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The Germantown Bluegrass Festival provided great music and a family-friendly good time for everyone who came out to watch on Saturday.

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Germantown Bluegrass Festival

A picking and rolling good time

AMBER MCDOWN
Minden Press-Herald

Fans of bluegrass music were able to kick back and enjoy some great music at the 2023 Germantown Bluegrass Festival on Saturday. It was a beautiful spring day, and the musicians

delivered a foot-tapping, hand-clapping good time for all the listeners, performing a variety of original music, well-known favorites, and forgotten gems. James Sandidge served as the Master of Ceremonies. The show opened with Ben Shirley, who

also performed with his daughter Zoey. Other performers included the Side Trackers, Sweet Home Harmony, the darling Gent Mountain Grassburs, and Mountain View Connection. James Sandidge and Friends closed out the show singing "I Saw the Light" as a tribute to Willard Cox, a native of Cotton Valley who had won a Grammy Award for Best

Southern, Country or Bluegrass Gospel Album in 1995. Sandidge recalled the last time he played with Cox, saying, "We were at a bluegrass festival several years before he passed away. He was in his wheelchair, and he looked up at me and said, 'James, I know a thousand songs. I can't think of a one.' And I said, 'How about "I Saw the

Light"?' And he tore right into that. We had such a good time. There's Mr. Willard Cox, he'd been on the stage at the Grand Ole Opry and made the movie "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" I spent many, many hours at the nursing home visiting with him before he passed away. He was a dear friend. And the last time he played that fiddle in public was right there."

SCHOOL BOARD

WPSB expenditures approved in April

AMBER MCDOWN
Minden Press-Herald

During the April 3 school board meeting, the Webster Parish School Board approved a number of expenditures to help maintain and improve campuses across Webster Parish. Precision Construction & Contracting LLC was awarded the total contract amount of \$900,178 for making softball improvements at Lakeside Jr/Sr High School. The funding source will be the Consolidated District #3 Maintenance Fund. Also being paid out of the Consolidated District #3 Maintenance Fund are some improvements for Central Elementary School. Mechanical Concepts will be replacing a Daikin compressor and inverter board in the 5th grade wing. The cost will be \$7,540.36. And invoices from Mechanical Concepts will be paid for replacing a low-pressure switch and refrigerant (\$3,761.02), replacing a compressor and inverter board (\$7,540.36), and replacing a master compressor (\$6,330.51). Doyline High School will be paying Mechanical Concepts \$12,041.41 for replacing a compressor, inverter board, coil, 4-way valve, and refrigerant in the elementary wing using the Doyline Maintenance Fund. Jones Elementary School will be purchasing See, **SCHOOLS**, Page 3

GOVERNMENT

Teachers may see additional pay raise

MOLLY RYAN
LSU Manship School News Service

BATON ROUGE—Conservative lawmakers' concerns about spending some of the state's surplus on teacher pay raises is already stirring up controversy on the third day of the session. Education Superintendent Cade Brumlee told the House Appropriations Committee Wednesday that the department's budget proposal would give an initial \$2,000 pay raise to teachers and \$1,000 to support workers as outlined in Gov. John Bel Edwards' budget.



BRUMLEE

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EDUCATION



COURTESY PHOTO

In an effort to encourage a culture of reading, the Webster Parish Schools launched the One District, One Book initiative on April 6. Pictured are (1st row – L-R) Phillip Smart, Gibsland Bank & Trust; Teachers: Penny Austin 5th Grade; Joni Aulds 4th grade; Megan Lincoln 2nd; Hannah Chanler 3rd, Denita Lester – Kindergarten; John Cole, Gibsland Bank & Trust. (2nd row) Special guests: the Shreveport Mudbugs.

One District One Book Kicks Off

Special to the Minden Press-Herald

You're Invited...Calling all Readers! The Webster Parish School Board is very pleased to announce Webster Parishes' Title I schools are about to take part in a special, parent and family-engagement reading event. Soon every student, teacher and faculty member will receive a copy of this

year's "chosen" book and will be asked to read it at home together with their families and at their schools over the next few weeks. According to the Title I Supervisor of Webster Parish Schools, Mrs. Oreatia Banks, "I'm very excited about this initiative and what it means to the Webster Parish School System." It gives the entire community

the opportunity to build a legacy of readers because teachers, students, parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, siblings, staff and faculty members, school board members and everyone can assist in the development of a very essential tool for students, which is READING!" Our One District, See, **READING**, Page 2

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Louisiana rural infrastructure loan program bill passes first hurdle

(The Center Square) — A bill to help the state's small rural communities to fund infrastructure projects and address emergency issues moves to the House Committee on Appropriations after clearing the Ways and Means Committee.

Members of the Ways and Means Committee on Wednesday voted unanimously to approve House Bill 155, sponsored by Rep. Rhonda Butler, R-Acadia, who reintroduced the legislation to create the Louisiana Rural Infrastructure Revolving Loan Program after it failed to gain full approval last session. The intent, Butler told the committee, is "to help our rural communi-



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ties that can't afford to go through capital outlay, See **Details Inside** Rural Government shows proof to repay See **Page 3**

where they wouldn't have a match. "They could borrow through this fund and it has a 1% interest over 20 years and would be re-funding itself, so the fund would not have to have funding all the time," she said. "It regenerates itself, so over time it could build up quite a bit of money in there for our local people." The fund would be operated by the Department of Treasury, which would invest money in the fund to use interest earned on investment to provide loans of up to \$1.5 million. The loans would be See, **SESSION**, Page 3



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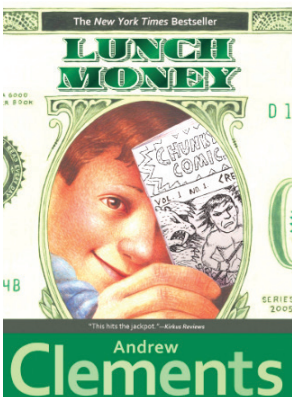
READING

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READING!" Our One District, One Book Initiative aligns with the State's Literacy Improvement goals. We know that strong literacy skills provide a foundation for school and work performance, social skills and solving problems in all subject areas. We know just spending a few minutes each day on simple, literacy activities can add up to a life-long love of reading and learning which leads to success academically and professionally. Literacy-based activities like One District, One Book can also establish a family culture of reading, consistency and engagement with the schools. Reading promotes knowledge. Reading promotes understanding. Reading pro-

motes togetherness.

Webster Parish School Board's "One District, One Book Initiative will officially kick-off with activities at Central Elementary School in Dubberly on Thursday, April 6. Four of the Minden Area Schools (J.L. Jones, E.S. Richardson, J.A. Phillips and Webster Jr. High) will have their kick-offs on April 27th. The North Webster Parish Schools will have their kick-off event on April 24th, and rounding off the list of kick-off activities will be Doyline. Their kick-off event will be on April 28th. If you would like to volunteer to participate in your student's kick-off or would like further information regarding individual kick-off times for your students' schools, please



contact their schools.

When the majority of an entire school district reads a book, there is a lot to discuss. There is excitement in the air...Spring is here and Webster Parish Schools will be buzzing with our One District, One Book Initiative. With your cooperation and assistance, we can build a Community of Readers at Webster Parish Schools.

EDUCATION

Officials are trying to remedy a decline in TOPS scholarship participation

GABBY JIMENEZ
LSU Manship School News Service

BATON ROUGE-State officials are trying to figure out how to remedy a decline in TOPS scholarship participation throughout the state.

The Taylor Opportunity Program for Students, known as TOPS, is a merit-based scholarship funded by the state. The program offers scholarships to Louisiana residents attending public colleges, universities or vocational schools in the state.

Kim Hunter Reed, Louisiana's commissioner on higher education, spoke to the House Committee on Appropriations Thursday about the declining participation numbers.

As the number of high school graduates in the state has declined, so has the number of eligible TOPS recipients, Reed said. Acceptance rates for TOPS scholarship have also seen a decline, she said.

For those who were eligible and did not use TOPS last year, 12.9% of the students missed the one-year deadline to accept their TOPS scholarship, according to Reed, and 56.8% enrolled at a school part-time. TOPS

does not cover part-time enrollment.

Fourteen percent of the eligible students enrolled at a school out of state, Reed said. But 15% of students, or 8,000 TOPS eligible students, did not go anywhere.

"They're not in the national database," Reed said. "They're not in our state's database. And so we have to continue to ask the question: What is happening in terms of talent development? And how do we reach these students?"

Reed said the declining participation is particularly concerning due to the large number of students who are eligible for the scholarships but still choose to not use it.

Rep. Debbie Villio, R-Kenner, asked if the declining numbers were correlated to a lack of face-to-face instruction during the COVID-19 pandemic.

According to Reed and Sujuan Boutté, executive director for the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance, there has been a continuous decline in participation since before the pandemic started.

Among the various types of awards, Bout-

té said, the TOPS Tech award, which provides scholarships for students to attend a vocational or technical school, has the highest percentage of eligible recipients not appearing on records. The percentage of students not showing up on records decreases as the requirements for each scholarship increases, which Boutté attributed to students' preparedness to attend a post-secondary institution.

"Where we're checking is - did those students go straight to work? ... We are seeing those greater trends for those that were enrolled part-time, those that missed the deadline. Those are your most affected students," Boutté said.

Other states are luring TOPS eligible students with incentives like bigger scholarships and better financial aid, Reed noted.

Reed emphasized the importance of communication and outreach, especially in high school, to ensure students are aware of the program.

"We've got to meet students where they are, and make sure that they know that there are opportunities for them to pursue education," Reed said.

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OBITUARIES



Charlotte Kopf

Charlotte Kopf, 83 of Arcadia, La. was called home by the Lord on February 21, 2023 after suffering a lengthy illness. She is preceded in death by her parents (stepfather) Dave Holloway and Mother, Katherine Holloway of Doyline, La. and one brother, Danny Page

of California. She is survived by (sister) Dianna Brewer of Doyline, La., (brother) Dennis Page and (wife) Carolyn Page of Haughton, La, and sister-in-law Mitzi Page of Georgia. Charlotte Ann is survived by four children, daughters Donna Scroggins of Minden, La., Teressa Scroggins Webb of Cordova, Tennessee, (present day) Arca-

dia, La., Stephanie Perryman of Bossier City, La., and Christopher Kopf and (wife) Leanna of Bossier City, La. She was formerly a resident of Red Oak Villa Senior Living Apartments in Minden, LA for many years. She is survived by 11 grandchildren. Crystal Cutchall and (husband, J.R. Cutchall of Athens, La., Hilary Marsh of Haughton, La., Erin Scroggins and Adrienne Lee of Minden, La, Timmy Prince and (wife) Chelsye Prince of Shreveport, La. J. T. Webb and Amanda Watson of Cordova, Tennessee, Evelyn Webb of Lakeland, Florida. Dustin Kopf and Samantha Kopf of Guthrie, Oklahoma, Lauren McMillen of Seattle, Washington. She is also survived by 11 Great Grandchildren, Maddie, Natalie and Neveah Cutchall of Athens, La. Hunter Scroggins, Zachary Lozada, Preston and Hayven Lee of Minden, La. Matthew and Marlee Watson of Cordova, Tennessee. Emery Carpenter of Lakeland, Florida and Creighton Kopf of Guthrie Oklahoma. Charlotte is survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends that she loved. Celebration of Life Services will be held at Westlake Baptist Church, 2587 Hwy. 163, Doyline, LA 71023 on April 29 at 11:30.



Russell A. Adams

Funeral services celebrating the life of Russell A. Adams will be held Wednesday, April 19, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church West Chapel in Minden, Louisiana with Gary Faircloth officiating. Interment will follow at Gardens of Memory Cemetery in Minden under the direction of Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Minden, Louisiana. The family will receive friends at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday prior to the service time. Russell was born January 20, 1925, in Minden, Louisiana to Russell Alwyn Adams and Opal Balcom Adams and entered into rest April 16, 2023, in Minden, Louisiana. Russell attended Minden High School and Centenary College. He served in the 33rd Special Battalion of

the Sea Bees, stationed overseas 27 months in the Philippines and New Guinea. He worked with the Webster Parish Sheriff Department for 14 years, under Sheriff O.H. Haynes, Sr and Sheriff J.D. Batton as Chief Office Deputy. He then joined Minden Building and Loan later becoming MBL Bank where he served as President for 27 years, retiring December 31, 1987. He is preceded in death by his parents, Russell and Opal Adams, daughter, Peggy Adams McKinney Faircloth, brother, Don Adams, and spouses Mary Louise Adkins Adams and Ruth Cummings Johnson Adams. He is survived by his grandsons, Thomas Weston McKinney and wife Amy of Ukiah, CA and Russell Leon McKinney and wife Tori of Minden, great-grandchildren, Dylan McKinney, Peyton McKinney (Lauren), Cassidy McKinney, Cody McKinney, and Jackson McKinney.

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PAY

Continued from Page 1 Edwards wants all K-12 teachers to receive an additional \$1,000, bringing the total to \$3,000, if state revenue projections increase in May. If that additional revenue becomes available, the Education Department’s proposal, however, calls for putting it into a pool that could be divided differently among teachers. Brumley suggested that teachers in hard-to-fill positions like special education, math and science might receive anywhere from \$1,000 to \$3,000 on top of the basic \$2,000 raise. He said this proposal would still bump teacher salaries in the state by an average of \$3,000, pushing Louisiana to the Southern regional aver-

age, which includes Virginia and West Virginia, and above the average for states with universities in the Southeastern Conference, or SEC. The state Board of Elementary and Secondary Education has unanimously approved the department’s proposal. Rep. Jerome “Zee” Zeringue, R-Houma, chairman of the Appropriations Committee, was encouraged by the department’s proposal for giving bigger raises to teachers in high-priority areas and called it “game-changing.” Some lawmakers expressed concerns about the nature and sustainability of the raises. Rep. Jack McFarland, R-Winnfield and chairman of the Louisiana Conservative Caucus, said the

state would take on \$525 million in recurring expenses if an average pay raise of \$3,000 is implemented. He worried that the raises are consuming the revenue generated from the temporary 0.45 percent sales tax increase that ends in 2025. McFarland and Rep. Tony Bacala, R-Ascension, suggested the Legislature would have to cut funds elsewhere to sustain the pay raises. “Everybody can talk about it, but we have to fund it,” McFarland said. The state has a \$1.6 billion surplus but cannot spend more than \$500 million of it without a two-thirds vote from lawmakers, and McFarland has raised concerns about increasing the cap. Additionally, Bacala expressed hesitation about

giving additional funding to low-grade schools. “It’s time for us to use this budget to press bad systems to get better for the benefit of the kids,” Bacala said. He pointed out that Louisiana spends more per student than other states with SEC schools yet falls behind them in teacher salaries. He questioned whether resources are being distributed efficiently. Bacala said he wants to use money to incentivize better performance from schools to benefit children. Rep. Rodney Lyons, D-Jefferson, said a school’s annual “D” or “F” grade is not necessarily an indication that teachers and other staff are not working to improve performance or that they are undeserving of a raise.

SCHOOLS

Continued from Page 1 ing a trimmer for \$270 and a backpack blower for \$486 from Holmont using the District #6 ½ Cent Sales Tax Fund. Minden High School will be paying an invoice amount of \$3,424.71 from Johnson Controls for replacing the control board in AHU 7. Minden High will also be purchasing a washer/dryer combo from Lowes for the special ed classroom in the amount of \$1,798. Both of these expenditures will be paid out of the District #6 ½ Cent Sales Tax Fund. The Shongaloo Build-

ing Fund will be used to pay an invoice of \$3,600 from Mechanical Cooling Services for replacing the Spyder control for the VAV in the art room at North Webster Lower Elementary School. The Webster Parish School Board continually seeks to improve and maintain their campuses across the parish to give students excellent environments to learn in. School board meetings are open to the public. The next meeting will be held at the school board office on May 1, 2023, at 6 PM.

SESSION

Continued from Page 1 available to political subdivisions with populations less than 15,000, based on U.S. Census figures. Local governments would be limited to one loan at a time, if they meet eligibility requirements. “Our larger cities have money, where our small rural communities don’t, and that’s what I serve,” Butler said. The eligibility requirements include proof local governments have the financial resources and strategy to repay the loan, and that they’re in good standing and comply with audit requirements in current law. “They have to be able to maintain themselves and pay this loan back,” Butler said, adding that she’s working with appropriations chairmen to secure the initial funding to launch the program. HB 155 also includes provisions for “emergency requests” of up to \$50,000 to alleviate con-

ditions “that are hazardous to life, health, or property.” Requests would require approval from the State Bond Commission, while the Department of Treasury would be tasked with crafting rules and reasonable fees for administering the fund and rules to respond to emergency requests. The State Bond Commission would also be required to submit a report on loans approved by the commission, outstanding loan balances, and other information to the House Ways and Means Committee and Senate Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Committee beginning Jan. 1, 2026, and every two years thereafter. Several members of the Ways and Means Committee commended Butler on Wednesday for sponsoring HB 155. “Thank you for bringing bills like this that protect our rural communities,” said Rep. Marcus Bryant, D-New Iberia.



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WPSB

Casandra Wallace awarded Employee of the Month for WPSB

AMBER MCDOWN
Minden Press-Herald

At the April Webster School Board meeting, Casandra Wallace was named Employee of the Month. The award was presented by Rodney Taylor of Taylor and Sons. Wallace’s letter of recommendation read as follows: “Ms. Wallace is the counselor for Central Elementary. She has a heart for the students, and it shows. She has provided consistent classes imple-

menting lessons that encourage our students to make wise choices. She participates in dress-down days and expresses joy and humor with the students. She assists the administration in various ways, depending on the need. She has gone above and beyond her duties as counselor, and our staff loves her.” To see who will be the next employee of the month, attend the school board meeting on May 1, 2023, at 6 PM. The public is welcome to attend.



Employee of the Month is announced each month at the Webster Parish School Board meeting.

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OPINION

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OPINION

FBI targets Catholics, protects 2020
rioters and Hunter Biden

Jim Jordan, Chairman of the U.S. House Judiciary Committee, stated this past week: “Based on the limited information produced by the FBI ... we now know that the FBI relied on at least one undercover agent to produce its analysis and proposed that its agents engage in outreach to Catholic parishes to develop sources among the clergy and church leadership to inform on Americans practicing their faith.” (FOX). Jordan further stated that the FBI expressed interest in “leverag[ing] existing sources and/or initiat[ing] Type 5 Assessments to develop new sources with the placement and access” citing a desire to sensitize religious congregations “to the warning signs of radicalization and enlist their assistance to serve as suspicious activity tripwires.”

This is stunning. U.S. House Majority Leader, Steve Scalise, of Louisiana, described the discovery as a “deeply disturbing targeting of Catholic organizations.” In a pointed letter to FBI Director, Christopher Wray, Chairman Jordan called this effort “outrageous” asserting that the “documents produced to date show how the FBI sought to enlist Catholic houses of worship as potential sources to monitor and report on their parishioners.” Jordan’s letter continued, “Americans attend church to worship and congregate for

their spiritual and personal betterment” and “they must be free to exercise their fundamental First Amendment rights without worrying that the FBI may have planted so-called “tripwire” sources or other informants in their houses of worship.” This is alot to swallow. This story exploded when former FBI agent Kyle Seraphin published an i n t e r n a l document originating from the FBI’s Richmond Field Office that appeared to outline a plan to s u p p o s e d l y “mitigate the threat of Radical-Traditionalist Catholics” and to protect “from the threat of ‘white supremacy,’ which it believes has found a home within Catholics who prefer the Latin Mass.”



ROYAL ALEXANDER

Seraphin added that the document “assesses with ‘high confidence’ the FBI can mitigate the so-called threat of Radical-Traditionalist Catholics by recruiting sources within the Catholic Church.” He later tweeted, “this document seems to be opening a door so that the Leftist intel types can vent their dissatisfaction with the Catholic Church - but eventually all Christians - fighting abortion.” In what has become an all-too-familiar refrain

when yet another illegal agency activity has been discovered, FBI Director Wray awkwardly backtracked stating that “we do not conduct investigations based on religious affiliation or practices, full stop. We have also now ordered our inspection division to take a look at how this happened and try to figure out how we can make sure something like this doesn’t happen again.” Whatever. This is a plan by the FBI to use Catholic churches—and likely other Christian denominations—to spy on their fellow faithful Americans. Commentator Michael Knowles stated that “the more serious cultural danger in the United States has nothing to do with Catholicism. Our evil rulers, who celebrate the slaughter of babies and castration of children, now plan to spend our tax dollars persecuting Catholics for attending Holy Mass.”

Chris Tomlinson tweeted “the FBI is now targeting people who attend the Traditional Latin Mass, claiming we are “extremists.” Freedom of religion in America is a joke. The FBI and the entire regime in charge of America, headed by Biden, are proving every day that they are an evil force in the world.” This FBI strategy is outrageous, in and of itself. In America, we (presumably) don’t infiltrate houses of worship to gather information about supposed “white supremacists.” (What about all the black Catholics?) That is what the KGB and the Nazis do in a police state. But there is another equally compelling consideration: the FBI’s credibility. Let’s recall: The Hunter Biden Laptop scandal, the failure to prosecute Hillary Clinton for the destruction of classified information, the \$32 million Russia Collusion Hoax and the attempt by top leadership of the FBI to remove a duly elected President Trump based upon information it knew was false; illegal wiretaps, fraudulent FISA warrants and the labeling of passionate parents as “domestic terrorists” who vocally objected to the Covid masking and vaccine mandates and school shutdowns, as well as the pornographic materials and racial politics their children are taught in public school. Now, we have a new category of “domestic terrorists” being Catholics with a preference for traditionalism who could allegedly become involved in domestic terrorist activity due to their religious beliefs! What other Christian denominations will be next? How can the FBI expect the American people to have faith and confidence in it under these circumstances?

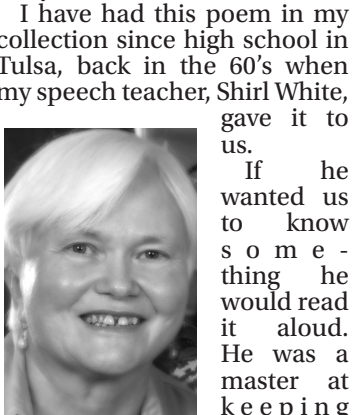
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INSPIRATION

The importance of ‘The right words at the right time’

Having just read ‘The Right Words at the Right Time,’ edited by Marlo Thomas, who tells how her father, Danny Thomas, told her how to win the race by keeping her blinders on, which made all the difference in her life as an actress, reminding me of Nicholas Sparks who said “we sit silently and watch the world around us. This takes a lifetime to learn. It seems only the old are able to sit next to one another and not say anything and still feel content. The young, brash and impatient, must always break the silence. It is a waste, for silence is pure. Silence is holy. It draws people together because only those who are comfortable with each other can sit without speaking. This is the great paradox.” Max Ehrmann, born in 1872, the author of Desiderata said “Go placidly amid the noise and haste, and remember what peace there may be in silence. As far as possible without surrender be on good terms with all persons. Speak your truth quietly and clearly; and listen

to others, even the dull and the ignorant; they too have their story.” I have had this poem in my collection since high school in Tulsa, back in the 60’s when my speech teacher, Shirl White, gave it to us.



SARAH HUDSON PIERCE

If he wanted us to know s o m e - thing he would read it aloud. He was a master at k e e p i n g our attention and a role model in many ways, never counting the hours and effort he spent in nurturing our creative streak whether in acting or writing. I have found one of the best ways to be happy with myself is to be “comfortable in my own skin.” It took me a lifetime to learn

that but it also liberates me, giving me a feeling of acceptance but also tends to help control blood pressure problems! Why don’t we know more of these great truths when we are young? Perhaps insecurity is a great driving force in our life that helps us to achieve our goals while we learn these truths as we go along. The problem of nit picking has been an age old issue considering that the Pharisees in Jesus time thought they had it down even accusing Jesus of sin because He ate with the publicans and sinners! This is how it is and probably always will be. I’ve observed that those who are often critical will sooner or later commit the same mistakes as the ones that they were most critical. That’s my take on life. This attitude in churches often turns the “un-churched” away. Some of these thoughts came to me after an accident in 2013. While leaning on my crutch-

es, with pins still in my foot, I stopped to scribble down these thoughts that have become a part of my philosophy. Napoleon Hill, famous American motivational speaker, said “we become what we think about.” Our thoughts and those of others impact our lives. Max Ehrman also said “be gentle with yourself. You are no less than the trees and the stars. You have a right to be here.” I feel at peace when I struggle with “situations” in my life that somehow have always worked out, giving me security in life even when I’ve felt all alone. With all of my struggles, I am so blessed!. As I pillow my head I know that Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever and He always gets me to the right place at the right time. CONTACT SARAH AT SARAH9957@AOL.COM

OPINION

The Advocate: With so much money, how can the Capitol gang screw it up?

When it comes to the Legislature and money, nothing succeeds like excess. The estimated \$1.5 billion in new revenues that lawmakers have to spend as they go into session today at the State Capitol has the potential to achieve something remarkable there: harmony. A session of the Legislature is never going to be a cakewalk, particularly for a lame-duck governor. Gov. John Bel Edwards is in his last year in office, and his power to reward or punish is correspondingly declining. But as the politicians contemplate, and scheme, about who might replace him next January, the boom in state revenues post-pandemic is going to have a considerable effect on how the session unfolds.

For one thing, Edwards’ budget is not a dead letter upon arrival in the Appropriations and Finance committee rooms. And legislators will have their own priorities and an opportunity to advance them, meaning the excess of cash may or may not usher in a session-long Era of Good Feelings. The Democratic governor’s budget proposal reflects many priorities shared by leaders in the Republican Legislature, as evidenced in comments during a pre-session panel hosted by the Public Affairs Research Council. With the recent party switch of Rep. Francis Thompson of Delhi, the GOP now has, in theory, a veto-proof majority in both chambers. In practice,

though, there probably will be significant agreement on Edwards’ calls for a focus on education and infrastructure, particularly roads and bridges. Anything can happen in an election year, of course. Some members of both chambers are term-limited but eyeing other offices — perhaps a seat in the other legislative body across the hall. So politics is always in the mix, as Edwards’ chief budget officer, Commissioner of Administration Jay Dardenne, knows from long experience as a senator. For now, though, money is a political gift that keeps on giving: In December, the committee that does financial forecasts said the state will take in \$925 million more than predicted for the

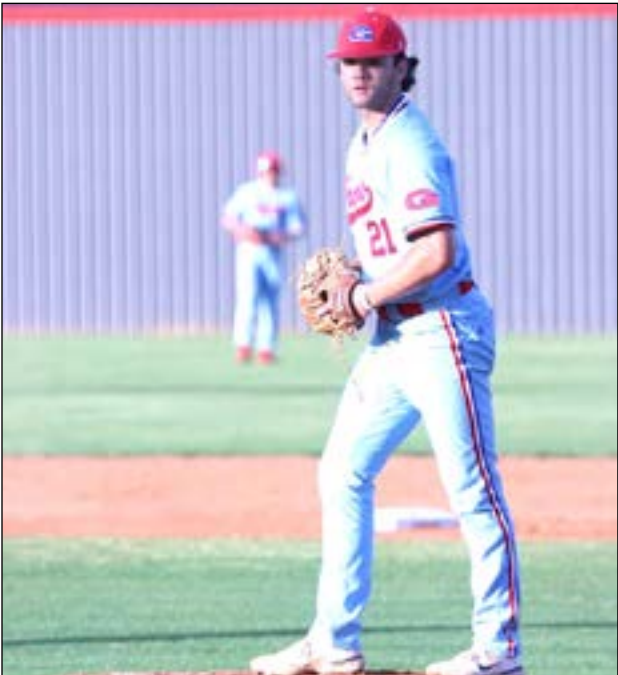
current financial year and an extra \$608 million for the fiscal year that begins July 1 — about \$1.5 billion total. And that’s not all. Edwards and Dardenne expect those estimates to grow when the Revenue Estimating Conference convenes again in May. That would put more money in the hopper. Some of the new money has already been spent, with a special session putting \$45 million into incentives for new insurers to take over homeowners policies now languishing in the state-owned Citizens pool. Still, the big picture that Dardenne framed last month before the Press Club of Baton Rouge is one of fiscal probity, compared to the administration of Gov. Bobby Jindal, who left finances

in chaos — and the state \$2 billion in the hole — for Edwards and lawmakers to sort out in 2016. “This governor will leave the next governor with a healthy surplus that the previous governor did not leave the governor eight years ago,” Dardenne told the Press Club. Stability over the last six years has meant a larger capacity for the state to improve the social and economic progress of Louisiana’s people, which should be any legislative body’s main focus. As Dardenne said, it also prevents the “unforgiveable practice” of using one-time revenues to fund expenses that recur year after year. With this much money, why mess with excess?

SPORTS

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HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL



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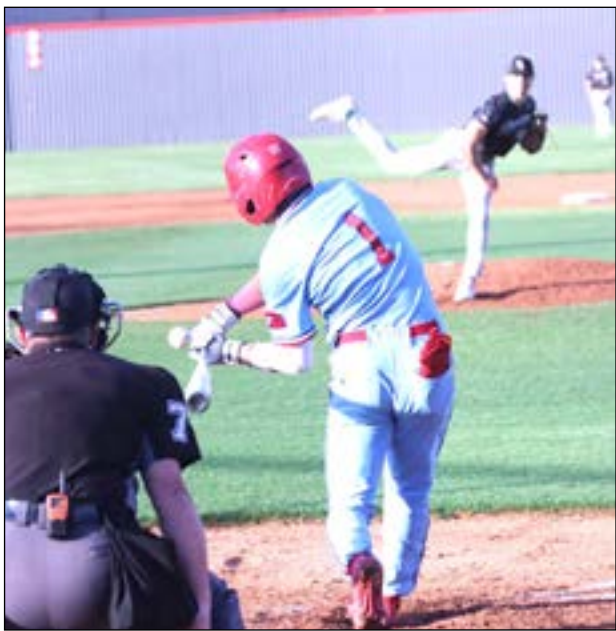


VALLETTE WEAVER/SPECIAL TO THE PRESS-HERALD
Glenbrook second baseman Jackson Waller gets ready to make a play against Ouachita Christian.

Parish teams eye playoffs

RUSSELL HEDGES
Minden Press-Herald

All five Webster Parish teams are headed to the playoffs. The regular season ended Monday and play-off pairings were set to be announced by the LHSAA Tuesday. Under the LHSAA's new playoff format, the top 24 teams in non-select Divisions I-V and the top 20 in select Divisions I-V qualified. According to Geaux-Preps.com, as of press time Monday morning Minden (17-11) was No. 16 in non-select Division II, North Webster (18-9) No. 15 in Division III, Lakeside (18-13) No. 4 in Division IV and Doyline (9-16) No. 19 in Division V. Glenbrook (22-10) was No. 4 in select Division IV. Those numbers could change slightly by the results of Monday's games across the state. Lakeside and Glen-



VALLETTE WEAVER/SPECIAL TO THE PRESS-HERALD
Glenbrook's Maddox Mandino bats during a victory over Ouachita Christian last week.

brook will have byes in the first round. The No. 9-16 teams in the non-select divisions host first-round games. Last week was a busy one. Glenbrook wrapped up a dominant run through District 1-1A with victories over Plain Dealing, 21-0, Ringgold, 17-0 and Homer 17-1. The Apaches also de-

feated Ouachita Christian, No. 1 in the select Division IV power ratings, 9-1. Glenbrook will take a nine-game winning streak into the playoffs. Hayden Harmon pitched a three-hitter against Ouachita Christian. He struck out five and walked only two. Maddox Mandino hit a solo home run and doubled. Harmon went 2-for-3 with a double. Easton Sanders went 2-for-3. Toby Haulmark had a double and two RBI. Minden handed North DeSoto its only District 1-4A loss 8-7 in Stonewall. North DeSoto and Northwood shared the district championship at 6-1. Minden and Evangel Christian tied for second at 5-2. Minden also fell to North DeSoto 5-3 at home in a game that wasn't a designated district game. The Crimson Tide also defeated Huntington 6-1 and lost to Evangel 9-5. See, **BASEBALL**, Page 6

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL



VALLETTE WEAVER/SPECIAL TO THE PRESS-HERALD
Minden's Kyle Ryan fires a pitch in a victory over Stanley last week. The Lady Tiders were scheduled to play a first-round playoff game Monday.

Glenbrook wins first-round game; North Webster, Doyline fall

RUSSELL HEDGES
Minden Press-Herald

The Glenbrook Lady Apaches defeated Hanson Memorial 9-6 in a select Division IV first-round playoff game last week. Glenbrook (15-11), the No. 14 seed, was scheduled to play No. 3 St. Frederick (19-9) in the second round Tuesday. St. Frederick received a first-round bye. North Webster and Doyline's seasons came to an end with first-round losses. The No. 21 seed Lady Knights fell to No. 12 Caldwell Parish 10-6 in a non-select Division III game at Calwell Parish. North Webster finished 13-15. The No. 24 seed Lady Panthers lost to No. 9 Choudrant in a non-select Division V game at Choudrant. Doyline finished 7-11. Minden and Lakeside were scheduled to play their first-round games Monday. The No. 12 seed



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Glenbrook's Sarah Margaret Mosley, making a catch in a game earlier this season, went 2-for-2 in a 9-6 select Division IV first-round playoff victory over Hanson Memorial last week.

Lady Tiders (19-11) were scheduled to host No. 21 Franklinton (12-11) in a non-select Division II game. The No. 9 seed Lady

with two runs in each of the first three innings. Hanson Memorial scored a run in the top of the fifth then tied it at 6 with four in the top of the sixth. Glenbrook quickly broke the tie, scoring three in the bottom of the inning. Five Lady Apaches combined for seven hits. Sarah Margaret Mosley went 2-for-2. She walked and scored the go-ahead run on a wild pitch in the sixth. Gabi Brown smacked a two-run home run with two outs in the sixth. Anna Grace Vining went 2-for-3. Vivian Still had a double. Rebecca Mosley went the distance for the win. She also had a hit. At Caldwell Parish, North Webster trailed 10-1 after four innings. The Lady Knights scored five in the top of the sixth but couldn't complete the comeback. Aniyah Davis hit a grand slam home run with two outs in the sixth. She also See, **SOFTBALL**, Page 6

HIGH SCHOOL TRACK AND FIELD

Doyline's Harris continues her stellar season

RUSSELL HEDGES
Minden Press-Herald

Doyline's Izayla Harris continued her dominating season last week, winning four events in the Choudrant Invitational. Harris won the 100-meter dash in 12.08 seconds, the 200 in 24.65 and the 400 in 58.65. She also took the triple jump with a leap of 36 feet, 9 1/4 inches. Harris' times in the 100 and 200 are faster than her winning times in

the Class B meet last year. In the 100, she finished .63 ahead of Simsboro's Ikeia Brown, the third-place finisher in last year's Class B meet. In the 200, she finished 1.55 seconds ahead of Ruston's LaNiya Robinson. In the triple jump, she went 1 3/4 feet farther than Ruston's Faith Miller. The distance was also a quarter-inch farther than the winning distance in the Class B meet last year.



VALLETTE WEAVER/SPECIAL TO THE PRESS-HERALD
Minden's Cameron Mitchell won the long jump in the Haughton Buccaneer Relays last week with a jump of 20 feet, 6.5 inches.

Parish athletes fare well in Haughton meet

RUSSELL HEDGES
Minden Press-Herald

Several Webster Parish athletes fared well in the Haughton Buccaneer Relays last week. Minden's Cameron Mitchell won the long jump with a leap of 20-6.5, 3 inches farther than Haughton's Amryon Lars. North Webster's Braedon Robertson was third with a 20-0 1/2. North Webster's Nevaeh Watts finished third in the girls 100 in 12.60. That was just .10 behind winner Ke'Zyria Sykes of Airline. Watts also helped the Lady Knights finish runner-up in both the 4X100 and 4X200 relays. The senior teamed with three freshmen — De'Maiyh Moore, Tomiyah Hawthorne and Markiau Scott — in the 4X100. They ran a 50.78. Airline won in 48.64. The same foursome ran a 1:46.45 in the 4X200. Airline won in 1:45.33. North Webster's Anekah Coleman finished third in the girls 200 in 26.92. Sykes won in 25.72. North Webster fin-

ished third in the boys 4X100 and 200 relays. Robertson, DeJuan Coleman, Avante Curry and Jkobe Lawson ran a 44.14 in the 4X100. Haughton won in 42.58. North Webster ran a 1:32.34 in the 4X200. Airline won in 1:29.46. Lawson was third in the 200 in 22.41. Airline's Cameron Jefferson won in 21.83. Minden's Brayden Britton and Cameron Parker finished 3-4 in the boys 300 hurdles in 43.77 and 43.90, respectively. Airline's Kye Lehr won in 42.47. North Webster finished sixth out of 12 teams that posted scores in the girls division and seventh out of 11 teams in the boys. The Choudrant and Haughton meets were the final time-ups before next week's district meets. The District 1-2A meet was scheduled for Tuesday at Lakeside. The District 1-3A meet is Wednesday at Sterlington. The District 1-1A meet is Wednesday at Plain Dealing. The District 1-4A meet is Thursday at North DeSoto.



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North Webster finished second in the girls 4X100 and 4X200 relays last week in the Haughton Buccaneer Relays.

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HIGH SCHOOL TRACK AND FIELD

Haughton Buccaneer Relays



ROBERT SUMMERLIN/SPECIAL TO THE PRESS-HERALD
In a very close finish, North Webster's Navaeh Watts took third in the 100-meter dash in the Haughton Buccaneer Relays last week.



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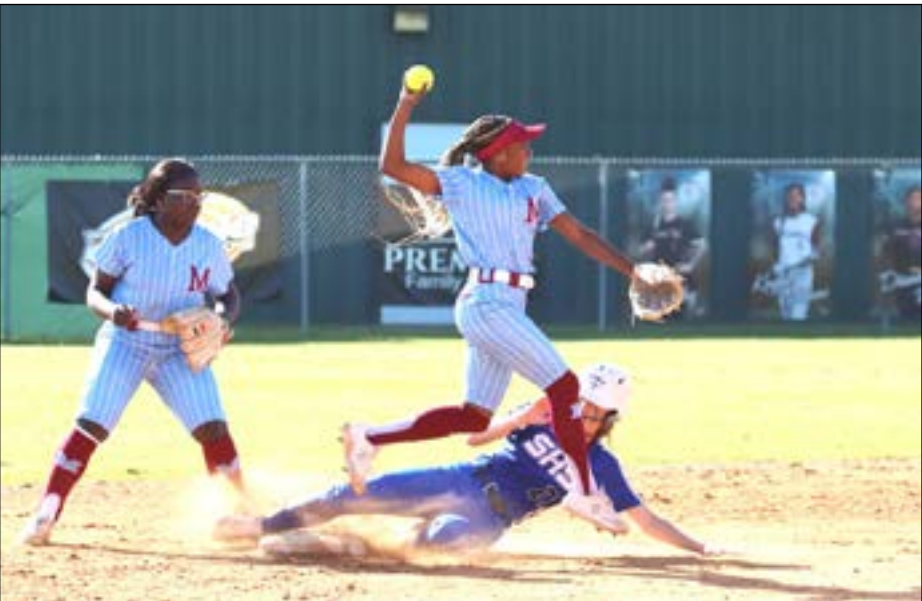
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Jakobe Jackson had a big game in the victory over North DeSoto. He went 4-for-4 with a double and two RBI.
Brandon Winston went 2-for-3. Hudson Brown went 2-for-4. Brody Bower had two RBI.
Jaxon Smith pitched a complete game.
Lakeside went 4-1. The Warriors started the week with a tough 4-3 loss to Northwood then defeated Doyline 10-0. They swept a three-game District 1-2A series against North Caddo

8-2, 13-0 and 12-4.
Jordan Isbell pitched a perfect game in the second five-inning game against North Caddo
Jon Jon Dick had three hits in the second game and Cade Boley had three in the third.
North Webster went 3-2. The Knights defeated Logansport 14-5 and Ouachita Parish 15-5 and Haynesville 16-6 and lost to Red River 10-0 and Doyline 8-3.
Collin McKenzie went 4-for-4 against Logansport. Cooper Sanders had four

RBI. McKenzie had two hits and two RBI against Ouachita Parish.
Doyline went 3-1, defeating Calvin 2-1, North Webster 8-3 and Bossier 23-2 and falling to Lakeside.
Noah Spears picked up wins against Calvin and North Webster.
Caysten Mingo had a triple, double and three RBI against Bossier.
Mingo and Benton Bates combined on a three-inning no-hitter with seven strikeouts.

SOFTBALL



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had a single and scored on a wild pitch in the third.
Anekah Coleman went 2-for-3 with a double.
Lakeside closed the regular season with two victories last week, defeating Captain Shreve 10-0 and Haynesville 18-0.
McKenna Chreene pitched a two-hitter against Captain Shreve.
She struck out nine and walked none in the five-inning game.
Mackenzie McCoy went 3-for-4. McKensie Hamiter

went 2-for-3 with two RBI.
Hallie Sutton went 3-for-3 with a home run, triple and four RBI against Haynesville. Chreene went 3-for-4 with a triple, two doubles and two RBI.
Minden defeated Stanley 6-5 and Castor 18-2.
Adams had two doubles and two RBI against Stanley. Gabby Morrison went 2-for-2 with a triple.
Jacey Adams went 2-for-3 with a home run and five RBI against Castor.

Kylie Ryan went 2-for-3 with a double and three RBI. Brooklyn Edwards went 2-for-4 with four RBI.
Glenbrook fell to Captain Shreve 8-3 and defeated Downsview 14-2.
Anna Grace Vining went 3-for-3 with against Shreve. Vivian Still went 3-for-3 with a triple, double and three RBI against Downsview.
Doyline defeated Ringgold 12-2 and lost to Sumnerfield 10-0.

OUTDOORS

Fund raising banquets the key to having turkeys

GLYNN HARRIS

There have been a few things that have dictated the direction my life would take. First off, that 10 inch bass I caught down on Molido behind my boyhood home signaled the start of my love for chunking and winding a rod and reel after bass.
When the first wood duck came barreling down through the flooded timber intent on landing on the water and my old 12 gauge double barrel dropped him at my feet, I fell in love with duck hunting.
There was that time before the duck and the bass conquests happened, our up-the-road neighbor, Bud Pennington, pointed out a lump on a limb where his squirrel dog was barking and bawling at the base of the tree. He explained that that lump was no knot; it was a fox squirrel, my aim was true and as my first ever squirrel hit the ground and thus began my lifetime love of the sport of chasing October squirrels.
Continuing on my trek through my bank of memories, the yapping and howling of a pack of beagles signaled that a deer was headed in my direction.
I was on my first deer hunt in Claiborne Parish near Summerfield when a 10 point buck burst from cover to the pipeline I was watching. Slingshot buckshot in his direction, I watched him tumble and once again, I had found yet another sport that had me in its grip.
Bass, ducks, squirrels and bucks were all put on



GLYNN HARRIS
Attendance of over 250 at the North Central NWTf Chapter signaled good news for wild turkeys.

the back burner when I stumbled on the sport that has captivated me like no other. The date was April 13, 1992 when I accepted an invitation to chase turkeys in Alabama. To be honest, I really didn't care about leaving the bream beds until outdoor writer friend, John Phillips tossed out nuggets, like free air fare, a shotgun, a guide and an array of camo clothing that I decided the bream could wait a week

or so while I took advantage of the opportunity to do something I had never tried, and that was to give spring turkey hunting a try.
When my guide, Skinny Hallmark, called to a gobbler on the roost and I heard him gobble, spit and drum as he strutted toward where I sat, no bass, duck, squirrel or deer could make my heart thump like mine was doing as the big gobbler stepped in front of

my gun and I got him.
I determined then and there that I may never kill another one but I was determined to learn all I could about wild turkeys, how to call them and how to be sure there would be turkeys around when I wanted to hunt.
This led me to become a member of the North Central Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTf) and to become involved in promoting the annual banquet our chapter had each year. I was impressed with the fact that the funds generated at the annual banquet are one of the main reasons we have wild turkeys to hunt in Louisiana today.
Last year I attended the banquet but attendance and involvement had been severely curtailed by the Covid epidemic that was successful in shutting down a host of worthy activities. The banquet our chapter held last week was like a breath of fresh air. Whereas fewer than 100 were at the banquet a year ago, I scanned the crowd of some 250-275 enthusiastic hunters who bid on auction items to the tune of raising in the neighborhood of \$50,000, funds that will go to activities favoring wild turkeys.
"This was a building year for us, and we couldn't be more pleased with the turnout and interest shown this year" said chapter president Mike Rainwater, "and we hope to be able to do even more in coming years."
For the sake of these special birds, I sincerely hope so.

Fishing Report

BLACK BAYOU – Bream are on the beds and hitting worms and crickets. Crappie are good fishing around the trees and brush. Contact Honey Hole Tackle Shop 323-8707 for latest information.
BUSSEY BRAKE – Big bass are continuing to be caught on soft plastics as they have moved up to spawn. Crappie are on the spawning beds and hitting shiners or jigs. For latest information, contact the Honey Hole at 323-8707.
OUACHITA RIVER – The water is high. No fishing reports this week. For latest information, contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.
LAKE D'ARBONNE – Water is high with a no-wake rule but water is beginning to fall. Bass, crappie and bream fishing should all improve as the water continues to fall. Catfish continue to be 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 fishing has been good this week, fishing shallow water with Chatter baits and soft plastics. Some to around 8 pounds have been reported. A good many crappie are

being caught on yo-yos baited with shiners. The bream have started to bed and are beginning to be caught on worms and crickets. No report on stripers or catfish just yet. For latest information, call Kel's Cove at 927-2264 or Terzia Tackle at 278-4498.
CANEY LAKE – Bass are on the beds with some really big females have been caught with a 10-1 pounder reported caught on a Wacky worm. Crappie are spawning in the shallows with some good ones caught on shiners and jigs. The bream are moving to the beds with quite a few beginning to show up. No report on 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 in the shallows getting ready to spawn with some nice ones reported. Bream should be moving in to spawn. No report on bass. For latest reports, call Poverty Point Marina at 318/878-0101.
LAKE YUCATAN – The water is falling and it will be a couple of weeks before it gets low enough for the fishermen to show up. For information, call Surplus City Landing at 318/467-2259.

Good News

GOOD NEWS

PLANTING FOR A BOUNTIFUL HARVEST

No farmer or gardener goes to the extent of getting the ground tilled, prepared and ready for planting with the idea that “there will be no harvest.” That would be futile! Why go to all that trouble? We could be fishing, or enjoying a ballgame, jogging or sun bathing on the beach! But that is what many of us do when we fail to properly prepare the spiritual ground for a bountiful harvest.

Beat around the bush all you want, but there is no denying ‘the harvest is what counts.’ Growing up in a sharecroppers’ home, working for a meager living year by year, I know a little about “sowing and reaping.” I know how the late spring floods affect the planting, thus the fall harvest. And there are the long hot and dry summers to deal with! But through it all, the primary focus is on the harvest in the fall. The same is true about the Lord’s work.

If we just waited around to

pick the cotton, omitting steps 1,2 and 3---the cotton gins would be silent. The landlord would come visiting quickly; changes would be made as well. What farmer would spend all the time, e x p e n s e and energy to prepare his soil for p l a n t i n g (breaking ground, applying fertilizer and put the seed into the ground) just abandon the necessary work hoping to enjoy the harvest? Foolish man! That is what Jesus would say about such efforts! He had much to say about “sowing and reaping.

Living the Christian life is like a continuous progression of breaking ground, sowing seed, applying fertilizer and water, cultivating and getting ready for the anticipated har-



Bill Crider

vest. Can’t you see the direct correlation? Jesus could. He often used this analogy in his teaching. The Great Commission (Matt 28:18-20) directs us to “go, make disciples...plant the seed, cultivate and fertilize them...and the Spirit will bring about the harvest.” He is faithful to bring about the promised results if we are faithful to follow His commands!

This is preparation time for the harvest this fall. Most farmers and gardeners already have done a lot of preparation to the land; some have early crops already in the ground. That’s just the lure of farming or gardening each year. You feel it in your bones! It’s just got to be done! NOW! Sharing the gospel must be handled in the same intentional way.

The command goes out to each of us to: be a witness of the saving power of the Lord, tell others of what the Lord has done in our own life, and be a

ready witness for the Lord’s ‘amazing grace’ that is available to all who call upon the name of Jesus. We cannot sit around and depend on Vacation Bible School workers to “sow all the evangelistic seed” in the community, nor next year’s Monday Night Bible Study. We must not relegate the primary task of the Christian faith (Matt 19:28-29) to happenstance. It must be deliberate and intentional. It must be incorporated into our lifestyle. Remember the reference of the believers in Antioch (Acts 11:26): “they were first called Christians in Antioch.” And this was because their lifestyle and character pointed others to Christ and His teachings. It was also by the way they loved and treated each other.

Yes, we all need to visualize the rotation of responsibilities as believers. Some break new ground, some sow, some water, others reap, but the truth is we are all in this rotation together.

God demands us all to “deny self, take up our cross, and follow Him” (Luke 9: 23-24). When we do this, we will find that we all will be laborers working together for a bountiful harvest. Then, in due season, all will be blessed to have been a part of the eternal harvest. It was a winning combination then; and it still works today.

Anything less is going to produce unacceptable results; the harvest will be lacking; the barns will be empty and the Master will be disappointed. So get those hoes sharpened, plows ready, gloves located--time for spring planting with anticipation for a bountiful harvest at season’s end! If no seed are planted, expect no harvest!

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THE UPWARD LOOK

Put Away

“Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice.” Ephesians 4:31 NASB



Max Hutto

Paul lists six sinful characteristics that must be removed from the believer’s life. Bitterness is longstanding resentment that exhibits hostility and animosity toward others. Wrath is a sudden outburst that explodes in uncontrolled anger and harshness. Anger is enduring and festering ire and temper. Clamor is loud angry shouting and

quarreling. Slander is speaking evil and destroying another’s reputation. Malice is the intense desire to do vicious and spiteful harm to another.

Lord Jesus, may these evil attitudes and actions be put out of my life. Instead let my life be filled with forgiveness and kindness, expressing Your mercy and grace.

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INSPIRATION

Blessings from Curses

Our story begins with Balak the king of Moab summoning Balaam the sorcerer. One day Balak notices that the children of Israel are an overwhelming force. They have just conquered a nearby group of people and Balak feared he was next. This put Balak on the defensive, which brings us back to his summoning of Balaam. He wanted to commission Balaam to curse the children of Israel. Balaam had the fear of God so he communed with God first. Balaam had many discussions with God before he got permission to go to Balak. However, God put one condition on Balaam. If Balaam was to go to Balak he could only say what God told him to say. Balaam in fear of the Lord did as he

commanded. Balaam on three separate occasions was given the order to curse Israel. This resulted in Balaam on three separate occasions blessing Israel. No matter how many times Balak insisted he could not curse God’s people. This brings me to the main focus of my message. Trust in God and his promises and he will turn the curses of the enemy into your greatest blessing. God will always bless his people.



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SHERIFF'S SALE

AMERIHOME MORTGAGE COMPANY, LLC VS. CHAD DARST AND LEAH DARST

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 80455

By virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued out of the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, in the above styled and numbered suit and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder for cash WITH the benefit of appraisal and according to law at the principal front door of the Court-house in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana on WEDNESDAY, April 26, 2023, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

Lot 22 and the West Half of Lot 22-A, North Acres Addition, Unit No. 4, located in the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NE/4 of SW/4) of Section 2, Township 23 North, Range 11 West; Springhill, Webster Parish, Louisiana, as per map and plat thereof on file and of record on the Office of the Clerk of Court of the District Court and Ex-Officio recorder in and for said parish in Map book 3, Page 109; and

A Tract of land being the South 40 feet of the West 150 feet of the East 10.84 acres of Government Lot 3 in the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 2, Township 23 North, Range 11 West, City of Springhill, Webster Parish, Louisiana and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Southwest corner of said West 150 feet of the East 10.84 acres of Government Lot 3, being a 5/8 inch rebar; Thence North 01 degrees 04 minutes 56 seconds East a distance of 40.00 feet along the West line of said tract being described in Book 1041, Page 43 of the Webster Parish Conveyance Records (W.P.C.R.), being a 5/8 inch rebar; Thence South 89 degrees 06 minutes 48 seconds East a distance of 150.00 feet to the East line of said tract described in Book 1041, Page 43 W.P.C.R., being a 5/8 inch rebar; Thence South 01 degrees 04 minutes 56 seconds West a distance of 40.00 feet to the South line of said tract, coincident with the North line of the North Acres Addition, Unit No. 3, as shown in Plat Book 3A, Page 105, being a 5/8 inch rebar; Thence North 89 degrees 06 minutes 48 seconds West a distance of 150.00 feet back to the Point of Beginning of Tract herein described; subject to restrictions, servitudes, rights-of-way and outstanding mineral rights of record affecting the property.

SOLD SUBJECT TO ANY SUPERIOR LIENS, MORTGAGES OR PRIVILEGES THERETO. Said property seized is that of the defendant and will be sold to satisfy a judgment rendered in our Honorable Court.

JASON R. PARKER Sheriff & Ex-Officio Auctioneer Webster Parish, Louisiana
Linda Vaughan - Deputy

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SHERIFF'S SALE

VANDERBILT MORTGAGE AND FINANCE, INC. VS. MARY JO WEBB AND THE UNOPENED SUCCESSION OF JAMES WEBB

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 80575

By virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued out of the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, in the above styled and numbered suit and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder for cash WITH the benefit of appraisal and according to law at the principal front door of the Court-house in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana on WEDNESDAY, May 3, 2023, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

One (1) certain 2001 River Chase 80 x 14 Manufactured Home, River-side Mode, bearing serial number AL1268R003976, including Refrigerator, Oven/Range, A/C Unit, and Skirting.

SOLD SUBJECT TO ANY SUPERIOR LIENS, MORTGAGES OR PRIVILEGES THERETO. Said property seized is that of the defendant and will be sold to satisfy a judgment rendered in our Honorable Court.

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

Linda Vaughan - Deputy

April 19, 2023
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NOTICE

Webster Parish Special Education will be destroying all Special Education records for students who exited the program on or before May 2017 and/or have reached their 27th birthday (birth year of 1995). If you would like your records, contact the Webster Parish Special Education Office at (318) 377-7052 before Friday, April 28, 2023. You must provide a picture ID and your signature will be required to obtain these records.

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PUBLIC NOTICE: Celco Partnership and its controlled affiliates doing business as Verizon Wireless (Verizon Wireless) proposes to construct a 260-foot Self-Supporting Lattice Communications Tower. The Site location is at 14348 US Hwy 371, Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana (N32° 37' 41.1", W93° 21' 40.2").

HISTORIC PROPERTIES EFFECT: Public comments regarding potential effects on historic properties may be submitted within 30 days from the date of this publication to Environmental Corporation of America, ATTN: Annamarie Howell, 1375 Union Hill Industrial Court, Suite A, Alpharetta, GA 30004 or via email to publicnotice@eca-usa.com. Ms. Howell can be reached at (770) 667-2040 x 405 during normal business hours. 23-001121 DMG

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

CYPRESS WATER SYSTEM Owner

129 Willow Street Address

Hefflin, LA 71039
City, State, Zip

Separate sealed BIDS for the construction of **CONTRACT III- BOOSTER STATION IMPROVEMENTS** will be received by the **CYPRESS WATER SYSTEM** at the Hefflin Town Hall South, 122 N. Church Street, Hefflin, Louisiana 71039 until **10:00 A.M. TUESDAY, MAY 16TH, 2023**, and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud as permitted by public bid law. This is in accordance with La R.S. 38:2212 (A)(1) (b), the provisions of La R.S. 38:2212.

Each bidder must have an active Unique Entity ID (SAM), as verified on www.sam.gov, 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 DOCUMENTS may be obtained at the office of COTHREN, GRAFF, SMOAK ENGINEERING, 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 all bids for just cause.

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NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND WEBSTER PARISH LANDFILL, L.L.C.

The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality and Webster Parish Landfill, L.L.C. (Respondent), Agency Interest Number 85534, have entered into a proposed settlement agreement, Settlement Tracking No. SA-AE-22-0085, concerning the State's allegations of environmental violations by Respondent at its facility in Webster Parish, Louisiana, which allegations are set forth in Consolidated Compliance Order & Notice of Potential Penalty, Enforcement Tracking No. AE-CN-19-01162.

The Department of Environmental Quality will accept comments on the proposed settlement for the next forty-five (45) days. The public is invited and encouraged to submit written comments to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Office of the Secretary, Legal Division, Post Office Box 4302, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821-4302, Attention: Jay L. Glorioso, Attorney. All comments will be considered by the Department of Environmental Quality in reaching a decision on whether to make the settlement final.

Terms and conditions of the proposed settlement agreement may be reviewed on the Department of Environmental Quality's website at www.deq.louisiana.gov, by selecting *About LDEQ, Enforcement, and Settlements*. The document may also be viewed at, and copies obtained from, the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Public Records Center, Room 127, Galvez Building, 602 North Fifth Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802. To request a copy of the proposed settlement, submit a completed Public Record Request Form (DEQ Form ISD-0005-01). The form and instructions for completion may be found on the DEQ Website at the following address: <http://deq.louisiana.gov/assets/docs/General/PublicRecordsRequestForm.pdf>, or by calling the Customer Service Center at 1-866-896-5337.

Pursuant to La. R.S. 30:2050.7(D), the Department of Environmental Quality may hold a public hearing regarding this proposed settlement when either of the

following conditions are met: 1) a written request for public hearing has been filed by twenty-five (25) persons, by a governmental subdivision or agency, or by an association having not less than twenty-five (25) members who reside in the parish in which the facility is located; or 2) the secretary finds a significant degree of public interest in this settlement.

For further information, you may call the Legal Division of the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality at (225) 219-3985.

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Bid # 04 - 2023

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The City of Minden seeks sealed bids to purchase aftermarket equipment (see below) for two (2) police vehicles (2023 Chargers) :

Equipment:
Qty. 2 – MOBIL VISION L3 CAMERAS W/TRIGGER
Qty. 2 – SETINA PUSH BUMPER W/4 IONS
Qty. 2 – INNER EDGE XLP FRONT VISOR LIGHT
Qty. 2 – RXT REAR WINDOW LIGHTS
Qty. 2 – MIRROR BEAMS
Qty. 2 – CONSOLES W/ARM REST & CUP HOLDERS
Qty. 2 – FUSION ROCKER PANEL LIGHTS
Qty. 2 – MICRON LIGHTS
Qty. 2 – CAGE, BIO SEAT, DOOR SKIN, WINDOW GUARD
Qty. 2 – GUN LOCKS
Qty. 2 – NX-1700 RADIOS
Qty. 2 – ANTENNA, COAX, CONNECTORS
Qty. 2 – 3 WAY POWER POINTS
Qty. 4 – FEDERON SPEAKERS
Qty. 2 – CENCOM SIREN & LIGHT CONTROLLER
Qty. 2 – INSTALL KITS
Qty. 2 – INSTALLATION

Sealed bids marked " **Bid 04 - 2023 —Aftermarket Equipment**" shall be addressed to the City Clerk of the City of Minden, and delivered to the City Clerk's Office located at Minden City Hall, 520 Broadway Street, Minden, Louisiana 71055 not later than 09:30 A.M. local time, on May 01, 2023. Any bid received after the specified time and date will not be considered. The sealed bids will be publicly opened and read aloud shortly after the 09:300 A.M. submission deadline on May 01, 2023, at the Cypress Conference Room located at Minden City Hall, 520 Broadway Street, Minden, Louisiana 71055.

The information for Bidders may be obtained at the City Clerk's office located at Minden City Hall, 520 Broadway Street, Minden, Louisiana 71055.

The information for Bidders will also be available online at www.BidExpress.com. If bidding online, all interested bidders must register for the project online. If bidders encounter any problems accessing Bid Express, please contact Bid Express 888-352-2439.

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. No bidder may withdraw his/her bid within five (5) working days after the actual date of the opening thereof. Any person with disabilities requiring special accommodations must contact the City of Minden at (318) 377-2144 no later than seven (7) days prior to bid opening.

The Owner hereby notifies all bidders that in regard to any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, 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, sex, national origin or disability in consideration for an award.

City of Minden

Michael Fluhr
City Clerk/Treasurer
April 12, 2023
April 19, 2023
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Bid # 03 - 2023

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The City of Minden seeks sealed bids to sell Transformers :

Qty. 1 – used ERMCO KVA Three-Phase Type 480Y/277 Transformer I # 6080871272

Qty. 1 – used ERMCO KVA Three-Phase Type 480Y/277 Transformer I # 60808725645

minimum bid set for each transformer \$ 1,000.00

Sealed bids marked " **Bid 03 - 2023 —Transformers**" shall be addressed to the City Clerk of the City of Minden, and delivered to the City Clerk's Office located at Minden City Hall, 520 Broadway Street, Minden, Louisiana 71055 not later than 9:00 A.M. local time, on May 01, 2023. Any bid received after the specified time and date will not be considered. The sealed bids will be publicly opened and read aloud shortly after the 09:00 A.M. submission deadline on May 01, 2023, at the Cypress Conference Room located at Minden City Hall, 520 Broadway Street, Minden, Louisiana 71055.

Bidders should submit a bid price (at least minimum bid of \$ 1,000.00 each) under the consideration of be responsible for transportation of the equipment from the City's location at no cost. Bid will be awarded to the Bidder with the highest price.

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- Keep front area clean and orderly

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Applicants should be familiar with modern office equipment (i.e. scanners, Mac/PC, postage machines, fax machines) as well as programs such as Google Drive, Google Docs, and Gmail.

Apply at the Minden Press-Herald, 203 Gleason Street. 318-377-1866

INVITATION FOR BID

SEALED BIDS for construction at the Minden Airport consisting of Parallel Taxiway North, Airport Improvement Program No. 3-22-0032-017-2023, will be received by the City Clerk at the City of Minden, Louisiana, located at 520 Broadway, P.O. Box 580, Minden, Louisiana 71058, until 10:00 a.m. CST on Wednesday, May 17, 2023. Bids will then be publicly opened and read aloud in the Cypress Room located at City Hall. Bids received after the 10:00 a.m. deadline will be returned to the bidder unopened via certified mail. Received bids will be referred to the City of Minden City Council for action and award. Sealed bids must be marked on the outside with City of Minden Bid No. 02-2023.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held on Wednesday, May 3, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. in the Airport Terminal Building, 100 Aviation Drive, Minden, LA 71055. Representatives from the Owner and Engineer will be present to discuss the project. Although the meeting is not mandatory, bidders are encouraged to attend and participate in the conference.

Contract Documents including bid proposal forms, plan sheets, and specifications for the project may be viewed and downloaded free of charge (with the option to purchase hard copies) at www.civcastusa.com. Scanned plans and specifications (PDF format) are available on CD for a non-refundable price of \$25.00 from KSA Engineers, Inc., 1111 Hawn Avenue, Shreveport, LA 71107. Addenda will be posted at www.civcastusa.com. You will be notified of addenda automatically, through email, if you downloaded your plans and specifications via [civcastusa.com](http://www.civcastusa.com). Please submit questions for the project 72 hours prior to bid opening through www.civcastusa.com in the Q&A portal.

Bids shall be received only on proposal forms furnished by the Engineer. In no event shall proposal forms be issued later than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the hour and date set for receiving proposals.

Bidders may elect to submit bids electronically via the internet. Electronic bids for the City of Minden are available for submission at www.bidexpress.com. Bidders desiring to submit electronic bids must register with Bid Express. All bids submitted electronically shall include a digital signature as required by Louisiana State law. Bidders submitting bids electronically are not required to submit paper forms.

Bid proposals, amendments to bids, or requests for withdrawal of bids, which are received after the time specified for bid opening, shall not be considered for any cause whatsoever.

An acceptable bid bond, cashier's check or certified check payable to the City of Minden, in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the bid price, shall be submitted with each bid. The successful Bidder will be required to furnish and pay for satisfactory performance and payment bonds. Bidders are advised that Performance, Payment, and Maintenance Bond, each in the amount of 100 percent (100%) of the contract price, will be required.

On any bid submitted in the amount of \$50,000 or more, the Contractor shall certify that he is licensed under Louisiana Revised Statute 37:2150-2164 and show his license number on the bid and on the envelope. Bidders must be licensed in the following category: **Highway, Street and Bridge Construction (or applicable sub classification)**. The licensee shall not be permitted to bid or perform any type or types of work not included in the classification under which his license was issued.

Notice of Requirement for Affirmative Action to Ensure Equal Employment Opportunity

1. The Offeror's or Bidder's attention is called to the "Equal Opportunity Clause" and the "Standard Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Construction Contract Specifications" set forth herein.
2. The goals and timetables for minority and female participation, expressed in percentage terms for the Contractor's aggregate workforce in each trade on all construction work in the covered area, are as follows:

Timetables	
Goals for minority participation for each trade:	29.3%
Goals for female participation in each trade:	6.9%

These goals are applicable to all of the Contractor's construction work (whether or not it is Federal or federally assisted) performed in the covered area. If the Contractor performs construction work in a geographical area located outside of the covered area, it shall apply the goals established for such geographical area where the work is actually performed. With regard to this second area, the Contractor also is subject to the goals for both its federally involved and nonfederally involved construction.

The Contractor's compliance with the Executive Order and the regulations in 41 CFR Part 60-4 shall be based on its implementation of the Equal Opportunity Clause, specific affirmative action obligations required by the specifications set forth in 41 CFR 60-4.3(a) and its efforts to meet the goals. The hours of minority and female employment and training must be substantially uniform throughout the length of the contract, and in each trade, and the Contractor shall make a good faith effort to employ minorities and women evenly on each of its projects. The transfer of minority or female employees or trainees from Contractor to Contractor or from project to project for the sole purpose of meeting the Contractor's goals shall be a violation of the contract, the Executive Order and the regulations in 41 CFR Part 60-4. Compliance with the goals will be measured against the total work hours performed.

3. The Contractor shall provide written notification to the Director of the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP) within 10 working days of award of any construction subcontract in excess of \$10,000 at any tier for construction work under the contract resulting from this solicitation. The notification shall list the name, address, and telephone number of the subcontractor; employer identification number of the subcontractor; estimated dollar amount of the subcontract; estimated starting and completion dates of the subcontract; and the geographical area in which the subcontract is to be performed.

4. As used in this notice and in the contract resulting from this solicitation, the "covered area" is Minden, Louisiana in Webster Parish.

Title VI Solicitation Notice

The City of Minden, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 USC §§ 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders or offerors that it will affirmatively ensure that for any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and no businesses will be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, national origin (including limited English proficiency), creed, sex (including sexual orientation and gender identity), age, or disability in consideration for an award.

The Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal is 12.45% of the dollar value of this contract. The DBE program also includes a small business element pursuant to 49 CFR part 26. The Owner's award of this contract is conditioned upon Bidder or Offeror satisfying the good faith effort requirements of 49 CFR § 26.53.

As a condition of responsibility, every Bidder or Offeror must submit the following information on the forms provided herein within five days after bid opening.

- 1) The names and addresses of Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) firms that will participate in the contract;
- 2) A description of the work that each DBE firm will perform;
- 3) The dollar amount of the participation of each DBE firm listed under (1);
- 4) Written statement from Bidder or Offeror that attests their commitment to use the DBE firm(s) listed under (1) to meet the Owner's project goal;
- 5) Written confirmation from each listed DBE firm that it is participating in the contract in the kind and amount of work provided in the prime contractor's commitment; and
- 6) If Bidder or Offeror cannot meet the advertised project DBE goal, evidence of good faith efforts undertaken by the Bidder or Offeror as described in appendix A to 49 CFR part 26. The documentation of good faith efforts must include copies of each DBE and non-DBE subcontractor quote submitted to the bidder when a non-DBE subcontractor was selected over a DBE for work on the contract.

All contracts and subcontracts that result from this solicitation incorporate by reference the provisions of 29 CFR part 201, et seq, the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), with the same force and effect as if given in full text. The FLSA sets minimum wage, overtime pay, recordkeeping, and child labor standards for full and part-time workers.

The Contractor has full responsibility to monitor compliance to the referenced statute or regulation. The Contractor must address any claims or disputes that arise from this requirement directly with the U.S. Department of Labor – Wage and Hour Division.

TRADE RESTRICTION CERTIFICATION

By submission of an offer, the Offeror certifies that with respect to this solicitation and any resultant contract, the Offeror –

- 1) is not owned or controlled by one or more citizens of a foreign country included in the list of countries that discriminate against U.S. firms as published by the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR);
- 2) has not knowingly entered into any contract or subcontract for this project with a person that is a citizen or national of a foreign country included on the list of countries that discriminate against U.S. firms as published by the USTR; and
- 3) has not entered into any subcontract for any product to be used on the Federal project that is produced in a foreign country included on the list of countries that discriminate against U.S. firms published by the USTR.

This certification concerns a matter within the jurisdiction of an agency of the United States of America and the making of a false, fictitious, or fraudulent certification may render the maker subject to prosecution under Title 18 USC § 1001.

The Offeror/Contractor must provide immediate written notice to the Owner if the Offeror/Contractor learns that its certification or that of a subcontractor was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances. The Contractor must require subcontractors provide immediate written notice to the Contractor if at any time it learns that its certification was erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.

Unless the restrictions of this clause are waived by the Secretary of Transportation in accordance with 49 CFR § 30.17, no contract shall be awarded to an Offeror or subcontractor:

- 1) who is owned or controlled by one or more citizens or nationals of a foreign country included on the list of countries that discriminate against U.S. firms published by the USTR; or
- 2) whose subcontractors are owned or controlled by one or more citizens or nationals of a foreign country on such USTR list; or
- 3) who incorporates in the public works project any product of a foreign country on such USTR list.

Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render, in good faith, the certification required by this provision. The knowledge and information of a contractor is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

The Offeror agrees that, if awarded a contract resulting from this solicitation, it will incorporate this provision for certification without modification in all lower tier subcontracts. The Contractor may rely on the certification of a prospective subcontractor that it is not a firm from a foreign country included on the list of countries that discriminate against U.S. firms as published by USTR, unless the Offeror has knowledge that the certification is erroneous.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when making an award. If it is later determined that the Contractor or subcontractor knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) may direct through the Owner cancellation of the contract or subcontract for default at no cost to the Owner or the FAA.

All Bidders and Proposers shall comply with the provisions of Buy American Preferences, Davis Bacon Requirements, Debarment and Suspension, Lobbying Federal Employees, and Recovered Materials.

Bids may be held by the City of Minden for a period of sixty (60) calendar days after the date and hour set for the opening.

The City of Minden reserves the right to reject any or all Bids for just cause and reserves the right to waive any and all informalities.

Michael Fluhr
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