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## LOCAL GOVERNMENT

### Six months in and still moving forward

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Roughly half a year has passed since Mayor Nick Cox took office, and he took the time to share what he and the City Council have done so far and plans that they have for the future.



COX

A self-described pragmatist, Mayor Cox has spent the better part of his term so far trying to optimize the city and make things run more efficiently. Along with the Mayor and Council, a fresh sweep in leadership throughout the city has led to a fresh outlook on how things operate and how they can be improved upon.

"There are things we can do to be more efficient. That's what I enjoy, trying to tinker with things and make them better, as long as the people let me be here," said Cox.

"I am extremely proud of where we're at as a city at the moment. This year we have a new fire chief, public works director, parks and recreation director, new mainstreet director, a new position

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## SNEED FOOTBALL CAMP



Volunteers, the coaches and of course J.J. Sneed and his family made the event possible. The camp was a great way to give back to the community and put smiles on the participants' faces.

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### L'Jarius "J.J." Sneed hosts the Inaugural L'Jarius Sneed Community Football Camp

**PRESLEY TYLER**  
Minden Press-Herald

Minden native and Super Bowl LVII winner, L'Jarius "J.J." Sneed, hosted The Inaugural L'Jarius Sneed Community Football Camp on July 15 at Minden High School's football field "The Pit."

The camp, for ages six to sixteen, began at 8:30 a.m. and lasted until 1 p.m. Sneed offered his

expertise on the game of football to Minden's youth, and the camp's registration maxed out at 200 participants.

When Sneed brought forth the idea for a football camp, community members were eager to help make Sneed's idea a reality.

"I got the idea to do this about two months ago, we put it together real fast. Coach Roland and Mr. Tim, they really

helped me. I came to them and just told them what I wanted to do and we got it all together," said Sneed.

Sneed wanted to not only host a football camp in his hometown, but host it at the same field he played



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on when he was in high school.

"I'm very excited to be here, I ain't played on this field since I don't know when. Every year now I'm going to have one, I hope it's going to get bigger and bigger," said Sneed.

This is the first of many community football camps for Sneed, as he plans to come back

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## MINDEN LIONS

### Ryan Barnette speaks at Lions Club

**AMBER MCDOWN**  
Minden Press-Herald

The guest speaker at the noon Lions Club meeting on July 6 was Deputy Ryan Barnette. Barnette has over 15 years of professional experience in law enforcement and is the creator of Nine and One Tactical, a mindset and tactics based training company that offers realistic firearms and personal defense training. Barnette spoke specifically on the legal issues associated with using lethal force.

Lethal force is defined as the amount of force that will cause death or great bodily harm. This covers many possibilities including shooting someone, running them down with a car, or pushing them off a building. A person does not need to die in order for lethal force to be in effect.



BARNETTE

Barnette has boiled all the legal jargon down to three words and a question.

"There are three things that have to be present for lethal force to be legal and justified," said Barnette. "Those three things are ability, intent, and opportunity."

When am I legally authorized to use lethal force? The answer to that is those three words. When the bad guy, the offender, the attacker has the ability, the opportunity, and the intent to cause you or another innocent person death or great bodily harm. It's really that simple."

Barnette went on to share some scenarios in which one of the three factors was missing, and clarify some points. For example, an elderly man using a walker who is threatening to beat some-

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## ART



AMBER MCDOWN/PRESS-HERALD PHOTO

City Art Works, located at 701 Main Street, is presenting the colorful and eclectic work of Ben Ware July 13 through August 31.

### The bright and beautiful work of Ben Ware is on display now at City Art Works

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Minden Press-Herald

City Art Works, located at 701 Main Street, is presenting the colorful and eclectic work of Ben Ware July 13 through August 31.

Ware has lived in Minden since he was in

high school. He always enjoyed making art, but it wasn't until multiple sclerosis, a chronic disease that affects the nervous system, made him unable to work that he discovered the depth of his love for art.

"When I became disabled, that's kinda

when my art career began," said Ware. "I've always drawn and toyed around with drawing things and sketching and painting a little bit, but nothing like I have now, and it's just been my release from being

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## MUSIC

### Star Makers supporting local musicians

**PRESLEY TYLER**  
Minden Press-Herald

Star Maker Independent Artists Association, a local organization based out of Shreveport, Louisiana, dedicates its efforts to helping independent, local musicians gain exposure and further cultivate their careers in music.

The Star Makers Independent Artists Association offers its programs and services to artists and potential artists in Minden and surrounding areas. The organization began a year and a half ago when founder and president, Melvin Ashley, wanted to help local musicians reach their goals of getting their music out and into the public sphere. Melvin Ashley, whose stage name is "The Captain," helps with the artists' sound and stage productions

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# WEBSTER & MORE

## MAYOR

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of deputy chief of police, a battalion chief position for the fire department. We've come a long way in six and a half months. I'm proud of everyone we hired and appointed.

"Our council is made up of business minded people that look at the city as a whole. They all represent their district well, and they see the bigger picture, helping each other's district as well. We're blessed to have that Council."

One of the things the Mayor ws proud to mention was their decision to hire a lobbyist for the city of Minden. In short, a lobbyist serves to represent Minden in Baton Rouge, most notably when there is money to be budgeted.

Mayor Cox initially got the idea to retain a lobbyist while working on the Police Jury and getting advice from Bill Altimus.

"When I was on the Police Jury, I went to Bill Altimus in Bossier Parish. He was the administrator of the parish over there. He's since retired, but he, in my opinion, is a genius when it comes to running municipal government. In my opinion, he's a big reason Bossier Parish is as successful as it is," said Cox.

"We visited for a while and I asked, 'Bill, if I had \$50,000 extra in Webster Parish, where would you tell me to spend it. I had several ideas about what he might say, like spend \$50,000 and invest in this, or spend \$50,000 and get some software. He said hands down, without a second thought I'd hire a lobbyist. I never dreamed he would say a lobbyist.

"He said , well if you don't have a seat at the table you get nothing. And you don;t even know to

ask. You'll be so unaware you don't even know you can ask for stuff. I didn't forget that."

Cox stated that the decision to get a lobbyist for the city has already returned on investment, from obtaining funding for smaller projects like road striping, christmas decorations, the animal shelter, and even bigger projects like a multi million capital outlay project for the water tank.

"The cost associated with having a lobbyist is fractional compared to the money she could potentially give us," said Cox.

"My attention gets put on what happens within our boundaries. But some of the best opportunities are outside of Minden's borders, such as federal grants, state grants, and also state capital outlay.

"This particular type of lobbyist is for the state level. She lives in Baton Rouge. She's originally from the Shreveport/Bossier area, so she's very passionate about Northwest Louisiana municipalities. Her job on behalf of the City of Minden is to be a Minden representative in Baton Rouge.

"It gets us a seat at the table, and if we don't have a seat at the table, we're the meal. Meaning the money goes somewhere else. What we should be getting, we weren't getting, because we didn't ask for it. The Bible says if you don't ask, you ain't getting it."

Another project the Mayor was excited to mention as that of the Public Works Control Center. This would be the creation of a new building to consolidate the employees of various public works departments under one roof, helping to make manning the positions easier as well as being

cheaper overall to run.

"We'll be able to consolidate employees. Right now we have 24/7 day a week employees doing shift work at the steam plant watching the electrical control system, and at the water plant watching the water control system," said Cox.

"If we combine the water and the electrical in one control room, they'll be able to help one another, be cross trained, and we'll be better manned.

"Let's take what we have spread out across the city, and combine it to make it work better. I've spent most of this year tweaking my department leadership to try and make it work more efficiently, and it's getting better. I'm happy with where we're at."

The building itself will cost half a million dollars to build, but the Mayor believes this to be a worthwhile investment, both to update the facilities that city employees work in, as well as the cost savings in the long term from consolidating multiple separate offices throughout the city under one roof.

Mayor Cox has also been focused on the city's presentation, from projects such as new lighting along I20, overlay projects for the Minden Airport, and buckling down on condemned properties.

"If you're driving down I10, are you ever going to pull off on an exit that's not lit. You're not going to do it. First of all it's dangerous looking, and second of all it doesn't look like it's open for business," said Cox.

"We had an opportunity to get 90% of the lighting project funded for new lights. The lights that we do have are dim, so it's time for an upgrade. The

state makes the projects and they turn it over to the city, The city of Minden has to pay the light bill. If the bulbs go out, the City of Minden has to replace them. If it gets damaged, we have to fix it.

"These will help the city because they're energy efficient, we can lower the masts like a flag, bring the lights to the ground, change the lightbulb and raise it back up, whereas the other ones, you had to get a bucket truck on I20 because of electric costs."

As mentioned previously, the Mayor and Council have also been cracking down on condemned properties. It's gotten to a point where a lot of properties that they are eyeing end up getting dealt with because word is getting around about how serious this administration is on the issue.

"I think people in Minden know that we want to be proud of our city, and put our best foot forward," said Cox.

"There have been several occasions where word got out that we were kind of eyeing a property that needed some attention, then I'll drive by and it'll be torn down. People are taking care of business because people know that this council and this administration is not playing around with condemned properties."

Even in the short amount of time they've been in office, Mayor Cox states that he is proud of the work being done by his administration to get minden moving forward.

"I think the Council and myself are not passive. This group right here, we want to do something with the opportunity the good lord gave us. We want to move the needle forward while we have the time to do it. I'm proud of where we're at," said Cox.

## MUSIC

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while also overseeing the organization's programs.

"We have new recording artists that we're trying to get out and people to hear and get to know. We've been going for about a year and a half; we're basically a brand new organization, and we're really trying to get out there and do stuff in the community," said Ashley.

Along with helping local artists, the organization also works to aid in crime prevention by offering an outlet to the community's youth to participate in musical activities. This anti-crime program runs under the motto, "Put down the gun, and pick up the fun."

"Our organization also works with crime prevention, we use our artists to try to convince the youth that 'hey there's a better option.' We do tutoring where they come in and we teach them stage art, sound production and that kind of stuff," said Ashley.

The organization is also partnered with a local record label by the name of NC Records. This label is currently run by Cesan Calloway, who offers record deals under his label to the members of the Star Maker Independent Artists Association. By being partnered with this record label, musicians can release their music under a professional label.

There are currently three artists under the organization who actively perform live and release music. "We have three performing artists right now who are Cesan Calloway, RT Muleman Taylor, and DJ Wildman Tim. They've all got stuff coming out and stuff they're

working on" said Ashley.

Cesan Calloway is a Minden local and has been actively releasing music since the 2000s. "I've been singing all my life, and I've got an album out right now and a lot of EPs and some new projects coming out soon," said Calloway.

Calloway has been a part of the Star Makers for about seven months and offers record label opportunities to the organization's members. "I'm with NC Record Label so the organization brings all the artists and all the producers to the record label under one umbrella. Right now under the label it's myself and three other artists that I'm focusing on," said Calloway.

"You know we are all different artists and, as an organization, I feel like we're going to do a lot of different things. I mean Muleman is traveling all over, and we all come together with different music and also other ideas and we bring it all together as one thing," said Calloway.

Rodney "Muleman" Taylor and DJ Wildman Tim are both musicians who got their start in music early in their childhoods. Both artists belong to the soul genre of music, and Tim is also a DJ.

"I've been singing since I was seven in the church choir, and I started Djing when I was 14," said Tim.

"I started singing at the age of 11. I've been doing it all my life. The organization group is just getting started, but singing soul, I've been doing that for about five years," said Taylor.

Although their journey isn't over yet, these three musicians plan to keep on striving to meet their goals and broaden their audiences.

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OBITUARIES



Evelyn Strong

Evelyn was born May 12, 1927, in Marthaville, LA and died peacefully on July 13, 2023, in Bossier City, LA. She was preceded in death by her husband of 52 years, Cleveland Strong, her parents Henry Arthur & Lula Berry, her brother Henry Arthur Berry, Jr. and her sister Martha Chiocchi. She is survived by her three children Dr. Tommy Strong (Kim) of Lake Charles, LA, Linda Jones (Bill) of Sevierville, TN, & Janet Merrell (Larry) of Bossier City, LA. She is also survived by her six grandchildren, Christine Glazier (Brandon), William Strong, Diana Gregory (Chris), Daniel Jones, Patrick Merrell, and Cameron Merrell (Leanna) as well as three great-grandchildren, Tyler, Elizabeth, and Mae.

Evelyn lived a life of perseverance, independence, and bravery. Motherless by the age of two, she was raised by her widowed father during the Great Depression. Although she had both a nurturing grandmother and aunt in her early life, she was cast into the role of family cook and caretaker at a young age. After graduating from Marthaville High School at the age of 16, she moved to Shreveport to attend business school.



Mary Anna Perryman

Mary Anna Perryman, 79, of Dubberly, Louisiana was born September 9, 1943, in Bogalusa, Louisiana and entered into rest July 14, 2023, in Dubberly, Louisiana. She was a retired schoolteacher with Webster Parish School System.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Myrtle Barth.

She is survived by her husband, Tommy Velle “Bud” Perryman of Dubberly; son, Tommy Frank Perryman

CAMP

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next year to host another camp.

“I’m really busy right now but I wanted to take the time to come back here. I got camp next week and I got down here at three in the morning and I gotta go right back home back to Kansas for camp. My plan for today is to spend some time with the kids today, probably take a few of them out after,” said Sneed.

Even through Sneed’s busy schedule, he made an effort to come back to the city he is from and inspire the youth in his hometown.

When Minden High School’s head football coach Spencer Heard was presented with Sneed’s idea of a community football camp, Heard and other coaching staff offered their assistance.

“Basically we were contacted by Jane and they really wanted to do something for the community. I mean I’m all for it, I thought it was a great idea,” said Coach Heard.

Heard and other volunteer coaches arrived early in order to set up Minden High’s football field for all the various activities of the camp.

“The field is split in half, got the little kids on the south end down there going through agilityes for the first 45 minutes or so. Then the older kids over here, and after that we’ll take a little break. Then they’ll do some mini games, seven on seven type stuff, and they’re going to do a competition type thing. After that, L’Jarius is going to talk to them and have a meet

and greet,” said Coach Heard.

For the first two hours of the camp, each age group participated in various football training activities from running routes to practicing guarding and tackling. All the participants had smiling faces as they shared high-fives and fist-bumps with Sneed.

When it hit noon all the coaches and camp participants filled the middle of the field’s stadium for a group photo, and afterwards, Sneed gave out autographs and took photos with anyone who wanted one.

Joe Roland, who works in Houston to put on community youth camps, was one of the main forces behind curating the camp.

“Joe was kind of the spearhead of everything, setting everything up that we got going basically,” said Coach Heard.

Roland, who is a friend of the Sneeds, began working closely with the Sneed family so the camp would be a success.

“It’s a credit to the coaches here at Minden and J.J. ‘s mother and family, they put it all together. Randy Tims and the local community, you know people putting us all together and facilitating it,” said Roland about how the camp came to be.

This is not Roland’s first community camp, as he often works with smaller communities to put on events for the youth of those communities.

“I help kids, that’s my ministry. I’ve been putting on camps for 20 plus years...I’m a coach, I help a lot of kids and I’m re-

After graduation, she worked for 12 years at various businesses in Shreveport, her favorite job being that of transcriptionist for Dr. W.R. Mathews, Chief Pathologist at Shreveport Charity Hospital. After her marriage in 1955, she moved to Minden, LA and accepted the role of “coach’s wife,” supporting her husband’s career, and caring for their three young children. As her children grew older, she resumed working, first as a transcriptionist at Minden Medical Center, and then as a school secretary alongside her husband, then principal of Minden High School.

After retiring in 1986, she was always eager to babysit her grandchildren, attend their ball games and school events, and gift them with her infamous “Christmas trash” each year. After Cleve’s death, she was determined to be independent, never wanting to rely on others, living life “her way.” She enjoyed reading, working crossword puzzles, and cheering on her favorite women’s college basketball teams.

A private burial was held at Gardens of Memory Cemetery in Minden, LA. The family suggests donations in Evelyn’s memory be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.

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and wife Alyson of Shreveport; daughter, Molly Perryman Bailey of Dubberly; brother, Barry Barth and wife Alice of Greenwood, Mississippi; and grandchildren, Marjorie Bailey Ronning and husband Josh, Logan Bailey, and Thomas Perryman.

Funeral services celebrating the life of Mary Anna will be held Tuesday, July 18, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. at Brushwood Methodist Church in Dubberly, Louisiana with Bro. Kevin Kellow and Father Al Jost, OFM officiating. Interment will follow at Brushwood Cemetery in Dubberly. The family will receive friends at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday at the church prior to the service time.

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ally focused on kids from smaller towns to help with more exposure,” said Roland.

Roland met Sneed during his time coaching NFL players, and the two conspired to produce a football camp right here in Minden.

“I’ve coached a number of NFL guys and I met L’Jarius through a friend. It’s great, he’s just a super young man giving back to his community and today we’re just having fun. Next year is going to be way bigger and better,” said Roland.

Sneed’s mother, Jane Sneed, headed the volunteer team and was there to welcome everyone who came to register for the camp.

“I would say I would be the executive or the CEO of L’Jarius Sneed camp,” said Sneed’s mother Jane Sneed through laughter.

Jane shares the same love as her son for giving back to their community and supported her son’s idea of putting on a community football camp.

“This is his first camp ever that he has given. This is the first community camp, he’s giving back to the community. L’Jarius came up with the idea that he would like to give back,” said Jane.

After the idea transpired, it wasn’t long before the planning and preparation for the camp began to take place.

“Once he came up with his idea, we went forward with some more Minden High people within the organization; like coach Heard, John Bradford, Joe Roland, myself, Randy Tims and Micheal Walker. We all got together and

we kind of organized it for him for it to be successful today,” said Jane

In two short months, the camp was put together and ran smoothly. All the activities were planned for each age group and plenty of water and snacks were provided for the participants.

“This is just the beginning, we are going to continue this year after year because this is where he’s from and we would like to give back to the community every chance we can get,” said Jane.

The camp was a success as participants not only got to learn about football, but also met an esteemed NFL player that came from their own community.

Minden Mayor Nick Cox made an appearance at the beginning of the football camp to welcome the participants of the football camp and thank Sneed for his generosity of hosting the camp.

“Earlier this year we had a big parade for J.J. Sneed. It’s a one in a million chance that a boy from Minden made it to the super bowl, and he did another one in a million thing by winning. Fifty years from now we’ll be talking about him, he’s a local legend but today y’all get to meet him and get to learn from him,” said Cox before the camp commenced.

Volunteers, the coaches and of course J.J. Sneed and his family made the event possible. The camp was a great way to give back to the community and put smiles on the participants’ faces.



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**ART**

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disabled. I don’t know where I’d be without it, to be honest with you.”

Ware is a big experimenter when it comes to art. He doesn’t stick with just one medium, and he likes to combine mediums in ways that most people wouldn’t think to do.

“I like just creating stuff. I want to do sculpture. I want to do pottery. I like doing things with resin. I like painting. Anything that’s creative and gives me an outlet, that’s what I gravitate toward,” Ware said.

His works in resin are particularly eye-catching. When asked how he thought to use resin as an art medium, Ware said. “My first experience with resin came when I was working with my dad on the riverfront in Shreveport. We redid all of the bars on the Shreveport side of the riverfront. In that process, we did a place called Banana Joes, and we poured probably 30 gallons of epoxy on that job. It was a bar top that we had to stain with this water-based acrylic ink. And I got to using that stuff, and I thought, ‘man, that stuff would be gorgeous over artwork.’ It’s something that I decided to incorporate with my alcohol

inks. I did some testing to make sure that it would actually hold up and was not going to lift the ink off the paper but, once I had one that was done, that’s kinda what I’ve gravitated toward. A lot of my work has been with epoxy here lately.”

Ware loves to mix media and does not feel constrained to work only in classical mediums.

“I do all kinds of stuff,” said Ware. “I’m big into flowers and bugs. I love bees and butterflies, that’s a big thing in a lot of my art. And I like to get out in my yard and take pictures of the flowers, especially when I find a bug that I can capture in the art. Then I’ll take it and digitally manipulate it and then I’ll print it off on either canvas or a heavy paper. And then I resin over the top of it. I do all types of mediums. I don’t like to keep myself in a box; I like to just create.”

Ben Ware has shown his work previously at City Art Works, Big Sun Studios in Shreveport, and Critical Mass, and he has work on display currently at Dr. Thomas’ in Minden and at the Agora Borealis in Shreveport. His work is bright, beautiful, and something to behold, and it will be on display at City Art Works through August.

**BARNETTE**

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one with a roll of nickels in a sock may have the intent and opportunity to cause harm, but he could easily be evaded, so the ability is not present. Intent does not need to be spoken but can be shown through actions. For example, a large man who attacks a small woman and begins to viciously beat her would be considered to have the intent to do great bodily harm even without saying a word. A person who calls and tells you that he’s coming to blow up your house may have the intent and ability to harm you but lacks the opportunity to harm you at the time the threat was made. You could easily leave your home and call the police.

The use of lethal force is not legally justifiable to protect property, so if you find someone trying to burn down your house, and no one is in

the house, you cannot legally justify shooting them.

“Before you press the trigger, before you pull that knife, before you bludgeon somebody with a fire extinguisher, before you use lethal force on anyone, the only thing you really need to think about is this: whose life am I about to save? If there is no answer readily available for that question, lethal force is not justified,” said Barnette.

“You have a right to your life. You have a right to protect your life, even with lethal force, unless and until you do something to forfeit your own right to be here.”

The Lions Club, a premier service organization whose motto is “We Serve,” has interesting speakers every Thursday. They meet at noon at the American Legion Memorial Hall at 119 Pine Street.

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“While the price increases could continue

into this week, I would expect them to be fairly mild, with the national average likely staying in the \$3.50-\$3.60 range that we’ve been stuck in since April for the coming week and likely into next week as well. Economic data has been playing a larger

than typical role in putting pressure on gas prices, with OPEC production cuts also a major factor,” said De Haan.

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OPINION

Website design case a resounding defeat for the thought police

The U.S. Supreme Court has recently ruled that a Colorado web designer may refuse to work on same-sex wedding announcements. The party in the case is Lorie Smith who runs 303 Creative, a web-design company in Littleton, Colo.

Miss Smith conscientiously objects to same-sex marriage and believes “the First Amendment’s Free Speech Clause protects her from being compelled to speak what she does not believe.” It is important to note that while Miss Smith provides her website and graphic services to customers regardless of their race, creed, sex, or sexual orientation she has never created expressions that contradict her own views—whether that means generating works that encourage violence, demean another person, or defy her religious beliefs.

The Constitution, she insists, “protects her right to differ.”

On the other hand, the state of Colorado asserted that its public accommodation laws (which cover virtually every public business offering a good or service) required her to create websites that celebrate gay weddings if her business was also designing sites to celebrate other weddings.

So, she filed suit in federal court seeking an order declaring her business exempt from state antidiscrimina-

tion laws should any same-sex couple seek her services.

Justice Gorsuch, writing for the majority, concluded that the 1st Amendment entitles Miss Smith to refuse commissions for same sex wedding announcements. The Court reasoned that Colorado’s so-called anti-discrimination law couldn’t be applied in such a way that it required a business owner to express ideas he or she opposes even if the state considers those views discriminatory. In other words, the government Thought Police can’t dictate speech, and can’t tell us what to think and believe.



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“The opportunity to think for ourselves and to express those thoughts freely is among our most cherished liberties and part of what keeps our Republic strong,” Gorsuch wrote, further stating that while that “means all of us will encounter ideas we consider” wrongheaded or even offensive “the First Amendment envisions the United States as a rich and complex place where all persons are free to think and speak as they wish, not as the government demands.”

This ruling will apply ben-

eficially to Americans across the political and ideological spectrum. For example, as noted by Senator Ted Cruz:

“The state of Colorado wanted to compel the speech of Christian artists and business owners who declined to use their God-given talents to celebrate views that run contrary to what their faith teaches,” reasoning “... should a Muslim artist be compelled by the government to draw the image of Muhammed? Should Jewish artists be forced to create art that is antisemitic?”

Or, imagine the outrage on the Left if a court or a law mandated that a liberal Democrat web designer produce a website for Trump’s recent birthday that read, “Happy Birthday President Trump—the Greatest President in American History;” Or a website that celebrated the one-year anniversary of the Dobbs decision that read, “Dobbs Prevented the Painful Slaughter of 10,000 Innocent Unborn Human Beings.”

Nevertheless, the fact that the Court’s ruling will benefit every citizen who finds themselves in a similar situation is not enough for the lunatic Left, which has smeared Miss Smith and viciously attacked the Court’s decision.

This case is very important because it underscores the great constitutional principle not only of free speech

but of freedom of conscience.

It’s why Thomas Jefferson in 1777 “drafted a bill to establish religious liberty on the basis of the natural, inalienable right to freedom of conscience.” (Nat. Constitution Ctr).

It is, no doubt, why Jefferson expressed his view that “no provision in our constitution ought to be dearer to man, than that which protects the rights of conscience against the enterprises of the civil authority.” (Ltr. to Richard Douglas, 2-4-1809). It’s also, no doubt, the motivation for Jefferson’s declaration to Benjamin Rush that “I have sworn upon the altar of god eternal hostility against every form of tyranny over the mind of man.”

The Supreme Court itself, in an earlier case involving compelled speech—West VA. Board of Educ. v. Barnette—eloquently reaffirmed this principle holding that state authorities had “transcended constitutional limitations on their powers” when their dictates “invaded the sphere of intellect and spirit which is the purpose of the First Amendment ...”

That is what the state law of Colorado was attempting to do here, and its action cannot be reconciled with our Constitution.

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INSPIRATION

“What doesn’t kill us makes us stronger!”

“What doesn’t kill us makes us stronger” was first attributed to Friedrich Nietzsche, a German philosopher, in the 1800’s. It is the key line from Steel Magnolias, set in Natchitoches, Louisiana.

I’ve enjoyed this life with all it’s challenges, heartaches and broken dreams and if I had it to do over again I wouldn’t change anything. Next time around it might turn out worse.

We can’t undo our mistakes so we might as well not keep on beating ourselves up.

I always say “I’m not going to beat myself up. I’ll let someone else do it for me.”

Even though I lived in an orphanage as a child, had a nervous breakdown in 1981, not to count numerous other situations in my life that would be called unbearable, I see life as a patchwork quilt. We have to wait until the end of life, in eternity, if not soon-

er, to see God’s hand in every step of our journey.

A few things I have learned, along the way, are that this life is not forever and I want to go to heaven. Also I know that I have made many mistakes in my life, and if I were capable of living my life over again I might make even more wrong decisions next times if there are wrong choices. Sometimes mistakes lead us to a brighter day. Life is a learning process. We have all made mistakes but with God in the center of our lives things have a way of working out no matter how dreary the circumstances we face.

Life is simply not easy. No matter what happens to us, including losing limbs or family members, these tragedies can somehow be used to benefit others and help us fulfill our purpose on this earth.

God sees our heart. I recently watched a segment with John Stossel who had a most enlightening discussion about separation of church and state. He also said he has yet to really believe in God but he wants to. I suspect there are a number of people who really want to believe in God. I know there will always be a hunger deep inside our souls until we know and accept the existence of God and allow Him to take that place in our life -- and not in just a “church house” way which comes across as false and often hypocritical to those

round about us.

God can use each one of our experiences to make us a light to a lost and dying world no matter where we are or how deep our depression.

Life is just too beautiful to give in.

We must not give up. Our family and friends need us too much.

We must keep on keeping on and look to Him for the answers. Sometimes God places people in our paths to help us do that. Though I am sometimes just as confused as the rest, I know that “one day every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess.”

The joy I possess comes from knowing that Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever and that He always gets me to the right place at the right time.

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OPINION

Fannie Moore: It’s been a while and it’s been ‘reasonably sweet’

If you have been missing my columns, I hope I haven’t disappointed you. We have had several health issues, beginning with a fall I had last year. Nothing was broken but many body parts were affected. Thankfully, things are looking up and I hope to be back on a more regular basis.

During this period, I lost several friends and relatives and had many who were seriously ill. Their problems made mine look minor. I was always being asked how I was doing. Hubby would answer, “Almost perfect,” but

my answer would be ,”Fairly well.”

Recently I ran across a clipping that pertains to situations such as this and I would like to share it with you. The title is “Reasonably Sweet”. It has no author listed and research offered several attributions, but most were attributed to an Aging Nun.

However, it was surely

written by an aging person. Here it is.

Reasonably Sweet

Lord, thou knowest better than I know myself that I am growing older and someday will be old. Keep me from getting talkative, and particularly from the fatal habit of thinking I must say something on every subject and every occasion.

Release me from craving to try to straighten out everybody’s affairs. Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details; give me wings to get to the point. I ask for grace

enough to listen to the tales of others’ pains. Help me endure them with patience.

But seal my lips on my own aches and pains. They are increasing, and my love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as the years go by. I dare not ask for improved memory, but for a growing humility and a lessening to clash with the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be mistaken.

Keep me reasonably sweet. I do not want to be a saint\_\_\_\_, some of them are so hard to live with\_\_\_\_ but a sour old woman (or man) is

one of the crowning works of the devil. Make me thoughtful, but not moody, helpful, but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom, it seems a pity not to use it. But thou knowest, Lord, that I want a few friends at the end.

Give me the ability to see good things in unexpected places and talents in unexpected people.

Give me , Lord, the grace to tell them so. Amen.

FANNIE MOORE LIVES IN SHONGALOO.



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DIXIE SOFTBALL

# Minden All-Star teams fare well in state tournaments

## Darlings headed to 8U World Series in Tennessee

RUSSELL HEDGES  
Minden Press-Herald

Minden Dixie All-Star teams fared well in recently completed state tournaments.

The Dixie Darlings All-Stars are headed to the 8U World Series, which starts later this month in Fairview, Tenn., after winning the state tournament on Tioga.

The Angels All-Stars finished runner-up in the 10U tournament in Monroe. The SweeTees All-Stars finished runner-up in the 6U tournament in Tioga.

The Darlings went 5-0, defeating Oakdale 18-3, Alexandria Nationals 15-3, West Monroe 11-0, Jena 11-4 and Ward 10 8-4.

Team members are Evie Vise, Lexie Perryman, Harper Barnette, Annabel Sunderland, Laikyn Hollingsworth, Fallyn Hol-

lingsworth, Laikyn Lewis, Willow Still, Ellie Speer, Brooklyn Sunderland, Aubrey Chanler, and Stella Perryman.

Coaches are Tyler Lewis, Matt Chanler, Riley Hollingsworth, Logan Hollingsworth, Jason Sunderland.

The Angels All-Stars went 3-2. They defeated West Carroll 15-4 and Rapides East twice, 11-0 and 4-0.

Their losses were to champion South Sabine.

Team members are Kynlee Garms, Montgomery Ingles, Peyton Wood, Ellie Kate Perryman, Kynlee Wood, Emmaline Harmon, Layla Holford, Karlee Brewer, Kenzie Pamintuan, Lola Huddleston, Addi Ramsey and Marion Wimberly.

Coaches are Chase Huddleston, Marcus Harmon and Daniel Garms.

Members of the runner-

up SweeTees are Brooke Hollingsworth, Razze Waller, Charlie Day, Adalyn McClaran, Elizabeth Fox, Raven Bolyer, Avery Mills, Cecily Hodges, Emerson Haynes, Cheslie Darden, Ryan Gordon and Peyton Peevy.

Coaches are Kyle Darden, David Fox, Brett Gordon and Dakota Haynes.

The Minden Ponytails All-Stars picked up a victory in the 12U state tournament in Pineville, defeating Oakdale 26-0.

Team members of the district champion Ponytails are Rhea Waller, Jayla Joyner, Kullyn Chanler, Brayleigh Lewis, Klaytin David, Madisyn Jernigan, Braelyn White, Savannah Mangrum, Jaidyn Smith, Bree Bonsall, Chloe Gregg and Presley Wood.

Coaches are Chanler, Toby Bonsall and Jesika Joyner.



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The Minden Darlings All-Stars qualified for the 8U World Series in Fairview, Tenn., by winning the state tournament in Tioga.

OUTDOORS

# LDWF schedules drawdown of Lake Bistineau

LDWF RELEASE

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has scheduled drawdowns of Lake Bistineau in Webster, Bossier, and Bienville parishes to reduce the expansion of giant salvinia.

The drawdown will also benefit fisheries production by improving aquatic habitat and reducing the amount of organic matter on the lake bottom.

LDWF has requested the

Department of Transportation and Development open the water control structure on July 31.

Once the water control structure is open, the lake should dewater at a rate of 4 to 6 inches per day until it reaches a potential maximum drawdown level of 8 feet below pool stage.

This dewater rate could be impacted, however, by local rainfall in the surrounding watershed. Aquatic habitat conditions will be

monitored during the drawdown and a gate closure date will be determined and announced at a later date.

During the drawdown, an estimated 10,000 acres of water will remain in the lake. Boaters can still access the lake during the drawdown from the following public boat launches: Port of Bistineau Launch, Bossier Public Launch, Grice's, and Bayou Dorcheat Public Launch. Boaters are advised to use caution during the

low water period, as boat lanes will not provide normal clearance of underwater obstructions.

The drawdown is a necessary component of LDWF's integrated management plan to control overabundant aquatic vegetation growth and to improve the Lake Bistineau sport fishery.

An annual cycle of high and low water fluctuation can provide beneficial effects similar to a natural overflow lake system. Her-

bicide applications will continue during the drawdown period.

The Lake Bistineau Waterbody Management Plan can be viewed at: [www.wlf.louisiana.gov/resources/category/freshwater-inland-fish/inland-waterbody-management-plans](http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/resources/category/freshwater-inland-fish/inland-waterbody-management-plans).

The LDWF has also scheduled a drawdown of Lake Clairborne in Claiborne Parish at the request of the Claiborne Parish Watershed District.

LDWF has requested the Department of Transportation and Development to open the water control structure on September 18 for shoreline maintenance and erosion control.

Once the water control structure is open, the lake should dewater at a rate of 4 to 6 inches per day until it reaches a target level of 7 feet below pool stage. The drawdown gates will be closed on January 31, 2024, to allow the lake to refill.

# Tips for summertime fishing

GLYNN HARRIS

The weather has started to heat up here in the middle of July and for the bass fisherman, he knows that some of the day's most exciting and often best action occurs at the break of day. There is something about being on the water this time of year while all is quiet with a growing glow in the east as he casts a topwater lure next to the trunk of a cypress or willow.

When the twitch of the lure results in an explosive strike, it just about doesn't get any better than this. Once the day brightens, the early morning action usually slows and the average bass angler heads home for the air conditioning once old Sol peaks over the cypresses.

For anglers who want to extend their bass fishing experience longer, the search is on for one lure to keep the bites coming, even after daytime temperatures rise. The Wobblehead meets all the characteristics of just such a lure.

This rather non-descript device features a slender curved slab of metal with a single hook onto which is attached a plain straight tail six inch plastic worm. Incidentally, there is no lure easier to retrieve than a Wobblehead; you simply cast it out and bring it back in a rather boring straight retrieve. However, there is nothing boring when a big bass gulps down the bait.

The curved metal body of the Wobblehead gives the lure its name; it wobbles side to side and gives the plastic worm tail an enticing swimming motion which resembles a favorite food for a foraging bass, a small swimming snake. Remember the last time you saw a snake swimming across the water? That's the exact image you get when



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Bass fishing can sometimes be better at night in summer.

you reel in a Wobblehead.

These lures are especially effective when fished next to moss beds, where bass lurk out of the glare of the scorching sun waiting for something good to eat to pass by. A small snake slowly wagging overhead is often too much to pass up.

Cast out a Wobblehead in the heat this summer next to a patch of weeds and hang on. The results could leave you feeling "cool".

Bream fishermen can still do their thing with these fighters even in the heat of summer. Both bluegills and chinquapins can be caught even though the spawn is over and they have moved from their shallow spawning beds.

One of the most productive bream fishing forays I ever experienced was

one sweltering day several years ago when Eddie Halbrook took me to Grand Bayou lake near Coushatta where we caught at least 50 big chinquapins fishing cold worms on the bottom on an 8 foot deep flat.

If you're a crappie fishermen, here's something you may want to try to improve your summertime catch of tasty slabs.

If you want the best service from your waiter at a favorite restaurant, let it be known that you're a generous "tipper". You're more than likely to find him eager and willing to be at your service. Keep this truth in mind the next time you head for the lake after summertime crappie. If you're a good "tipper", the crappie just might be much more cooperative.

Tipping explained

means that you add something to your crappie jig to make it more enticing. Some anglers regularly tip their jigs with small shiners while others prefer commercial pea-sized niblets, grass shrimp or wax worms.

One of the best times to go for crappie during the heat of summer is to say indoors during the hottest part of the day and head for the lake at night. A bucket of shiners dangled beneath the lights around a pier or off the side of the boat will attract shiners or shad which attracts the crappie. It can be a bunch of fun and you won't even need sunscreen.

Whether it's bass, bream or crappie, you can still get your string stretched even in the middle of summer.

## Fishing Report

**BLACK BAYOU** – Bream and crappie have both been biting. Crickets and worms for bream; shiners for crappie. Bass best on spinners. Contact Honey Hole Tackle Shop 323-8707 for latest information.

**BUSSEY BRAKE** – Bass fishing continues to be good. Spinners with trailers and flipping jigs around the brush have both been working. The crappie are scattered around the brush. Bream have slowed. For latest information, contact the Honey Hole at 323-8707.

**OUACHITA RIVER** – Bass are best fishing in the cuts where there is a bit of current. Topwater lures, crank baits and spinners best. Crappie are best fishing shiners or jigs in the river lakes as well as around sunken tops in the river. Bream are fair. For latest information, contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

**LAKE D'ARBONNE** – Crappie fishing has been best fishing the flats fishing 6 feet deep in 8-12 foot water especially around Terrill Island and around the Hwy 33 bridge in 12-14 foot water on jigs and shiners. Bass fishing has been good early mornings fishing topwater lures around the grass. Later in the day, look for them in deeper water where Carolina-rigs, crank baits and spinners are working best. Bream are on starting to slow down off the beds on hitting worms and crickets. Catfish continue to be caught fishing cold worms and night crawlers off the banks. For latest information, call Anderson Sport Center at 368-9669 or Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

**LAKE CLAIBORNE** – Night fishing has been best for crappie fishing shiners under the lights around the piers and boat houses. The Majestic Big Bass Tournament is scheduled for July 21-22. Bass fishing has been best fishing around the docks and grass lines with swim baits and soft plastics or spinners. Some stripers are beginning to show up in the coves and hitting shad imitation lures. Bream are fair. Some nice catfish have been caught on noodles baited with live bream. 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 nice sized fish. Wobbleheads are taking some fish around the grass during the days. 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 are slow to fair. Crappie are best on the south end on shiners or jigs. 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 falling and barfish and crappie along with catfish are starting to bite. Bass are fair. For information, call Surplus City Landing at 318/467-2259.



# Good News

GOOD NEWS

## WEATHERING THE TRIALS OF LIFE

We all watch the weather patterns, wondering about storms, getting ready for hurricanes and the like. Guess mankind has always feared the harsh weather at various times of the year. Right now we are praying ‘hard’ for rain; when it rains for a few days, then we begin to pray for sunshine. It’s a vicious cycle and we know we can’t do anything about it. The Lord is fully in control.

Growing up in the country, without an instant update on the weather, we had to be ready for ‘whatever came whistling around the corner.’ Grandma slept with her boots on at night when there was a threatening storm. When heavy rains came, syrup buckets and bowls were placed in strategic places where the tin-tip roof had leaks. When winter moved in to stay, bringing cold winds and sometimes snow, daddy would patch up holes in the floor or outside walls, stuffing newspaper in them sometimes to ‘seal it

for a while.’ We learned the layered look was in vogue in times like this, clothes upon clothes. But dealing with the trials of life was more difficult. They demand more than a band aid or a good rubbing of Vicks Salve. Such trials demand help from a source greater and more powerful than we are.

A sudden heart attack or stroke, an auto or tractor accident, a random shooting, a suicide – changes lives and families for generations. Mention the words “cancer. AIDS or diabetics”, COVID and we become upset, call our prayer partners to put us on the top of their list. It’s times like these our faith is tested, we locate Bible promises to memorize, or we realize what kind of foundation



Bill Crider

our life is really built upon. John 3:16, Romans 6:22-23, and Proverbs 3:5-6; 10:25 and such, become more special to us as we wrestle with such trials of life.

Psalms 71 is a strong source of strength to keep near when trials begin to appear. Listen to some of the promises of the psalmist and the promises of God as they meet each other in the heart of man, bringing about a complete confidence that the God who promised to save us for eternity is true in every way He promised. He can/does supply our every need when we stand before Him in humble adoration and praise. He hears our pleas and answers them in ways to bring Him honor and glory.

Our plea when in need: “V 1: O Lord, You are my refuge. V 2: Rescue me and deliver me; turn your ear to me and save me; V 3: You are my Rock of refuge, my Fortress; I am always safe with You. V 5-6: You have been/are my Hope and Confidence since

I was a child....I have relied on You. I will praise You forever. V 8: My mouth is filled with praises about your splendor and loving care. V 9-10: Lord, please do not cast me away when I am old (and feeble) or my strength is gone. (Save me from my enemies - loneliness, weakness, fear and being neglected). V 11-13: My God, You have not forsaken me; You will rescue me from my accusers. V 14-16: I will always have hope, praise You more and more, and tell everyone of your salvation. I will proclaim your greatness and righteousness everywhere I go. V 17-19: From my childhood to now that I am old and gray, You have taught me your ways. Don’t leave me here alone, but give me opportunities to declare your power, love, grace and salvation to the next generation. Who is like You, O God? None in all the world! V 20-21: Though You have allowed me to experience many trials (some very bitter), You restore my life

after each one. After each triumph, You increase my honor and give me more comfort. V 22-24: So, I will use every ounce of energy and all my skills and talents to praise You. You are faithful beyond all measure. My lips will always sing praise to You for redeeming me. I will tell of your righteousness all day long.”

This Psalm reflects a compilation of truths about God’s deliverance of His saints during times of trouble. It is not the absence of suffering but the response to suffering that makes Christians unique. Believers are not exempt from trials in life, but we can be exempt from failure in those trials. These words of the psalmist are a bright light in a dark night in many lives – and can be for all who are dealing with the trials of life. (Dr. David Jeremiah: Morning and Evening Devotions, page 392).

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### THE UPWARD LOOK

## To Speak of These Things

“For it is shameful even to mention what is done by them in secret.” Ephesians 5:12 HCSB



Max Hutto

By nature those that walk in darkness do unfruitful, disgraceful, shameful deeds. The believer must be careful and cautious when talking about these deeds of disobedience, otherwise he may be polluted, consumed, and enticed by these wicked deeds. There is a dangerous slippery slope that can result by simply mentioning and exposing the secret deeds of darkness.

Becoming too familiar with wickedness can lead to falling into sin by doing the same dark, evil, sinful deeds.

Lord Jesus, it is so easy to get enticed by the deeds of darkness. Keep my mind and my deeds centered and focused on You so that I may honor You by walking in Your light.

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### INSPIRATION

## Focus

Most who study the Bible have heard the story of Peter’s desire to walk on the water with Jesus. However, I’m not here today to retell that story, I’m here to bring awareness to its meaning. Many people have gleaned many things from this story. For some, it is the ability to do the impossible through God, and for others, it is the fact the apostles didn’t recognize the Messiah right away. Those are two great messages to receive from this story but not the only messages. In Matthew 14:22-31, Peter asked to walk on the water and he did until he saw the turmoil around him and began to sink. It wasn’t for the wind and waves that Peter sank but it was him taking his



Bernard Harris

eyes off of Jesus. The lesson that Jesus seeks to teach us is faith and a firm focus on him, his will, and his word that will not only help you live a Godly life but also maintain one. We often focus so much on the turmoil of the world around us that we take our eyes off of God standing before us and the beautiful path he has paved for us and we sink. As I close this message I would like to implore everyone who reads this message to keep their eyes on Jesus and his promises. God is always in control, we need only a little faith.

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By virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued out of the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, in the above styled and numbered suit and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder for cash WITH the benefit of appraisal and according to law at the principal front door of the Court-house in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana on WEDNESDAY, August 23, 2023, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

A CERTAIN PIECE OR PORTION OF GROUND, together with all the buildings and improvements thereon, and all the rights, ways, privileges, servitudes, advantages and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, situated in the **PARISH OF WEBSTER, STATE OF LOUISIANA**, Lots Three (3), Four (4), Five (5), and Six (6), Block "J", Unit Two (2), Cypress Isle Lake Estates Subdivision, a subdivision located in the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (SE/4 of NE/4) and the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (NE/4 of SE/4), Section 24, Township 17 North, Range 10 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana, as per map and plat of said subdivision on file and of record in the map records of Webster Parish, Louisiana.

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

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**July 19, 2023**  
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**July 12, 2023**  
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### PUBLIC NOTICE

*Minden Planning Commission Meeting*

**August 3RD, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.**

*Pelican Room - Minden City Hall*

On the agenda is a request from Perryman Realty, LLC, for preliminary approval of a lot split on property owned them facing Highway 531 and Carey Lane.

### Legal Description:

Tract A: A 0.96 acre, more or less, tract of land located in the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NE/4 of NW/4), Section 25, Township 19 North, Range 9 West, Northwestern Land District, Louisiana Meridian West, Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana, including a portion of Lot No. 1, Unit No. 1, Beaver Creek Subdivision, as per map and plat thereof on file and of record in the Office of the Clerk of Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, in Map Book 4, at Page 35, being more particularly described as follows: Begin at the Northwest Corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, said Section 25, being a point lying in the surface of Louisiana Highway No. 531, for the Point of Beginning, and run East for a distance of 290.40 feet to a set 1 1/2 inch iron pipe; thence run South 44 degrees 07 minutes 37 seconds West for a distance of 378.04 feet to a set 1 inch iron pipe on the South line of said Lot No. 1; thence run North for a distance of 346.38 feet to the Point of Beginning.

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

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I am applying to the Commission on Alcoholic Beverage Control of the State of Louisiana for a permit to sell beverages of low alcohol content at retail in the Parish of Webster at the following address:

1400 Sibley Rd  
Minden, LA 71055  
Ameer Issa (D.B.A) Sibley Rd Chevron  
Ameer Issa - Owner

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### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Project No. 2000720366  
Bid No. 06-2023

City of Minden (herein referred to as the "Owner")

Sealed bids marked "Sealed Bid – City of Minden - Community Development Block Grant Project for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 to be financed by the State of Louisiana CDBG Program" will be received by the Owner for the construction of the project described as follows:

**CITY OF MINDEN 2022 – 2023 LCDBG SEWER REHABILITATION PROJECT**

Proposals shall be addressed to the City of Minden, and delivered to the City Clerk's Office located at Minden City Hall, 520 Broadway Street, Minden, Louisiana 71055 no later than 2:00 P.M. local time, on the 22nd day of August, 2023. Sealed bids to be marked "Sealed Bid – City of Minden Community Development Block Grant Project for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 to be financed by the State of Louisiana CDBG Program". Any bid received after the specified time and date will not be considered. The sealed bids will be publicly opened and read aloud shortly after the 2:00 P.M. submission deadline on the 22nd day of August, 2023, at the Pelican Conference Room located at Minden City Hall, 520 Broadway Street, Minden, Louisiana 71055.

A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at 10:00 A.M. on the 9th day of August, 2023 at the Public Works Office, Minden City Hall, 520 Broadway Street, Minden, Louisiana 71055.

The information for Bidders, Form of Bid Proposal, Form of Contract, Plans, Specifications, and Forms of Bid Bond, Performance Bond and Payment Bond, and other contract documents may be examined at the office of the Engineer, Riley Company of Louisiana, Inc., 112 East Mississippi Avenue, Ruston, Louisiana 71270. Copies may be obtained at this office upon payment of a deposit of \$100.00 for each set which is the cost of reproduction and handling. This deposit will be refunded upon request in accordance with R.S. 38:2212.

Bidding documents can also be found on-line at [www.bidexp-press.com](http://www.bidexp-press.com). Bidders may elect to submit bids electronically if properly registered on-line for this service. If bidders encounter any problems accessing Bid Express, please contact Bid Express directly at 888-352-2439.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids for just cause; such actions will be in accordance with Title 38 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes.

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

No bidder may withdraw his/her bid within forty-five (45) days after the actual date of the opening thereof. The Contractor shall begin mobilization and procurement of materials within ten (10) working days of the receipt of the Notice to Proceed.

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

Any person with disabilities requiring special accommodations must contact the City of Minden at 318-377-2144 no later than seven (7) days prior to bid opening.

**IN PARTICULAR, BIDDERS SHOULD NOTE THE REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS AND CERTIFICATIONS TO BE EXECUTED AND SUBMITTED WITH THE BID PROPOSAL.**

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

Each contractor and subcontractor must have an active Unique Entity ID (SAM), as verified on [www.sam.gov](http://www.sam.gov), prior to the beginning of construction.

City of Minden

Michael Fluhr  
City Clerk

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### SHERIFF'S SALE

**REGIONS BANK D/B/A REGIONS MORTGAGE VS. CAROLYN CELESTE LEE AND THE UNOPENED SUCCESSION OF RALPH DAVID LEE**

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 80072

By virtue of a WRIT OF FIFA 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 Court-house in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana on WEDNESDAY, August 23, 2023, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

That certain lot or parcel of land, with all buildings and improvements thereon, situated in Webster Parish, State of Louisiana, and being 99 feet by 210 feet on union street in Minden, Louisiana, a described in deed recorded in volume 98, page 175, and volume 150, page 603, conveyance records of Webster Parish, Louisiana, made a part hereof by reference and described as:

Commence at a point on the north side of Monroe Street at its intersection with the west side of Union Street in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana, and thence run south 75 degrees 00 minutes west a distance of 132.5 feet; thence north 17 degrees 00 minutes west 378.5 feet for the initial point of beginning of the property to be hereinafter described; thence run south 75 degrees west 119 feet; thence run north 17 degrees west 98.5 feet thence run north 75 degrees east 210 feet, more or less, to west side of Union Street; thence run south 22 degrees east a distance of 99 feet; thence run south 75 degrees west 106 feet to point of beginning, being situated in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana, together with all buildings and improvements thereon. Subject to restrictions, reservations, easements, covenants, oil, gas or mineral rights of record, if any.

Which has the address of 217 West Union Street, Minden, LA 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

**July 19, 2023**  
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Minutes  
June 1, 2023  
Town Hall  
Village of Doyline

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Gates. Roll was called: in attendance, Mayor Gates, Steve Bridwell, Rachael Muniz, Jackie Daniels and Myra Kilburn. Prayer was offered by Jackie Daniels and the Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Steven Bridwell.

Motion to amend the Agenda to include the appointment of Mrs. Myra Kilburn as Municipal Clerk was made by Steven Bridwell and seconded by Jackie Daniels. Motion carried.

A discussion was held with the citizens in attendance regarding the previous sewer rate increase. Mayor Gates read the previous "talking points" that had been offered throughout the increase process. Which included such points as inflation regarding parts and maintenance, collections, and local rate study comparisons. Mr. Bridwell reported previous small increases that still could not meet the necessary expectations for loans, grants, bonds to upgrade the system. Mr. Dunaway, Sewer Superintendent reported how hard it is to get grants on an unsustainable system. That the current grant to change from marine power to electric power at the plant has taken 15 years to come to fruition.

Mr. Dunaway reports his wife's health is on the mend and he will be spending more time here in Doyline in the future. He will obtain locks for the sewer lift stations. A concrete form or repair was discussed for the manhole covers needs to be done. Mr. Dunaway said rather than pay a contractor a large sum for this work he would get someone to help him at his regular hourly rate.

It was reported there is a stop sign missing at College Main. Mrs. Kilburn will have the work crew replace it on Friday.

Mrs. Kilburn reports although new to Doyline, she has previously worked as a Municipal Clerk and feels she "hit the ground running". She reports having found the office in a slightly disheveled condition due to previous clerk changing filing systems. However, she did not find this to be a challenge and feels order has been restored to the files.

Steven Bridwell reminds the council that is Budget time and in fact at this late stage the Budget once approved through the

proper process will be late reporting. Mrs. Kilburn said she would have a draft ready by the July meeting date and will find out if it is possible to get an extension of the deadline through the Secretary of State or through the Auditor.

Chief Robby Haden reports things are quiet. He requested a new printer has not responded correctly since lightning struck all the office equipment some time back. Mrs. Muniz volunteered to search for the best price on a new printer and report back to Mayor Gates.

Motion was made by Steven Bridwell, 2nd by Rachael Muniz to approve the appointment of Mrs. Myra Kilburn, as Municipal Clerk for the Village of Doyline. Motion carried. Mayor Gates administered the Oath of Office to Mrs. Kilburn: the oath was signed for delivery to the Secretary of State and the Webster Parish Clerk of Court's Office.

Motion to approve both April and May Minutes was made by Steven Bridwell, 2nd by Jackie Daniels. Motion carried.

Financial statements were offered for approval. Motion was made by Rachael Muniz, 2nd by Jackie Daniels to approve the May Financial Statement. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Steven Bridwell to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Jackie Daniels. Motion carried.

Mayor Christal Gates

Clerk Myra Kilburn

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**SHERIFF'S SALE VS. CANDENCE BANK VS. ANGELA D. EATMAN, INDEPENDENT EXECUTRIX OF THE SUCCESSION OF CHARLES EDWARD ENNIS, AND ADMINISTRATOR OF THE SUCCESSION OF DOROTHY ELDNER MILLICAN ENNIS.**

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 80766

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 Court-house in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana on WEDNESDAY, August 23, 2023, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

Begin at the Northeast corner of Government Lot Fifteen (15), located in the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SW/4 of SE/4), Section 24, Township 18 North, Range 10 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana and run South 88 degrees 10 minutes 00 seconds West 265.30 feet to a "x" cut in the concrete in the center line of the ditch for the point of beginning; thence run South 5 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West 76.93 feet to a 5/8" iron rod; thence run South 88 degrees 10 minutes 00 seconds West 159.61 feet to a 5/8" iron rod at the East side of Horseshoe Loop Extension; thence run North 15 degrees 27 minutes 00 seconds East 80 feet along said road to a 5/8" iron rod at the South side of Horseshoe Loop Road; thence run North 88 degrees 10 minutes 00 seconds East 145 feet along said road to the point of beginning. Containing 0.26 acres more or less.

AND

Begin at the Northeast corner of Government Lot 15, located in the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SW/4 of SE/4), Section 24, Township 18 North, Range 10 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana

and run South 88 degrees 10 minutes 00 seconds West 265.30 feet to the point of beginning of the tract herein described; from this point of beginning, continue South 88 degrees 10 minutes 00 seconds West a distance of 111 feet; more or less, to the Northeast corner of a 0.26 acre, more or less, tract presently owned by Marvin Dale Shoemaker, Jr., and the Northwest corner of the tract herein described; thence run South 5 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West a distance of 76.93 feet along the eastern boundary line of said 0.26 acre tract, to the southeast corner of said 0.26 acre tract, and the southwest corner of the tract herein described; thence run North 88 degrees 10 minutes 00 seconds east to the Northeast corner of a tract presently owned by Richard W. Kauffman, et al, thence run in a Southeasterly direction to a point that is South 11 degrees 58 minutes 13 seconds West 150 feet from the point of beginning; thence run North 11 degrees 58 minutes 13 seconds East 150 feet to the point of beginning; subject to restrictions, servitudes, rights-of-way and outstanding mineral rights of record affecting the property.

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

**JASON R. PARKER**  
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Anyone knowing the whereabouts of DERRICK CHAMPION A/K/A DERRICK ALONZO CHAMPION and SHUNTORI E CHAMPION A/K/A SHUNTORI SPENCER CHAMPION should contact D. Tomlin Wilson, Attorney at Law, by phone at (318) 771-7102 or by email at [tomlinwilsonlaw@outlook.com](mailto:tomlinwilsonlaw@outlook.com).

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF MINDEN, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN IN REGULAR SESSION HELD ON JULY 10, 2023**

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

Michael Roy moved to amend the printed agenda to remove item (12) Authority for Mayor Cox to Enter into a Short-Form-of-Agreement, Professional Services Agreement, and Task Order between the City of Minden and Manchac Consulting Group, Inc. The motion was duly seconded by Carlton Myles and carried unanimously.

Upon motion by Carlton Myles and duly seconded by Latasha Mitchell, the council unanimously adopted the minutes of the Minden City Council Regular Session held on June 5, 2023, as presented. Absent(s): None.

The following action was taken regarding condemned property:

C. L. Baker  
Post Office Box 441  
Minden, Louisiana 71058

420 Martin Luther King Drive  
Lot #1, Jackson Allen Subdiv.

C. L. Baker was present representing his property. Carlton Myles moved to authorize Mayor Cox to

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issue an order declaring the property condemned and further order the demolition of any structures located thereon and the cleaning of the lot within 90 days of July 10, 2023. The motion was duly seconded by Latasha Mitchell and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

The following action was taken regarding condemned property:

Charlotte Scott  
504 Walnut Street  
Minden, Louisiana  
71055

404 South Street  
Lot #3, Blk. "12", Harrell Hts.

With no party representing the property owner present at the time this item was heard, Carlton Myles moved to authorize Mayor Cox to issue an order declaring the property condemned and further order the demolition of any structures located thereon and the cleaning of the lot within 30 days of July 10, 2023. The motion was duly seconded by Andy Pendergrass and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

The following action was taken regarding condemned property:

Charles E. Cato  
c/o Gregory Cato  
410 Morrow Street  
Minden, Louisiana  
71055

408 Morrow Street  
Lot Fronting 28 ft. on Morrow St. x 200 ft. in NE/4 of NW/4 Sec. 28-19-9

With no party representing the property owner present at the time this item was heard, Latasha Mitchell moved to authorize Mayor Cox to issue an order declaring the property condemned and further order the demolition of any structures located thereon and the cleaning of the lot within 30 days of July 10, 2023. The motion was duly seconded by Michael Roy and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

The following action was taken regarding condemned property:

Ruth M. Walker  
703 McMullen Street  
Minden, Louisiana  
71055

410 Morrow Street  
Lot Fronting 47.5 ft. on Rebecca St. x 135 ft. in NE/4 of NW/4 Sec. 28-19-9 & an Und. 1/3 Int. in: Lot Fronting 50 ft. on Morrow St. x 141 ft. in NE/4 of NW/4 Sec. 28-19-9

Juliana Anderson was present representing Ruth M. Walker's property. Carlton Myles moved to authorize Mayor Cox to issue an order declaring the property condemned and further order the demolition of any structures located thereon and the cleaning of the lot within 90 days of July 10, 2023. The motion was duly seconded by Levon Thomas and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

The following action was taken regarding condemned property:

Lloyd Waymon  
Huckaby  
442 Plaza Circle  
Bossier City, Louisiana  
71111

232 North Middle Landing Street Lots #1 & 2 Blk. "F" Resurvey of S. J. Harrell Second Subdiv.

Anita Fontenot was present representing Lloyd Waymon Huckaby's property. Latasha Mitchell moved to authorize Mayor Cox to issue an order declaring the property condemned and further order the demolition of any structures located thereon and the cleaning of the lot within 90 days of July 10, 2023. The motion was duly seconded by Michael Roy and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

The following action was taken regarding condemned property:

Willie Combs, Jr.  
217 Main Street  
Minden, Louisiana  
71055

217 Main Street  
Lots #58 & 59, Williamson Jones Survey of Minden in NE/4 of NE/4 Sec. 28-19-9. Strip 20 x 130 ft. Adj. on West Side of Lot #58. Strip 10 x 120 ft. Adj. on South Side of Lots #58 & 59 & Strip 10 x 130 ft. Adj. on East Side of Lot #59 in NE/4 of NE/4 Sec. 28-19-9 (formerly alleys)

With no party representing the property owner present at the time this item was heard, Michael Roy moved to authorize Mayor Cox to appoint a curator in this matter. The motion was

duly seconded by Andy Pendergrass and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Michael Roy moved to confirm Joshua Butts as a full-time firefighter in the Minden Fire Department, subject to passing all applicable tests. The motion was duly seconded by Latasha Mitchell and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Upon motion by Andy Pendergrass and duly seconded by Michael Roy, the council unanimously adopted a Resolution to Amend the City of Minden 2022/2023 Budget, as presented. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Levon Thomas moved to adopt a Resolution Authorizing Mayor Cox to Execute an Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for Project #11012030-US 371: KCS RR OVERPASSES HBI, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Michael Roy and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Upon motion by Michael Roy and duly seconded by Carlton Myles, the council unanimously adopted a Resolution Regarding a Lease Purchase Agreement for the Purpose of Financing a Heavy Rescue Truck for the Fire Department, as presented. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Upon motion by Andy Pendergrass and duly seconded by Latasha Mitchell, the council unanimously adopted the City of Minden's Backup & Recovery Procedures, as presented. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Carlton Myles moved to adopt the Information Technology Disaster Recovery Plan, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Latasha Mitchell and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Michael Roy moved to adopt the Debt Management Policy, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Latasha Mitchell and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Upon motion by Levon Thomas and duly seconded by Michael Roy, the council unanimously adopted the Policy on Sexual Harassment, as presented. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Carlton Myles moved to award Bid No. 05-2023, Fire Department Custom Heavy Rescue Truck, to the lowest qualified bidder meeting all requirements, Brindlee Mountain. The motion was duly seconded by Levon Thomas and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

City Clerk Michael Fluhr presented the Budget/Financial Report for the month of May 2023. No motion was required.

The police report for the month of May 2023 was unanimously accepted, as presented, by motion of Latasha Mitchell and second by Michael Roy. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Announcements were heard, council comments were heard, and the meeting was adjourned.

Nick Cox, Mayor

ATTEST:

Michael Fluhr,  
City Clerk

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**SHERIFF'S SALE**

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

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

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

26, 2023, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

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

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

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

Linda Vaughan - Deputy

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A reunion for the descendants of Squire John Morgan, Charles Kennedy Morgan and Henry Thomas Morgan will be held at the Shongaloo Civic Center on Sunday, September 10, 2023 at 10:00. Please bring a covered dish, pictures and stories from your past.

For information regarding the reunion, contact Ellen at 318-470-9150.

**FOR SALE**

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR COMPETITIVE SEALED BIDS

Notice is hereby given that the Webster Parish Community Services Head Start Program is issuing an Invitation for Competitive Sealed Bids to be opened on Friday, August 4, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. Sealed bids will be accepted until 10:00 a.m. on Friday, August 4, 2023. At the office on 208 Gleason Street/P. O. Box 876, Minden, LA 71058-0876 for the following items:

Processed Foods, Meat and Meat Products, Bread & Bread Products, and Milk & Dairy Products

Bid forms and specifications may be obtained from the above address during the hours of 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. The Webster Parish Office of Community Services Head Start Program reserves the right to reject any and all bids, waive informalities and accept the bid which best serves the public interest. Webster Parish Police Jury Office of Community Services is an Equal Opportunity Employer/Program/Provider. Auxiliary Aids and Services Are Available Upon Request to Individuals with Disabilities

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Opportunity to Comment

Germantown Water System Project

USDA Forest Service – Region 8

Kisatchie National Forest – Caney Ranger District

Webster Parish, Louisiana

The Caney Ranger District is requesting comments or concerns regarding the Germantown Water System project, replacement of the existing waterline within the Caney Ranger District located north and alongside Forest Service Road 801, between LA 534 and LA 159. The legal description for this property is T19N R9W Section 2, T20N R9W Sections 34, 35.

This action may be categorically excluded from documentation in an environmental impact statement (EIS) or an environmental assessment (EA). The proposal is like the category of actions identified in agency procedures as:

Citation: 36 CFR 220.6(e)(3)(IV)

- 220.6 = Categorical Exclusions
- e = Categories of actions for which a project or case file and decision memo are required
- 3 = Approval, modification, or continuation of special uses that require less than 20 acres of NFS lands. Subject to the preceding condition, examples include but are not limited to;
- iv = Approving the use of land for a utility corridor that crosses a national forest (5) Repair and maintenance of recreation sites and facilities.

Specific written comments must be submitted to: **Ronald Fisher, District Ranger, c/o John Wilcox, Caney Ranger District, 3288 Hwy 79 Homer, LA 71040.** Comments may be submitted by mail or by hand delivery during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday – Friday (except federal holidays). Comments may also be faxed to 318-927-6520 or email to [John.Wilcox@usda.gov](mailto:John.Wilcox@usda.gov).

**Note: "Germantown Water System Project" in the subject line.** Written comments must be received within **21 days** of announcement.

Additional information is available by contacting John Wilcox by email at [John.Wilcox@usda.gov](mailto:John.Wilcox@usda.gov) or by phone at (318) 927-2061.

We appreciate your continued interest in the management of the Caney Ranger District of Kisatchie National Forest.

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Opportunity to Comment

Pine Island Boat Launch Corney Lake

USDA Forest Service – Region 8

Kisatchie National Forest – Caney Ranger District

Claiborne Parish, Louisiana

The Caney Ranger proposes to construct a boat launch at Corney Lake near Summerfield, Louisiana. The boat ramp will be off F5 902 which will give boaters better access to Corney Lake upper end. The proposed action will utilize an existing logging deck and CN048 for access. Resurface up to one and one-half acres for parking area and boat launch with SB2 class 7 granite aggregate. The parking area will be resurfaced using an excavator, dozer, and a tracked loader. The proposed action will also address erosion control needs in the proposed area CN048 of which is currently heavily eroded. The proposed action is in T23N, R4W, Sec 35 Claiborne Parish Louisiana.

The proposal is the category identified in agency procedures exclusion 36 CFR 220.6(e)(22): *Construction, reconstruction, decommissioning, or disposal of buildings, infrastructure, or improvements at an existing recreation site, including infrastructure or improvements that are adjacent or connected to an existing recreation site and provide access or utilities for that site.*

Specific written comments must be submitted to: **Ronald Fisher, District Ranger, c/o John Wilcox, Caney Ranger District, 3288 Hwy 79; Homer, LA 71040.** Comments may be submitted by mail or by hand delivery during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday – Friday (except federal holidays). Comments may also be faxed to 318-927-6520 or email to [John.Wilcox@usda.gov](mailto:John.Wilcox@usda.gov). **Note: "Pine Island Boat Launch" in the subject line.**

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Notice is hereby given that the Webster Parish School Board will receive sealed bids from LA licensed general contractors until **2:00 P.M., Thursday, August 17, 2023, for:**

**JOB #2022-17 ALTERATIONS TO J.E. HARPER PATHWAYS TO EXCELLENCE CENTER MINDEN, LOUISIANA**

Bids will be accepted until the date and time specified and will be publicly opened and read aloud at that time in the School Board's Office, 1442 Sheppard Street, Minden, Louisiana 71055. All submittal packages will be stamped or marked to acknowledge timely receipt. Sole responsibility for proper mailing or delivery of any bid in compliance with this advertisement is that of the bidder. Bids received after the date and time of opening will not be considered.

A non-mandatory **Pre-bid Conference** will be held at **10:00 A.M. on Monday August 7, 2023** at the jobsite: **618 Germantown Rd., Minden, Louisiana 71055.** Bidders must check in at the office.

All bids must be accompanied by bid security equal to five percent (5%) of the base bid and all alternates and must be in the form of a certified check, cashier's check or bid bond written by a company licensed to do business in the State of Louisiana.

Complete bid documents may be obtained from Yeager, Watson & Associates, LLC, 118 S. Trenton St., Ruston, LA 71270-4432, (318) 202-5708, upon receipt of deposit of \$100.00 for each set of documents. The deposit is fully-refundable to all plan holders upon return of the documents, in good condition, no later than fifteen (15) days after receipt of bids. The deposits for all other sets of documents will not be refunded. Bid-related materials and electronic submittal of bids may be found at: [WWW.CENTRALBIDDING.COM](http://WWW.CENTRALBIDDING.COM). For questions relating to the electronic bidding process, please call Central Bidding at (225) 810-4814. Electronic bid documents are also available for a purchase price of \$20 from the architect's office or by membership to following Plan Rooms: LAGC, ConstructConnect, Dodge, or iSqFt.

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The Webster Parish School Board is an equal opportunity agency dedicated to a policy of non-discrimination regarding Title VI, the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

The Webster Parish School Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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

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