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Kids "traveled the world" at the kick off of the Webster Parish Libraries' Summer Reading Program.

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Travel the world

Through the Summer Reading Program at your local library

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The Minden branch of Webster Parish Libraries kicked off their Summer Reading Program

on June 8. The theme for this year's programs was "All Together Now, Let's Travel the World!" and featured games which paid homage to different

parts of the globe.

Kids enjoyed playing mini-golf (Scotland), darts (England), and chopsticks (China). There was also face painting and a bounce house and, of course, registration packets for the Summer Reading Program.

Minden 2023 Miss

made an appearance to play games with the youngsters as well as pose for photographs. One young lady was heard to say that she wanted to be just like Miss Minden

when she grows up. If you were unable to attend, you can still register in person at your loline through Beanstack visiting https:// by websterparishlibraries. beanstack.com/reader365. Beanstack is a mobile platform that will allow travelers to track their reading journey online to earn cool travel rewards.

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BUSINESS Minden celebrates two LED certified sites WILL PHILLIPS

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State and local officials gathered at Northwest Louisiana Technical Community College last Friday in order to celebrate the milestone of attaining two LED certified sites within city limits. The two properties are both along In-



dustrial Drive and are a huge step in attracting businesses to consider locating in Minden

and bolstering the local economy as a result.

MCing the event was Sarah Haynes who played a pivotal role in coordinating the certification of the sites. She introduced the speakers for the event, starting with Minden Mayor Nick Cox.

"Our first certified site is a 50-acre site owned by Kitchco properties and our second site is a

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Greater Minden Chamber joins with **Clean BIZ Partnership**

Special to the Minden Press-Herald

The Greater Minden Chamber has joined the Clean BIZ Partnership, a new program created by Keep Louisiana Beautiful (KLB) to help reduce and prevent litter. We are encouraging area businesses to enroll in this partnership with us and share in the responsibility of addressing the state's litter problem.

As part of the new campaign, KLB is providing supplies, recognition, and branded marketing toolkits to enrolled businesses to display in their place of business.

Participating businesses are asked to:

Take time to pick 1. up litter from your parking bays and/or around your business.

Place trash recep-2. tacles at your business storefront or at transition points.

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AMBER MCDOWN/PRESS-HERALD PHOTOS

Nuts, Bolts & Thingamajigs Manufacturing Camp opened new possibilities for the youngsters who participated in the program at NLTCC last week.

Manufacturing camp building new interests

AMBER MCDOWN Minden Press-Herald

Northwest Louisiana Technical Community College (NLTCC) held their 2nd annual Nuts, Bolts & Thingamajigs Manufacturing Camp from June 12 through June 15 at the Minden campus. Fourteen young men between the ages of 11 and 14 participated in the program, each experienc-

a wide variety of manu-facturing skills including welding, advanced manufacturing, industrial maintenance, electrical, and CDL, as well as other programs offered by NLTCC.

These junior students were able to use the same state-of-theart equipment that the adult students of NLTCC use to complete their projects.

"We want to excite ing and learning about them about the poten-

tial of careers in the technical fields," said Robert McGuire, director of dual enrollment.

And there is a great need locally and across the nation for people with manufacturing skills.

"There's 1,000 openings from Shreveport to West Monroe to Magnolia to Alexandria," said advanced manufacturing technology

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School board discusses raises for teachers whose salaries were unfrozen

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During the June 12 meeting of the Webster Parish School Board, Debbie Finley and Tim Green of Allen, Green & Williamson, LLP addressed the board with their findings regarding increasing some employees' pay.

Salary scales had been frozen over 10 years ago. They were unfrozen in 2017. The firm of Allen, Green & Williamson had been asked to investigate, as a third party, what expenses would be involved in bringing those employees who had gone without raises for several years up to what they would have been making if salaries had not been frozen.

Those who would not be affected would be people who were already at the maximum salary for their position, those hired after the freeze was lifted in 2017, and persons who had contracted, set pay scales (substitutes, bus drivers, and bus aides). The employees that would be affected include about 250 people, 182 of whom are teachers.

Taking into account both salary increases and benefits, the firm estimates that bringing these 250 employees up-to-date on their salaries would cost the district an additional \$350,000 per year.

"This is our first draft of the calculations, and there may be a couple more tweaks to it, but we think that the \$350,000 should be a safe number as far as the total cost," said Tim Allen, senior partner of Allen, Green & Williamson. "Some [employees] would get very little; some may get close to \$4,000 [per year increase]."

Persons who have already retired were not included and would not have their retirement pensions adjusted. This adjustment would be considered a raise that starts when/if the board

approves it. "I think we do owe those teachers who did retire under the freeze an explanation," said board member Susan Addington of District 12. "I know they don't get back-pay, but their retirement is af-

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GRADUATE

NLTCC graduate Benjamin Bell shines in Industrial Maintenance Program

Minden, LA - Northwest Louisiana Technical Community College (NLTCC) proudly honors the accomplishments of Benjamin Bell, an outstanding student who recently graduated from the Industrial Maintenance Technology (IMT) Program. Benjamin's hard work and enthusiasm have earned him a technical degree from NLTCC, received just days before his high school diploma from Ringgold High School.

Benjamin, a dual-enrolled student, made a smart choice by joining the IMT Program, which offers specialized classes and hands-on experience in various areas of industrial maintenance. This comprehensive program covers electrical and hydraulic systems, welding, machine operations, maintenance, and troubleshooting. Benjamin explained his decision, saying, "The reason why I picked industrial maintenance was because I couldn't make up my mind if I wanted to go for welding or electrical, so I chose industrial maintenance because it had both."

Benjamin had a great experience at NLTCC. He expressed his gratitude towards the college, saying, " I chose NLTCC because I had heard a lot of good things about it, and they had industrial maintenance, which none of the other colleges I looked at had. My favorite part OO (R SKINGI



about the program was that I had the chance to get my degree faster and I didn't have to pay a dime. " He also highlighted the support he received from the friendly teachers and staff, especially his instructor, Mr. Michael Holomon.

Demonstrating the program's effectiveness, Benjamin has already embarked on a promising career. He recently started working for Caddo Electric at Fiber Bond. Reflecting on the advantages of dual enrollment, Benjamin shared, "Dual enrollment helped me finish my education faster and get a better-paying job sooner than if I had gone to college after high school."

A degree in Industrial Maintenance Technology offers numerous benefits for those seeking employment in North Louisiana. This career path provides competitive salaries, stable job opportunities, and the chance to work in diverse industries. Industrial maintenance technicians are in high demand, and the skills acquired in the program ensure efficient and safe work in industrial settings, opening doors to success in North Louisiana's thriving industrial sector.

If you are looking for a rewarding career in Industrial Maintenance Technology in North Louisiana, NLTCC is here to support you. The IMT Program can be completed in as little as 18 months. With a combination of classroom, laboratory, and handson training, students are well-prepared for their future profession.

To learn more about the IMT Program and enroll today, contact NLTCC at 318-371-3035 or visit www.nltcc.edu. Start your journey towards a fulfilling career in industrial maintenance technology with NLTCC.

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3. Maintain a clean dumpster by keeping the lid closed and the area around the dumpster free of litter and debris.

4. Maintain your business lawn and landscaping.

5. Create a culture of cleanliness for your employees and customers

by displaying Clean BIZ Partnership marketing materials and promoting your participation on your social media channels and website.

6. Upload photographs to your social media channels and website to document your participation and use #CleanBizPartner. Businesses across the state are making it their business to keep their BIZ litter free! Our Greater Minden Chamber Board of Directors would love for you to join us in this pledge!

Check out what KLB is doing here and sign up! https://keeplouisianabeautiful.org/cleanbiz/

EDUCATION

FBLA students heading to national competition

AMBER MCDOWN Minden Press-Herald

During the June12 Webster Parish School Board meeting, Kamryn Goodson and Lillian Jolly, students of Lakeside High School, were recognized for qualifying for the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) 2023 National Leadership Conference.

"Lakeside was very blessed this year," said Lesa Ward, business class instructor at Lakeside High. "We had 30 members in our FBLA club. We took all 30 students to the regional competition in February. Out of the 30 that went, we had 25 that either placed in Excellent or Superior rating. We had one young lady that



placed 1st in word processing.

"Out of the ones that qualified for state, we took eight. Out of those eight, we had six that scored in the top ten. We had one that was the overall state winner; that's Miss Lillian Jolly. She won in business calculations. And then we had another one that placed in the top five, and that was Kamryn Goodson. Kamryn qualified in journalism.

"So we will be taking a trip to Atlanta the last week of this month. We appreciate your prayers, and I'm very, very proud of them," Ward concluded.

The competition will be taking place June 27-30, and will be held at the Georgia World Congress Center and the Omni Atlanta Hotel at CNN Center in Atlanta, Georgia.

Gorman receives community service award





COURTESY PHOTO

Cindy Madden, Regent of Dorcheat-Bistineau Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution, presented the DAR Community Service Award to Jessica Gorman, the new director of the Dorcheat Historical Museum. Jessica gives presentations at local genealogy association meetings, has written and published a local history book, and has devoted countless hours to the museum.



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OBITUARIES

Roy Sullivan A memorial celebration for Roy Sullivan will be held on Saturday, June 24,2023, at 11:00 am at Pine Grove Methodist Church cemetery (Hwy 159).

Georgina Kathleen 'Kathy' **Ramsey Smith**

Kathy was born September 24, 1959 in Paris, France to George Richard and Gillette Ramsey. She passed away after a brief illness on May 29, 2023.

Kathy loved her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ more than anything else and spent time daily in devotion with Him. She loved to plant gardens, grow flowers, can vegetables, go junking and spend time at the beach. She dreamed of retiring in her beloved town of St. Augustine, Florida, where she lived part of her childhood.

Kathy is survived by her daughters, Casey Marie

Barbara Lynn **Butler**

A memorial service celebrating the life of Barbara Lynn Butler will be held Saturday, June 24, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. at Christian Church at Minden in Minden, Louisiana with Pastor Ginger Gray officiating.

Barbara was born July 16, 1943, in Haynesville, Louisiana and entered into rest May 18,



Glenda Cox

Glenda Cox, 78, of Doyline Louisiana entered into rest June 16, 2023, in Bossier City, Louisiana. She was born September 6, 1944, in Monroe, Louisiana.

Glenda is survived by her hus-

band, Raleigh Cox of Doyline; sons, Chris Cox of Boss-

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instructor Jerry Watkins. "There's easily 1,000 positions. And that's just this shop — machinists. Then we've got electrical, instrumentation, welding. It's the same thing with all those fields. I've got 100% placement in here. My guys go to work. Lockheed Martin was in here last week. They're going to hire these guys at 30 bucks an hour right out of the program, and then bring them through their own program as a kind of apprenticeship. But they want them to have the foundation."

and using the professional equipment. Some came in thinking they already knew what they wanted to do in life, only to discover new interests that excited them even more. A few who had taken industrial computer controls with instructor Prothro went home and ordered components so they could keep working in this area.

This camp certainly encouraged them to expand their horizons, and the instructors all seemed delighted to show them a wider world.

Roy was born on June 28, 1941, and passed away on January 23,2022. He is survived by his wife Patrecia, a

son Victor and wife Sandy, a daughter Angela and hus-

band Byron, and a sister Evelyn Collier. Several nieces

Smith of Minden, Louisiana, Beverly Anne Smith of

Garrison, Texas and Abby Kathleen Smith of Haughton,

Louisiana, as well as her five beloved grandchildren, Kalie, Aaron, Megan, Cameron and Carter. She is also survived by her brothers, Ricky Ramsey, Gary Ramsey,

Eric Ramsey and sisters, Beth Sawyers, Cindy Jones and

Lisa Baldwin, as well as many nieces, nephews, great-

Kathy was preceded in death by her parents, a neph-

A private family service will be held in St. Augustine,

She was preceded In death by her parents, George

She is survived by her daughter, LeAnn Mansell;

half-sisters, Debbie, Donna, and Denise; half-brother,

Randy Haughton; grandchildren, Mitchell Branch and

Mark Butler; great-grandchildren, Bryan, Dawson,

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ier City, Terry Cox of Camden, AR, and Raleigh Cox III

(Angela) of Benton; sister, Jan Brunson of Bossier City;

and four grandchildren, Lucas Cox, Devin Snyder, Ka-

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A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Dylan, and Davis and great great-grandchild, Brydan.

Florida at Anastasia Island beach where she had so

ew, Christopher Arnold Baldwin, and her grandpar-

ents, James Burner Ramsey and Kalie Marie Ramsey.

and nephews also survive.

nieces and great-nephews.

many fond memories.

and Helen Butler.

2023, in Minden, Louisiana.

leigh Cox, and Madison Cox.

While the camp may be over for the youngsters, that wider world is still available to anyone who would like to apply for one of the many programs offered by NLTCC.



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fected."

Director Finance Crevonne Odom took this time to point out, "If you take this \$350,000 and multiply it by the 10 years that we were frozen, that means that we saved \$3.5 million. That kept us from going under. Sometimes drastic measures are required to keep things afloat, and that is what was done."

Working this much more pay into the budget will be difficult enough without increasing the amount by including people who no longer work for the district.

The district is expecting fewer students this year, which also means less income for the district. While the majority of the board seemed in favor of adjusting the salaries of these employees, this situation is something that needs to across the state permanent raises, instead issuing one-time stipends to teachers and paraprofessionals, with a promise of "maybe next year."

Some good news for Webster Parish teachers, however, is that their summer sales-tax supplement check will be higher than last year. For certificated teachers without Medicare it will be about \$10,800, with Medicare will be about \$7,600, and support personnel will be about \$5500. Those checks went out June 16.

The board hopes to make a decision regarding updating the frozen salaries at the next school board meeting. If they decide in favor, then 9-month employees will get their first upgraded checks in October. For 12-month employees, the raise would go into effect in July, but they still would not see it reflected on their checks until October, though

The young men who participated in the program obviously had a great time and really loved learning all the new skills

be taken into account.

This news comes on the heels of hearing that the State Legislature declined to give teachers

retroactively.

The next school board meeting will be on July 10. The public is welcome to attend.

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25-acre site owned by Webster Land Corporation. Both sites are north of I-20 to the left and right of Northwest Louisiana Technical Community College," said Mayor Cox.

Why is it important to Minden and Louisiana to have certified sites? NLEP and LED Certified Sites program qualifies business and industrial sites based on zoning restrictions, title work, environmental studies, soil analysis and surveys. By being pre-certified as an industrial or business site, this means companies can save as much as a year's time in development, since all the necessary due diligence work is done and certified by the state. A huge part of being prepared for industrial growth and attracting major new investments relies upon having great sites for business and industrial development."

"Through the LED Certified Sites program, they offer extraordinary locations for economic development all across Louisiana. We're excited to unveil these two new sites in Minden, which represent a great opportunity for growing the economy and creating new jobs."

Next to speak was Daniel Michel with Louisiana Economic Development, the state organization through which the sites are certified in the first place. He spoke of the benefits that come to cities and towns that take part in the certified sites program.

"Louisiana's LED Certified Sites program has surpassed the milestone of 100 certified sites, with Louisiana's 137 sites representing one of the largest inventories of statesponsored industrial sites in the U.S. LED certifies industrial sites after an extensive application process and rigorous review by an independent, third-party engineering firm. Benefits include official acknowledgment of a site's suitability and readiness and improved opportunity in the site selection process for new investments," said Michel.

CEO and President of North Louisiana Economic Partnership Justyn Dixon also shared a few congratulating words Minden for attaining some certified sites and what it will provide for Minden.

"NLEP is proud to be a partner in certifying these two sites in Minden. These will increase opportunities to attract jobs and capital investment to Minden and Webster Parish," said Dixon. "The LED Certified Site designation highlights Minden's many competitive advantages, including its close proximity to I-20 and I-49 and the utility infrastructure.

"The North Louisiana Economic Partnership sponsored the site for inclusion in the certified

sites program managed by Louisiana Economic Development. With 75% of funding from the State of Louisiana and remaining costs shared at the local level, LED Certified Sites undergo rigorous review by a third-party engineering firm. Utility, zoning, geotechnical, environmental, cultural and wetlands evaluations lead to a site suitable for construction within six months of a site decision.

"Having available, vetted sites is imperative for successful growth and economic development our communities, in which is why site certification is a top priority in NLEP's new strategic plan for the parish. I applaud the efforts of Mayor Cox and the property owners on their efforts to advance business expansion and investment in the City of Minden and Webster Parish."

Mike Wise of the Minden Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) understands the opportunities certified sites will bring to Minden. He shared some thoughts on how this vision aligns with the goals of MEDC since its inception.

"A group of men with a vision for industry was the reason for the original creation in 1968. MEDC's first purchase was the land on Erwin-Thompson and Davenport Drives located in the area of Fibrebond and Webster Machine. This land has been developed and has been thriving for over 55 years. When approached to assist in the certification process, knowing our organization is small, we wanted to do what we could to assist in the growth. MEDC knows the importance of economic growth. These development-ready sites are valuable new assets in Minden that are sure to attract business to our city," said Wise.

On a similar note, Hunt Powell, President of South Webster Industrial District, also shared some words about his support of the site certification process.

"SWID has attracted multiple corporate residents, including Sanders Machine, American Rubber Products, Yellow Jacket, Parish Meat Processing, Builders Supply, Gly Tech, and Hugg & Hall. We also understand the importance of having land ready for business and industry to locate in our area. We started with tax funding, purchased land, and built a spec building. So, when we heard about certifying sites, we knew that would be something we would support," added Powell.

Speaking on behalf of the Greater Minden Vice-Chair Chamber, Mandi Hart offered some words of congratulations for the city's recent accomplishment.

"We congratulate our partners LED, SWEPCO, MEDC, SWID, and landowners on the certification of these two sites," said Hart. "With every new certification and collaboration, we are improving Webster's economic competitiveness and ensuring that businesses looking to start, relocate, or expand in our region have a place to call home right here in Webster Parish. Certifying sites also means our odds for new economic development success in Minden will be greatly enhanced. The Greater Minden Chamber congratulates our economic development partners for reaching this significant milestone and offers our support."

As one of the property owners, Paul Kitchens, president of the family company Kitchco, shared his perspective of the certification process and what it means for Minden.

"Kitchco owns approximately 50 acres located northeast of Industrial Drive and Ryans Way and immediately west of Highway 531. The property is currently undeveloped wooded land with rolling hills and a small creek traversing a portion of the site. The property is and can be utilized for commercial purposes, and we are certainly pleased and honored that the certification process has been completed. We've been made aware, for instance, that since the certification process has been completed, that

over 400 'looks' have been made for possible interest in the property, and that certainly is gratifying to our family," said Kitchens.

"This certification process and the fact that we are present today is certainly indicative of how Webster Parish residents and entities can work together to present the concept of the development of properties in our area for potential commercial purposes which, of course, would result in, if fulfilled, a boost to the local economy which hopefully would include also additional jobs and income being available.

"I want to thank all of the different entities and persons who have worked with our family in making this property available and now with the certification process having been completed."

In his closing remarks, Mayor Cox stated, "The frontage road on I-20 sites in Minden community features some of the highest, most-desirable land in the southern part of our parish as it has access to 1-20, Hwy 80 and close to I-49," added Cox.

"As one of the most desirable and marketindustrial able sites topping Louisiana Economic Development's Certified Sites list ensures this property is not only marketable, but 'shovel ready' for business. We look forward to working with other property owners to add more sites."

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OPINION **Two-tiered system of justice: The Biden-DOJ** indictment of Trump highlights the hypocrisy

This is a dangerous time for America. Why?

Because as the Wall Street Journal states, "for the first time in U.S. history, the prosecutorial power of the federal government has been used against a former President who is also running against the sitting president." (WSJ, 6-10-2023.)

That's scary.

Using the power of government to eliminate political opponents is what happens in dictatorships. It's what happens in places like China, N. Korea and Iran and banana republics like Venezuela where the strongman in power uses the military to crush his political opposition.

It's not supposed to happen in America, but it is happening here.

The Trump indictment is nothing other than the Biden forces trying to destroy their chief rival for the presidency and they have formally weaponized our federal government to do it.

We can stop pretending this decision to indict was removed from the influence of the Biden White House. That's laughable. The Special Counsel who brought this indictment was appointed by Attorney General Merrick Garland to create the appearance of separation, but the special counsel's recommendation can be overruled by AG Garland

Biden White House tells him to do.

That's why many Americans believe the Biden White House is orchestrating this political persecution.

Former federal prosecutor Francey Hakes stated she believes President Trump and former Secretary of State Hill-

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"She (Hillary Clinton) was treated so differently," Hakes stated. "She was brought in to interview at the FBI. She was allowed to have her lawvers with her. Her lawyers were given immunity before they were allowed to sit with her. Nobody ever seized her server to look at it, to do any kind of forensic review of it and you have here President Trump ... his lawyers were actually brought into the grand jury and ordered by a judge to testify as to things that would ordinarily be considered privilege. There was a raid on Mar-a-Lago and then there was a grand jury investigation and then there was a special counsel.

who is going to do what the Trump and Clinton were definitely treated differently so it's hard for me to see Lady Justice with her blindfold on at this moment." (Newsmax, 6-12-23)

Former law professor, liberal Democrat Alan Dershowitz has stated his grave doubts about the strength of this indictment.

"Is it strong enough to justify an indictment of the leading candidate to challenge the president in next year's election? Even with the recorded statements, this case isn't nearly as strong as the one that led to President Richard Nixon's resignation in 1974. Nixon was almost certainly guilty of destroying evidence, bribing witnesses and other acts of obstruction. Many of the charges in this case are matters of degree. Nor have prosecutors any evidence that Mr. Trump's actions damaged national security more than those of Mr. Biden, Mr. Pence and Mrs. Clinton did." (WSJ, 6-12, 23). Former Asst. U.S. Attorney Andrew McCarthy underscores this point stating "we have a long record that now goes on for years with Hillary Clinton the most notorious case of it, where you have a two-tiered justice system and its obvious that the quality of justice that people get is dependent on their partisan affiliation or whether they are connected

or not." (FOX News).

Hillary Clinton kept 33,000 classified emails, Joe Biden had multiple locations including the floor of his garage at home with classified documents he could not legally possess as Vice President; even Barack Obama withheld documents-but none of them were raided by the FBI as Trump was, and certainly none but Trump was ever criminally charged.

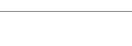
And all of this is to say nothing about the latest information that then-VP Joe Biden took \$5 million dollars in a bride from a higher up at Burisma, the Ukrainian energy giant. Are we really supposed to believe that the rushing out of the Trump indictment as the Biden bribery case explodes is coincidental?

This is also to say nothing of the coverup of the Hunter Biden laptop by the FBI and DOJ, all the while Biden's own classified document scandal has disappeared from the public radar.

Again, this is the weaponization of the federal government against the chief political opponent of the regime in power. As Americans who believe in equal justice under law, we simply cannot tolerate it.

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been treated "so differently" when it comes to allegedly mishandling classified documents. (Newsmax, 6-12-23).

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The only life raft some people may have is reading what someone writes because so many are plagued by shyness like I was for so long. Had it not been for expressing myself upon the page and daring to send my words out for publication I might not be here today because I went through a series of depressions.

Then it all changed!

While having a nervous breakdown, after one too many moves in 1981, I had to find my safety value to keep from going under for the third time!

God must have given me the insight to pick up my pen and write and write I did!

I took the advice that I give to others because I was so desperate, crying every day!

Then I set a goal on New Years Day in 1982 to publish fifteen poems that year so I sent out something every day! I didn't care whether it paid or not! I had already

heard

about rejection letters and didn't want to go that route! So I sent my pieces out where

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ery day! I jumped for joy the first time I got a piece published, a magazine that paid in copies!

the Postal Clerk in Mountain Home, Arkansas!

> By the end of the year I met my goal exactly -- fifteen in all!

> to people in the ruling class

I continued writing and crying but it finally became more bearable as I was learning to verbalize my thoughts on the phone and face to face as I learned to make new friends.

However I might add my burden wasn't completely lifted until I was granted the privilege of moving back to Louisiana in 1983.

I must say there's no place like Louisiana!

No matter where I go I find people I can relate to though we may only meet in church, the grocery store, Doctors Carter and Bernadette I told everyone including Boyd's office in Bossier City,

because I talk to strangers no matter where I am!

I might add that extending and receiving a life raft may make all of the difference in our lives!!

Writing is good -- very good and so are the caregivers who make our lives better!

Writing can be the rope to save us and the only means of helping another get to the shore because we need to let others know it is okay to open up, to bare our souls to each other because we all need something to do, someone to love and something to hope for!

Writing may provide all three rafts of support.

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OPINION

The Advocate: Want to know why Louisiana can't get ahead? Look at the Capitol politicians

From Shreveport on the Red River to St. Bernard Parish by the Mighty Mississippi, political games threatened important projects in the chaos of the last hours of the 2023 Legislature.

As the last-minute dealmaking unfolded, money was cut as apparent retribution against those who failed to back the House leadership — an inter-Republican fight on key budget votes.

We don't know all the details yet, as lawmakers in both House and Senate had to swallow the budget bills without anything close to

deliberation reasonable while the clock ticked down on Thursday's constitutionally mandated close. Senators were furious then but are likely more so now, as they're starting to find out what the hurriedly passed budget actually contained, and didn't.

In two of the most prominent late cuts, to the Red River bridge and the Port of New Orleans' container terminal funding, we trust that — once again — Gov. John Bel Edwards can clean up the Legislature's mess.

Or rather, the House's, as

its leadership was clearly on the warpath against the handful of right-wingers who bucked a key vote to let the budget proceed this year. The fiscal radicals were wrong on the substance of the spending cap fight, but that doesn't justify this particular destructive punishment.

The bitterness in the House chamber isn't just an isolated incident of political retaliation, although it was handled particularly poorly by Speaker Clay Schexnayder, R-Gonzales, and his allies in leadership. We fear

this sends the message that Louisiana isn't governed well enough to justify private-sector investment in our economy.

State government's funding of public facilities, like a bridge and the new container terminal at Violet in St. Bernard, provides a framework for growth. That mission is apparently lost on incompetent legislators.

We can't agree more with Greg Rusovich, head of a shipping company and a former chair of the Port of New Orleans board: "I think it's absolutely disgraceful. It frankly is indicative of why the state is having such a problem in terms of growing our economy and growing jobs, and why we continue to take steps back instead of steps forward."

It appears Edwards and his team will keep the port project and the bridge on track despite the political collapse downstairs at the State Capitol. That the administration has to save the day shows, once more, what a profound disservice politics can do to economic development.

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SPORTS

YOUTH BASEBALL

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HIGH SCHOOL TRACK AND FIELD

Minden St. Jude Dixie **Open draws 58 teams**

RUSSELL HEDGES Minden Press-Herald

Fifty-eight teams competed in the annual Minden St. Jude Dixie Open last Saturday at the Minden Recreation Complex.

The second day of the tournament was canceled of inclement because weather.

The tournament is held memory of Stanton in Haynes, who passed away of neuroblastoma one day short of his fourth birthday in 2005. Stanton was the son of Tina and Jeff Haynes, the tournament's founder. The tournament was first held in 2016.

All proceeds from the \$10 admission go to Min-den St. Jude Auction. Last year, Haynes said the \$40,000 was donated to the Auction.

According to the Min-den St. Jude Auction website, the city of Minden and communisurrounding ties contribute more money per capita to St. Jude than any other city in the United States. This year, \$2,030,013 was raised for during the Auction for the kids at St. Jude.

The Auction was started four decades ago by KASO 1240 AM and is now a four-day telethon and raffle broadcast on radio and TV. More than \$20 million has been raised for St. Jude over the years.

Five teams from Minden competed.

The rest were from the surrounding area including Springhill, Ruston, Benton, Bossier City and Shreveport.

OUTDOORS



A Ruston all-star squad was one of 58 teams that competed in the Minden Dixie St. Jude Open.





RUSSELL HEDGES/PRESS-HERALD The Minden 12U All-Stars played Jackson Parish Saturday in the Minden St. Jude Dixie Open on Saturday at the Minden Recreation Complex. Sunday's action was rained out.

Dragging a teenager down memory lane



MICHAEL ODENDAHL/SPECIAL TO THE PRESS-HERALD Doyline's Izayla Harris has been named to the Louisiana Sports Writers Association's All-State Track and Field Team.

Doyline star Harris makes All-State team

RUSSELL HEDGES Minden Press-Herald

Doyline rising senior Izayla Harris has been named to the Louisiana Sports Writers Association's All-State Track and Field Team.

Athletes from schools in all classes were eligible for selection.

Harris made the team in the 100-meter dash. Her time of 11.66 in the Region I-B meet was the best time in the state last season.

other athletes The selected in the 100 are Amairi Ashford of Patrick Taylor (11.72) and Sade Gray of Scotlandville (11.72),

Harris won the 100, 200 and 400 in the Class B state meet. She finished second in the triple jump.

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL

New Mindcn head coach brings extensive high school, college experience

RUSSELL HEDGES Minden Press-Herald

Cindee Wright Clark

and head coach at Loyola College Prep.

assistant basketball coach

In 2021-22 Clark was

GLYNN HARRIS

Having lost power for several hours last weekend due to a storm, memories emerged of a column I wrote years ago for Louisiana Conservationist magazine. With your indulgence, I'm sharing that column with you.

Contrary to rumors about me. I'm not all that old. It's just that I seem to possess the uncanny ability to dredge up and bring into sharp focus vivid details of things that happened to me ages ago.

It thus seems a paradox that I can't ever seem to remember where I laid my glasses. It takes very little to get me off on a stroll down memory lane taking with me, whomever happens to be within earshot.

My most recent, if reluctant, companion for a trip down the lane was Melissa, our teenager. She

actually had no choice because a brief but savage storm had zapped us, rendering inoperative everything electrical. And that included TV, stereo and iam box.

With no juice, there was no "Night Court" re-runs; no screeching disc jockey spinning such ditties "I'm Too Broke To Pay Attention, Yeah, Yeah, Yeah".

Boredom was closing in on her, so I mercifully came to her rescue. Sitting her down, I began blazing a trail down memory lane, kicking off with a phrase teens love to hear from the lips of their parents... When I was your age..."

Not wanting to appear overly eager to hear my "back when" stories she cleverly masked her glee with a facial expression like the one you get when the dental assistant comes to the door, calls your name and asks sweetly, "Ready for that root canal?"

"Back when I was your age, we didn't have electricity, television, running water, indoor plumbing but boy, did we have fun!"

(I'll bet...).

You wouldn't catch us sitting around the house bored. No sir-ree, we'd go down to the creek and catch frogs, crawfish and bugs."

(I think I'm going to be sick...)

"We'd take the shovel and dig in cow patties for fish bait. Then we'd go catch us a bunch of mudcats.

(Well WHOOP-de do ...) "And we'd go snipe hunting down in the deep woods after dark. You talk about scary, especially when the rest of the kids went off and left you all alone there in the dark holding the sack and waiting for a snipe. Bet you'd get a kick out that, wouldn't you?"

(I can't believe I'm missing Three's Compa-

ny...)

"And the games we played...deer and dog, red rover, pop-the-whip. Then for some real excitement, we'd sneak over after dark and turn over a neighbor's privy.'

(Dear Lord, PLEASE make the power come back on!)

"If you can find an old inner tube. I can make us a sling shot. When I was your age, we'd get us a pocketful of rocks, take our sling shots and shoot snakes, turtles and frogs.

(Personally, I'd rather have chicken pox...)

Without warning, the power came back on and, like a shot, she was up to the television. "Wait," I called after her, "I didn't get to the good part about how we made flying jennies and cars out of grandma's snuff bottles. By the say, have you seen my glasses?

(You're wearing 'em....) "Oh....'

Fishing Report

BLACK BAYOU -Bream are on the beds and hitting worms and crickets. Crappie are good on shiners fished around the trees. Bass hitting spinner baits. Contact Honey Hole Tackle Shop 323-8707 for latest information.

BUSSEY BRAKE -Big bass with a good many 7-8 pounders are being caught mostly on soft plastics around the brush along with spinners and square billed crank bits. Crappie are scattered; bream are on the beds and hitting worms and crickets. For latest information, contact the Honey Hole at 323-8707.

OUACHITA RIVER - Bass fishing is improving fishing the cuts down river with crank baits and soft plastics. Crappie fishing has been good in the river lakes on jigs and shiners. Bream are on the beds in the woods. For latest information, contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

LAKE D'ARBONNE

The water has been down because of a damaged gate but after repairs the lake is at pool stage. Crank baits and soft plastics are picking up bass along the grass lines and on the edges of the channels. Crappie are on the edge of the flats. Bream are on the beds and hitting worms and crickets. 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 have been good on swim baits with good fishing for them at night with soft plastics and spinners. Bream fishing has been best up Isaac Creek on crickets and worms. Crappie fishing has been best up the creeks on shiners or jigs. No report on catfish or stripers. For latest information, call Kel's Cove at 927-2264 or Terzia Tackle at 278-4498.

CANEY LAKE - The bream are bedded and hitting crickets and worms. Deep diving crank baits and Carolina rigged worms are picking up some nicesized bass up to around 10 pounds on the deeper drops while swim baits are working fairly well along the grass lines. Crappie fishing has been best at night on. 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.

POVERTY LAKE POINT - Catfish and bream are biting. Bass and crappie slow to fair. For latest reports, call Poverty Point Marina at 318/878-0101. For information, call Surplus City Landing at 318/467-2259.

> LAKE YUCATAN

- The water is on a slow fall and fishing is good for barfish, bream, bass, catfish and crappie. For information, call Surplus City Landing at 318/467-2259.

has been named head girls basketball coach at Minden.

Clark replaces Jacob Brown, who has taken over the Minden boys program after 14 seasons as the head girls coach.

Clark was the head coach at Southwood last season. The Lady Cowboys finished 13-17 overall and 1-13 in District 1-5A.

Clark is an alumus of Southwood. She helped the Lady Cowboys win three Class 5A state championships and was named All-State in both basketball and track and field.

Clark was also the head girls basketball coach and an assistant track coach at Calvary Baptist from 2013-16.

an assistant women's basketball at Centenary College. She was also both an assistant basketball and track and field coach at Allen Community College in 2018-19.

Clark has also served as an assistant coach at Houston Baptist and Southern-Shreveport.

Clark played college basketball at New Mexico Community College, Charleston Southern and Houston Baptist.

She was also a standout track and field athlete at Houston Baptist (now Houston Christian).

Clark has a Masters of Education degree from Ashford University. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Houston Baptist in 2012.

She also served as an

Glenbrook names Ricord head coach

RUSSELL HEDGES

Minden Press-Herald

Valerie Ricord has been named head girls basketball coach at Glenbrook.

Athletic Director James Thurman made the announcement earlier this month.

Ricord replaces Cheryl Ford, who resigned after three seasons to pursue other opportunities, according to a Glenbrook Athletics Facebook post.

Ricord has been a teacher and coach at Donnie Bickham Middle School in Shreveport for the last nine years. Before that, she was a coach and teacher at Ridgewood Middle School.

Ricord is a 1999 graduate of Northwood where she played basketball for Coach Shannon Wall, now the school's principal. She played basketball at Centenary College for one season before a knee injury ended her career.

Ricord graduated from Louisiana Tech at Barksdale Air Force Base and received a Masters of Education in Educational Leadership from LSUS in 2019.

Ricord will also be an assistant softball coach.

"I am so blessed and honored to be given the opportunity to continue my coaching career at Glenbrook," Ricord said in the Facebook post. "It is my goal to instill values and morals in my players that will serve them in sports, the classroom, and beyond. We will always work to motivate each other to be the best version of ourselves.'

Ford guided Glenbrook's transition from the MAIS to the LHSAA.

In 2021-22, the Lady Apaches went 12-10 but were ineligible for the playoffs as a first-year LHSAA school.

Last season, Glenbrook was 6-14 overall and 3-7 in District 1-1A.

Good News

GOOD NEWS

LIVING IN A HOSTILE CULTURE – PREPARING FOR ETERNITY

I think we agree 'we are living in the last days, according to Jesus' account in Matt. 24. The return of our Lord looks more eminent each decade. When we listen to Jesus' teaching here, as He sat on the Mount of Olives with his disciples, we visualize many of these happenings are developing all around us. The disciples asked him, "When will these things happen that you have been talking about? What will be some of the signs?" Jesus replied: "Watch out for deceivers, claiming to be the Messiah, the Christ; There will be wars and rumors of wars; don't be alarmed by this. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come; kingdoms shall rise against kingdoms (Arab vs. Jews); nation against nation (Arabs and China against the world); famines (Africa, India, China), earthquakes (all around the world)...and this is just the beginning." He continues: "Many will turn away from the faith (surveys show there are fewer believers in God and Christ in the USA than ever before -per-

centage-wise); people will hate and betray each other (our prisons are full; all kinds of crimes are on the increase, look at our politics)! There will be an increase in wickedness (how many were killed in this area last

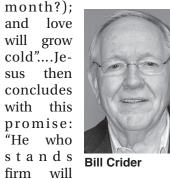
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The gospel will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come."

Jesus tells us about His coming back: "About the day and hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son (Jesus Himself), but the Father alone. The coming of the Son will be just like the days of Noah, before the flood. They were eating, drinking and marrying right up until the day Noah entered into the ark.

They did not understand until the flood came and swept them away; so it will be that way with the coming of the Son of Man." Some would have us believe they have narrowed the time table down to a certain year, month and date. They draw their charts, plot events and draw circles, lines and record weather happenings. To me, this is futile when Jesus tells us that 'even He does not know when this will occur.' So, what are we to do during this 'interim period?'

There are so many directives aimed at what we should be doing! Jesus, Paul, James, Peter and John all point out enough of these to keep us very busy doing the Lord's work: Jesus: Matt 24: 42 keep watch; be ready; be faithful and wise; 26: 36...watch and pray; 28: 18-20 - go and make disciples, baptize them in the name of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit, teach them to obey all my teachings. Paul: Rom 12: 'love and encourage one another; be joyful in hope, rejoice with those who rejoice, mourn with those who mourn, live in harmony with one another, overcome evil with good.' James: 1: 'consider your trials and suffering as pure joy, ask God for wisdom and it shall be granted, be quick to listen, slow to speak and become angry, get rid of all moral filth and evil, be doers of the Word and not hearers only. 1 Peter: 1-2: prepare your minds for action, be self - controlled, set your hopes fully on the grace God has given you through Christ, love one another deeply, get rid of all malice, deceit, hypocrisy, envy and slander; crave pure spiritual milk, grow up in your salvation.

1 John 2 -4: do not love the things of this world that will come to an end, when He appears we will be like him, don't be led astray, love one another just as Christ has loved us and laid down his life for us. God is love so live in Him, His love casts out all fear, those who believe in Christ is born of God and becomes joint-heirs of the kingdom, this is the victory that allows us to overcome this world through faith in

Jesus.

There are many, many more admonitions, words of encouragement and commands from these sources that will prepare us for the coming of the Lord. When the trumpet sounds and the Lord returns to this earth, the time of repentance will be over. The challenge for each of us is to be ready, commit our lives to the Lord, seek His favor, live for Jesus day by day and serve Him as diligently as we can.

Then one day, we can say as Paul did (2 Tim 4:7) " I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will away we on the day and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing." And then we can say confidently-- "Come, Lord Jesus, Come!"

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THE UPWARD LOOK

Walk in Light

"For you were once darkness, but now flect the light of Christ. The believer's

you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light" Ephesians 5:8 HCSB

Life without Christ is consumed by darkness, wickedness, and evil. Even the very best person without Christ is full of the darkness of sin. The person who is in Christ,

who has placed their entire trust solely in the grace of God, is now in the light of the Lord. The believer's walk, the way he lives, his lifestyle, must re-



Max Hutto

thoughts, words, and deeds must shine forth in goodness, righteousness, and truth.

Lord Jesus, may my lifestyle, my total life, reflect Your grace and love. Let this little light of mine shine forth, pleasing You and bringing You glory and honor.

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INSPIRATION

Matthew 7:7-8 NIV Says "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.

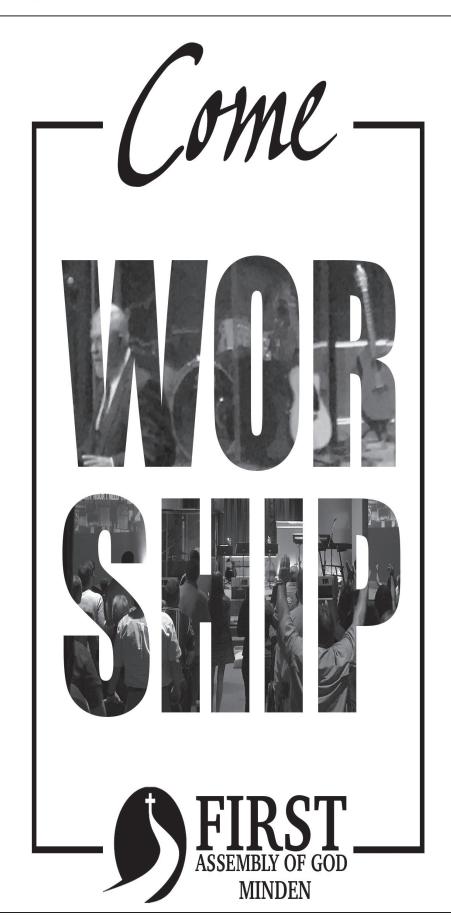
For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened". This scripture was given to us as instruction for our success. As Christians, we often overlook the importance of this scripture. We have

Ask, Seek, and Knock

goals, needs, and desires rooted in God. Secondly, we need to have faith that God will provide. These are instructions that

> apply to every aspect of your life. We often work so hard to do things under our strength when instead we should rely on God's. I would like to ask everyone to let God do the heavy lifting and most importantly

give God the glory.



goals, needs, and desires that we all want to accomplish and God wants to help us. However, there are a couple of things we need to do first. Firstly, we need to have

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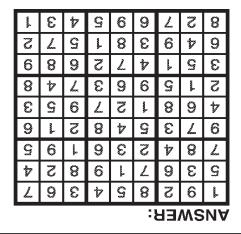
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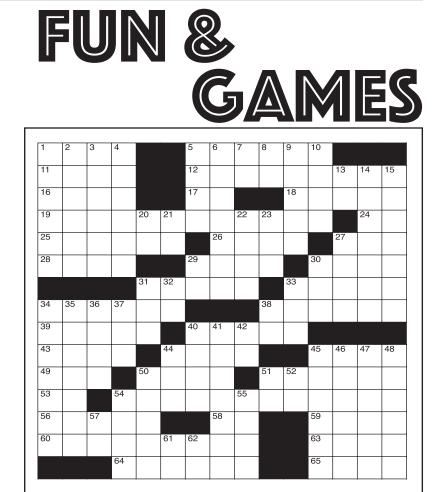
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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

Level: Advanced



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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Influential American
- political family
- Chantilly, de Menthe
- 11. Within
- 12. Pleasure seekers
- 16. Computer manufacturer
- 17. Home to college sports' Flyers
- 18. Fungal disease
- 19. Sleepwalk
- 24. Spielberg sci-fi film
- 25. Seasonable

Answers: A. worker

B.

office

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cubicle

D. boss

- 26. Taxis
- 27. Radio direction
 - finder (abbr.)
- 28. Thin, narrow piece of wood 29. "Mystic River" actor Sean
- 30. Ingenuous
- 31. Musical composition
- 33. Turkish surname

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Large, dangerous animals
- 2. Straighten out
- 3. Family tree
- 4. Large stinging paper wasp 5. European river fish
- 6. Cut down in size
- 7. Denotes past
- 8. Larry and Curly's partner
- 9. Samoyedic ethnic group
- 10. Male parent
- 13. Specific gravity
- 14. Demeaned oneself to
- 15. Rigidly
- 20. Yankovic is a "weird" one 21. Belonging to me
- 22. Path
- 23. Airborne (abbr.) 27. Level
- 29. Atomic #94
- 30. Born of

39. Pour it on pasta 40. Electric car company 43. Sea eagle

34. High or hilly area

38. Wilco frontman

- 44. Walk with difficulty
- 45. Sign of healing
- 49. Boy
- 50. Protein-rich liquid
- 51. Washington city
- 53. Individual portion of
- TV series (abbr.)
- 54. Thought over 56. Scads
- 58. News agency
- 59. Standard
- 60. Deadlock
- 63. Pre-Columbian empire
- 64. Removed
- 65. French commune
- 33. Defunct airline
- 34. Having no purpose
- 35. A low wall
- 36. Swedish city
- 37. Earn a perfect score
- 38. Atomic #81
- 40. Beginner
- 41. Give off
- 42. Incorrect letters
- 44. Telecommunication service provider (abbr.)
- 45. Idyllic
- 46. Popular beer
- 47. A way to fine
- 48. Evildoer
- 50. More withered
- 51. Seventh note of a major scale
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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS after normal award of contract. VILLAGE OF DIXIE The Contractor shall begin mobilization and INN (hereinafter "Owner"). procurement of ma-terials within ten (10) working days of the receipt of the Notice to Sealed bids marked "Sealed Bid" VILLAGE OF DIXIE INN Love Proceed Please notify the Owner seven (7) days in advance of the Louisiana Outdoors Project to be financed by the State of Louisíana Love Louisiana scheduled bid opening Outdoors Program will be received by the Owner for the con-struction of the project described as follows: if special accommoda-tions specified under ADA are required. The Owner hereby notifies all bidders that in regard to any VILLAGE OF DIXIE INN Love Louisiana Outcontract entered into pursuant to this Adver doors Project Dixie Inn Park- Restroom tisement, that Minority Business Enterprises will be afforded equal opportunity to submit and Picnic Shelters offers in response to this invitation and will not be discrimi-Proposals shall be addressed to the VIL LAGE OF DIXIE INN and delivered to the Village of DIXIE INN Town Hall, 60 SHELL STREET, MINDEN, nated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, national origin or disability in consider-LA 71055 not later than 2:00 P.M., JULY 11, 2023. Sealed bids shall be marked as "Sealed Bid" – VILLAGE OF DIXIE ation for an award. June 7, 2023 June 14, 2023 June 21, 2023 Minden Press-Herald INN Love Louisiana Outdoors Project to be financed by the State of Louisiana Love June 5, 2023 Louisiana Outdoors Program. All bids must be submitted ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS WEBSTER PARISH POLICE JURY on the proper bid form. The Contractor shall display his **CULLEN SENIOR** Contractor's license CENTER RENOVATIONS number prominently on the outside of the envelope. Any bids received after the The proposals must specified time and date will not be con be in the hands of the undersigned no later than 9:00 sidered. The sealed bids will be pub-licly opened and read aloud at <u>2:00 P.M.</u>, JULY 11, 2023 at a.m., Wednesday, July 5, 2023- in the Courthouse House Annex meeting room the Village of DIXIE INN Town Hall, 60 Shell Street, Minden, Louisiana 71055. of the Webster Par-ish Police Jury, 401 Main Street, Minden, Louisiana 71055. The bid forms and specification sheets are available at no charge The Information for Bidders, Form of Bid Proposal, Form of Contract, Plans, in the office of the Secretary–Treasurer, Webster Parish Policy Specifications, and Jury. Successful bids will be approved at the Regular Meeting, Webster Parish Police Forms of Bid Bond, Performance and Payment Bond, and other contract documents may be examined at the Village of Dixie Jury on July 5, 2023. Inn. Copies may be obtained at the of-fice of the Engineer, COTHREN, GRAFF, SMOAK ENGINEER-The Webster Parish Police Jury is a taxexempt governmental agency ING, INC., upon pay-ment of <u>\$50.00</u> which The Webster Parish Police Jury abides by amount constitutes the cost of reproduction and handling. This payment will not be refunded. the requirements of the Louisiana Bid Law

ALL BIDS SUBMIT-TED MUST BE CLEARLY MARKED.

Webster Parish Police Jury

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run South 14 degrees 51 minutes 43 sec-onds West for a dis-tance of 159.43 feet to a found 3/4 inch iron rod: thence run North 87 degrees 31 min-utes 35 seconds West for a distance of 45.50 feet to a set 1/2 inch iron rod: thence run North 13 degrees 59 minutes 52 seconds East for a distance of 156.27 feet to the Point of Beginning. Tract B: A 1.10 acre, more or less, tract of land located in the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NE/4 of NW/4), Sec-tion 15, Township, 19 North, Range 9 West, Northwestern Land District, Louisiana Meridian West, Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana, more particularly described as follows Begin at the Northwest Corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, said Section 15, and run South 00 degrees 59 minutes 00 seconds West for a distance of 504.75 feet to a set 1/2 inch iron rod, for the Point of Beginning; thence run South 83 degrees 41 minutes 33 seconds East for a distance of 384.93 feet to a found 1/2 inch iron pipe located on the West located on the West right of way of Lewis-ville Road; thence run South 26 degrees 37 minutes 00 seconds West for a distance of 124.25 feet along said right of way, to a set 1/2 inch iron rod; thence run West for thence run West fo a distance of 330.00 feet to a found 1 inch iron rod; thence run North 00 degrees 59 minutes 00 seconds East for a distance of 153.05 feet to the Point of Beginning. Tract C: A 1.37 acre, more or less, tract of land located in the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NE/4 of NW/4), Section 15, Township 19 North, Range 9 West, Northwestern Land District, Louisiana Meridian West, Minden, Webster Parish. Louisiana. more particularly described as follows: Begin at the North-west Corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, said Section 15, and run South 00 degrees 59 minutes

00 seconds West for a distance of 60.00 feet to a found 5/8 inch iron rod, for the Point of Beginning; thence run East for a distance of 139.68 feet to a set 1/2 inch iron rod; thence run South 13 degrees 59 minutes econas a distance of 156.27 feet to a set 1/2 inch iron rod; thence run South 87 degrees 31 minutes 35 seconds East for a distance of 45.50 feet to a found 3/4 inch iron rod; thence run South 14 degrees 51 minutes 43 seconds West for a distance of 78.51 feet distance of 78.51 feet to a found 5/8 inch iron rod; thence run South 00 degrees 28 minutes 59 seconds East for a distance of 229.49 feet to a found 5/8 inch iron rod; thence run North 83 thence run North 83 degrees 41 minutes 33 seconds West for a distance of 137.75 feet to a set 1/2 inch iron rod; thence run North 00 degrees 59 minutes 00 seconds East for a distance of 444.75 feet to the Point of Beginning.

The City of Minden reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive informali ties or to accept the bid, which may best serve its interest. **Bid Specifications** <u>Sheet</u>

(1) Used Fire Depart-ment Custom Heavy Rescue Truck 1. 2009 or newer Custom Chassis Heavy

Rescue Truck 2. 400 HP or greater engine 3. Electric reel Light tower Awning On-board generator On-board hydraulic 6 power unit for rescue tools 8. (6) person minimum seating in cab 9. Rooftop coffin-style

storage compartments 10. Maximum height of 11' and length of 35'

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<u>CIS FINANCIAL</u> <u>SERVICES, INC.</u> VS VS. DERRICK CHAMPI-ON A/K/A DERRICK ALONZO CHAMPI-ON AND SHUNTO-RIERE CHAMPION A/K/A SHUNTO-RIERE SPENCER RIERE SPENCER CHAMPION

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 80650

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 pos-session and will offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder for cash <u>WITH</u> the benefit of appraisement and according to law at the principal front door of the Court-house in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana on WEDNESDAY, July 26, 2023, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

LOT SIXTEEN (16), BLOCK C, BONNIE HEIGHTS ADDITION, City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana as per plat recorded in Book 2A, Page 97 in the Conveyance Parish, Louisiana, together with all buildings and improvements thereon subject to restrictions, servitudes rights-of-way and outstanding mineral rights of record af-fecting the property.

COR OF THE NW/4 OF THE NE/4), SECTION 18, TOWNSHIP 20 Senator Bill Cassidy's Office led discussion on broadband in the parish NORTH, RANGE 9 WEST, WEB-STER PARISH, COMMENTS: Melinda Davidson WPOCS Director LOUISIANA, AND RUN NORTH 5 Wanda Finley DEGREES 52 MINUTES EAST W.P HeadStart Savannah Jones Webster Parish Library 210 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 86 Webster Paisin Librai Serena Gray W.P. C.V.B (Tourism) Allen Moseley WP Coroner Jason Parker WP Sheriff Shakera Williams DEGREES 57 MINUTES WEST 136 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGIN-NING; THENCE CONTINUE NORTH Shakera Williams 86 DEGREES 57 MINUTES WEST 505 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 12 SU/AG Center Brian Williams OEP/HS Director Angie Chapman E911 Director DEGREES 45 MINUTES EAST 170 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 85 Jessica Gorman Dorcheat Historical Museum DEGREES 29 Mr. Steve Ramsey moved, seconded by Mr. Steve Lemmons MINUTES EAST 503 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 12 to approve the action taken at the Road DEGREES 45 MINUTES WEST 157 FEET TO THE Committee Meeting POINT OF BEGIN-NING, TOGETHER WITH ALL IM-PROVEMENTS THEREON AND ALL held earlier today. Motion carried unanimously. Ms. Beverly Kennon moved, seconded by Mr. Mike Griffith to ap-RIGHTS THERETO BELONGING; subject to restrictions, servitudes, rights-of-way and oustanding prove the action taken at the Finance Committee Meeting held earlier today. Motion carried unanimously. mineral rights of record affecting the Mr. Steve Lemmons moved, seconded by property. SOLD SUBJECT TO ANY SUPERIOR LIENS, MORTGAG-ES OR PRIVILEG-Mr. Bruce Blanton to approve the action taken at the Building and Grounds Com-mittee Meeting held earlier today. Motion carried unanimously. ES THERETO. Said property seized is that of the defendant and will

be sold to satisfy a judgment rendered Mr. Jim Bonsall then gave Presidents' closin our Honorable There being no further business to bring before the Jury, the meeting adjourned. Court JASON R. PARKER

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Lisa C. Balkom Secretary-Treasurer

/s/

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Jim Bonsall President

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Sheriff & Ex-Officio Auctioneer Webster Parish, Louisiana

Linda Vaughan -Deputy

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING WEBSTER PARISH POLICE JURY June 6, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Bonsall, Presi-dent; Steve Ramsey, Vice President; Allen Gilbert, Daniel Thom-as, Beverly Kennon, Randy Thomas, Mike Griffith, Steve Lem-mons, Vera Davison, Bruce Blanton and Adam Lee Absent: Cayla Cox

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

home situated on the above described property, being a 2008 Fleetwood Homes, Model No. 6769A, Serial No. TXFL884A23747 DA11. 16 x 76. which said manufactured home/mobile home was immobi-lized pursuant to Affidavit to Immobilize Manufactured/Modular Home dated July 21, 2011 and filed for record as Instrument No. 527801 of the records of Webster Parish, Louisiana. SOLD SUBJECT

TO ANY SUPERIOR LIENS, MORTGAG-ES OR PRIVILEG-ES 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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LAW: Legal Description: Lot #3, Blk. "E", Unit #4, Cypress Isle Lake Estates Subdiv. Assessment # 102238

as per the assessment in the records of the SHERIFF'S SALE Tax Assessor of Web-ster Parish, Louisiana. FREEDOM MORT-GAGE CORPORA-TION

This property was adjucated to the Police Jury on 05/17/2018. The three year redemptive period has passed. Tax sale title to the above described GREGORY GREEN, ANDA ANN CAMPBELL A/K/A RANADA ANN CAMPBELL GREEN AND GOLPHIA JEAN KELLY property has been sold for failure to pay taxes. You have been identified as a person who In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 80722 may have an interest in this property. Your interest in the property will be terminiated within 60 days from the date of this publication unless you redeem the WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued property or you may otherwise challenge in

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"All real estate advertised here is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act, which makes it illegal to advertise any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin, or intention to make any such preference, limitation, or discrimination. We will not knowlingly accept any advertising for real estate, which is in violation of th elaw. All persons are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised are available on an equal opportunity basis.

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Corporate Principal and Surety, (3) any Addenda issued, and (4) Bid Bond which al ways must accompany the bid in the correct amount.

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

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

Fach 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 <u>must</u> appear as acceptable on the U.S. Department of Trea-sury Circular 570.

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

Each 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 employment to be observed and minimum wage rates to be paid under the Contract, Section 3, Segregated Facili-ties, Section 109, Ex-ecutive Order 11246, and all applicable laws and regulations of the Federal government and State of Louisiana and bonding and insurance requirements.

The successful bidder must submit executed copies of Certifica-tion Regarding Equal Employment Oppor-tunity, 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 <u>successful</u> 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

I, John Hays, 535664, have applied for clem-ency for my conviction of ILL Possession Stolen Things. If you have any comments, contact the Board of Pardons (225) 342-5421. June 7, 2023 June 14, 2023 June 21, 2023 Minden Press-Herald I, Michael Milligan, 625741, have applied for clemency for my conviction of Schedule II. If you have any comments, contact the Board of Pardons (225) 342-5421.

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PUBLIC NOTICE Minden Planning Commission Meeting July 6, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.

Pelican Room -Minden City Hall

On the agenda is a request from Thomas Jerry McFarland for preliminary approval of a lot split on prop-erty owned him at the corner of Country Club ircle and Lewisville Road.

Legal Description: TRACT A: A 0.17 acre, more

or less, tract of Ind located in the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NE/4 of NW/4), Contine Town him 10 Section Township 19 North, Range 9 West, Northwestern Land District, Louisiana Meridian West, Minden, Webster Parish Louisiana, more Particularly described as follows: Begin at the North-west Corner of the Northeast Quarter f the Northwest Quarter, said Section 15, and run South 00 degrees 59 minutes 00 seconds West for a distance of 60.00 feet to a found 5/8 inch iron rod; thence run East for a distance of 139.68 feet to a set 1/2 inch iron rod, for the Point of Beginning; thence continue East for a distance of 49.16 feet to a found 5/8 inch iron rod: thence

All interested parties will be given a chance to be heard.

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INVITATION FOR BID

The City of Minden solicits sealed bids for the following:

(1) Used Fire Department Custom Heavy Rescue Truck

The proposals must be in the hands of the undersigned no later than 10:00 a.m. July 07, 2023 in the City Clerk's Office – Minden City Hall, 520 Broadway Street, Minden, Louisiana 71055. The bid specification sheet is available at no charge in the office of the City Clerk, City of Minden. Bid opening will be on July 07, 2023 at 10:00 am. in the Cypress Room at Minden City Hall, 520 Broadway Street, Minden, LA 71055.

The City of Minden is a tax-exempt governmental agency

ALL BIDS SUB-MITTED MUST BE CLEARLY MARKED: Bid # 05-2023, City of Minden – Fire Department Rescue Truck – "BID EN-CLOSED"

The City of Minden complies with the State of Louisiana Public Bid Law as sta ed in R.S. 38:2238.1. stat SOLD SUBJECT TO ANY SUPERIOR LIENS, MORTGAG-ES OR PRIVILEG-ES THERETO. Said property seized is that of the defendant and will be sold to satisfy a judgment rendered in our Honorable

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

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In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 80724

By virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued out of the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, in the obvice triad in the above styled and numbered suit and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my pos-session and will offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder for cash <u>WITH</u> 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, July 26, 2023, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

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Mr. Jim Bonsall then asked for additions to in the above styled the agenda.

There were no comments from the audi-ence concerning the agenda

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

house in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana on WEDNESDAY, July Ms. Beverly Kennon moved, seconded by Mr. Mike Griffith to adopt the minutes of 26. 2023. During the legal sale hours, the following the May 2, 2023 Road, Finance and Regular Meeting and the May 26, 2023 Special Meet-ing. Motion carried property, to wit: BEGIN AT A POINT 98 FT AND 100 FT SOUTH OF THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE unanimously.

Mr. Daniel Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Adam Lee to approve to ratify the Parish President's decision to adopt the Resolution 006-2023 authorizing Webster Parish Police Jury to join the Attorney General of Louisiana General of Louisiana in litigation against the Federal Emergency Management Agency to challenge Risk Rating 2.0-Equity in Action. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bruce Blanton moved, seconded by Mr. Daniel Thomas to approve the Official Journal and Publica tion Journal for July 2023-June 30, 2024 for the Webster Parish Police Jury as follows: Official Journal: Minden Press Herald Publication Journal: Springhill Press and News Journal Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Steve Ramsey moved, seconded by Mr. Allen Gilbert to approve Recreation Funding: District #2 City of Springhill for \$1,000 for paint for the city recreation center District #11 Town of Heflin \$200 for Clean Up Day expenses for the town. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Daniel Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Steve Ramsey to approve Resolution 007-2023 to name Mrs. Jessica Gorman as the Webster Par-ish Historian by the Webster Parish Police Jury. Motion carried unanimously

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Legal Description: Lot #11, Blk. "E", Unit #4, Cypress Isle Lake Estates Subdiv. Assessment # 104247 as per the assessment in the records of the Tax Assessor of Web-ster Parish, Louisiana.

This property was adjucated to the Police Jury on 05/17/2018. The three year redemptive period has passed. Tax sale title to the above described property has been sold for failure to pay taxes. You have been identified as a person who may have an interest in this property. Your interest in the property will be terminiated within 60 days from the date of this publication unless you redeem the property or you may otherwise challenge in a court of competent jurisdiction the potential sale or donation

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Village of Dixie Inn Regular Session June 13, 2023

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

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of Aldermen for the Village of Dixie Inn met in regular session on June 13, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, Dixie Inn, Louisiana with the following members present: Mayor Donna Hoffoss, Aldermen Judy McKenzie. Nell Finlay and Lance Milligan.

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

Mayor Donna Hoffoss welcomed guests.

There were no public comments or additions to the agenda. Jury 401 Main St.

Mayor Hoffoss closed the regular session and opened the public hearing for the 2023-2024 budget. The mayor introduced the budget by reading aloud Ordinance 131--an Ordinance adopting the annual budget of revenues, expenditures, and appropriation for the Village of Dixie Inn, Dixie Inn, Louisiana for budget year July 2023 through June 30, 2024. There were no public comments.

Mayor Hoffoss closed the public hearing and opened regular session to adopt the minutes of May 9, 2023 regular session, and the minutes of May 18, 2023 special session. A motion was made by Judy McKenzie and seconded by Lance Milligan to adopt the minutes of May 9, 2023 regular session and May 18, 2023 special session. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

LAW:

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

Department Reports:

Mike Chreene reported all is well with the water department.

Chief James Edwards reported all is well with the police department. He plans on gathering quotes for tech-sup-port for the village's

computers. Mayor Donna Hoffoss reported Amtrak's announcement they will be expanding their route, connecting the I-20 Corridor through Shreveport, Ruston. and Monroe. The mayor also noted the Louisiana Municipal Association is holding a District A meeting on June 26, 2023 for council members who are available to attend.

This property was adjucated to the Police You have been identi fied as a person who may have an interest Jury on 05/17/2018. in this property. Your interest in the property will be terminiated The three year redemptive period has passed. Tax sale title to the above described property has been sold within 60 days from the date of this publication for failure to pay taxes. You have been identiunless you redeem the property or you may otherwise challenge in fied as a person who may have an interest in this property. Your a court of competent jurisdiction the poteninterest in the property tial sale or donation will be terminiated within 60 days from the date of this publication Webster Parish Police Jury 401 Main St. unless you redeem the property or you may otherwise challenge in Minden, LA 71055 318-377-7564 Jr Est a court of competent jurisdiction the poten-June 21, 2023 tial sale or donation. Minden Press-Herald Webster Parish Police James D. Gillespie Minden, LA 71055 318-377-7564 THIS NOTICE BY PUBLICATION IS NOTIFICATION THAT YOUR RIGHTS June 21, 2023 Minden Press-Herald OR INTEREST IN THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROP-ERTY LOCATED IN WEBSTER PARISH, LAW: Raleigh L. Bridges, Etta Jo Bridges, Karen Taylor Pullman WEBSTER PARISH, LOUISIANA MAY BE TERMINATED BY OPERATION OF LAW IF YOU DO NOT TAKE THIS NOTICE BY PUBLICATION IS NOTIFICATION THAT YOUR RIGHTS OR INTEREST IN FURTHER ACTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH I AW THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROP Legal Description: Lots # 43 & 44, Blk. "D", Unit 2, Cypress Isle ERTY LOCATED IN WEBSTER PARISH VEDSTER PARISH, LOUISIANA MAY BE TERMINATED BY OPERATION OF LAW IF YOU DO NOT TAKE Lake Estates Subdiv Assessment # 106995, as per the assessment in the records of the FURTHER ACTION IN Tax Assessor of Web-CCORDANCE WITH ster Parish, Louisiana. This property was adjucated to the Police Legal Description: Lot 60 X 210 ft. in SW/4 of NE/4 Sec. 12-23-11 Jury on 05/21/2014. The three year redemptive period has passed. Tax sale title 806 Baker St., Sprin-Assessment # 123298 to the above described as per the assessment property has been sold for failure to pay taxes. You have been identiin the records of the Tax Assessor of Web-ster Parish, Louisiana. fied as a person who may have an interest in this property. Your This property was adjucated to the Police Jury on 05/17/2018. interest in the property will be terminiated within 60 days from the The three year redemptive period has passed. Tax sale title date of this publication unless you redeem the to the above described property has been sold for failure to pay taxes. You have been identiproperty or you may otherwise challenge in a court of competent jurisdiction the poten-tial sale or donation. fied as a person who may have an interest in this property. Your Webster Parish Police interest in the property will be terminiated Jury 401 Main St. within 60 days from the date of this publication Minden, LA 71055 318-377-7564 unless you redeem the property or you may otherwise challenge in June 21, 2023 Minden Press-Herald a court of competent jurisdiction the potential sale or donation. Johnson, James H Webster Parish Police

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ACCORDANCE WITH LAW: House Assessment # 121859, as per the assessment in the records of the Legal Description: Lot Tay Assessor of Web ster Parish, Louisiana.

property or you may otherwise challenge in Minden, LA 71055 318-377-7564 a court of competent June 21, 2023 urisdiction the poten tial sale or donation. Minden Press-Herald Webster Parish Police Jury 401 Main St. Sapphire Land Co LLC Minden, LA 71055 318-377-7564 THIS NOTICE BY PUBLICATION IS NOTIFICATION June 21, 2023 Minden Press-Herald THAT YOUR RIGHTS OR INTEREST IN THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROP ERTY LOCATED IN Brown, Robert James WEBSTER PARISH, LOUISIANA MAY BE THIS NOTICE BY PUBLICATION IS TERMINATED BY OPERATION OF LAW IF YOU DO NOT TAKE FURTHER ACTION IN NOTIFICATION THAT YOUR RIGHTS OR INTEREST IN THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROP ERTY LOCATED IN WEBSTER PARISH ACCORDANCE WITH LAW Legal Description: Lot 20 X 50 ft. out of Lot #8 & All of Lot #9, Jackson allen subdiv. LOUISIANA MAY BE TERMINATED BY OPERATION OF LAW IF YOU DO NOT TAKE FURTHER ACTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH in S/E 4 of NW/4 Sec 27-19-9 Assessment # 111930 as per the assessment in the records of the Tax Assessor of Web-Legal Description: Lot 40 X 60 ft in N/E of Sec/4 Sec. 24-23-11 & Lot 40 X 60 Ft in NE/4 ster Parish, Louisiana. This property was adjucated to the Police Jury on 05/17/2018. of SE/4 Sec 24-23-11 Assessment # 121766 The three year as per the assessment in the records of the redemptive period has passed. Tax sale title to the above described Tax Assessor of Webproperty has been sold ster Parish, Louisiana. for failure to pay taxes. This property was adjucated to the Police You have been identified as a person who Jury on 05/16/2012. The three year may have an interest in this property. Your redemptive period has passed. Tax sale title interest in the property will be terminiated within 60 days from the date of this publication to the above described property has been sold for failure to pay taxes. unless you redeem the property or you may otherwise challenge in You have been identified as a person who may have an interest in this property. Your a court of competent jurisdiction the poteninterest in the property tial sale or donation

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Legal Description: Lot 50 X 74 FT. in SEC/4 of Sec/4 Sec. 24-23-11 Vol. 175-410) 1 Lot

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Meeting was called to order by Mayor Gates; Invocation was offered by Jackie Daniels; the Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Steven Birdwell.

Roll was called: Present 3, Mr. Daniels, Mr. Birdwell, Mrs. Muniz, Mayor Gates 0 Absent

There were no amendments to the Agenda.

Mayor announced due to the office clerk situation, she is unable to offer April Minutes at this time for approval. Will follow up and offer them at a later date.

Mike Dunaway was not present. Mayor Gates offered information regarding Sewer Pump problems, TGS was called in to locate an operating pump to be installed. We currently have very small pumps and TGS will look into possible larger pumps/installations. We will get locks and lock lids at lift stations in the

Motion was made by Rachel Muniz, 2nd by Jackie Daniels to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried Meeting Adjourned

Mya Kilbarn Village Clerk, Myra Kilburn

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ORDINANCE NO. 131

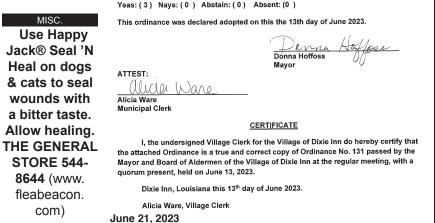
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BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Village of Dixie Inn, Dixie Inn, Louisiana, convened in regular session on June 13, 2023 the following:

- SECTION I: The attached detailed estimate of revenues as reflected in the consolidated statement, and such other fiscal exhibits and information as required by Louisiana Local Government Budget Act, be and the same is hereby adopted to serve as the Budget of Revenues for the Village for July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.
- SECTION II: The attached detailed statement of anticipated expenditures as reflected in the consolidated statement, and such other fiscal exhibits and information as required by Louisiana Local Government Budget Act, be and the same is hereby adopted to serve as the Budget of Expenditures for the Village for July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.
- SECTION III: The adoption of the Budget of Expenditures as reflected in the attached line-item budget containing object of expenditure classifications shall be declared to be the appropriation of the amounts set therein as established in each budget classification by object of expenditure.
- SECTION IV: The amounts appropriated for all accounts shall not exceed the amounts fixed therein the Budget of Expenditures. Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to prohibit the governing authority from amending or making an appropriation to and for a contingent fund to be used in cases of emergency.

This ordinance having been read section by section and having been considered in the same manner, on a motion of Lance Milligan, seconded by Judy McKenzie, the vote thereon was as follows:

Yeas: (3) Nays: (0) Abstain: (0) Absent: (0)



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New Business

A motion was made by Lance Milligan and seconded by Judy McKenzie to adopt Ordinance 131 for the 2023-2024 budget. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

A motion was made by Judy McKenzie and seconded by Lance Milligan to increase funding for inmate supplies from \$80 to \$150 per month. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

A motion was made by Judy McKenzie and seconded by Lance Milligan to approve the purchase of two new tires (each) for the '14 Tahoe and '18 Tahoe. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

A motion was made by Nell Finlay to adopt the Minden Press Herald as the official journal for the village for 2023-2024. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

Old Business:

There was no old busi-ness to discuss.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Nell Finlay and econded by Lance Milligan. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

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Legal Description: Lot #12, Blk. "E", Unit #4, Cypress Isle Lake Estates Subdiv. Assessment # 104248 as per the assessment in the records of the Tax Assessor of Webster Parish, Louisiana.

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Assessment # 115930 as per the assessmer in the records of the Tax Assessor of Web-ster Parish, Louisiana.

This property was adjucated to the Police Legal Description: Lot # 18 & 19, Block, "C", Unit #2, Cypess Isle Lake Estate Subdiv Jury on 05/16/2018. The three year redemptive period has passed. Tax sale title Assessment # 100532 as per the assessment in the records of the to the above described property has been sold for failure to pay taxes. You have been identi-Tax Assessor of Webster Parish, Louisiana. fied as a person who This property was adjucated to the Police Jury on 05/20/2015. The three year may have an interest in this property. Your interest in the property will be terminiated redemptive period has passed. Tax sale title within 60 days from the date of this publication

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Legal Description: Lots # 4 & 5 "1", Unit #2 Cpyress Isle Lake

ster Parish, Louisiana

This property was adjucated to the Police Jury on 05/21/2014.

The three year redemptive period has passed. Tax sale title to the above described

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Legal Description: Lots # 20 & 21, Winn Sub-div (Not Recorded), Being a lot 100 FT X 170 FT. in SE/4 of SE/4 SEC. 24-23-11 Assessment # 122320, as per the assessment in the records of the Tax Assessor of Webster Parish, Louisiana.

This property was adjucated to the Police Jury on 05/18/2011. The three year redemptive period has passed. Tax sale title to the above described property has been sold for failure to pay taxes. You have been identified as a person who may have an interest in this property. Your interest in the property will be terminiated within 60 days from the date of this publication unless you redeem the

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Legal Description: Lot 200 X 50 X 200 X 175 FT. in SE/4 of SE/4 SEC 24-23-11 Assessment # 122358, as per the assessment in the records of the Tax Assessor of Webster Parish, Louisiana

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