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## CRIME

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Minden Press-Herald

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"I observed a silver Ford Fusion run the stop sign at Pershing and East Street," the officer reported. "The car struggled to maintain its lane and violated 32:71 (A) (left of center) and 32:79 (improper lane usage) approximately four times. After observing the driving behavior, I decided to conduct a traffic stop at East and Martin Luther King Drive.

"Upon approaching the car, I smelled the presence of marijuana emitting from the vehicle," the officer continued. "I asked the driver, Jakoren Jones, for his required driving documents, but he informed me he didn't have them. While speaking to Jones, I asked if there were any weapons or illegal substances in the car. Jones stated there was nothing present in the car and that the smell was due to him smoking [marijuana] before leaving the house."

After backup arrived, Jones was read his Miranda rights and frisked, and his vehicle was searched. At this time, Jones informed the officer that he had two ounces of natural marijuana under the driver's seat. The officers also located a set of digital scales with the residue of marijuana on them and 16 sandwich bags stored together. When they arrived at the police station, Jones informed the officer that he also had some pills on him. A small baggie with five suspected ecstasy tablets was found in his underwear.

Jones was charged with possession with intent to distribute schedule I, possession of a schedule I (ecstasy), possession of drug paraphernalia, running a stop sign, driving left of center, and improper lane usage.

## WEBSTER FIRE

### Fire Chief Williams retires after 23 Years of service

WILL PHILLIPS  
Minden Press-Herald

This past Tuesday, February 28, saw the end of yet another era in the fire service for Webster Parish. Brian Williams will be retiring after 23 years with Webster Fire District 7 in Dixie Inn, serving the last 12 years as fire chief.

"Last night was my final training night with my guys and I suited up with an SCBA air pack and used the burn building prop for the last time. Although leaving the department is bittersweet, I rejoice in the fact that I am leaving the department better than it was when I started," said Williams.

Williams was able to accomplish an immense amount during his time as fire chief, all while being fiscally savvy and saving the taxpayers money. "Fire District 7 has

been able to lower our fire insurance rating from a Class 7 to a Class 4, which saves our citizens on their homeowner's insurance. As chief, I have been able to secure grants totaling over a quarter million dollars to purchase new equipment for the fire district, at no cost to our taxpayers. I have also purchased just under a million dollars worth of new fire apparatus with the cost coming from our yearly operating budget, while significantly lowering the bond our taxpayers have been paying and will end in 2024," said Williams.

"We have two new trucks being spec'd out to purchase using our annual budget, without the need for another bond tax. I completed our new main station on Highway 80 that also serves as the voting precinct for our taxpayers and built the

training facility we have at the same location."

In regards to what projects they are leaving the department with, Williams stated, "One construction project that will start shortly, which will double the size of the fire station that protects the Pleasant Valley Community in Fire District 7."

Overall Williams is thankful for the time spent in the fire department and the people he was able to work with while there as well.

"I am grateful for the relationships I have with all of my volunteer firefighters. The community is fortunate in that the next fire chief will be named shortly, and I have faith that they will lead the department in a way that will continue the legacy of striving to have the best-trained firefighters and the most advanced equipment possible," said Williams.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Fire Chief for Fire Dist. 7 Brian Williams retired earlier this week after 23 years with the department with 12 of those being as their Fire Chief.

## CRIME

### Man arrested by WPSO for stealing shotgun and trombone

STAFF REPORT  
Minden Press-Herald

Earlier this week the Webster Parish Sheriff's Office arrested Jeffery Moore, 33, after Moore allegedly stole a shotgun

and a trombone.

"Moore entered the residence without authorization and took a Beretta shotgun and a trombone in a case," the booking report read.

Detectives later found the gun and instrument

at two different pawn shops.

"The shotgun was located at D.C. Pawn on Pawn ticket #67132 in the name of Jeffery Kyle Moore. The trombone was located at Max's Loan & Jewelry on Ben-

ton Road in Bossier City, LA and was placed on hold and seized by the BCPD detectives," the report read.

Moore was interviewed at the Webster Parish Sheriff's department where he denied steal-

ing any of the mentioned items. Moore was then transported to BDCC and booked into the jail on a warrant for the charges of simple burglary and theft of a firearm.

## WPSB

### Tanya Pesses Cole awarded WPSB Employee of the Month for February

AMBER MCDOWN  
Minden Press-Herald

Tanya Pesses Cole, a 1st grade teacher at Browning Elementary School, was bestowed the Employee of the Month award during the February Webster Parish School Board meeting.

Scott Walker of Taylor and Sons, who presented the award, read Ms. Cole's nomination letter:

"Ms. Cole is a 1st grade teacher at Browning Elementary. She wears many hats for Browning Elementary on a daily basis. Some of her responsibilities include being a mentor teacher to the teachers who are at Browning with zero to four years of experi-

ence. She is a member of the instructional leadership team, and she is a member of the district planning committee that helps the EL program.

"On top of this, she maintains a welcoming classroom that benefits the academic achievement of all of her students. Quite simply put, Browning Elementary is thankful for Ms. Cole and all she does, and we are proud to recognize her as the Webster Parish Employee of the Month."

Congratulations, Ms. Cole.

The next school board meeting will be held at the school board office on March 13, 2023, at 6 p.m. The public is welcome to attend.



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# WEBSTER & MORE

SHOOTING SPORTS

## Glenbrook student takes 1st place in 4-H Shoot 4 Youth Sporting Clays Fundraiser youth division



COURTESY PHOTO

Saturday February 4th saw the seventh annual 4-H Shoot 4 Youth Sporting Clays Fundraiser at Los Palomas Sporting Range and Event Center in Benton, Louisiana. The event hosted 287 shooters from 15 parishes, including 108 adults, 133 youth, and 46 participating in the beginner course. Between the main event and raffle tickets sold through our local 4-H office Webster Parish raised over \$8,700.00, and over \$112,000.00 was raised for the surrounding 15 parishes! Glenbrook eighth grader Franklin Bridwell took 1st place as top shooter in the youth division (13 y/o and under ) with a score of 83/100, with second place going to Brent Danzy from Red River Parish coming in 2nd with an impressive score of 79/100.

Hunter Singleton from Lincoln Parish took 1st place in the senior division (14y/o and up) with a stunning score of 94/100, with 2nd place going to Dalton Shahan from DeSoto Parish with an impressive score of 88/100 and a long streak of 26 straight (Dalton Shahan, Elijah Bray from Claiborne Parish, and Luke Maestrini from Lincoln Parish all shot a score of 88/100).

Jonah Finley of Ouachita Parish took 1st place in the adult division with a score of 96/100, Thomas Singleton of Lincoln Parish and Wilbur Harrison of Ouachita each shot a score of 95/100.

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## OBITUARIES



### James David Cochran

September 29, 1957 - February 18, 2023

James David Cochran, born September 29, 1957 in Modesto CA, passed from this life and went to be with his Lord and Savior on February 18, 2023, in Texarkana TX. He was 65 years old and a resident of Magnolia AR.

James is preceded in death by parents Terrell Henry Cochran and Hazel Lura (Acklin) Cochran; and brothers Clyde Cochran and Jessie Cochran. He is survived by his daughters Kisha Chambers and husband Brian of New Jersey, and Jenny Modisette of Springhill LA; sisters Peggy Waters of Cache OK, Deborah Hendrix

of PA, and Trixie Petty and husband Curt of Hooks TX; grandchildren Elizabeth Chambers, David Chambers, Rachel Chambers, and Aubri Bonner; and beloved dog and best friend, Oscar.

In his free time, James enjoyed reading his Bible multiple times a day and holding Bible Studies with his friends from Magnolia Central Baptist. He was a devout Christian and was secured in his salvation. He is remembered as a reserved man, yet humorous. The center of his world was his beloved dog, Oscar. James loved Oscar like a child, and often referred to him as his son. They were thick as thieves. Wherever one was, the other was never far behind.

A visitation for family and friends will be held at Everett Baptist Church, in Hooks TX, on Thursday, February 23, 2023, from 10:00am-11:00am. A funeral service will follow immediately beginning at 11:00am. Burial will be held at Everett Baptist Church Cemetery upon conclusion of the service.

## BLOTTER

### Recent Arrests in Webster Parish

Kentravian Washington, 24, of the 600 block of Marion Street, was arrested for failure to register vehicle, possession of a stolen firearm.

Dequincy Jones, 34, of the 700 block of Hillside Lane, was arrested on a warrant.

Courtney Brooks, 35, of the 1500 block of Fuller Road, was arrested for disturbing the peace through public intoxication.

Willie Watts, 54, of the 300 block of Oil Mill City, was arrested on multiple warrants.

Dawn Adams, 28, of the 500 block of Fincher Road, was arrested on a warrant.

Todd Anthony, 44, of the 100 block of Loop Road, was arrested on a bench warrant.

Jayden Trutter, 19, of the 900 block of Louisiana Avenue, was arrested for simple criminal damage to property.

Jakarrion Kemp, 22, of the 100 block of Fort Street, was

arrested for driving while intoxicated first offense, and possession of marijuana under 14 grams.

Nycholas Williams, 21, of the 800 block of Warren Street, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

Corey Ray, 51, of the 200 block of Horseshoe Loop, was arrested for shoplifting.

Jadarius Gillins, 26, of the 200 block of Abney Street, was arrested for possession of a schedule I substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, and driving with an open container.

Lucas McDonald, 32, of the 700 block of Goodwill Street, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

Aaron Hickingbottom, of the 100 block of White Trail, was arrested for driving under suspension.

Ronny Dunn, 45, of the 4600 block of Dorcheat Road, was arrested on a warrant.

Bobby Allen, 61, of the 5500 block of Highway 2, was arrested for theft.

Todd Butler, 45, of the 600 block of Doc Steed Road, was arrested on multiple warrants.

## GARDENING

# “Birds, Bees, & Bolls” has great turnout

AMBER MCDOWN  
Minden Press-Herald

On Saturday, the Piney Hills Louisiana Master Gardeners celebrated their 18th Annual Buds and Blooms event, titled “Birds, Bees, & Bolls,” at the First United Methodist Church with three presenters speaking to a large and interested crowd.

The first presenters were Tony and Carol Mullins of Sarepta Brown Cotton. Mullins spoke about the different types of cottons including the Acadian brown cotton that he specializes in. Tony Mullins told the story about how he got started after retiring from teaching. Their business has grown from a small growing plot to shipping seeds, yarn, fabric, and finished products all over the world.

“This was in the fifth year,” Mullins said. “We’ve grown from 307 plants to making things and selling them all over the place. We’ve sold things

to Bulgaria, Sweden, Holland. People are growing our brown cotton in Chile. LSU is now using it in their art department to make paper, using our brown cotton to make paper. And they’re going to start selling it next year.”

Mullins even designed a line of boxer shorts, Pa Clem’s, that he named after his grandfather.

Most recently, the Mullins have had the bulk of their cotton grown for them, keeping a small plot on their property for fun and educational purposes. For more information, check out their Facebook page titled Sarepta Brown Cotton.

The next presenter was Billy Hummer of Hummer & Son. Hummer got his start in honey production during a 4-H project when he was in the fifth grade. He got his first set of bees through Sears and Roebuck. Unfortunately, they died after the postal carrier left them in the mailbox. His second

batch survived, but deserted the hive the next day. Hummer and his dad didn’t let this stop them.

“My father was retiring about that time,” said Hummer, “and my mother didn’t want him sitting on the couch anymore, so he took over my project while I was in school. We grew it to a commercial operation.”

Hummer spoke about types of honey, bees in general, and raising bees from both a hobbyist and professional standpoint. For more information about Hummer & Son, see their website HummerAndSonHoney.com.

The final presenter was Terri Jacobson, a biologist and ranger for Red River National Wildlife Refuge. She talked about ways to attract birds and other wildlife to your property, no matter how small a space you have. The key is to remember that all creatures need food, water, shelter, and living space in all four seasons.

“You want to plant for the four seasons,” said Jacobson. “That’s really important. Focus on native plants. They do well naturally, and the animals are familiar with them as food sources. Just keep adding through the years. This is not something that you have to have done overnight. Every year reevaluate to see what the birds might still need that you can provide.”

To see more about what the Red River National Wildlife Refuge is doing, check out their website <https://www.fws.gov/refuge/red-river>.

The Louisiana Master Gardener program educates and recruits volunteers to help spread the joy of gardening. This program is provided through the LSU AgCenter. Their next class is scheduled to begin in June. For more information, contact John Monzingo at (318)371-1371 or (318)927-3110.

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**John F. Kennedy**  
John F. Kennedy of Brookline, Massachusetts. Services were held at Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle, 1725 Rhode Island Avenue NW, Washington DC on November 25, 1963 at 11:00 a.m. Interment was at Arlington Memorial Cemetery.

**Richard Belzer**  
Richard Belzer, the longtime stand-up comedian who became one of TV's most indelible detectives as John Munch in "Homicide: Life on the Street" and "Law & Order: SVU," has died. He was 76. Belzer died Sunday at his home in Beantown-sur-Mer, in southern France. There was no known cause of death, but Belzer had been dealing with circulatory and respiratory issues. The actor Henry Winkler, Belzer's cousin, tweeted, "Rest in peace Richard Belzer is survived by his third wife, the actress Harlee McBride, whom he married in 1986. For the past 20 years, they lived mostly in France."

where she was seen for the first time as a platinum blonde, a look that became her trademark. Over the next decade she made several classic movies, including "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes," "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying," and "The Seven Year Itch," and became an unmatched sex symbol and superstar. In 1953, Marilyn married American baseball legend Joe DiMaggio. The union lasted only eight months. In "The Strip," a 1956, Marilyn finally played a role that she could play in a straight dramatic role. It was also the same year for married playwright, Arthur Miller. After a year off in 1958, Marilyn returned to the screen the next year for the delightful comedy, "Some Like It Hot." This was to be Marilyn's only film for the year. Her last film, "The Starlet," (1959) was popular with critics and the public alike.

**Abraham Lincoln**  
Abraham Lincoln was born February 12, 1809, in Hardin County, Kentucky. He was the son of Thomas Lincoln and Nancy Lincoln. Abraham grew up with his brother Thomas Lincoln, Jr. and his sister Sarah Lincoln Grigsby. Abraham spent his early years on a family farm in southern Indiana. Lincoln worked as a boatman, a surveyor, a surveyor, militia soldier, and even a legislator. He was elected to the Illinois legislature in 1834. He had four sons: a son, a surveyor, a surveyor, and a surveyor. He was elected to the Illinois legislature in 1834. He had four sons: a son, a surveyor, a surveyor, and a surveyor. He was elected to the Illinois legislature in 1834. He had four sons: a son, a surveyor, a surveyor, and a surveyor.

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OPINION

## Freedom of Speech: Can elected officials ban people from their social media?

A legal issue has arisen that deserves attention.

For better or worse, social media is now a permanent part of American life, if not the world over. It is largely the medium by which we as a nation and world communicate.

Whether we speak of Truth Social, Facebook, Twitter, or any of the hundreds of other platforms, social media has become what the 1st Amendment would deem a modern-day "public square." It's where millions of Americans go daily and hourly to exchange ideas, conduct public discussions and engage in political dialogue.

Well, elected officials also use social media as a direct and convenient method to communicate with constituents about public policy issues, votes and other matters involving that public official's representation of his or her constituents.

However, due to the public official's status as an elected official, the official's use of an otherwise private social media account may not be private after all.

How so? Well, as ordinary citizens we have the power and ability to create and manage our own social media accounts as we wish. Our account is our own individual, private account and we can either choose to allow or disallow people from participating—or debating—on it.

For example, if we are on Facebook and make the point that the federal government's comparative treatment of the events of Jan 6th and the Summer of 2020 riots was not fair and evenhanded, some individual (s) may disagree and/or begin to attack us for our views. Well, if it becomes too much, we can simply block that individual.

However, a public official likely won't be able to do the same to an even harsh or aggressive dissenting view. (A threat to a public official would be treated differently, likely receiving attention from law enforcement).

Why is that? Why would an otherwise individual, private social media account of an elected official be treated differently than a typical individual's account?

Because, given that the elected official has used their social media account to reach constituents regarding numerous matters and issues, courts are now deciding that the free speech requirements of the 1st Amendment have attached and

dissenting views can no more be silenced or blocked on the official's social media account than could a dissenting view be silenced in a traditional public square like a public park, town hall, or county/parish fair.

We have a local example of this very thing:

LA. State Senator, Katrina Jackson, a black, female, strongly pro-life but otherwise liberal Democrat from Monroe, Louisiana. Sen. Jackson has a Twitter account that she uses to communicate with her constituents. Over time, a small minority of individuals have attacked her in a manner that is harsh, derogatory, and at times profane, regarding her votes on and support for certain issues.

One example involves Sen. Jackson's heroic support for unborn babies and her legislative efforts on their behalf. Especially galling to her critics is Sen. Jackson's defense of African American women and their unborn babies. "African American babies are being aborted at alarming numbers" when compared to the abortion rate in the white population, which she considers to be a "modern-day genocide."

Well, she's now being sued over her decision to block a critic from her Twitter account. The lawsuit alleges that it violates the blocked individual's 1st Amendment right to free speech. Sen. Jackson re-

sponded by characterizing the blocked speech as hate speech that shouldn't enjoy First Amendment protection.

Well, the law often takes time to catch up with technological advancement, but we are beginning to see courts treat as subject to 1st Amendment scrutiny the social media accounts of public officials who use their social media account to carry out their role as an elected official. Courts are holding that a public official cannot engage in what amounts to censorship by blocking someone or deleting someone's comments just because of that individual's viewpoint or opinion.

What are some of the factors a court could consider in this regard?

Does the social media account identify the elected official as a government official; are official policy, legislative statements made/posted on the account; does the official seek to communicate directly with voters, or encourage public debate of issues, or provide information about available government services?

No elected official is required to engage in social media but if they do, a court may not allow the official to ban individuals—particularly constituents—or their views from their account.

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INSPIRATION

## If we aren't thankful what else is there?

If we aren't thankful for what we possess what else is there? What good does it do to have the best of everything if we are discontented?

Having being diagnosed with post traumatic stress disorder, along with my sister Alice, due to having grown up in an orphanage, perhaps we are a little more grateful than some of our peers.

Maybe it takes emotional storms, of having the rugs jerked out from under our feet, to truly understand the trauma of hurting. Having stood on the edge of homelessness as a child and an adult, God has always stepped out of the woodwork to help me!

The older I get the more grateful I am for all that I possess!

If we have friends and family, a roof over our head, enough to eat and some left over, clothes to wear to keep out the cold and a few pieces to bolster our self-esteem, we are blessed beyond mea-

sure!

It's not how much we possess but what possesses us! "Things can end up owning us" rather than being things that we own!

Years ago most of our ancestors had plenty to eat as they prepared for the winter by preserving food and chopping fire wood. The father made sure his family was fed and kept warm during the winter. Survival wasn't easy as some parents plowed behind mules just to keep us fed.

Older people often reminisce how they seemed to have more time to enjoy the family, often spending time on the front porch talking to neighbors rather than watching television.

Today it seems that we are too busy struggling just to stay ahead of the "Jones," to have lost the essence of happiness, the quality of life that is embellished in The Little House On The Prairie.

But how do we go back once we've crossed the picket line? How do we reset our values? How do we restore the family to its rightful place?

"Sometimes less is more." The more we get ahead we are often more emotionally starved than our ancestors were in the days of long ago. Here I am telling one of my stories, which rings home to me.

I sense that the family has gone down the tube with all of the modern devices and social media, not to mention the fast food places where even the teenagers grab their meals rather than sitting around the dinner table.

Someone told me "you can't schedule quality time. It has to just happen sponta-

neously."

I am curious about all of the reality shows that are on television today including Duck Dynasty, Nineteen Kids and Counting and The Alaskan Bush People.

I believe that our nation is hungering for a return to the olden days, to God and family. We innately believe that God is real and that this life is not forever. We are just "sojourners" on this earth.

With all of this said I continue to be so grateful for friends and family who have supported me, who have been placed in my life to protect me from disaster.

God has always pulled me through the tight places in my life. I know that He always will because Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever and He always gets me to the right place at the right time.

For this I am thankful all year!

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OPINION

## The ups, downs, and memories involved in a move

Let's face it, moving takes a great deal of work, time and effort. Moving is tough stuff. Since last July, I have been working on remodeling my home and preparing to move. It has been a slow process, but we closed on the property sale last week. So, we are done. It is a great feeling in so many ways.

Even so, I can not help but to be just a bit emotional over it all. I had owned that particular property for over 33 years. It held lots of great memories for me from years past. However, it is time to start a new chapter. I know that so many of you have been through this process many times. So, take a few minutes to remember the past places where you have lived. Think about the pleasant memories and what it felt like when you moved away.

Over the span of my life, I have been very fortunate in that I have only had to move four times. I

We moved from Minden to Shreveport when I was three. Of course, I don't remember much about that. We moved from North

Shreveport to South Shreveport (just outside of the city limits) when I was nine. And, we moved back into the Shreveport city limits when I was 21. Finally, I moved away from home and bought my own home (which is the home I just sold) when I was 27. Considering my age, that is an average of moving about every 15 years, if my math is correct.



**RANDY BROWN**

Though moving is tough, it can also be fun. I had a great time remodeling my home. It was fun and moving was in fact fun. And, in moving, I found so many interesting things. Things from the my past all the way back to kindergarten. And, things that I didn't even remember having and things

that I didn't even know that I had or had totally forgotten about. I found some real treasures. Not long after the moving process began, I came to realize that possessions that sometimes hold little or no value to others can be priceless to us.

As such, I found so many treasured family photos, etc. that hold such great memories and meaning for me. Admittedly, I am a "pack rat." I save almost everything. However, during my my recent move, my "pack rat" tendencies really surfaced when it came time to clean out my attic. Being a "pack rat" can be a pain in so many ways, but I found so many valuable and priceless treasures. I found several school yearbooks ranging from fifth grade through my college years. I found my paper mache "Snoopy" from my 7th grade art class. And, I also found my CO2 wooden car from Industrial Arts class in the 7th grade. Since it was 1976, the wooden car had a patriotic red, white and blue American flag type of paint job which took me forever

to finish. Surprisingly, the paint job on the wooden car still looks good and the CO2 cartridge is still in the back.

Additionally, I found a classic Underwood typewriter from when my parents first went into business in the 1960's (the typewriter is actually much older than that). And, I still have the 1956 classic coke machine from my parents first went into business. And, it still works. I also discovered an Atari video game console from the 1970's (it had never been out of the box). My Dad was a wholesale distributor for such items back in the 1970's and 1980's. And, that particular discovery led to a nice and very profitable sale of the video game console on e-Bay. For sure, we never know what valuable (and sometimes even profitable) treasures will be hiding in the most unexpected places.

I can not hide the fact that I am a horrible mover. I am slow at getting it done. And, I take a ton of time going through everything. And, if

newspapers were used for packing, watch out because absolutely I can not resist sitting down somewhere to look through the pages.

For example, my recent attic cleaning expedition led me to discovering a Shreveport Times from 1972 where an ad listed a brand new Lincoln Mark II for just \$4,995. Really? That seems totally unimaginable these days, huh?

Do I plan to move again any time soon? Hopefully not. Maybe never again. It is soon going to be time to begin the process of clearing out and selling my parents' home. That is going to be tough for all of the reasons mentioned above. And, it will also very sad for me. Again, I know that so many of you have been through this same process. However, I can not help but wonder about the hidden treasures and memories that are waiting there? I can hardly wait to find out.

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## HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL



Jamaria Clark scored 48 points in Doyline's 66-50 victory over Negreet in the first round of the non-select Division V playoffs last week..

# Clark scores 48 points in Doyline's first-round win

**RUSSELL HEDGES**  
Minden Press-Herald

Jamaria "Juicy" Clark scored 48 points to lead the Doyline Panthers to a 66-50 victory over Negreet in the first round of the non-select Division V playoffs last week in the James Roach Gymnasium.

Doyline (26-3), the No. 6 seed, was scheduled to play No. 11 Ebarb (22-13) in the second round Tuesday. The Rebels defeated No. 22 Kilbourne 66-62 in the first round.

Negreet closed its season 11-17.

The Panthers had trouble putting away the Indians.

Doyline led 13-11 after a quarter and 29-27 at the half. Clark, who was double-teamed through much of the game, scored seven in the first quarter. He hit three 3-pointers in the second quarter and finished the half with 20 points.

Clark scored 13 in the

third as the Panthers began to pull away. He drove the lane for layups and also drew fouls.

The Panthers extended the lead to 12 late in the third, but Blaine Uleman hit a 3-pointer with 5 seconds left and Doyline took a 47-38 lead into the fourth.

The Indians cut the lead to seven on a steal and a layup early in the fourth. But the Panthers answered with a 7-0 run and were never threatened after that.

Broox Swain scored six points. He and fellow post player Noah Spears had some tough battles for rebounds with Negreet's post players. But they altered several shots and mostly limited the Indians to one shot as the Panthers built the lead.

Clark, who is the nation's fourth-leading scorer according to MaxPreps, capped his night with 15 fourth-quarter points. He finished with five 3-pointers.



Broox Swain plays defense during Doyline's victory over Negreet in the first round of the non-select Division V playoffs last week.

**RUSSELL HEDGES/PRESS-HERALD**

Doyline Head Coach Michael Normand talks to his team during a timeout in last Friday's non-select Division V first-round playoff game at Doyline. The Panthers won 66-50. They were scheduled to play Ebarb in the second round Tuesday at home.



## HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

# All five parish teams notch wins

**RUSSELL HEDGES**  
Minden Press-Herald

All five parish teams won at least one game last week.

Minden came close to going 3-0. The Lady Tiders led Houghton 5-4, after six innings, but the Lady Bucs scored twice in the bottom of the seventh to win it.

Minden rebounded with a doubleheader sweep of Saline by scores of 21-1.

Leigha K-Gilbert, Kylie Ryan and Jacey Adam continued their strong starts.

Gilbert went 3-for-3 against Houghton. Ryan had two hits, including a home run. She also allowed only one earned run in 6 2/3 innings and struck out five.

Gilbert was batting .700 and Ryan .667 entering this week.

Adam's had two hits, including a double. She had eight doubles on the season entering this week.

Gilbert had six hits in the two games against Saline. Kylie Ryan and Lindsay Ryan had four.

Lakeside went 2-1, defeating Weston 16-0 and Castor 21-9 and falling to Stanley 13-3.

Laiklyn Squyres had three hits against Weston and Mackenzie McCoy had two. McKenna Chreene pitched a four-inning one-hitter. She also went 4-for-4 with five RBI against Castor.

North Webster went 1-2, defeating Doyline 21-7

and losing to Loyola 24-14 and Captain Shreve 10-0.

Anna Ray went 4-for-5 against Doyline. Paige Timmons, Aniyah Davis, Savannah Cooper and Kierianne Allen all had three. Carlie Campbell got the win.

Cooper went 3-for-4 with a triple, double and four RBI against Loyola. Davis hit a home run.

Glenbrook opened its season with a 14-2 loss to Quitman. The Apaches then went 1-2 in the Sterlington tournament, defeating Calvin 6-1 and falling to Mangham and Beekman Charter both by scores of 11-10.

Hallie Harmon, Ellie Earnhardt and Hadley Haynes all had two hits against Calvin.

Rebecca Mosley scattered six hits and struck out four.

Gabi Brown had three hits, including a home run and double, against Mangham. Colby Hollis had two. Vivian Still hit a home run.

The Lady Apaches led Beekman 9-5 going into the bottom of the seventh, but Beekman scored six to pull out the win.

Still had three hits, including a home run and double. Sarah Margaret Mosley had three hits and three RBI.

Doyline went 1-1, defeating Plain Dealing 18-0 and falling to North Webster.

Keily Sumlin hit two home runs against North Webster.

## HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

# Glenbrook, Minden, North Webster get three wins in Week 1

**RUSSELL HEDGES**  
Minden Press-Herald

Four of the parish's five teams picked up victories as the season got underway last week.

Glenbrook went 3-1. The Apaches opened the season with a 5-2 road victory over Captain Shreve in nine innings.

Then they went 2-1 in the Sulphur tournament, defeating Beaumont, Texas, Kelly Catholic 5-4 and Neville 17-4 and falling to perennial Class 5A power Barbe 11-1.

Glenbrook scored two in the top of the seventh to send the Shreve game into extra innings tied at two. They won it with three runs in the ninth.

Starter Tony Haulmark allowed two hits in four innings. Easton Sanders got the win in relief, allowing two hits and striking out eight while walking none in four innings.

Maddox Mandino had a clutch triple and also got the save.

Starting pitcher Turner McLelland had two hits, including a triple, against Kelly. He struck out five and allowed two hits in four innings.

Mandino pitched two innings in relief for the win. He also got two hits.

Haulmark had three hits against Neville. McLelland had four RBI.

Jackson Waller had a triple and three RBI. Seth Mangrum struck out four in two innings of relief and got the win.

Sanders had a double against Barbe.

Minden went 3-1 under new head coach Cody Davis. The Tide edged North Webster 14-13 in eight in their opener. They went 2-1 in the North DeSoto tournament, defeating Ouachita Christian 2-1 and Marshall, Texas, 3-0 and losing to Natchitoches Central 13-3.

Minden tied the North Webster game at 13 with a run in the bottom of the seventh then won it with one in the eighth.

Jakobe Jackson had three hits, including a triple and double. Elliott

Sheppard had three hits and five RBI. Landon Brewer also had three hits.

Zander Rowell pitched a complete game against Ouachita Christian.

Brody Bower pitched a one-hitter against Marshall. He struck out eight and walked three. He also had a two-run home run in the first.

Brandon Winston had three hits against Natchitoches Central and Bower had two.

North Webster went 3-1. After losing to Minden, the Knights swept a three-game series against North Caddo, 8-6, 11-7 and 6-4.

Collin McKenzie and Cooper Sanders had three hits each against Minden. Sanders had two doubles.

McKenzie had two doubles in the first game against North Caddo. Starter Kyle Dinkins struck out seven in five innings. Sanders got the win, allowing two hits in four innings of relief.

Nathan Bernard went 3-for-3 in the second game. Dinkins and McKenzie had two hits each. Sawyer Wages got the win in relief. He allowed two hits in 3 1/3 innings.

Lakeside went 1-2. The Knights opened with a 21-1 victory over Union Christian. They went 0-2 in the North DeSoto tournament, falling to Converse 4-1 and Many 3-0.

Eli Musgraves, Jordan Isbell, Jon Jon Dick and Cooper Chase had two hits apiece against Union Parish. Chase had two doubles and also got the win.

Bradley Dick had two hits against Converse. He also had a solid outing on the mound against Many, allowing four hits and striking out four.

Doyline lost to Northwood 12-2 in its only game. Noah Spears had a double.

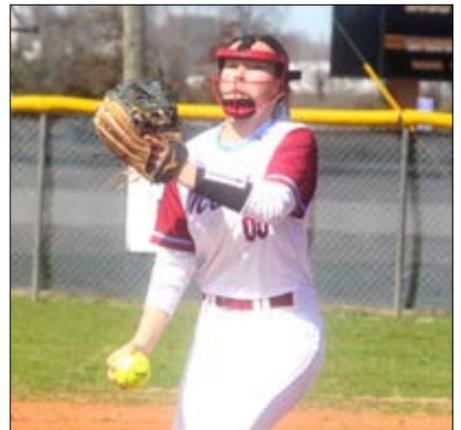
The Minden tournament begins Thursday.

Lakeside and Doyline are among the teams competing.

Glenbrook is scheduled to play in the Ouachita Christian tournament.

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**Kylie Ryan**  
Minden High School

In the first two weeks of the softball season, the junior pitcher is batting .667 (12-of-18) with three doubles, two triples, two home runs and eight RBI. She has 36 strikeouts in 30 innings pitched.

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

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## HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL

## Doyline vs. Negreet first-round playoffs



RUSSELL HEDGES/PRESS-HERALD  
Jamaria Clark goes in for a layup during Doyline's victory last week.



RUSSELL HEDGES/PRESS-HERALD  
Doyline's Noah Spears goes high to block a shot.



RUSSELL HEDGES/PRESS-HERALD  
Doyline's Broox Swain grabs a rebound.



RUSSELL HEDGES/PRESS-HERALD  
Doyline's Jamaria Clark watches where the ball is going on the defensive end.

## PRO FOOTBALL

## Sneed's Super Bowl hit gets NFL Network's Way to Play award

**RUSSELL HEDGES**  
Minden Press-Herald

Former Minden star L'Jarius Sneed has been recognized as the NFL Way To Play recipient for Super Bowl LVII.

The play was recognized on the NFL Network's "Good Morning

Football" on Feb. 16. The play showed the Kansas City Chiefs cornerback making a hit on Philadelphia running back Miles Sanders resulting in an incomplete pass.

Per NFL football operations: "The 2022 season marks the fifth year of the NFL Way to Play Awards

(fueled by Gatorade), which was created in conjunction with NFL Legends to promote proper playing technique across all levels of football. Through this initiative, one player is honored each week during the regular season and the playoffs for displaying exemplary football technique."

A \$5,000 grant will be issued to a youth/high school football of Sneed's choice.

Kansas City defeated Philadelphia 38-35 in the Super Bowl.

A parade and celebration honoring Sneed is set for Saturday.

## HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SOCCER

## Minden's Jackson named District 1-II Defensive MVP

**RUSSELL HEDGES**  
Minden Press-Herald

Minden junior Elyse Jackson has been named the Defensive MVP on the All-District 1, Division II soccer team selected by the district's coaches.

Junior Cameron Smith was named to the first team.

Piper West, Kaydree Kemp and Madison Kirby were named honorable mention.

Minden went 2-3-1 in district play and made the playoffs.

## All-District 1-II team

Note: The All-District 1, Division II team was selected by the district's coaches.

## SECOND TEAM

**OVERALL MVP** — Aubri Dupre, Parkway, Sr.  
**CO-OFFENSIVE MVPs** — Isabella Baltov, Caddo Magnet, Fr.; Audrey Jordan, Caddo Magnet, Jr.  
**DEFENSIVE MVP** — Elyse Jackson, Minden, Jr.  
**CO-FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR** — Isabella Baltov, Caddo Magnet; Emma Albarado, Parkway  
**CO-COACH OF THE YEAR** — Nick Flowers, Caddo Magnet; Shelley McMillian, Parkway

## FIRST TEAM

Goalkeeper — Addison Tipton, Caddo Magnet, Jr.  
Defender — Kami Baye, Caddo Magnet, Sr.  
Defender — Chaselyn Grant, Caddo Magnet, Jr.  
Defender — Maddie Savoie, Caddo Magnet, Sr.  
Midfielder — Jasmine Myers, Caddo Magnet, Sr.  
Midfielder — Caroline Willemson, Caddo Magnet, Sr.  
Midfielder — Isabel Bright, Parkway, Jr.  
Midfielder — Marie Smith, Parkway, Sr.  
Midfielder — Maddi Pender, North DeSoto, Sr.  
Forward — Cameron Smith, Minden, Jr.  
Forward — Merritt Hughes, Caddo Magnet, Sr.  
Forward — Cameron Dunn, Parkway, Sr.

Goalkeeper — Katie Gibson, North DeSoto, So.  
Defender — Lainey Howell, Caddo Magnet, Jr.  
Defender — Gabriella Baidera, Caddo Magnet, Jr.  
Defender — Kennedi Lee, Parkway, So.  
Defender — Sierra Leins, Parkway, Sr.  
Midfielder — Anna Grace Chaney, Caddo Magnet, Sr.  
Midfielder — Emilie Morton, Parkway, Jr.  
Midfielder — Anna Hobart, Natchitoches Central, So.  
Midfielder — Alexa Yurochko, Caddo Magnet, So.  
Forward — Ava Fatheree, Natchitoches Central, Jr.  
Forward — Chloe Phillips, North DeSoto, So.  
Forward — Hailey Evans, Huntington, So.

## HONORABLE MENTION

Caddo Magnet — Gaffney Nelson, Avery Strickland  
Huntington — Selena Ainsworth  
Minden — Piper West, Kaydree Kemp, Madison Kirby  
Natchitoches Central — Chloe Hudson, Linda Ransfer, Lila Robertson, Eden Rodriguez, Victoria Wiggins  
Northwood — Shylah Frake  
North DeSoto — Ella Cosby, Kylee Cosby, Rhyann Floyd  
Parkway — Dream George, Aubrey Wallace, Hallie Worthy

## OUTDOORS

## Bamboozled by a grebe

GLYNN HARRIS

The pied-billed grebe is a rather nondescript water bird most of us have never heard of. However, when you mention "di-dipper", heads nod in recognition. They're one and the same. Just about every country boy who spent anytime around a lake while growing up has encountered these shy little critters that are there on the surface one minute; gone the next.

I see the little brown birds frequently on the surface of the lake at Lincoln Parish Park and they only let you see them for a short while. Try to get closer and they dive, popping up a few seconds later 10 feet from where they dived.

According to George Lowery's "Louisiana Birds", the most remarkable feature of these birds is their ability to submerge instantaneously, thus their French name of sac-a-plomb, which means "sack of lead".

Lowery also noted that it is virtually impossible to shoot a grebe because "at the flash from the muzzle, the bird submerges and is gone before the pellets arrive." With all due respect, George, I beg to differ. Read on....

My first encounter with a grebe was down on Chee Chee Bay in Natchitoches Parish. I was in my early teens when I went to spend the night with a friend from school with the idea of going duck hunting the next morning. My friend, Arthur, lived near the lake, which made it convenient for us to be at the lakeside at first light, hoping to get some pass-shooting at a duck or two.

Arthur went one way; I went another as I waited in the cold dampness for a crack at a duck. While hun-



The little water bird, pied billed grebe, can sometimes be mistaken for a duck.

tering down behind some button willows next to the shoreline,

I waited for what seemed an hour without a single duck flying my way. Then I spotted something moving on the water just up the lake from where I was. In my mind's eye, it was a duck.

I formulated a plan to outsmart that duck and at least have something to show for my efforts that morning. By using the row of button willows as a shield, I belly-crawled through the cold mud for 100 yards until I had sneaked within shotgun range of the little brown "duck".

When I'd gotten close enough, I eased to one knee, raised my gun, took aim, and fired. The "duck" rolled over, dead as a.... well, you know. Then I en-

countered a problem. The wind was blowing out and my prize was floating away toward the big lake.

Luck was on my side, though, because I spotted an old wooden boat somebody had beached just up from where I was. There was no paddle in the boat but I found a plank nearby that would serve as my paddle.

The boat was made of wood, it was big and very heavy. It took all the strength I could muster but I finally pushed and pulled; grunted and strained until I had the boat in the water.

As you might expect, a boat such as this would never have been abandoned if it were still seaworthy. It leaked; not too bad but enough that I figured I had to paddle fast to reach my duck and then get back to shore before it

sank.

Flailing the water with the one-by-six plank, I was finally able to catch up with my "duck". It was not until I had lifted it from the water that I realized my mistake. It was no duck; it was a di-dipper.

I had little time to browbeat myself because the boat was sinking. I had to fight the wind and paddle with all my might to get the boat back to shore. I just barely made it before the creaky old craft filled with water. I left it in the shallows and walked ashore, wet and muddy, with my di-dipper.

For the uninformed, the pied-billed grebe is described as a "ducklike water bird closely related to LOONS."

After this hunt, I felt I may have been that grebe's cousin.

## Fishing Report

**BLACK BAYOU** — Crappie are improving around the trees on jigs or shiners. Bass are improved around the trees on a variety of lures. No report bream. Contact Honey Hole Tackle Shop 323-8707 for latest information.

**BUSSEY BRAKE** — Some nice bass including a new lake record of over 13 pounds have been caught this week on jigs and soft plastics. Crappie are fair to good on jigs and shiners around brush. For latest information, contact the Honey Hole at 323-8707.

**OUACHITA RIVER** — The water is on a slow fall but very little fishing reported this week. For latest information, contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

**LAKE D'ARBONNE** — Crappie are on the move with some early spawners starting to move onto staging areas in 6-8 foot water. Some nice ones are being caught on shiners or jigs. Bass are beginning to move up as well and some good fish have been caught fairly shallow on spinners, crank baits and topwater lures. Bream are not yet ready but lots of catfish were caught fishing cold worms and night crawlers off the banks. For latest information, call Anderson Sport Center at 368-9669 or Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

**LAKE POVERTY POINT** — Catfishing is good. Crappie fishing is improving on jigs and shiners as the fish begin to move more shallow. A 2.16 pound slab was weighed in. Bass are starting to improve on soft plastics. No report on bream. For latest reports, call Poverty Point Marina at 318/878-0101.

**LAKE YUCATAN** — The water is on a slow rise but there has been very little fishing this week because of high winds. For information, call Surplus City Landing at 318/467-2259.

**LAKE CLAIBORNE** — Bass are starting to move toward the shallow spawning areas with some nice fish caught on soft

plastics, topwater lures and crank baits. Crappie are still best fishing deep water with jigs and shiners picking up some fish. Catfishing is good on a variety of baits. No report on bream or stripers. For latest information, call Kel's Cove at 927-2264 or Terzia Tackle at 278-4498.

**CANEY LAKE** — Caney Lake Landing has been renovated with a new name and is now open for business at the bridge on Highway 4. Bass are beginning to move into the coves and pockets and are hitting soft plastics, jigs and crank baits. Carolina rigs are picking up some nice bass fishing underwater humps and drop-offs. Crappie still in deep water around brush and hitting shiners or jigs. No report on bream or catfish.. For information contact Hooks Marina at 249-2347, Terzia Tackle at 278-4498 or the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

# Good News

GOOD NEWS

## LIVING IN AN UPSIDE-DOWN WORLD

Don't you feel sometimes that 'our world is turned upside-down?' I do. Nothing seems to fit like it should. The round pegs just won't fit into the square holes of life. The gravy and biscuits don't come out evenly matched. "Gimme one more biscuit or another spoonful of gravy!" We hate when we ought to be loving. We quarrel when we ought to be friendly; fight when we should be peaceful. We steal when we ought to be sharing. We are bent to do wrong when we ought to be doing right. We see these violations in the daily news. What a meltdown in this secular cultural struggle!

Sinful people should be coming closer to Christ, seeking His righteousness, but instead, the world is spinning farther away - out of control it seems. And the crowd screams with joy as life's roller-coaster picks up speed. The world is becoming more secular each year. The ancient boundary marks are being moved one at a time; some are even moving truth out of the absolute list over to the 'relative side.' "Whatever fits your fancy,

do it!" God must be very saddened at some of the things being allowed today. But, God has been expelled from our schools, court rooms, and city halls. The truths of the Bible are being defined in modern vernacular. Son 'truth' as we knew it will no longer exist. And this is 'living the good life,' some say. Where is this 'progress' taking us?

It's like the clown with a weight that always shifts so it is on his head. No matter where it is placed on him, eventually it shifts back to his head. We as disciples feel that way from time to time - misfits in this world. We just don't seem to fit into the groove of what is acceptable by the world's standard. Paul tells us 'we are a peculiar people!' (Titus 2:14; 1 Peter 2:9). To the nonbeliever, Christians are 'odd-balls,' out in left field or just a religious nut.

Even Paul was accused of turning the Roman world upside down with his preaching and teaching. (Acts 17:6).

But there are people around us who sense something is wrong with their world, they just don't know how to get it back in order, under God's control. They yearn to live a 'right-side-up life,' but maybe don't know how to begin. A turning point came in my life when I was a senior in high school.

I spent a Friday night with a friend since we were "still playing" in a basketball tournament on Saturday. (The spring waters had flooded the back roads and we could not get through them to go home). Our coaches worked arrangements for these 'stranded kids.'

After our snack, my friend's dad said, "Bud, you have the devotional tonight." My friend went to his room, brought back his Bible, opened it and read several verses. He then talked about how the 'Lord had blessed him that day at school and at the game, etc.' He also thanked God for his parents and said a prayer of thanks-

giving for me. WOW, was that powerful! I have never forgotten that prayer.

That night, I determined I wanted to be a Christian, I wanted a Christian home and family. I wanted a home where we could pray freely for the family and the needs of others. That night my world began to make a right turn - "turning right-side-up" with a burning desire to get my life straightened out - with the Lord. That would come about a year later.

It was the spring semester of my first year of college, I made a public decision for Christ. I shared my declared faith in Jesus to be my Savior. I have never questioned or regretted making that decision. To be sure, my life has been rearranged many times. Each time, some 'old things' were discarded, some new things were added. Many years have passed since that 'happy day when Jesus washed my sins away.' I am not the same person I was then! Paul writes that we become new creatures in Christ; we may look the same - nose, waistline, shoe size, but when Christ comes into our

lives, He rearranges everything that is foreign to His nature. He eliminates the bad, ugly and sinful; He then replaces it with that which in good, pure, wholesome and Christ-like! (2 Cor. 5:17).

Of course, it takes a lifetime to perfect some of us. When one is raw and rusty, it takes a lot of spiritual soap to clean up. What we begin to see is that "believers are not people turned up-side down"...we are simply God's redeemed people (right side up) living in a world that is turned 'inside-out, upside-down and spinning out of control.' Don't you feel like sometimes yelling: "Help, stop this world...I want to get off... NOW?" But our God has a plan and purpose for us as His Children. We are to be the light of the world around us and the salt of the earth where we live. We are to 'bloom where we are planted' and seek to make a difference under his guidance.

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### THE UPWARD LOOK

#### This Is Love

*"And this is love: that we walk according to His commands. This is the command as you have heard it from the beginning: you must walk in love." 2 John 6 HCSB*



**Max Hutto**

The believer demonstrates his love for God by obeying God's commandments. It is plain and simple, to love God means to keep His commands. "Walk" means one's manner of life, one's habitual conduct and actions. The believer's lifestyle should be one of obedience to God and of love

for God and others. This command to love is not new to the believers. Jesus commanded that His disciples were to love one another even as He loved them. Thus, the believer's life should reflect Jesus' love.

Lord Jesus, I desire to obey Your Word. Help me to do what You have commanded and to share Your love with others.

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### INSPIRATION

#### We Won't Be Shaken

Allow me to start this message with a question. It's not a question designed for a right or wrong true or false answer, it is designed for reflection and critical thought. That question is have you ever felt trapped under a weight that you felt you could never remove? While I might not know your answer, I'll tell you mine is yes. I have struggled under stress, depression, and fear many times in my life. However, I wasn't struggling alone. God made me a promise. He made all of us a promise. Psalms 55:22 NIV says "Cast



**Bernard Harris**

your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous be shaken." So, if you're struggling under the burdens of this life I would like to encourage you to struggle no more and cast your cares on the lord and let him sustain your life. I would like everyone who reads to know that though we fight against the many evils and obstacles of this world we never fight alone.

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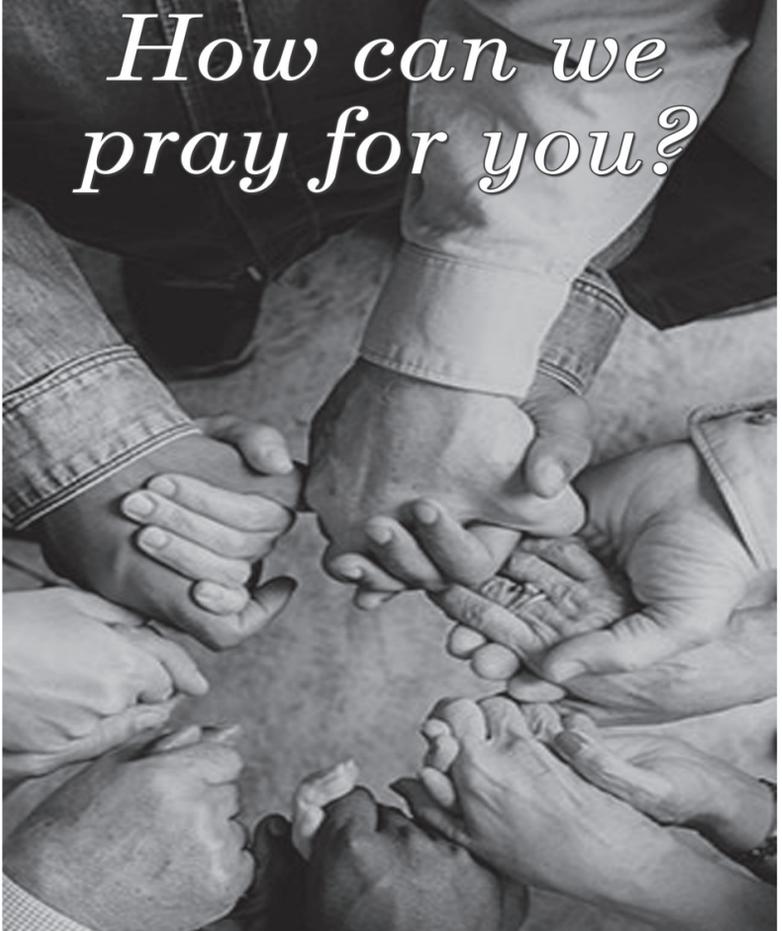
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Notice is hereby given that the Webster Parish School Board will receive sealed bids from LA licensed general contractors until **2:00 P.M., Tuesday, March 28, 2023**, for:

**JOB #2022-15 SOFT-BALL IMPROVEMENTS FOR LAKESIDE JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL SIBLEY, 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 Monday, March 20, 2023** at the jobsite: **9090 Hwy 371, Sibley, Louisiana 71073**. 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 \$100.00 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

**March 1, 2023**  
**March 8, 2023**  
**March 15, 2023**  
**Minden Press-Herald**

### VILLAGE OF DOYLINE COUNCIL MEETING

FEBRUARY 6TH, 2023

THE COUNCIL MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN FOR DOYLINE, LOUISIANA WAS HELD AT THE DOYLINE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH, 2023 AT 6:00 PM, PURSUANT TO DUE NOTICE.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE STEVEN BRIDWELL, RACHAEL MUNIZ AND JAKIE DANIELS.

THE MEETING WAS PRESIDED OVER BY MAYOR CHRISTIE GATES.

THE MEETING WAS OPENED WITH PRAYER BY JAKIE DANIELS AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS LED BY ROBBIE HAYDEN.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY STEVEN BRIDWELL AND SECONDED BY JAKIE DANIELS TO APPROVE THE

JANUARY 2023 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES.

THE MOTION CARRIED: AYES: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JAKIE DANIELS TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 2023 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, SECONDED BY RACHAEL MUNIZ.

THE MOTION CARRIED: AYES: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0

JOHNNY MONTGOMERY (ABSENT), MAINTENANCE REPORT

MIKE DUNAWAY, SEWER OPERATOR

TRAVIS MOREHEART, STATE LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR-ANNUAL FINANCIAL REVIEW

JAMES HILL, CLERK'S REPORT

ROBBY HAYDEN, POLICE CHIEF-CHIEF'S REPORT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JAKIE DANIELS TO ADJOURN THE MEETING, SECONDED BY RACHAEL MUNIZ

THE MOTION CARRIED: AYES: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0

JAMES HILL, VILLAGE CLERK

CRYSTAL GATES, MAYOR

**March 1, 2023**  
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### PUBLIC NOTICE

(NOTICE OF INTENTION TO INTRODUCE BILL – HLS 23RS-426)

Public notice is hereby given, as provided by R.S. 47:1907.1, that there will be introduced at the forthcoming session of the Legislature of Louisiana, to be convened on April 10, 2023, a bill relative to authorizing assessors in this state to increase their annual salary compensation in an amount not to exceed ten percent during each term of office; and to provide for related matters.

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### MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING WEBSTER PARISH POLICE JURY February 16, 2023

**MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Bonsall, President; Steve Ramsey, Vice President; Cayla Cox, Beverly Kennon, Randy Thomas, Steve Lemmons, Adam Lee and Bruce Blanton Absent: Allen Gilbert, Daniel Thomas and Vera Davison**

Mr. Jim Bonsall called the meeting to order and asked Mr. Steve Lemmons to open the meeting with prayer.

Mr. Bonsall then asked for additions to the agenda. Mr. Steve Ramsey moved, seconded by Ms. Beverly Kennon to add Animal Control Committee to the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Steve Ramsey moved, seconded by Mr. Bruce Blanton to appoint Mr. Mike Griffith to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Bernard Hudson, who passed away on February 1, 2023, as Webster Parish Police Juror, District # 5 effective February 16, 2023-term to expire January 7, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Jim Bonsall formed a new committee, Animal Control Committee. Committee Members are Steve Ramsey, Adam Lee, Steve Lemmons, Randy Thomas and Beverly Kennon. They will meet with Mr. David Robinson, WPSO at 8:30am on Regular Meeting days.

There being no further business to bring before the Jury, the meeting adjourned.

*/s/*  
Lisa C. Balkom  
Secretary-Treasurer

*/s/*  
Jim Bonsall

President

**March 1, 2023**  
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### MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING WEBSTER PARISH POLICE JURY February 7, 2023

**MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Bonsall, President; Steve Ramsey, Vice President; Cayla Cox, Allen Gilbert, Vera Davison, Beverly Kennon, Randy Thomas, Bruce Blanton, Steve Lemmons and Adam Lee Absent: Daniel Thomas**

Mr. Jim Bonsall called the meeting to order and asked Mr. Steve Lemmons to open the meeting with prayer. Mr. Allen Gilbert led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Jim Bonsall then asked for additions to the agenda.

There were no comments from the audience concerning the agenda.

Mr. Steve Ramsey moved, seconded by Ms. Vera Davison to approve to Reappoint Webster Parish Police Jury District #8 Juror, Cayla Cox and Reappoint Webster Parish Police Jury District #12 Juror, Adam Lee to fill the unexpired terms ending January 7, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bruce Blanton moved, seconded by Ms. Beverly Kennon to approve invoices for payment pending review by juror Bruce Blanton. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Beverly Kennon moved, seconded by Ms. Vera Davison to adopt the minutes of the January 3, 2023 Regular Meeting and the January 10, 2023 Special Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Steve Ramsey moved, seconded by Mr. Bruce Blanton to approve the Board Appointments for the Webster Parish Communications District: Reappoint Hank Haynes to serve another 4-year term beginning 01/01/2023 and Ursula Hulaby to serve another 4-year term beginning 01/01/2023. Appoint Drew White to replace Billy Dorsey, term to end 12/31/2024. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Allen Gilbert moved, seconded by Mr. Randy Thomas to approve the Board Appointment for the Webster Parish Fire Protection District #8: Reappoint Leon Smith to serve another 2-year term beginning 02/01/2023. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bruce Blanton moved, seconded by Mr. Adam Lee to approve Board Appointments for the Sarepta Fire District #5: to reappoint Todd Pickard and Michael Corley term to expire 12/31/2024. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Steve Ramsey moved, seconded by Mr. Randy Thomas to approve Board Appointments for the Webster Parish Convention Visitors & Tourism Commission: to appoint Jerri Lee to replace Nick Cox, term to expire 12/31/2023 and appoint Diane Blake replace Karen Calvert, term to expire 12/31/2025. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Steve Lemmons moved, seconded by Ms. Vera Davison to approve the Audit Engagement for the Financial Audit Year ending 12/31/2022 and approve engagement of Wise, Martin and Cole for CPA services for 2023 and audit of 2022. Approve Audit Engagement for year-end 2022-2023 and 2024, a 3-year contract. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMENTS: Savannah Jones WP Library Allen Moseley WP Coroner Jason Parker WP Sheriff Col. Carl Thompson WP Assessor/Denise Edwards David Smith MMC Brian Williams OEP/HS Director Angie Chapman E911 Director Jessica Gorman Dorchest Historical Museum Director Janell Mason Ronald McDonald

House

Mr. Rice addressed his concerns with the jury about road problems on Goodwill Road and asked where it was on the Webster Parish Priority List. Discussion followed.

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

Ms. Beverly Kennon moved, seconded by Mr. Steve Ramsey 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.

*/s/*  
Lisa C. Balkom  
Secretary-Treasurer

*/s/*  
Jim Bonsall  
President

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Village of Dixie Inn Regular Session February 14, 2023

NOTICE: THESE MINUTES HAVE NOT BEEN FORMALLY APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen for the Village of Dixie Inn met in regular session on January 14, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. at Village Hall in Dixie Inn, Louisiana with the following members present: Mayor Donna Hoffoss, Aldermen Judy McKenzie, Lance Milligan, and Nell Finlay.

The meeting was called to order and the invocation and pledge of allegiance were given.

There were no public comments.

Mayor Donna Hoffoss welcomed guests.

A motion was made by Nell Finlay and seconded by Judy McKenzie to adopt the minutes of the Regular Session of January 10, 2023. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

Financial statements of all funds, including a current budget vs. actual, were presented and discussed. A motion was made by Judy McKenzie and seconded by Lance Milligan to adopt all financial statements for January 2023. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

Department Reports:

Mike Chreene reported the water department's lift station needs repairs. Also noted, the village's new sewer plant is due for r completion by the end of the month.

Chief Edwards reported all is well with the police department, and that new officer, Zane Crittenden, is now halfway through the Police Academy and doing well.

Mayor Hoffoss reported that Dixie Inn Water System received a preliminary grade of "A" from the Louisiana Department of Health for 2022. Also in her report, Dixie Inn was recently awarded two grants. The village will receive \$15,000 from LGAP, that will be used to add awning to the walkways of the Municipal Building. The second grant, from Keep Louisiana Beautiful, will provide (six) trash receptacles, that will be placed throughout the village, and are expected in sometime near March or April 2023.

New Business:

A motion was made by Nell Finlay and seconded by Judy McKenzie to allow Mayor Hoffoss to sign Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village of Dixie Inn and Minden City Court. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

A motion was made by Nell Finlay and seconded by Judy McKenzie to appoint Lance Milligan as Mayor Pro Tem. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

A motion was made by Judy McKenzie, and

seconded by Nell Finlay, to approve quote from Teeco Safety, to outfit police department's '23 Tahoe. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Opal Finlay and seconded by Judy McKenzie. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

Attest:

Donna Hoffoss  
Mayor

**March 1, 2023**  
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### COTTON VALLEY WATER SYSTEM failed to Take Corrective Action Following Identification Deficiency

On **March 26, 2015** and **March 22, 2018**, the Louisiana Department of Health and (LDH) Performed a detailed inspection and engineering evaluation of our water system called a sanitary survey. During this sanitary survey, they identified one or more significant deficiencies in our water system. As our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we are doing to correct this situation. According to EPA'S Ground Water Rule, we were required to correct the deficiency (or deficiencies). However, we failed to correct the deficiency or contact the state before the established deadline and have therefore violated a requirement of the Ground Water Rule.

### What should I do?

There is nothing you need to do. You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions. If a situation arises where the water is no longer safe to drink, you will be notified within 24 hours.

### What does this mean?

This is not an emergency. If it had been an emergency, you would have been notified within 24 hours.

This significant deficiency has the potential to result in lack of proper treatment and oversight of the water system, inadequately treated or inadequately protected water may contain disease-causing organisms. These organisms can cause symptoms such as diarrhea, cramps, and associated headaches. While we have not detected any evidence of contamination or other health threats related to our source water, we are still committed to correcting the deficiency to eliminate the threat of contamination.

### What was done?

We completed the required assessment and identified the cause of the sanitary defect to be addressed. We have currently corrected the problem on a schedule approved by [Louisiana Department of Health].

*"Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail."*

*For more information, please contact [Town of Cotton Valley, at 318-832-4283 P.O. Box 415 Cotton Valley, La. 71018]*

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Good morning, please run this in the next available printing

The Cotton Valley Water System is currently in violation of the treatment technique requirements for minimum residual disinfectant level as set forth by the State (Part XII of the Louisiana State Sanitary Code.) Although this incident is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we are doing to correct this situation.

The Louisiana Department of Health and (LDH) has determined

that the presence of microbiological contaminants is a health concern at certain levels of exposure and requires the disinfection of drinking water to kill disease causing organisms. Inadequately treated water may contain disease causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites which can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea and associated headaches. These symptoms, however, are not just associated with disease causing organisms in drinking water, but also may be caused by a number of factors other than your drinking water. LDH has set enforceable requirements for treating drinking water to reduce the risk of these adverse health effects. Treatment such as filtering and disinfecting the water removes and destroys microbiological contaminants. Drinking water which is treated to meet LDH requirements is associated with little to none of this risk and should be considered safe.

We are required to monitor your water for the residual disinfectant level. This tells us whether we are effectively treating the water supply. During the compliance monitoring periods of (12/01/2022) through (12/31/2022), and (1/1/2023) through (1/31/2023), the COTTON VALLEY WATER SYSTEM failed to provide the minimum residual disinfectant level in the treated water supplied to customers. The violation occurred because the treated water chlorine residual was less than 0.5 milligrams per liter in over five percent of the sample collected in the water system in two consecutive months.

### ADVERTISMENT FOR BIDS

CYPRESS WATER SYSTEM Owner  
129 Willow Street Address  
Heflin, LA 71039 City, State, Zip

Separate sealed BIDS for the construction of **CONTRACT III- BOOSTER STATION IMPROVEMENTS** will be received by the **CYPRESS WATER SYSTEM** at the Heflin Town Hall South, 122 N. Church Street, Heflin, Louisiana 71039 until **10:00 A.M. TUESDAY, MARCH 28TH, 2023**, and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud as permitted by public bid law. This is in accordance with La R.S. 38:2212 (A)(1) (b), the provisions of La R.S. 38:2212.

Each bidder must have an active Unique Entity ID (SAM), as verified on [www.sam.gov](http://www.sam.gov), prior to beginning of construction.

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We have completed the required assessment and identified the cause of the defect to be addressed [We replaced the Chlorine System Booster Pump]

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### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

March 13, 2023  
Posted February 20, 2023

A public hearing will be held during the Regular Town Council Meeting on Monday, March 13, 2023 at 6pm at the Sibley Town Hall, Council Meeting Room, 345 N. Main St., Sibley, Louisiana for the purpose of considering the adoption of:

1. Proposed Ordinance No. 109-A titled **AN ORDINANCE GRANTING CENTERPOINT ENERGY RESOURCE CORP., D/B/A CENTERPOINT ENERGY LOUISIANA GAS, THE RIGHT TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN FACILITIES FOR THE TRANSPORTATION, DISTRIBUTION AND SALE OF GAS IN THE MUNICIPALITY AND FOR SUCH PURPOSES, TO USE AND EXCAVATE IN THE PUBLIC HIGHWAYS, STREETS, SIDEWALKS, ALLEYS, SQUARES, COMMONS, GROUNDS AND OTHER PUBLICLY OWNED AREAS AND LEVYING A FRANCHISE (PRIVILEGE) TAX FOR THAT PURPOSE**

The Public is invited to attend.

Sherry McCann, MMC  
Town Clerk

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February 20, 2023

The Sibley Town Council met in regular session on Monday, February 20, 2023 at 6pm in the Sibley Town Hall Meeting Room.

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

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

Helen Chanler motioned to accept the minutes to the January 20, 2023 Regular Meeting as read, Robert Smart seconded. Motion carried.

No New Items were added to the agenda.

Travis Morehart, CPA, Cook & Morehart, presented the 2021 – 2022 Audit. There were no findings.

Robert Smart motioned to introduce a proposed ordinance titled AN ORDINANCE GRANTING CENTERPOINT ENERGY RESOURCES CORP., D/B/A CENTERPOINT ENERGY LOUISIANA GAS, THE RIGHT TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN FACILITIES FOR THE TRANSPORTATION, DISTRIBUTION AND SALE OF GAS IN THE MUNICIPALITY AND, FOR SUCH PURPOSES, TO USE AND EXCAVATE IN THE PUBLIC HIGHWAYS, STREETS, SIDEWALKS, ALLEYS, SQUARES, COMMONS, GROUNDS AND OTHER PUBLICLY OWNED AREAS AND LEVYING A FRANCHISE (PRIVILEGE) TAX FOR THAT PURPOSE, AND set a public hearing and vote for the March 13, 2023 during the March 2023 Regular Meeting at 6pm at the Sibley Town Hall, 345 N. Main St., Sibley, Louisiana. Wayne Bolton seconded, motion carried.

Fire Chief Alan Myers gave the January 2023 activity report for the Sibley Volunteer Fire Department.

Officer Clint Meshell gave the January 2023 activity report for the Sibley Police Department.

The Board acknowledged the receipt of the January 2023 Financial Reports.

The mayor gave updates on the new radio read water meters, the new subdivision, the Salt Works Water project and a tentatively set Annual Clean-Up Day for April 15, 2023.

Alan Myers motioned to adjourn, Helen Chanler seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Attest:  
  
Jimmy Williams, Mayor

Sherry McCann, Town Clerk

March 1, 2023  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Seventh Planning District Consortium  
Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of the Seventh Planning District Consortium Workforce Development Board Regional/Local Workforce Development Plan Two-Year Modification 2020-2024 for Title I of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) of 2014.

Funds under WIOA Title I provide occupational skills training, On-the-Job Training, Work Experience, Dislocated Worker Program, Youth Program, and other appropriate activities as allowed under the Act to eligible residents.

The Seventh Planning District Consortium Workforce Development Board and The Coordinating and Development Corporation welcome comments regarding the 2020-2024 Regional/Local Plan Two-Year Modification for Workforce Development Area #70. This notice initiates the 30-day comment period, which will conclude March 27, 2023. A copy of the draft plan is available on the website at: <https://www.cdconline.org/wioa-bod-70>, or at the office of The Coordinating and Development Corporation, 4000 Viking Drive, STE A-1, Bossier City, LA 71111, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday and 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. on Friday.

Please send written comments to [csattler@cdconline.org](mailto:csattler@cdconline.org) or [nolsen@cdconline.org](mailto:nolsen@cdconline.org) or by mail to: Mrs. Candle Sattler, Director of Workforce Development, The Coordinating and Development Corporation, P. O. Box 37005, Shreveport, LA. 71133-7005.

Comments are encouraged, especially from representatives from businesses, labor organizations, and community-based organizations.

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# Getting to know your new police chief

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Minden's new chief of police, Jared McIver, brings 27 years of law enforcement experience as well as decades of training to his new department. Chief McIver has big plans for making the Minden Police Department a leader in law enforcement quality and professionalism.

Chief McIver has been serving the citizens of Webster Parish since he was 20 years old.

"I started out in the Webster Parish Sheriff's Office in 1996. I was the dispatcher," said McIver. "I was there two weeks when Sheriff Riser said, 'You are the worst dispatcher I've ever had. I've got to get you out of there.' And I agreed. That's when he moved me into the correctional center. I was there for a few months, and then they moved me up to the fourth floor of the courthouse [to work as a jailer]. I did that for a couple months, then they sent me to the police academy. I came back, and they put me on patrol. In 2001, when I was 25, I was promoted to shift supervisor."

But McIver had another goal that he wasn't willing to let slip by.

"But my ultimate goal since I was a junior in high school was to become a game warden with Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries. And the reason was a man named Jim Brown — he lives in Doyline and he was with Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries. His wife, Mrs. Halda Brown, was a teacher at Doyline High School. Mr. Jim would come up there from time to time to eat lunch with her. I would go talk to him, and he would tell me stories about everything they were doing. And it just excited me. I loved hunting and fishing. I remember telling him, 'Mr. Jim, one day I'm either going to come work with you or take your place,' and he would encourage me.

"So when I was in the sheriff's office, it being my fifth year of being there and being promoted to shift supervisor, I knew that, if I ever was going to chase my goal of being a game warden, I had to do it then. So I applied and was hired. I started October 1, 2001, in the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Academy in Baton Rouge. While I was in the academy, Mr. Jim Brown retired, and I took his spot just like I told him I would.

"When I got out [of the academy], they started putting me through different types of schools and had me come back and start a lot of training. So for about 18 of my 20 years, I went to all kinds of schools everywhere; got certified in doing everything and teaching, and I taught in our training academy and all over the place."

About two years ago, McIver started thinking about making a change.

"I would come up here to the police department and drink coffee and visit with some of the patrol officers. I knew I was eligible to retire from Wildlife and Fisheries soon, and I just had a tugging at my heart saying, 'You ought to think about running for police chief.' I called Chief Cropper and I said, 'Chief, are you going to be running again in 2022?' and he said, 'Jared, I'm going to the house.' I told him I was thinking about running for his position. He was very encouraging and happy that I wanted to take over the department.

"I was able to retire at 20 years from Wildlife and Fisheries, and ran for the position. The rest is his-

tory. I'm excited about it. I'm glad that I'm able to give the guys training and the things that I bring to the table — the experience and all the resources from meeting different officers all over the state of Louisiana," McIver said.

For most of his career, McIver has been heavily involved in training or instructing, so it is no surprise that he understands the importance of a highly-trained department.

"My last 20 years with the state was 50% training and 50% in the field. I've traveled throughout the United States and all over the state of Louisiana training state police and game wardens and police officers and sheriff's deputies in all aspects of law enforcement. So I understand that training is key to how we react to situations," said Chief McIver.

He has already had one officer attend field training officer's school, and that's just the beginning. There are officers attending courses to learn about less lethal bean bag rounds (bean bags shot from a shotgun), defensive tactics, sobriety testing, and more. He even has one doing the intensive drug recognition expert (DRE) training, which McIver himself has completed.

"In 2008 I became the first ever Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries agent to become a drug recognition expert or DRE," said McIver. "We can recognize people under the influence of drugs other than alcohol. Let's say an officer stops someone on the street and they're impaired — they do a field sobriety test and they're impaired. They bring in the Intoxilyzer and their blood alcohol level is zero. There's nothing there, but this person's impaired. So they call a DRE in, and the DRE does a 45-50 minute evaluation. When they finish they can tell that officer, it's not alcohol that you're seeing them under the influence of, it's a drug category, like they're under the influence of stimulants with cannabis, or depressants and hallucinogens, or it could be even more. But we're able to go testify on the behalf of that officer. He can go ahead and charge them with DWI, testify in court that that person was under the influence of these drug categories — that the officer made a good stop, it was a good DWI, and it was because they were under the influence of this rather than alcohol. It's an extensive class to go through, and there's only a few thousand of us in the entire world. I was able to become an instructor in that so over the years I became a drug recognition expert instructor. Joel Kendrick is being sent to that class in March. He's going to be our first ever Minden Police Department drug recognition expert. He's going to come back and bring that information back to our department, and hopefully we'll start getting more officers trained in that. It's one of toughest schools to graduate from.

"When I send these guys to schools, they're becoming instructors. Then they're coming back and teaching the entire agency what they have been taught and are certifying our guys. I've got two guys going to a firearm instructor's school to become instructors in that. We've got somebody going to first aid / CPR to be certified to teach that. We have two of our guys going to a defensive tactics class that the Webster sheriff's office is putting on. They'll come back and teach us.

"Our goal is to, at the end of the year, have our first ever annual in-service where every year, starting in the fall of this year, we'll recertify on everything: firearms, defensive tactics, field sobriety testing, Intoxilyzer, first aid, CPR. And then we'll start implementing things — situation scenarios and different things. But we'll designate a month every year for nothing but training and retraining and brushing up on our skills. We're happy to be able to do that for the first time, to have our own annual in-service starting," Chief McIver said.

Since taking office, McIver has added seven more patrol units to the department.

"When I first took office, we barely had enough patrol units to cover a shift. I was able to go out and talk with other area agencies, and we were able to purchase, at a very discounted rate, some other pa-

trol units. Used ones, but they're in very good condition so we've got those out there now so that anytime that we have parades and different things we've got enough units to help cover things," McIver said.

He's also added a juvenile detective and two new hires to the department, as well as having two officers, Reece Tewell and Christopher Cayer, promoted to sergeant.

"We have positions open right now for patrol and dispatch," said McIver. "We're taking in as many applications as we can to start filling up our department to get all those slots filled."

A new procedure which he has implemented is area patrols. Area patrols keep officers spread throughout the city.

"We have numbered districts where we patrol areas. Officers are assigned by their supervisor on each shift to an area; we've got three areas that the city's broken down into. The officers stay in their area unless they go to back up somebody

else," said McIver.

This system is already paying off with arrests being made because an officer was in the area.

Chief McIver is well aware of the importance of working together with other agencies and departments.

"Every week we meet up with the Webster Sheriff's Office," McIver said. "We realize that things that happen out in the parish come into the city and vice versa, so we joined our forces together, we work together.

"I've got a great working relationship with the mayor and the city council. I'm proud of our city council and I'm proud of our mayor because they work together. They're super helpful and resourceful as well. They have great minds. The things they bring to the table...I'm like wow, that's good. It's great having all our heads working together — the mayor, the city council, the police department, the sheriff's office — nothing but positive can come out of that.

"I know, in the past, that we haven't had that, so now that we do, it's good. The people of Minden want it, and I believe that's a big part in how they voted, and it shows. We all recognize that, and we do our best to do our work. We may disagree on things, but we just disagree and move on.

"I want the citizens of Minden to be proud of the Minden Police Department. If people ask, 'How's the police department in Minden?' I want the citizens of Minden to say, 'We're proud of them. They're highly trained, well qualified, and courteous.'"

"We want to make sure that we're a servant to the people of Minden and that we're there to protect them. My vision for the Minden Police Department is for it to be one of the most professional departments around — to have other departments coming to us to find out how we're doing what we're doing. That's my goal and where I see us in the future."



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