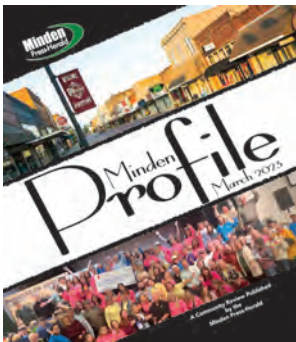




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March 4, 2023 L'Jarius Sneed Day



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March 4, 2023 was declared L'Jarius Sneed Day in Minden by Mayor Nick Cox. Sneed, a native of Minden and Super Bowl LVII champion, was celebrated with a parade through downtown and then presented with honors including the key to the city. A large crowd came out to show their love and enthusiasm for Sneed, and free food, drinks, and music were provided.

Several people came out to speak about Sneed including State Representative Patrick Jefferson, Superintendent Johnny Rowland, Minden High School Coach Spencer Heard, Louisiana Tech Associate Athletic Director Ed Jackson, Minden Mayor Nick Cox, and Sneed's parents, Jane & Non Sneed.

"Today we are here to salute one of our very

own," said State Representative Jefferson, presenting Sneed with an acclamation from Governor John Bel Edwards. "You are an inspiration to throngs of young people who aspire to reach and conquer the grandest of stages," said Jefferson. "Further, you are a welcoming burst of energy, synergy, and excitement for many, as you are Minden High, Louisiana Tech, and now a valued member of the Kansas City Chiefs. Brother Sneed, you will be called many things in your life, and we pray that they all will be good. But after Sunday, February 12, 2023, they must call you Super Bowl Champion!"

After relating stories of watching Sneed play in high school, Superintendent Rowland said, "This guy right here has proven to me that he has got intestinal fortitude, commitment, and a great desire to achieve.

Not everybody has it, but that's why he's a Super Bowl champion, and that's why he went to the Chiefs and made his way. And I say congratulations. We're so proud of you."

Coach Heard related a story of a time when Sneed was still in high school, but things weren't going well for him. "Something was going on that day," said Heard. "I just remember looking at him and saying, 'Man, I'll tell you this. Someone might give up on you, but I'm not giving up on you.' Do you remember me telling you that? I didn't give up on you. I'll say this to everyone out here: Don't give up on your kids. Keep believing in your kids. No matter what happens, keep believing. Keep pushing, and keep believing in them. Great things can happen. JJ, you're an example of that."

Coach Heard then announced that Sneed was the recipient of the NFL Way To Play for his tackle on Philadelphia Eagles running back Miles Sanders during the Super Bowl. Receiving this allowed Sneed to pick which high school he wanted to donate the \$5,000 to, and Sneed chose the Minden Crimson Tide.

Next Coach Jackson stepped up to the mic, saying, "It takes a village to raise a kid. We are held responsible whether we want to be or not. We don't choose to be a role model for all these youngsters that are here today, as athletes. We are put into that position because of what we are doing. It's so important that we realize that in our role. Sneed had a lot of people in his life that made an impact and made a difference. I just wanted to come down today and let him

know that those guys over there support him, this university supports him, the city of Ruston supports him, and we'll always be there for him."

Jane Sneed began by praising God, before thanking the citizens of Minden for their support.

"First, give honor to God, who is the head of our lives. Where we are is only because of who God is. I want to thank the supporters of Minden. I thank the community who came out to support my son. Y'all have touched our hearts tremendously. We thank God for the gift. There's no limit to what you can do. Stay focused. Push your children. Pray for your children. There's nothing too hard for God."

Mayor Cox was the next speaker, saying, "One million ninety-three thousand high school kids play football.

But we have one who is a Super Bowl champion from Minden, Louisiana! We call him JJ around here. And to us, he's one in a million. So today I have a proclamation honoring L'Jarius Sneed."

After reading the proclamation, Mayor Cox declared, "I do hereby proclaim that Saturday, March 4, 2023, as a day in which to honor and recognize L'Jarius Sneed and reflect on his many accomplishments which have made a positive impact on this community."

Sneed was then presented with a key to the city.

Sneed addressed the crowd, first thanking the Lord, and then thanking the mayor, the police, and everyone else who made this day possible. He finished by saying, "Thank y'all for coming out here. I love y'all. Thanks for supporting me. I love y'all and this

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AMBER MCDOWN/PRESS-HERALD PHOTOS

L'Jarius Sneed, a native of Minden, was honored with a parade and presented with the key to the city on Saturday in celebration of his recent championship in Super Bowl LVII with the Kansas City Chiefs.

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WEBSTER & MORE

OBITUARIES



Wesley Lee Roy

Wesley Lee Roy of Minden, LA, was born January 25, 1930, in Flora, LA and passed away March 2, 2023, at his daughter and son-in-law's home in Doyline, LA with them by his side. Wesley was a member of Eastside Missionary Baptist Church in Minden, Louisiana.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Carolyn Jo Viola Roy; his dad, Saveran Roy; and his mother and stepdad William and Violene Blain.

He is survived by his daughter, Tammy and Mike Trainor; sons, Joey and Tammy Roy, Gene and Brenda Roy, and Michael and Trish Roy; grandchildren, Stewart, Kelly (Mark), Amy Lynn (Brian), Brandi (Joe), Joni (Jason), Ashley, Tyler, Michael, Christopher (Carrie), and Alex; great grandchildren, Kaitlynn Jo, Kendall,

Keira, Colie, Julia, Joseph, Sailor, Eli, Ethan, Hannah, Lexi, Michael, Miranda, Adam, Alee, Jacob, Ryder and Jasper.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, March 4, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at Eastside Missionary Baptist Church in Minden, Louisiana with Bro. Chet Johnson officiating. Interment will follow at Gardens of Memory in Minden, Louisiana. The family will receive friends Friday, March 3, 2023, from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. at Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Minden, Louisiana.

Pallbearers will be Mark McCaa, Brian Miles, Mace Morgan, Joe McKinney, Gary Floyd and Tim Morris.

Honorary pallbearers will be grandsons, Stewart, Tyler, Michael, Christopher, Alex, and very special friend Bill Barnette.

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Betty F. McCann

Funeral services for Betty F. McCann will be held Monday, March 6, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at Eastside Missionary Baptist Church in Minden, Louisiana with Bro. Chet Johnson and Bro. Richard Methvin officiating. Interment will follow at Gardens of Memory Cemetery in Minden, Louisiana under the direction of Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Minden. The family will receive friends from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. Sunday, March 5, 2023, at Eastside Missionary Baptist Church in Minden.

Betty was born May 18, 1945, in Minden, Louisiana and entered into rest March 1, 2023, in Minden, Louisiana.

siana. Betty was a faithful member of Eastside Missionary Baptist Church. She loved flowers, garage sales, but most of all she adored her grandchildren and loved her granddog, Titus.

She was preceded by her parents, husband, son, sister, two nephews, two brothers-in-law and a sister-in-law.

She is survived by her grandchildren, great-grandchildren, sister, sister-in-law, brother-in-law, aunt, and by many other nieces, nephews, cousins, family, and friends.

In lieu of flowers please donate to the Eastside Missionary Baptist Church Benevolent fund.

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Imogene K Lindsey (Samuel)

Memorial service (only) for Imogene K Lindsey (Samuel), 96, will be held at Eastside Missionary Baptist Church, 1201 Park Hwy, Minden, LA 71055, @ 2:00 PM, Saturday, March 18, 2023. Officiating the service will be Pastor Chet Johnson.

Cremation ashes will be buried @ Garden of Memory Cemetery, 1527 Lewisville Rd., Minden, Louisiana, next to her 1st husband, Charles C. Samuel Sr., (No Service).

Imogene was born October 27, 1926 in Winfield (Joyce) Louisiana to Homer & Ethel Kelly. She passed away peacefully on February 22, 2023.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Charles C Samuel Sr.(married 8/21/1943); her father Homer Kelly & her mother Ethel Kelly; sister's Patsy Long, Myrtle Collins, Martha Lou Moreland; brother's Edgar Kelly,

Raymond Kelly, & Howard Kelly. She has one living sister, Mary Sue Pearson of Minden. She was also preceded in death by her one daughter Barbara Samuel Harris of Bossier City LA. She has one living son Charles C Samuel Jr. and wife Barbara of Sachse, TX.

She will be greatly missed by her grandchildren, Scott Samuel and Jason Samuel of Edmond OK; Angela McCandless of Oklahoma City; Shaun Samuel of Sachse TX.; and Mark Dandridge of Shreveport LA, and five great grandchildren and a host of family and friends.

Want to say a special thanks to Tommy Frye, for his support, visitation and devotion to helping Imogene enjoy her last few days on this earth.

Imogene's greatest loves were family and friends. She loved to work in her yard growing flowers and tending to her azaleas. She was a member of the "DAR" and belonged to the Town & Country Garden Club in Minden, she was a member of the First Baptist Church in Minden. Imogene and her husband Charles Sr.,started the Eastside Missionary Baptist Church in Minden LA.

In lieu of flowers, make a donation to the Eastside Missionary Baptist Church.



Patricia Carol Orr

Funeral services for Patricia Carol Orr will be held Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at Rose-Neath Funeral Home Chapel in Minden, Louisiana with Pastor Alicia Nichols officiating. Interment will follow at Cotton Valley Cemetery in Cotton Valley, Louisiana. The family will receive friends from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Minden.

Patricia was born June 24, 1950 in Athens, Louisiana

and entered into rest March 3, 2023 in Minden, Louisiana.

She is survived by her son, Benjamin Orr (Crystal) of Minden; sisters, Kristy Nix of Springhill and Reta Brents (Dave) of Vivian; brothers, Timmy Dillard of Rocky Mount and Donnie Dillard of Cotton Valley; and grandchildren Spencer and Autumn.

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BLOTTER

Recent Arrests in Webster Parish			
	Street, was arrested for aggravated assault and theft.	154, was arrested for principal to theft.	Eardarius Brown, 21, of the 500 block of Tillman Church, was arrested for theft.
Kordarus McLendon, 35, of the 100 block of Knight Street Apartments, was arrested on a warrant.	Wanesha Guy, 31, of the 300 block of Germantown Road, was arrested on multiple warrants.	Unba Elkins, 28, of the 200 block of Jimmy Batton Road, was arrested for aggravated flight from an officer, resisting an officer, reckless operation of a motor vehicle, and criminal damage to property.	Alton Cravens, 40, of the 400 block of Sand Plant Road, was arrested for obstruction of justice.
Urcela Chapman, 63, of the 700 block of McCasland Street, was arrested for three counts of being a fugitive of the WPSO.	Dustin Hamontree, 32, of the 200 block of Highway 806, was arrested on multiple warrants.	Lamika Hamilton, 45, of the 400 block of N. Roosevelt Road, was arrested for failure to appear in court.	James Harvard, of the 200 block of Sawmill Road, was arrested for simple burglary of an inhabited dwelling, theft of a firearm, simple criminal damage to property, and misdemeanor theft.
Angela Bearly, 42, of the 2100 block of Sweetbay Circle, was arrested on multiple warrants.	Dexter Walker, 44, of the 1100 block of Homer Road, was arrested on a warrant.	Nathan Hammet, 44, of the 7000 block of Highway 154, was arrested for failure to appear in court.	Haley Ferguson, of the 300 block of McIntyre Road, was arrested for failure to appear in court.
DeShawn Gipson, 32, of the 300 block of Church	Thaddeus Smith, of the 13300 block of Highway		

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WPL

March 25 election will decide Webster Parish Libraries' future

AMBER MCDOWN
Minden Press-Herald

The Municipal Primary Election will be held on March 25, 2023, to decide if Webster Parish Libraries will have their millage renewed and to select a new school board member for District 9.

Webster Parish Libraries offers a wide variety of helpful, fun, and educational events throughout the year. Everything from story time, to delivering books to the homebound, to helping students study for the ACT exam, and much more. These services are funded by the millage that the citizens of Webster Parish vote to approve every ten years. In fact, this millage makes up 97% of the library revenue used to provide services to all residents throughout the parish.

The millage is not an increase, merely a renewal of the same rate of 12.39 mills for ten years. The current millage will expire at the end of 2024. Without this money, all of the branches of Webster Parish Libraries will be severely affected.

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

Also on the ballot is the District 9 seat on the Webster Parish School Board. District 9 is located roughly between Dixie Inn and Minden, from I-20 to just above Frenchie Dulany Road. The previous school board member, Frankie Mitchell, decided not to run in the November election but, since no one else ran, the position was left vacant. Mitchell volunteered to remain on the board until after this election so that her district was not left unrepresented.

The two candidates now running for District 9 are Jerri Lee and Jo Ann McWoodson.

The deadline to register to vote is March 4. Early voting will begin on March 11 and end on March 18. For early voting, the polls are open from 8:30 AM until 6 PM. On the day of the election, March 25, the polls will be open from 7 AM until 8 PM.

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OPINION

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OPINION

Unfair \$1 trillion Biden student loan vote-buying
giveaway makes mockery of HEROES Act

It had to come to this. The U.S. Supreme Court had no choice but to hear a case regarding the arguably staggering constitutional overreach that exists in this one. Let's put aside for a moment the fundamental unfairness, which is enormous, of cancelling student loans in this fashion. It is deeply unfair to those who have either not chosen a typical educational path such as college or professional school—or did choose that path but paid their own way. The U.S. Supreme Court this past week heard oral arguments in what will likely amount to one of the most dramatic violations of our Separation of Powers, perhaps in our nation's history. The case, Biden v. Nebraska, involves the unilateral action by Pres. Biden—through the use of an executive order—to cancel up to \$1 trillion in student loan debt that borrowers have legally and morally promised to repay. In fact, the Penn Wharton Budget Model concludes that the burden unfairly imposed on American taxpayers by the Biden Administration's reckless, inflationary student loan bailout proposal could exceed \$1 trillion. There is simply no precedent for such an action and no legal basis supporting it. In truth, I think Pres. Biden,

and certainly the very sharp lawyers around him, know that. However, at the time Biden made this unconstitutional commitment—prior to last fall's congressional elections—he was desperate to engage a naked political ploy to essentially buy the votes of young people. And Forbes points out that polls of young people since the election suggest the success of this strategy.



ROYAL ALEXANDER
Students (The HEROES Act) as its authority. The law allows the Education Secretary to waive or modify any statutory or regulatory provision related to federal student aid when "necessary in connection with a war or other military operation or national emergency." Well, Pres. Biden mis-used the China Virus emergency to seek to cancel student debt for the large majority of borrowers. The constitutional defect here is that the U.S. House of

Representatives alone—not the president—possesses the "power of the purse" and the only way to do something like this is to have a bill originate in the House, pass both the U.S. House and U.S. Senate and be signed by the president. Otherwise, a president, any president, simply has no constitutional authority to do this. If the U.S. Supreme Court invalidates this executive order as I think it will, I think it will do so based upon the "major questions" doctrine which simply stands for the legal principle that if Congress intends to create a law of vast "economic and political significance" it must clearly and explicitly say so. Well, the Higher Education Act says nothing of the kind. The purpose of the Higher Education Act is to allow active-duty military members to halt their student loan payments while fighting for their country. Perhaps the Wall Street Journal has characterized this case the best: "It's hard to overstate the stakes in this case. If a President can get away with this power-play, it's hard to see what limit would be left on executive rule. Find a statute that offers power in an "emergency," declare such an emergency, and then do whatever you want or spend whatever you want. The Founders

would be appalled." (WSJ, 2-25-23). In fact, what could be less 'HEROIC' than manipulating the HEROES Act in this way? As the Heritage Foundation has pointed out, "Those who are most deeply harmed by inflation are those who didn't go to college. While most Americans - 87 percent of which do not have federal student loans - are living paycheck to paycheck, they must now subsidize the hasty financial decisions of those with college degrees and high earning potential." In addition to being unconstitutional, this mocking misuse of the HEROES Act is cruel and callous and demonstrates that Pres. Biden simply does not care about leading, to borrow from President Lincoln, "a government of the people, by the people, and for the people." We should recall that the Justices have decisively ruled in other recent decisions that Pres. Biden has exceeded his constitutional authority on the vaccine mandate and rental eviction moratorium. It looks as though another legal rebuke is coming in this case. **ROYAL ALEXANDER IS A SHREVEPORT ATTORNEY.**

INSPIRATION

March is traumatic brain injury awareness month

In honor of my precious mother, Marcella May Morris-Hudson, I wish to do my part to make the public aware of traumatic brain injuries, along with the Brain Injury Association of America, who has led the way in making the public aware of traumatic brain injuries. I shall always remember when I first became aware of just how important it is that I share my story of my mother's tragic accident, when she lapsed into a coma at the age of two, while her parents were living in an underground dugout in Woods County, Oklahoma where their family was in the Land Rush of Oklahoma in 1908. I was stunned, after sharing my mother's story, at a Christian writer's conference in 2010 when a young woman approached me and told me how grateful she was that I had told my story that day because her daughter had been in an automobile accident that caused her to be disabled for life yet she was soon to become a new mother. A year later I saw her again and she said that somehow it was working out with their

family and the new grand baby. It helps knowing someone else has experienced what you are going through. Not long after that experience I was sitting in a doctor's waiting room next to a young woman. Being the perpetual story teller that I am, I began telling the story about my mother's brain trauma. The woman became speechless. After I finished she said "there's a reason you just told me that story. I am helping my sister-in-law, who was brain damaged in an auto accident and I am trying to help raise her teenage daughter." She confirmed how important sharing my mother's story really is. It took me a long time to find out what happened to my childlike mother but one

thing I will always know she loved me so much and wanted to do better but didn't know how. I shall never forget her blinding tears when we went to an orphanage. I would probably not be here today had it not been for my parent's neighbors matching them up after my maternal grandfather died leaving my thirty-nine year old mother with no family support system. My paternal grandmother also had just passed away leaving my already ill father with no one to care so it was an easy match. But anyway my sister, Alice, and I came into this world in a most unusual setting and we both vividly remember the taunts and stares of other children because of our funny clothes and everything that goes with being poor. Children can be cruel. I don't think anyone knew what had happened to my mother but the school yard bullying hurt us both to the core. Being a child is hard enough but standing out in a crowd hurts. What I am here to say is

that what happens to someone else can just as easily happen to you. To think not is to be naive. I recall one summer in the early 80's when three young people in this area had accidents that caused them to lapse into a coma resulting in permanent brain damage. Sometimes just hearing someone's story gives us the courage to go on. We should not be so afraid to reach out, to share where we came from. Whatever happens to us can be a tool we can use to lift someone to their feet, out of depression, and onto a brighter day -- one step at a time.. Where my story leads I do not know but I know that God sometimes steps out of the woodwork making his presence known, placing people in our path, letting us know that we are not alone and that "we are angels flying with only one wing and we can only fly embracing each other." **CONTACT SARAH AT SARAH9957@AOL.COM**



SARAH HUDSON PIERCE

OPINION

The Advocate: A new state budget that is flush, at least for now

It's usually the Jay Dardenne Show when Gov. John Bel Edwards' annual budget proposals are introduced to the Legislature. But this time, Edwards himself made the trek down to the Capitol basement to appear before the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget, presenting with Commissioner of Administration Dardenne the proposed state spending plan. It's Edwards' last budget of his second term. Because of term limits, the budget in February 2024 will be presented by a new governor. So there was a bit of an elegiac note to Edwards' appearance. And if the budget is the most important task for both Legislature and governor, the latter wanted to emphasize to lawmakers

and to the public that Louisiana's finances are doing great on his watch. Tax collections have surged, in part because of the post-pandemic wave of economic activity that has sent unemployment rates to historic lows. The growth rate comes to an impressive \$880 million in extra current-year tax inflow, plus another \$726 million in surplus collections from last year. Politically, that combination is hard to beat. Under the Louisiana Constitution, about a third of the surplus dollars must go to a rainy-day fund or to pay off retirement debt, both worthwhile. But that still leaves plenty of "one-time" money for construction projects and roads, the kinds of crowd-pleasing appropri-

tions lawmakers running for reelection eagerly seek. The more important recurring revenues, which pay for payroll and other annual expenses via the state general fund, should be focused on priorities like teacher pay raises. The Edwards appearance at JLCB was the first of two major budget events; the second, later this year, will be a Revenue Estimating Conference that — if current economic trends continue — could see an increase in the money available for the budget year beginning July 1. And that means, Edwards said, that his proposed \$2,000 raise for classroom teachers could be upped by lawmakers to \$3,000, bringing salaries up to the average of states in the Southern Regional Education Board.

That's been a longtime goal for the state. The overall budget presentation represents a sensible plan for the state's future, even though there are legitimate reasons to be cautious. Lawmakers don't want to choose among budget items to cut, but they may well have to if and when revenues slump. The longer-term concerns are not that far away: A temporary 0.45% state sales tax enacted in 2018 to balance the state's budget falls off the books in mid-2025 and will reduce tax collections by an estimated \$418 million each year, the Legislative Fiscal Office has said. Meanwhile, a portion of taxes on sales of new cars and trucks will start flowing away from the general fund

to road and bridge work, starting with \$161 million in the next fiscal year and \$325 million the year after that, according to the Public Affairs Research Council. The state general fund, the mainspring account of the entire budget, depends on economic vitality continuing; with the raiding of the general fund for road repairs via diversion of the sales tax, lawmakers may be forced to confront the difficulties of budget-making sooner than they'd like. But when John Bel Edwards rides off into the sunset after his two terms, that will be someone else's worry. In the meantime, money makes the political world go 'round, quite nicely, especially in an election year.

SPORTS

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HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL



VALLETTE WEAVER/SPECIAL TO THE PRESS-HERALD
Jamaria Clark scored 48 points last week in a 74-56 victory over Ebarb in the second round of the non-select Division V playoffs.

Doyline falls to No. 3 seed Fairview in quarterfinals

RUSSELL HEDGES
Minden Press-Herald

The Doyline Panthers fell to No. 3 seed Fairview 91-75 in the quarterfinals of the non-select Division V playoffs last week in Grant.

Doyline, the No. 6 seed, finished an outstanding season 27-5. It was the sixth straight year Doyline has reached at least the quarterfinals.

Fairview improved to 32-5.

In his final game, Jamaria “Juicy” Clark scored 33 points. He also had seven rebounds, four assists and three steals.

Clark, Doyline’s lone senior, finished his career with 3,230 points.

In three playoff games, he scored 133 points.

Broox Swain, a 6-foot-6 junior forward, had his

best game offensively in the playoffs with 16 points. He also had 15 rebounds for a double-double and two blocks.

Damarion McClendon, a 5-8 sophomore guard, had 13 points, four rebounds, three assists and one steal.

Jay Patterson, a 5-10 8th-grade guard, had seven points, five rebounds and two steals.

Keldric Clark, a 6-3 junior forward, had 11 rebounds, six points, two blocks and one steal.

Noah Spears, a 6-7 sophomore forward, had seven rebounds.

The Panthers reached the quarterfinals with a 74-56 second round victory over Ebarb.

Playing his final home game, Jamaria Clark scored all 23 of the Panthers’ points in the fourth

quarter.

He sank four 3-pointers in the quarter and had eight in the game. Clark finished with 48 points. Per Doyline stats, he scored 52 in the Panther’ first-round win over Negreet.

Ebarb, the No. 11 seed, closed it season 22-14.

McClendon hit two 3-pointers and scored 10.

With Kadyne Collins scoring 12 points, Ebarb got off to a fast start and led 18-13 after the first quarter. Clark had 12 in the period.

Clark sank two from behind the arc and scored eight in the second quarter. Patterson scored six and the Panthers outscored the Rebels 20-13, taking a 33-30 lead into the locker room.

McClendon knocked down his two 3s in the third and Patterson and Clark

scored five each. Doyline extended the lead to 51-41 going into the fourth.

The Rebels hit a 3 early in the fourth to cut the lead to seven.

But Clark answered with a 3 from near the sideline almost out of bounds. He then hit another long-range 3 to put the Panthers up by 12.

Ebarb cut lead to eight with 5:07 left. Clark nailed yet another 3 from almost the same spot he hit the first one in the quarter.

The Rebels got back within eight then had the chance to cut the lead to six but missed two free throws with 3:37 left.

Clark drove the lane and drew a foul with 3:07 left. His made both free throws, starting a 14-2 run to end the game.

Collins led Ebarb with 23 points.

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Four parish teams combine for 15 victories

RUSSELL HEDGES
Minden Press-Herald

Overall, last week was a very successful one for parish teams.

Minden, North Webster, Lakeside and Glenbrook combined for 15 victories.

Minden continued its strong start under first-year head coach Cody Davis.

The Crimson Tide won four games. They entered this week 7-1 with a six-game winning streak.

Minden began the week with a doubleheader sweep of Southwood, 18-6 and 8-2.

The Tide then defeated Hermitage, Ark., 15-0 and Doyline 10-0 in the Minden tournament.

Landon Brewer went 3-for-3 with a double and two RBI in the five-inning first game against Southwood.

Hudson Brown went

2-for-2 with five RBI. Brody Bower went 2-for-3 with five RBI.

Elliott Sheppard had a double and two RBI in the second game.

Jaxon Smith pitched a complete game. He allowed four hits and only one walk with nine strikeouts.

Zander Rowell pitched a three-inning no-hitter with five strikeouts against Hermitage.

The Tide had 13 hits. Rowell, Brewer, Jakobe Jackson and Sheppard all had two. Rowell and Sheppard had three RBI each.

Jackson pitched a six-inning no-hitter against Doyline. He struck out eight and walked two.

He also had a two-RBI triple. Brandon Winston and Brewer had two hits each.

North Webster went 3-0. The Knights entered this week 6-1 with a six-



VALLETTE WEAVER/SPECIAL TO THE PRESS-HERALD
Minden’s Brody Bower prepares to run at third as Head Coach Cody Davis looks on during a victory over Hermitage, Ark., last week.

game winning streak.

Like Minden, North Webster swept a doubleheader from Southwood, 17-4 and 8-6.

They finished the week with a 13-0 victory over Zwolle in the Florien tournament.

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HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Minden, Lakeside, Glenbrook enjoy successful week

RUSSELL HEDGES
Minden Press-Herald

The Minden Lady Tiders, Lakeside Lady Warriors and Glenbrook Lady Apaches all posted victories last week.

Minden won twice, defeating Summerfield 14-2 and Doyline 18-2.

The Lady Tiders entered this week 5-4 with a four-game winning streak.

Kylie Ryan, Jacey Adams and Leigha K-Gilbert all hit home runs against Summerfield.

Ryan went 2-for-2 with three RBI. Adams had three RBI. Gilbert also had a double. Brooklyn Edwards had two RBI.

Ryan struck out 10 and allowed three hits in the five-inning game.

Adams went 3-for-4 with a home run, double and six RBI against Doyline.

Lindsay Ryan went 2-for-3 with a double and three RBI. K-Gilbert had two hits, including a triple, and two RBI.

Kaylin Williams had two hits and two RBI. Edwards had a double.

Lindsay Ryan allowed three hits and struck out four.

Glenbrook also picked up two wins, defeating Stanley 11-9 and Northwood 10-5.

Vivian Still went 3-for-5 with a home run, double and five RBI against Stanley.

Sarah Margaret Mosley had three hits, including a double, and two RBI.

Gabi Brown had two hits, including a double, and two RBI.

Hallie Harmon went 3-for-4 with a home run

and two RBI against Northwood. Still went 3-for-5 with two doubles.

Colby Hollis went 2-for-3 with a double and four RBI. Anna Grace Vining had two hits, including a double.

Winning pitcher Brown hit a solo home run.

Lakeside went 1-2. The Lady Warriors defeated North Webster 6-5 and lost to Captain Shreve 9-3 and Calvin 11-8.

Lakeside scored a run in the bottom of the seventh to edge North Webster.

Maggie Mandino scored the winning run on a one-out double by Karri-gan Davis. Mandino drew a walk before Davis’ hit.

That came after North Webster tied the game at 5 with three runs in the top of the seventh.

Winning pitcher McKenna Chreene went 2-for-2. She struck out 16 and issued no walks while allowing six hits.

Hallie Sutton had an RBI-triple. Mandino had two RBI and walked twice.

Mackenzie McCoy and Sutton had two hits each against Shreve.

Emily Jones and Meredith Robinson had doubles.

Chreene went 2-for-3 with a triple and three RBI against Calvin. Sutton had two hits, including a double, and three RBI.

In addition to the Lakeside loss, North Webster fell to Logansport.

Anekah Coleman went 2-for-3 against Lakeside. Paige Timmons had an RBI-triple.

HIGH SCHOOL TRACK AND FIELD

North Webster teams runners-up in first meet

RUSSELL HEDGES
Minden Press-Herald

North Webster finished runner-up to Haynesville in both the boys and girls divisions in the North Webster Invitational last week in Springhill.

The meet was the first of the outdoor season.

Minden sophomore Porter Neal and Haynesville’s Isaiah Washington were double winners in the boys division. Neal won the 800 in 2:31.39 and the 1,600 in 5:48.19.

Washington took the 300 hurdles in 45.96 and the triple jump with a leap of 40-5.

North Webster freshman Jkobe Lawson won the 100 in 11.28 and finished second in the 200 in 23.09. He finished just .03 behind Haynesville’s Alonzo Jackson in the 200.

Lakeside’s Brandon Bell won the 3,200 in 14:03.61.

Minden won the 4X400 relay in 3:47.22 and the 4X800 in 10:15.

North Webster won the 4X200 relay in 1:36.74 and finished second in the 4X100 in 45:50. Haynesville won the 4X100 in 45:04.

North Webster also finished second in 4X800 in 10:43.

North Webster sophomore Cameron Lewis took the high jump.

Lewis, Plain Dealing’s Eli James and Haynesville’s Jackson all cleared 5-4. Lewis won on fewer misses.

Minden junior Cameron Mitchell took the long jump with a leap of 20-4.

North Webster juniors Chase McKenzie and Gavin Marshall finished

1-2 in the pole vault. McKenzie cleared 10-0 and Marshall 9-6.

Lakeside senior Connor Wood and sophomore Jamarion Evans finished 1-2 in the shot put with tosses of 107-1 and 103-7, respectively.

Lakeside junior Chad Davis captured the javelin with a throw of 134-07.

Other runners-up in individual events from parish schools were Lakeside senior Omero Urbina (400), North Webster junior Avante Curry (300 hurdles), Lakeside’s Tarmarjah Ferrell (triple jump) and Minden senior Kielyn Combs (shot put).

North Webster sophomore Amiyah White and Haynesville junior Zyariah Mosi were double winners in the girls division.

White swept the hurdles, winning the 100 in 20.15 and the 300 in 56.23.

Mosi took the long jump with a 14-10 and the triple jump with a 29-11.

North Webster senior Nevaeh Watts and junior Aniyah Gibson finished 1-2 in the 100. Watts ran a 12.87 and Gibson a 13.29.

Minden sophomore Shamijah Jefferson took the 400 in 1:09.16.

North Webster freshman Bailee Lyons won the 800 in 3:11.27.

Lakeside freshman Iris Aguinaga captured the 1,600 in 7:41.24.

Lakeside sophomore Madison McGraw won the 3,200 in 18:39.

North Webster won the 4X100 relay in 51.69 and the 4X800 in 12:28. Minden took the 4X400 in 4:56.15.

Lakeside sophomore McKenzie Chase took the pole vault with a 7-6.

SPORTS

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BASEBALL

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Collin McKenzie, Dakota Davison and Ethyn Radar all had three hits in the first game against Southwood. Cooper Sanders went 3-for-4 with two doubles and two RBI in the second game. Kyle Dinkins also went 3-for-4. Glenbrook went 4-1. The Apaches entered this week 7-2. Glenbrook started the week with a 6-3 victory over

Many. The Apaches then went 3-1 in the Trey Altick Classic, defeating Holy Savior Menard 10-5, Sacred Heart 9-6, West Ouachita 13-11 and falling to St. Charles 12-2. Toby Haulmark's bases-loaded triple with two outs in the fifth gave Glenbrook a 5-3 lead against Many. Hayden Harmon went 2-for-3 in the game. Maddox Mandino also had two

hits. Wining pitcher Easton Sanders went 3-for-4 with three RBI against Menard. Winning pitcher Turner McLelland went 3-for-3 with a double and five RBI against Sacred Heart. Glenbrook rallied from an 11-5 deficit after four innings against West Ouachita. The Apaches scored two in the fifth and three in the sixth to get within one then

won it with three in the top of the seventh. Seth Mangrum had three of the Apaches' 10 hits. Mandino, McLelland and Harmon had one triple each. Harmon had two hits and two RBI against St. Charles. Lakeside went 2-1. The Warriors entered this week 4-3. They lost to Ouachita

Christian 4-1 then defeated Hermitage 14-0 and Taylor, Ark., 13-5, in the Minden tournament. Eli Musgraves went 2-for-3 against Ouachita Christian. Starter Hunter Sutton went five innings. He allowed five hits and one earned run and issued no walks. Cooper Chase allowed one hit and struck out eight

in three innings against Hermitage. Musgraves and Jordan Isbell had three hits each against Taylor. Jon Jon Dick had two hits -and three RBI. In addition to the Minden loss, Doyline fell to North Caddo 11-3. Benton Bates went 2-for-3 against North Caddo. Noah Spears had a triple.

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

2023 season in full swing



Minden's Brandon Winston gets a hit during a victory over Hermitage, Ark.



Lakeside defeated Taylor, Ark., 13-5 in the Minden tournament.



Doyline's Austin Arbaugh scores a run against North Caddo.



Lakeside's Jon Jon Dick bats against Taylor, Ark.



Doyline's Caysten Mingo pitches against North Caddo.



Minden's Landyn Huddleston looks to score against Hermitage.

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OUTDOORS

Warren heads organization to help special youngsters

GLYNN HARRIS

When I was growing up in the country, if we wanted to hunt or fish, we went. There was no thought of needing help because every other kid I knew was like me; there were none with disabilities who weren't able to do what I did. Think of a youngster, nose pressed against the window glass as he sits in a wheelchair, legs supported by braces as he can only look longingly out the window at other kids doing what he'd love to do. His disability keeps them behind the window rather than being out and doing what his little heart wishes he could. Enter Jeff Warren and his organization for special needs kids, Dream Hunt Foundation. You have to wonder how in the world Warren has the time from his full-time work in construction, remodeling and owning a crawfish restaurant to kick start an organization that helps special needs youngsters. The mission statement for the organization, Dream Hunt Foundation, sets the tone for why he has continued what he started in the spring of 2013. It reads..."Dream Hunt Foundation desires to take kids on the hunt of a lifetime. We want to provide them a positive experience in a tough season of their life, teach them principles from a trusted adult that goes beyond the hunt and create a platform to share the hope we have in Christ." Warren, who lives south of Shreveport in Stonewall, launched the organization because of his vision of putting something together that would give special needs youngsters the



COURTESY PHOTO

Dream Hunt Foundation has been in the business of helping special needs youngsters fulfill a dream for 10 years.

chance to participate in activities they previously could only dream about. "Obviously, there is no way we could do what we do without having sponsors coming alongside of us, groups who believe in what we're doing and are generously sponsoring events that help us fund what we do," Warren said. One such group, Dowlings Processing in Simsboro, is one of those groups that has come alongside Warren to help out. On March 11, Dowlings is sponsoring a sporting clays shoot with funds generated targeting Dream Hunt Foundation. "Dowlings is a great organization that helped us

last year. They raised between \$5000 and \$6000 a year ago. When you think that it costs us about \$500 a kid to get everything set up for an event, what they did a year ago gave 12 kids the opportunity to do something they would have never been able to do," said Warren. Anyone wishing to participate in the Dowling event should contact Colby Sherrard at Dowlings at 247-6451. Other groups that have come aboard to help include a group in Bryceland that hosted a special feral hog hunt last year raising some \$5000. In addition, there are golf tournaments in Shreveport and Monroe

and a sporting clays event in Ferriday along with a big raffle at the end of the year that are raising funds for Dream Hunt Foundation. "One thing of importance is the fact that what we do is not just for youngsters in our area," said Warren. "Since the program began we have had up to 2,000 kids from all around the country take part in the program. Our records show that we were able to offer 400 kids the opportunity for a special hunt or fishing event last year." Hopefully this message will touch the hearts of individuals who would like to get involved. Visit info@dreamhunt.tv to find out how.

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 on bream or stripers. For latest information, contact Honey Hole Tackle Shop 323-8707 for latest information.

BUSSEY BRAKE – Big bass are turning on with Robby Roberts landing a new lake record 15.36 pounds. Flipping soft plastics around brush has been the ticket. Some big crappie to around 3 pounds have been caught with shiners or small spinners working best. For latest information, contact the Honey Hole at 323-8707.

OUACHITA RIVER – The water is still a bit high and few anglers have been going out. For latest information, contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

LAKE D'ARBONNE – Crappie are making the move toward staging areas with some good catches made 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 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. A good many buck bass to around 4 pounds are hitting with big females on the verge of moving in. Crappie are still in fairly 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.

LAKE POVERTY POINT – Catfishing is good. Crappie fishing is improving on jigs and shiners as the fish begin to move more shallow with some big ones around 2 ½ pounds caught. 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 fairly high but due for a slow fall. No fishermen this week. For information, call Surplus City Landing at 318/467-2259.

Good News

GOOD NEWS

WORD PICTURES OF THE BIBLE

Many of us are visual learners. Well, that may be our greatest learning strength. The Bible uses a lot of visuals to help us better understand certain concepts, applications, and perceptions being taught by God the Father, Jesus - the Teacher, the Prophets and Evangelists. One of these word pictures that we grasp easily is ‘the mirror’ (1 Cor 13 & 2 Cor 3:18). This gives us a picture of what people are like, a reflection, or a glimpse! We picture or visualize Adam and Eve as real people like us. We resemble them in many ways. When we read about Christ in the gospels it is like standing before a mirror, seeing a reflection of ourselves in Him, not as we are but what we shall become. Because of His grace, we shall be transformed into the kind of person we see in Christ. He wants us to ‘mirror’ Him in our daily lives.

The Psalmist uses the word picture of a lamp or candle to describe the Word of God. (Psalm 119:105). This is one of the easiest verses to memorize. The Word of God is like a lamp unto my feet (giving me light to see where I am going), and a light unto my path (I can see distance in front of me so I can judge my surroundings). A lamp with a wick gives a soft light for a longer period of time than a torch might that flickers and burns out. This small lamp can be carried by hand, lighting the pathway of the person as he walks. It is a personal and portable lamp, not like a lighthouse on the coast. The Word of God also shines like a lamp,



Bill Crider

giving a personal message from God to help us make life choices, giving us comfort in sorrows, teaches us that God is love, and also it warns us when we are tempted to sin. A third word picture used in the Psalms is snow. (Psalm 19:9-10). The Psalmist saw God’s handiwork all around him. The orderliness and immensity of the heavens affirmed God’s existence and majesty. He described God’s Word as being more valuable than gold and more desirable than honey. God will supply our needs by His grace and He hears us when we pray. His words in the Bible are sweet like honey from the comb to one who claims the promises by faith. Other word pictures used throughout the Scriptures to help man understand God’s desire to communicate with man include: Snow – wash

me and I shall be whiter than snow – purity (Isaiah 55:10-11); Seed – the sower planting seed to bring forth a harvest (Mark 4:20); and Sword – describes the sharp penetrating power of the Word of God (Hebrews 4:12). Jesus used many word pictures also as he taught his disciples and others who followed him from time to time. (I am the Way, the Truth, the Life (John 14); the Bread of Life – He that eats of me shall never hunger (John 6); the Good Shepherd – I am the Good Shepherd that lays down His life for his sheep (John 10:11); the Beginning and End/Alpha and Omega; I am the First and the Last (John 1 & Rev 22:12). But the Bible is much more than a historical record of what God did in the past for He still speaks through his Word today. Believers have always found salvation, hope, inspiration,

personalization and comforting helps in the words of the Bible. It will forever stand as God’s Holy Word and provide eternal help with our spiritual needs by faith expressed in power of Jesus’ sacrificial death and of the Comforting Spirit living within the believer. As you read the Bible, make a list of meaningful word pictures depicting God’s promises to you. (Fortress, Guide, Shelter, Hope). Some of these thoughts are referenced in “Senior Moments with the Bible” – Dorman Laird, Westbow Press).

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THE UPWARD LOOK

Anger

“Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil.” Ephesians 4:26-27 ESV



Max Hutto

It is appropriate to be angry at certain things such as wrongs, injustice, falsehoods, perversion, wickedness, and other sins. Yet anger must be settled quickly, before the day is over and not left to fester. Anger is volatile and can suddenly ignite and easily be used by the devil to create all kinds of evil and destruction. Anger left unchecked

will accelerate quickly to sins such as malice, bitterness, rage, hatred, revenge, and even murder. Anger must be dealt with immediately, or it will spread like wildfire to defile and destroy. Lord Jesus, when I see wrong, help me to have righteous indignation that seeks Your truth and righteousness to prevail over evil, yet keep me from unchecked anger. MAX HUTTO IS A BAPTIST MINISTER AND A RESIDENT OF MINDEN. MORE INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND AT WWW.UPWARDLOOK.ORG.

INSPIRATION

What’s in a name?

What’s in a name? Our names act as our identity to the rest of the world. The first thing we put on a legal document, the first exchange we make when we meet a new person, and in most cases, the start of numerous tall tales after we die. As we live, grow, and make our mark on life our names bear the brunt of every success and failure. Growing up I remember hating my name for multiple reasons the main reason being that it wasn’t popular. However, I’ve come to realize it’s not about the popularity of a name but the meaning attached to it. What a lot of people fail to realize is that our names have 2 meanings. The first is the meaning that’s assigned to that name




Bernard Harris

by its original creator and the second is assigned by your conduct as a person. The name of Jesus is no exception. For example, if you look up the definition of Jesus it means “the Lord saves.” This meaning was assigned at the conception of this name and by Jesus’s walk and the results thereof. Jesus saved long ago and continues to save today. So as you go out proclaiming yourself a follower of Jesus or a child of Christ ask yourself does the name match the walk? BERNARD HARRIS III IS A HAUGHTON FIREMAN AND A LOCAL RESIDENT OF MINDEN


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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. 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.

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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
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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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The CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be examined at the following location(s): Cothren Graff Smoak Engineering, Inc., 6305 Westport Avenue, Shreveport, LA 71129.

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VILLAGE OF DIXIE INN (hereinafter referred to as the "Owner").

Sealed bids marked "Sealed Bid" VILLAGE OF DIXIE INN Love Louisiana Outdoors Project to be financed by the State of Louisiana Love Louisiana Outdoors Program will be received by the Owner for the construction of the project described as follows:

VILLAGE OF DIXIE INN
Love Louisiana Outdoors Project Dixie Inn Park- Restroom and Picnic Shelters

Proposals shall be addressed to the VILLAGE OF DIXIE INN and delivered to the **Village of DIXIE INN Town Hall, 60 SHELL STREET, MINDEN, LA 71055** not later than **2:00 P.M., THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2023**.

6, 2023. Sealed bids shall be marked as "Sealed Bid" – VILLAGE OF DIXIE INN Love Louisiana Outdoors Project to be financed by the State of Louisiana Love Louisiana Outdoors Program. All bids must be submitted on the proper bid form. The Contractor shall display his Contractor's license number prominently on the outside of the envelope. Any bids received after the specified time and date will not be considered. The sealed bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at **2:00 P.M., THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2023** at the **Village of DIXIE INN Town Hall, 60 Shell Street, Minden, Louisiana 71055.**

The Information for Bidders, Form of Bid Proposal, Form of Contract, Plans, Specifications, and Forms of Bid Bond, Performance and Payment Bond, and other contract documents may be examined at the Village of Dixie Inn. Copies may be obtained at the office of the Engineer, COTHREN, GRAFF, SMOAK ENGINEERING, INC., upon payment of \$50.00 which amount constitutes the cost of reproduction and handling. This payment will not be refunded.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids for just cause; such actions will be in accordance with Title 38 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes. All bidders must sign: (1) the Bid, (2) Certificate of Corporate Principal and Surety, (3) any Addenda issued, and (4) Bid Bond which always must accompany the bid in the correct amount.

A Corporate Resolution authorizing a representative of the corporation to sign the bid must accompany the bid, if the bidder is a corporation.

Each bidder must deposit with his/her bid, security in the amount, form, and subject to the conditions provided in the Information for Bidders. Sureties used for obtaining bonds must appear as acceptable on the U.S. Department of Treasury Circular 570.

No bidder may withdraw his/her bid within thirty (30) days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

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The Contractor Classification for the project is:

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Attention of Bidders is particularly called to the requirement as to conditions of employment to be observed and minimum wage rates to be paid under the Contract, Section 3, Segregated Facilities, Section 109, Executive Order 11246, and all applicable laws and regulations of the Federal government and State of Louisiana and bonding and insurance requirements.

The successful bidder must submit executed copies of Certification Regarding Equal Employment Opportunity, Section 3 and Segregated Facilities, Section 3 Plan with Tables A and B, Certification Concerning Labor Standards and all subcontractors' certifications prior to contract execution.

The successful bidder will be required to execute the Owner's Standard Form of Agreement/ Contract for construction together with the Performance and Payment Bonds within ten (10) working days after normal award of contract.

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SHERIFF'S SALE

CITIBANK, N.S., NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR NEW RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2018-4 VS. PAMELA LEWIS THOMPSON AND WILLIAM E. THOMPSON, JR.

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 80197

By virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued out of the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, in the above styled and numbered suit and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder for cash WITH the benefit of appraisal and according to law at the principal front door of the Courthouse in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana on WEDNESDAY, April 12, 2023, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

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The Minden Housing Authority will hold a Public Meeting on April 17, 2023 at 10:00 a.m., at 1209 East Street, to receive comments on the 2023 Annual PHA Plan and 2023-2027 Capital Fund 5-Year Action Plan Budgets /2023 Annual Statement.

All documents are on display and available for viewing at the office of the Housing Authority, located at 1209 East Street, Monday through Thursday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

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ART GALLERY

City Art Works hosts reception for Chris Broussard

WILL PHILLIPS
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It would be inaccurate to simply label Chris Broussard as a local artist. While true, it doesn't fully capture or express the impact that Broussard has had on Minden and its art community. Whether through the Farm of Cultural Crossroads, hosting art classes, or even the creation of the paintings themselves, Broussard has made a plethora of contributions to the local art community and is one of the people who has helped foster it into what it is today.

City Art Works is currently hosting a gallery which showcases a collection of Chris's art and some work from her late husband, Rick Broussard, who passed away December of last year. Chris credits Rick heavily for getting her started in the arts, providing not only the tools necessary to paint, but also the love and support needed to hone her craft.

"My life as an artist really began when Rick discovered that I had talent. He purchased an oak easel, canvases, paints, and brushes for me. He was already creating his own gallery of work as an avid photographer. His support and encouragement led me to paint some of my first works of art which included predominantly old barns."

These works can be seen on display as well as other subjects, some of which particularly helped her get her name out as an artist in the local community, the works from her "Images of Minder" series. Most of these works are accompanied by a written excerpt, providing some context for the origin of the pieces.



WILL PHILLIPS/PRESS-HERALD PHOTOS


City Art Works hosted a reception for **Chris Broussard's** art gallery which featured a wide array of the paintings and artworks she has brought to life since beginning her journey as an artist.

“Even though I won’t be here, there is enough labeling and stories to every painting that I did, that anybody who doesn’t know me would get a real sense of why I did what I did. I wanted to give that to them, then they can interpret the painting the way they want,” said Broussard.

To hear her put it, Broussard was overwhelmed by the turnout for the reception of her gallery on March 2. "It's more than I expect-

ed. It's overwhelming. It feels wonderful, being able to connect with some of the kids that I taught. Just being able to put all of our stuff together in one place and look at it has been really cathartic for me, and has really helped to heal my broken heart. I couldn't ask for anything better," said Broussard.

The show, titled Art and Soul, will be on display at City Art Works through March 31.



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