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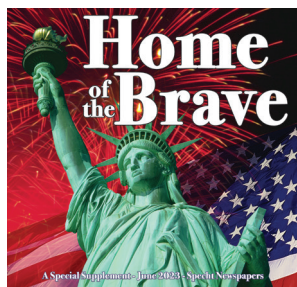
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## COMMUNITY

### Flag changing ceremony to be held July 4



A flag changing ceremony will be held at 9 AM on July 4 at Eagle Park which is located on Turner's Pond at the intersection of Lewisville Road and Lakeshore Drive. Come out to honor our veterans in this brief yet worthwhile acknowledgement of their service.

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## CLOSURES

### PSA: July 3rd State Holiday

**WILL PHILLIPS**  
Minden Press-Herald

Earlier in June, Gov. John Bel Edwards declared July 3, 2023 will be recognized as a state holiday this year. It should be noted that state and local institutions as well as some businesses will be closed in recognition of this holiday.

The reason for this is because Independence Day, July 4, will be taking place on a Tuesday. The governor saw fit to have Monday, July 3, be a holiday as well, making it more convenient for people who want to travel and gather with friends and family for the holiday.

"Monday, July 3, 2023, is declared a legal holiday in the State of Louisiana and shall be observed as a day of public rest," the proclamation declaring July 3 as a state holiday read.

"The citizens of the State of Louisiana and the officers and employees of the departments of the State will benefit from an additional legal holiday during a period when Americans traditionally gather together to remember and celebrate our country's independence."



## CELEBRATION

### Seeds Women's Center celebrates graduation of dedicated dads

**AMBER MCDOWN**  
Minden Press-Herald

In a heartwarming celebration of fatherhood and personal growth, Seeds Women's Center held a graduation ceremony for their dedicated group of dads on June 20. The event, which took place at Emmanuel Baptist Church, marked the culmination of 11 weeks of classes that brought together five strangers who have now become the best of friends.

Amber Bradford, the director of Seeds Women's Center, expressed her joy about the event, saying, "They met as strangers, and now they are the best of friends." The center has been instrumental in providing support and guidance to these fathers on

their journey towards becoming the best possible dads for their children.

The graduation ceremony was a testament to the community's involvement and commitment to empowering fathers. Throughout the program, volunteers provided delicious suppers at every meeting, while Johnson's Cafe contributed their famous donuts, adding a touch of sweetness to the dads' journey.

Leading the group with unwavering dedication were Joel Clary, the captain, and Don West, the co-captain. They were supported by Chris Silvis and Matt Edwards from Fishers of Men, esteemed leaders in the community who attended

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## SWEET TREATS



### Shug's bringing sweet treats to Main Street

**WILL PHILLIPS**  
Minden Press-Herald

Sweets lovers will soon rejoice at a new addition to Minden's Main Street. A new ice cream shop, Shug's, owned and operated by Minden locals Donny and Mandi Hart, will be opening its doors near

the end of summer. This new shop aims not only to serve some sweet treats, but also to serve as a place for people to hang out and share a good time with one another.

"We love Minden, and we love ice cream. We saw a need for this type of business in Minden

so people aren't having to drive to Bossier for their favorite scoops. It will be a family-friendly atmosphere with board games, cards, dominoes, etc. for everyone to come and hang out, stay a while, and have some fun," said Mandi

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## CRIME

### Scammers impersonating police on the phone

**AMBER MCDOWN**  
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A new scam has just started making its rounds using fear of arrest as a means to frighten people out of their money.

These imposters are calling and telling people that they were subpoenaed for court and have missed their court dates, and now there is a warrant for their arrest. They are told that, if they come to the police department, they will be arrested on sight, and are advised to pay their fine over the phone.

"These scammers are using my name, they're using officers' names,

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EDUCATION

Awards given at the Webster Parish School Board meeting

AMBER MCDOWN  
Minden Press-Herald

It was awards night at the May 30 special session of the Webster Parish School Board. Awards were given to the Students of the Year, Support Persons of the Year, and Teachers of the Year. Speaking of the process for becoming a Student of the Year, Personnel Director Robin Tucker said, "It's a very intensive process. Parents who helped their students complete that portfolio and application know how much work their students put into that. We're just super proud of those students who took their time and participated in that, and we want to recognize all of those students from their schools tonight as well as those who went on to compete and represent Webster Parish at the Regional Student of the Year."

In the 5th grade division, Grey Meeker of Richardson Elementary, Brayleigh Lewis of Central Elementary, Brady Mixon of Doyline Elementary, Jordan Thomas of Brown Upper Elementary, and Mason Neal of North Webster Upper Elementary were named Students of the Year for their schools. Mason Neal was selected as the Webster Parish Student of the Year for 5th grade.

In the 8th grade division, Reese Miller of Webster Jr High, Madison Franklin of Lakeside Jr High, Mikyah White of North Webster Jr High, and Lanie Gates of Doyline Jr High were named Students of the Year for their schools. Madison Franklin was selected as Webster Parish Student of the Year for the 8th grade.

And in the 12th grade division, Jonathan Nguyen of Minden High, Melanie Anderson of Doyline High, Brittany Odom of Lakeside High, and Lily

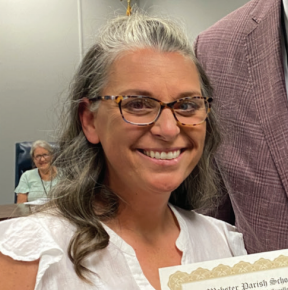
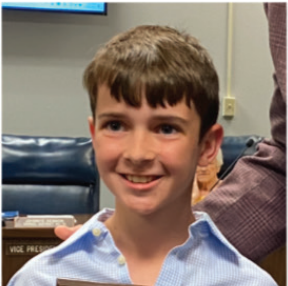
Everett of North Webster High were named Students of the Years for their schools. Jonathan Nguyen was selected as Webster Parish Student of the Year for the 12th grade.

Only students in 5th, 8th, or 12th grade are eligible for the Student of the Year Award. At the award ceremony, winners from each school received a certificate. Students who were selected as Webster Parish Students of the Year received a plaque.

Awards were also given to the Support Persons of the Year, which includes persons such as cafeteria staff, custodians, secretaries, and paraprofessionals.

"We could not do our jobs that we do everyday without these individuals," said Tucker. "They are truly the backbone of our schools and the unsung heroes."

School awards were given to Brenda Willis, a paraprofessional at Lakeside Jr/Sr High; Paulesta Gilbert, a paraprofessional at Central Elementary; Laraven Coleman, a secretary at Brown Upper Elementary; Jennifer Scott, a paraprofessional at Browning Elementary; Pam McGill, a custodian at North Webster Jr High; Haley Stewart, a paraprofessional at Richardson Elementary; Shaun Houston, a behavior interventionist at Webster Jr High; Kelsey Morris, a paraprofessional at Doyline High; Tokia Whiting, SRO at Minden High (now deputy chief for the Minden Police Department); Kimberly Winkler, a paraprofessional at North Webster Upper Elementary; Jessica Gavin, a paraprofessional at Jones Elementary; Tammy Guice, a secretary at Phillips Elementary; Jennifer Hanson, a paraprofessional at North Webster Lower Elementary; and Stacey Martin, a secretary at North Webster High.



Over the past two board meeting, the Webster Parish School Board has recognized and given awards for Students of the Year, Support Persons of the Year, Teachers of the Year, and Principals of the Year.

The Webster Parish Support Persons of the Year are Paulesta Gilbert for elementary, Shaun Houston for junior high, and Stacey Martin for high school.

The Teachers of the Year for their schools were Aubrey Lee, an ELA teacher at Lakeside Jr/Sr High; Will Gray, a math teacher at Lakeside Jr/Sr High; Brittany Lewis, a 2nd grade teacher at Central Elementary; Martha Edens, a 4th grade teacher at Brown Upper Elementary; Tanya

Pesses-Cole, a 1st grade teacher at Browning Elementary; Tina Hughes, an ELA teacher at North Webster Jr High; Amy Lee, a special education teacher at Richardson Elementary; Christina Chester, a physical education teacher at Webster Jr High; Megan Pearce, a 4th grade teacher at Doyline Elementary; Nancy Griffith, an ELA teacher at Doyline Jr High; Megan James, a math teacher at Doyline High; Rebecca Carraway, an ELA teacher at Minden High; Raven

Berry, a 5th grade teacher at North Webster Upper Elementary; Jamie Lewis, a 2nd grade teacher at Jones Elementary; Tori McKinney, a pre-K teacher at Phillips Elementary; Jessica Newsom, a 2nd grade teacher at North Webster Lower Elementary; and Terri Orr, a special education teacher at North Webster High.

The Webster Parish Teachers of the Year are Brittany Lewis for elementary, Tina Hughes for junior high, and Will Gray for high school.

During the June 12 board meeting, the Principals of the Year were recognized. Elementary Principal of the Year went to Jessica Spence of J.L. Jones Elementary, Middle School Principal of the Year went to Walter Ritchie of Doyline Junior High, and High School Principal of the Year went to Rebecca Wilson of Minden High.

Congratulations to you all for all your hard work.

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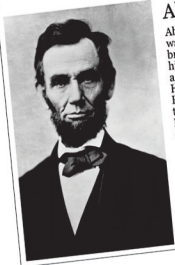
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Obituaries

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

Richard Belzer  
Richard Belzer, the longtime stand-up comedian who became one of TV's most indelible detectives as John Munch in "Homicide: Life on the Street" and "Law & Order: SVU," has died. He was 78. Belzer died Sunday at his home in Beaulieu-sur-Mer, in



Marilyn Monroe  
Marilyn Monroe was born Norma Jeane Mortenson on June 1, 1926, in Los Angeles General Hospital. She died on August 5, 1962, at the age of 36. She made only 30 films in her lifetime, but her legendary status will remain with film history forever. In 1942, at the age of 16, Norma Jean married 21-year-old aircraft plant worker James Dougherty. The marriage only lasted four years, and they divorced in 1946. By this time Marilyn began to model swimwear. Big parts in the movies followed. In 1951, Marilyn got a fairly sizable role in "Love Nest." In 1955, she made "Monkey Business,"



Abraham Lincoln  
Abraham Lincoln was born February 12, 1809, in Hardin County, Kentucky. He was the son of Thomas Lincoln and Nancy Lincoln. Abraham grew up with his brother Thomas Lincoln, Jr., and his sister Sarah Lincoln Grigsby. Abraham spent his early years on a family farm in southern Indiana. Lincoln worked as a boatman, a store clerk, a surveyor, militia soldier, and eventually became a lawyer in Illinois. He was elected to the Illinois legislature in 1834. They had four sons together. Robert Todd Lincoln, Tad Lincoln, William Wallace Lincoln, and Edward Baker Lincoln. Abraham was a very loving father and husband, he always thought of his family before himself. Lincoln continued his political career and became the United States House of Representative from Illinois in 1846. In 1860, Abraham was elected president of the United States. During his presidency, Lincoln is best known for abolishing slavery. As he sat in a play on April 15, 1865, at the end of the Civil War, Lincoln was shot and killed by an assassin — gone but never forgotten. Abraham Lincoln will always be remembered — gone but never forgotten.

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Daily Report

Minden man arrested on drug charges



A Minden man was arrested on drug charges after a Minden police officer spotted the man's erratic driving.

Jakoren Jones, 28, of the 600 block of Goodwill Street was initially seen running the stop sign at Pershing and East Street.

"I observed a silver Ford Fusion run the stop sign at Pershing and East Street," the officer reported. "The car struggled to maintain its lane and

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OBITUARIES



Sandra D. Sparkman

Funeral services celebrating the life of Sandra D. Sparkman will be held Monday, June 26, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church West Chapel in Minden, Louisiana with Bro. Leland Crawford officiating. Interment will follow at Gardens of Memory Cemetery in Minden, Louisiana under the direction of Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Minden. The family will receive friends Monday, June 26, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. at the church prior to the service time.

Sandra was born December 2, 1941, in Minden, Louisiana and entered into rest June 23, 2023, in Shreveport, Louisiana. Sandra was a faithful member of First Baptist Church Minden.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Grady and Eloise Sparkman.

She is survived by her brother, Gene Sparkman and wife Margaret of Katy, TX; nieces, Katie Eubank and husband Brent and their son Brooks of Denison, TX, Ezzie Goodwin and husband Joe and their son Redford of Fulshear, TX, and Stephanie Hitchcock and husband Michael of Houston, TX; uncle, Jim Sparkman and wife Margie of Walnut Creek, CA and their children, Doug Sparkman and wife Margaret of League City, TX and Tom Sparkman and wife Inken of Monte Serno, CA; cousin, Edwina Whitlow and husband David of Minden and their children Spencer Smith and wife Bethany of Ruston, and their children Adalyn and Avery, and cousin, Sara Rouse and husband Chris of New Orleans.

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Pamela K. Hillidge

Pamela Kay Hillidge, affectionately known to many as “Aunt Pam” passed away June 23, 2023, in Shreveport, Louisiana.

Visitation is planned for Thursday, June 29, 2023, from 5:00 -7:00 pm at Kilpatrick’s Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Minden, Louisiana. Services will be held on Friday, June 30, 2023, at 10:00 am at First Baptist Church sanctuary in Minden, Louisiana, followed by interment at Bistineau Cemetery in Heflin, Louisiana.

Pam was born in Minden, Louisiana, on September 23, 1955, and was a lifelong resident of Sibley, Louisiana.

She is preceded in death by her parents Jefferson Daniel and Vernice (Ancelet) Hillidge of Sibley, Louisiana, and her dear aunt, Agnes Reiners. She is survived by her brothers, Jeff Hillidge, of Sibley, Louisiana, and Jerry Hillidge and wife Patsy, of Homer, Louisiana.

Left to treasure the memory of Aunt Pam are nieces Julie Alexander and husband Scott of Minden, Louisiana, and Betsy Harris and husband Derek of Shreveport, Louisiana. Aunt Pam’s greatest source of joy were her great nieces, Rachel, Rebecca, and Hadley. She was sure to be present at all important milestones, recitals, ceremonies, and birthdays. She will also be deeply missed on weekend trips “to the country” by her canine nephew, Rolo.

As a member of First Baptist Church of Minden, Pam exemplified the true meaning of Christian servanthood by participating in many activities of the church including her Walk by Faith Sunday school class, the Right to

Life march, and the Embrace Grace ministry. She used her God-given talents as a pianist to accompany nursing home and church congregations in worship all over Webster Parish. As a born caretaker, Pam never hesitated to prepare a meal, make a grocery run, arrange the building of a wheelchair ramp, or dog sit for friends and family.

With over 40 years’ experience in the banking industry, Pam considered her customers and coworkers of Gibbsland Bank and Trust an honorary family. She believed in making a personal connection and was known for her exceptional hospitality and strawberry cake. Pam was a faithful public servant as the Republican Parish Executive Committee’s representative on the Webster Parish Board of Election Supervisors for many years.

Those who had the privilege to know Aunt Pam would speak of her love for all things coffee (except, of course, decaf) and her obsession with gardening. She was the only person to cultivate an all-season poinsettia and never met a Christmas cactus she didn’t like. If she wasn’t proudly texting you pictures of her latest daily blooms, she was bringing them in a vase for you to marvel in person.

As we mourn the loss of this remarkable, strong woman, let us find solace in the knowledge that she left an indelible mark on the hearts of those who had the immense privilege of knowing her.

The family would like to thank the medical and nursing staff of Willis Knighton North CCU, Minden Medical Center ER, and Claiborne Memorial Medical Center for the diligent and compassionate care provided to Pam. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Pam’s honor to the Embrace Grace ministry of First Baptist Church Minden, the Louisiana Right to Life, or charity of choice.

LIONS CLUB

Cresson speaks about fish conservation at Lions Club

AMBER MCDOWN  
Minden Press-Herald

David Cresson, executive director and CEO of the Coastal Conservation Association (CCA) of Louisiana, was the guest speaker at the noon Lions Club meeting on June 22.

CCA got its start in 1977 when a group of recreational fishermen formed the association in an effort to protect the populations of redfish and speckled trout that had been decimated by commercial overfishing along the Gulf Coast. CCA has expanded and now has 30 chapters all along the Gulf Coast, the South- and Mid-Atlantic regions, the California coast, and up into the Pacific Northwest. One of their largest chapters is located in Shreveport. Each chapter has regional fish that they help to manage and protect. But some species of fish are easier to protect than others.

“Many of our fish in the Gulf are managed by the federal government, and the federal government — without fail — does a pathetic job of managing fish,” said Cresson. Fish such as bluefin tuna, sailfish, red snapper, and marlin are considered offshore species and are managed by the federal government. “I wish we could get more of the management of those species into state management because, at least at the state level, we have more immediate access to that level; we can go to people like [Senator] Robert Mills and [Representative] Wayne McMahen, and they can help us start making a difference. Where, at the federal level, even though we’ve got great congressmen and women, the wheels of government in Washington D.C. grind extremely slowly.”



Beyond advocating for conservation at state and federal levels, CCA also helps scientists learn more about different species of fish including their habitats, migratory patterns, and population sizes; educates the public; awards scholarships; and helps restore habitats which have been destroyed either by nature or by man.

CCA has been building floating islands to expand wetlands as well as building artificial reefs.

“We build artificial reefs all along the coasts,” said Cresson. “One of the big issues we deal with in Louisiana is the loss of our reefs. There’s really two ways we lose our reefs. One, our oyster reefs across Louisiana are getting demolished. There’s a number of factors, but the number one factor is how we harvest them [dredging]. The other way that we’re losing habitat in Louisiana is the removal of the [oil] platforms in the Gulf of Mexico. And I call them reefs, because that’s what they become; the second they hit the water, they become a reef and

a habitat for fish. They’re being removed, but that’s removing fish habitats along with them. So we’re going behind those spots and rebuilding reefs.”

CCA is using old construction materials to replace these habitats, giving the smaller fish a place to call home which, in turn, attracts the larger fish. “In the last five weeks, we have built five reefs. These are expensive projects. They cost hundreds of thousands of dollars. We work with big companies like Shell and Chevron and ConocoPhillips and others to develop the funding for these projects. The state of Louisiana works with us and matches the dollars one-to-one,” Cresson said. “Once we build one of these projects, the fish show right back up.”

Cresson wants people to know also, that one of the biggest threats to fish is foreign owned industry. In particular, two companies, one out of Canada and the other out of South Africa, are coming to Louisiana’s shores and harvesting a very important forage species that we call poggy (menhaden) that

other fish need to live. They do this about 12,000 times a year in Louisiana.

“The important thing about menhaden is that everything in the Gulf of Mexico eats these fish,” said Cresson. “So when you pull a billion pounds out of our water, clearly you’re going to have an impact on the other fish that rely on that forage. Not to mention they also take about 50 million pounds or so or bi-catch — things like trout and redfish and shrimp and other species that we depend on.

“We’re the only state in America that allows them to do what we’re allowing. There are other states that allow them to do it offshore, but they don’t allow them to do it on their beaches like we do here in Louisiana.” Cresson asks that you as a voter in this upcoming election year, ask candidates what they plan to do about the poggy situation.

The Lions Club has interesting speakers every week. They meet on Thursdays at noon in the American Legion Memorial Home at 119 Pine Street.



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Hart.

At any given point, Shug’s will be offering 26 flavors out of their dipplings cabinets and, to keep things fresh, some of those flavors will be rotating out for new ones, giving people a reason to check in time and time again, possibly finding some new favorite flavors by doing so.

“Our supplier has over 100 flavors we will rotate in and out in our 26-flavor dipping cabinets. We will have our staples, some seasonal options, as well as just some fun choices. We will also have sugar-free options as well as vegan options. We are planning on specialty shakes as well,”

said Hart.

Shug’s will also be going mobile as well, allowing customers to mobily select which flavors they would enjoy and having Shug’s serve them at all manner of events.

“There will also be a mobile cart if you would like us to come to your event and bring ice cream. Our ice cream is from Madison, Wisconsin. It is some of the creamiest ice cream we’ve ever tried with 18% butterfat,” said Hart.

“We pray this is a successful endeavor not just for our family but for Main Street Minden as well. We plan to be open seven days a week to serve the cravings of our customers.”

SEEDS

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classes alongside the dads throughout the 11 weeks.

Each class session involved watching educational videos from Bright Course Fatherhood and engaging in discussions about the topics covered. However, some meetings focused solely on open discussions about the challenges these fathers faced and how they could make positive changes in their lives for the sake of their children.

As a token of appreciation and encouragement, each dad received a personalized Bible from Men of Courage, a gift card to Pizza Hut, a small Igloo lunch box, a key chain, cookies, and a generous \$100 gift card. These donations were made possible by the support of Living Word, St. Paul’s Catholic Church, Pizza Hut, the Meeker Family, and the Bradford Family.

The celebration was made even more special with Ol’ West BBQ, provided by Men of Courage, a delectable cake baked by Ms. Sarah Haynes, and refreshing drinks courtesy of Coca-Cola. Door prizes were given away, adding an element of excitement to the evening.

Amber Bradford invites interested fathers to participate in the upcoming Navigating Fatherhood class, the date for which will be announced soon. Additionally, she encourages anyone who is willing to lend their support as a Fisher of Men to contact her at Seeds Women’s Center.

The five honored dads, Joshua Blackwell, Sidney Bradley, Rocky Mims, Brigham Cheatham, and Calebb Bolton, have set an inspiring example of dedication and personal growth. Seeds Women’s Center applauds their commitment to becoming the best fathers they can be.

CRIME

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they’re using badge numbers,” said Minden Police Chief Jared McIver. “They’ve even used the PD phone number to call people.”

The Minden Police Department is not making these calls. Do not give money to anyone who calls you making these claims. If you do receive a call like this, please contact the police department and let them know about it as soon as possible.

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OPINION

Whistleblowers make clear that Hunter Biden received highly favorable treatment from DOJ

What a sweetheart deal. Two misdemeanors and pretrial diversion for countless crimes established by the Laptop from Hell.

It's really no surprise to learn that Pres. Biden's son, Hunter Biden, has received highly preferential treatment regarding the numerous criminal allegations against him, charges that would send most Americans and any Republican to federal prison for years.

It's still important, though, to know with clarity how Joe Biden has corrupted the DOJ and the FBI to protect Hunter and himself.

What am I referring to? This past week news broke that the Biden Department of Justice hindered, in numerous ways, the investigation of Hunter Biden.

Of course, for months, a lazy and compliant national media has spun the narrative that the investigation really wasn't receiving any special treatment. We now know that was false. Two whistleblowers, one named and one anonymous came forward this week and gave sworn testimony.

The named individual, Gary Shapley, a 14-year IRS veteran, and the anonymous individual have told a story of "blocked search warrants, tip-offs to Mr. Biden's (defense) team, squelched avenues of investigation, downgraded charges, and interference by Joe Biden's appointees." (K. Strassel,

WSJ, 6-23-23).

Shapley testified that the DOJ, its Tax Division and the Delaware U.S. Attorney's Office provided Hunter Biden with "preferential treatment and unchecked conflicts of interest." (WSJ, 6-23-23)

Shapley, head of an elite team of tax investigators, testified that his team was almost immediately prohibited from taking normal investigatory actions.

He was thwarted both in doing spontaneous questioning of witnesses and in searching for evidence because somehow the Hunter Biden defense team was tipped off and able to impede it.

Shapley was also not allowed to ask questions about "dad" or "the big guy". They were also prohibited from investigating campaign finance violations.

It goes on and on.

Shapley provided further evidence of influence peddling when he revealed a WhatsApp message in which Hunter Biden tells a Chinese businessman: "I'm sitting here with my father" and urges the businessman to fulfill the "commitment"

Hunter Biden then warns the businessman to personally resolve the issue that

night or "I will make certain that between the man sitting next to me and every person he knows and my ability to forever hold a grudge that you will regret not following my direction." (K. Strassel, WSJ, 6-23-23).

There are also photos of Hunter Biden on his later-abandoned laptop showing him at President Joe Biden's Wilmington, Delaware home on the day he included his father's name in the WhatsApp message he sent to threaten his Chinese business associate, Henry Zhao, an official working with Chinese energy conglomerate CEFC Energy. (Newsmax, 6-23-23).

While Shapley did not provide evidence that Joe Biden was actually in close physical proximity to Hunter Biden as he threatened businessman Zhao, "if Joe Biden was sitting next to his son as he sent the message as it suggests, it would be a fatal blow to the president's repeated claims that he never discussed overseas business deals with his son, and the photographs of Hunter Biden at what appears to be a family gathering at the Delaware home is the strongest indication that he was in close proximity to his father when he threatened the Chinese businessman." (Free Beacon, 6-22-23).

In another email later that day Hunter Biden also mentioned "me and my family", confirming an agreement

for a \$10 million contract for "introductions alone," with bonuses for any successful deals that come about as a result of the Biden family's efforts.

Still further, Shapley also points out that Hunter's one-time business partner, Rob Walker, admitted to investigators that an "orchestrated" appearance of Joe Biden while out of office was made to "bolster" the odds of a "deal work (ing) out."

For obvious reasons, Shapley recommended more serious felony charges than the minor counts to which Hunter Biden has now pled.

If this is not an example of influence peddling—and blatant corruption of our Constitutional principle of equal justice for all—then I don't know what is. If this is not what favorable treatment by prosecutors and glaring political interference which benefits the powerful at the expense of hardworking, law-abiding Americans looks like, I don't know what it would look like.

This is rank corruption and those guilty of it need to be held accountable. While that will not likely happen it is, nevertheless, important that the American people continue to be made aware of it.

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INSPIRATION

A tribute to my father

My Father, Roy Earnest Hudson, a native of Bethany, Illinois, an only child, born in 1895, the son of George Washington McClellan Hudson, a circuit riding minister who met and married my namesake, Sarah Alice Ritz, while on a revival in Licking, Missouri.

What a treasure trove of information in the first paragraph!

I knew so little about our daddy because he was so sick during my childhood up until he died, from congestive heart failure, at home in bed in what was then called the front room on March 19, 1958.

Also he was afflicted with chronic appendicitis for years.

I felt rootless and drawn to delve into the old family trunk because I sensed that there was much to be learned about our genetic lineage. I was very productive after the age of thirty, in 1978, while I located living long lost relatives with the aid of directory assistance and our old family trunk which was full of old family pictures, letters and

other memorabilia.

Each call turned up a clue leading me to another line of our family, including the Morris line on my maternal side of the family tracing me back to the Governor Lewis Morris, an ancestor from Monmouth County, New Jersey, tracing me back fourteen generations to Monmouthshire, Wales.



SARAH HUDSON PIERCE

With each connection I was enriched because I have connected to more living long lost relatives than anyone I know.

But now I know that our greatest legacy came from what my daddy gave to my sister, Alice, and myself just days before he died.

He chose to speak separately

to us because he knew that what he was telling us would lead us to a brighter day. His last words to my sister, Alice, and myself, just days before he died, gave us a foundation and the security that we needed to face years of suffering when we went to an orphanage after he died.

Our minister, Wayne Earnest, visited with our father at least once a week up until he died. Their conversations continue to play such an important part in our future.

Even though I knew little about my father until I began a family tree tracing jaunt at the age of thirty in 1978, I know he gave me what money cannot buy.

Shortly before he died he told us that he wanted us to become Christians just as soon as we were old enough to know what we were doing. Neither one of us told the other about his final request until years later even though we both heeded his advice.

Having the courage to step out

and be baptized as a shy undersized girl of fourteen I needed all of the courage I could muster going into the cruel abuse that we would suffer in this church run orphanage.

I never questioned my faith because I knew that "all things work together for good to them that love the Lord."

Though I cried myself to sleep every nights for months on end I sensed that pain was a shaping device that God was using to bring me out stronger to a brighter day!

If I could live my life over and avoid the pain but lose the joy I feel today I would not change anything in my life. It's what we go through that makes us stronger.

The lines from Steel Magnolias are so true: "what doesn't kill you makes you stronger" but being human we try to avoid pain. It is only natural.

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OPINION

Brown: Some things to do this Independence Day

Next Tuesday is the Fourth of July! This holiday is one of my very favorite and most memorable holidays of the year! July 4, 2023 officially marks America's 247th birthday! It was on July 4, 1776 that Congress adopted our Declaration of Independence (though history shows that our Declaration of Independence was actually voted on and signed in the Second Continental Congress on July 2, 1776).

As I said above, July 4th has always been one of my very favorite holidays because of what it stands for. When I was a teenager in junior high school, I vividly remember the celebration of America's Bicentennial on July 4, 1976. I remember the months and months of historical celebration and promotion

leading up to our Bicentennial.

Furthermore, I remember exactly what our family did on



RANDY BROWN

that very day. And, I also remember that we attended a celebration on the Shreveport Riverfront that evening (a celebration very similar to riverfront celebration that has happened over the last several years). Wow, the fact that it has now been 47 years since that time seems impossible.

Just a few years later, I also remember my Dad bringing me

home two Susan B. Anthony silver dollars which were originally minted in 1979 by our United States Mint. As a matter of fact, I still have the two silver dollars somewhere. They were only minted in 1979, 1980, 1981 and again in 1999. So, one day soon, I will have to find them (hopefully). They may be valuable.

If you have a flag to fly on July 4th, I hope that you display it proudly. If you are able to attend church around July 4th, I hope that your church celebrates patriotism both in message and in song. And, I hope that your church gives thanks to God for the many freedoms that we enjoy in our country. America is truly a blessed nation. As such, we should all give constant thanks and praise to

God for the greatness that HE has bestowed upon our blessed nation. We are mighty and we are free.

Of course, not all nations can say this. And sometimes, I wonder about the erosion of some of our freedoms in this country. In many ways, it seems that we see some of our freedoms and privileges slipping away right before our very eyes. As U.S. citizens, we are guaranteed certain rights and privileges by our Constitution (the most important of which are specifically outlined in The Bill of Rights). To say that our Constitution is a "work in progress" or imply that our rights and privileges can be taken away based upon a certain political leader's aspirations or beliefs is a complete

180 degree turn from the direction that our Founding Fathers intended for our nation to follow. That type of political philosophy goes directly back to the tyrannic King from which our founding fathers were fleeing when they founded our great nation.

We are the United States of America. We are proud. And again, we are mighty and free!

I hope that you and your families have a very happy, safe and fun Fourth of July! Most importantly, let's come together on July 4th to celebrate what makes our nation great!

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL



VALLETTE WEAVER/SPECIAL TO THE PRESS-HERALD  
Minden's Kaiden Shine celebrates a score during a 7-on-7 game last week at Lakeside.



VALLETTE WEAVER/SPECIAL TO THE PRESS-HERALD  
Minden's Cameron Mitchell catches a pass during a 7-on-7 game against Haynesville last week at Lakeside.

Minden coach pleased with team's progress

RUSSELL HEDGES  
Minden Press-Herald

About a month into summer offseason workouts, Minden Head Coach Spencer Heard is pleased with the progress his team is making.

In addition to regular practices three days a week, weightlifting and speed work, the Crimson Tide have been playing 7-on-7 games each Thursday against Airline and Lakeside.

The first games were June 15 at Airline. Last week, Haynesville joined the three teams at Lakeside. The next games are set for Thursday at 10 a.m. at Minden.

While the games are certainly competitive, the outcome isn't what's important. Developing skills that will help win games

in the fall is the main purpose.

Of course, 7-on-7 is all passing so it mainly helps develop timing between quarterbacks and receivers. Defensive backs also hone coverage techniques.

"It's been good," Heard said. "I feel like we're getting good work. I think it's really good especially for our defensive backs because they have to try to cover for such an extended period of time. There's definitely been some progress in that area."

Minden has a new starting quarterback in rising junior Hudson Brown, son of Minden head boys basketball coach Jacob Brown, himself a former Tide quarterback.

"We've got a young quarterback," Heard said. "He's getting a lot of looks, different schematic looks,

but also just getting used to our scheme in terms of knowing where guys are and kind of getting comfortable with the receivers.

"It's good to get Hudson those reps. He's showing he's got the ability for sure."

Rising senior Jakobe Jackson, one of the area's best athletes, was the starting quarterback last year and will likely see some action at the position again.

But Jackson will mainly be used as a slot receiver and safety.

"He's definitely our most explosive player," Heard said.

Heard said he couldn't pinpoint just one receiver or defensive back who's stood out.

"I think they're all just working hard," he said.

The 7-on-7 games are

especially beneficial to the young players.

"One of the things we try to do too with the 7-on-7 stuff is just have a lot of guys get reps," Heard said. "Young guys, just kind of throw them out there and see what they can do

"Some of the young ones get out there and they do some positive things but then they get beat and make mistakes but that's how they learn. I definitely saw a progression from the first 7-on-7 to the second one. Hopefully it just keeps getting better as the summer wears on."

Minden is playing in a 7-on-7 tournament in El Dorado, Ark., on July 12.

The official start of fall practice for teams that had spring practice is Aug. 7. The Crimson Tide opens the season Sept. 2 at Parkway.

New Glenbrook coach hits the ground running

RUSSELL HEDGES  
Minden Press-Herald

New Glenbrook Head Coach Reagan Smith has been guiding his team through summer workouts for about four weeks now. He said things have gone smoothly so far.

"It's just a really good fit," he said late last week. "The kids are very coachable. They're used to winning. They're learning my way of working out. And it just seems to be going really positively."

Smith was officially named head coach on May 11. The Apaches started summer workouts on June 1.

This is Smith's first head coaching job after a highly successful career as an assistant with stints at North Caddo, Parkway, Logansport, Evangel Christian and West Monroe.

He spent the last four seasons helping North Caddo enjoy unprecedented success.

"I felt like I needed a new challenge," he said. "When I stepped back and analyzed what all had occurred in my career I felt like I needed to try it. I needed to kind of expand on what I had already done. And I didn't know what that would look like. So far I feel really good about it."

Glenbrook hasn't played 7-on-7 games against outside competition. But the Apaches have competed against each other.

"We probably won't participate in any tournaments," Smith said. "But we have done a little bit with each other and it has been really positive. It's good or better than I expected."

Besides regular workouts, weight training has

been at the forefront.

A former offensive line coach, weight training is something that's especially important to Smith, who is an expert in the area.

"That's my thing," he said. "I'm a big weight room guy. But not in a traditional sense. I try to track like what is the latest and greatest in basically strength technology. And so we try to implement things that give us an edge in that respect."

Smith said about 50 players in grades 7-12 have been participating in workouts this month.

The Apaches are coming off a 12-1 season that ended with a 28-27 loss to eventual champion Ouachita Christian in the quarterfinals of the select Division IV playoffs.

Many of the key players from that team are gone.

"The good news is we return more lineman, more functional, capable linemen, than I can remember almost anywhere I've been," Smith said. "So there are tons of linemen and there are still a handful of athletes. So I think that that's really positive. I think that that's really something that was a pleasant surprise."

One player Smith is especially high on is rising senior Landry Powell, who is also an outstanding baseball player.

Smith said Powell will be playing linebacker and could line up just about anywhere on offense.

"He's a college level player," Smith said. "On offense he can play all of them, like literally he can play quarterback, running back, receiver. He has the potential to be a really good receiver."

OUTDOORS

LDWF says leave fawns alone

GLYNN HARRIS

Kay and I were driving home after a special Father's Day lunch in town, and as I glanced toward the pasture across the road from our home, something caught my eye. It was a tiny fawn standing within a few yards of the pasture fence.

I stopped, lowered the window and snapped a few photos of the little fellow before it wandered off across the pasture. I posted a snapshot of the little deer on Facebook and within an hour, there were responses from others around the region who had also seen newborn fawns.

"We saw one about 20 minutes ago less than a few hours old"... "I saw one outside of Tullos in Winn Parish last Wednesday"... "One was in my yard"... "My husband saw two today here in the woods."

What does this all mean? You don't have to be a wildlife biologist to realize that this is the time of year when fawns are being born in our area.

Every year about this time, I receive a press release from the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) reminding people who encounter what appear to be abandoned young deer alone in the outdoors, that those fawns should be left undisturbed.

Here's how the press release reads..."Every year the department receives calls from concerned citizens who have found what they consider to be "abandoned" fawns. Well intentioned, concerned citizens sometimes bring fawns home and then call the department to retrieve and raise them.

"LDWF is alerting the public that it is against the law to capture young deer or any other wild animal. If caught transporting or



COURTESY PHOTO  
Baby fawns are being born this time of year. Best advice is to take a photo if you like and move away. The mother will be along shortly.

possessing wild deer without a permit, well meaning individuals may be subject to citations and fines.

"Picking up fawns seriously diminishes their chance to live a normal and healthy life. When a fawn is born, it is weak, awkward and unable to move well enough to feed and escape predators. However, the newborn fawn has a coat of light brown hair liberally covered with white spots that provides excellent camouflage against predators. The mother doe will remain in the area to feed and nurture the fawn. When the young deer gets older and stronger it will be able to forage for food with its mother.

"When encountering fawns in the wild, simply

leave them untouched and depart quietly from the area. This action will provide the young deer its best chance to survive in the wild and prevent a possible citation for a well-intentioned outdoorsman.

"There have been too many cases of kind-hearted folks picking up what they believe to be an abandoned fawn and with the idea of keeping it as a cute little pet. There have been numerous reports of that sweet little creature becoming aggressive and dangerous once it reaches maturity.

"If it is confirmed that the mother has in fact died, such as seeing a fawn next to a road-killed doe, what you should do is call the LDWF and report what you

find. There are facilities that are licensed to take in such baby animals."

If you should chance to walk up on one in the weeds or next to a log, snap a photo if you would like and back away slowly. The doe is likely peaking through the brush somewhere nearby and is probably watching you to see if you are a threat to her baby. Once things settle down and you leave, she'll return and the little one will follow her away.

It's tempting I know to have compassion on what seems to be a helpless little baby deer and rescue it from harm when in fact, this is Mother Nature's way of taking care of the situation. Mother doesn't need your help.

Fishing Report

**BLACK BAYOU** – Fishing in general has been good for bream, crappie and bass especially fishing around the trees and brush. Contact Honey Hole Tackle Shop 323-8707 for latest information.

**BUSSEY BRAKE** – Big bass in the 8-9 pound range with an occasional 10 pound or better being caught flipping soft plastics or spinner baits around the brush. Crappie are scattered and fair while some bream are still around shallow bedding areas. For latest information, contact the Honey Hole at 323-8707.

**OUACHITA RIVER** – Water levels are lower and fishing is good. Bass are best fishing shad imitations in the cuts while crappie are best fishing shiners or jigs in the river lakes. Bream are fair to good. For latest information, contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

**LAKE D'ARBONNE** – Bass fishing has been good early mornings fishing topwater lures around the grass. Later in the day, look for them in deeper water where crank baits and spinners are working best. Crappie are on the edge of the flats near the channels and shiners and jigs are picking up some good fish. 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 CLAIRBORNE** – Night fishing has been best for crappie fishing shiners under the lights around the piers and boat houses. Bass fishing has been fair to good fishing soft plastics or spinners around the piers. Some stripers are beginning to show up in the coves and hitting shad imitation lures. Bream are fair to good around spawning areas. No report on catfish. For latest information, call Kel's Cove at 927-2264 or Terzia Tackle at 278-4498.

**CANEY LAKE** – Bass fishing has been best at night with Carolina rigs and deep diving crank baits along with soft plastics picking up some good fish. Crappie are fair around the deep brush on shiners or jigs. The bream bite is slowing as the spawn is about over and they've moving from the shallow spawning areas. 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** – 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 with a slight rise coming and fishing is good for barfish, bream, bass, catfish and crappie. For information, call Surplus City Landing at 318/467-2259.



# Good News

GOOD NEWS

## O Say Can You See....O Can You Hear....O Can You Feel...Freedom Ringing?

There have been many days when “we could not see clearly”, but forward we dared to march. Since the Pilgrims’ feet first touched the Plymouth Rock, the symphonic sound of freedom rang forth clear and loud. And on through each generation, as they climbed the Appalachians, forded the Allegheny and Ohio Rivers, fought off the frontier attacks of the French and Indians, those pioneers were whistling “let freedom ring throughout this land”. Once ‘freedom’ was poured into the Mississippi, and once the westward wind caught the melody strong, it was being sung all the way to New Orleans and the Pacific shores. Every where Americans placed their feet on new soil, Ole Glory was raised and freedom rang out loud and clear for all. Never before in the history of the world’s governments has there been a country born with such ideals for her citizens as we have enjoyed through the years. History

reveals the “freedom affect” like that of peeling onions- as one generation is peeled, behold the next one reveals layers of new horizons, opportunities, and new tones of freedom. And so each year, we focus on the great privileges of living in this wonderful nation, celebrating our nation’s birthday. Independence Day!

Imagine taking a trip abroad for a week or so. Plant your feet on someone else’s soil and test the freedom waters beyond our borders. Soon, it will be obvious what we boast about. Many Hollywood actors who are so dissatisfied with everything that is “so wrong with America”, should know better since many are world travelers. They boast and threaten about “leaving

this country if this or that happens, etc”. Now where would they like to settle? Myanmar? China? Afghanistan? Iran? Well, very few (if any) have followed through with their threats. But there surely is room for all of them in one of these “freedom loving countries”. Think of how many of these entertainers can have their “dream come true” living as they do! In their hearts, they know where their “bread is buttered”. Oh, but that has been just the opposite of my limited travel experiences. Brazil, Belize, Germany, The Czech Republic, Mexico, Cayman Islands and Nicaragua all have their enticements, their wealth of history all around to enjoy. Yet, at the end of the day, when one lies down to private thoughts, guess what thoughts come to mind? It is so true, “there’s no place like home”. Even if we don’t like the taxes, fuel cost, speed limit, or how someone talks—we still know there is a freedom here that millions

have braved all sorts of dangers to “taste America and pledge allegiance” to Ole Glory. Many still believe our young men and women are standing firm around the world, defending our rights and privileges. They also defend these rights of those who openly demonstrate against them. Yes, freedom comes with a cost. We all pay for it. Some more than others! Some skip paying their dues, yet the total debt must be paid. In full! Spiritual freedom, too, is very costly. But this price was paid in full by Jesus himself. “If you have been set free by the Son, then you are truly free.” Yes, true freedom is all wrapped up in the nail-scarred hands of our Lord. This is the best kind of freedom we can pursue. When the heart is liberated, the soul set free from sin, the person can face the challenges of each day (free or in bondage), knowing the Holy Spirit will direct one’s pathway to Almighty God who

has made eternal promises to His Children. Today, with national elections in the distance, we may faintly hear the freedom bells ringing. Many things are trying to stifle the sound, many just do not care. Can there be one American who can honestly say, “we are not truly blessed”? I think not! Even the poorest of the poor would be considered one of means in most other countries. It is all because of the American dream, the freedom sounds of the flag as it waves over the land of the free and home of the brave. May that ever be true! May this truly be a day to celebrate our Independence.... and our great dependence on Christ the Prince of Peace! Though peace may never come to earth in a physical manner, peace has a way of seeping through and invading our hearts because of the love of our Lord.

**BILL CRIDER IS CHAPLAIN OF MINDEN MEDICAL CENTER**



Bill Crider

### THE UPWARD LOOK

#### Growing Fruit

*“(for the fruit of the Light consists in all goodness and righteousness and truth),” Ephesians 5:9 NASB*



Max Hutto

Being a child of Light, the believer in Christ produces fruit that is consistent with the Light. This fruit grows as the believer walks each day in Christ, living a lifestyle that is pleasing and honoring the Lord. Goodness is living by loving as Christ loved, actively showing kindness and sharing His mercy, grace, and love. Righteousness is living in

holiness and in right standing in God’s sight by doing what is right. Truth is living by the standard of God’s Word, the Bible, by obeying the will of God.

Lord Jesus, may my life, every thought, word, and action, shine forth reflecting Your light, producing a character and life filled with goodness, righteousness, and truth.

**MAX HUTTO IS A BAPTIST MINISTER AND A RESIDENT OF MINDEN. MORE INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND AT [WWW.UPWARDLOOK.ORG](http://WWW.UPWARDLOOK.ORG).**

### INSPIRATION

#### Faith

Let’s talk about something difficult to find at times and hard to maintain. This item is not tangible, visible, or available for purchase. This item is something much deeper than the everyday ordinary mundane. We can’t overemphasize its importance because it helps maintain our relationship with God! The item I’m speaking of with such pomp is faith. During a conversation with his disciples, Jesus said in Mark 11:22-24 NIV “Have faith in God,” Jesus answered. “Truly I tell you, if anyone says to this mountain, ‘Go, throw yourself into the sea,’ and does not doubt



Bernard Harris

in their heart but believes that what they say will happen, it will be done for them. Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.” The world we currently live in is burdened with many issues especially as of late and that’s exactly why God gives us faith! I’m here to encourage everyone to have faith over fear and leave all their burdens in the hands of God.

**BERNARD HARRIS III IS A HAUGHTON FIREMAN AND A LOCAL RESIDENT OF MINDEN**

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June 5, 2023

### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS WEBSTER PARISH POLICE JURY

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The proposals must be in the hands of the undersigned no later than **9:00 a.m., Wednesday, July 5, 2023** in the Courthouse House Annex meeting room of the Webster Parish Police Jury, 401 Main Street, Minden, Louisiana 71055. The bid forms and specification sheets are available at no charge in the office of the Secretary-Treasurer, Webster Parish Police Jury. Successful bids will be approved at the Regular Meeting, Webster Parish Police Jury on July 5, 2023.

The Webster Parish Police Jury is a tax-exempt governmental agency.

The Webster Parish Police Jury abides by the requirements of the Louisiana Bid Law.

ALL BIDS SUBMITTED MUST BE CLEARLY MARKED.

Webster Parish Police Jury

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Lisa Balkom  
Secretary-Treasurer

June 7, 2023

June 14, 2023  
June 21, 2023  
June 28, 2023  
Minden Press-Herald

**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 property owned him at the corner of Country Club Circle and Lewisville Road.

#### Legal Description:

TRACT A: A 0.17 acre, more or less, tract of land located in the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NE¼ of NW¼), 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 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 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 run South 14 degrees 51 minutes 43 seconds West for a distance of 159.43 feet to a found 3/4 inch iron rod; thence run North 87 degrees 31 minutes 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 (NE¼ of NW¼), 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 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 right of way of Lewisville 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 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 (NE¼ of NW¼), 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 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 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 52 seconds West for 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 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 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.

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

June 14, 2023  
June 21, 2023  
June 28, 2023  
Minden Press-Herald

### SHERIFF'S SALE

PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC VS. PAMELA LYNN CECCARELLI

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 80719

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-OUT the benefit of appraisal and according to law at the principal front door of the Courthouse in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana on WEDNESDAY, August 2, 2023, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

BEGINNING AT THE Southeast Corner of that part of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 10, Township 23 North, Range 11 West Webster Parish, Louisiana, lying West of the Minden-Lewisville Road for the point of beginning of the lot herein described, thence run West 70 yards; thence run North 70 yards; thence run East 70 yards; thence run South 70 yards to the point of beginning, containing one (1) acre, more or less; 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

June 28, 2023  
July 26, 2023  
Minden Press-Herald

### PUBLIC NOTICE

The 2022-2023 budget of the Webster Parish Sheriff's Office WPPJ Construction Fund has been amended as follows:  
Revenue \$0.00  
Expenses \$0.00

June 28, 2023  
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Town of Cotton Valley Monthly Meeting  
Meeting Date: June 13, 2023

Meeting was called to

order by Mayor Ashley Williams Jones

Invocation and Pledge was led by Alderman Reggie Shaw and in unison.

Roll call by municipal clerk, Tiffany Parish  
**1. Alderman R. Shaw – present**  
**2. Alderman J. Carter – present**  
**3. Alderman E. Parish – present**  
**4. Alderman C. Lewis – present**  
**5. Alderman D. Hawkins – present**  
**We have a quorum (5) present (0) absent.**

Motion to accept the June 2023 agenda. Motioned by Alderman R. Shaw and 2nd by Alderman J. Carter. **Motion Passed.**

Motion to accept May 2023 meeting minutes, motioned by Alderman J. Carter and 2nd by Alderman R. Shaw. **Motion Passed.**

Motion to pay June 2023 bills, motioned by Alderman E. Parish and 2nd by Alderman R. Shaw. **Motion Passed.**

Committee Report: District meeting will be in Haughton on June 26th at 6:00 p.m. Army will be attending a Grant writing class next week.

Mayor's Report: Doing a lot with ditches and getting grass cut. Got new utility truck, working on logos to put on truck and all the equipment. Streetlight by C. Cox Park needs to be replaced.

Citizens' input on the current agenda matters only. None

### Old Business

1. Resolution to approve updated traffic ticket pricing. Motion by Alderman R. Shaw and 2nd by Alderman D. Hawkins. **Motion Passed.**  
**New Business**  
1. Emergency evacuation plan. Board will use resources to draw up plan for the Town.  
2. Water/Sewer cutoff procedures/Alderman Delvin Hawkins. Discussion was held on how the cutoff procedures are put in place. The board agreed with the procedures.  
3. Police Department Policies & Procedures. Spreadsheets were provided to the board on monthly expenses and monthly revenue for the police department. Alderman D. Hawkins presented the issue of the police cars running while unattended.  
4. **Police Report** – Chief Donnie Dillard absents.

**Adjournment** – Motion made by Alderman D. Hawkins and 2nd by Alderman J. Carter. The meeting was adjourned.

Ashley Jones Mayor

Tiffany Parish  
Municipal Clerk

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**SHERIFF'S SALE**  
U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE OF CABANA SERIES V TRUST VS. JAMES H. CARRELL

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. CV80685

By virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued out of the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, in the above styled and numbered suit and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder for cash WITH the benefit of appraisal and according to law at the principal front door of the Courthouse in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana on WEDNESDAY, July 5, 2023, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

Begin at the Southeast corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SW¼ of SE¼), Section 16, Township 19 North, Range 9 West; Webster Parish, Louisiana, and run North 1320 feet to a railroad spoke in the Buddy Brown Road; thence run West 525 feet; thence

run South 25 feet; thence run West 106.84 feet to the point of beginnings; thence run South 0 degrees 30 minutes 43 seconds East 245.16 feet to set 5/8" iron rod; thence run North 428.74 feet; thence run East 667.8 feet to the point of beginning, containing 5.34 acres, more or less, together with all improvements located thereon and all rights thereto belonging, and being the same property shown and designated on plat of survey prepared by Paul W. Culpepper, Registered Land Surveyor, dated February 11, 1999 and completely revised March 22, 1999, a copy of same attached to Registry Number 427515, records of Webster Parish, Louisiana, having a municipal address of 601 Buddy Brown Road, Minden, Louisiana 71055.

### 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

May 31, 2023  
June 28, 2023  
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### PUBLIC NOTICE

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**FOR SALE**  
**TIMBERLAND SALE**  
**141 acres (Bid Sale) Claiborne Parish, LA**  
**Call or Text 318-927-5634 to request a Bid Prospectus.**  
**GARAGE/ESTATE SALES**

**GARAGE SALE!**  
709 Cline Street.  
Saturday July 1st from 7am - 3pm. Furniture, household items, clothing, fish fryer, vacuum cleaner, and so much more.

ADOPT...DON'T SHOP



The Sibley Town Council met in regular session on Monday, June 12, 2023, at 6:00 PM in the Sibley Town Hall Meeting Room.

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

Mayor Williams opened the meeting with prayer and he led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Wayne Bolton motioned to adopt the minutes of the May 8, 2023, regular meeting as read; Helen Chanler seconded. Motion carried.

Robert Smart motioned to add 2023 Utility Rate to the agenda. Richard Davis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

There were no public comments.

Alan Myers motioned to enter into the Public Hearing for proposed 2023 Amendment to Ordinance 126-S, proposed Ordinance No. 126-T, and proposed Ordinance No. 147-F, Wayne Bolton seconded. Motion carried.

Alan Myers motioned to exit the Public Hearing and enter back into the June meeting. Richard Davis seconded. Motion carried.

Robert Smart motioned to bring proposed 2023 Amendment to Ordinance No. 126-S titled **AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF SIBLEY, LOUISIANA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023**, to a vote. Wayne Bolton seconded. Motion carried.

YEAS: 5 – Helen Chanler, Richard Davis, Alan Myers, Wayne Bolton, and Robert Smart  
NAYS: 0  
ABSENT: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0

The 2023 Amendment to Ordinance No. 126-S was adopted.

Richard Davis motioned to bring proposed Ordinance No. 126-T titled **AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF SIBLEY, LOUISIANA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024**, to a vote. Robert Smart seconded. Motion carried.

YEAS: 5 – Helen Chanler, Richard Davis, Alan Myers, Alan Myers, Wayne Bolton, and Robert Smart  
NAYS: 0  
ABSENT: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0

The Ordinance No. 126-T was adopted.

Wayne Bolton motioned to bring proposed Ordinance No. 147-F titled **AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION FOR MUNICIPAL ELECTED OFFICIALS AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES FOR THE TOWN OF SIBLEY, LOUISIANA, AND PROVIDING IN CONNECTION THEREWITH** to a vote. Richard Davis seconded. Motion carried.

YEAS: 5 – Helen Chanler, Richard Davis, Alan Myers, Wayne Bolton, and Robert Smart  
NAYS: 0  
ABSENT: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0

The Ordinance No. 147-F was adopted.

Wayne Bolton motioned to adopt Resolution No. 2023-05, increasing water and wastewater base rates beginning on the July, 2023, billing, as follows:

	Inside Town Limits	Outside Town Limits
Water Minimum 2000 gallons	\$24.00	\$27.00
Rate after minimum	\$3.50 per 1000 gallons	\$3.50 per 1000 gallons
Wastewater Minimum 2000 gallons	\$21.00 (\$50 cap)	\$26.50 (\$55 cap)

Richard Davis seconded. Motion carried.

Richard Davis gave the May, 2023, activity report for the Sibley Volunteer Fire Department.

Sibley Officer Josh Davis gave the May, 2023, activity report for the Sibley Police Department.

The Council acknowledged receipt of the May, 2023, financial reports.

Richard Davis motioned to adjourn; Alan Myers seconded. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.

Attest:  
*Linda Christy*  
Linda Christy  
Deputy Clerk

**TOWN OF SIBLEY**  
**2023 AMENDMENT**  
**ORDINANCE NO. 126-S**

### AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF SIBLEY, LOUISIANA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023.

The budget must be amended when total revenue and other sources in addition to projected revenues and other sources for the remainder of the year are failing to meet the total budgeted revenues and other sources by five percent or more.

The budget must also be amended when the total actual expenditures and other uses in addition to projected expenditures and other uses for the remainder of the year are exceeding the total budgeted expenditures and other uses by five percent or more.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Sibley, Parish of Webster, State of Louisiana, that the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2023 be amended as follows:

### SECTION I.

GENERAL FUND		
Revenue:		
Line Item:	Budgeted:	Amendment:
Misc. Income:	\$15,000	\$178,500
Total Revenue:	\$589,335	\$767,835
Expenditures:		
Land Purchase	\$0	\$177,000
Total Expenditures:	\$589,335	\$803,849

### SECTION II.

POLICE DEPARTMENT		
Revenue:		
Line Item:	Budgeted:	Amendment:
TT Collections:	\$80,000	\$100,000
Sales Tax Collections:	\$34,000	\$40,000
Total Revenue:	\$189,640	\$215,640
Expenditures:		
Supplies:	\$2,000	\$28,000
Total Expenditures:	\$189,640	\$215,640

### SECTION III.

If any provision or item of this amendment or application thereof is held invalid such invalidity shall not affect any other provisions, items or applications of this ordinance or of the original ordinance, which could be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

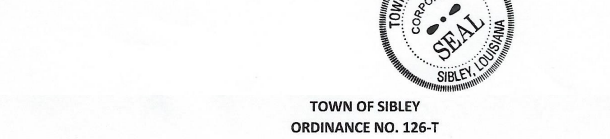
### SECTION III.

This amendment to Ordinance No. 126-S was introduced on May 8, 2023, a public notice was posted on May 9, 2023 and a Public Hearing was held on June 12, 2023. This amendment was read and considered on June 12, 2023 at an open regular session of the Board of Aldermen. Upon a motion made by Robert Smart seconded by Wayne Bolton the following vote was taken:

YEAS: 5 – Wayne Bolton, Helen Chanler, Richard Davis, Alan Myers, Robert Smart  
NAYS: 0  
ABSENT: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0

Attest:  
*Jimmy Williams*  
Jimmy Williams, Mayor  
*Sherry McCann*  
Sherry McCann, Town Clerk

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**TOWN OF SIBLEY**  
**ORDINANCE NO. 126-T**

### AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF SIBLEY, LOUISIANA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Sibley, Parish of Webster, State of Louisiana, that the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024, be and it is hereby adopted as follows:

TOWN OF SIBLEY ORDINANCE NO. 126-T			
SECTION I. GENERAL FUND			
REVENUE:	2023 - 2024 Budget	EXPENDITURES:	2023 - 2024 Budget
Property Tax	\$70,000	Mayor's Salary	\$26,000
Sales Tax	\$160,000	Alderman's Salary	\$34,500
Franchise Tax	\$30,000	Other Salaries	\$87,500
Occupational License Tax	\$60,000	Payroll Tax	\$10,500
Rent Income	\$4,800	Employee Benefits	\$26,000
Miscellaneous	\$15,500	Office Supply & Postage	\$11,000
Interest Income	\$100	Utilities	\$40,000
Civic Center Revenue	\$12,000	Audit & Accounting	\$4,800
Mayor's Court	\$13,000	Legal Fees	\$5,000
Beginning Fund Balance	\$250,000	Office Publications	\$2,000
LAMP Oil & Gas	\$22,000	Building Maintenance	\$8,000
		Insurance	\$25,000
TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUE	\$623,400	Dues	\$1,000

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	Travel	\$9,000
	Employee Training	\$3,000
	Uniforms	\$1,000
	Mayor's Court	\$2,100
	Parks & Beautification	\$11,000
	Miscellaneous	\$2,500
	Equipment Maintenance	\$6,000
	Coroner	\$4,000
	Contingency Fund	\$127,623
	Capital Outlay	\$80,000
	Transfer to Police Dept.	\$82,377
	Civic Center Expenses	\$10,000
	IRA	\$3,500
	<b>TOTAL GF EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$623,400</b>

TOWN OF SIBLEY  
ORDINANCE NO. 126-T

SECTION II.  
POLICE DEPARTMENT

REVENUE:	2023 - 2024 Budget	EXPENDITURES:	2023 - 2024 Budget
Sales Tax	\$40,000	Police Chief Salary	\$23,000
Transfer from General Fund	\$82,377	Other PD Salaries	\$96,000
PD Fines	\$100,000	IRA	\$0
Miscellaneous	\$0	Payroll Tax	\$9,100
Donations	\$0	Supplemental Pay P/R Tax	\$460
Patrol Car Savings	\$0	Employee Benefits	\$8,000
Beginning Fund Balance	\$3,640	Supplies	\$2,000
<b>TOTAL PD REVENUES</b>	<b>\$226,017</b>	Insurance	\$24,000
		Dues	\$200
		Office Supplies & Postage	\$1,000
		Gasoline	\$9,000
		Vehicle Maintenance	\$3,000
		Uniforms	\$1,000
		Equipment	\$1,500
		Miscellaneous	\$6,000
		Patrol Car Savings Account	\$0
		Ticket Expense	\$20,000
		Donation Expense	\$0
		Transfer to GF (Court Cost)	\$6,000
		Travel	\$750
		Audit & Accounting	\$2,900
		Patrol Car Loan	\$12,107
		<b>TOTAL PD EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$226,017</b>

TOWN OF SIBLEY  
ORDINANCE NO. 126-T

SECTION III.  
REVENUE & OPERATING

REVENUE:	2023 - 2024 Budget	EXPENDITURES:	2023 - 2024 Budget
Collections	\$300,000	Salaries	\$57,000
DHH Safe Drinking Water	\$7,400	IRA	\$0
Sales Tax (Commercial)	\$2,000	Superintendent Salary	\$16,300
Tapping / Service Charges	\$3,500	Payroll Tax	\$6,000
Miscellaneous	\$1,000	Employee Benefits	\$13,000
Interest Income	\$150	DHH Safe Drinking Water	\$7,400
Grant Income	\$36,018	Sales Tax (Commercial)	\$2,000
ARPA Funding	\$0	Utilities	\$18,000
Beginning Fund Balance	\$67,000	Office Supplies & Postage	\$4,100
Waterworks Cash	\$27,000	Audit & Accounting	\$5,000
Waterworks LAMP	\$0	Office Publications	\$400
Vehicle LAMP Fund	\$0	Insurance	\$20,000
<b>TOTAL R/O REVENUE</b>	<b>\$444,068</b>	Dues / Certifications	\$600
		Uniforms	\$2,000
		Miscellaneous	\$5,000
		Gasoline	\$5,000
		Vehicle Maintenance	\$3,000
		Maintenance & Repair	\$35,000
		Vehicle Fund LAMP	\$5,000
		Chemicals & Supplies	\$60,000
		Add'l Transfer to SOM	\$15,000
		Grant Expense	\$0
		ARPA Funding Expenses	\$0
		Contingency	\$164,268
		<b>TOTAL R/O EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>\$444,068</b>

TOWN OF SIBLEY  
ORDINANCE NO. 126-T

SECTION IV.  
SEWER OPERATING & MAINTENANCE

REVENUE:	2023 - 2024 Budget	EXPENDITURES:	2023 - 2024 Budget
Collections	\$160,000	Superintendent Salary	\$30,000
Add'l Transfer from R/O	\$5,300	Admin Clerk	\$0
Interest Income	\$25	Payroll Tax	\$2,400
Beginning Fund Balance	\$16,000	IRA	\$0
<b>TOTAL SOM REVENUE</b>	<b>\$181,325</b>	Employee Benefits	\$7,000
		Utilities	\$30,000
		Office Supplies & Postage	\$500
		Audit & Accounting	\$900
		Insurance	\$5,000
		Dues / Certifications	\$200
		Uniforms	\$2,000
		Miscellaneous	\$3,000
		Gasoline	\$4,500
		Vehicle Maintenance	\$2,000
		Maintenance & Repair	\$30,000
		Chemicals & Supplies	\$10,000
		Lab Fee	\$3,700
		Bond Payments	\$33,000
		Contingency	\$17,125
		<b>TOTAL SOM EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>\$181,325</b>

SECTION V.  
FIRE DEPARTMENT

REVENUE:	2023 - 2024 Budget	EXPENDITURES:	2023 - 2024 Budget
Fire Insurance Rebate	\$12,000	Utilities	\$3,500
Sales Tax	\$80,000	Audit / Accounting	\$1,600
Fire District #2	\$70,000	Insurance	\$35,000
Police Jury Annual	\$0	Miscellaneous	\$2,000
Miscellaneous	\$0	Capital Outlay	\$5,000
Interest Income	\$175	Supplies	\$10,000
Grant Income	\$585,674	Gasoline	\$2,000
Beginning Fund Bal. + LAMP		Maintenance & Repair	\$25,000
<b>Total Fire Department Revenue</b>	<b>\$747,849</b>	Fire Truck Expense	\$6,000
		Truck Lease Payment	\$76,936
		Firefighter Annual Reimb	\$20,000
		Grant Expense	\$0
		Contingency	\$560,813
		<b>TOTAL FD EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$747,849</b>

TOWN OF SIBLEY  
ORDINANCE NO. 126-T

SECTION VI.  
SALES TAX

REVENUE:	2023 - 2024 Budget	EXPENDITURES:	2023 - 2024 Budget
Collections	\$400,000	Salaries	\$62,120
DOTD	\$3,100	Other Salaries	\$0
Interest Income	\$90	Payroll Tax	\$4,800
Miscellaneous	\$0	IRA	\$0
Beginning Fund Balance	\$96,330	Employee Benefits	\$15,000
<b>TOTAL SALES TAX REVENUE</b>	<b>\$499,520</b>	Audit & Accounting	\$1,800
		Insurance	\$9,200
		Uniforms	\$3,500
		Miscellaneous	\$1,000
		Capital Outlay	\$80,000
		Streets	\$40,000
		Gov't Capital Loan	\$0
		Transfer to General Fund	\$160,000
		Transfer to Police Dept	\$40,000
		Transfer to Fire Dept	\$80,000
		Contingency	\$2,100
		<b>TOTAL ST EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$499,520</b>

SECTION VII.  
SIBLEY SUBDIVISION

REVENUE:	2023 - 2024 Budget	EXPENDITURES:	2023 - 2024 Budget
ARPA	\$429,378	Public Works	\$429,378
Sale of Lots	\$0		
<b>TOTAL SALES TAX REVENUE</b>	<b>\$429,378</b>		
		<b>TOTAL ST EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$429,378</b>

TOWN OF SIBLEY  
ORDINANCE NO. 126-T

SECTION VIII.

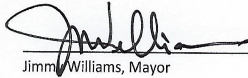
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SECTION VIII

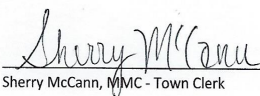
This ordinance shall be effective on July 1, 2023.  
This ordinance was introduced on May 8, 2023, a public notice was posted on May 9, 2023 and a Public Hearing was held on June 12, 2023. This ordinance was read, considered and adopted on June 12, 2023 at an open regular session of the Board of Aldermen.

Upon a motion made by Richard Davis and seconded by Robert Smart with the following roll call vote:

YEAS: 5 - Wayne Bolton, Helen Chanler, Richard Davis, Alan Myers, Robert Smart  
NAYS: 0  
ABSENT: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0

  
Jimmy Williams, Mayor

Attest

  
Sherry McCann, MMC - Town Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. 147-F

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION FOR MUNICIPAL ELECTED OFFICIALS AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES FOR THE TOWN OF SIBLEY, LOUISIANA, AND PROVIDING IN CONNECTION THEREWITH**

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Sibley, Louisiana, in regular session duly convened on June 12, 2023, as follows, to-wit:

SECTION I.

Effective July 1, 2023, the compensation and salary of the Mayor, Board of Aldermen, and Town Clerk is hereby set, as required by LA R.S. 33:404.1 and 404G as follows:

Mayor \$26,000 annually  
Alderman \$6900 each annually  
Town Clerk \$47,000 annually

SECTION II.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

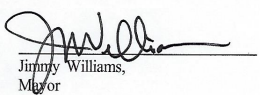
SECTION III.

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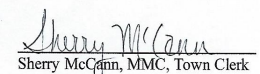
SECTION IV.

This ordinance shall be effective on July 1, 2023.  
This ordinance was introduced on May 8, 2023, a public notice was posted on May 9, 2023 and a Public Hearing was held on June 12, 2023. This ordinance was read and considered on June 12, 2023, at an open regular session of the Board of Aldermen. Upon a motion made by Wayne Bolton, seconded by Richard Davis, the following vote was taken:

YEAS: 5 - Wayne Bolton, Helen Chanler, Richard Davis, Alan Myers, Robert Smart  
NAYS: 0  
ABSENT: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0

  
Jimmy Williams, Mayor

Attest:

  
Sherry McCann, MMC, Town Clerk

June 28, 2023  
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The Water We Drink

STATE OF LA MILITARY DEPT - CAMP MINDEN  
Public Water Supply ID: LA1119018

We are pleased to present to you the Annual Water Quality Report for the year 2022. This report is designed to inform you about the quality of your water and services we deliver to you every day (Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable. Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien). Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water.  
Our water source(s) are listed below:

Source Name	Source Water Type
WELL #18	Ground Water
WELL #04	Ground Water
WELL #22	Ground Water

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

**Microbial Contaminants** - such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.  
**Inorganic Contaminants** - such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.  
**Pesticides and Herbicides** - which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.  
**Organic Chemical Contaminants** - including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.  
**Radioactive Contaminants** - which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

A Source Water Assessment Plan (SWAP) is now available from our office. This plan is an assessment of a delineated area around our listed sources through which contaminants, if present, could migrate and reach our source water. It also includes an inventory of potential sources of contamination within the delineated area, and a determination of the water supply's susceptibility to contamination by the identified potential sources. According to the Source Water Assessment Plan, our water system had a susceptibility rating of "MEDIUM". If you would like to review the Source Water Assessment Plan, please feel free to contact our office.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you have any questions about this report, want to attend any scheduled meetings, or simply want to learn more about your drinking water, please contact HARRY WILSON at 318-382-4183.

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. STATE OF LA MILITARY DEPT - CAMP MINDEN is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

The Louisiana Department of Health routinely monitors for constituents in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. The tables that follow show the results of our monitoring during the period of January 1st to December 31st, 2022. Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk.

In the tables below, you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms, we've provided the following definitions:

**Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/L)** - one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.  
**Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter (ug/L)** - one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.  
**Picocuries per liter (pCi/L)** - picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.  
**Treatment Technique (TT)** - an enforceable procedure or level of technological performance which public water systems must follow to ensure control of a contaminant.  
**Action level (AL)** - the concentration of a contaminant that, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.  
**Maximum contaminant level (MCL)** - the "Maximum Allowed" MCL is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCL's are set as close to the MCLG's as feasible using the best available treatment technology.  
**Maximum contaminant level goal (MCLG)** - the "Goal" is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to human health. MCLG's allow for a margin of safety.  
**Maximum residual disinfectant level (MRDL)** - The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.  
**Maximum residual disinfectant level goal (MRDLG)** - The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.  
**Level 1 assessment** - A study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.  
**Level 2 Assessment** - A very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why an E. coli violation has occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions.

During the period covered by this report we had the below noted violations.

Compliance Period	Analyte	Type
No Violations Occurred in the Calendar Year of 2022		

Our water system tested a minimum of 2 samples per month in accordance with the Total Coliform Rule for microbiological contaminants. With the microbiological samples collected, the water system collects disinfectant residuals to ensure control of microbial growth.

Disinfectant	Date	HighestRAA Value	Unit	Range	MRDL	MRDLG	Typical Source
CHLORINE	2022	1.2	ppm	0.56 - 2.5	4	4	Water additive used to control microbes.

In the tables below, we have shown the regulated contaminants that were detected. Chemical Sampling of our drinking water may not be required on an annual basis; therefore, information provided in this table refers back to the latest year of chemical sampling results. To determine compliance with the primary drinking water standards, the treated water is monitored when a contaminant is elevated in the source water.

Source Water Regulated Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
ARSENIC	6/29/2021	1	0 - 1	ppb	10	0	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes
FLUORIDE	6/29/2021	0.4	0.1 - 0.4	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
TOLUENE	6/29/2021	0.0012	0 - 0.0012	ppm	1	1	Discharge from petroleum factories

Treated Water Regulated Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
No Detected Results were Found in the Calendar Year of 2022							

Source Water Radiological Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
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GROSS BETA PARTICLE ACTIVITY	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
Decay of natural and man-made deposits. Note: The gross beta particle activity MCL is 4 millirems/year annual dose equivalent to the total body or any internal organ. 50 pCi/L is used as a screening level.							

Treated Water Radiological Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
No Detected Results were Found in the Calendar Year of 2022							
Lead and Copper	Date	90th Percentile	Range	Unit	AL	Sites Over AL	Typical Source
COPPER, FREE	2020 - 2022	0.2	0 - 0.2	ppm	1.3	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives
LEAD	2020 - 2022	1	0 - 4	ppb	15	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

Disinfection Byproducts	Sample Point	Period	Highest LRAA	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
TOTAL HALOACETIC	DINING FACILITY	2022	2	1.5	ppb	0	By-product of drinking

ACIDS (HAAS)					1.5		water disinfection
TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAAS)	SHIPPING AND RECEIVING	2022	2	2.2 - 2.2	ppb	60	By-product of drinking water disinfection
TTTH	DINING FACILITY	2022	4	4 - 4	ppb	80	By-product of drinking water disinfection
TTTH	SHIPPING AND RECEIVING	2022	5	5.2 - 5.2	ppb	80	By-product of drinking water disinfection

Source Secondary Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	SMCL
CHLORIDE	6/29/2021	210	37 - 210	MG/L	250
PH	6/29/2021	8.31	7.57 - 8.31	PH	8.5
SULFATE	6/30/2021	16	0 - 16	MG/L	250

Treated Secondary Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	SMCL
IRON	8/5/2022	0.35	0.03 - 0.35	MG/L	0.3
MANGANESE	8/5/2022	0.02	0 - 0.02	MG/L	0.05

Unresolved significant deficiencies that were identified during a survey done on the water system are shown below.

Date Identified	Facility	Code	Activity	Due Date	Description
08/05/2022	WELL #18	20MG S8	GWR ADDRESS TT45 DEFICIENCIES	11/18/2022	LAC 51:XII.319.D.2 and LAC 51:XII.135.A - Dedicated standby power shall be provided by any community water supply and any non-community water supply serving a hospital so that water can be treated and/or pumped to the distribution system during power outages to meet the average daily demand during the month of maximum water use. A standby power supply shall be provided through a dedicated portable or in-place auxiliary power of adequate supply and connectivity.
08/05/2022	WELL #18	20MG S8	GWR APPROVED CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN	6/12/2023	LAC 51:XII.319.D.2 and LAC 51:XII.135.A - Dedicated standby power shall be provided by any community water supply and any non-community water supply serving a hospital so that water can be treated and/or pumped to the distribution system during power outages to meet the average daily demand during the month of maximum water use. A standby power supply shall be provided through a dedicated portable or in-place auxiliary power of adequate supply and connectivity.

+++++Environmental Protection Agency Required Health Effects Language+++++  
Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

There are no additional required health effects notices.

There are no additional required health effects violation notices.

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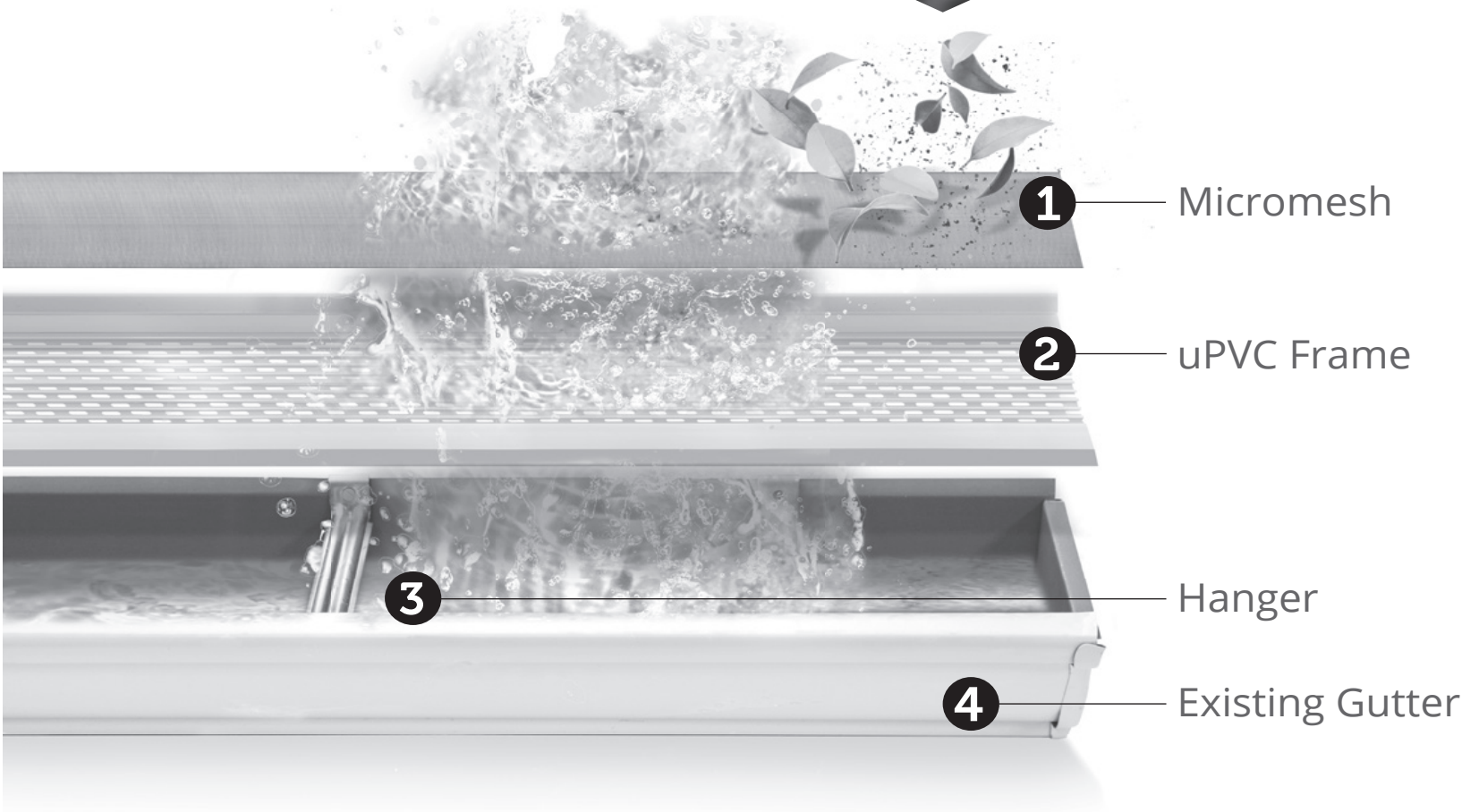


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