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CRIME

WPSO seizes approximately 50 marijuana plants in recent bust

STAFF REPORT
Minden Press-Herald

Brittany Couch, 38, and Decarlos Sterling, 34, of the 400 block of Scooter Roach Avenue were both arrested earlier this week for the cultivation of marijuana after a deputy spotted multiple marijuana plants being grown in their backyard.

Originally, a Ward 1 deputy marshal was dispatched to the residence to serve a summons to Couch. While attempting to make contact with the resident, the deputy marshal spotted the plants growing in the backyard.

"It appeared that no one was home. [The deputy marshal] could see in plain view multiple marijuana plants in the backyard from the driveway of the house," the booking report stated.

The deputy marshal went on to contact other members of the Webster Parish Sheriff's Office to alert them to what he had found. After attaining a search warrant, contact was made with the residents of the home.

"Decarlos admitted that he was growing the marijuana plants and also admitted that he had a tent set up inside with more plants. Brittany declined any knowledge of the marijuana plants," the report stated.

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DONATIONS



AMBER MCDOWN/PRESS-HERALD PHOTOS
The success of the Pack the Bus initiative this past weekend will enable organizers to distribute free supplies to students during the fun-filled Back to School Bash that will be held on August 7.

Webster Parish Schools Back to School Bash August 7

Pack the bus success fills supply needs for bash

AMBER MCDOWN
Minden Press-Herald

As we approach the start of the 2023-24 school year, the Webster Parish School District is filled with gratitude and excitement for the upcoming 15th annual Back to School Bash. Thanks to the success of the Pack the Bus initiative,

the Back to School Bash is poised to make a profound impact on the lives of local students. On Monday, August 7th, from 9 AM to 2 PM, students can head to Webster Junior High School in Minden or the CAC building in Springhill to receive essential supplies generously donated during the 10th annual

Pack the Bus event. The outpouring of support from compassionate individuals and businesses across Webster Parish has been truly heartwarming. Thanks to dedicated volunteers and the community's generosity, a diverse array of supplies, from pens and notebooks to school uniforms, will be distributed to ensure that every student is well-

equipped for academic success.

This year, the Back to School Bash will return to an in-person format, bringing back the joy of engaging with students face-to-face. A day of fun awaits, complete with games, activities, food, drinks, and exciting door prizes.

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RODEO

3rd Annual Pete Colvin Memorial Rodeo promises thrills and family fun

AMBER MCDOWN
Press-Herald

Excitement is building in the city of Minden as the 3rd Annual Pete Colvin Memorial Rodeo approaches. Set to take place on Friday and Saturday, August 4th and 5th, at the Jack Batton Arena, located at 415 Whitlock Street, this rodeo event promises two nights of exhilarating action and entertainment for all attendees.

The festivities will kick off at 8:00 PM each night, featuring a lineup of thrilling events that will keep spectators on the edge of their seats. Rodeo enthusiasts and families alike can look forward to witnessing the heart-pounding spectacles of Bareback, Saddle Bronc, Bull Riding, Calf Roping, Breakaway Roping, Steer Wrestling, Barrel Racing,

and Team Roping, showcasing the incredible skill and bravery of the participating cowboys and cowgirls.

In addition to the main events, young rodeo fans will have their own special moments to cherish. Children aged 6 and under can participate in the adorable and fan-favorite "Mutton Bustin'" competition, where they'll hold onto sheep for dear life as they ride into the arena. For kids aged 12 and under, there's also the calf scramble, providing thrilling action and chances to win exciting prizes on both nights.

On Saturday, August 5th, the rodeo excitement spills over into the heart of Minden with a rodeo parade down Main Street. Commencing at 10:00 AM, this parade will be a

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CELEBRATION



COURTESY PHOTO
Beloved and long-time resident of Minden Josephine Savell turned 100 years old on July 29, 2023.

Josephine Savell turns 100

STAFF REPORT
Minden Press-Herald

Josephine Savell was born July 29, 1923, in Bamburg, Bavaria, Germany. She is the youngest of four children and had two sisters and one brother, all deceased.

In her younger years,

she was a clerk in a large department store in Bamburg and also worked at the local hospital. She loved to go dancing with her sister, Katerina, and that's how she met her husband, James Savell.

After his return from WWII in the Philippines,

he was stationed at the army base in Bamburg. They were married in the cathedral in Bamburg in 1951. Josephine came to the USA by ship and met a popular actress of that time named Jane Russell, and they

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COMMUNITY

Local author to have book signing August 4

AMBER MCDOWN
Minden Press-Herald

Local author, Rita K. Coleman, will be holding a signing for her book "God's Hand and Order" at the Minden branch of Webster Parish Libraries from 2 PM until 5 PM on August 4.

Coleman wrote this book about her experiences growing up in Springhill and the people in the community who had a great influence on her life.

Coleman, who is the mother of 4 and grandmother of 13, is a devout Christian who feels that God has led her to writing

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WEBSTER & MORE

LIONS CLUB

Minden High’s construction projects discussed at Lions Club

PRESLEY TYLER
Minden Press-Herald

Minden High School’s principal and softball coach, Dr. Becky Wilson and Shelby Leach, spoke at the Lions Club meeting on July 27 regarding Minden High’s new softball field.

The softball field is being constructed near Minden’s fairgrounds on the site of the former Lowe’s Elementary school and the field will be completely turfed, including the batting cages which are located parallel to the field. There will even be a raised area along the backside of the field for vehicles to pull in and hold tailgating parties. There is limited parking now, but a large parking lot is planned for stage three.

“Our softball field is being constructed by Don M. Barron Contractor, Inc. out of Farmerville, and it has been going very quickly. It’s phenomenal... Right now, our students load up, and they go to the Rec Center. We are thrilled that our kids are going to have a place of their own,” said Dr. Wilson.

The Minden High Lady Tiders softball team has never had their own field; all of the team’s games and practices take place at the Rec Center. Before the Rec Center, softball games and practices were conducted at Babb Park.

Dr. Wilson also explained that this new softball facility is one of the nicest facilities of its kind in all of Northwest Louisiana.

“We have already had so many people contacting us about ‘will you open this up for tournaments,’ ‘can we host things here,’ ‘what can we do in Minden at your softball field.’



AMBER MCDOWN/PRESS-HERALD PHOTOS

The construction of Minden High School’s new softball complex is rapidly approaching completion. It will be the most state-of-the-art softball field owned by a school in the entire state.

Because what’s being constructed right now is one of the nicest softball facilities in North Louisiana. In fact, I’ve been told there’s only one place that compares, and it’s in West Monroe built by the exact same company that is building ours,” said Dr. Wilson.

Coach Leach expressed how special it is for the team to have a field of their own, especially one that will be completely turf — even the batting cages.

“Our entire field is turfed...Most fields that do have turf, are either the infield is turfed and the outfield is not, or they have the outfield turfed and the infield is dirt. We have been so blessed that we have our entire facility turfed. It’s expensive but, in the long run, it’s going to pay for itself, we won’t have to worry about

any kind of maintenance on it. There is not another school in the state of Louisiana that has the facilities that we do,” said Leach.

Coach Leach also shared her vision for the future of the Lady Tider softball team, a vision that can only be possible with the involvement of the community.

“As we express our gratitude, I also want to share with you our vision for this future program. We aim to build not just a successful team, but a lasting legacy of excellence. My vision goes beyond victories on the field, it encompasses the personal growth of every player, instilling life skills that will serve them well beyond their softball careers. We envision a program that exercises values such as respect, sportsmanship and hard work both on and off the

field. Through mentorship and guidance we aspire to develop confident leaders who will become positive influences in our community,” said Leach.

This vision, however, could not be possible without the involvement of the community.

“With all that, we’ve still faced challenges. We’ve faced victories and setbacks together and through it all just your belief in our athletes as a whole and the potential has been unwavering. Your support has filled our players’ passion and has also shaped them into resilient individuals who understand the power of community and the importance of giving back,” said Leach.

Along with thanks and gratitude for the Lions Club’s involvement with the building of the school’s softball field, Dr.

Wilson also mentioned her plans for the new multipurpose room to be built on Minden High’s Campus.

“As you may know, we are having a lot of construction projects at Minden High School. We have a sincere need for more room, especially for our JROTC program, our sports program and we need more classrooms. The big building being built is that new building that will have new classrooms, a JROTC facility and the different athletic facilities will be in there. Once it’s finished it’s going to be absolutely amazing, the construction team working on that is the ELA group, and we sincerely hope that it continues to progress,” said Dr. Wilson.

Along with the construction of this multipurpose room, Minden

High’s football field’s visitors’ side will be going under total reconstruction.

“On that visitors’ side, Walker Company is working on it right now, they have taken out our whole visitors’ side and they are putting up whole new grandstands on that visitors’ side. The plan is for that to be completed by mid-August and ready in time for our first home football game on September 1. I’m very excited about that, it will be more spread out, and the bleachers will hold about a thousand people,” said Dr. Wilson.

The Lions Club, school board and community members have propelled Minden High’s construction endeavors and the entire community will benefit from these projects after their completion.

ENGAGEMENT

Krista Johnson - Jonathon Montgomery Engagement Announcement

The Johnson and Montgomery families are proud to announce the engagement of Krista Lynn Johnson of Minden to Jonathon Matthew Montgomery of Benton.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Linda Johnson and the late Scott Johnson, the sister of Sarah, Abigail, and Elizabeth Johnson, and the granddaughter of the late Joe and DeEtta Tucker of Minden.

The groom-elect, Jonathon, is the son of Matthew (Monty) and Sheila Montgomery and the brother of Steven and

Christopher Montgomery of Ruston.

Krista is a Homeschool graduate and will be graduating with a Degree in Music from Bossier Parish Community College in 2024. She is currently a Realtor for Century 21 Elite.

Jonathon is a Benton Highschool graduate and will be graduating in 2024 with his Bachelor’s Degree in Computer Science. He is currently employed at Willis-Knighton Health System in Shreveport as a Computer Programmer.

Jonathon and Krista

started dating October 2nd, 2020 and every day has grown their relationship together under God to create a love that will last forever. Jonathon and Krista cannot wait to start their new chapter in marriage.

Upon graduation, they will join in Holy Matrimony and plan to start their new life together in Minden, Louisiana.

“And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.”

1 Corinthians 13:13



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WEBSTER & MORE

OBITUARIES



Jeri Claiborne Melancon

SPRINGHILL, LA - A memorial service celebrating the life of Jeri Claiborne Melancon, 63, was held at 1 pm. Saturday, July 29, 2023, at Springhill Methodist Church in Springhill, LA with the Rev. Terry Hughes, and Dr. Charles Payne officiating.

Jeri was born on January 3, 1960, in Wichita, KS to Jerry Arthur Claiborne and Peggy Madison Claiborne and peacefully entered into rest on Sunday, July 16, 2023, in Dallas, TX with her family by her side. Jeri was a 1978 graduate of Parkway High School in Bossier City, LA and a 1982 graduate of Centenary College in Shreveport where she earned a bachelor's degree in education. Jeri loved teaching and began her 30-year career in education as a Kindergarten teacher at Vivian Elementary School in 1982. In October of that same year, she married her loving husband of 41 years, Derek Edward Melancon, and they then moved to Springhill, LA where they would live and raise their three children, Aubrey, Jerrod, and Seth. Jeri continued her education, receiving her master's degree in counseling from LA Tech and served as the school counselor at Brown Middle School in Springhill prior to her receiving her Principal's Certification from LA Tech. She subsequently served as the Principal at Howell Elementary in Springhill until its closing. From there she continued her leadership role as the principal of multiple Minden area schools until her retirement in 2012. Jeri loved the children she taught and touched so many young lives in a positive way. After her retirement from teaching, Jeri went on to receive her Real Estate License and LA Notary Public which would lead to her next career in 2016 when she began working as a Legal Assistant for one of her former students, Stuart McMahan, then an attorney at Bell & Boyd Law Firm and currently Springhill City Judge. She loved working with Stuart and continued to do so throughout her illness. She considered

him as one of her children and took great pride in her job with him. Jeri was also very involved in many civic activities during her lifetime, including the Girl Scouts, Children's Sunday school and Vacation Bible School, and the Springhill Jaycees. She won many local and state awards for the projects that the Jaycees sponsored in Springhill and was very proud to serve her community.

Jeri was a devout Christian and her love for the Lord never wavered up to her last breath. She loved her family with all her heart and placed no one other than the Lord above them. Jeri was most proud of how her children grew to be successful and caring adults. When she became a grandmother, a new chapter in her life began. She loved being Nonnie to her four grandchildren and was so excited for the fifth one on the way. She loved and adored each of them and they loved her.

Jeri was preceded in death by her mother, Peggy Madison Claiborne.

She is survived by her husband of 41 years, Derek Edward Melancon of Springhill, LA; her 3 children, Aubrey Leigh Melancon of Springhill, LA, Jerrod Arthur Melancon and wife Samantha of Splendora, TX, and Seth Alexander Melancon and wife Nikki of Haughton, LA; 5 grandchildren, Wade, Mason, and soon to be born Charlotte Melancon and Raelynn and Evelynne Melancon; her father, Jerry Arthur Claiborne and wife Kim of Marshall TX; sisters, Stacy Claiborne Day of Bossier City, LA, and Katherine Claiborne-Clark and husband Adam of Marshall, TX; and brothers, Randall Lloyd Claiborne and wife Pam of Bossier City, LA and Kamphi Claiborne of Marshall, TX; and a host of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

The family would like to express their gratitude to her physician's, nurses, and staff who provided their loving and compassionate care for Jeri during her illness. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St Jude Children's Research Hospital or Fuller Center of Webster

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BASH

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“Everyone will leave with something, plus their school supplies,” said Ursula Hullaby, the Safe Schools coordinator and community liaison.

Organizers are thrilled to provide a memorable event where students can reunite with school friends and meet the caring teachers and administrators who are committed to their growth and learning journey.

Ms. Hullaby expressed the significance of this campaign, emphasizing the impact it will have

on families in need. “The cost of required school supplies and uniforms can be overwhelming for many of our families,” said Hullaby. “Our goal is to ensure that every student has what they need to focus on their academic success.”

The Back to School Bash will give students, their families, community members, and the staff of the Webster Parish School District a chance to celebrate the spirit of fellowship and giving, and will ensure that every student starts the academic year with confidence and the tools they need to thrive.

CRIME

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The search warrant was executed. “There were approximately 50 marijuana plants seized from the property. Two of the plants were in a tent with a lighting device in the kitchen. Due to the plants inside, Brittany would have had to

have known about the marijuana plants being grown,” the report stated.

Both were placed under arrest and transported to BDCC on the charges of cultivation of marijuana. The plants were taken as evidence, as well as the tent from the kitchen.

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were friends throughout the long trip. James was then stationed in Korea for over a year, at which time, Josephine lived close to her in-laws here in Louisiana.

James and Josephine had seven girls and one son. Two daughters were tragically killed at a young age in an accident here in Minden in 1965. Strong faith in God sustained James and Josephine through the years. They have 11 grandchildren, and numerous great-grandchildren.

They were stationed in several different states and also in Germany again. After James retired in Fort Knox, Kentucky, they moved to Minden, and they both worked at LAAP, the local ammunition plant on Hwy 80, for sev-

eral years. Both loved to garden, and James was known as the “Tomato Man,” because he grew the best tomatoes, and people loved to buy them from him. James and Josephine loved to travel and took many trips to Arkansas, especially to the diamond fields, in hopes of finding a big one.

Josephine's health declined after James passed away from pancreatic cancer. She has resided in Town and Country Rehab for the past several years. Unfortunately, she lost her eyesight due to Glaucoma, but she has never complained or lost her faith in God. Her goal now, she said, is to reach the age of 101 years old. She still speaks of her childhood and sings German songs sometimes to entertain the staff.

PRAYER

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tive dialogue between parents, teachers, and the community at large.

Walmart #87 has generously stepped forward to contribute to the event by providing refreshments for attendees..

The theme, “A community that prays together, grows together,” captures the essence of this gathering. In times of challenges and uncertainties, such an event can serve as a beacon of hope, a reminder of the strength that emerges when a community unites in prayer and support. The Walkers aspire to see a large gathering of peo-

ple from diverse backgrounds joining hands in unity and harmony, fostering a sense of togetherness.

This event provides a opportunity for individuals from all walks of life to come together and set aside their differences, emphasizing the bonds that unite them as members of the same community. All attendees are encouraged to bring their families, friends, and neighbors, spreading the spirit of togetherness and hope that has come to define Prayer In The Park.

For further details and updates, please contact Mr. Michael Walker at (318) 210-1799.



Peggy Miller Monzingo

Peggy Miller Monzingo, 81, of Minden, Louisiana, was born on August 17th, 1941. She passed away peacefully in her home, July 26th, surrounded by her family.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Grib Monzingo of 33 years, parents, Thurman and Gracie Miller, and brothers, T.J. and Joe Miller.

She is survived by her beloved friend, Max Otwell; children, Brian Odom, Keith Odom and wife Susan, Candy Monzingo Davis and husband Kevin, and Tina Monzingo Puckett and husband Chad; sister, Virginia Nell Faciane; grandchildren, Bill Odom, Brian Keith Odom, Ashlyn Russell, Katelyn Odom, Briscoe Odom, Lane Odom(Samantha), Keeley Russ(Blaine), Cassie Monzingo(Jason Giachino), Anna Grace Gardner, Josh Davis(Michael), Ariel Finch(Brian), Alexis Burford, Abby Puckett(Zachary McCalmont), Alex

Puckett(Caroline); numerous great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. All of these she loved deeply.

Peggy was a native of Minden. The most important thing to her was her love of the Lord and desire for her children to know Him.

Peggy was a dedicated Mother and MeMe. She treasured them all and embraced every moment with them.

Peggy was always up for a new adventure. At age 38, she decided to begin a new career, in her own words, as a “Glamour Technician.” She was so much more than a beautician. She always had a listening ear, compassion for others, always having the right words to say, and not to mention the best hair dresser around. Some of her loyal customers became her closest friends. She retired at age 71, where she enjoyed gardening and talking to her flowers.

Peggy had a great love for life, never meeting a stranger, and always had an open door for family and friends.

Her family asks that she is remembered for the joy she brought to others in life, not the sadness of her passing.

Visitation was July 28th from 5-7 at Roseneath Funeral Home.

RODEO

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vibrant display of Western heritage and the spirit of the rodeo, delighting spectators of all ages.

Hosted by the LRCA (Livestock Rodeo Cowboys Association), the Pete Colvin Memorial Rodeo pays homage to the late Pete Colvin, a legendary figure in the rodeo

world. This event is an opportunity to celebrate his legacy and passion for the sport while also showcasing the talents of both local and visiting rodeo stars.

The organizers have kept ticket prices accessible for everyone, with adult tickets priced at \$10 each. Furthermore,

children aged 5 and under can enter the rodeo grounds free of charge, ensuring that families can come together to enjoy an affordable and unforgettable experience.

For those seeking heart-pounding action, family-friendly fun, and a celebration of Western tradition, the Pete Colvin

Memorial Rodeo is the place to be on August 4th and 5th. With a fantastic lineup of events, activities for children, and a lively parade, this rodeo promises a memorable experience for all who attend. Don't miss out on the chance to be a part of this unforgettable weekend in Minden.

BOOK

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this book.

“I just believe in God; I'm a believer. Therefore, I know that he has molded me,” said Coleman. “I'm a shy person. Wasn't popular in school. Wasn't an A student. I struggled, and I did struggle with writing the book.”

Even after the book was complete, the struggle continued. As most authors know, finding someone to publish a book can be more difficult than writing it.

“I tried to publish in 2009 with a company, and it wasn't successful,” Coleman said. “And I kind of thought, ‘Well, forget about that.’”

She left Springhill in 2018 but, when she re-

turned, she discovered that God still wanted her to get her book out.

“He told me through a young minister. He said, ‘That thing that you want to do...when you get ready, do it.’ And I could only think of one thing that I had tried to do that was very important to me, except being a mother.”

“I was always so different. I could always hear Him. I hear people say ‘something told me.’ No, it wasn't ‘something,’ He was talking directly to me.”

In her book, Coleman talks about growing up as one of seven children in Springhill, her struggles with the transition in school during desegregation, and the teachers and community members

who helped her through it.

“There are people who aren't acknowledged at the time, but when they leave, you think ‘oh, I remember when...’”

Included in the book is a poem that Coleman wrote acknowledging comedians and the joy they bring others even though they are often feeling the deepest pain.

Coleman has already had a book signing at the Springhill branch of Webster Parish Libraries and another in Cotton Valley. The next one will be held at the Minden branch, and she is planning one for Homer as well.

“I'm moving around because some of the people I've talked about are in Minden. Some of them

are deceased, but I'm sure they have family members who are still there. I wanted to reach people who had not heard about it.”

Coleman wants people to know that God is present in their lives.

“God — no matter what you're going through — He wants you to have the best life, He says abundant life. I want them to know that He is there. He is right there. Just because you cannot see Him, He's still there. He's in your presence.”

Coleman's book “God's Hand and Order” is available now. She plans to have a short story about how she knows God hears her published by Christ-mas.

OPINION

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OPINION

Jason Aldean breaches cultural divide, dares anarchists to ‘Try That in a Small Town’

There's been an uproar these past two weeks and the spark for it is a song in a video by country music singer, Jason Aldean, entitled "Try That in a Small Town." The national media and the national Left are in convulsions alleging it contains lyrics that "glorified gun violence and conveyed traditionally racist ideas." (NPR, 07-20-2023).

What is the song about and what does it convey? These are the lyrics:
Try That in a Small Town
Sucker punch somebody on a sidewalk
Carjack an old lady at a red light
Pull a gun on the owner of a liquor store
Ya think it's cool, well, act a fool if ya like
Cuss out a cop, spit in his face
Stomp on the flag and light it up
Yeah, ya think you're tough
Well, try that in a small town
See how far ya make it down the road
Around here, we take care of our own
You cross that line, it won't take long
For you to find out, I recommend you don't
Try that in a small town
Got a gun that my grand-dad gave me
They say one day they're gonna round up

Well, that shit might fly in the city, good luck
Try that in a small town
Full of good ol' boys, raised up right
If you're looking for a fight
Try that in a small town
The racist assertion is rooted in the location where the video was shot, the Maury County Courthouse in Columbia, Tennessee. The city allegedly was the site of several lynchings in the early 20th century. (The Daily Signal, July 21, 2023, S. McCarthy).

However, the production company responsible for Aldean's video, TackleBox Productions, clarified that the singer (Aldean) did not choose the location where the video was shot. TackleBox founder Shaun Silva further explained, "... any alternative narrative ... is false" pointing out that the courthouse was a popular filming site outside of Nashville, Tenn. that has been included in several other music videos and films, including scenes in front of the Maury County Courthouse—with no public outcry—from Hannah Montana: The Movie (2009), Steppin' Into the

Holiday (2022 TV Movie), and The Green Mile (1999). Aldean's video contains actual news footage of burning of the American flag, riots, robberies, anarchists spitting in the face of police and especially the Black Lives Matter riots in 2020. It contrasts those images with home video footage of families playing ball and riding bikes, fathers and sons hunting together, and a young boy raising the American flag. (I continue to hope the FBI will pursue the 2020 BLM rioters with the same intensity it has relentlessly pursued the Jan. 6th attendees. The 2020 riots that took place in 140 U.S. cities during Summer of 2020 included arson, vandalism and looting that caused \$2 billion in government and private property damage, caused injury to 2,000 police officers, and caused death to at least 19 Americans.) Aldean states there is no reference to race—actual or implied—in the song and that the song refers to the "feeling of a community that he had growing up, where people took care of their neighbors." The song is now # 1 and has been praised by many including President Trump: "Jason Aldean is a fantastic guy who just came out with a great new song. Support

Jason all the way." Arkansas Gov. Sarah Huckabee Sanders: "the Left is now more concerned about Jason Aldean's song calling out looters and criminals than they are about stopping looters and criminals. That tells you everything you need to know about the priorities of Democrats and woke companies like CMT that cave to the liberal mob." South Dakota Gov. Kristi Noem: "I am shocked by what I'm seeing in this country, with people attempting to cancel the song and cancel Jason and his beliefs" ... Aldean is being "persecuted" for writing a song about "law and order" and "the freedom and liberty that this country was founded on," adding, "Thank you for writing a song that America can get behind." Aldean responded to the screaming cancel mob with a sentiment millions of us share: "What I am is a proud American. I'm proud to be from here. I love our country. I want to see it restored to what it once was before all this bull---- started happening to it."

Amen.
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INSPIRATION

Bullying isn't nice

Dr. Seuss wrote "we should never tease a weasel, not even once or twice, because teasing isn't very nice!" According to the American Society for the Positive Care of Children, 28 percent of students between the age of 12-18, report being bullied in school. Bullying has been and probably always will be on the school yard and sometimes in the work place and unfortunately in the White House. Having been bullied as a child, along with my sister, Myrtle Alice, was very painful. Even though we survived, being taunted as a child is an experience that some children can't take. We were taunted because we were shy and born to very poor older parents in the backwoods of Arkansas. Our mother had also suffered a brain trauma and was handicapped for life. We dressed in an old fashioned way. I was called "Bug Eyes" because my parents couldn't afford to buy me a set of glasses so they had my mother's metal frames fitted to my face in the first grade. I was called "Buck Teeth" because I inherited a space between my teeth. They

also called me "Long Socks" because we wore long socks, held up by garters, over our long-handled underwear. The socks invariably slipped and fell exposing our unmentionables causing further teasing. The list seemed endless and the bullying w o u l d sometimes look me in the eye in class and w h i s p e r "Sea Hag" or "Witch" while the t e a c h e r continued unaware. I believe my sister got the worst brunt of all because her first name was Myrtle, for our grandmother, who died at twenty-five years of age in 1908. She was nicknamed Myrtle The Turtle Who Lost Her Girdle. Being so humiliated she dropped out of school as soon as she turned sixteen. Fortunately she later went back to school and graduated from Abilene Christian Univer-

sity with a degree in art. She is now known as Alice. A few years ago two girls were arrested in Florida for teasing Rebecca Sedwick until she jumped to her death from a water tower. Not so long ago there was a tragic story in The Times about a young girl who committed suicide when she could no longer take bullying. Bullying has risen to a new level perhaps because the bully can keep his eye on his victim through social media and the cell phone. Until twenty-five years ago I thought I had recovered from being teased. That's when I went back to my grade school class reunion and was shocked at some of the unrehearsed words that came out of my mouth when meeting a few of those classes mates. I passed out a few of my published stories and was overwhelmed by a letter I received from an executive in my class. He wrote, "you may not understand this but here I am reading one of your articles as I drive to work. Tears are flowing down my cheeks and I am asking 'how could we have been so mean to her?'" It wasn't my imagination!

I also learned that even though they were considered rich, by my standards, their mother was an alcoholic. I also found out that the worst bully in our school is an alcoholic. After drinking at our supper he was so drunk he could hardly deliver his speech. Maybe the bullies need empathy, after being punished, and need to be put into therapy because there must be something amiss in a child's life if they delight in hurting other children and animals. We never know what is going on behind closed doors. Being a bully can lead to being an adult who abuses his or her own children later on so this is a serious issue. My sister and I survived. She turned to art and is an accomplished artist and architect. She physically built their small two-story house. I turned to writing many years ago. Becoming a Christian at fourteen sustained me! Many children don't survive.

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OPINION

WSJ: Immigration may be more of a solution than problem

The U.S. has a people problem. The birth rate has been sliding for years, and it's about to translate into a shrinking labor force. By 2040, according to a study out this week, America could have more than six million fewer working-age people than in 2022. The only way to counter the domestic trend is by attracting workers from abroad. "The working-age U.S. population has peaked absent additional immigration," writes Madeline Zavodny, in a forthcoming paper from the National Foundation for American Policy. "New international migrants are the only potential source of growth in the U.S. working-



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age population over the remainder of the next two decades." Ms. Zavodny is an economics professor at the University of North Florida, and her analysis is based on data from the Census Bureau and Bureau of Labor Statistics. At a time when some Americans view foreign workers as cheap competition, she offers a prescription for growth and vigor. In particular she notes that, although foreign-

born workers accounted for nearly half the gain in U.S. employment from January 2021 through May 2023, "employment among prime-aged U.S.-born workers also soared during this period." Unemployment has been historically low, she adds, and difficulty of finding good workers will increase if the pool of working-age people shrinks. The domestic trend lines aren't good, for two big reasons. The declining birth-rate is one. The other is Baby Boomers are both living longer and aging out of the work force. Anyone who imagines that a shrinking population is pleasant should spend some time in Japan and It-

aly. As these countries are finding, decline means fewer people to produce goods and services, as well as less innovation. Even China's Communists now admit that owing to their pursuit of a one-child policy, they now face, as Milton Friedman predicted, a huge worker shortage that will challenge economic growth. So far the U.S. has been able to compensate via immigration, which was "the sole source of growth in the U.S. working-age population in 2021 and 2022," Ms. Zavodny says. But this isn't guaranteed. She suggests a future of competition among countries hit by the double whammy of a declining birth

rate and aging society. Canada recently rolled out a new work permit to lure away foreigners in the U.S. on high-skill H-1B visas. The target of 10,000 applicants was met in two days. Amid Donald Trump's talk about a wall and Joe Biden's chaos at the southern border, it's hard to imagine any solutions from Congress before 2025. But Ms. Zavodny identifies labor-force trends that will have damaging consequences if they aren't addressed. Someone needs to make the case that admitting foreign workers is good for Americans.

SPORTS

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Parish teams ready for fall practice

RUSSELL HEDGES
Minden Press-Herald

Football season is creeping ever closer. Summer workouts are over. Teams are ready to start fall practice in preparation for jamborees Aug. 25 and season openers Sept. 1.

While the first official day of practice for schools that had spring football is Monday, Aug. 7, teams may practice in helmets and shorts this week as they did during summer workouts.

The Glenbrook Apaches didn't have spring practice so they can don pads on Thursday if they so desire.

The first day Minden, North Webster and Lakeside can practice in full gear is Thursday, Aug. 10.

But don't look for North Webster to put on the full pads.

"I've never been one to worry about putting pads on too much," said Ware, who is entering his 12th season. "It's never bothered me not to put pads on especially early in the year because it's a long year."

One big difference this year is the first day of school for students isn't until Aug. 10. The last couple of years it's been about a week earlier.

Ware is taking advantage of that.

"For the last two years we've been on kind of a different schedule (during the summer) because of the school schedule," he said last Saturday. "I've had to do some things differently because we got out of school so late. We didn't do as much 7-on-7 the last



The North Webster Knights scrimmaged Logansport last May. The Knights and the other parish teams are set to officially begin fall practice.

few years with other teams like I had in the past because our schedules had been getting out late and starting early.

"You didn't have a lot of time for doing things yourself. We'd go a couple of days a week doing some offensive stuff after we got through lifting and then get into a little bit more of the stuff this coming week on putting it all together and kind of introducing special teams a little bit more this week. We'll work real hard on those, do some different things we couldn't do in the past."

As usual, it is hot in North Louisiana in August. High temperatures are forecasted to be right at 100 degrees or slightly higher this week.

Since the summer of 2020, a state law has been in effect where certain restrictions kick in, including what equipment players are allowed to wear, when the Wet Bulb Globe Temperature reaches a certain level.

The WBGT is "a mea-

sure of the heat stress in direct sunlight, which takes into account: temperature, humidity, wind speed, sun angle and cloud cover (solar radiation), combined measure of temperature, humidity, wind and solar radiation or direct sunlight," according to the National Weather Service.

Ware said it has affected practices in the past, but it's not something he's overly concerned about.

"We've had to adjust some times," he said. "I try to be mindful of that because it is dangerous out there this time of year but you know but most of the time our guys — 90 percent of our guys — have been working in it all summer long so we don't worry about it too much as far as what we can and can't get in."

The past couple of months, the Knights have had early morning and late evening workouts. This allowed players who had summer jobs to come when it was convenient for them.

"It all went good," Ware

said. "We had high participation."

Of course, the start of practice is just one step toward the regular season.

The next step is scrimmages. North Webster is scheduled to visit Mangham on Friday, Aug. 18, with the start tentatively set for 6 p.m.

Minden is scheduled to visit Benton the same day and time. Also Aug. 18, Glenbrook is scheduled to scrimmage Booker T. Washington and Jonesboro-Hodge at Jonesboro-Hodge.

The Glenbrook Jamboree will be Friday, Aug. 25, at 6. Ringgold, Lincoln Prep and Montgomery are competing along with the Apaches.

The format for the annual Webster Parish Jamboree was not set at press time.

Season openers for all four Webster schools are Sept. 1. Minden hosts Parkway, North Webster hosts Haynesville, Lakeside hosts Arcadia and Glenbrook visits Cedar Creek.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Tech coach likes progress of Boise State transfer QB

RUSSELL HEDGES
Minden Press-Herald

During Louisiana Tech's Conference USA Media Day session in Arlington, Texas, last week, the progress of transfer quarterback Hank Bachmeier was a hot topic.

Bachmeier, a redshirt senior, transferred from Boise State and went through spring practice with the Bulldogs.

"Hank's done a really good job of progressing," Tech second-year Head Coach Sonny Cumbie said. "I think when you go back to the spring — I think it was probably practice seven or eight — I think he started reacting a little bit more than just learning and absorbing a new offense."

"And definitely his demeanor and intensity has increased in June and July."

Bachmeier started all 12 games at Boise State in 2021, passing for 3,079 yards and 20 touchdowns. The Murrieta, Calif., product started the first four games last season, throwing for 497 yards and six touchdowns.

After Boise State got off to a 2-2 start, Bachmeier decided to enter the transfer portal. A former four-star recruit, he was a four-year starter at Boise.

"He's 20-9 as a starter," Cumbie said. "He's had a lot of success. In our meeting rooms it's wanting to be taught, it's wanting to learn. It's not coming in and being like well we did it this way at this place and we did it this way this one time."

"It's an open mind. There's open dialogue and I think with our team he's

done a very good job of progressing in June and July."

Cumbie said Bachmeier and redshirt sophomore quarterback Jack Turner worked together this summer.

"They have a great relationship and I think it's a good mentorship for both of them," he said. "I think Hank is definitely in reaction mode now more than he is in learning what we're doing from an offensive scheme standpoint."

Bachmeier will be the fifth quarterback sixth-year senior return specialist and receiver Smoke Harris has played with.

"I feel like Hank is going to bring a lot of experience," Harris said at the press conference. "We've had a lot of quarterback changes since I've been here. Went through like, what, five since I've been here. And I mean like it's a lot then. We've got another guy that's coming along too. Hank brings a lot of experience, a lot of great decision-making, lot of leadership. Stuff like that so it should be fun."

Senior defensive lineman Deshon Hall was Tech's other player representative in Arlington.

Cumbie and the players stressed the importance of having veterans like Harris and Hall still at Tech in the transfer portal era.

The Bulldogs will be trying to rebound from a 3-9 season that included back-to-back conference losses in overtime and double overtime.

"I feel like it's a very good thing to have guys like us to lead teams," Harris said. "Everybody needs leaders."

OUTDOORS

Dog days of summer can put pets in harm's way

GLYNN HARRIS

When I listened to the weatherman on the news last night, I know my brow must have furrowed a bit. No, he wasn't talking more thunderstorms; something else was about to take place.

Every day or two for a couple of weeks, we were blessed with a shower. Most were light, less than a tenth of an inch but getting a dab of rain has kept things in my yard looking green and nice and needing a mowing every week. What the weatherman said last night that put a knot in my stomach was a forecast that read like this; hot, humid and dry.

No rain anywhere in sight for at least the next week. Even though it's July and things are supposed to be hot and humid with little moisture, these are conditions that we never like to see.

Since I don't have a sprinkler system installed, I have to drag out hoses and move them around the yard to keep things from drying up.

As much as I dislike hot dry weather and all it involves, I got to thinking about our pets, dogs especially, that can get into trouble if they stay out too long during the hottest times of year.

What are some basic rules and suggestions that apply to how to take care of your pup when conditions are like what we are experiencing? I called an expert, Lori Seacrist, one of the owners of Petite Paws Pet Hotel whose job is to take care of the dogs in her care. She shared some important tips and suggestions that will be of value in assuring that our fur buddies stay safe and out of danger during these high heat times.

"It depends a lot on the particular breed and



When your dog exhibits behavior such as excessive panting during hot weather, take steps to cool your pet down.

age of dogs. Older dogs and young puppies seem to have more trouble with heat while the 'smush nosed' dogs, like pugs and French bulldogs have the most trouble getting enough oxygen to combat the excessive heat. On the other hand, hunting breed of dogs like Labs and hounds can more easily adapt to these extreme conditions," Lori said.

It is also important when planning outings with your dog during times when the temperatures are brutal. She suggested that you should plan outings early and late in the day to avoid potential problems.

"If you're out with your dog during the hottest part of the day, not only the

heat but the humidity can affect them just like it does us. Nothing is much worse for dogs and people than to be subjected to high temperatures and high humidity. Be sure your dog's 'potty' breaks are short and in shaded areas," she said.

"Another thing to consider is the concrete and asphalt like on your driveway. Reach down and touch these surfaces and if it's hot to your hand, it's the same on their paws. Walking them on grass or surfaces other than concrete and asphalt is the best bet," she continued.

What should you do to help your pup should you see that heat is starting to take a toll on the dog's

wellbeing?

"Dogs can be subject to heat stroke and heat exhaustion just like humans can. If your dog seems especially lethargic after being outside awhile in hot conditions, if they seem to drool or you see foam around the mouth, these are red flags. Get the dog to a cool spot and refrain from cooling them down too quickly. Definitely don't expose them to an ice bath. Instead, use a fan, take a cool rag and put on the paw pads and on the snout to slowly bring the body temperature down," she added.

Remember these tips to protect your fur baby during these brutal summer days.

Fishing Report

BLACK BAYOU — Crappie have been fair on jigs; bass best on topwater lures around the brush. Contact Honey Hole Tackle Shop 323-8707 for latest information.

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

OUACHITA RIVER — The water level is dropping this week. 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 6-8 feet deep in 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 working best. Bream are on starting to slow down off the beds. 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 took place last weekend with some nice

bass caught but not as many big ones as last year. 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. Bream are fair. Catfishing is best fishing noodles with a variety of baits. For latest information, call Kel's Cove at 927-2264 or Terzia Tackle at 278-4498.

CANEY LAKE — Bass fishing has been best fishing around the docks and grass lines early mornings on top water lures. They're also hitting 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 slow. 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 but a big 10.36 pound bass was caught early one morning this week. 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 slight rise with lots of catfish being caught. Some good bass have been caught but crappie have slowed a bit. For information, call Surplus City Landing at 318/467-2259.

Good News

GOOD NEWS

INSIDE THE EDUCATIONAL TRIANGLE

Each year, the triangle for an effective educational process is explored (from my view point). One side represents the “student”; another side represents the “teacher” and the third the “parent”. Now in order to keep balance within this triangle, there must be an internal force working with all three entities. The administrative arm reaches out to all of these with a desire to provide a learning environment, promote good teaching climates, to keep parents updated and involved in the total learning picture. You think this is easy?

Just ask our superintendents (present and past)! Ask our school board members or any school principal you know! Ask the central office personnel and you will learn, what looks like an easy task sometimes becomes a balloon that just keeps getting larger and larger!

School principals are “sandwiched in” between the administration and teachers, parents and students. They juggle a variety of responsibilities, paper work, public relations, discipline matters that comes toward them for all directions. But the administration depends on these tested leaders to help set the pace for the educational process in the system. Think about your school principal when you were in school and how they made a difference in making things work and how it affected you. Realize the pace

and responsibilities have mushroomed to dwarf the triangle of the past.

My high school principal (Ralph Turner) was a role model in many ways. He was a teacher, a mentor, an encourager, an enforcer and a friend. When I came to Webster Parish to apply for a teaching position, it was Mr. W.W. Williams, Sr. who “took me in and helped me”. (He has been another great role model for me through the years). A pastor friend gave me this piece of good advice as a beginning teacher: “join a local church and become actively involved; be a friend to the parents and they will be your friend; let your students see that the church is important to you”. And it was solid advice. B.G. Henry (Austin, Tx Jr. High principal) employed many innovative policies that worked, making teaching and interaction with the students and parents a joy. Mr. Roy Hartness, (Doyline High School) also shared this bit of advice: “always wear a white shirt and tie, that will separate you from the students and create silent discipline in the class-



Bill Crider

room”. And it is true! Establishing order in the classroom is the first step to good teaching. Setting up teacher-parent meetings before being forced to do so could eliminate some problems it seems. Parents don’t always get the facts (or the whole truth) from the students. The parent meetings help create dialogue and allow teachers to get insights that otherwise might not surface. At Central High School, our teachers made ‘in home’ visits a couple of times a year.

There is still more to mix into the interior of the triangle (the administrative staff.) What an awesome responsibility our administrative team has trying to keep the “ship afloat”; And to keep it on course, headed in the right direction, with all the ship mates equipped with their assignments! And there will always be those standing on the dock holding tightly to the ropes, securing anchors so the ship cannot move (or move very slowly)! But they cannot be ignored. Edwin Markham, in his short poem, describes “drawing larger circles to take in those who are outside”. Maybe we need to learn to draw more circles or larger ones. We do know the educational process cannot reach its maximum productivity unless the team is working together. Our children suffer; our teachers become discouraged; our administrators have to seek alternative ways to get the ship pointed to sea so it can do what

it has been designed to do—the high seas. It’s a monumental task, but it can be done; It must be done!

Then there is the supporting cast that often is overlooked. Especially until the toilet stops us, the milk is sour, or a bus breaks down, or a phone message gets tangled along the way. Let’s be reminded of the valuable service rendered by these important helpers: Our bus drivers, cafeteria workers (my mother-in-law proudly cooked those delicious rolls for 30-plus years), secretaries, aides, custodians and others----all who work behind the scene—making valuable contributions to the “educational triangle.”

We are at a threshold, on the brink of a great tomorrow. Construction and repairs are beginning; improvements forthcoming; excitement is in the air! What an investment we are making! In our children’s future! With our administrative leaders and School Board members working together, along with our students, teachers, parents, and support teams...Watch out! We can work ourselves upward!

Teaching is one of those spiritual gifts mentioned in the New Testament. Administration is another. Some have been called to exercise these gifts in the community (as well as within the church). Some promises from the Book of Wisdom (Proverbs) support the legs and body of our triangle; (teaching,

administration, parenting and the role of children). Proverbs 1: 1-9 is a good place to begin (students); 12:1 (students); 15: 2 (teachers); 15: 22 (administrators);16: 3 (teachers/administrators); 19: 18 (parents); 20:7 (parents); 22:6 (students); 25:13 (teachers); 28:10 b (teachers/administrators).

What can we do? How can we contribute to the welfare of our educational triangle? Pray, pray, pray! Encourage young parents, encourage the students to do their best, encourage the teachers not to get discourage, but to renew their vision to teach at each low point. Stay alert to special meetings, important decisions made that concerns you, keep a list of important phone numbers and addresses. You may need these at some points in the future.

Then pray for our administrators, our school staff, parents and children. May this will be a great year for our schools! May learning be our primary goal! My prayer is that we will see our roles at every level and respond under the leadership of the Lord to contribute our best. O Lord, Bless our schools and the leadership teams that lead us. Bless our students and their parents as we all work together to get the job done! We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

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THE UPWARD LOOK

Awake, Sleeper

“For this reason it says, Awake, sleeper, And arise from the dead, And Christ will shine on you.” Ephesians 5:14 NASB



Max Hutto

This poetic verse is not a direct quote from the Old Testament scripture but may be a paraphrase of Isaiah 60:1. Describing a conversion experience, the poem may have been used as a baptismal hymn. It calls for the sleeper, the person walking in darkness, to awaken and come to the Light, Christ. A person in darkness is spiritually dead without Christ. The clarion

cry is for a sleeper, who is dead in sin and trespasses, to be made alive by faith in Christ. Then the light and life of Christ will shine brightly on and through the person who is walking in the light of Christ.

Lord Jesus, may Your light shine forth through my life, and may others be awakened to walk in Your light.

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INSPIRATION

In The Belly Of The Beast

I am a runner and I often receive jokes and jabs for that reason. I’m often asked what I’m running from and told that only the wicked run when no one is chasing them. This reminded me of Jonah who was given and mission from God, but instead Jonah decided to run from the lord and the responsibility placed on him. Jonah probably felt that his mission would be hard and not to his liking. Ultimately God sent a storm to encourage him to do the right thing. God then showed him great mercy by saving him from that storm in the belly of a fish. As adults we teach this story to children all the time but do we ourselves

grasp the meaning? God has plans for all of us and every task we are given will not be an easy one. However we can’t run from those task just like we can’t run from God. We serve a God whose will is perfect and he shows us love, patience, and grace every day. The moral of the story is don’t wait until you’re in the belly of the beast to turn to God and his perfect will.



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THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON F/K/A THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR NATIONSTAR HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST 2007-B VS. THE UNOPENED SUCCESSION OF LARRY D. SMITH, A/K/A LARRY SMITH AND BARBARA SMITH, A/K/A BARBARA M. SMITH

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 80665

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 WITHOUT 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 9, 2023, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

Lot 164, Block E of the East side subdivision No. 2 in the Southwest quarter of Section 12, Township 23 North, Range 11 West, Springhill, Webster Parish, Louisiana, as per map and plat thereon on file and of record in Map Book 2, Page 53-A of the Clerk of Court's office of Webster Parish Louisiana.

Which has the address of 411 4th Street Southeast, Springhill, LA 71075

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 5, 2023
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SHERIFF'S SALE

TOWD POINT MORTGAGE TRUST 2016-1 U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE VS. ESTATE OF GRACE C. TANNER A/K/A LINNIE GRACE TANNER AND ESTATE OF THOMAS H. TANNER, JR.

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 80740

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

BEGIN AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF NORTHEAST QUARTER (SW 1/4 OF NE 1/4). SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 8 WEST, WEBSTER PARISH, LOUISIANA, AND RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 45 MINUTES EAST A DISTANCE OF 420 FEET, THENCE RUN NORTH 367.5 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 45 MINUTES WEST A DISTANCE OF 420 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 367.5 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, TOGETHER WITH ALL IMPROVEMENTS THEREON AND ALL RIGHTS THERETO BELONGING.

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TNT Storage, LLC, owner of Germantown Storage, (318-377-9733) located at 609 Germantown Road, Minden, LA, will have one 10 x 15 unit to auction on StorageAuctions.com starting on 08-02-23 at 10:00 am and ending on 08-17-23 at 10:00 am. #67 Shemeka Ferrell – Furniture, cookware, stereo equipment, beds, mirror, couch, chairs and Nike shoes.

TNT Storage, LLC, owner of Germantown Storage, (318-377-9733) located at 609 Germantown Road, Minden, LA, will have one 5 x 10 unit to auction on StorageAuctions.com starting on 8-02-23 at 10:00 am and ending on 08-17-23 at 10:00 am. #116 Rickethy West – Unit is packed full! Work boots, patio furniture, spotlight, paintings, Christmas, tubs.

TNT Storage, LLC, owner of Hilltop Storage – Homer Road, (318-377-9733) located at 1109 Homer Road, Minden, LA, will have one 6 x 10 unit to auction on StorageAuctions.com starting on 08-02-23 at 10:00 am and ending on 08-17-23 at 10:00 am. #110 Jada Spencer – Rug, bedding, dishes, curtains and rod, DVDs.

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**Ethan Lee Wynne and/or Anyone knowing his whereabouts, Please contact Richard E. Griffith, Attorney at Law, at 839 Kings Highway, Suite 200, Shreveport, Louisiana 71104, or (318) 222-0337.

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**Any and all heirs of Dennis Lee Coleman and Irean Coleman and/or Anyone knowing their whereabouts, Please contact Richard E. Griffith, Attorney at Law, at 839 Kings Highway, Suite 200, Shreveport, Louisiana 71104, or (318) 222-0337.

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Names: Opal Land Co. Ruby W. Thomas Martael W. Washington

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Legal Description: 1 ACRE - tract 210 x 210 FT. in NW/4 of SE/4 SC. 17-22-9

Assessment #120565, as per the assessment in the Tax Assessor of Webster Parish, Louisiana.

This property was adjudicated to the Police Jury on 5-17-2018. The three year redemptive period has passed. Tax sale title to the above described property has been sold for failure to pay taxes. You have been identified as a person who may have an interest in this property. Your interest in the property WILL BE TERMINATED within 60 days from the date of publication unless you redeem the property or you may otherwise challenge in a court of competent jurisdiction the potential sale or donation.

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PROCEEDING OF THE VILLAGE OF HEFLIN, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN IN REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JUNE 8, 2023.

The Heflin Town Council met at Town Hall, Heflin, Louisiana beginning at 7:20 pm with the following members present: Mayor Ralph James council members Matt Austin, Hallie DeMoss, Robert Stachowicz, Water System Operator Jesse Williamson, and Village Clerk Sherry Limosnero. Absent Chief Paul Migues.

The meeting was opened with prayer offered by Matt Austin and Robert Stachowicz led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Ralph James welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Upon motion by Matt Austin and duly seconded by Robert Stachowicz, the council adopted the Minutes from May 4, 2023 at Council Regular Meeting held on June 8, 2023 as presented; the motion was approved unanimously.

Robert Stachowicz moved to accept the May, 2023 Operating Financial Statements as presented; the motion was duly seconded by Hallie DeMoss. The motion was approved unanimously.

Upon motion by Hallie DeMoss and duly seconded by Matt Austin, the council unanimously approved Water System Reports for May, 2023.

Matt Austin moved to accept the May, 2023 Police Department Reports as presented; the motion was duly seconded by Robert Stachowicz. The motion was approved unanimously.

Robert Stachowicz moved to accept the May, 2023 ARP Report as presented; the motion was duly seconded by Hallie DeMoss. The motion was approved unanimously.

Council comments were heard, public comments were heard. There being no further business to come before this Council, meeting adjourned by Council Member Hallie DeMoss.

Attest by: Sherry Limosnero LCMC, Village Clerk Respectfully posted: 7/12/2023 Adopted: 7/13/2023

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MINUTES

The Webster Parish Library Board of Control met for a regular meeting in the Stewart Center Meeting Room Friday, July 28, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. Present were board members George French, Linda Watson, Vera Davison, Charlotte Dean, and Secretary Savannah Jones. Absent: Ethel Smith and Laura Evans. Mr. French established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. Mr. French asked for any additions to the agenda. Secretary Savannah Jones requested agenda item 8a. 'Authorize Board President to sign Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Town of Sibley for library window repair' be added to the agenda. Upon motion by Linda Watson second by Charlotte Dean, agenda items 8a. was added. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. French asked for audience comments. There were no audience comments.

Upon motion by Charlotte Dean, second by Vera Davison, the minutes of the April 28, 2023 regular meeting were approved as presented.

Upon motion by Charlotte Dean second by Linda Watson, the minutes of the June 28, 2023 regular meeting were approved as presented.

Upon motion by Vera Davison, second by Charlotte Dean, the 2023 year-to-date financial report was approved as presented. Motion carried.

Upon motion by Charlotte Dean, second by Linda Watson, Fund 17 was declared as inactive. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon motion by Charlotte Dean, second by Vera Davison, the Board President was authorized to sign Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Town of Sibley for library window repair.

Motion Carried. Upon Motion by Linda Watson, second by Charlotte Dean, the 2023 amended budgets were approved as presented. Motion carried.

Upon motion by Charlotte Dean, second by Vera Davison, fifty three items were declared as surplus. Motion carried.

Upon motion by Vera Davison, second by Charlotte Dean, the following policies were approved as presented:

• Donation Waiver Form • WPL Personnel Handbook 2023

There being no further business, upon motion by Linda Watson second by Charlotte Dean, the meeting adjourned at 10:41am.

President

Secretary

Date

August 2, 2023
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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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July 19, 2023
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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. 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 iSGT.

Davis-Bacon Act: Bidders will be required to comply with the prevailing wage provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act. This applies on any construction project costing more than \$2,000, when 25 percent or more of the costs of such project is paid with Federal Funds.

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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Names: Susan Irene Adkerson, Linda Schmitz Pullman, William H. Schmitz, David C. Burch, Nancee Ann Gore, Kathleen Marie Ott, Thomas L. Burch, John Steven Burch, James Michael Schmitz

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Legal Description: Lots # 5, 6, 38, 39, 40, 41 & 42, BLK. "D," Cypress Isle Lake Estate, Unit #2

Assessment #106676, as per the assessment in the Tax Assessor of Webster Parish, Louisiana.

This property was adjudicated to the Police Jury on 5-24-2016. The three year redemptive period has passed. Tax sale title to the above described property has been sold for failure to pay taxes. You have been identified as a person who may have an interest in this property. Your interest in the property WILL BE TERMINATED within 60 days from the date of publication unless you redeem the property or you may otherwise challenge in a court of competent jurisdiction the potential sale or donation.

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Names: Robert Lee Holloway III Sharon Holloway Rolen

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Legal Description: Lots # 72 & 73, Premier Park Subdiv.

Assessment #121221, as per the assessment in the Tax Assessor of Webster Parish, Louisiana.

This property was adjudicated to the Police Jury on 5-17-2018. The three year redemptive period has passed. Tax sale title to the above described property has been sold for failure to pay taxes. You have been identified as a person who may have an interest in this property. Your interest in the property WILL BE TERMINATED within 60 days from the date of publication unless you redeem the property or you may otherwise challenge in a court of competent jurisdiction the potential sale or donation.

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Small Ads Work

Names: Glen P. Sproles, Regina R. Barron, Harold E. Roten, Teru Sue Roten, Cheryl Butler, Oscar Sproles

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Legal Description: 1 ACRE-Track 166 x 262.5 FT in NE/4 OF NE/4 SEC. 20-23-10.

Assessment #107130, as per the assessment in the Tax Assessor of Webster Parish, Louisiana.

This property was adjudicated to the Police Jury on 5-24-2016. The three year redemptive period has passed. Tax sale title to the above described property has been sold for failure to pay taxes. You have been identified as a person who may have an interest in this property. Your interest in the property WILL BE TERMINATED within 60 days from the date of publication unless you redeem the property or you may otherwise challenge in a court of competent jurisdiction the potential sale or donation.

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WEBSTER PARISH SALES & USE TAX COMMISSION

ATTORNEY RESOLUTION

The following Motion and Resolution was offered by Shelli Malone who moved for its adoption, and seconded by Tiffany Parish at the regular meeting of the Webster Parish Sales & Use Tax Commission (the "Commission"):

WHEREAS, the Commission has numerous occasions on which special legal counsel is needed to collect sales and use tax owed under the Commission Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, there are numerous occasions on which the Commission requires a legal opinion on the applicability of the Commission Ordinances to specific factual situations; and

WHEREAS, the attorneys Richard G. Barham and Vicki C. Warner in the law firm, Barham & Warner, L.L.C. have special expertise in the area of sales and use tax and are reputable attorneys in the city of Shreveport and have rendered these services to the Commission in years past; and

WHEREAS, the law firm of Barham & Warner, L.L.C. shall be retained at an hourly rate of \$200.00 per hour for senior attorneys, \$150.00 per hour for associates and \$75.00 per hour for paralegal services, payment shall not exceed \$25,000; and

WHEREAS, the term shall be January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023, unless either the law firm or the Commission terminates the services; and

WHEREAS, the scope of this legal representation does not involve federal claims; and

WHEREAS, this resolution shall take effect immediately; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Webster Parish Sales & Use Tax Commission, pursuant to La. R.S. 42:262, does hereby retain and employ Barham & Warner, L.L.C. as special counsel; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution and proposed contract described herein be submitted to the Attorney General for the State of Louisiana for approval.

The resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS:	9
NAYS:	0
ABSENT:	3
NOT VOTING:	0

Whereupon the Resolution was declared adopted by the Webster Parish Sales & Use Tax Commission on the 5th day of December, 2022.

I, Lisa Balkom, Chairman of the Webster Parish Sales & Use Tax Commission, under authority vested in me under the law, hereby certify the above and foregoing to be a true and exact copy of a resolution adopted by the said Commission at its meeting held December 5, 2022, at which a quorum was present, and the same has not been revoked, amended or altered in any manner, and is in full force and effect.

APPROVED AS PER LETTER OF 11/19/23
JEFF LANDRY, ATTORNEY GENERAL

BY: [Signature]
ANGELIQUE DUHON FREEL
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL

[Signature]
Lisa Balkom, Chairman

Witnessed this 2nd day of June, 2023

[Signature]
Witness signature

[Signature]
Alicia Owens
Printed Name

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Witness signature

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Angie Jackson
Printed Name

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A. 6 13 15 10 1 13

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B. 19 13 26 16

Clue: Small seed-type food

C. 23 18 3 10

Clue: Bean curd

D. 12 18 18 21 7 16 15

Clue: Preparing and heating food

Answers: A. legume B. bean C. tofu D. cooking

SUDOKU

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ANSWER:

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Dylan and Marley are two

5. Makes healthy

10. The Who's "O'Riley"

14. Side sheltered from wind

15. Flat-bottomed sailboats

16. Egyptian supreme god

17. Advice

18. Mass of small, loose stones

19. Online learning services provider

20. "Lords" in Northwest Semitic languages

22. Of she

23. A place to relax

24. Critical and mocking

27. Consumed

30. You get one in summer

31. Bath

32. Luxury automaker

35. Spiders spin one

37. Guy (slang)

38. Greek personification of Earth

39. Large instruments

40. Domestic cattle genus

41. Appetizer

42. Oil group

43. Where to put groceries

44. Speak incessantly

45. Popular color

46. A place to sleep

47. Make fun of

48. Former CIA

49. Salts

52. Bleated

55. Never sleeps

56. Sword

60. Water (Spanish)

61. Cyprinids

63. "Dark Knight" actor Christian

64. Fictional demon

65. Old World lizard

66. The content of cognition

67. Makes a mistake

68. A way to make wet

69. Tide

CLUES DOWN

1. One-liner

2. Evergreen genus

3. College in Rome

4. Prevents from seeing

5. Cycles/second

6. Mischievous child

7. Less common

8. Honorably retired

9. Midway between south and southeast

10. A confusion of voices and other sounds

11. Bony fish genus

12. Type of pear

13. Egyptian cross

21. Satisfies

23. Founder of Babism

25. Bar bill

26. Chicago ballplayer

27. Performer

28. Hairpiece

29. Partner to flowed

32. Aircraft formation

33. You have 3 per day

34. Goes into

36. College athletic organization

37. Wet, muddy ground

38. Talk

40. Witty conversation

41. Gurus

43. "French Price of ___ Air"

44. Sports equipment

46. Try to get

47. Flower cluster

49. Sea dwellers

50. Palmlike subtropical plant

51. Polio vaccine developer

52. Baseball's Ruth

53. Gelatinous substance

54. Hungarian violinist Leopold

57. Offered

58. Ancient Greek City

59. A way to derive

61. Touch lightly

62. Witnessed

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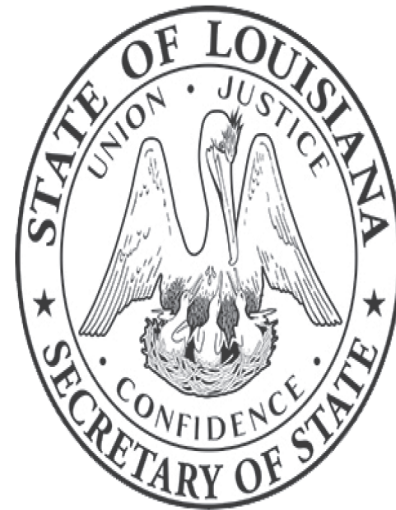
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