on a warrant.

Gnya Knowles, 22, of the 900 block of Woods Street, was arrested for a hit and run.

Daijonn Ferguson, 27, of the 1400 block of Lewisville Road, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

Chasity Macon, 46, of the 100 block of Middle Road, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

Michael Johnson, 46, of the 100 block of Emerald Drive, was arrested for no license plate, no insurance, driving under suspension, possession of a schedule II controlled dangerous substance, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Courterias Moore, 31, of the 500 block of Winford Street, was arrested for disturbing the peace through intoxication.

Kenn Jackson, 34, of the 500 block of Penal Farm Road, was arrested for being a fugitive of Webster.

Omero Rivera, 41, of the 600 block of Shadows Lane, was arrested for improper lane usage, failure to yield to an emergency vehicle, and no driver's license.

Tyler Humphrey, 30, of the 4700 block of General Scott Place, was arrested for being a fugitive of Bossier City.

Russell Lee, 39, of Kelly Drive, was arrested on a warrant.

Jara Weston, 31, of the 600 block of Midland

Street, was arrested for driving without headlights and driving under suspension.

Sharon Morse, 54, of the 2300 block of Nelson Drive, was arrested on a warrant.

Kelli Long, 42, was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia, resisting arrest, monetary instrument abuse, and theft of a motor vehicle.

John Harray, 40, of the 800 block of Tillman Drive, was arrested for speeding, driving without a license, driving without insurance, and being a fugitive of the Claiborne Parish Sheriff's Office.

Melissa Moore, 32, of the 1000 block of 7th Street SE, was arrested for possession of a schedule IV substance, and improper supervision of a juvenile.

Amanda Richardson, 38, of the 200 block of Roy Street, was arrested for improper lane usage, possession of drug paraphernalia, three counts of possession of a schedule II substance, possession of a schedule I substance, and possession of controlled dangerous substances in the presence of a juvenile.



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OBITUARIES



Lori Maddy

Lori Lewis Maddy, 64, of Minden, Louisiana passed away on November 16, 2022.

A celebration of life service for friends and family will be held at the St John's Episcopal church in Minden on January 7th at 11:00 AM.

Left to cherish her memory are her sons Grant Neklutin (Ashley) of Houston TX; and Jeremy Divis of Houghton, LA; her late husband Steve's sons, Steven Maddy, Jr. (Debbie) of Huntsville, AL; Michael Maddy (April) of Norman, OK. Grandchildren are Steven III, Megan, Tyler, Zachary, Austin, Katelynn and James. She is also survived by brothers Brian Lewis (Joyce) of Thomaston, CT; Bill Lewis of Kansas City, MO; and sister Sallyanne Kinoy of

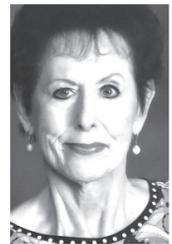
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Lori graduated from Northwestern State University in 1992 with degrees in Sociology and Anthropology.

In 1995, Lori and her husband Steve moved to Minden Louisiana. They attended St John's Episcopal Church where she was a member of the Choir and of Daughters of the King. Together they traveled to the Dominican Republic on many mission trips which were sponsored by the Western Diocese of the Episcopal Church.

She loved spending time in her flower garden with her grandchildren. She enjoyed drying flowers, antiques of any kind, and had a love for Steve's restorations. She was a very thoughtful and generous person who made friends quickly.

Lori will be greatly missed by her friends and family. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to St John's Episcopal Church in Minden, LA



Karen King

Karen King 77, passed away December 7, 2022 in Shreveport, Louisiana. Karen was born in Port Arthur, Texas but lived most of her life in Shreveport. Devoted RN, Mother, and Grandmother. She loved spending time gardening and reading the Bible.

Karen is preceded in death by her parents Floyd and Maudry Theriot. Brothers Ronnie Theriot, and Floyd Theriot Jr. Husband Bobby King.

Grandson Colby Smith and Son in law Jason Drury.

Karen is survived by her daughter Dana Powell, Son in law Hunt Powell and daughter Robin Drury. Grandchildren Shane, Cameron, and Elijah Drury. Sister Susan Theriot and Sister-in-law Charlotte Theriot. Graveside services were held at Gardens of Memory Cemetery on Monday December 12th at 2:00 pm. Pallbearers were Jerry Hinson, Wayne Halbert, Dillon Haynes, Casey Powell, Clint Powell, and Shane Drury

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Evelyn J. Bradley

Evelyn J. Bradley was born July 3, 1933, in Minden, LA to the Simolke family and passed away on December 6, 2022.

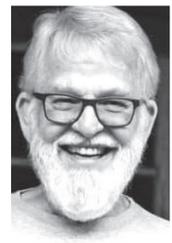
Evelyn was a talented seamstress, painter, cook, gardener, crafter, and dog groomer for many of her cherished miniature poodles over the years.

She was preceded in death by her beloved children, daughter Donna Jean, and son Robert (Bobby) Brad-

ley. She is survived by her son, David "Rick" Bradley, daughter-in-law, Wendy Bradley, granddaughter, Claire Bradley, grandson, Robert Bradley, all of the Seattle, WA area, various relatives, and her wonderful caregivers and friends at Savannah Court in Minden.

A graveside service will be held Saturday, December 10, 2022, at Gardens of Memory Cemetery in Minden, LA at 10:00 am. Under the direction of Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Minden, Louisiana.

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Richard John Broussard

Richard John Broussard, 78, of Claiborne Parish, Louisiana died Saturday, December 10, 2022 surrounded by family under the canopy of his beloved woodland following a battle with cancer. Born in

New Orleans, Rick is survived by his wife of forty-three years, Christine Sampson Broussard, son Ben J. Broussard (Nathalie Nord), Sandra Broussard (sister in-law), and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. He is preceded in death by his parents, J.D. and Marjorie Broussard, his brother, Donald Broussard, and sister Sharon Gonzales. To know Rick was to know and love his heart—nature, life, and gratitude for simplicity. Three of his greatest missions were rescuing his wife of forty-three years, rescuing his many animals, and rescuing the forty-acre wooded tract on which he built their earth-covered home. Together, Rick and Chris built a beautiful life that celebrates and cherishes the gifts of earth, nature, and humanity, where Rick's kind soul shined as bright as his great-big, bearded smile. Rick worked

as an engineer for the City of Minden and led innovative efforts that made Minden's exemplary public water system what it is today. The Minden water-tower is the icon of the city because of Rick's influence in its early 2000s redesign. Rick was proud to have been a key member of the Environmental Protection Agency's official Community Dialogue Committee, which led the safe disposal of abandoned explosives that threatened the safety of the community. Rick's heart of service sought out ways to lead, give, and contribute to those things that would yield a healthier earth and improved life for future generations, and for that we can be grateful to have had Rick on our sides. Rick preferred no funeral service or visitation, and we will honor his memory in ways that reflect his wishes. In lieu of flowers, we ask that contributions be made in his memory to the charity of your choosing: Columbia County Animal Protection Society (CCAPS, P.O. Box 2003, Magnolia, AR. 71754); Project Celebration, Inc. (580 W. Main St., Many, LA 71449); Save the Redwoods League (111 Sutter Street, 11th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94104); any organization working to secure clean air and water for future generations. The family would like to express appreciation to Dr. Sam Abshire and the staff of Regional Hospice.

CHRISTMAS

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until 3 p.m. This is a free event with all supplies provided by Main Street. Then head down to the Courtyard for free face painting. The Minden JSL will be providing s'mores before the parade. The library will host

a story time to read Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer with music provided by the Hurley Music School of Centenary College. There will also be a self-guided book walk.

At Jacqueline Park, you'll be able to meet Rudolph and snap a few pictures from 2 p.m. until 4

p.m.

The parade starts in downtown Minden at 4 p.m. (if it gets rained out, they'll have it on December 18 at 4 p.m.). Afterwards there will be an award show for parade at 5:30 at the Civic Center with a fireworks show at 6 p.m.

Finally, they will be showing Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer on the big screen in Miller Quarters Park at 6:30 p.m. This will be a free event.

There's lots to see and do this weekend, so be sure to get out and enjoy the fun.

WPL

Millage for library on upcoming year ballot

Special to the Minden Press-Herald

Your Webster Parish Libraries will be on the ballot to have the current, critical operating millage renewed on March 25, 2023. The millage is not an increase, but a renewal of 12.39 mills for ten years. This millage makes up 97% of library revenue used to provide services to all residents throughout the parish. These funds are dedicated specifically for library operations and are separate from other departments.

The millage is renewed by vote every 10 years and the current millage will expire at the end of 2024.

"The 10 year millage election results affect not only our libraries, but our entire parish. Our library system is the fourth oldest library system in the state and, in my opinion, one of the very best. This is because of the support received from Webster Parish residents year after year. It makes me proud to represent Webster Parish Libraries across the state. On March 25, 2023,

we will once again hope to receive support from the people we serve. Our libraries are a valuable resource to the parish, and I couldn't even begin to imagine what our communities would be like without them," said Savannah Jones, Director of Webster Parish Libraries. "When our parish residents go to the voting booth on March 25th, the fate of their local libraries will be in their hands. This means you will be voting on what you want to see happen with your local li-

braries! We have so much we want to continue accomplishing for all the residents of Webster Parish!"

This millage renewal would provide continued funding to all seven branches of Webster Parish Libraries, which includes the Cotton Valley, Doyline, Heflin, Minden, Sarepta, Sibley, and Springhill locations. Funds from the millage are used to cover operating expenses and are vital to the continuation of current library services.

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12/10
WALTER CLYDE ORANGE 76

12/13
ALEXIS HARVEY 26

12/16
MIKE BRYANT

12/17
VERNESTER CLARK

12/18
KELDRICK E. MOORE

Julia S. Williamson

Graveside services for Julia S. Williamson will be held Wednesday, December 14, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. at Pleasant Valley Cemetery in Minden, Louisiana.

Julia was born September 21, 1935, in Spearsville, Louisiana and entered into rest December 10, 2022, in Minden, Louisiana. She was a member of Pleasant Valley United Methodist Church and was retired from Bell South Telephone Company after 34 years of service.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Cliff and Robbie Smith, her husband Huey P. Williamson, and special friend, C.D. Holloway.

She is survived by her numerous other family members and friends.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to charity of donor's choice.

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OTHER OPINION

Twitter censorship files expose partisan intelligence officials in secret alliance with complicit media

He promised he would. For months before the actual consummation of the sale that gave him ownership, Elon Musk vowed to return free speech to the massive social media platform that is Twitter.

And there have been some discoveries that are as stunning as they are unnerving.

The release by Musk of internal emails highlights Twitter's 2020 censorship and suppression of the New York Post story a month before the 2020 presidential election. These revelations make undeniable the blatant conflicts of interest, influence peddling and likely crimes of Hunter Biden and the incestuous complicity of his business partner, "The Big Guy"—then-presidential candidate Joe Biden.

But Twitter suppressed the New York Post story and shut down several prominent Twitter accounts, including that of the New York Post itself, that would have circulated the story.

What persuaded the Twitter brass of 2020—not to mention the corrupt and highly partisan national media—to suppress the story?

Two former Democratic intelligence officials, James Clapper and John Brennan. How did they manage this? By deceitfully issuing a press release that they believed the laptop may have been hacked and its content was "Russian disinformation."

Later, 51 more former American spies released a letter stating that the presence of the emails at issue "has all the classic earmarks of a Russian information operation." (Wall Street Journal, 12-5-22.)

All false. All lies.

We later learn that the real "disinformation" was provided by Clapper and Brennan themselves. However, their



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provided a lazy, biased and compliant national media with the justification it needed to ignore the Hunter Biden laptop story and discredit Hunter's former business partner, Tony Bobulinski, who went on the record before the election to substantiate much of the information on the laptop through the use of huge numbers of text messages.

Why does this matter so much?

Because the revelation of influence-peddling by Hunter Biden just prior to the election was obviously newsworthy given that former VP Biden had repeatedly said he had "never spoken to my son about his overseas business dealings."

The emails effectively

proved that Joe Biden was not only aware of his son's business dealings but actually participated in meetings in support of this lucrative, international scheme to sell access to the U.S. Government. Thus, it is demonstrable that Joe Biden lied directly to the American people throughout the 2020 campaign and in the Presidential Debates.

So, how should we view this joint effort by the national media and these current and former spies and other Administration officials who essentially colluded to suppress the Hunter Biden Laptop story?

The Wall Street Journal offers a sobering admonition. This "partisan foray by current and former U.S. intelligence officials in the last two elections should be deeply troubling to Americans on the left and right. They have authority by dint of access to information that isn't confirmable by the press, which takes their spin as gospel. This is a form of political corruption that needs to be exposed, and perhaps the Twitter documents will help to unlock the story." (WSJ, 12-5-22)

What effect would this damaging information have had on the 2020 election?

Following the election, a full 17% of Biden voters polled stated that they would not have voted for Joe Biden had they known prior

to the election of the information contained on the laptop.

Remember, Pres. Trump only lost the Electoral College count by a mere 44,000 votes in three swing states out of approximately 154.6 million votes cast nationwide!

As a result of this suppression of the truth, the voice of the people was silenced, and the trajectory of American history and world history was forever changed.

This is not right. This is not what we do. It doesn't matter how we may feel about Pres. Trump or Pres. Biden or any other person. America does not allow its powerful government agencies to form a Police State, to repeatedly lie with impunity and, thereby, control or influence its elections in this way.

Millions of Americans no longer trust our national "news" and no longer have the same faith in federal government agencies like the FBI and the Department of Justice that for so many decades have been revered and patriotic and effective guardians of the domestic and international security of America. They have earned this distrust. And America is less free and more vulnerable as a direct result.

ROYAL ALEXANDER IS A SHREVEPORT ATTORNEY.

OPINION

Why newspaper writing is important

One of the best lectures I've heard about writing was at the East Texas Christian Writer's Conference held at Marshall, Texas a few years ago.

The speaker emphasized that if a writer really wants to develop his talent the best place to start is newspaper writing.

I heartily agree, although I began writing poetry in 1981, while going through a nervous breakdown. At that time I didn't realize that therapists highly recommend writing and journal keeping as a coping technique.

Even though I seldom writing poetry, anymore even though I've had three books of poetry published along with two volumes of inspirational pieces, I know the speaker was right.

I began submitting and have things published in The Times in 1989, when Frank May was the editor of the editorial page. It fueled my energy to see my ramblings published!

As I continued to write I was motivated to have pieces published on Christmas Day. It was like I was giving a gift to myself



SARAH HUDSON PIERCE

and hopefully to the readers who somehow could relate to the pain that I often expressed. Then I branched out and was jubilant to have my pieces published in the Minden Press Herald on a weekly basis. At one time I was having my columns published weekly in ten newspapers, which I continue to do. I actually transmitted those early pieces either by mail or by fax machine!

Oh how times have changed and for the better! Copy and paste works really well through email.

As I entered the workforce at the age of forty-six, I marvel that I was as prolific as I was considering how hard it is to learn to make a living late in life, but I never whined or com-

plained!

Sometimes I would fall asleep in the recliner and not wake up until dawn but I always kept my promise to write something every day in my journal and to send out as many pieces as I could to various venues every day.

It finally began to pay off when I wrote a story that was published on Christmas Day in 1993.

Prior to writing that story I was so determined to make it happen that I woke up maybe thirty minutes after falling asleep and penned my first story about our old family trunk that was opened in 1957 on Christmas Eve just three months before daddy died at home in the same room where he told us the stories that I begged to hear about our ancestors pictures within!

Lo and behold I sold an edited version of that piece to Guideposts Magazine in 1994!

To think it all started by writing for the newspaper!

Then it happened again! I wrote a story titled: When God

delivered a newspaper to a laundromat that was published past year! That same story was edited and made into a story for the Mysterious Ways section of Guideposts Magazine in the December issue.

This is how it works!

For a writer to accomplish anything with their writing you have to write from your heart and write -- and write -- knowing that if you hone your talents that you will accomplish at least a goal of leaving a legacy for someone -- maybe your family -- friends or total strangers you may never meet!

You never know where your stories will go or what a difference your words may make.

It's like the syndicated columnist, Erma Bombeck told me "It isn't the money you make but knowing your words have touched people you may never meet!"

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

OPINION

The Advocate: Governor's agencies - a legacy of disaster

With state agencies under historic challenges involving crime and abuse of children — toddlers dead after government and law enforcement failed to act, the juvenile justice system out of room for troubled youth — Gov. John Bel Edwards might well be accused of trying to shift the blame away from his appointees and his budget policies.

If he is, it's not going to work. But it makes no sense to look at the specific issues without dealing with the broader context, and that is going to be challenging not only to the current administration but to whomever is elected next year to replace Edwards.

"There is no denying that child welfare agencies nationwide are facing very difficult and complex challenges and Louisiana is no exception," Edwards said after particular-

ly horrific cases mishandled by the Department of Children and Family Services.

In that statement, accepting the resignation of DCFS head Marketta Garner Walters, the governor — as so often — talked about the mechanics of the challenges facing a state department trying to help abused children.

"Those issues include staff retention, high worker caseloads, increased substance and domestic abuse, and sadly the tragic deaths of innocent children," Edwards said. "While there are no quick solutions, it is urgent that we find new and effective ways of addressing the problems to make certain we provide the help our families need and deserve and to move our agency forward."

If that seems a tad bureaucratic in light of the deaths of fentanyl-poisoned toddlers, it

is: The consequences of these missteps and failures by agencies Edwards is in charge of haven't been a few missed deadlines or an aggrieved politician here or there, but truly tragic losses to our state and its communities.

Life-long losses, starting from age 2.

But to borrow from the governor's words, we can't deny that he has a point, and many of his same words could apply to the virtual collapse of the juvenile justice system.

The agency drew criticism from judges and district attorneys when it served notice that there's no room for more young offenders. Not that the agency has been doing a very good job of the difficult task of turning arrested kids away from a life of crime, despite good intentions.

What underlies the prob-

lems in both these areas of state government is a society under new stress.

That is reflected in conversations with district attorneys and judges in the courts, not to mention cops — and not just on the mean streets of big-city New Orleans, but in places where one homicide in a decade used to be the norm but where now they're looking at double-digit murders.

Talk to social workers and anti-poverty agencies, and their perspective is near that of officialdom. Although these folks are probably quicker to bring up the proliferation of guns in unstable hands, another larger reality that politicians often shy away from.

Families that were on the edge before — insert cataclysmic event of choice here, whether it be the pandemic, Hurricane Laura or whatever

— have been damaged. And once they topple over the myriad lines of bad behavior or child neglect, they make headlines like the ones from DCFS and the Office of Juvenile Justice. Or the crime reports.

The youth in today's OJJ prisons were toddlers when their families were scattered by hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005.

The governor is commissioning a major study of DCFS to figure out how to deal with the new reality there. But there's no denying that the problem is more than how a state agency is organized, or disorganized.

The next governor faces a new world. No denying.

SPORTS



COURTESY PHOTO

Minden Daylen Robinson is a 2022 All-District 1-4A

Cream of the 1-4A crop

12 Minden players named to All-District football team

T. SCOTT BOATRIGHT
Minden Press-Herald

Minden High School has five players named to the All-District 1-4A football team.

The Crimson Tide had 11 players in total earn all-district honors.

Named First-Team All District were running back Daylen Robinson, wide receiver Jayln Williams, offensive lineman

Kielyn Combs, Athlete Jakobe Jackson and defensive lineman Makhi Reed. Earning All-District Honorable Mention were cornerback Brian Turner, linebacker Jacob McCarty, wide receiver Cameron Mitchell, defensive lineman Demetrius Robinson, offensive lineman Jonathan Bradford, kick returner Brennen Benton and punter Bryson Rangier.

Apaches take hoops title



COURTESY PHOTO

The Glenbrook School fifth and sixth grade boys basketball team are this year's NWLYSA elementary school boys basketball champions. From left to right on the first row are Eli McGarity, Max Scroggs, Cason Gibson, Jaxon Branch, Wyatt Johnson, Trent Clemons, Dawson Guston and Braxton Taylor. On the second row are Coach Alan Stanford, Reace Payton, Luke Stanford, Davis Powell, Brayden Watkins, Davis Edwards, Louie Collins, Maddox Snider and Coach Kelsea Johnson.

G-Men grab win over Vanderbilt

Press-Herald Sports Service

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — For the first time in school history, the Grambling State University men's basketball program has picked up a pair of victories over Power 5 opponents in the same season.

In November, the Tigers led from start to

finish in a home win over Colorado. On Friday, Grambling State held off a last-second shot in a 64-62 victory over Vanderbilt at Historic Memorial Gymnasium.

The victory also marked the first Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) school to defeat Vanderbilt.

The Commodores were 13-0 against teams from the SWAC and 34-1 all-time against Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) before Friday's game.

In addition, the win also evened the series at 1 between Grambling State and Vanderbilt.

Carte'are Gordon

led Grambling State, despite fouling out, with 12 points five rebounds, two assists and one block. Shawndarius Cowart added 11 points, five assists, three boards and three steals. Virshon Cotton registered nine points, while Jourdan Smith and Jonathan Aku each finished with eight.

Bulldogs put 15 on All-CUSA football team

Press-Herald Sports Service

RUSTON — Louisiana Tech wide receiver Tre Harris, defensive tackle Keivie Rose and punt returner Smoke Harris earned first-team all-Conference USA honors, while defensive back Myles Brooks and Harris (kick returner) landed on the league's second team announced by the conference office last week.

Wide receiver Cyrus Allen, offensive lineman Carson Bruno, placekicker Buck Buchanan and running back Marquis Crosby earned a spot on the Conference USA All-Freshman Team, while six more Bulldogs earned honorable mention all-league accolades.

Tre Harris earned all-conference honors for the second straight year after being named honorable mention in 2021. Harris led LA Tech with 935 receiving yards while tallying 65 receptions and 10 receiving touchdowns. Harris 10 receiving touchdowns ranked second among all C-USA players and 11th nationally.

Rose was a mainstay among the Bulldogs' defensive line. The Henderson, Texas native recorded 24 total tackles, including four for loss and two sacks, in addition to three quarterback hurries and two forced fumbles. Rose tallied tackles for loss in three consecutive games during conference play (Middle Tennessee, UTSA, Charlotte).

Smoke Harris was one of the top punt returners in the country, leading the conference and ranking seventh nationally with 12.4 yards per return. Harris returned 19 punts for 236 yards, includ-



COURTESY PHOTO

Louisiana Tech offensive lineman Dakota White (68) is a first-team All-Conference USA football team selection.

ing a season-high 74 yards in punt returns during the season finale against UAB. Harris also led the conference and ranked seventh nationally in kick return average at 27.2. The St. Francisville native had 19 returns for 517 yards.

Brooks made an immediate impact in his first season at Tech, recording 29 tackles, including three for loss in addition to three interceptions and eight pass breakups. Opposing quarterbacks completed just 36 percent of passes when targeting Brooks, which was the eighth-lowest completion percentage against national during the regular season.

Allen averaged 22.73 yards per catch which was the second most nationally, while ranking sixth nationally

among all true freshmen in receiving yards with 500. Allen also led all C-USA true freshmen in receiving touchdowns with four. The New Orleans product also led all FBS freshmen in scrimmage plays over 30 yards with 10.

Bruno started all 12 games on the Bulldogs' offensive line this season while paving the way foreight 100-plus yard rushing games. The Shreveport product also protected the quarterback in the Bulldog passing attack, ranking 30th nationally at 267.2 yards per game.

Buchanan led all C-USA rookies in kickoff yards (4,070) and touchbacks (34). Buchanan made a 52-yard field goal, tied for the 10th longest in program history in the win over UTEP (10/8)

while connecting on field goals of above 40 yards against North Texas (46) and Rice (48).

Crosby rushed for 918 yards and nine touchdowns on 183 carries, while eclipsing the century mark in rushing during four games this season, highlighted by a 197-yard rushing performance during the Dogs' 52-17 win over Stephen F. Austin on Sept. 10. Crosby ranked sixth nationally among all freshman in total rushing and fourth among C-USA backs in yards per rush. The Bulldogs saw six players earn honorable mention all-Conference USA honors, including OL Carson Bruno, RB Marquis Crosby, OL Bert Hale, OL Josh Mote, DB Willie Roberts and OL Dakota White.



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Week 13 Football Picks winners

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Minden Press-Herald & Holcomb's Players of the Week



Price Miller & Elliot Sheppard

Minden High School Crimson Tide players Price Miller (left) and Elliot Sheppard both signed scholarship papers last week to continue their baseball careers on the collegiate level at Philander Smith College in Little Rock Arkansas.

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

GOD MANIFESTED IN FLESH

In 1 Tim 3:16, Paul sums up the entire Christmas Story when he writes “God was manifested in the flesh.” This is the incredible truth of what happened that first Christmas when Christ was born of a virgin in a stable in Bethlehem. (Luke 2). God of the universe came down from His heavenly realm that first Christmas night and took on human form. How could this be? Now just think of it! Unbelievable to many – except it was foretold by prophets of old, thousands of years before the event actually occurred. They proclaimed truths about the ‘coming Messiah’, as revealed by God’s Spirit. And

now He had come... down from His glory... and dwelt among men. (Gen 12:3; 17:7; 18:18; 22:16-17—Deut 18:15-18 –Psa 2, 8, 16, 22, 31, 1110, 118 & 132. Isa, Jer, Hos, Joel, Amos, Mic, Hab, Haz, Zech & Mal to make a few references). No wonder Mary and Joseph reacted as they did when heaven’s angel came to them announcing the details of Jesus’ birth...and it included them. Impossible for they “knew each other not.” (Luke 1:34) They knew the physical interaction required for a baby to be born-mariage first then con-



Bill Crider

ception, after which a 9-month waiting period would be observed, surrounded by family and friends in celebration, and then (and only then) the birth. There would be a village celebration and then purification and consecration before the priest, followed by circumcision of the young male child. They knew what was happening to them was “all out of order.” Only through their faith in the God, who sent the angel to proclaim initial plans, were they willing to follow through as He would direct. God was veiled in the flesh of a newborn,

and shepherds came kneeling before Him. Now the message of the angel to Mary and Joseph was beginning to take on a newer, purer meaning. A candle comes on in their minds and hearts. Perhaps they could hear echoes of the prophets ringing in their ears. Though they did not totally understand, they were seeing this miracle of “God manifested in the flesh” unfold right before their eyes. (And Mary pondered these things and held them dearly in her heart). Paul and the gospel writers tell us ‘if we want to know what God is like, study Jesus’ life and that will reveal God to us – for

Jesus was God in human form. In Jesus, God’s perfection that had been witnessed from creation (wisdom, power, majesty) was displayed. Also God’s perfection of justice, mercy, grace and love was revealed in Jesus. John truthfully writes: “The Word was God... and the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.” (John 1:1-14). The sequence of faith is shown in Jesus’ reference to His Father (John 14:1). “If you believe in God, believe also in Me, for My Father and I are One.” What a marvelous gift God has given mankind – JESUS: God incarnate, the Holy Christ Child!

This incredible gift God had wrapped in the womb of Mary was being revealed to the world now as the Christ Child, the Prince of Peace, the King of Kings. At last, peace had come to the heart of man. Man’s relationship with God (broken in Eden) now could be restored by this great manifestation of love – Christ, the newborn King! O Come, let us adore Him! (Some references are found in Hope for Each Day, Billy Graham).

BILL CRIDER IS CHAPLAIN OF MINDEN MEDICAL CENTER

THE UPWARD LOOK

Sensual and Impure

“and they, having become callous, have given themselves over to sensuality for the practice of every kind of impurity with greediness.” Ephesians 4:19 NASB



Max Hutto

Paul continues to paint the picture of the hardened and calloused heart of an unbeliever by describing the motivation that drives their actions. They greedily seek and lustfully yearn for whatever can momentarily please and excite their senses. They yearn to fill their lives with all that is impure, indecent, lewd,

lustful, promiscuous, perverse, and profane simply for their own selfish desires. Paul reminds believers that they are not to be driven by these desires so they no longer walk like an unbeliever.

Lord Jesus, I yearn for my heart and my life to be filled with all that is pure and holy. Help me to live in a way that brings You glory and honor.

MAX HUTTO IS A BAPTIST MINISTER AND A RESIDENT OF MINDEN. MORE INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND AT WWW.UPWARDLOOK.ORG.

INSPIRATION

Let it go

Lately, my messages have been about the holidays but I’m going to shift focus this message. In the last year, many of us have suffered a burden and some form of loss. While these things are a fact of life that fact never makes them any easier. We have multiple reactions to these moments some are good some are bad but God has given us the solution to all of life’s situations. The Bible is full of unique people and unique situations and the solution was always prayer and faith. Jesus gives us this solution in Matthew 11:28-30 (NLT)28 Then Jesus said, “Come to me, all of you



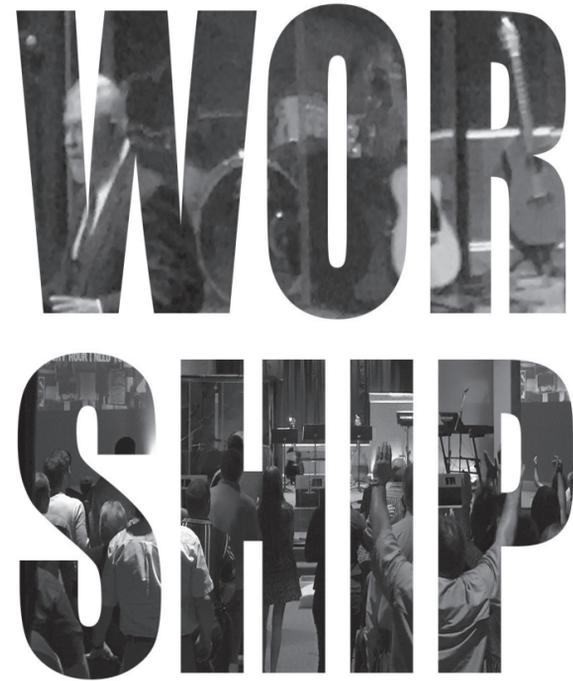
Bernard Harris

who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light.” Therefore I would like to end this message by issuing a challenge to us all. Let God be your teacher and carry your burdens so you can focus on being loved and sharing that love with the world.

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

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SHERIFF'S SALE

JP MORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION VS. BECKY L. WALN WIFE OF/AND MARTIN D. WALN

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. CV80223

By virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued out of the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, in the above styled and numbered suit and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder for cash WITH-OUT the benefit of appraisal and according to law at the principal front door of the Court-house in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana on WEDNESDAY, January 18, 2023, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

Lots 187 & 188, Palmetto Beach Estates, Webster Parish, Louisiana, as per plat recorded in Book 3, Page 49 in the Conveyance Records of Webster Parish, Louisiana, together with all buildings and improvements thereon.

204 Lakeview Dr. Doyline

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 14, 2022
Minden Press-Herald

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, national 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. Renee 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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December 14, 2022
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SHERIFF'S SALE

GMES LLC VS. BRIAN RICHARDSON AND ERICA S. RICHARDSON

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 80272

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

The South Half of Lot No. Sixteen (S/2 of 16), all of Lots No. Seventeen (17), Eighteen (18), and Nineteen (19), and the North Half of Lot No. Twenty (N/2 of 20). Glendale Subdivision No. 2 of the City of Minden, and being located in the Southwest Quarter of Southeast Quarter (SW/4 of SE/4), Section 14, Township 19 North, Range 9 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana, as per map and plat of said subdivision appearing of record in the Office of the Clerk of Court of Webster Parish; Louisiana, at Map Book 2, Page 86, and together with all improvements thereon and rights thereto belonging; subject to restrictions, servitudes, rights-of-way and outstanding mineral rights of record affecting the property.

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Linda Vaughan - Deputy

November 16, 2022
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF MINDEN, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN IN REGULAR SESSION HELD ON DECEMBER 5, 2022.

The Minden City Council met at City Hall, Minden, Louisiana, beginning at 5:30 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Tommy Davis, Wayne Edwards, Terika Williams-Walker, Vincen Bradford, Michael Roy, and

Pam Bloxom. Absent: None. Mayor Davis welcomed everyone to the meeting. It is noted for the record that Mayor Davis allowed both council and public comments prior to every vote. Prayer was offered by Michael Roy and Pam Bloxom led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon motion by Michael Roy and duly seconded by Pam Bloxom, the council adopted the minutes of Council Regular Session held on November 7, 2022, as presented, by the following vote: Ayes: Wayne Edwards, Michael Roy, and Pam Bloxom. Nays: Terika Williams-Walker and Vincen Bradford. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

Wayne Edwards moved to adopt a Resolution to Amend the City of Minden 2021/2022 Budget, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Michael Roy and the vote was unanimously in favor. Said resolution is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Acting City Clerk Michael Fluhr presented the Budget/Financial Report for the month of October 2022. No motion is required.

The police report for October of 2022 was unanimously accepted, as presented, by motion of Wayne Edwards and duly seconded by Vincen Bradford.

The Mayor and City Council recognized Glenbrook School's 2022-2023 Varsity Football Team. The audience was invited to a reception following the council meeting in honor of the team's accomplishments.

Announcements were heard, council comments were heard, and the meeting was adjourned.

, Mayor

ATTEST:

Michael Fluhr,
Acting City Clerk

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BEGIN AT AN EXISTING 1/2 INCH IRON PIPE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 17. LAKE-VIEW SUBDIVISION, AS PER SUBDIVISION PLAT ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN MAP BOOK 3, PAGE 35 OF THE CONVEYANCE RECORDS OF WEBSTER PARISH, LOUISIANA, AND RUN SOUTH 19 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 18

SECONDS WEST 100.05 FEET (CALL SOUTH 21 DEGREES 25 MINUTES WEST 100 FEET) ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 17 TO AN EXISTING 1/2 INCH IRON PIPE; THENCE RUN SOUTH 21 DEGREES 22 MINUTES 40 SECONDS WEST 99 FEET (CALL SOUTH 21 DEGREES 25 MINUTES WEST 100 FEET) ALONG THE WEST LINE OF LOT 16, LAKE-VIEW SUBDIVISION TO AN EXISTING 1.72 INCH IRON PIPE, THENCE RUN NORTH 68 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 13 SECONDS WEST 199.87 FEET (CALL NORTH 68 DEGREES 35 MINUTES WEST 188 FEET) TO A SET 3/4 INCH IRON ROD THENCE RUN NORTH 15 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 34 SECONDS EAST 2.80 FEET (CALL NORTH 15 DEGREES 30 MINUTES EAST) TO A SET 3/4 INCH IRON ROD; THENCE RUN NORTH 87 DEGREES 46 MINUTES 47 SECONDS WEST 196.35 FEET (CALL WEST 200 FEET) TO A POINT IN A POND; THENCE RUN SOUTH 17 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 19 SECONDS WEST 106.95 FEET (CALL SOUTH 15 DEGREES 30 MINUTES WEST) TO A POINT IN A POND; THENCE RUN NORTH 87 DEGREES 46 MINUTES 47 SECONDS WEST 196.35 FEET (CALL WEST 200 FEET) TO A POINT IN A POND; THENCE RUN NORTH 87 DEGREES 46 MINUTES 47 SECONDS EAST 586.14 FEET (CALL EAST 585.46 FEET) TO AN EXISTING CHAIN LINK FENCE CORNER POST; THENCE RUN SOUTH 70 DEGREES 18 MINUTES 58 SECONDS EAST 217.80 FEET (CALL SOUTH 71 DEGREES 07 MINUTES EAST 223 FEET) TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, AND ALSO ALL RIGHTS IN AND TO AN ADDITIONAL SERVITUDE OF PASSAGE AND RIGHT OF WAY, MORE FULLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

A 20 FOOT SERVITUDE OF PASSAGE AND RIGHT-OF-WAY AND AN ADJOINING TRIANGULAR TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (SW/4 OF NW/4), SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 18 NORTH, RANGE 9 WEST, WEBSTER PARISH, LOUISIANA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN AT AN EXISTING 1 INCH IRON PIPE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 15, LAKE-VIEW SUBDIVISION, AS PER SUBDIVISION PLAT ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN MAP BOOK 3, PAGE 35 OF THE CONVEYANCE RECORDS OF WEBSTER PARISH, LOUISIANA, SAID POINT (MATED ON THE APPARENT WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY OF HORSESHOE LOOP; THENCE RUN SOUTH 22 DEGREES 56 SECONDS WEST 20 FEET (CALL SOUTH 15 DEGREES 30 MINUTES

WEST) ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY TO A SET 314 INCH IRON ROD; THENCE RUN NORTH 67 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 55 SECONDS WEST 149.94 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 68 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 13 SECONDS WEST 197.57 FEET TO A SET 3/4 INCH IRON ROD; THENCE RUN NORTH 45 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 18 SECONDS WEST 33.40 FEET TO A SET 3/4 INCH IRON ROD; THENCE RUN SOUTH 87 DEGREES 46 MINUTES 47 SECONDS EAST 30 FEET (CALL EAST) TO A SET 3/4 INCH IRON ROD; THENCE RUN SOUTH 12 MINUTES 34 SECONDS WEST 2.80 FEET (CALL SOUTH 15 DEGREES 30 MINUTES TO A SET 3/4 INCH IRON ROD; THENCE RUN SOUTH 68 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 13 SECONDS EAST 199.87 FEET (CALL SOUTH 68 DEGREES 35 MINUTES EAST 188 FEET) TO AN EXISTING A INCH IRON PIPE AT THE NORTH WEST CORNER OF LOT 15, LAKE-VIEW SUBDIVISION; THENCE RUN SOUTH 67 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 55 SECONDS EAST 150.13 FEET (CALL SOUTH 68 DEGREES 35 MINUTES EAST 150 FEET) ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 15 OF THE POINT OF BEGINNING, ALL AS MORE FULLY SHOWN ON SURVEY BY LANDMARK LAND SURVEYING, INC. DATED SEPTEMBER 6, 2007. Together with all the improvements now or hereafter erected on the property, and all easements, appurtenances, and fixtures now or hereafter a part of the property.

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Linda Vaughan - Deputy

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING WEBSTER PARISH POLICE JURY December 6, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Bonsall, President; Nick Cox, Vice President; Steve Ramsey, Daniel Thomas, Allen Gilbert, Vera Davison, Beverly Kennon, Randy Thomas, Bruce Blanton and Ed Jordan Absent: Bernard Hudson and Steve Lemmons

PUBLIC HEARING: To hear comments concerning the proposed 2023 Budget of the Webster Parish Police Jury. There were no comments or concerns concerning the proposed 2023 Budget of the Webster Parish Police Jury.

Mr. Jim Bonsall called the meeting to order and asked Mr. Nick Cox to open the meeting with prayer. Mr. Steve Ramsey led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Bonsall then asked for additions to the agenda. There were no comments from the audience concerning the

agenda.

Mr. Randy Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Bruce Blanton to approve invoices for payment pending review by juror Randy Thomas. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Daniel Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Ed Jordan to adopt the minutes of the November 1, 2022 Road Committee, Finance Committee and Regular Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Steve Ramsey moved, seconded by Ms. Beverly Kennon to approve the Proposed 2023 Financial Budget of the Webster Parish Police Jury as presented with Budget Notes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Daniel Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Ed Jordan to approve Recreational Funding: District #3 \$640.40 LAMA Animal Rescue & Support Services

District #6 \$500.00 Dorcheat Historical Museum

District #12 \$1000.00 to purchase picnic tables at the public boat launch on Hwy 164 Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ed Jordan moved, seconded by Ms. Beverly Kennon to approve Board Appointments for the Doyline Water Works District #1 to reappoint Beth Walker to a 3-year term to expire April 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Nick Cox moved, seconded by Ms. Vera Davison to approve Board Appointments for the Webster Parish Library Board of Control to reappoint Charlotte Dean to a 5-year term to expire December 31, 2027. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ed Jordan moved, seconded by Mr. Daniel Thomas to approve Board Appointments for Webster Parish Communications District E911 to appoint Laura Perryman to replace Chris McGarity to a 2-year term to expire December 31, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Nick Cox moved, seconded by Mr. Randy Thomas to approve Board Appointments for Dixie Inn Fire Protection District #7 to reappoint Mickey Chandler to a 2-year term. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Nick Cox moved, seconded by Mr. Ed Jordan to approve Board Appointments for McIntyre Water Works District to reappoint Charles Purdy, Eddie Pitman, Barry Knotts, Rick Hammett and Betty Purdy to a 3-year term. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Vera Davison moved, seconded by Mr. Bruce Blanton to approve Appointment of Melinda Davidson as Director of the Webster Parish Police Jury Office of Community Services for the year 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Allen Gilbert moved, seconded by Mr. Ed Jordan to approve Signature Resolution 011-2022 authorizing Melinda Davidson, Director of WPPJOCS to sign documents on behalf of the organization. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMENTS: Melinda Davidson WPOCS Director Savannah Jones WP Library Serena Gray WP C.V.B (Tourism) Allen Moseley WP Coroner Col. Carl Thompson WP Assessor/Denise Edwards Lee Faulk LSU/AG Brian Williams OEP/HS Director Shelley Francis Dorcheat Historical Museum Director

Ms. Kathy Whittington, Mr. Marvin Willis and Mr. Larry Burnett addressed their concerns with the jury about a public right of way off of Grant Circle in Doyline, Louisiana. Discussion followed.

Mr. Steve Ramsey moved, seconded by Mr. Ed Jordan to approve the action taken at the Road Committee Meeting held earlier today. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Nick Cox moved, seconded by Ms. Vera Davison to approve the action taken at the Finance Committee Meeting held earlier today. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Jim Bonsall then gave Presidents' closing remarks. There being no further business to bring before the Jury, the meeting adjourned.

Lisa C. Balkom
Secretary-Treasurer

Jim Bonsall
President

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/s/ Johnny Rowland
/t/ Johnny Rowland,
Secretary Treasurer
Webster Parish
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December 6, 2022

The Sibley Town Council met in a Special Meeting on Tuesday, December 6, 2022 at 8:00 a.m. 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 Jimmy Williams opened the meeting in prayer, then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Richard Davis motioned to adopt Resolution No. 2022-20 authorizing the mayor to negotiate and purchase property located on Highway 371, Wayne Bolton seconded. Motion carried.

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

Meeting adjourned.

Jimmy Williams
Mayor

Attest

Sherry McCann
Town Clerk

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VILLAGE OF DOYLINE COUNCIL MEETING

December 5, 2022

THE COUNCIL MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN FOR DOYLINE, LOUISIANA WAS HELD AT THE DOYLINE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 5th, 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.

AN AGENDA ITEM WAS ADDED TO DECIDE WHETHER TO HIRE AN ADDITIONAL DEPUTY PER ROBBIE HAYDEN'S RECOMMENDATION. A MOTION WAS MADE CHRISTIE GATES AND SECONDED BY CARLY COLLIER TO SUPPORT THE NEW HIRE REQUEST: AYES: 3; NAYS: 0; ABSTAIN: 0.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CARLY COLLIER AND SECONDED BY CHRISTIE GATES TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 2022 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES. AYES: 3; NAYS: 0; ABSTAIN: 0.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CHRISTIE GATES AND SECONDED BY CARLY COLLIER TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 21ST, 2022 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES. AYES: 3; NAYS: 0; ABSTAIN: 0.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CARLY COLLIER TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 2022 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, SECONDED BY JAKIE DANIELS. AYES: 3; NAYS: 0; ABSTAIN: 0.

JOHNNY MONTGOMERY (ABSENT), MAINTENANCE REPORT

MIKE DUNAWAY, SEWER OPERATOR (ABSENT)

JAMES HILL, CLERK'S REPORT

ROBBY HAYDEN, POLICE CHIEF

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CARLY COLLIER TO ADJOURN THE MEETING, SECONDED BY JAKIE DANIELS. MOTION CARRIED. AYES: 3; NAYS: 0; ABSTAIN: 0.

JAMES HILL,
VILLAGE CLERK

STEVEN BRIDWELL,
MAYOR

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Sex: Male
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