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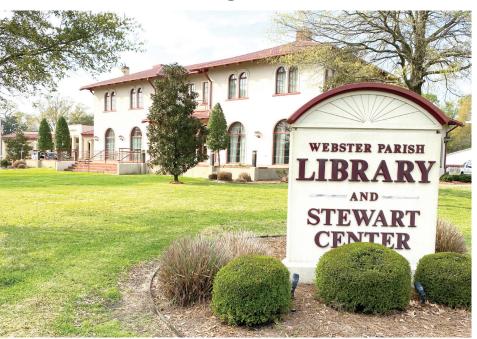
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The Municipal Primary Election will be held on March 25, 2023, to decide if Webster Parish Libraries will have their millage renewed and to select a new school board member for District 9.

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



AMBER MCDOWN/PRESS-HERALD PHOTO

Webster Parish Libraries have a millage renewal on the ballot for the March 25 election. A vote of "yes" will ensure that the libraries can continue to offer their wide array of services to the citizens of Webster Parish.

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 state and, in my opinion, residents go to the voting ber, Frankie Mitchell, one of the very best. This booth on March 25th, the decided not to run in 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 Par-

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 memNovember 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.

Early voting began on March 11 and will 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

SPRING

Spring is in the air

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Spring officially begins March 20, and now is a good time to be working

in the garden. According to the LSU Ag Center, you should make your first lawn mowing at a low setting and then remove the grass clippings. Then let your lawn "green up" be-

fore you start fertilizing, which shouldn't be until the beginning of April. Spring is an excellent time to plant new trees and shrubs. If you didn't fertilize in February, then March is still a good time. Spring begins next March is also the perfect time to begin a prevengram. Alternate fungi-

tional fungicides. Starting in April, it will be time to watch out for fungal diseases on your lawn such as gray leaf spot. This fungus is particularly attracted to St. Augustine grass.

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April is also a good time to begin planting warmseason annuals, perennials, and caladium bulbs. And if you've been wondering when to prune your trees and shrubs, April is a great time for azaleas, camellias, and spireas. Wait until they have finished flowering before pruning, then fertilize afterwards.

The Master Gardeners will also be hosting their annual Spring Plant Sale on Saturday, April 1, from 8 a.m. until noon at the Red River Research Center, located at 262 Research Road, Bossier City off Highway



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week, and now is the time to do some gardentative rose spraying pro- ing. The Master Gardeners at the LSU Ag Center cides to control blackspot can help you with all and powdery mildew. your questions.

> 71-South, just past Parkway High School. They will have a wide selection of perennials, shade plants, unique vines, and fragrant herbs for sale. In addition, many varieties of native plants grown by Master Gardeners will also be available. Some of these include hydrangea, Louisiana iris, angel trumpet, pollinator plants, hanging baskets, and Louisiana super plants.

If you enjoy gardening and want to meet other people who do, consider joining the Piney Hills Louisiana Master Gardeners. A new class will be starting on June 13. They provide invaluable training and educational opportunities. For more information, contact the LSU Ag Center at (318) 371-1371, or the Master Gardeners website at www.phlmg.com.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Jerri M. Lee announces candidacy for the Webster **Parish School Board District 9**

Special to the Minden Press-Herald

Jerri M. Lee has announced that she is a candidate for the Webster Parish School Board District 9 seat on the March 25 ballot.

A love of learning, a deep appreciation for education, and a passion for reading is part of Jerri M. Lee's DNA. Education has been the focal point of her family's life. She earned her B.S. degree from Southern University, Baton Rouge in French and Spanish and her Master's Degree plus 30 hours from Louisiana Tech University with a concentration in English. She obtained her Second Language Specialist Certification from Louisiana State University.

Mrs. Lee's entire teaching career of 36 (thirtysix) years was spent in the Webster Parish School System. Her first teaching assignment was at her alma mater Webster High School, and her second teaching assignment was at Dubberly Elementary/ High School where she taught English and served as school librarian. The next thirty years were spent at Minden High

School as an instructor of French, English III, and later Spanish. Following her retirement, she returned to teach at the parish's alternative school.

Her vast range of experiences in the educational field gives her an advantage understanding and appreciating the complexities of the problems that face public education in Louisiana. She is committed to spending the time

and energy needed to stay informed and active on issues pertaining to the quality of public education in Webster Parish schools.

Mrs. Lee was actively involved with the United Teaching Profession (NEA, LAE, & WAE) for her entire teaching career. She served as State President of the Louisiana Association of Classroom Teachers, and she also served as president of the Webster Association of Educators on two occasions.

She firmly believes that she can still be of service to the district, the city of Minden, and Webster Parish as a whole.

Mrs. Lee had the privilege of serving on the Webster Parish Police Jury representing District 9 for three terms.

Some of her past and present community services and employment/ business experiences include:

Louisiana Association Classroom of Teachers (President)

United Teaching Profession (NEA, LAE, WAE)

Webster Parish Library Board of Control (Vice President)

Office of Community Services (President of the Board of Directors) Minden Medical Center Board of Gover-

Anna Pink Ribbon Cancer Foundation Community Service Projects

Back to School Bash - Contributor and Volunteer

Grilling on Main Judge

Annual Fundraising Activities for Area College **Bound Students** Annual Senior Citi-

zen Fall Fest Director, AKA

American Heart Association Board of Directors

Council on Aging **Board of Directors**

Minden Fire and Civil Service Board (Vice-President)

Webster Parish Head Start Board

Head Start Health and Nutrition Advisory Committee Mrs. Lee is a life mem-

ber of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and is a charter member of its local chapter, Iota Rho Omega where she has served two different terms as president and parliamentarian.

She is a member of St. Rest Baptist Church where she serves as a member of

the Sanctuary Choir. Jerri M. Lee is the daughter of the late Willie and Annie G. Musgrow. She married her college sweetheart Robert E. Lee, Jr.; they have been married for 57 years. The couple has twin sons, Victor and Vincent, and one daughter Terri Lee Jackson. They have five grandchildren.

Jerri M. Lee is competent, caring, and committed to serving her constituents and the citizens of Webster Parish.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Jo Ann McWoodson announces candidacy for the Webster Parish **School Board District 9**

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Today, I am announcing my candidacy for Webster Parish School Board Member, District 9. The mother of three grown children and 3 grandsons. I am currently retired from Webster Par-

ish School Board, having served as Executive Secretary under three superintendents, a member of LSBA (LA School Board Asso-



ciation). I feel that this experience as well as having a degree in Busi-

> ness Education will help me in understanding business of the school board as well as the financial operations of the board, the curricu-

lum as well as operations of all funds that school items are purchased. Your vote will be appreciated. On March 25th, vote #3.

CRIME

Woman burns husband's clothes during domestic dispute

STAFF REPORT

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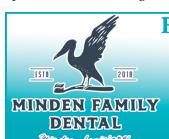
A Minden woman was arrested on domestic battery charges after beating her husband on

March 5.

Sketea Dyshika Shunta Walker, 36, had gone through her husband's phone and found conversations he had had

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with another woman. She confronted him and then began hitting him in the face with her fists. But that was only the beginning.

"[He] told officers he was struck in the head and face repeatedly by Walker with a metal flashlight," the arrest report stated. "[He] had injuries consistent with his account. [He] told officers he was struck several times with a metal curtain

rod. [He] had whelps on his arms consistent with his account. When [he] began packing clothes to leave the residence, [the husband] alleges Walker put them in the bathtub and set them on fire."

The man left and went to a relative's house. He then came to the police department to make a report. The man was treated at Minden Medical Center for cuts, scratches, and whelps.

When officers went to

the scene of the crime they found "a weight with blood on it, a bent curtain rod, a suicide note, several items of burnt clothes, and items with blood on them."

Walker turned herself in on March 7, and was charged with domestic battery with a dangerous weapon and severe bodily injury, a felony.

All persons accused of any crime are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.



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Everyone has an opinion and now it's time to give yours. Vote for your favorite business in Webster Parish! The winners will be announced in the Readers' Choice edition on Friday, April 26, 2023. You may drop the ballot off at the Minden Press-Herald office at 203 Gleason Street in Minden or mail it to the Minden Press-Herald, P.O. Box 1339, Minden, LA 71058. Only one ballot per person will be permitted. No reproductions or faxes will be accepted.

Favorite Dentist Favorite Auto Body Shop Favorite Apartment Complex Favorite Manufactured Home Dealer/Supplier Favorite Auto Parts Store Favorite Bakery Favorite Lawyer **Favorite Drive Thru Restaurant** Favorite Electrician Favorite Buffet Restaurant

Favorite NEW Auto Dealer Favorite Barber Shop Favorite USED Auto Dealer Favorite Beauty Shop

Favorite Breakfast Restaurant

Favorite Bank

Favorite Chicken

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Favorite Eye Care Provider

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Favorite Lunch Location

Favorite Middle School

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Favorite Dance School

Favorite Veterinarian Favorite Nursing Home

Favorite Mechanic

Favorite Church

Favorite Hamburger

Favorite Financial Advisor

Favorite Walk-In Quick Care Medical

Favorite USED Vehicle Salesperson

Favorite Jeweler

Favorite Lawn Equipment Dealer

Favorite Landscaping/Lawncare Provider

Favorite Elementary School

Favorite Florist

Favorite Furniture Store

Favorite Evening Meal Restaurant Favorite C.P.A.

Favorite Gas Station Favorite Ambulance Service Favorite Gift Shop (Non-Florist) **Favorite Heating & Air Provider**

Favorite Shoe Store Favorite Principal **Favorite Casino Favorite Fitness Center**

Favorite Car Wash/Detail **Favorite Seafood Restaurant** Favorite School Teacher **Favorite Real Estate Office**

Favorite Tuxedo Rental Favorite NEW Vehicle Salesperson Favorite Tanning Salon

Favorite Pawn Shop Favorite Pediatrician

Favorite Grocery Store Favorite Funeral Home

Favorite Mexican Restaurant Favorite Contractor

Favorite Men's Apparel Provider **Favorite Hardware Store Favorite Health Care Provider Favorite Daycare Provider**

Favorite High School Favorite Glass Shop (not eyewear)

Favorite Hotel/Motel Favorite Oil Change Location

Favorite Coach (ANY SPORT)

Favorite Pet Groomer

Favorite Pharmacy

Favorite Pest Control Provider

Favorite Roofing Company

Favorite Pizza Restaurant

Favorite Physician/Surgeon

Favorite Plumber

Favorite Public Official

Favorite Women's Apparel Provider

Favorite Crawfish

Favorite Tax Preparer

Favorite Customer Service (ANY BUSINESS)

Favorite Mini Storage

Favorite Event Destination (or venue where events are held)

Favorite Doughnuts

Favorite Home Health Agency

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OBITUARIES



Gunnar Mackenzy Ellis Linebarger

Graveside services for Gunnar Mackenzy Ellis Linebarger will be held Friday, March 10, 2023, at 1:00 p..m. at Mt Lebanon Cemetery in Mt. Lebanon, Louisiana under the direction of Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Minden, Louisiana. Offi-

ciating will be Rev. Paul Gray. The family will receive friends from 11:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon Friday March 10, 2023, at Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Minden, Louisiana.

Gunnar was born February 12, 1999, in Minden, Louisiana and entered into rest March 7, 2023, in Minden, Louisiana.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Ellis King and Mary Ellen Linebarger.

He is survived by his mother, April Linebarger of Minden, father, Mack Linebarger of Dallas, Texas, grandparents, Richard and Joanne Daniels all of Minden; brothers, Gage Daniels and Kristopher Hirth of Minden, and half-sisters Vayda and Ehlana Linebarger of Dallas, Texas.

> Rose-Neath Funeral Home 211 Murrell Street Minden, Louisiana 71055 (318) 377 - 3412



Joe Bill Gamble

A memorial service honoring the life of Joe Bill Gamble will be held at 3:00 p.m. Thursday, March 16, 2023, at the VFW Hunter-Rickerson Post #2885. The post is located at 232 Horseshoe Loop, Doyline, Louisiana 71023. Jared Pickett will officiate the Service.

Joe Bill was born December 7,

1954 in Natchitoches, Louisiana to Cloy G. and Ruth

V. Gamble, and passed away peacefully at his home in Minden, Louisiana on Monday, March 6, 2023. The family requests that you please participate in the celebration of life by sharing your favorite stories and memories of Joe.

In lieu of flowers, it was Joe's request that you please consider making a donation to:

American Indian College Fund, Denver, Colorado (1-800-776-FUND) collegefund.org or The American Diabetes Association, Merrifield, Virginia (1-800-Diabetes) diabetes.org

To read the full obituary, please visit rose-neath.com.



Robert Earl Steele, Jr. (Bobby)

The family of Robert Earl Steele, Jr. (Bobby) is saddened to announce his death on February 24, 2023 of a heart attack..

Bobby was born on April 20, 1955, in Flint, Michigan, and moved to Minden at the age of two.

Raised in Minden, Bobby was a 1973 graduate of Minden High School and played football as number 54. He also studied EMT-B in Texas and served on the volunteer fire department for many years. Bobby retired from the Amoco/BP refinery in Texas City, TX as

Bobby was an avid sportsman and spent a significant amount of time outdoors fishing and hunting with friends Billy Wayne Woodland, Lynn Dixon, and many other family and friends. He was also passionate about his family history, spending hundreds of hours researching the family's genealogy. At every family gathering, Bobby could be found on the back porch telling tales of the past and passing on generations of stories and history.

In addition to his many hobbies, Bobby was past Grand Master of his local Knights of Pythias Lodge in Minden. He enjoyed tailgating and cooking at Houston Texans games. He always had an open invitation to others-even if they were not a Texans fan. His family and friends will remember his kind soul, outgoing personality, generous heart, and hearty laugh.

Bobby is preceded in death by his father, Robert Earl Steele, Sr.

He is survived by his wife Cindy; stepchildren Cody, Jason, Neil, and Sara; mother Charlene Meyers; stepfather Richard Meyers; sister JiAnne Steele Williams and husband Grayson; brother Dennis Steele and wife Tammy; nephews Jason Steele, Michael Graves and Devin Steele; and countless other family and friends.

The family will hold a private ceremony at Lake Bistineau where Bobby, his family, and friends spent

many days camping and fishing.

Those wishing to remember Bobby through financial contributions are requested to give in his memory to Wounded War Heroes, a nonprofit Louisiana organization that furnishes fishing and hunting trips to veterans and their spouses: https://woundedwarheroes.org/



Gracie Mae Kenner

Gracie Mae Kenner was born November 14, 1948 in Red River Parish in Coushatta, Louisiana to Molly Mae Booker and Bob White.

Gracie lived in the town of Bienville, Louisiana where at an early age she accepted Jesuse Christ by

being baptized at Mount Cannon Baptist Church.

Gracie grew up in Bienville, Louisiana where she graduated from Shady Grove High School, class of 1962. She was employed at Conagra, well known as the Chicken Plant (Arcadia La), for many years. She later decided to continue to further her education when she enrolled in Tyler Jr College for Medical.. She worked for Evergreen, Hope Youth Ranch and many other facilities and businesses located in Minden.

She met and married the love of her life, Arthur Ray Kenner and together raised three children:

Patrick White, Sonya Route (Kenner), and Fredrick

Gracie departed this life on Sunday, February 26, 2023. She was preceded in death by her father, Bob White, her mother Molly Todd (Booker), and her husband Arthur Kenner..

She leaves to cherish her memories: four children: (Ret. Army) Patrick White, (Ret. Army) Sonya Route (Kenner), (Ret. Army) Fredrick Kenner, Joaqulin Arm strong, one brother Johnny Booker and a host of other relatives and friends.

Gracie was a kind, spirited, humble and a loving soul. She was always joking and tried to put a smile on the face of everyone she met. Most importantly she loved her family and her grandchildren deeply.

Memorial Service for Gracie Kenner was held at 10:00 am Saturday, March 11, 2023 at the Minden Community House, 711 Gladney Street, Minden Louisiana 71055.



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CRIME

Minden man wrecks mom's car while fleeing police

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Minden Press-Herald

A Minden man was arrested on March 4 after fleeing the police in his mother's car, wrecking the car, fleeing on foot, and then turning himself in later that day.

Unbra Elkins was initially spotted speeding down West Street by a Minden police officer.

"I finally caught up to the vehicle as it was negotiating a right hand turn from West Street onto W.R. Reeder, without using his turn signal," the officer reported in the arrest record. "As we were driving north on W.R. Reeder, I attempted to initiate a traffic stop, but the vehicle immediately accelerated at a high rate of speed and turned right on Crichton Street without signaling. As I pursued the vehicle south on Crichton Street, I observed him committing improper lane and left of center infractions continuously. While driving south on Crichton Street, the subject ran the stop signs on Morrow, Quarles, and High Street before he, ultimately, crashed out in the field at High and Crichton Street. Following the subject's crash, he immediately fled on foot toward West Street."

The police searched the vehicle and found a number of items.

"While searching the car, we discovered several identifying items within," the officer reported. "We discovered bank cards bearing the name of Unbra Elkins.

Also recovered from the car was Unbra's cell phone, \$502 in cash, and 1.7 grams of natural marijuana. We also found an ATM receipt from a money withdrawal shortly before the crime."

Elkins had not only fled the police that day but he had, apparently, lied to his mother about what had happened.

"Later at the police station, Elkins' mother arrived to report her car stolen. She advised us that her son contacted her a very short time after the crash and said her car was stolen from [another location]. After hearing the story and seeing the pictures, she became noticeably skeptical of her son's story and expressed her cooperation in facilitating her son turning himself in," the report stated.

Later that day, Elkins did go to the police station and turned himself in without further incident. Elkins already had an outstanding bench warrant for failure to appear for arraignment. After this incident, he was also charged with aggravated flight from an officer, resisting an officer, reckless operation of a vehicle, simple criminal property damage, speeding, improper lane usage, left of center, failure to use turn signals, and failure to stop or yield at stop signs and yield signs.

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



HENRY ROGERS REEVES

5/22/1937 - 3/7/2023

JACKIE "TOOTSIE" BATTON REEVES

8/30/1938 - 3/9/2023

Minden High School sweethearts. Married 64 years and 3 months. Widowed less than 48 hours. Safely home with Jesus Christ forever.

Rogers Reeves was born on May 22, 1937 in Mansfield, Louisiana, to Henry and Mattie (Norris) Reeves. From a young age, he learned to love hunting, fishing, and navigating the bayous and backwoods of north Louisiana. In high

school, Rogers was an all-state tackle for the Minden Crimson Tide.

Iacqueline Dale (Batton) Reeves was born in Minden, Louisiana, on August 30, 1938 to Jack & Alice (Shurtleff) Batton. She was known affectionately as Tootsie to family and friends. In high school, she proudly led the Minden Crimson Tide Marching Band down Main Street and onto the football field as the Head Drum Majorette.

Family lore has it that Rogers' high school English teacher, who happened to be the wife of the MHS football coach, threatened to fail Rogers and get him kicked off the football team unless he asked Jackie Batton to the fall dance. Rogers loved football. The rest is history.

Rogers and Jackie went to Louisiana Tech together in the fall of 1956. Rogers played football all four years and earned a degree in Civil Engineering. Rogers & Jackie were married while still in college, and their son, Scott, was born in Ruston. From there, Rogers embarked on a career in engineering spending most of his career with McDermott International. Their son, Greg, was born in Platte, South Dakota, and daughter, Alicia, in New Orleans. Rogers' career would take the family to Nebraska, South Dakota, south Louisiana, overseas to Belgium, western Pennsylvania and back to his beloved Louisiana. After retirement, Rogers and Jackie continued to move and travel, and Rogers spent several years volunteering on construction projects at Young Life

With each move Jackie's warm Southern way endeared her quickly to new acquaintances who would become lifelong friends. Rogers' first priority with each move was finding a church. He made certain the family attended church the first Sunday in any new town. Rogers'

faith in Jesus Christ was evident in his humble servant leadership, generosity, and kindness. He served quietly and faithfully at work, home, and church.

A woman of deep faith in Jesus Christ, Jackie was awake early every morning reading her Bible, journaling, and faithfully praying for family and friends. She volunteered for many years serving in her church and Bible Study Fellowship. She underestimated her influence and witness for Christ but the outpouring of testimonies from friends following her death tell the true story of a faithful life of remarkable impact.

Rogers and his daughter, Alicia, enjoyed countless rounds of golf together, and he stayed one hole-in-one ahead of her with three lifetime holes-in-one. Rogers took great pride in his sons, Scott & Greg. He loved hearing about and telling everyone about their careers in aviation and construction. And, he loved swapping cooking tips with the boys - Reeves men are masters in the kitchen, indoors and outdoors. In their later years, Rogers and his brother, Mike, were blessed to spend many days hunting, cooking, and roaming the woods at their Louisiana hunting camp.

Jackie was the glue that kept the Reeves and Batton families connected through the years when siblings and cousins and aunts and uncles scattered across the country. She faithfully corresponded with everyone and shared updates from family members near and far. Jackie was always up for a trip with her daughter and loved the years that the family gathered in the summer for "family camp" in the mountains. She was an avid football fan, faithful to the New Orleans Saints from the 'Aints to Super

In the fall of 2019, Rogers & Jackie

moved to Colorado Springs to be near Alicia as Jackie was in the mid-stage of battling dementia. In early December 2019, Rogers suffered a significant stroke that left him paralyzed on one side. He persevered through months of physical therapy and an agonizing five-month separation from Jackie during CO-VID-19. By then, both Rogers & Jackie needed skilled nursing care. They were blessed to spend their final two and a half years side by side in the same room at Pikes Peak Care Center.

Rogers passed away early in the morning on Tuesday, March 7, after taking a fall a few days prior. With Jackie's advanced dementia it was hard to know if her mind comprehended Rogers' death. Her heart most certainly knew. Early Thursday morning, March 9, Jackie kicked dementia in the tail and followed Rogers home, together with the Lord forever. Their loving Heavenly Father was stunningly gracious calling Jackie home after Rogers had two short days to reconnoiter heaven. They fought the good fight, they finished the race, they kept the faith.

Rogers and Jackie were preceded in death by their parents and Jackie's brother, Jimmy Batton. Rogers and Jackie are survived by their children, Scott (Memphis, TN), Greg & his wife, Dalesa (Hurst, TX), and Alicia (Colorado Springs, CO); their granddaughters, nieces & nephews; Rogers' brother Mike & his wife, Janet (Sarepta, LA); Jackie's sister, Dot Smith (Stuarts Draft, VA); and Jackie's dear cousin, Ann Horne (Bossier City).

The family wishes to express their sincere gratitude to the staff of Genesis Pikes Peak Care Center, healthcare heroes through a global pandemic.

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71055, or email to: newsroom@press-herald.com. **OPINION**

U.S. Rep Letlow and AG Landry provide vital protections for children

U.S. Rep Julia Letlow (LA-05) has introduced a bill entitled The Parents Bill of Rights. This important legislation is founded upon a principle that should not need to be stated: parents have a God-given right to make decisions for their children.

Following upon this principle, Rep. Letlow's legislation guarantees that "parents always have a seat at the table when it comes to their child's education."

It's tragic that the right of parents to participate in and direct their children's education must be enshrined in a federal statute, but given the warped, Woke society we live in, it does.

Letlow's legislation targets four basic parental rights:

1). The right of parents to know what their children are being taught.

2). The right of parents to review the school's budget.

3). The right of parents to protect their children's privacy. 4). The right of parents to be heard and to keep their children safe.

The China Virus forced a shutdown of schools, a dubious decision that has caused great harm to the learning of millions of children. Even the New York Times has concluded that the "Pandemic Erased Two Decades of Progress in Math and Reading."

But the silver lining of the China Virus Lockdown was that students' resulting on-line learning 'pulled back the curtain' and enlightened many parents for the first time to the toxic subject matter their children were being force-fed. Mothers and fathers revolted and began attending school board meetings to demand an-

Incredibly, in response to their efforts to protect their children-parents who understandably frustrated with lockdowns, school



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brary content-were labelled 'domestic terrorists" by Biden's Depart-

tice. This means the mere fact that parents were fighting to protect the health, safety, education, and moral welfare of their children was so "dire" a situation that the Attorney General should invoke the Patriot Act—enacted after Osama Bin Laden's terrorist attacks of September 11th—and have these concerned parents deemed "domestic terrorists" under the

I must also note that Louisiana Attorney General Jeff Landry has set up the critical mechanism of a "tip line" seeking complaints about public libraries to protect children from

"early sexualization, as well as grooming, sex trafficking, and abuse."

What are parents so concerned about?

Well, let's see. It may include the fact that many-but certainly not all—public schools have not truly educated children in the academic fundamentals (language, math, science, or history), in decades. Today, in some cases, public schools function as 're-education camps' similar to those run by the Chinese Communist Party for the purpose of indoctrinating grade school children into cultural Marxism.

Please know I don't intend here to bash or criticize the large majority of teachers in Louisiana and across the country who are deeply committed to their jobs and try very hard to educate their students. Instead, my focus is on the school boards and school administrators who demand that these teachers-rather than concentrate on imparting the basic knowledge that will be necessary for their students to function in our society-"teach" highly inappropriate topics including sexual perversion, grooming, gender identity and racial politics.

These include Critical Race Theory, which asserts that America is hopelessly racist, transgender confusion policies, Drag Queen Story Hour at the local library, as well as curriculum and library materials containing graphic sexual content which in some cases is being forced upon young children in public schools.

One sacred principle underlies U.S. Rep. Letlow's bill: Children are not the property of the state and parents are the final authority regarding what their children are taught and learn.

The U.S. Supreme Court has many times recognized the fundamental liberty interest of American parents in the education of their own children. That is why rowdy and heated local opposition to school board policies has been a hallmark of our civic engagement. It is also why millions of American parents have sacrificed greatly to put their children in private schools and is a significant factor that explains why the number of children being homeschooled has increased rapidly across the country.

There is a compelling governmental interest in providing an outstanding public education to all children so they develop into well informed civicminded citizens, but it doesn't supersede parents.

I commend U.S. Rep. Letlow and Attorney General Landry for their wisdom and courage in taking a strong stand in protection of the innocence of Louisiana's children.

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INSPIRATION

The inability to relax is at the root of most of our illnesses

Dr. Flanders Dunbar, an authority on psychosomatic medicine, wrote in her book Mind lis Knighton Hospital, due to and Body, "the inability to relax is one of the most widely spread diseases of our time and one of the most infrequently recognized."

Having had emergency stomach surgery in 2016, I continue to ponder the connection of the mind and body.

Having watched a PBS series hosted by Bill Moyers thirty years ago, I've had a gut level feeling that most of our illnesses originate in our mind -- when we twist and turn -- unable to find solutions to overwhelming problems until our bodies finally rebel by making us sick enough to go to bed.

Doctor Norman Vincent Peale said "there does not seem to be very many people who understand the absolute necessity of relaxing or who would know how to practice it if they tried."

In 2016 I was caught in the middle of a personal problem, so overwhelmed that I quit eating or drinking until I

found myself having emergency surgery on July 21st at Wil-



SARAH **HUDSON**

a blocked,

Though not a doctor I will always believe that was a psychosomatic illnesses that ended up in a physical solution --

lon.

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surgery.

I would go so far as to say that even my back problems may also be linked to a psychosomatic illness -- which isn't to say that the pain isn't real.

The Bible says that "as a man thinks in his heart so he is" and I believe this applies to all areas of our lives, both physically and emotionally.

Since that time I have continued to think about and to delve into areas where I only have a gut level feeling without too much knowledge to back up what I believe or why.

Still I ponder how our mind and our bodies our connected. I believe if we could ever gain

control of and become master of our thoughts that most of our illnesses would be eliminated.

Since my colon surgery I've talked to a couple friends who experienced the same surgery after one too many traumatic blows to their emotional well being. They each had either a death or a loss of an emotional support system that they thought they had to have to keep on going thus their gut kicked in, came to their rescue, and they each had surgeries identical to mine, including the doctors who performed each of our surgeries surgeries.

How or why we have this strong mind body connection I do not understand but I sense it is true. I also believe that if we understood and followed God's plan for our lives everything would fall into place but I know that most likely that will never happen because we are flawed and most often too stubborn to give into divine guidance for

The Bible also says "it is not in man to direct his own steps." How true -- how very true!

The Bible also says "the fool hath said in his heart there is no God."

Maybe I am just a simple minded person but when I observe the universe and my own body I know there is just too much evidence going on here to not believe in a a higher power and I know that we are often too weak willed to turn our over to him completely because we want to hold the reins of our lives, not submitting to his will -- yet I know that He doesn't want a puppet but children who want to listen -- to obey but we most likely are a far cry from getting there but this body is physical and one day we will shed that which cause us much unnecessary pain because of

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OPINION

Rozeman: Preparing for the future requires learning from the past

Over the last years, I have written numerous articles in several local publications about the COVID pandemic. Each was different but all were written with a goal to give assurance when good news was available to dispel the fear of the unknown that hovered over us the initial days and months of the pan-

In the last three years, health policy has been made in echo chambers where everybody agreed with each other and dissent was not tolerated. The results could be expected. Learning and humility have not flourished as too much power has been placed in too few hands with too little accountability. This has been the foundation of policies that have been too often more destructive than construc-

At this point, there is little that comes from news reports about the COVID pandemic that surprises. But a report read last week was surprising even to me. The article noted our country is now preparing to

sign a legally binding accord with

the World Health Organization that

will give the United Nations health

agency the authority to dictate America's healthcare policies during a pandemic.

We should have learned from the recent COVID pandemic the dangers



PHILLIP ROZEMAN

in a too small group of subject experts. Instead, seems have decided double down on this failed framework. It is hard for me believe

too putting much power

that America wants to leave

our approach to health emergencies to the whims of an international organization under the control of an even smaller number of health policy experts.

If not for our forward looking founders that delegated the authority of health care to the states, the pandemic impact on America's health and economics would have

been worse. Much worse. If a small group of governors had not decided to go in a different direction than the experts and pointed out the "emperor had no clothes", we would still be suffering under a lockdown and mandate mindset.

In the current proposal being considered, the World Health Organization will decide what constitutes a health emergency and that definition could well be expanded beyond past accepted definitions. As we have learned in this pandemic, health emergency can have a very broad definition. In this case as in the last 3 years, there will be great temptation for the WHO to gather more power by expanding that definition.

With the health emergency enacted, the World Health Organization will develop uniform direc-Government regulations and decisions about lockdowns, school closures, vaccine and mask mandates, global supply chains and surveillance of the population would also fall under governance of the World Health Organization.

In the early months of the CO-VID pandemic, there was a legitimate fear of the unknown related to thousands of world wide deaths and very high estimates of the expected mortality rate of COVID. There were daily news conferences with a daily scoreboard of infections, hospitalizations, and deaths.

Government policy was based on a "just do something now" platform. Little integration was done of lessons from both the pandemics in the past and the current one. This is best illustrated by the dismissal of well established principles of natural immunity in making claims about COVID. There was essentially little real debate over policies that amounted to shutting down schools and commerce. Any dissent on these efforts was labeled misinformation and significant efforts were made to dismiss opinion differences.

I write this thought piece because I fear connecting our policy and fate to the World Health Organization in health care is just an invitation to repeat the same mistakes of the last three years on an even grander scale. Our country need not repeat our mistakes. It needs to learn from them

Bureaucracies are neither effective or efficient and the World Health Organization has not built a trustworthy past. Relocating the handling of health emergencies in the future to an international bureaucracy that cares little about us is a recipe for future pain and suffering for all of us.

The height of naivety is to put our head in the sand and say this couldn't happen. Our leaders in President Biden's administration and Congress need to think twice before taking the power of decision making by states and delegating it to an unelected international organization. This is especially in such an important area of concern. It makes no sense for this great country to double down on failure.

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SPORTS

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL



VALLETTE/SPECIAL TO THE PRESS-HERALD

A Doyline runner tries to avoid the pickoff during a game against North Webster in the Lakeside tournament last week.

Lakeside, North Webster get wins in tournament

RUSSELL HEDGES Minden Press-Herald

The Lakeside Warriors won two of three games in the Lakeside tournament last week.

Lakeside defeated Taylor, Ark., 12-2 and Airline 5-4 and lost to Byrd 9-1.

Warriors also downed Logansport 11-1 early in the week.

North Webster split games in the tournament, defeating Doyline 11-5 and falling to Airline 15-0. The Knights started the week with an 11-7 victory over Quitman then opened District 1-4A play with a 15-2 victory over Bastrop

Minden started the week with a 15-6 victory over Taylor. The Tide then dropped three games in the Lakeside tournament, falling to Airline 3-2, Texas High 13-1 and D'Arbonne Woods 10-9

Doyline started the week with a 14-8 victory over Haynesville. The Panthers lost to North Webster, D'Arbonne Woods 16-2 and Taylor 12-4 at Lakeside.

Glenbrook also started on a positive note, defeating Calvary Baptist 6-2. The Apaches then lost three close games against Haughton, 6-3, 5-4 and 7-5.

Lakeside scored two runs on an error and four straight walks in the bottom of the second to defeat

The Knights had only two hits in the game with Bradley Dick getting a double.

Jon Jon Dick had two doubles against Taylor. CJ Watts had two

against Logansport. Bradley Dick, Jon Jon

Dick and Cooper Chase all had two hits. Chase went four innings for the win.

The Warriors were 7-4

through Sunday.

North Webster's Kyle Dinkins, Cooper Sanders, Jase Wesson and Sawyer Wages all had two hits for against Quitman. Wages also had two against Bas-

Wages gave up just three hits in six innings against Doyline. Collin McKenzie and Nathan Bernard had two hits each.

The Knights were 9-2 through Sunday.

Minden's Landyn Huddleston, Hudson Brown and Price Miller had two hits apiece against Taylor.

Brody Bower pitched a completed game against Airline. He allowed four hits, walked four and struck out six.'

Elliott Sheppard had two hits against Texas High.

Bower went 4-for-5 with three RBI against D'Arbonne Woods. Bran-

don Winston and Jakobe Jackson had three hits each.

The Tide were 8-4 through Sunday.

Doyline's Kenneth Lee went 3-for-4 against Haynesville. Dakota Stewart had two hits against D'Arbonne Woods.

Glenbrook's Cason Clemons, Turner McLelland and Seth Mangrum had two hits apiece against Calvary.

Maddox Mandino went 2-for-4 with a home run in the first game against Haughton. Mangrum also had two hits.

Hayden Harmon had three hits and Landry Powell hit a home run in the second game.

Easton Sanders had a home run and double in the third game. Clemons also had two hits.

The Apaches were 8-5 through Sunday.



eek at Haughton.

VALLETTE WEAVER/SPECIAL TO THE PRESS-HERALD North Webster's Kyle Dinkins pitches during a game against Doyline in the Lakeside tournament.



RUSSELL HEDGES/PRESS-HERALD Glenbrook's Maddox Mandino hits a home run against Haughton last

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Lakeside goes 4-0 in tournament; Glenbrook enjoys successful week

RUSSELL HEDGES Minden Press-Herald

The Lakeside Lady Warriors swept four games in their tournament last week, defeating North Webster 12-2, Haynesville 21-5, Summerfield 7-3 and Castor 16-15.

Glenbrook also had a successful week. The Lady Apaches opened District 1-1A play with a 16-0 victory over Haynesville. They won two of three in the St., Frederick tournament, defeating Forest 14-12 and Downsville 15-5.

Doyline also had a good week. The Lady Panthers swept a doubleheader against Jonesboro-Hodge, 17-2 and 19-2 and defeated Union Parish 15-9. They also lost to Loyola 17-2.

Doyline was 5-4 through

At Lakeside, the Lady McKenna Warriors' Chreene struck out 12 and allowed just three hits in the five-inning game against North Webster. Chreene went 4-for-4

with a home run, double and four RBI in the four-inning game against Haynesville. Mackenzie McCoy also went 4-for-4 with two doubles and two RBI.

Chreene pitched three-hitter against Summerfield.

McCoy went 5-for-5 with two doubles and five RBI against Castor. Hallie Sutton went 3-for-4. Chreene had two hits, including a home run, and four RBI.

The Lady Warriors were 7-7 through Sunday.

Glenbrook's Rebecca Mosley and Gabi Brown combined on a four-inning no-hitter against Haynesville. Mosley pitched the first three innings and Brown the last one.

Vivian Still went 2-for-3 with a home run, triple and six RBI.

Hallie Harmon went 3-for-5 with a home run, double and three RBI against Forest.

Sarah Margaret Mosley, Colby Hollis and Still all hit home runs against Downs-



VALETTE WEAVER/SPECIAL TO THE PRESS-HERALD Lakeside's Mackenzie McCoy helped the Lady Warriors win four games in their tournament last week.

Gabi Brown had a home run and double against St.

Frederick. Glenbrook was 6-4

through Sunday. Minden opened District 1-4A play with a 16-2 victory over Huntington. The Lady Tiders also lost to Florien 3-1 and Choudrant 11-7. They split games in the Calvin tournament, falling to LaSalle 8-3 and defeating Calvin 9-8.

Kylie Ryan struck out nine in the three-inning game against Huntington. Lindsay Ryan had two hits.

Leigha K-Gilbert went 3-for-4 with a triple and four RBI against Calvin. Lindsay Ryan had two hits and Kylie Ryan hit a solo home run.

Kylie Ryan hit a tworun home runs against Choudrant and LaSalle. K-Gilbert had two hits against LaSalle.

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL

Doyline's Clark to play in All-Star game

RUSSELL HEDGES

Minden Press-Herald

Doyline's Jamaria Clark has been selected to compete in the Louisiana High School Basketball Coaches Association East-West All-Star Game.

Clark is one of 15 players who were selected to

play for the West. The game, which features seniors only, is Saturday, March 18, at 3 p.m. at Louisiana Christian University.

Clark led Doyline to a 27-4 record. One of the nation's leading scorers, he averaged 36.9 points during he regular season. In three playoff games, he averaged 44.3 points.

Clark finished his career with 3,230 points.



VALLETTE/SPECIAL TO THE PRESS-HERALD Doyline's Jamaria Clark has been named to the West roster for the LHSBCA East-West All-Star Game set for Saturday at Louisiana Christian University in Pineville.

HIGH SCHOOL TRACK AND FIELD

Glenbrook athletes post high finishes in Woodlawn meet

RUSSELL HEDGES Minden Press-Herald

Several Glenbrook

athletes fared well in the Woodlawn Knight Relays last week at Lee Hedges Stadium. Chase Sentell won the

110-meter hurdles in the boys division with a time of 17.26 seconds. He finished 1.4 seconds ahead of runner-up Cole Jackson of Caddo Magnet. Matt son Fowler fin-

ed second in the 1.600 in the girls division in 6:21.06. Captain Shreve's Madison Adcock won in 6:12.89.

She also was fourth in the 3,200 in 14:21. Byrd's Jenna Key, one of the state's top distance runners, won in 11:37.

Scarlett O'Glee was third in the long jump with a leap of 16 feet, 3.5 inches. Her best jump was

only a half-inch shorter than that of runner-up Kenna Harris of Byrd.

Huntington's Demetria Harris, one of the state's top performers, won with an 18-2. Glenbrook was third

in the 4X800 relay in 12:51.81. Byrd won in 10:30.82. Emily Chanler and

Downer finished fourth and fifth, respectively, in the triple jump, Chanler went 31-0 and Downer 28-2 Huntington's Catina Davenport won with a 34-1. Olivia Downer took

fourth in the high jump with a leap of 4 feet, 2 inches. Laurie Killgore was

fifth in the 800.

Glenbrook was sixth in the girls division with 42 points, only nine behind fourth-place Caddo Magnet. Byrd won with 127.

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Athlete of the Week



McKenna Chreene

Lakeside High School Chreene, a pitcher and infielder, helped the Lady Warriors

go 4-0 in the Lakeside softball tournament. She struck out 12 against North Webster and allowed three hits against Summerfield. She had four hits against Haynesville with a home run. She also hit a home run against Castor.

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

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Glenbrook vs. Haughton



BUSSELL HEDGES/PRESS-HERALD

Glenbrook's Maddox Mandino is congratulated by his teammates after hitting a home run..



BUSSELL HEDGES/PRESS-HERALD

Glenbrook's Toby Haulmark pitches last week against Haughton...



RUSSELL HEDGES/PRESS-HERALD



RUSSELL HEDGES/PRESS-HERALD

Glenbrook first baseman Easton Sanders gets a putout on the throw.

OUTDOORS

Ah spring ... nothing like it

GLYNN HARRIS

Are we about to have the wool pulled over our eyes? Have we been bamboozled by Mother Nature? Are these dogwood and wisteria blossoms figments of my imagination?

I mean it's the first days of March and already we're seeing things we should be seeing a month from now. Even so, I'll take what I can get and enjoy it while I can even if it all gets blistered by a cold snap a few days or weeks down the road.

Spring is the time of year I have always loved. Even as a lad, when green started showing up in the yard and flowers started showing, it was time to do something my mama frowned on. I'd slip off my shoes and socks and let the tender green grass tickle my yet tender toes. Later in the year, I could walk down the gravel road in front of the house barefoot and never feel the rocks beneath my feet. I've even done the macho thing of striking a match on the bottom of my leathertough bare foot in July but it's the first shedding of shoes in spring I remember most.

Growing up, spring meant watching daddy plow up the garden spot behind the house. I can now close my eyes and smell the aroma of freshly turned earth where later peas, corn and potatoes would grow. If you grew up in the country like I did, I'll bet you remember what that smelled like. The plow exposed the dark damp soil beneath the surface that gave up an aroma that's hard to describe.

Spring also meant it was time to go out to the cowbarn with a shovel and tin can. You didn't have to



GLYNN HARRIS PHOTO

Glenbrook's Cason Clemons gets a hit last week against Haughton..

Dogwoods are some that have been fooled by warm temperatures, too early for spring.

dig deep, it was a simple task to flip over the dried cow patties there to expose the hiding place of earthworms and it didn't take long to uncover enough to handle the task that lay ahead.

Half a mile through the woods behind our home lay twin ribbons of steel where the old L&A steam locomotive pulling a string of box cars as it struggled and chugged up Oskosh hill. Crossing the tracks and stepping down through a thicket to an enchanted place where beeches and oaks shaded Molido, a clear winding stream invited me, my brother and cousins to dangle hooks skewered with red wigglers to entice the interest of what lurked beneath these cool dark

We didn't catch bluegills or chinquapins or crappie in Molido's dark holes. We caught goggle eyes, red perch, jackfish and an occasional mud cat. Bluegills and chinquapins lived in the lake but Molido was reserved for the "creek" fish we caught.

Once the weather warmed enough for us, but not for our mamas, we'd sneak off, strip down to bare skin and go swimming in one particular deep hole in the little creek. After a swim, it was necessary before we made the walk back home where we would feign innocence so our mamas wouldn't know we had broken their rules about swimming too early, we made sure our hair had time to dry out. Otherwise, we knew we had been

caught and a stern lecture sometimes accompanied by a thin limber switch from the hedge outside the door would be waiting.

That was yesterday. No more cow patties to overturn, cane fishing poles and earthworms and the aroma of freshly turned garden earth. Sneaking off to go barefoot on fresh green grass or swimming in the creek are obviously no longer part of my life but I would take absolutely nothing for the memories of these special things I experienced while growing up out on the rural route decades ago.

just fine.

Now if Mother Nature would only cooperate and keep those cold fronts at bay for the rest of this Crappie are still best fishspring, things would be ing around brush with

Fishing Report

BLACK **BAYOU** Crappie have moved up and fishing is good around the trees on shiners or jigs. Bass are improved with spinner baits working around the trees. No report bream. Contact Honey Hole Tackle Shop 323-8707 for latest information.

BUSSEY BRAKE -

Big bass are continuing to be caught mostly flipping creature baits around the trees. Several over 10 were reported this week. Crappie are scattered and fair. For latest information, contact the Honey Hole at 323-8707.

OUACHITA RIVER

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

LAKE D'ARBONNE

– Bass fishing has been good with spinners, crank baits and Carolina rigs fishing on the points producing bass up to 4 pounds. Crappie fishing has been good with best catches made on the flats on shiners or jigs. 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. jigs and shiners picking up some fish. Stripers are beginning to show up and hitting shad imitations. No report on bream or catfish. For latest information, call Kel's Cove at 927-2264 or Terzia Tackle at 278-4498.

CANEY LAKE -Bass are beginning to move into the coves and pockets and are hitting soft plastics, jigs and crank baits. Several double digit fish were reported this week with John Harris landing one near 10 pounds. 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 Caney Lake Landing at 259-6649, 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 are moving to the banks with one headed for the record books at 3.76 pounds as the second largest white crappie on record. Bass are improving with one around 10 pounds caught. No report on bream. For latest reports, call Poverty Point Marina at 318/878-

LAKE YUCATAN - The water is high and over the road. No fishermen this week. For information, call Surplus City Landing at 318/467-2259. MINDEN PRESS-HERALD | MINDEN, LA WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2023 | 7

Good News

GOOD NEWS

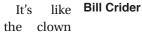
LIVING IN AN UPSIDE-DOWN WORLD

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 life,' good some say. Where is this 'progress' taking us?



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 turn-

ing 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 rightside-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 thanksgiving 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

An Opportunity

Max Hutto

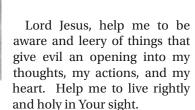
nity." Ephesians 4:27 NASB

While this phrase is specifically tied to anger in the previous verse, it is also a good general principle for laying aside the old sinful life and putting on the new life in Christ. Any sin in the believer's life opens the door, allowing evil to come in and giving wickedness an

opportunity, a foothold, a place in the believer's life. According to 1 Peter 5:8 the devil is like a prowling lion seeking someone to devour. James 4:7 instructs

"and do not give the devil an opportuble lievers to resist the devil. Psalm 1

exhorts the blessed man not to walk, stand, or sit with the wicked. Don't allow evil to exert its influence.



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INSPIRATION

The Dilemma of the Gifted

While watching a popular science fiction movie this week I made an observation that simply couldn't be ignored. One of the main characters posed a

question about the morality of our decisions. He presented his struggling friend with a gift a pen to be more specific. Upon presenting this very lofty gift he posed a

question. He asked what could you use this pen for? He then quickly stating that he could write something beautiful or severely injure someone if

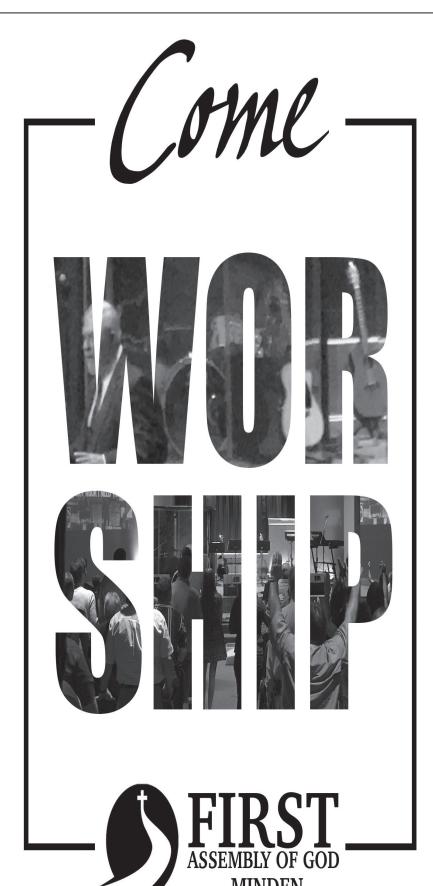
he pleased. This brings me to the point of my message. God has blessed us with so many gifts and so much potential but it's up to us to decide how we use those gifts to affect the world around us. In closing, I would like to issue a challenge in the form of Scripture. I would like you to read Colossians 3:16-17 and strive to apply your gifts to it daily. "Let the message

> about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives. Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts. And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father."



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Answers: A. milk

В. whey

lactose

D. creamy

A B C D E F G H i J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to dairy. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 11 = E)

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Clue: Liquid dairy

В. 9 11 18

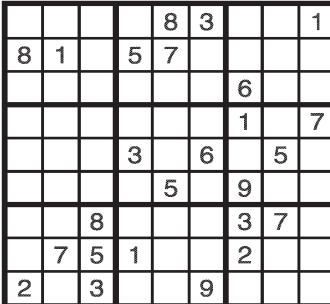
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Clue: Type of sugar

11 25 D. 15

Clue: Thick and smooth consistency



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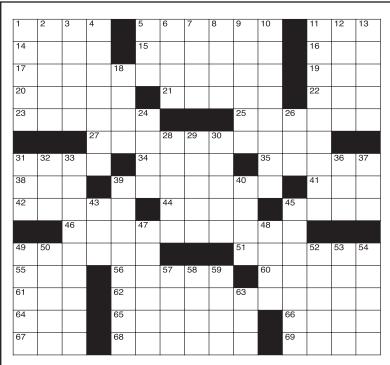


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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. English river
- 5. Particular part of something
- 11. Cool!
- 14. Welsh for John 15. Given name meaning
- "great spirit"
- 16. Wrath
- 17. Social occasion
- 19. Mechanical belt 20. __ de la
- 21. Commands
- 22. Body part
- 23. Caught sight of 25. Funeral car
- 27. Skin infection
- 31. Sometimes they "burn"
- 34. Russian river 35. Famed soap opera
- character Kane 38. Pie _ __ mode
- 39. Endangered
- 64. Corporate bigwig 65. Climbs

62. Data

- 66. Relating to the ear

41. Socially inept person

45. Monetary unit of Samoa

55. A team's best pitcher

56. A woody climbing plant

60. Long, edible marine fish

61. Human rights group in

Africa (abbr.)

46. A type of approach to please

49. Form of Hebrew name for God

51. "Carry On My Wayward Son"

42 Romanian river

rockers

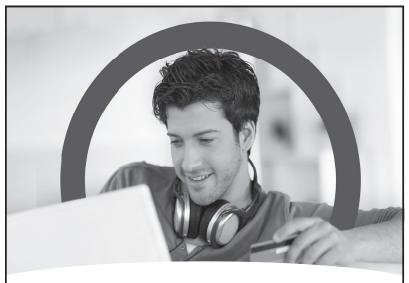
44. Swerve

- 67. Commercials
- 68. You need it to eat
- 69. Political extremists

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Reconnaissance (Brit. military) 31. Consume
- 2. Asserts to be the case 3. Starchy food made of dried
- orchid tubers 4. Foes
- 5. Rheumatoid arthritis score
- 6. Ruler of Iran
- 7. The top of the head
- 8. Lilly and Manning are two
- 9. Purchase attire for
- 10. Glittering with gold or silver 11. The bank of a body of water
- 12. Regions
- 13. Makes tractors 18. Adult beverage
- 24. Force unit
- 26. Swiss river
- 28. Cater to
- 29. Woody climbing plants 30. Seems less impressive
- 32. Boxing's GOAT
 - 33 Southwestern farmers
 - 36. Beverage holder
 - 37. A way to deteriorate
 - 39. Judge
 - 40. Norse explorer __ the Red 43. Farm resident
 - 45. One who helps to govern
 - 47. Plant-eating ground bug
 - 48. History Finnish county
 - 49. Conifer native to Jamaica
 - 50. Longed 52. Small Japanese city
 - 53. Arum family plant
 - 54. Puts together in time 57. From a distance
 - 58. contendere: no contest plea
 - 59. Region
- - 63. Mountain Standard Time

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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 Sheppard 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 Prebid 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. Bidrelated 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 rom the architect's office or by membership to following Plan Rooms: LAGC, Con-

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

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The Webster Parish School Board reserves the right to reject any

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

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CYPRESS WATER SYSTEM Owner

129 Willow Street Address

Heflin, Louisiana 71039

City, State, Zip Separate sealed BIDS for the construction of Contract IV- AMR WATER METER INSTALLATION

will be received by the CYPRESS WATER **SYSTEM** at the <u>Heflin</u> Town Hall South, 122 N. Church Street, Hef-lin, 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)

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CYPRESS WATER SYSTEM

129 Willow Street Address Heflin, LA 71039 City, State, Zip

Separate sealed BIDS for the construction of CONTRACT III-BOOSTER STATION

IMPROVEMENTS

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

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 Out-doors Project Dixie Inn Park- Řestroom 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, MIN-**DEN, LA 71055** not later than 2:00 P.M., THURSDAY, APRIL 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 con sidered. The sealed bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at <u>2:00 P.M.,</u> THURSDAY, APRIL 6 2023 at the Village of DIXIE INN Town

71055. The Information for

Hall, 60 Shell Street.

Minden, Louisiana

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 MOAK ENGINEER ING, 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

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

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.

Fach bidder must have an active Unique Entity ID (SAM), as verified on www.sam gov, prior to the beginning of construction.

The Contractor Classification for the project is:

BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

Attention of Bidders is particularly called to the requirement as to conditions of employ-ment 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 require-

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, Cer tification 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

The Contractor shall begin mobilization and procurement of materials within ten (10) working days of the receipt of the Notice to Proceed.

Please notify the Owner seven (7) days in advance of the scheduled bid opening if special accommoda tions specified under ADA are required.

The Owner hereby notifies all bidders that in regard to any contract entered into pursuant to this Adver tisement, that Minority **Business Enterprises** will be afforded equal opportunity to submit offers in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race. color šex, national oriģin or disability in consideration for an award.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

PLEASANT VALLEY WATER SYSTEM

1098 Greene Road Address

Minden, LA 71055 City, State, Zip

Separate sealed BIDS for the construction of CONTRACT III-BOOSTER STATION **IMPROVEMENTS**

will be received by the PLEASANT VALLEY WATER SYSTEM at the Webster Parish Police Jury Meeting Room, 401 Main St. (West Entrance), Minden, LA 71058 until 2:00 P.M. TUESDAY, APRIL 4TH 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.

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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

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I, Carter Brown #123289, have applied for clemency for my conviction of Attempted Aggravated Kidnapping; First Degree Robbery; Aggravated Rape. If you have any comments, contact the Board of Pardons (225) 342-5421.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF MINDEN, STATE OF LOUISIANA TAKEN IN REGU-LAR SESSION HELD ON MARCH

The Minden City

Council met at City Hall, Minden, Louisiana, beginning at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Nick Cox, Carl-ton Myles, Levon Thomas, Latasha Mitchell, Michael Roy, and Andy Pendergrass. Absent: None. Mayor Cox welcomed everyone to the meeting. It is noted for the record that Mayor Cox allowed both council and public comments prior to every vote. Prayer was offered by Michael Roy and Andy Pendergrass led the Pledge of Allegiance. **Upon** motion by

Michael Roy and duly seconded by Latasha Mitchell, the council unanimously adopted the minutes of the City Council Regular Session held on February 6, 2022 as presented. Absence(s): None. Abstention(s): None.

Carlton Myles moved to appoint of Tyler Wallace as Director of Public Works for the City of Minden. The motion was duly seconded by Levon Thomas and the vote was unanimously in favor. Absence(s): None. Abstention(s):

Andy Pendergrass moved to appoint Zita Williams as Director of Parks and Recreation for the City of Minden. The motion was duly seconded by Levon Thomas and

None

the vote was unani-mously in favor. Absence(s): None. Abstention(s): Upon motion by Michael Roy and duly seconded by Carlton Myles, the council appointed Brian Williams as Chief of the Fire Department for the City of Minden. Aye(s): Carlton

Mvles. Latasha

Roy, and Andy

Pendergrass. Nay(s): None

Mitchell, Michael

Absence(s): None. Abstention(s): Levon Thomas. Andy Pend-ergrass moved to approve the appointment of Sarah Overall to the Minden Main Street Program/Downtown Development Com-mission to fill the vacant term, as pre-

sented. The motion was duly seconded by Michael Roy and the vote was unanimously in favor. Absence(s): None. Abstention(s): None. Upon motion by Latasha Mitchell and duly seconded by Michael Roy, the

council unanimously awarded Bid No. 01-2023, 2022-2023 Street Improve-ments Project, to the lowest qualified bidder meeting all requirements, Benton and Brown, LLC. Absence(s): None. Abstention(s):

The following action was taken regarding condemned property

Helen J. Drake Estate c/o Charles Minifield Post Office Box 1398 Minden, Louisiana 71058

422 East Union Lot Fronting 100 ft. on Union Street Out of Lot #2, Warsaw Addn. in NW/4 of NE/4 Sec. 27-19-9

With no party representing the property owner present at the time this item was heard, moved to authorize Mayor Cox to issue an order declaring the property con-demned and further order the demolition of any structures located thereon and the cleaning of the lot within 30 days of this date. The motion was duly seconded by Lévon Thomas and the vote was unanimously in favor. Absence(s): None. Abstention(s):

None. Michael Roy moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1132 An Ordinance to Abandon the West 14-Foot by 50-Foot Section of the Alley Running from Elm Street to Center Street in Block 5 of Goode Annex as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Latasha Mitchell and the vote was unanimously in favor. Absence(s): None Abstention(s):

None.

Upon motion by Andy Pendergrass and duly seconded by Carlton Myles, the council unanimously adopted Ordinance No. 1133

– An Ordinance to Abandon the 50-Foot Undeveloped Street Right-of-Way with Cul-de-Sac Running Alongside Lots 2-6 of the Drake Subdivision #3 with Reservation of Utility Servitude, as presented. Absence(s): None. Abstention(s): Andy Pender-

grass moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1134 – An Ordinance to Amend and Re-enact Chapter 26 – Businesses, Article II. - Occupational License Taxes, Division 5. Mobile Food Vendors of the Code of Ordinances, City of Minden, State of Louisiana retroactively on January 1, 2023, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Carlton Myles and the vote was unani-

mously in favor.

Abstention(s):

Latasha Mitchell

None.

Absence(s): None

construction upon the servitude hereby reserved and shall Upon motion by earess thereto for utility access

and duly seconded by Michael Roy, the council unanimously authorized Mayor Nick Cox to enter landowners be given notice of the abandoninto a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement by the City of ment between the City of Minden and the Junior Service League of Minden,

as presented.

Absence(s): None. Abstention(s):

Andy Pendergrass

and duly seconded by Michael Roy, the

authorized Mayor

Nick Cox to enter

into a Cooperative

ment between the City of Minden and

the Webster Parish

Absence(s): None. Abstention(s):

Michael Roy

the change to the speed limit of Coun-

try Club Circle to 25

mph, as presented. The motion was

duly seconded by Latasha Mitchell

and the vote was

unanimously in favor. Absence(s)

None. Abstentiòn(s):

City Clerk Michael Fluhr pre-sented the Budget/

Financial Report for the month of Janu-

ary 2023. No motion

was required.
The police
report for the month
of January 2023

was unanimously

accepted, as pre-sented, by motion of Michael Roy and second by Carlton

Shawn Hatcher, Chairman of the Minden Main Street

Program/Downtown

Development Com-

mission, presented the Minden Fasch-

ing Parade awards Mayor Cox and

Council recognized

the Minden City

Team Power of

GYM 4:13 for its

achievement in be-

ing named Division

National Champions by the National

Cheerleaders Association on February

Announce-ments were heard,

council comments

were heard, and

the meeting was

Nick Cox, Mayor

Michael Fluhr,

March 15, 2023

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ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE

TO ABANDON THE 50-FOOT UNDE-VELOPED STREET

RIGHT-OF-WAY WITH

CUL-DE-SAC RUN-

NING ALONGSIDE

LOTS 2-6 OF THE DRAKE SUBDIVI-

SION #3 WITH

RESERVATION OF

UTILITY SERVITUDE

THE CITY OF MIN-

DEN, LOUISIANA,

DOÉS HEREBY

ORDAIN

That under the

authority of La. R.S. 48:701, the follow-

ing fifty-foot (50-foot)

street right-of-way with cul-de-sac, which is

declared by the City of Minden to no longer

be needed for public

hereby is abandoned

subject to a reserved utility access servitude

n favor of the City of

An undeveloped

50-foot wide street

cul-de-sac, as shown

on the attached sub-

Subdivision #3 as

division plat of Drake

that portion of Eames

Street lying west of its point of intersection

with Drake Drive and

said subdivision, sub-

iect to the reservation

n favor of the City of

Minden of a twenty-five-foot (25-foot)

predial servitude for

utility access running

along the southwest

ern boundary of the

right-of-way hereby abandoned from the

point of intersection

Drake Drive to the

point of beginning

of the cul-de-sac as

All successors

in title shall abstain

from any permanent

shown on the attached

of Eames Street and

alongside Lots 2-6

right-of-way with

Minden:

purposes, be and

24, 2023

adjourned.

ATTEST:

Myles.

moved to adopt

Sheriff's Office,

as presented.

None.

None.

Endeavor Agree-

Upon motion by

council unanimously PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Minden City Council on this 6th day of March, 2023, by the following vote and upon motion and second of Andy Pendergrass and Carlton Myles, respectively

AYE(S) ABSENCE(S): 0 ABSTENTION(S): 0

Nick A. Cox, Mayor ATTEST:

Michael Fluhr, City Clerk

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ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RE-ENACT CHAPTER 26 - BUSINESSES ARTICLE II. – OCCU-PATIONAL LICENSE TAXES, DIVISION 5. – MOBILE FOOD VENDORS OF THE CODE OF ORDI-NANCES, CITY OF MINDEN, STATE OF LOUISIANA

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Council of

Minden, Louisiana, the governing authority thereof, in its regular session convened on the 6th day of March, 2023, that Chapter 26 – Businesses, Article II. – Occupational License Taxes Division 5. – Mobile Food Vendors of the Code of Ordinances is hereby amended and supplemented to revise the following

Sec. 26-122. -Specific regulations.

In addition to any and all other ordinances. laws, rules and regulations, food trucks

(20) Retain a city occupational license for which the vendor shall be charged a flat fee of \$100.00 for each year the vendor is engaged in the operation of a food truck (seafood or non-

seafood).

amended.

BE IT FURTHER ACTED by the Council of the City of Minden, Louisiana, that the remaining provisions of Chapter 26, Article II. Division 5 remain as originally written or

This ordinance shall become effec-tive retroactively on January 1, 2023 after being adopted by the city council and after publication in the of-ficial journal.

Which ordinance. upon motion by Andy Pendergrass and duly seconded by Carlton Myles, was adopted this 6th day of March, 2023, by the following vote:

AYE(S) NAY(S) ABSENCE(S) ABSTENTION(S): 0

Nicholas A. Cox, Mayor

ATTEST:

Michael Fluhr, City Clerk

March 15, 2023 Minden Press-Herald

SHERIFF'S SALE

B1 BANK REBECCA A. ARA-GON

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 80443

WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued out of the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, **Continued on** Next Page....

By virtue of a

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 appraisement and according to law at the principal front door of the Courthouse in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana on WEDNESDAY, March 22, 2023, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

Lot No. 57, Block 1, Premier Park Subdivision, being a part of the West Half of Southeast Quarter (W 1/2 of SE 1/4), and a part of the East Half of Southwest Quarter (E 1/2 of SW 1/4), lying East of (old) State Route 90, all in Section 17 Township 21 North Range 10 West. Webster Parish, Louisiana, being a lot North Side 80.0 feet: East Side 78.2 feet; South Side 120.2 feet; and West Side 75.0 feet as recorded in Map Book 2, Page 22

320 McArthur Loop, Cotton Valley, Louisiana 71018

SOLD SUBJECT TO ANY SUPE-RIOR LIENS. MORTGAGES **OR PRIVILEGES** THERETO.

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

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

Linda Vaughan -Deputy

February 15, 2023 March 15, 2023 Minden Press-Herald

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE TO ABANDON THE WEST 14-FOOT BY 150-FOOT SECTION OF THE ALLEY RUN NING FROM ELM STREET TO CENTER STREET IN BLOCK 5 OF GOODE ANNEX

THE CITY OF MIN-DEN, LOUISIANA, DOES HEREBY **ORDAIN**

That under the authority of La. R.S. 48:701 the following west 14-foot by 150-foot section of the alley that runs from Elm Street to Center Street in Block 5 of Goode Annex, which is declared by the City of Minden to no longe be needed for public purposes, be and

hereby is abandoned

A 7.00 foot wide strip of land containing 0.02 acres (1,050 square feet), more or less, being the North Half of that part of an existing alley lying adjacent to the South line of Lots 4, 5, and 6, Block 5, Goode Annex, a subdivision located in the West Half of the Northeas Quarter (W/2 of NE/4) Section 22, and the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SW/4 of SE/4), Section 15, all in Township 19 North, Range 9 West Northwestern Land District, Louisiana Meridian West Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana, as per map and plat thereof on file and of record in the Office of the Clerk of Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, in Map Book 1, at Page 28, and being more particularly described as follows:

Begin at a found iron pin under concrete, located on the East right-of-way of Elm Street, marking the Southwest Corner of said Lot No. 6, for the Point of Beginning, and run East for a distance of 150.00 feet to a set 1-inch iron pipe marking the Southeast Corner of said Lot No. 4; thence run South for a distance of 7.00 feet to a set %-inch iron pipe; thence run West for a distance of 150.00 feet to an "X" cut in concrete on the East right-of-way of Elm Street; thence run North for a distance of 7.00 feet along said right-of-way, the Point of Beginning

A plat of the surveyed property is attached.

That the adjacent landowners be given notice of the abandonment by the City of Minden

III.

This ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after it has been published once in the official journal of the City of Minden.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Minden City Council on this 6th day of March, 2023, by the following vote and upon motion and second of Michael Roy and Latasha Mitchell, respectively.

AYE(S): 5 NAY(S): 0 ABSENCE(S): 0 ABSTENTION(S): 0

Nick A. Cox, Mayor ATTEST:

Michael Fluhr, City Clerk

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Lá R.S. 38:2212. Each bidder must have an active Unique Entity ID (SAM), as verified on www.sam. gov, prior to beginning of construction.

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

Copies of the CONTRACT DOCU-MENTS may be obtained at the office of SMOAK ENGINEER-ING, INC. upon payment of \$35.00 for each set, which is refundable to prime bidders within 10 days after receipt of bids. Owner reserves the right to reject any and

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TNT Storage, LLC, owner of East 80 Storage (318-377-9733) located at 14963 Hwy 80 East, Minden, LA, will have one 5×10 , three 10 x 10, one 10 x 20 and one 10 x 5 units to auction on www.StorageAuctions.com starting on 3-15-23 at 10:00 am and ending on 3-29-23 at 10:00 am. East 80 Storage #88 Debra Rushing - Metal chair, books stool, purses, toys, lots of boxes: #142 Arlillian Rushing Desk, filing cabinet, heater, coffee pot, walker, boxes, rug: #149 Shelton Thorn-ton - Tools, toolboxes, toys, Christmas lights wooden storage chest #160 Arlillian Rushing - dresser, sewing machine, couches,

sofa, rug, boxes March 15, 2023 Minden Press-Herald

twin bed frame: #167

Entertainment Center, Rocker, Tub of Toys:

#25F Renda Brown -

Vintage pyrex, Antique

Rhiannon Davis - 4 Dining Room chairs,

TNT Storage, LLC, owner of <u>Germantown</u> Storage, (318-377-9733) located at <u>609</u> Germantown Rd., Minden, LA, will have two 10 x 10 units to auction on www. StorageAuctions.com starting on 3-15-23 at 10:00 am and ending on 3-29-23 at 10:00 am. Germantown Storage #47 Zane Miller tools/tool box, boards ladder, tire, rim, lots of wood: #130 Emily Glasscock - Christmas tree, piano, table, pitching machine

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TNT Storage, LLC owner of <u>Dorcheat</u> Storage, (318-377-9733) located at 1002 Dorcheat Rd., Minden, LA, will have one 10 x 20 unit to auction on www.StorageAuctions.com starting on 3-15-23 at 10:00 am and ending on 3-29-23 at 10:00 am Dorcheat Storage #4 Bruce Sterling - Desk, bookshelves, rake, post hole digger, chairs entertainment center, bike, weights, misc. items

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owner of Hilltop Storage - Homer Rd., (318-377-9733) located at 1109 Homer Rd. Minden, LA, will have one 10 x 10 unit and one 10 x 12 to auction on www.StorageAuctions.com starting on 3-15-23 at 10:00 am and ending on 3-29-23 at 10:00 am. Hilltop Storage - Homer Rd #151 Rhiannon Davis - screw jack, clothes. Christmas items, Électronics, cushions, fryer, misc. items: #213 Tabatha Scott - Christmas tree. chair. large storage box, home decor, misc

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March 9, 2023

NOTICE OF PUBLIC **HEARINGS**

STATEWIDE FLOOD CONTROL PRO-**GRAM**

AIRPORT CON-STRUCTION AND **DEVELOPMENT PRI-ORITY PROGRAM**

PORT CONSTRUC-TION AND DEVEL-**OPMENT PRIORITY** PROGRAM

To review the Statewide Flood Control Program, the Airport Construction and Development Priority Program and the Port Construction and **Development Priority** Program as follows:

BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA: Upon the adjournment of 10:00 A.M. meeting, Monday, March 20, 2023 Louisiana State Capitol House Committee Room 1

These Public Hearings will be conducted in accordance with Act 351 of the 1982 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature by the House and Senate Legislative Committees on Transportation, Highways, and Public Works and in accordance with Acts 451 and 452 of the 1989 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature by the House and Senate Legislative Committees on Transportation, Highways and Public Works.

The purpose of these Public Hearings is to review the State-wide Flood Control Program, the Airport Construction and Development Priority Program and the Port Construction and Development Priority Program for Fiscal Year 2023 and 2024 All interested persons are invited to be

Oral testimony will be received. However, so that all persons desiring to speak have an equal opportunity to do so, it is requested that every effort be made to complete individual testimony as quickly as possible. Oral testimony may be supplemented by presenting written statements and comments to the Committee by mailing the same postmarked within ten (10) calendar days following the hearing to the above address If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Elizabeth Eastwood, Department of Transportation and Development, phone (225) 379-3038.

S/Patrick McMath Senator Patrick Co-Chairman

S/Mark Wright Representative Mark Wright Co-Chairman

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MISC **Bossier Sher**iff Office to petition the court for permission to dispose of seized & found property

In accordance

with article

228.3 of the Louisiana Code of Criminal Procedure, the Bossier Sheriff's Office intends to petition the 26th Judicial **District Court** for permission to dispose of property seized as evidence in several criminal investigations and items of found property

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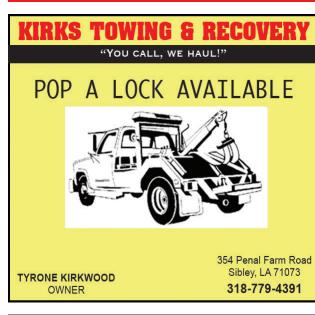






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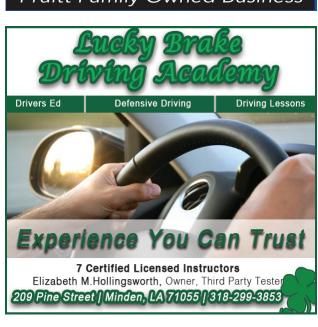
















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Recent Arrests in Webster Parish

Sketea Walker. 36, of the 300 block of Country Club Circle, was arrested on a warrant for domestic battery with dangerous weapon and serious bodily injury.

Ronald Smith, 70, of the 1200 block of Sheppard Street, was arrested on a warrant.

Brian Fizer, 39, of the 900 block of Carolina Street, was arrested for domestic abuse battery with strangulation, aggravated second degree battery, false imprisonment, and being a fugitive of the Webster Parish Sheriff's Office.

Jeramy Iverson, 26, of the 300 block of Iverson Road, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

William Soloman, 27, of the 1260 block of Silo Road, was arrested for being a fugitive of the Webster Parish Sheriff's Office.

Luke Dance, 28, of the 100 block of Timothy Drive, was arrested on a warrant.

Jaleshia Sims, 26, of the 900 block of Carolina Street, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

Damaric Henderson, 37, of the 200 block of Washington Street, was arrested for domestic abuse battery.

Codera Brew, 34, of the 100 block of Milton Drive, was arrested for driving while intoxicated first offense, hit and run, reckless operation of a motor vehicle, driving under suspension, and on a warrant.

Street, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

David Jacobson, 52, of the 1800 block of Gravier Street, was arrested for theft.

Clyge Gibson, 46, was arrested for criminal mischief misuse of 911.

Garrard Powell, 50, of the 100 block of NE 3rd Street, was arrested on a warrant for cruelty to juveniles.

Rickey Darden, of the 100 block of Louise Drive, was arrested for negligent homicide.

Charles Cato, of the 2300 block of Lone Circle Road, was arrested for a probation violation.

Kenneth Evans, of the 200 block of Shreveport Road, was arrested on two counts of felony theft and theft of a firearm.

Jayson Baugh, 18, of the 100 block of Wiggins Road, was arrested for 2nd degree domestic abuse battery.

Braxton Leonard, 23, of the 500 block of 5th Street SE, was arrested for capital murder.

Zikedrick Morgan, 19, of the 300 block of S Talon Street, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

Cody Miller, 39, of the 100 block of Parkside Landing, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

William Soloman, 33, of the 300 block of McDowell Road, was arrested for unauthorized entry of an inhabited dwelling and simple criminal damage to property.

Shaina Lewis, of the 2200 block of Walnut Road, was Marcel Williams, 39, of arrested for theft, unauthe 1400 block of Grisby thorized use of an access card, and failure to appear in court.

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