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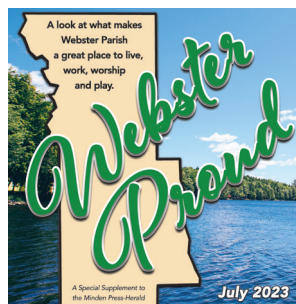
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Under Dawgs collaborated with the Minden Darlings to help raise funds for their trip to the world series later this month. The team went undefeated in both the District tournament and State tournament they competed in, and will be moving forward to represent Louisiana in the upcoming World Series in Fairview Tennessee.

"They've come a long way. They've put in a lot of hours and a lot of hard work. Each and every one of them does something important for our team," said Coach Tyler Lewis.

Team members are Evie Vise, Lexie Perryman, Harper Barnette, Annabel Sunderland, Laikyn Hollingsworth, Fallyn Hollingsworth, Laikyn Lewis, Willow Still, Ellie Speer, Brooklyn Sunderland, Aubrey Chanler, and Stella Perryman.

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LOCAL

Local businesses receiving threatening letters

AMBER MCDOWN
Minden Press-Herald

Local businesses have been receiving threatening letters through the mail recently. The police department is investigating.

There is no danger associated with the envelopes, but if you receive an envelope with the address written in pencil and with no return address then do not open the envelope and call the Minden Police Department at 318-371-4226 to report it. This is part of an ongoing investigation.

WPL

Back to school at the library

PRESLEY TYLER
Minden Press-Herald

With the end of summer and back to school swiftly approaching, the

Webster Parish Library will be putting on several end-of-summer activities for members of the community to come and participate in.

The events will take place in August and include; School Storytime, Perler Bead Art, Bubble Art, Kids Game Day, Hula Hoop Group, Adult Art

Club, Toddler Paint & Play, Sandy Storytime, Sidewalk Chalk Art, Adult Book Club, Water Balloon Extravaganza, Beaded Storytime, Teen Readers

Club and Tie Dye.

School Storytime will take place on August 1, from 10 AM to 11 AM in

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GOVERNMENT

Louisiana Legislature overrides governor's veto on gender affirming healthcare for minors

WILL PHILLIPS
Minden Press-Herald

Both chambers of the Louisiana Legislature mustered the two-thirds vote of its membership necessary to override a governor's veto clearing the way for the "Stop Harming Our Kids Act" (HB 648) to become law. The bill prohibits health-care professionals from providing

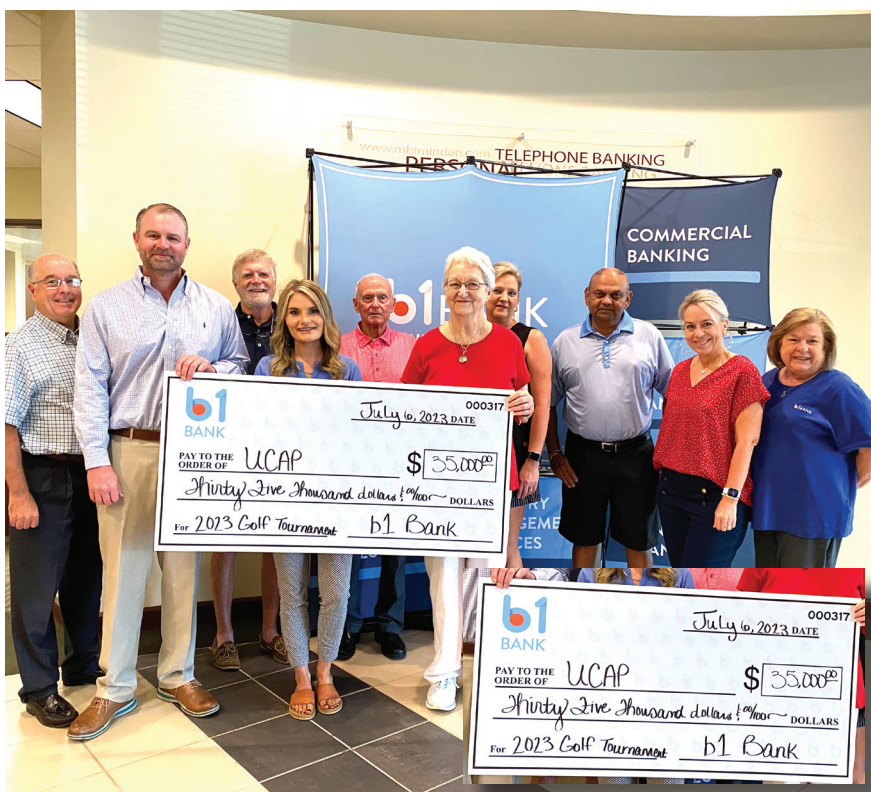


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CHARITY

b1Bank raises \$35,000 for UCAP



COURTESY PHOTO

Seen above is b1Bank donating the funds raised from its golf tournament to local non-profit UCAP, a total of \$35,000. Front row from left, Micah Hanson and Morgan Monday with b1Bank and Mary Seney from UCAP; back row from left, Mike Burton, b1Bank; John McConnell and John Earnhardt, UCAP; Annette Parrie, Pickle Ball representative; Jay Kumar, UCAP; Teresa Little and Debbie Logan with b1Bank.

SECURITY

OMV responds to Louisiana Drivers regarding data security incident

WILL PHILLIPS
Minden Press-Herald

The Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Public Safety Services, Office of Motor Vehicle (OMV) responded to a data security incident that involved personal information of individuals who were issued a Louisiana driver's license, identification card and/or vehicle registrations.

On May 31, 2023, Progress Software Corporation, which developed and supports the MOVEIt managed file transfer platform, notified all customers across the globe, including OMV, of a zero-day vulnerability that an unauthorized party leveraged to access and acquire data without authorization. Upon learning of the incident, immediate measures were taken to

secure the MOVEIt environment utilized to transfer files. A thorough investigation was conducted, and it was determined that there was unauthorized acquisition of and access to OMV files in the MOVEIt environment.

OMV determined that files involved in the incident contained the personal information of individuals who applied for and/or were issued a Louisiana driver's license, identification card and/or vehicle registration. The information varied by individual but included name and one or more of the following: address, date of birth, Social Security number, driver's license, learner's permit, or identification card number, height, eye color, vehicle registration in-

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CELEBRATION

Youth Challenge Program graduates receive awards

AMBER MCDOWN
Minden Press-Herald

An awards ceremony was held for the Youth Challenge Program (YCP) class of 2023-1 on July 13. After 22 weeks of hard work, 89 cadets graduated on Saturday, July 15, at the Municipal Auditorium in Shreveport.

“Over the past few months, this class has met many challenges,” said Director of Activities Jodi Reeves. “They have stayed the course when things were tough and they have all earned the right to be considered winners and worthy of our praise.”

John Becker presented the American Legion Award for demonstrating strong qualities of character and good citizenship to cadets Jayda Landry and Landon Basco.

Maritza Gomez presented the KP (kitchen patrol) awards to Kelsey Fuentes, Rebecca Galvan, and Nicholas Barker, with Mya Patterson receiving Most Improved KP and 1st Platoon named as best KP Platoon.

SFC Craig Sanders presented the community service awards. Each cadet is required to perform at least 40 hours of community service.

“I am proud to say many of you exceeded the required amount,” said Sanders. “In fact, your class has completed 5,011 community service hours. As a group you have given back \$50,100 of services to our community.”

Cadets Landon Basco and Talyn Hilsher received the Community Service Award.

Virginia Lawrence, the lead instructor for the education department, presented the awards for outstanding academic achievement.

“Each of you has worked hard and has achieved the goal of increasing your grade level,” said Lawrence. “Many of you have surpassed the required standard and have excelled academically. This was not an easy task. It has required focus and discipline to achieve.”

The top ten cadets named were Lorenzo Whitlock (10th), Emma Gunter (9th), Logan Toups (8th), Luke Mougeout (7th), Nadia Early (6th), Jaiah Delcambre (5th), Piper Pogue (4th), Michael Massey (3rd), Wesley McGee (Salutatorian), and Connor Shumate (Valedictorian).

The top 10 AR points winners were Jordan Barrilleaux (10th), Jayce Young (9th), Lorenzo Whitlock (8th), Rebecca Galvan (7th), Emma Gunter (6th), Michael Massey (5th), Connor Shumate (4th), Justin Vienne (3rd), Wesley McGee (2nd) with 377.8 points, and Korbin Olivier (1st) with 380.5 points.

Next, Lawrence presented the class awards.

In Mrs. Lance’s class, Class 2, Dakota Berry was named Most Improved, Kaden Keppler was named Best Attitude, and Brayden Edgecombe was named Best Overall.

In Ms. Davis’ class, Class 3, Landon Guidry was named Most Improved, Tristin Hernandez was named Best Attitude, and Talyn Hilsher was named Best Overall.

In Mrs. Law’s class, Class 4, Aliday Miller was named Most Improved, Avontae Weston was named Best Attitude, and Korbin Olivier was named Best Overall.

In Mr. O’s class, Class 5, Gailyn Battaglia was named Most Improved, Demitrice Rideau was named Best Attitude, and Nathaniel Godsey was named Best Overall.

In Mrs. House’s class, Class 6, Justin Vienne was named Most Improved, Landry Agoff was named Best Attitude, and Landon Basco was named Best Overall.

In LT Pate’s class, Class 7, Branson Johnson was named Most Improved, Braxton Dietrich was named Best Attitude, and Cameron Migue was named Best Overall.

In Mrs. Rhynard’s class, Class 9, Jayda Landry was named Most Improved, Jada Fontenot was named Best Attitude, and Jaiah Delcambre was named Best Overall.

In Mr. Foster’s class, Class 10, Missy Hudson was named Most Improved, Savannah Davis was named Best Attitude, and Piper Pogue was named Best Overall.

In Mr. Hamrick’s class, Class 11, Mya Patterson was named Most Improved, Falynn Cupit was named Best Attitude, and Nadia Early was named Best Overall.

Awards were given by the case managers in the Post Residential Department. Students who were named Outstanding Cadets were Kaden Keppler (Class 2), Talyn Hilsher and Landon Guidry (Class 3), Justin Steger (Class 4), Connor Shumate and Lorenzo Whitlock (Class 5), Landon Basco (Class 6), Cameron Migue (Class 7), Jayda Landry (Class 9), Kyra Stewart (Class 10), and Falyn Cupit (Class 11).

Mr. Rusty Graham of the medical department presented health awards based on weight lost through exercise and improved eating habits over the past 22 weeks. The top weight loss for the young men ranged from 20 lbs to 64 lbs. The top weight loss for the young women ranged from 25 lbs to 35 lbs.

Mrs. India Hunter, the lead counselor, presented the Youth Foundation Scholarships. Each of these cadets will receive a \$1,000 scholarship that can be used at colleges of technical schools. She also announced the cadets who will be accepted into the Job Challenge.

The scholarship award winners were Justin Steger, Brayden Edgecombe, Connor Shumate, Landon Basco, Rebecca Galvan, Nadia Early, Emma Gunter, Piper Pogue, Cameron Migue, and Jontavious Lair.

Cadets who will be moving on to the Job Challenge Program are Landry Agoff, Landon Basco, Jay’Vonta Clark, Michael Clinton, Logan Cormier, Joshua Cotham, Kristopher Crowe, Jaiah Delcambre, Braxton Dietrich, Jada Fontenot, Emma Gunter, Tristen Hernandez, Tayln Hilsher, Jontavious Lair, Wesley McGee, Cameron Migue, Ayden Moore, Korbin Olivier, Jackson Palmisano, Caden Phinnisee, Piper Pogue, Marvin Ross, Justin Steger, Landan Toups, Logan Toups, Avontae Weston, Lorenzo Whitlock, and Jayce Young.

Cadets were also awarded for personal growth through improvement of attitude, increase of self-esteem, and the attainment of personal goals.

In Mrs. Thurman’s

group, those cadets were Tristen Hernandez, Kaden Keppler and Jeremiah Dixon.

In Mrs. West’s group, those cadets were Branson Johnson and Marvin Ross.

In Mrs. Flanagan’s group, those cadets were Colby Mott and Rob’Tavious Darby.

In Ms. Ashley Baker’s group, those cadets were Caden Phinnisee and Noah Lawson.

In Ms. Candice Baker’s group, those cadets were Jayda Fontenot and Landry Agoff.

In Ms. Smith’s group, that cadet was Mya Stewart.

Also during the ceremony, it was announced that Breia Fontenot will be serving her country by enlisting in the Louisiana National Guard.

ISG Jackson presented awards for outstanding performance in physical fitness and platoon life, and he also recognized exceptional performance

in the Color Guard.

“The NGYCP Elite Physical Fitness Award is presented to less than 15% of students in the nation,” said Jackson. “Class 2023-1 has 2 students that are eligible to receive this award.” Those cadets were Miaraha Bryant-Jackson and Michael Clinton.

Cadets that performed duty on the Color Guard for this class were Don-tavon Bartie, Landon Basco, Cameron Migue, Nehemiah Phillips, Logan Toups, and Landry Agoff.

Cadets were also recognized for outstanding achievement within their platoons.

For 1st Platoon, Miaraha Bryant-Jackson was named Most Improved, Savannah Davis was named Best Attitude, and Jayda Landry was named Best Overall.

For 2nd Platoon, Marvin Ross was named Most Improved, Nehemiah Phillips was named Best Attitude, and Landon Guidry was named Best

Overall.

And for 3rd Platoon, Avontae Weston and Jordan Barrilleaux were named Most Improved, Landry Agoff was named Best Attitude, and Landon Basco was named Best Overall.

The Youth Challenge Program has a promotion system by which cadets are rewarded for their efforts in every aspect of cadet life. The highest rank that can ordinarily be obtained by a cadet is that of four stars. Four star cadets must excel among their peers in their academic ability, their leadership ability, and in their physical ability. From the ranks of the four star cadets, eight outstanding cadets were selected as five stars. Those cadets were Savannah Davis, Nadia Early, Piper Pogue, Kamrynn Pope, Landry Agoff, Landon Basco, Talyn Hilsher, and Connor Shumate.

From these cadets, one outstanding cadet was

selected as Cadet of the Cycle. The cadet of the cycle for Class 2023-1 of the Camp Minden Youth Challenge Program was Nadia Early.

The final cadet award of the day was for the Commandant’s Spirit Award. This award is selected by the senior leadership of the Cadre Department and is presented to cadets who have demonstrated the essence of spirit by their determination, tenacity, and positive outlook while facing challenges and never giving up on their goals throughout the cycle. This cycle’s award winner was Talyn Hilsher.

This awards ceremony was a true testament to the Youth Challenge Program and its ability to take young men and women who are struggling to make wise decisions and give them the discipline and tools they need to succeed in life. Congratulations to each and every one of you.

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BLOTTER

Recent Arrests in Webster Parish

- Kenyesky Moore, 38, of the 200 block of Moore Street, was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia and running a stop sign.
- Calvin Theus, 38, of the 200 block of Goode Avenue, was arrested for resisting arrest with force, two counts of possession of a schedule II substance, obstruction, possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of a legend drug.
- Donald Allums, 60, of the 100 block of Hall Street, was arrested for possession of a schedule

- I substance with intent to distribute, illegal carrying of a weapon in presence of controlled dangerous substances, felon in possession of a firearm, and possession of a schedule I substance.
- Lashunda Rabb, 55, of the 100 block of Hall Street, was arrested for possession of schedule I substance with intent to distribute, illegal carrying of a weapon in presence of controlled dangerous substances, felon in possession of a firearm, and possession of a schedule I substance.
- William Theus, 37, of the 300 block of Goode Street, was arrested for

- possession of drug paraphernalia and resisting an officer.
- Wesley Johnson, 35, was arrested for resisting an officer, possession of drug paraphernalia, and multiple bench warrants.
- Jarvous Lewis, 29, of the 200 block of Shirley Drive, was arrested on a fugitive warrant.
- Jimmy Cade, 38, of the 300 block of Weston Street, was arrested on a criminal warrant for theft.
- Decarlos Thomas, 27, of the 600 block of Constable Street, was arrested for simple arson.
- Montique Morris, 29,

- of the 800 block of Harris Street was arrested on multiple warrants, driving left of center, driving with an open container, and resisting arrest by false information.
- Cartavious Webb, 24, of Spruce Street, was arrested for speeding, expired plates, flight from an officer, and no vehicle insurance.
- Joshua Flowers, of the 9000 block of Highway 80, was arrested for battery of a dating partner with dangerous weapons and simple criminal damage to property.
- Malindee Clark, 38, of Kristin Lane, was arrested on a warrant.



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gender affirming care or altering a child's appearance to validate the minor's perceptions of their sex. The legislature adjourned following the vote of the Senate.

The Louisiana Constitution mandates a veto session on the 40th day after adjournment of the regular session unless a majority of either the House or Senate votes not to return. This year only 12 members of the Senate and 31 members of the House mailed in ballots stating the veto session was unnecessary. The 2023 veto session, which convened Tuesday, July 18 at noon, is only the third in the state's history since the 1974 Louisiana Constitution was adopted.

"The House came back to Baton Rouge and used this veto override opportunity to push leg-

islation over the finish line and into law," said Speaker of the House Clay Schexnayder. "We had robust participation from the public today here at the capital, and I appreciate how involved average citizens have been in our important discussions this year."

"Senators quickly and efficiently handled the votes necessary today and agreed with the House to override HB 648," said Senate President Page Cortez. "This concludes a season of discussion, debate and hard work by legislators."

The House of Representatives voted 76-23 to override the veto of HB 648. The vote in the Senate was 28-11. The governor vetoed a total of 26 bills from the 2023 regular session including line item vetoes from the budget package.

OMV

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formation, and handicap placard information.

The OMV established a dedicated, toll-free call center to answer questions that individuals may have. If you believe your information was involved and have any questions about this incident, call (866) 861-8717. The call center will be open 24 hours per day and seven days a week. Additionally, OMV is offering 12 months of free credit monitoring and identity theft protection from LifeLock. OMV has retained LifeLock to provide impacted Louisiana residents one year of complimentary LifeLock Standard identity theft protection.

Impacted Louisiana residents should follow the instructions below to register for this service.

To activate your membership online and get protection at no cost to you, please see enrollment instructions available at <https://nextsteps.la.gov>.

The OMV encourages all Louisianans whose information was involved in this incident to actively monitor for the possibility of fraud and identity theft by reviewing your financial statements and credit reports for any unauthorized activity. If you notice any unauthorized activity, contact the relevant financial institution or the credit bureau reporting the activity immediately.

To help prevent something like this from happening again, additional

safeguards and technical security measures have been implemented to further protect and monitor the MOVEIt environment.

It is always advisable to be vigilant for incidents of fraud or identity theft by reviewing your account statements, health insurance benefit statements, healthcare billing statements, and free credit reports for any unauthorized activity. You may obtain a copy of your credit report, free of charge, once every 12 months from each of the three nationwide credit reporting companies: Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion. To order your annual free credit report, please visit www.annualcreditreport.com or call toll free at 1-877-322-8228.

If you believe you are the victim of identity theft or have reason to believe your personal information has been misused, you should immediately contact the Federal Trade Commission and/or the Louisiana Attorney General's office. You can obtain information from these sources about steps an individual can take to avoid identity theft as well as information about fraud alerts and security freezes. You should also contact your local law enforcement authorities and file a police report. Obtain a copy of the police report in case you are asked to provide copies to creditors to correct your records.

There are two types of general fraud alerts you can place on your credit

report to put your creditors on notice that you may be a victim of fraud — an initial alert and an extended alert. You may ask that an initial fraud alert be placed on your credit report if you suspect you have been, or are about to be, a victim of identity theft. An initial fraud alert stays on your credit report for one year. You may have an extended alert placed on your credit report if you have already been a victim of identity theft with the appropriate documented proof. An extended fraud alert stays on your credit report for seven years.

To place a fraud alert on your credit reports, contact one of the nationwide credit bureaus. A fraud alert is free. The credit bureau you contact must tell the other two, and all three will place an alert on their versions of your report.

For those in the military who want to protect their credit while deployed, an Active Duty Military Fraud Alert lasts for one year and can be renewed for the length of your deployment. The credit bureaus will also take you off their marketing lists for pre-screened credit card offers for two years, unless you ask them not to.

You have the right to put a credit freeze, also known as a security freeze, on your credit file, free of charge, which makes it more difficult for identity thieves to open new accounts in your name. That's because most creditors need to

see your credit report before they approve a new account. If they can't see your report, they may not extend the credit.

There is no fee to place or lift a security freeze. Unlike a fraud alert, you must separately place a security freeze on your credit file at each credit reporting company.

After receiving your freeze request, each credit bureau will provide you with a unique PIN (personal identification number) or password. Keep the PIN or password in a safe place. You will need it if you choose to lift the freeze.

A freeze remains in place until you ask the credit bureau to temporarily lift it or remove it altogether. If the request is made online or by phone, a credit bureau must lift a freeze within one hour. If the request is made by mail, then the bureau must lift the freeze no later than three business days after getting your request.

If you opt for a temporary lift because you are applying for credit or a job, and you can find out which credit bureau the business will contact for your file, you can save some time by lifting the freeze only at that particular credit bureau. Otherwise, you need to make the request with all three credit bureaus.

Protecting your credit and identity is important. Follow the guidelines presented to ensure the safety of your identity and credit in the future.

LIBRARY

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the library's Minden main meeting room. Perler Bead Art is for teens and will also be on August 1, from 4 PM to 6 PM in the main meeting room.

Bubble Art for teens will be on August 3, from 4 PM to 6 PM in the library's main meeting room.

Kids Game Day will take place on August 8, from 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM at the library's Quad and the multipurpose meeting room.

Hula Hoop Group will meet on August 10 from 5 PM to 6 PM in the Quad and the multipurpose meeting room.

Adult Art Club will be hosted on August 11, from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM in the main meeting room.

Toddler Paint and Play will be on August 12, from 10 AM to 11 AM in the main meeting room.

Sandy Story Time will be on August 15, from 10 AM to 11 AM in the main meeting room.

Sidewalk Chalk Art for teens will be on August 15, from 4 PM to 6 PM in the main meeting room. Adult Book Club will also be on August 15 from 5:30 to 6:30 PM, and will be hosted in the Quad and the multipurpose meeting room.

The Water Balloon Extravaganza for teens will be on August 17, from 4 PM to 6 PM in the library's Stewart Center meeting room.

Beaded Storytime will be on August 29, from 10 AM to 11 AM in the main meeting room.

Teen Readers Club will also be on August 29 from 5 PM to 6 PM, this will take place in the Stewart Center meeting room.

Tie Dye for teens will be on August 31 from 4 PM to 6 PM in the main meeting room.

The library will be hosting these events as a way for everyone to come and soak up the last moments of the summer.

With the school year about to re-commence, the library also offers several facilities for students to come and use throughout the school year.

These resources include computers, books, study rooms and programs like Homework Louisiana. Each of these facilities are open to the public and students are encouraged to come to the library and use these resources to their advantage.

"We do have a lot of resources that they can come to the library to find out about, like Homework Louisiana. There's things here that they can use, I don't really have a program for it. There's a lot of stuff up here that they can use and the facilities we have like study rooms, computers and books. There's plenty of stuff up here for them to use to study," said Stahl.

Most events hosted by the library are educational, but with school approaching, the library wanted to do something so the community could have some fun before summer comes to an end.

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OPINION

Sound of Freedom powerfully exposes child trafficking in the U.S.

All that is necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing. — Edmund Burke

It's not often we witness a jarring cultural phenomenon in our country. The new documentary thriller, Sound of Freedom, is just that.

Actor Jim Caviezel—who first pricked our conscience with his graphic and riveting portrayal of Christ's suffering in The Passion of the Christ—plays the lead role and was part of the team that pushed through many obstacles to produce the film five years ago, and ultimately to distribute it to theatres.

"Sound of Freedom" is based on the true story of Tim Ballard and his mission to save children from the underground sex slave trade. After working as a special agent for years at the Department of Homeland Security, Ballard quit his job and embarked on a mission to save child-trafficking victims. Today, he runs the organization Operation Underground Railroad working with law enforcement to rescue children from some of the darkest recesses of our world.

The story involves the account of two young children—a brother and a sister—whose trusting father allows them to participate in a supposed "modeling" and "acting" opportunity during

which the children are kidnapped and sold into child sex slavery.

The production marks the first dramatic crime story for Angel Studios which up till now has generally sponsored only Bible-based stories.

Sadly, Ballard has stated that the United States has the number-one demand for child exploitation material and is the number one consumer of child sex in the world. As such, "we're thrilled

that we have an opportunity to shine a light on what is the fastest-growing criminal enterprise in the world," he said. \$150 billion is made every year off the backs of slaves, including millions of children who are enslaved. We've ranked in the top three for destination countries," he added. "It's the economy of pedophilia" (Fox News, Katie Pavlich on Jesse Watters Primetime, July 9, 2023).

It must sting for the major studios to realize that—none of them would agree to produce it—the film posted an impressive \$40 million after six days of release and

has now soared to over \$100 million.

But it wasn't just rejected by Hollywood and the Left, it's been smeared by it as a "dangerous conspiracy theory." In response to this, Ballard states, "pedophiles are salivating' at media outlets ripping 'Sound of Freedom'."

The fact that Disney will release a movie about a girl getting pregnant by the devil in a one-night stand but Disney, Amazon, Netflix, Hulu, and Amazon Prime all have refused to stream Sound of Freedom, should tell us everything we need to know.

Actor Dean Cain has asked "why is the movie being suppressed." He reasoned that the movie is receiving push-back from the mainstream press because "it's ugly. People don't want to talk about something that's really ugly. The idea that there are children who are sex slaves is crazy — and that are trafficked, that's insane. The idea that you know people just want to bury that, 'I don't want to see that, it doesn't exist.' Well, it's here. It's all over the United States. It's all over worldwide. It's a multi-billion-dollar business." (Newsmax, July 19, 2023).

Referencing America's porous southern border as a major part of the problem, Caviezel stated that "when you don't have a south bor-

der you don't have a county; ... a sovereign country has to have borders." Even the New York Times has reported that 85,000 unaccompanied minors have crossed our wide-open southern border and are now lost and unaccounted for somewhere in America.

How is this trafficking done?

Social media is the wide-open frontier for pedophiles.

For example, Instagram, a hugely popular platform, uses algorithms that connect and promote the pedophile network. How so? Because "the platform and its system of fostering communities with sets of narrow interests has helped guide users to illegal child sex content." (Wall Street Journal, 6/8/2023).

This is not a Republican or Democrat issue; it's not a liberal or conservative position and it's much more than simply a matter of perversion and immorality. This is a matter of good and evil.

I encourage you to see the movie which concludes with the powerful admonition that "God's children are not for sale."

We all have an obligation to stand up and speak out about this heinous reality of American culture.

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INSPIRATION

Persistence is the key

Calvin Coolidge, the thirtieth President of the United States said "Nothing in this world can take the place of persistence. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful people with talent. Genius will not; un-rewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent. The slogan "press on" has solved and always will solve the problems of the human race."

While reading The Best Of Times magazine a while back I learned that Mark Twain, Thomas Edison, Noel Coward and Charles Dickens all had at least one thing in common. None of them ever finished grade school.

Wow! Such tidbits make me even prouder of the fact that I didn't graduate from college.

For many years I was ashamed to admit that I performed very badly as a student at Harding University in 1966-67. Of course I was paralyzed by fear because we lost our beds at the orphanage when we graduated from high school.



SARAH HUDSON PIERCE

In 1987, after I had my first book of poetry published, I made a trip into Shreveport, from Plain Dealing, with some LSUS graduate students. One of the ladies innocently asked me where I graduated from college to which I ashamedly replied that I had less than one year of college to which

she quipped "well I guess if someone is going to write you really can't stop them."

On more than one occasion another friend has chastised me for admitting I hadn't graduated from college to which I always reply that I am not ashamed of my lack of education and at this stage of my life I am just grateful that I have been able to keep on keeping on at what I love to do -- write.

Though, a little late in life, I've learned that persistence is the key to success in any endeavor that we undertake. We may never make a lot of money writing but if we know what we want and doggedly pursue that goal success will one day come.

I gain inspiration from people like Thomas Edison, with less than three months of public education, invented the incandescent light bulb along with over 10,000

other inventions. He also founded General Electric.

All of these gems lead me back to the Bible that says "the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, but time and chance happens to them all."

I am comforted reading Max Ehrman's poem, Desiderata where he writes "there will always be greater and lesser person. than yourself."

Remember there will never be another you. You are unique. If you don't tell your story in your words, through your eyes, your family may one day wish they had taken the time to ask you questions after it is too late.

It takes courage to be yourself, to follow your dream.

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OPINION

Randy Brown: A time of reflection in my career journey

Over the past few weeks, I have been in somewhat of a reflective state of mind. This happens to me quite often and especially around this time of the year. Sure, we all get that way sometimes. For me, this recent period of reflection seems to be centered around all of the things that have happened regarding me and my family over the past three years.

As I mentioned in my newspaper columns around this time last year, the greatest thing to ever happen in my life (next to my walk with Jesus) has me walking on the clouds. Last year at this time, we had just become engaged. Now, she is my wife. Our God is GOOD! And, HE is GOOD ALL of the time, not just some of the time!

I have no doubt that reflection helps to keep us grounded as we experience both the trials and the opportunities that life brings our way. My recent period of reflection also has to do with the fact that I will be celebrating yet another birthday in



RANDY BROWN

me to reflect upon the past. And, the fact that Fall will soon be upon has me in a reflective state of mind too. As I have mentioned so many times before, the cooler weather, the turning of the leaves and football, make Fall my very favorite time of the year. And, the holidays are only about four months away. Wow! Hard to

believe, huh? The Thanksgiving and CHRISTmas holidays hold so many treasured memories for me and I am always anxious for them to arrive.

August 1 marked the anniversary of me being named the publisher of the Bossier Press-Tribune. Yes, as of August 1, 2023, I have served as publisher of the Bossier Press-Tribune for nine years. I have truly enjoyed the true blessing of being the publisher of Bossier's newspaper.

Over the past 22 years that I have been at BPT, God has led me on a remarkable and truly unforgettable journey in both working with such a great team and in meeting so many wonderfully amazing people. As I have said so many times in my newspaper columns, I am one lucky guy. I love what I do. And in March of 2022, I was named Regional Publisher for Specht Newspapers which includes our Minden Press-Herald newspaper. Being publisher was something that I aspired to very early on in my newspaper career. For sure, so many

people have helped me along the way. The list is long and I could not be more appreciative! However, no one has helped me as much as David Specht, Jr., who took me under his wing and taught me the "ins and outs" of this business.

I wound up being in the newspaper business by accident. Prior to joining the BPT staff, a newspaper career was nowhere on my radar. However, it is really no accident that I am here enjoying the sincere honor and pleasure of getting to do what I do each and every day.

Prior to my joining BPT in 2001, I was had a completely different career and I was on a completely different career path working in my family's business. But, God had other plans for me. You see, I have always believed that God puts us where HE wants us to be and HE does so when HE wants us to be there.

Another example of this is my wife and I now being married after dating for so many years, almost getting married three times before,

breaking up for 13 years and getting back together last year. I give thanks to God each and every day for how blessed, honored and fortunate am I to have finally married her three months ago. I truly believe that ALL of the significant events in our lives happen on God's timing, not our timing. And, these events happen for a reason. My being in the newspaper business is no accident and it happened for a reason.

I have every reason to be excited about the future, the future of our newspapers, my personal future and the future of the communities in which we live. We should all be excited. Our future is bright, extremely bright. So while I take great comfort and solace in reflecting upon the past, I am surely ready to see what the future brings. I can hardly wait!

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

LSU coach speaks on variety of topics at SEC Media Days

RUSSELL HEDGES
Minden Press-Herald

LSU Head Coach Brian Kelly addressed a variety of topics during his press conference on the first day of SEC Media Days last week in Nashville, Tenn.

Here is what he had to say on a few of those.

In his opening statement, Kelly discussed LSU's success in his first year last season and building on that. The Tigers went 10-4 and won the SEC West, falling to Georgia 50-30 in the SEC Championship Game. They defeated Purdue 63-7 in the Cheez-It Citrus Bowl in Orlando, Fla.

"I've got a big opportunity on my hands, as well, to continue the success of what was a very good first year," he said after mentioning LSU's 2023 national championships in women's basketball and baseball. "We have much to do. Progress needs to continue to be made in the best conference in all of college football. That will not be easy."

"We're excited about what we've done in a very short period of time. The foundation of success is built in consistency. Alabama and Georgia continue to hold that mantle of consistency in terms of playing for championships, and that's what we'll be looking to be at LSU, is playing for championships consistently, year in and year out."

Kelly said he spent his first year learning the league.

"I was learning how to go on the road and play in the kind of environments. I

was learning our roster and our strengths and weaknesses."

On having to replace some of the secondary and doing so through the transfer portal ...

"When you have to dip into the transfer portal — and this is just my perspective — but when you have to dip into the transfer portal and bring in that many guys on defense, that's an area of concern, because you really don't know what you have until you play against Florida State (in the season opener)."

"There are going to be a number of new players back there. We do have some returning players that we're excited about back there, (Greg) Brooks and (Major) Burns in particular are two veteran players that are going to help us a lot back there."

On the progression of quarterback Jayden Daniels ...

"So what does development look like for him? I think it would be the natural progression from the last game in which he played where he was aggressive but he was under control. He ran the ball when he needed to but yet stepped up in the pocket and made the tight window throws."

"I think that was the progression."

"From what we saw in the first week where a step up in the pocket meant step up and run or not making those tight-window throws. I think that's what we saw during the year was his natural progression of understanding the offense and being more confident."

"We want to see that in year two. We want to see that confidence that we saw at the end of the year continue to show itself right through the first game against Florida State."

On if Daniels is the starter going into fall camp ...

"Jayden is our starter. He'll start. But he'll have to continue to improve and progress, because Garrett (Nussmeier) is getting better every single day, as well."

"You want to talk about great competition? It's about as good as a head coach could hope for at the quarterback position."

"Jayden is the starter, but he's got to have a great camp. He's got to continue to progress. "He's got to continue to work. He's got to continue to move forward, because the guy right there, as well, he wants to take his job, in the right way. They've got a great relationship, but he wants his job, too."

"I think that that's a really positive situation."

On closing the gap with two-time defending national champion Georgia ...

"I know that based upon how we've recruited and how we'll continue to recruit that we'll have a football roster that will be able to compete against Georgia. Is that right now? No, it's not. "But if we continue to do what we're doing, we're going to have a roster that can compete against Georgia, and then it's just a matter of getting it done on the playing field so everybody then can assess they've closed the gap."

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Minden High camp

Minden Head Coach Shelby Leach and her staff and players conducted a three-day camp last week at the Minden Recreation Complex. Photos courtesy of Minden High Softball



OUTDOORS

Fishing for school bass can be educational

GLYNN HARRIS

Although the sun had not yet appeared over the horizon, the air was already warm and sticky, typical of the onset of another hot July day in Louisiana just like what we woke up to this morning. This would have been a good day to work on articles in my air conditioned office but fishing guide and friend Eddie Halbrook's call the night before had a sense of urgency about it.

"I don't care what you have planned for tomorrow," Halbrook said, "put it off. The bass are schooling on Grand Bayou and you need to come with me."

The "Grand Bayou" Halbrook mentioned is Grand Bayou Reservoir, a small 2500 acre impoundment located 50 miles south of Shreveport. I don't mind admitting a degree of skepticism when Halbrook mentioned that for the past week, he'd been catching at least a hundred bass a day. Skeptical or not, I found myself in the back of Halbrook's boat as the bright, and soon to be hot, sun made its appearance in a cloudless July sky.

Somewhere around 7 am, Halbrook caught the first bass of the day. At a little past noon, I released bass number 100. We had, indeed, hit the century mark with bass in a half day of fishing that can only be described as "hot"...in more ways than one.

Grand Bayou Reservoir is like so many lakes around the country. The lake has a thriving population of baitfish, in this case, threadfin shad, that seek the highest levels of oxygen. In warm months, oxygen is more plentiful in the top of the water column. Wave action near the surface continues to replenish dissolved oxygen and huge schools of baitfish move about in comfort just be-



Bass angler Sid Havard with a nice bass caught during the heat of summer.

COURTESY PHOTO

neath the surface.

For predator fish like largemouth bass, these roaming pods of baitfish are seen as a gourmet feast there for the taking. Slashing into baitfish schools, bass gorge themselves and in the process, make their presence known to alert bass fishermen from hundreds of yards away. Their feeding activity agitates the surface, often sending plumes of water flying in all directions.

Fishing for schooling bass can be at the same time exciting and frustrating. Here's a typical scenario...a couple of anglers see a school of feeding bass erupt from 100 yards away. Starting the engine, they rush to within casting distance of the school only to see the surface become quiet again before the first cast is made. Looking back to where they just came from, they're frustrated to see the fish thrashing the surface

back there.

Thus, patience is one of the key ingredients in fishing for schooling bass. When the fish are active, the best bet is to avoid the temptation of dashing from school to school. Just be patient; they'll soon be thrashing the water's surface where you are.

If you take a youngster along, there is no better way to spark an interest in bass fishing than to introduce him/her/them to fishing for school bass.

For starters, school bass are generally easy to catch, the fishing experience is filled with spine-tingling excitement, and the neophyte angler is almost always anxious to do it all over again another day. Equipment needs are simple and can be easily handled by a less-experienced angler.

As bass slash into baitfish on the surface, some

of the bait will be injured or killed in the process and will likely be floating in the area. Scoop up a couple and determine their color but more importantly, the size.

If they're silver in color, as most baitfish are, and are two inches long, it's not brain surgery to know what to do next. Simply dig in your tackle box and select a silvery lure, two inches in length. If you're hungry for an ice cream cone, you're not likely to head for the refrigerator and go slap-happy over a celery stick. Bass are no different; they want what they want when they want it.

If you get excited at the sight of bass exploding on the surface all around you; if you thrill to strike after strike; if you get pleasure at the look on the face of your youngster fighting a tenacious bass, then school bass fishing may be right up your alley.

Fishing Report

BLACK BAYOU — Crappie and bass have both been biting around the grass and brush.. Contact Honey Hole Tackle Shop 323-8707 for latest information.

BUSSEY BRAKE — Bass fishing continues to be good with a 9 pounder caught this week. 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 — The river is on a slight rise. 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. Bass fishing has been good early mornings fishing topwater lures around the grass. Later in the day, look for them on the points with square bills and swim baits picking up some good fish.. 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 — The Majestic Big Bass

Classic is set for this weekend with fishing beginning Friday night and concluding Saturday morning with pay-outs every two hours. Bass fishing has been best fishing around the docks and grass lines with swim baits and soft plastics or spinners. Night fishing has been best for crappie fishing shiners under the lights around the piers and boat houses. 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, big 10 inch plastic worms and deep diving crank baits picking up some nice sized 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. 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 have slowed. 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 rise with lots of catfish being caught. Bass and crappie have slowed. For information, call Surplus City Landing at 318/467-2259.

Good News

GOOD NEWS

Be Aware: Somebody Is Watching You!

We all have had that feeling from time to time! It's an eerie feeling to look around and see someone "over there" staring at you, isn't it? In this day and time, one doesn't know how to respond. We might just 'pick up our coat and move on,' or just 'stare them down.' But, no doubt, later on our thoughts will lead us back to that scene. And ask who, what, why, etc? Maybe for days, we wonder!

Have you ever had the thought that "God is watching you?" Sure, you have! When we say something that is hurtful or hateful; when we sneak a peep at something we know is 'off limits'; when we are alone and allow our minds to wander

off course – we look around to see if someone is watching us! We realize, "Yes, God is watching me through His spiritual presence – the Holy Spirit."

Guilty as charged!

The Holy Spirit has been sent to prompt us, guide us, to be our comforter, discerner and encourager. When we walk with the Lord, allowing Him to direct our paths, we will know when we are heading in the wrong direction. Our built-in GPS will alert us quickly and yell 'recalculate!.' Just like an invisible parent 'always looking over our shoulder'



Bill Crider

– GOD IS ALWAYS WATCHING US! But aren't we thankful our God never sleeps nor slumber? He is always on the alert! (Psalm 121:4). Unlike other gods - lifeless, without compassion and power –our God is always on the job, caring for and providing for His children.

The Bible offers many references to God's faithful watch-care for us. His eye is always on the His faithful children. (Psalm 101:6). God watched Abraham climb up on Mt Moriah to sacrifice his son (Isaac) as a burnt offering (Gen 22). God was watching Joseph as he settled into Potiphar's house, guiding him as he dealt with all the temptations and obstacles he faced (Gen 39).

And God had His eye on Moses when his mother decided to give him up to live in the Pharaoh's palace rather than have him killed by the soldiers (Ex. 2).

God was watching King David as he watched Bathsheba across the way – bathing in the moon light. (2 Sam 11-12). 2 Chron 16:9 states: "For the eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him." Psalm 34:15: "The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their cry." Isn't this just like a caring, loving father? Some awesome God we have!

This doesn't mean God's children are always shielded

from heartache, pain, sorrow and calamities. But He prepares us to walk with Him and trust Him in the good times, so we are prepared to follow Him in the dark, rough nights. He does not deliver us from trouble, but He promised to walk with us through the troubled times (Psalm 23 :4). His watchful eye is always focused on us, no matter our circumstances in life. And because of this, we can sing the spiritual with great confidence: "His eye is on the sparrow and I know He watches me."

BILL CRIDER IS CHAPLAIN OF MINDEN MEDICAL CENTER

THE UPWARD LOOK

One God and Father

"one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all." Ephesians 4:6 NASB

While the church is composed of believers from all over the world, from all races and nationalities, from all economic and social backgrounds, these believers all worship one God and Father. The church maintains its unity by submitting to the Father. He is transcendent, above all and over all. He transcends matter, time, and space. He is beyond our understanding and comprehension. He



Max Hutto

is also immanent, through all and in all. He is always with us and completely knows us, and we can know Him. The church, every believer, is united by God the Father.

Lord God, I am amazed by who You are. Guide me to carry out Your plan and purpose in Your church, unified with all believers to bring You glory and honor.

MAX HUTTO IS A BAPTIST MINISTER AND A RESIDENT OF MINDEN. MORE INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND AT WWW.UPWARDLOOK.ORG.

INSPIRATION

Strengthening the future

Proverbs 22:6 says " Direct your children onto the right path, and when they are older, they will not leave it." This poses a very important question for many of us as Christians and parents. In this time of extreme difficulty are we talking to or children about God? Many of us have become stay at home parents and also teachers. We have also seen the church move into the household and social media. This situation has given us a unique opportunity to make God part of our children's everyday curriculum. We live in a world

that is constantly changing and wrapped in uncertainty. However, one thing we can be certain of is God and his love.

We need to reinforce this point in our children's lives as often as we can. That's why in closing this article I would like to challenge everyone to take just a moment out of their day to pray with their kids and study the word of God.




Bernard Harris

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

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NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC VS. ELIZABETH TAYLOR

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 80776

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 30, 2023, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

The property described in the Act of Mortgage is described as follows:

Lots 1, 2, and 3, Block "C", Slack Subdivision, Springhill, Webster Parish, Louisiana, as per map and plat thereof on file and of record in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Webster Parish, Louisiana, in Map Book 2, Page 26 A, and that part of the abandoned alley being 10 feet by 240 feet.

SOLD SUBJECT TO ANY SUPERIOR LIENS, MORTGAGES OR PRIVILEGES THERETO.

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

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

Linda Vaughan - Deputy

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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, and run East for a distance of 290.40 feet to a set 1 inch iron pipe; thence run North 86 degrees 46 minutes 06 seconds East for a distance of 49.77 feet to a set 1 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.

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, and run South for a distance of 129.94 feet along the West line of said "forty, to a point in said road surface, for the Point of Beginning; thence run North 87 degrees 46 minutes 31 seconds East for a distance of 340.35 feet to a set 1 inch iron pipe; thence run South for a distance of 226.85 feet to a set 1 inch iron pipe on the south line of said Lot No. 1; thence run South 44 degrees 07 minutes 37 seconds West for a distance of 409.42 feet to a found 1/2 inch iron red marked the Southwest Corner of said Lot No. 1, and located on the apparent East right of way of Louisiana Highway No. 551; thence run North 00 degrees 07 minutes 16 seconds West for a distance of 487.46 feet to a set 1 inch iron pipe; thence run West for a distance of 54.00 feet to a point on the West line of said "forty", and located on the West line of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, said Section 25; thence run North for a distance of 20.06 feet along said West line, to the Point of Beginning. Tract C: A 1.25 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, and run East for a distance of 290.40 feet to a set 1 inch iron pipe; thence run North 86 degrees 46 minutes 06 seconds East for a distance of 49.77 feet to a set 1 inch iron pipe, for the Point of Beginning; thence continue North 86 degrees 46 minutes 06 seconds East for a distance of 202.52 feet to a found 5/8 inch iron rod on the Southwesterly right of way of Carey Lane; thence run along a curve to the left having a radius of 272.63 feet and an arc length of 106.48 feet, being subtended by a chord of South 35 degrees 12 minutes 53 seconds East for a distance of 105.80 feet along said right of way, to a found 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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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Project No. 2000720366
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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 not 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.bidex-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, prior to the beginning of construction.

City of Minden

Michael Fluhr
City Clerk

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SHERIFF'S SALE

LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC VS. REX S. SHELEY

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. CV80799

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 30, 2023, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

LOT ELEVEN (11) MADDRY ADDITION, UNIT NO TWO (2), A SUBDIVISION LOCATED IN THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER (SE/4 OF NE/4), SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 9 WEST, MINDEN, WEBSTER PARISH, LOUISIANA, AND IN THE SOUTH-WEST QUARTER OF NORTHWEST QUARTER (SW/4 OF NW/4), SECTION 23, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 9 WEST, MINDEN, WEBSTER PARISH, LOUISIANA, AS PER MAP AND PLAT THEREOF ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT, WEBSTER PARISH, LOUISIANA, IN MAP BOOK 3, PAGE 70, TOGETHER WITH ALL IMPROVEMENTS LOCATED THEREON AND ALL RIGHTS THERETO BELONGING; subject to restrictions, servitudes, rights-of-way and outstanding mineral rights of record affecting the property.

SOLD SUBJECT TO ANY SUPERIOR LIENS, MORTGAGES OR PRIVILEGES THERETO.

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

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

Linda Vaughan - Deputy

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Anyone knowing the whereabouts of DERRICK CHAMPION A/K/A DERRICK ALONZO CHAMPION and SHUNTORIERE CHAMPION A/K/A SHUNTORIERE SPENCER CHAMPION should contact D. Tomlin Wilson, Attorney at Law, by phone at (318) 771-7102 or by email at tomlinwilsonlaw@outlook.com.

**July 19, 2023
July 26, 2023
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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 Court-house 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
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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING WEBSTER PARISH POLICE JURY
July 5, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Bonsall, President; Steve Ramsey, Vice President; Cayla Cox, Beverly Kennon, Randy Thomas, Mike Griffith, Steve Lemmons, Vera Davidson, Bruce Blanton and Adam Lee
Absent: Allen Gilbert and Daniel Thomas

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

Mr. Jim Bonsall then asked for additions to the agenda.

Mr. Randy Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Bruce Blanton to add the bid for 103 Murria Street, Cullen, LA. Motion carried unanimously.

There were no comments from the audience concerning the agenda.

Ms. Beverly Kennon moved, seconded by Mr. Mike Griffith to approve invoices for payment pending review by juror Beverly Kennon. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Steve Ramsey moved, seconded by Ms. Cayla Cox to adopt the minutes of the June 6, 2023 Road Committee, Finance Committee, Building and Grounds Committee and Regular Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bruce Blanton moved, seconded by Mr. Randy Thomas to approve the bid for the Cullen Senior Center repairs at 103 Murria Street in Cullen, Louisiana to the lowest bidder pending legal review. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMENTS: Melinda Davidson WPOCS Director Allen Moseley WP Coroner Brian Williams OEP/HS Director Jessica Gorman Dorcheat Historical Museum

Mr. Steve Ramsey moved, seconded by Mr. Steve Lemmons to approve the action taken at the Road Committee Meeting held earlier today. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Beverly Kennon moved, seconded by Mr. Mike Griffith to approve the action taken at the Finance Committee Meeting held earlier today. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Jim Bonsall then gave Presidents' closing remarks.

There being no further business to bring before the Jury, the meeting adjourned.

/s/
Lisa C. Balkom
Secretary-Treasurer

/s/
Jim Bonsall
President

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Village of Dixie Inn
Regular Session
July 11, 2023

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

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen for the Village of Dixie Inn met in regular session on July 11, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, Dixie Inn, Louisiana with the following members present: Mayor Donna Hoffoss, Aldermen Judy McKenzie, Nell Finlay, and Lance Milligan.

The meeting was

called to order and the invocation and pledge of allegiance were given.

There were no public comments.

Mayor Donna Hoffoss welcomed guests.

A motion was made by Nell Finlay and seconded by Lance Milligan to adopt the minutes of the Regular Session of June 13, 2023. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

A motion was made by Judy McKenzie and seconded by Lance Milligan to adopt the financial statements for June 2023. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

Department Reports: Mike Cheene reported all is well with the water department.

Chief James Edwards reported that new vests had arrived for the police officers. He presented the council with a report of all traffic stops/citations for the quarter.

Mayor Donna Hoffoss reported that the village was recently awarded two grants. The first was the "AARP Community Challenge" grant for \$20,000, which will be used to install four shade sails, along with benches at McClanahan Park. The Keep Louisiana Beautiful organization awarded the second grant, "Healthy Communities", in the amount of \$8,000. That grant will go towards the purchase of a new trailer for trash pick-up. Mayor Hoffoss also provided the council with a quote for a new Ex-Mark mower for the maintenance department.

New Business

A motion was made by Judy McKenzie and seconded by Nell Finlay to accept and enter into a yearly service agreement at \$1,724.00 per year, with Taylor Sudden Service for generators at the Dixie Inn water plant and Village Hall. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Lance Milligan and seconded by Judy McKenzie to adopt Resolution #2027112023, Citizen Participation Plan. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Judy McKenzie and seconded by Lance Milligan to adopt the Utility Fund Budget for July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Judy McKenzie and seconded by Nell Finlay to appoint Alan Davis as Chief of Police Pro Tem until next council meeting on August 8, 2023. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Nell Finlay and seconded by Judy McKenzie to appoint Alan Davis as Chief of Police Pro Tem until next council meeting on August 8, 2023. Vote was unanimous.

There being no old business, a motion was made by Judy McKenzie and seconded by Lance Milligan to adjourn.

Attest:

Donna Hoffoss
Mayor

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MISC.

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.

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

A non-mandatory 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. 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 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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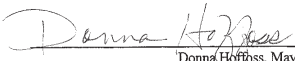
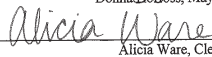
CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN
RESOLUTION
BY THE
VILLAGE OF DIXIE INN
RESOLUTION #0207112023

WHEREAS, the Village of Dixie Inn has been afforded the opportunity to apply and participate in the State of Louisiana 2020/2021 Community Development Block Grant Program administered by the Division of Administration; and,

WHEREAS, the STATE requires Grantees to establish procedures to ensure adequate citizen participation with the program;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Village of Dixie Inn, that the attached policy entitled “Citizen Participation Plan” is hereby adopted.

Passed, approved and adopted this 11th day of July, 2023.


Donna Hobbs, Mayor

Alicia Ware, Clerk

CERTIFICATE

I, Alicia Ware, Clerk of the Village of Dixie Inn, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing constitutes a true and correct copy of a Resolution passed, approved, and adopted on the 11th day of July, 2023.


Alicia Ware, Clerk

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VILLAGE OF DIXIE INN	
ADOPTED UTILITY BUDGET FOR JULY 1, 2023- JUNE 30,2024	
WATER SALES	108,150.00
GARBAGE FEES	20,000.00
SEWER CHARGES	75,500.00
INTEREST INCOME	700.00
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	100
SWD, RECONNECT, & LATE FEES	11,000
STATE/GOVERNMENT GRANTS	15,000
TOTAL INCOME	230,450.00
EXPENSE	
LEGAL AND ACCOUNTING	15,000.00
BANK CHARGES	1,500.00
FEES AND PERMITS	1,000.00
CONTINUING ED/CERTIFICATIONS	500.00
SALES TAX	100.00
SALARIES	81,200
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS 457b	4,060
PAYROLL TAXES	6,500.00
GAS AND OIL	3,500.00
INSURANCE	16,500.00
WATER & PLANT MAINT	12,000.00
WATER MONITORING SERVICE	3,000.00
WATER FEES	2,250.00
WATER UTILITIES	10,000.00
WATER- SUPPLIES	600.00
WATER- CHEMICALS	12,500.00
CAPITAL OUTLAY	15,000.00
SEWER UTILITIES	12,000
SEWER- PLANT & LINE MAINT	3,000
SEWER CHEMICALS	2,000
GARBAGE COLLECTION FEES	20,000
TOTAL EXPENSE	222,210.00
NET INCOME	8,240

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Town of Cotton Valley Monthly Meeting

Meeting Date: July 10, 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

- Alderman R. Shaw (p)
- Alderman J. Carter (p)
- Alderman E. Parish (p)
- Alderman C. Lewis (p)
- Alderman D. Hawkins (p)

We have a quorum (5) present (0) absent.

Motion to amend the July 2023 agenda to remove item #2 of new business, Motioned by Alderman R. Shaw 2nd by Alderman J. Carter (MP)

Motion to accept the July 2023 agenda. Motioned by Alderman R. Shaw and 2nd by Alderman E. Parish (MP)

Motion to accept June 2023 meeting minutes, motioned by Alderman D. Hawkins and 2nd by Alderman E. Parish (MP)

Motion to pay July 2023 bills, motioned by Alderman E. Parish and 2nd by Alderman J. Carter (MP)

Committee Report: Planning committee meeting set for July 25 at 5:30 p.m.

Mayor’s Report: Working with Fire Department on evacuation plan.

Citizens’ input on the current agenda matters only. None

Old Business

New Business

- Reggie Ferguson – Medical Bills – Motion made by alderman R. Shaw and 2nd by Alderman D. Hawkins the town will cover expenses after insurance pays bills (MP)

Police Report – Chief Donnie Dillard absent

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

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