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CITY COUNCIL

Council approves company to help with grant developing

WILL PHILLIPS
Minden Press-Herald

The August Minden City Council meeting was a relatively brief affair where the mayor and council handled city business such as the appointment of a new member to the Minden Planning Commission, moving forward with the Minden Strategic Economic Development plan, as well as recognizing the Minden Dixie Darlings All Stars softball team for their incredible performance at the World Series.

Bralley Raborn was selected and voted unanimously by the council to be the new appointment to the Minden Planning Commission, replacing Sarah Haynes. “Haynes has served for quite some time. Her term expired in July 2023, and it’s been recommended that Bralley Raborn be her replacement for a five year term,” said Mayor Nick Cox.

The council also voted to grant the mayor the authority to move forward with an agreement

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RODEO



The 3rd Annual Pete Colvin Memorial Rodeo was a resounding success featuring athletic feats by some of the finest rodeo talents in the region. The show included everything from bull riding to barrel racing and even a trick riding performance.

AMBER MCDOWN/PRESS-HERALD PHOTOS

3rd Annual Pete Colvin Memorial Rodeo

Champions crowned in Minden

AMBER MCDOWN
Minden Press-Herald

The 3rd Annual Pete Colvin Memorial Rodeo, hosted by the renowned Louisiana 4 Ranch & Rodeo, took center stage on August 4 and 5, showcasing some of the finest rodeo talents in the region. This thrilling event saw

riders and ropers from across the country gather to compete for glory and honor, making it a truly unforgettable experience for both participants and spectators.

The rodeo was sanctioned by the Louisiana Rodeo Cowboys Association (LRCA), ensuring the highest standards of

competition and sportsmanship throughout the two-day event. Judged by Teddy Alleman and Randy Herbert, the rodeo featured intense competitions in various disciplines, where riders and ropers put their skills to the test.

In the Bareback Riding category, Monty Fontenot claimed victory with an impressive score of 70, earning him a well-deserved reward of \$367.20. Following closely behind, Jakob

Simoneaux secured second place with a score of 65, taking home \$244.80.

Drew Bordelon proved his prowess in Saddle Bronc Riding, scoring an impressive 60, and winning a substantial prize of \$576.50.

The Breakaway Roping event saw fierce competition, with Brylee Braden emerging as the champion with a lightning-fast time of

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CRIME

Heflin woman arrested for second degree murder following shooting

STAFF REPORT
Minden Press-Herald

On August 2, authorities from the Webster Parish Sheriff’s Office were alerted to an incident of homicide that unfolded in the quiet community of Heflin. At approximately 12:30 AM, law enforcement received notification of a shooting, prompting an immediate response to the scene in the 6000 block of LA Hwy 531.

Initial investigations by the authorities revealed that the incident arose from a domestic situation which had escalated, ultimately leading to the untimely death of 45-year-old Tyronne Winzer.

During the course of the inquiry, two witnesses came forward, providing information that implicated a suspect in the crime. The witnesses identified the alleged shooter as Chandricka Shehee, 23. Law enforcement apprehended Shehee for her suspected involvement in the homicide, and transported her to the sheriff’s department for questioning.

After Shehee was informed of her rights and affirmed her understand-

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WPSB

School board votes to restore salary freeze steps

AMBER MCDOWN
Minden Press-Herald

A major decision was made during the August 7 meeting of the Webster Parish School Board. Those teachers who have been behind on salary step increases since salaries were unfrozen in 2017 will now be getting those raises starting on their October paychecks.

Finance Director Crevonne Odom wanted to go on the record as not recommending passing this item as it will cost the district an additional \$250,000 (approximately) per year. “I cannot recommend this as the director of business and finance,” said Odom.

Almost all the board members were in favor of it however, with some showing visible emotion



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on the subject. “I say this bill has been owed to teachers for a long time, and it’s past due,” stated Board Member Jonathan Guthrie.

In the end, 10 members of the board voted to pass the measure with Margaret Edens absent and Linda Kinsey voting against.

After that, there were several pieces of good news announced.

Personnel Director Robin Tucker reported to the board that all open positions have been filled, so the school year will begin on August 10 with a full complement of teachers and support staff.

Test scores from last year have come in and look very positive. Of eleven schools (grades 3-11), seven showed an increase in mastery percentages, and of the six testing areas in high school, five showed improvement. There will be more details after administrators have

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COMMUNITY EVENT



COURTESY PHOTO

Pearls of Purpose are planning a whimsical witch-themed community event on October 19 to raise money for the non-profit organization We’re Here, We Care and for the development of Miller Quarters.

Pearls of Purpose to host Witches Ride of Minden

AMBER MCDOWN
Minden Press-Herald

A new all-ladies group, Pearls of Purpose, is set to bring a Witches Ride to Minden, in what promises to be a whimsical and festive community event. Pearls of Purpose, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, aims to host

family-friendly gatherings throughout north Louisiana, supporting local charities and community endeavors. The group’s founders, Sarah Watson Overall of Minden and Amber Ryals Bryant of Ruston, along with the Pearls of Purpose board members, are working tirelessly to make this inaugural

event a success.

The Witches Ride has its origins in Seaside, FL, over 30 years ago and has since gained popularity across the southeast. Following the footsteps of neighboring towns, Pearls of Purpose saw the op-

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COMMUNITY

City of Minden to hold Ministers Breakfast

AMBER MCDOWN
Minden Press-Herald

The City of Minden will be holding a Ministers Breakfast at 7:30 AM on August 15 at the Minden Community House to discuss important issues facing the community of Minden.

City officials want to take this opportunity to build stronger relationships with the pastors and ministers of Minden, and they hope that hearing diverse perspectives and opinions will help them find better solutions to many of the problems Minden faces.

“We’re going to have a day for anyone who is a

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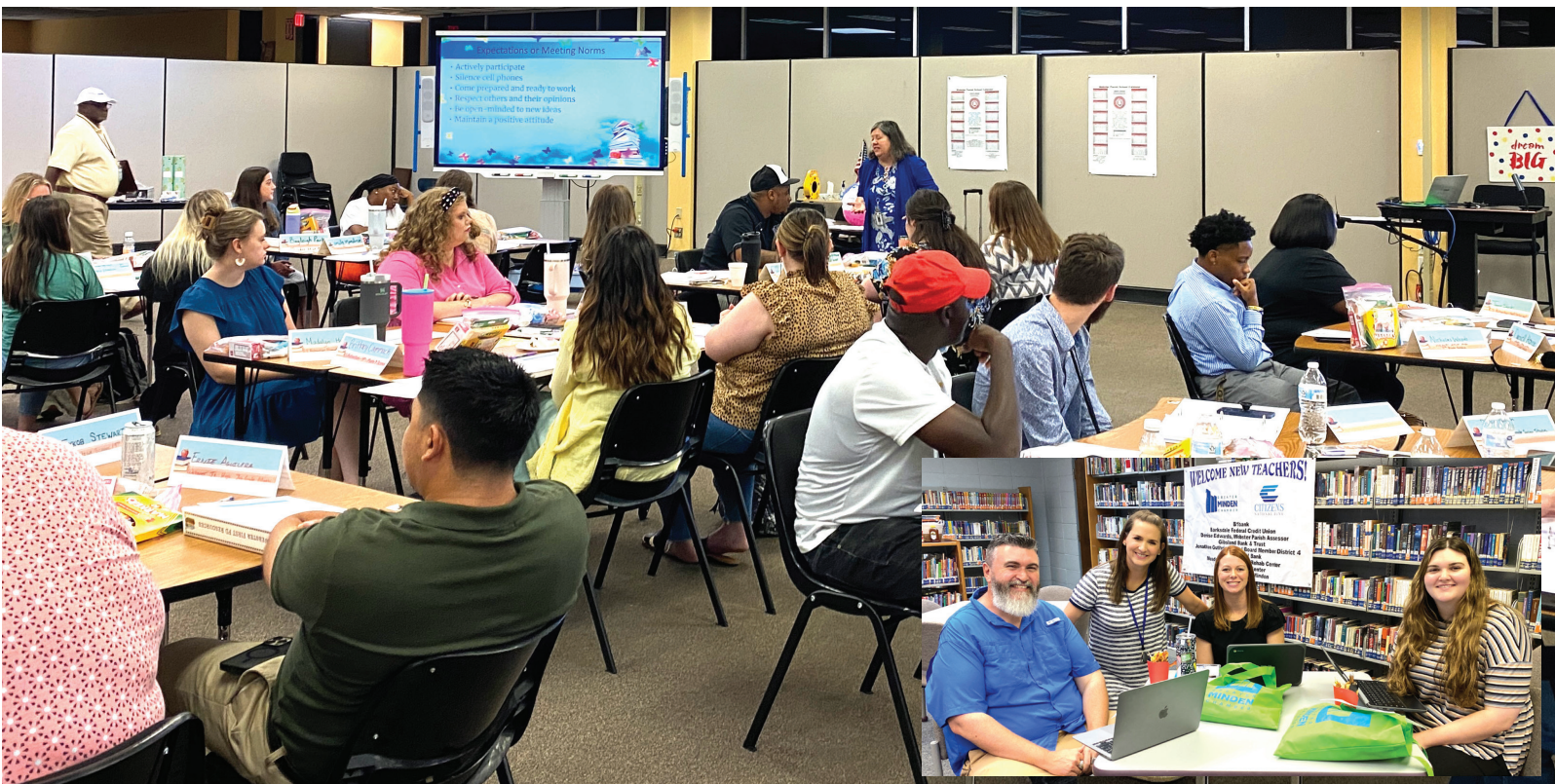
New Teacher Breakfasts kickstart 2023-24 school year for Webster Parish

AMBER MCDOWN
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With the start of the 2023-24 school year just around the corner, the Webster Parish school district welcomed its newest members with open arms. Last week, the district organized New Teacher Breakfasts as a part of their orientation program for the incoming educators, providing them with a warm and encouraging welcome.

Amidst the chatter of excited conversations and the aroma of freshly brewed coffee, the new teachers indulged in a breakfast specially prepared for them. Ready to embark on their educational journey in Webster Parish, the teachers were then introduced to the intricacies of their new roles.

The orientation covered a range of essential topics, including familiarizing the teachers with the software programs they will be using to record grades, attendance, and other administrative tasks. Additionally, the educators were exposed to differentiated instructional strategies, empowering them to cater to the



AMBER MCDOWN/PRESS-HERALD PHOTOS

New teachers to Webster Parish are welcomed with breakfast during their orientation.

diverse learning needs of their students. Moreover, they were given insights into effective classroom management techniques to maintain a positive and productive learning environment.

Beyond the informative sessions, the New Teacher Breakfasts provided a unique opportunity for the new faculty members

to interact with one another and form connections. This networking within the teaching community will strengthen their support system throughout the school year.

The Webster Parish school district will welcome a total of 37 new teachers this academic session. While some of them bring prior teach-

ing experience from other parishes, the majority will be stepping into their classrooms for the first time. At Glenbrook School, four fresh faces join the faculty, with most of them boasting prior teaching experience, promising a mix of fresh perspectives and seasoned insights.

Public school students across Webster Parish will

return to school on August 10. However, Glenbrook School will start slightly earlier. On August 9, they will have a half-day dedicated to registration and the opportunity to meet their new teachers. The following day, August 10, marks the official start of their academic journey at Glenbrook School, where they will dive into a full day of learning and

discovery.

The Webster Parish school district and Glenbrook School are gearing up to ensure a successful and fulfilling academic year for all students, with the enthusiastic support of their new teaching staff. As the first day of school approaches, the collective hope is for a year filled with growth, learning, and endless possibilities.

MPD

Minden Police Department gearing up for intense training

AMBER MCDOWN
Minden Press-Herald

The Minden Police Department is gearing up for a lot of training starting in August. The department has begun its first ever in-house in-service training. It's going to take a couple of months because there is so much to do.

Officers have been training over this course of this year to become instructors in a variety of areas including use of less-lethal force (bean-bag shotguns), defensive tactics, first aid / CPR, and Intoxilyzer use. This month they will begin training the rest of the department in what they have learned, increasing the knowledge and abilities of the entire department.

Firearms training will now be held twice annually instead of once. "We're going to be doing more scenario-based training with simulation rounds, simulation guns," said Police Chief Jared McIver. "I want us to be very well-trained. You respond how you trained, you react how you trained. We're going to give the officers the very best training they can get so they can react to situations in the safest, most effective way."

The Special Response Team (SRT) has been training in different schools around the par-

ish during the summer to ensure that they are very familiar with the different schools in case they are called out to handle any dangerous situations. They have also been training on a smaller scale using abandoned buildings around town.

The department is fully staffed right now, which is unusual across Louisiana. "With being fully staffed, we can actually be proactive now," said McIver. "We can now do more of the things that need to be done to keep the city safer."

Being fully staffed is allowing the department to do some things they've never done before.

"We've started a criminal patrol team," said McIver. "They're going out and gathering intelligence, working problem areas, working alongside narcotics and the criminal investigation division."

They are also looking far away and ahead to try to avoid serious issues.

"We sent two guys to the [Mexican] border about a month ago. They've come back with a ton of intelligence and things that we can start utilizing here because whatever is happening at the border is happening all over the United States right now. They [the border enforcement] are just on the front lines. With this information, maybe we can head

it off before it gets here."

These officers learned about how prevalent human trafficking has become (almost to the level of drug smuggling), how to spot drug smuggling and weapon smuggling, and gained an awareness of cash being sent both ways across the border.

Police Chief McIver is also looking at more home-grown issues, specifically the large number of people who are driving without a license or insurance.

"We have a lot of wrecks here in Minden," said McIver. "And it's discouraging when people don't have insurance when you're mandated to have insurance. We've got people driving around with no insurance, no driver's license, things like that. Law-abiding citizens are suffering for this. So if people don't have proof of insurance, we're going to take their license plate and tow their vehicle."

The Minden Police Department strives to be one of the best-trained organizations in Louisiana. They are already getting a good reputation and are starting to attract officers who are currently working with other departments. With the support of the citizens of Minden, they will continue their efforts to become the best police department in the state.

COUNCIL

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between Minden and Atlas Community Studios for the Minden Strategic Economic Development Plan.

"We had a company write us a grant application to get the City of Minden a strategic plan that would lay out our future, take information from our community and guide where we want us to be, and get us a plan in writing so we know how we want to move forward as a community," said Cox.

"The value of this grant is \$135,000. It's totally funded through the grant, and it won't cost the City of Minden anything. It'll give us guidelines for how we can grow, it identifies the different grants we can get, how we can pursue them, the deadlines we can pursue them by, so I think it's going to be a great tool for our growth and how we want to move forward as a city."

One agenda item that led to some further discussion was that of entering into a professional services agreement and task order between the city and Manchac Consulting Group, Inc. Essentially the city would pay the company to seek and acquire grants for the City of Minden.

"We've been talking to a company for a few months about pursuing some grants for us. This is an engineering company that has had pretty good luck getting grants. After talking to them, we set up a two-year agreement. The agreement is capped at \$50,000, and it's not to exceed \$50,000 over two years. We added a termination upon convenience clause," said Cox.

"I just want everyone to know that in no way will they be running our public works or anything like that. The purpose of this agreement is for them to pursue grants on behalf of the City of Minden. Our attorney has thoroughly reviewed it a number of times and said we're in good shape

with this contract."

When it was time for discussion, Councilman Michael Roy of District D voiced his concerns of working with Manchac in particular.

"When we were presented with this in a workshop, we were presented with the idea of sidewalk grants from Manchac. Not quite sure how Manchac came to play at the City of Minden, but it was presented as such," said Roy.

"Since then, looking at this contract, it shows that we're not going to do just sidewalks, we're going to entertain all infrastructure projects. I'm not opposed to grant writing ... but in doing my research, because we only met one time as a council on this, it's come to light that Manchac is not a very reputable company, in my opinion. I have some personal relatives that have worked under Manchac and have been asked to do things that are not ethical. And I just don't think the City of Minden should put themselves in that situation doing business and such."

Roy then went on to recommend that they should table the motion and look at other companies that provide similar services. In response, Councilman Andy Pendergrass of District E voiced his confidence in Manchac and the contract that they would be entering into.

"I think it's good to have multiple opinions on things. I appreciate Councilman Roy being candid about this. In my discussions with Manchac and about Manchac, the gentlemen that we have servicing the City of Minden, things of that nature have been brought up. We've had multiple references cite that these gentlemen are top quality, and they've had a track record of success with what we're pursuing. I think the mayor and our attorneys have done a good job of looking over our contract and making sure that we have a termination clause," said Pendergrass.

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In response Roy stated, "And I appreciate that, Andy, but we will have spent \$50,000 that possibly we could've got nothing out of. I just don't think that it's prudent that we take the first company that we've looked at. Because I've talked to other contractors that do the same thing."

"I think that, as a whole, we sit down and we do this. I think we're a little bit ahead of the ballgame by jumping up with the first company that we find."

Ultimately, the motion still ended up passing, with four in favor and one opposed, the one being Councilman Roy.

At the end of the meeting, the mayor and council recognized the Minden Dixie Darlings softball team for their accomplishment of winning the World Series Championship that took place last week.

"The mayor and council of the City of Minden would like to formally recognize the Minden Dixie Darlings All Stars softball team for its extraordinary performance as they represented not only their city, but the entire state of Louisiana at the World Series, demonstrating extraordinary skills, discipline, and sportsmanship," said Cox.

Councilman Pendergrass went on to mention that there would be a drive-by parade taking place on Wednesday, August 9, where people can drive by to show their support for the Minden Dixie Darlings and their victory.

The Minden City Council meetings take place on the first Monday of each month at the Minden Civic Center starting at 6 PM. The meetings are open to the public, and for those who wish to view it live or after the fact, the meetings are streamed live to the City of Minden's Facebook page and YouTube Channel titled City of Minden - Feels Like Home.

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WEBSTER & MORE

OBITUARIES



Dr. Ted Pettet Hughes

Dr. Ted Pettet Hughes, 87, passed away at Willis Knighton Bossier, Sunday, July 30, 2023, at 3:30 P.M. with his wife, Bonnie, holding his hand. He was born in Shreveport, LA on July 19, 1936, to Frank King Hughes and Elizabeth Pettet Hughes, and was a member of First Baptist Church of Haughton.

Dr. Hughes is preceded in death by his grandparents, Ted Pettet and Grace Foster Pettet, Frank Harrison Hughes and Willow Weir Hughes of Atlanta, TX; sisters, Willow Bess Hughes, Judy Hughes McCallon, and Merrilee Hughes Warren; wives, Allison Hughes, who is the mother of his two daughters; and Martha Martin Hughes, and Mary Jeff Ashworth Hughes.

Left to cherish his memory is his beautiful, sweet wife, Bonnie Martin Hughes of Haughton, LA; daughters, DeNeale Hughes York, and Allison Hughes Brown (Randall) all of Statesville, NC; step-children, Bart Thompson (Holly) of Shreveport, LA, Ron Thompson of Longview, TX, David Overby (Lisa) of Iuka, MS, Mitch Overby (Aleta) of Covington, LA, Duncan Ashworth (Susan) of Austin, TX, and Margaret Schoelman of Georgetown, TX; brother, Dr. Frank Hughes (Mary) of Shreveport, LA; brother-in-law, Gary C. Warren (Andrea) of Keithville, LA; and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

Ted started first grade at Benton in 1942 and graduated from Benton High School in 1954. He played basketball and baseball in high school and had the honor of playing first string forward in the 1952-1954 basketball seasons. Bossier parish had only six high schools at that time, and Benton defeated all five other schools twice each year in the parish league, and won both parish tournaments. The parish tournament All Star team was awarded on good sportsmanship, with Ted receiving this honor in 1954. Benton's winning 1952-1954 basketball team record remained unbroken for many years.

Ted graduated from Centenary College in Shreveport. While at Centenary, he played forward on Centenary's Junior Varsity basketball team. He was Grand Scribe of Kappa Sigma fraternity, Sophomore Favorite, and President of the Junior Class.

Dr. Hughes was a 1961 graduate of Baylor Dental College in Dallas, TX. He served as Captain in the United States Air Force Dental Corp as the only dentist on two radar sites at Sweetwater and Ozona, TX. After his honorable discharge in 1963, he opened his private dental practice in Nacogdoches, TX.

In 1980, Dr. Hughes joined the Veterans Administration Dental Service, and practiced in three different V.A. Hospitals, North Chicago, IL, Temple, TX, and Shreveport, LA. In 1998, he completed his thirty-seven year dental career as Chief of the Dental Service at Overton Brooks V.A. Medical Center in Shreveport, LA.

Dr. Hughes as a life member of the Texas Dental Association, life member of the American Dental Association, Fellow of the Academy of General Dentistry, and life member of the Nacogdoches, TX Rotary Club. He was licensed to practice dentistry in both Texas and Louisiana.

Ted also proudly served with the Bossier Parish Sheriff's Posse for fifteen years, along with his partner, Ed King, whom preceded Ted in death.

The family would like to express their appreciation to Dr. Ted Broox Warren and his staff for their excellent medical care for the past twenty-five years. They would also like to thank the Bossier Parish Sheriff, Mr. Julian C. Whittington, the Posse members, and a host of sweet, Christian friends and neighbors.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Building Fund or Honor Society of First Baptist Church of Haughton, 105 E. Washington Ave. Haughton, LA 71037, Louisiana Alzheimer Association, American Cancer Society, or the American Lung Association.

Ted was a Christian Gentleman who enjoyed Lionel Trains, always had a smile on his face, and a twinkle in his eye. He will be greatly missed!

Services to honor Dr. Hughes' life will be on Saturday, August 5, 2023, 10:00 a.m., at First Baptist Church of Haughton. Interment will follow in Forest Park Cemetery, St. Vincent Ave., Shreveport, LA. Visitation will be on Friday evening from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. at Hill Crest Memorial Funeral Home, Haughton, LA.



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RODEO

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2.19, earning her a remarkable \$782.30. Anna Marie Pierce and Anna Williams clinched the second and third spots, respectively.

Tie Down Roping showcased exceptional talent, with Bart Brunson finishing on top with a remarkable time of 8.77, securing a handsome prize of \$808.30. Cutter Carpenter and Cheyenne Harper claimed second and third places, respectively.

In the Steer Wrestling category, Kase Busby demonstrated his skill and agility, taking the top position with a time of 4.42, and earning \$649.05. Jase Norwood and Brad Hesnor followed suit, securing second and third places, respectively.

The thrilling Bull Riding event witnessed the fearless Baler Raymond emerging as the champion, with a high-flying score of 86, bagging a reward of \$400.32. Carter Shaw and Trey Carroll tied for second place, both scoring an impressive 84.

The Barrel Racing competition saw Anika Ruth storming to victory, clocking an incredible time of 15.950 and earning a well-deserved reward of \$693.10. Kellie Hebert and Kayleigh Odom secured second and third places, respectively.

Team Roping brought its own share of excitement,

with Peyton Walters and Cole Carpenter sealing their triumph with a lightning-fast time of 5.04 and sharing a substantial prize of \$1,004.16. Bart Brunson and Trace Porter secured the second spot with a time of 5.19.

Apart from the main events, the Home Town Barrels provided additional exhilaration and local excitement. The winners for Friday's Home Town Barrels were Landen English, Morgan Iman, and Lindsay Zanca, claiming their share of the \$190 prize pool.

On Saturday, Landen English once again displayed unmatched talent and speed, taking the top spot, while Abby Caraway and McKenzie Lovett secured the second and third positions, respectively. They all walked away with a well-deserved share of the \$240 prize pool.

The 3rd Annual Pete Colvin Memorial Rodeo was undoubtedly a resounding success, paying homage to the late rodeo legend and bringing the community together to celebrate the spirit of rodeo sportsmanship and camaraderie. As the dust settles on another unforgettable rodeo, the organizers and participants are already looking forward to next year's event, promising an even more spectacular show for rodeo enthusiasts to enjoy.

CRIME

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ing of those rights, she proceeded to provide a confession to the officers. This statement corroborated the witness accounts.

Chandricka Shehee was remanded into custody and transferred to the Bayou Dorcheat Correctional Center. She was subsequently charged with second-

degree murder, pending further legal proceedings and court appearances.

The Webster Parish Sheriff's Office encourages anyone with further information relevant to the investigation to come forward.

All suspects are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

MINISTERS

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pastor or a minister in Minden to come be a part of a discussion. If they have solutions to anything or they have issues or things that they would like to discuss, we want to hear them. A lot

of times, pastors are able to see or hear things that we don't," said Police Chief Jared McIver.

If you would like to participate, please contact Ashlee Drake at (318) 377-2144 to reserve a seat.

MEETING

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had a chance to go over the results thoroughly. "We're proud of the results we have seen," said Superintendent Johnny Rowland. "We want to get to the point where we can say eleven out of eleven schools. That's what we're working toward."

Webster Ready Start has plans to expand their early childhood education efforts and are hoping to gain more sponsors to help them achieve their goals. More details will be provided in a future Minden Press-Herald article.

The board also heard from Attorney Paul

Kitchens regarding a title check on two properties. The City of Minden currently owns Griffith Stadium which the Minden High baseball team uses for games. The school district owns a piece of property on Clerk Street which they lease to the City of Minden. There is a proposition that these two entities exchange these two properties. Now that the initial legal inquiries have been completed, it will be the Minden City Council's decision whether or not to proceed.

The Webster Parish School Board will next meet on September 11 at 6 PM. The public is welcome to attend.

RIDE

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portunity to bring this enchanting experience to Minden. The ride, taking place on Thursday, October 19 in downtown Minden, will feature women (ages 18 and up) from across north Louisiana donning their spookiest and most festive attire. Participants are invited to join the parade, while families, including spouses and children, can join as parade watchers or partake in the festivities at the block party.

The block party, to be held immediately after the Witches Ride, will be a vibrant celebration with complimentary bites, a cash bar, music, a kid's area, and a screening of the classic film "Hocus

Pocus." Tickets for the ride and block party are priced at \$45, while non-riders can attend the block party for \$10. Children can enter the block party for free.

The proceeds from the event will be dedicated to two important causes. The funds will go toward supporting the development of Miller Quarters, which will also serve as the location for the Witches Ride's start, finish, and block party. Additionally, the non-profit organization We're Here, We Care will receive support, with a plan to collaborate closely with the organization and its founder, Patrick White, to provide bicycles for children during the Christmas season.

Katie Theriot, the point

of contact for the event, stated, "Since we announced this event on social media, we have seen a huge amount of interest from people across various towns, including Shreveport, Bossier, Benton, Haughton, Minden, Magnolia, and Rayville. Women and their groups of friends are excited and planning to attend this inaugural event!"

For those interested in attending the Witches Ride and block party, tickets can be purchased online through the group's social media channels on Facebook and Instagram (@witchesrideminden), or in-person at Red Blooms and Say Baby in Minden, and Simply Chic in Bossier.

BLOTTER

- Recent Arrests in Webster Parish**
- Quaneisha Montgomery, of the 500 block of Bayou Avenue, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

■ Kashaylan Scott, 21, of the 500 block of Davis Avenue, was arrested for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated first offense.

■ Austin Anderson, 27, of the 200 block of Pecan View Drive, was arrested for felony domestic abuse battery with child endangerment.

■ Jonathan Williams, 23, of the 300 block of Hardy Street, was ar-

- rested for stalking.

■ Robert Johnson, 57, was arrested for disturbing the peace by public drunkenness.

■ Eugene Henderson, 31, of the 200 block of Webster Road, was arrested on a warrant.

■ Alonzo Mims, 31, of the 700 block of East Union Street, was arrested on a warrant.

■ Jessica Byrd, 24, of the 1200 block of Crawford Street, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

■ Sandra Deamon, 55, of the 100 block of Timothy Drive, was arrested for simple

- criminal damage to property.

■ Jason Goodwin, 45, of the 1300 block of Elm Street, was arrested for no brake light, resisting an officer, possession of a schedule II substance with intent to distribute, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

■ Peyton Thomas, 32, of the 500 block of Pine Street, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

■ Kevin Ford, 37, of the 600 block of Liberty Hill Road, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

■ Adam Kennedy, 25, of the 2900 block

- of Germantown Road, was arrested for indecent behavior with a juvenile.

■ Wayne Knippers, 38, was arrested for indecent behavior with a juvenile under the age of 13.

■ Andre Poole, 57, of the 300 block of Lewis Loop, was arrested for theft.

■ Ricardo Hollinquest, 43, of the 16900 block of Highway 80, was arrested for disturbing the peace and criminal trespassing.

■ Chandrika Shehee, 23, of the 6100 block of Highway 531, was arrested for 2nd Degree Murder.

Opinion

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Opinion

Latest indictment of Trump is election interference, attacking our Democracy

They are targeting him. There's just no other way to view it. They want him convicted on anything that will put him in prison and make it difficult for him to campaign for president—a race in which he is the clear front-runner for the nomination, as well as ahead, or tied, in polling against Biden. (Note: Trump could still run even if “convicted” and in jail).

To accomplish this, they are charging him with actions that I believe are constitutionally protected activities.

Let's review the allegations: conspiracy to defraud the United States; conspiracy to obstruct an official proceeding; obstruction of and attempt to obstruct an official proceeding; and conspiracy against rights.

Let's analyze this:

First, Trump had the right—as every American does—to speak publicly about the election and even to claim that there had been fraud during the election and that he had won. Second, it would have to be proven beyond a reasonable doubt—a heavy legal burden—that Trump “knowingly” did the things he's accused of.

Well, what that means is that if Trump truly believed he won the election (which he has stated many times he does believe!) then he couldn't be found guilty

for “knowingly” attempting to defraud the public. He would only meet that element of the crime if he knew he lost and then did the things he's accused of.

For that reason, these charges “don't meet the standard” necessary to form an attack on a leading presidential candidate, stated retired Harvard Law Professor Alan Dershowitz. “These charges don't meet the standard that ought to be applicable when the attorney general of the United States authorizes prosecution against the man running against his boss.” (National Report, 8-2-23). “That's a ‘banana republic,’ and the case has to be the strongest possible case when you go after the president's chief rival, who is tied with the president in recent polls at 44%.” The indictment also has no “smoking guns,” but instead depends completely on Trump's state of mind, Dershowitz added.

Dershowitz also warned that the indictment may violate Americans' rights to vote for the candidate of their choice. “You have a constitutional right to vote

for or against him, and that shouldn't be denied by prosecutors or by [Trump's] political opponents.” (Newsmax, 8-2-2023),

The Wall Street Journal (WSJ) has stated: “we've argued that an indictment of a former president should be based on serious charges with enough evidence to convince most Americans that it is justly brought,” (8-2-23).

We don't have that here. Nevertheless, a weak case matters not because polling indicates Trump can't possibly get a fair trial in either New York or D.C., anyway. This is not about justice. This is not a prosecution, it's a political persecution. This is about the current regime weaponizing our own government against its chief political opponent. They hate him but likely can't beat him, so they've engaged in the tactics of a dictator to try to remove him from the race.

This is a dangerous place for America to be.

Let's consider the utterly political nature of the timing of the Trump indictments:

On March 17th, Hunter Biden admitted the laptop was his and on March 18th Trump was informed that New York City DA Alvin Bragg was indicting him on Stormy Daniels payoff-campaign finance violations. On June 8th, an FBI docu-

ment claims Ukraine paid Joe Biden a \$5 million bribe and the next day Biden's DOJ indicted Trump on the Mar-a-Lago documents. Then, on July 31st, Hunter Biden's former business partner testified that Joe Biden was on the phone at least 20 times during Hunter's business deals, although Joe Biden has lied for years that he “never spoke to his son about his son's business dealings.” The next day, Trump was indicted on these Jan. 6th charges.

A final thought: sometimes actions have unintended consequences and by charging Pres. Trump with these alleged crimes it will allow Trump's attorneys to litigate the 2020 election—with subpoena power and under oath—for the whole world to see. The outcome could well vindicate Trump's election fraud claims.

In fact, if President Trump had not spoken out about the election and the integrity of our voting system, he would have been derelict in his duty as President to see that the laws “be faithfully executed.”

We must all continue to speak out against this clear election interference and blatant attack on our democracy.

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Inspiration

Why are we afraid to be labeled an introvert?

The author and aviator, Anne Morrow Lindbergh, born in 1906 wrote “The world does not understand, in either man or woman, the need to be alone.”

She went on to say “how inexplicable it seems. Anything else will be accepted as a better excuse. If one sets aside time for a hair dresser, a social engagement, or a shopping expedition, that time is accepted as inviolable. But if one says: I cannot come because this is my hour to be alone, one is considered rude, egotistical or strange. What a commentary on our civilization, when being alone is considered suspect; when one has to apologize for it, make excuses, hide the fact that one practices it -- like a secret vice!”

She had much to say about our need for solitude.

Anne was also the wife of aviator Charles Lindbergh

whose child was kidnapped in 1929 and later found dead.

Anne went to the sea to spend six weeks alone -- to write Gift From The Sea, a historic book which delves into our need to be alone and to restore herself and to hear herself think. That's my take on it.

We tend to extol extroverts

and criticize introverts for whatever reason..

As a writer there are times all I want are some times to alone.

What's wrong with that?

I need time to think, to reach within, to explore what else is out there that I

need to record as a legacy for my family and friends who care to read my thoughts.

So what's so wrong with all of that?

We live in a society of constant background noise. as though we are afraid to be alone with ourselves.

We can't get together without the big screen.

That is OK for others but not for me.

I need to think, to center down, to renew myself, my creative energy.

At the age of seventy-five I sense that I have a wealth of stories that I need to write but how when I seem to have to steal minutes alone.

No one is demanding my time but I feel an obligation that I have placed upon myself because I care a little too much for others but not enough for me.

I think we live in a society that thinks it's wrong to want to be alone for a span,

to hear ourselves think.

I went through years of pain in the orphanage, then to be in difficult roles as an adult

-- too much to write about.

Anyway we have to walk in someone's shoes to understand the path they walk.

I've heard it said that extroverts accomplish more than introverts but it takes just a moment to research the difference.

It's believed that Thomas Edison, Albert Einstein and Doctor Seuss to name but a few were introverts and may have had a form of autism.

I believe that many people are afraid to be alone, to hear themselves think, to learn how to deal with pain which is why some people become closet drinkers.

Enough said, and maybe not.

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Opinion

Wall St. Journal: The future of school choice

Many states have recently created or expanded school-choice programs, but are parents taking up the opportunity? It's early days, but data from several states should encourage lawmakers that robust offerings are in demand.

Indiana this year reported an increase of some 20% in its voucher program. More than 53,000 students participated in 2022-23, compared with 44,376 the previous school year, according to the state education department. Thirteen more private schools were included, bringing the total to 343. All of this was before the state made vouchers nearly uni-

versal in May by raising the income cap and removing other restrictions.

Florida also made its K-12 scholarships universal this year by removing income limits. Step Up for Students, a nonprofit administering organization, recently said it had awarded 268,221 income-based scholarships, up from 183,925 at the same time a year ago. The group said it also had granted 74,711 special-needs scholarships, an increase of some 15,000.

Arizona beat Florida by a year in making its education savings accounts, or ESAs, universal. The state says it approved 47,667 new stu-

dent applications in 2023, compared with 5,103 before the expansion. Nearly 700 private schools receive ESA funds.

West Virginia's ESA program, open to any student already in public school, is entering its second year. The program has received 6,323 applications for the coming school term, up from roughly 3,600 last year, per the state Treasurer.

Iowa's new ESA program received 29,025 applications during a month-long window, according to Gov. Kim Reynolds's office. In Arkansas nearly 5,000 students and more than 80 schools have applied or begun applying to

another new ESA system, the state Education Department says. Applications opened in late June and continue through July. The Iowa and Arkansas programs aren't universal in the first year, but they're likely to grow as they phase in broader eligibility.

None of this should prompt states to rest on their laurels. A recent Manhattan Institute report points out that getting ESAs through the political thicket is only the first step. Many parents are unaware of the offerings in their states, and a law does little good if it isn't implemented well. “We fear a program in which 100,000 families want to participate,” the authors write,

“but cannot log in to the payment platform, or cannot track their expenditures, or cannot promptly pay the educational providers helping their children.”

Some states might also find that the demand exceeds the supply of seats in private schools. But in time states that are generous with ESAs are encouraging a variety of options to expand or open, whether faith-based, classical, Montessori or something new, and with families choosing what works best for them. That's what a future of school choice looks like.

SPORTS

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DIXIE SOFTBALL



The Minden Darlings All-Stars won the 8U World Series last week in Fairview, Tenn.

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Minden Darlings win World Series

RUSSELL HEDGES
Minden Press-Herald

The Minden All-Stars won the Dixie Softball Darlings (8U) World Series last week in Fairview, Tenn. Minden, representing Louisiana as the state champion, defeated the Georgia All-Stars twice to win the title, 9-7 and 3-1. In the first game, Minden rallied from a 6-4 deficit, scoring five runs in the top of the fourth. That victory forced the

decisive second game in the double-elimination tournament. In the second game, Minden scored two in the top of the first and added one in the fifth for a 3-1 lead. Georgia put runners at first and second with one out in the bottom of the fifth. But after a popup and groundout, the celebration began. Minden played outstanding defense. There were several nice catches. Crisp fielding was followed by bullet throws for force

outs. Minden's only loss was to Georgia 5-0 in the winners' bracket final. They rebounded with a 10-3 victory over Alabama in an elimination game to reach the championship round. Minden opened the 10-team tournament with a 4-3 victory over South Carolina, rallying from a 3-0 deficit after two innings. They followed that with a 12-7 victory over Alabama before falling to Georgia. The World Series champion 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. Coaches are Tyler Lewis, Matt Chanler, Riley Hollingsworth, Logan Hollingsworth, Jason Sunderland. It's the second year in a row a Minden team has won a World Series. Last year, Minden took the Angels (10U) championship.

COLUMN/COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Area teams look to rebound from tough 2023 seasons

RUSSELL HEDGES
Minden Press-Herald

Fall camps for area and state college teams are now in full swing. Louisiana Tech hit the field July 28 with the Bulldogs' opener against FIU scheduled for Aug. 26 at 8 p.m. at Joe Aillet Stadium. The rest of the teams began practice last week. Last season was a tough one for teams along I-20 and an hour south in Natchitoches. Louisiana Tech went 3-9 in Sonny Cumbie's first season. Grambling State went 3-8 in Hue Cleveland's first campaign. ULM went 4-8 in Terry Bowden's second season. Northwestern State went 4-7 in Brad Laird's fifth season. Of course, the big question is what will this season bring? As usual, optimism reigns this time of year. But all four realistically have a chance to be better. Tech was close to a .500 or above club last season. The Bulldogs lost back-to-back Confidence USA games in overtime and double overtime. Two other losses were by 10 points or less. The quarterback position is a question mark. It looks like Boise State transfer Hank Bachmeier is the top contender. If he develops, the Bulldogs could be CUSA title contenders. Tech has one of the most dynamic offensive players in the conference in receiver/return specialist Smoke Harris. The defense gave up a lot of points and will have to improve. Like many coaches, GSU's Cleveland hit the transfer portal hard. The

Tigers need to improve their offensive production to have any chance of competing in the SWAC after averaging only 22.6 points per game in 2022. Alabama State quarterback Myles Crawley is the likely starter at quarterback. The Tigers open the season Sept. 2 at 2 against Hampton in Harrison, N.J. ULM will also have a new starter at quarterback, Jiya Wright. He was out most of last year after suffering a rib injury in the opener against Texas. The QB job was left wide open when 2022 starter Chandler Rodgers entered the transfer portal. ULM is Wright's fourth college. How he handles the position will go a long way toward determining the Warhawks' fate. The good news is 2022 leading receiver Tyrone Hill is back. ULM hosts Army Sept. 2 at 2 in its opener. While the Demons had a good run in the Southland Conference last season, going 4-2, Northwestern State is another team that will be looking for improvement on both sides of the ball. Idaho State transfer Tyler Vander Waal is the top contender to be the starting quarterback. The Demons have 27 new players not counting incoming freshmen. There are also five new assistant coaches. The influx of new players at all schools through the transfer portal makes things very hard to predict. NSU travels to Lafayette to face Louisiana Sept. 2 at 6:30 in its opener. Hopefully, all four of the area teams will figure out the winning formula.

OUTDOORS

Naming a hunting spot no problem

GLYNN HARRIS

As long as I've been a hunter, I have hunted on areas that have special names. The "Cocklebur" stand? It's located in the middle of a patch of - you guessed it - cockleburs. One in particular is one I named myself because of my lack of skill in carpentry. I called it the "Shanty". It was propped up on all sides to keep it from tumbling over. On the adjoining hill, a buddy with expert skills at carpentry had constructed one that was plumb and square that totally put my stand to shame. We gave our approval when he named it the "Chateau" stand. It didn't have to be a deer stand; it could be a certain patch of woods that when you mentioned that's where you would be hunting, every club member knew exactly where you were talking about. Here's how one such hunting spot earned its name. It was a cool, clear October afternoon with little or no wind, a perfect time to be in the woods after squirrels. I finished what I had to do at work for the day, took the afternoon off with plans to head for my favorite squirrel hunting spot. Changing into hunting clothes and gathering up my shotgun and gear, I jumped in my truck, turned off onto the dim little road that I had traveled many times that led to my squirrel woods a mile down the road. Ordinarily, I drive up and around the little road to a hill where I park my truck only a couple hundred yards from the woods. This time, however, there was something



GLYNN HARRIS

An axe could always be found behind the seat of this old truck in case of an emergency.

blocking my way. There was a car parked in the middle of the road. I thought it odd since I didn't recognize the car as belonging to any of my hunting club member friends. The land was privately owned with only our group having permission to hunt there. I was puzzled, not only at the presence of the strange vehicle but also frustrated by the fact that it was blocking the narrow woods road I had to travel to reach my hunting spot. While pondering the problem, I noticed that there were some small pines on either side of the little road and if I could remove a few of them, I might be able to ease around the car and make it to my hunting spot in time for an afternoon hunt.

I always keep an axe behind the seat of my truck in case I might need it in such an emergency. In addition, I never head for the woods without my camera because you never know when a photo op might present itself. Reaching behind the seat, I picked up the axe and with my camera hanging around my neck, it was my intension to remove enough of the small pines to allow me access. That's when I noticed movement in the parked vehicle that was blocking the road. I realized that there were people in the car as I saw two faces appear in the side window. The faces turned ashen in color with eyes wide as they watched a guy dressed in camo walk up behind them with a cam-

era and an axe. It was not rocket science to figure out that I had happened upon a secret venture of a couple who only wanted time alone and what better way to find such special times than to drive down a dim woods road in the middle of the day to insure their privacy. Long story short, I backed my truck out of the way so the couple could drive away, shielding their faces as they passed me. I was able to drive on in and enjoy my afternoon squirrel hunt. I don't recall if I got any squirrels but I now had the name of my favorite hunting spot. To this day, that fine scope of woods is known by a special name I gave it that day. Hanky Panky Hill.

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 continues to be dropping. 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, soft plastics and swim baits working best. Bream are 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 - 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 slow to fair. Catfishing is fair on noddles using 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. For latest reports, call Poverty Point Marina at 318/878-0101. For information, call Surplus City Landing at 318/467-2259. **LAKE YUCATAN** - The water is on a slow fall with good catches of crappie, bass and catfish reported. Water is too low in the chute to allow safe access to the river. For information, call Surplus City Landing at 318/467-2259.

Good News

GOOD NEWS

FORMING YOUR OWN “ONE ANOTHER” CLUB

Remember when having pen pals and being members of special clubs in school were popular? You may have been members of the 4-H, FFA, FHA or such in school. In college the fraternity, sorority and various clubs were all-important! Would you be surprised to learn that Paul and other great leaders of the early church had their own special ways of rallying forces? Their focus was different though – it was on living the Christian life, being true disciples of Jesus, and how to live in community and be the shining light in the darkness around them.

Paul reminds Titus “God wants us to turn from godless living and sinful pleasures

and live good, God-fearing lives day after day, looking forward to the wonderful time we’ve been expecting, when His glory shall be seen (the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ).” Titus 2: 12-13. “When this truth came upon us, our sins were washed away and we received a new life with a new joy of the presence of the Holy Spirit, filling us with wonderful fullness - all because of what Christ did for us.” (3: 4-6).

Paul further reminds us throughout his writings that



Bill Crider

because of what Christ did for us, we are to be busy about doing good deeds. Not just at special times of the year(Christmas baskets, Thanksgiving meals, or Valentine candies), but at all times let these deeds of kindness and love permeate our total being day-in and day-out. It seems he had organized a special “One Another Club” and tried to get all his friends to join forces with him. James, Peter and John also challenged their friends and new converts to join them in serving Christ in doing good deeds for the glory of the Lord. You may join the Club, too, or form you own kind of “Good Deeds Club.” Use these directives as guide-

lines to put into action your “One Another Club.”

Love one another –Rom 13:8; Pet 1:22

Serve one another - Gal 5:13; Rom 9:12

Forgive one another – Col 3:13; Eph 4:32; Luke 6:37

Comfort one another – 1 Th 4:18; 2 Cor 1:4

Pray for one another – James 5:16

Be affectionate toward one another – Rom 12:19

Be like-minded toward one another – Rom 15:5

Edify one another – 1 Th 5:11

Have fellowship with one another – 1 John 1:7

Admonish one another – Col. 3:16

Submit to one another –

Eph 5:21

You can add to this list many more, no doubt. Now how about taking the plunge while the mercury is still climbing higher...get you a Good Book (The Bible) and find a cool corner and read some of these indicated passages. It will cool your soul and bring you to your knees. Want to join this special club that has no annual fees, that will bring you many happy times and blessings? Summer specials are available. Call: I L-o-v-e H-I-M....Call now while all lines are open! Your call will always be received...no waiting for the next available person.

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THE UPWARD LOOK

Walk Carefully

“Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise,” Ephesians 5:15 NASB



Max Hutto

The believer is to walk, to live every day, carefully, circumspectly, diligently, by giving his full attention to how he lives. The wise seek to live every moment pleasing the Lord, knowing and obeying the Lord in all he thinks and does. The rudder of his life’s boat is directed completely by the Word of God. The unwise lives his life recklessly without much thought or

preparation. His boat is being tossed about by the winds of circumstances and emotional whims, without concern or regard for God or His Word.

Lord Jesus, may I live my life in a manner worthy of the calling of Christ by carefully walking in Your ways. Teach me how to live wisely in faithful obedience to Your Word.

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

INSPIRATION

Blessings from Curses

Our story begins with Balak the king of Moab summoning Balaam the sorcerer. One day Balak notices that the children of Israel are an overwhelming force. They have just conquered a nearby group of people and Balak feared he was next. This put Balak on the defensive, which brings us back to his summoning of Balaam. He wanted to commission Balaam to curse the children of Israel. Balaam had the fear of God so he communed with God first. Balaam had many discussions with God before he got permission to go to Balak. However, God put one condition on Balaam. If Balaam was to go to Balak he could only say what God told him to say. Balaam in fear of the Lord did as he




Bernard Harris

commanded. Balaam on three separate occasions was given the order to curse Israel. This resulted in Balaam on three separate occasions blessing Israel. No matter how many times Balak insisted he could not curse God’s people. This brings me to the main focus of my message. Trust in God and his promises and he will turn the curses of the enemy into your greatest blessing. God will always bless his people.

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ASSESSMENT LISTS HAVE BEEN PREPARED SHOWING THE ASSESSMENT OF ALL REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY IN AND FOR THE PARISH OF WEBSTER. THE SAID LISTINGS WILL BE EXPOSED IN THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION AND CORRECTION FOR A PERIOD OF 15 DAYS BEGINNING THE 31ST DAY OF AUGUST 2023.

ANY TAXPAYER DESIRING TO EXAMINE HIS/HER ASSESSMENT IS REQUIRED TO CALL THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE DURING THE SAID 15 DAY PERIOD.

THE BOARD OF REVIEW WILL MEET OCTOBER 3, 2023, AT 10:30 AM. APPEALS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD OF REVIEW, EITHER BY CERTIFIED MAIL OR HAND DELIVERED, AT LEAST 7 DAYS PRIOR TO ACTUAL BOARD OF REVIEW HEARING DATE WHICH IS BY SEPTEMBER 26, 2023.

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DENISE G. EDWARDS, CLA
ASSESSOR OF WEBSTER PARISH

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JAMESTOWN FIELD Docket No. 23-329

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF LOUISIANA, OFFICE OF CONSERVATION, BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA.

In accordance with the laws of the State of Louisiana, and with particular reference to the provisions of Title 30 of Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, a public hearing will be held in the Hearing Room, 1st Floor, LaSalle Building, 617 North 3rd Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at 9:00 a.m. on **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2023**, upon the application of **ASQUARED RESOURCES II, LLC**.

At such hearing the Commissioner of Conservation will consider evidence relative to the issuance of Orders pertaining to the following matters relating to the **Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A**, in the Jamestown Field, Bienville and Webster Parish, Louisiana.

1. To create ten (10) drilling and production units for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A, to be designated HA RA SUE through HA RA SUN as shown outlined on the plat submitted with the application.

2. To force pool and integrate all of the separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests located within the proposed unit in accordance with Section 10, Title 30, of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.

3. To confirm that with respect to horizontal wells drilled to the Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A, in or to serve the proposed unit, where the horizontal lateral portion of a well is cased and cemented back above the top of the Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A, the distance to any unit boundary or offset well(s) will be calculated based on the distance to the nearest perforation in the well, and not based on the penetration point or terminus.

4. To designate unit well and unit operators, as appropriate.

6. Except to the extent inconsistent herewith, to extend to the proposed units all pertinent provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 990-D,

effective October 6, 2009, as amended and supplemented by the 990-D Series of Orders, and all applicable Statewide Orders.

7. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent.

The Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 990-D, effective October 6, 2009.

Plats are available for inspection in the Office of Conservation in **Baton Rouge and Shreveport, Louisiana.** <http://dnr.louisiana.gov/conshearings>

All parties having interest therein shall take notice thereof.

BY ORDER OF:

**RICHARD P. IEYOUB
COMMISSIONER OF CONSERVATION**

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**CIVIL DISTRICT COURT FOR THE PARISH OF ORLEANS
STATE OF LOUISIANA**

**NO. 2016-8156
DIVISION "F-7"
c/w 2019-7571**

**SUCCESSION OF
MILDRED TYSON
WATTREE**

FILED: _____

DEPUTY CLERK

**NOTICE TO SELL
IMMOVABLE PROPERTY AT PRIVATE SALE**

The Administrator of the above estate has made application to the court for the sale, at private sale, of the immovable property described as follows:

1. LOT #13, BLK. "G", OAK MANNER ESTATES IN GOV'T LOT #4 SEC. 36-17-10

2. LOT #29 RE-SUBDIV. OF EAST HTS. SUBDIV.
Durwood Drive, Minden, LA

3. Parcel 115285 LOT 50.03 X 120.95 X 50X 118.8 FT. IN NW/4 OF SE/4 SEC. 27-19-9

Under the terms and conditions provided in the agreement to purchase filed in these proceedings.

Notice is now given to all parties to whom it may concern, including the heirs and creditors of decedent, and of this estate, that they be ordered to make any opposition which they may have to such application, at any time, prior to the issuance of the order or judgment authorizing, approving and homologating that such order or judgment may be issued after the expiration of seven days, from the date of the last publication of such notice, all in accordance with law.

**CHELSEA RICHARD
NAPOLEON
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CLERK OF COURT**

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PROCEEDING OF THE VILLAGE OF HEFLIN, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN IN REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JULY 13, 2023.

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

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

Upon motion by Matt Austin and duly seconded by Hallie DeMoss, the council adopted the Minutes from June 8, 2023 at Council Regular Meeting held on July 13, 2023 as presented; the motion was approved unanimously. Hallie DeMoss moved

to accept the June, 2023 Operating Financial Statements as presented; the motion was duly seconded by Hallie Matt Austin. The motion was approved unanimously.

Upon motion by Matt Austin and duly seconded by Hallie DeMoss, the council unanimously approved Water System Reports for June, 2023. Hallie DeMoss moved to accept the June, 2023 Police Department Reports as presented; the motion was duly seconded by Matt Austin. The motion was approved unanimously.

Matt Austin moved to accept the June, 2023 ARP Report 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 Catherine Lee and Stuart Beatty as Fire District 12 Board Members for 2023-2025.

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: 8/3/2023
Adopted:

**August 9, 2023
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**26th JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT FOR THE PARISH OF WEBSTER
STATE OF LOUISIANA**

**NO. 15945
DIVISION**

FILED: _____

**SUCCESSION OF
SAMMIE JAMES
WATTREE**

FILED: _____

DEPUTY CLERK

**NOTICE TO SELL
IMMOVABLE PROPERTY AT PRIVATE SALE**

The Administrator of the above estate has made application to the court for the sale, at private sale, of the immovable property described as follows:

1. LOT #13, BLK. "G", OAK MANNER ESTATES IN GOV'T LOT #4 SEC. 36-17-10

LOT #29 RE-SUBDIV. 2. OF EAST HTS. SUBDIV.
Durwood Drive, Minden, LA

3. Parcel 115285 LOT 50.03 X 120.95 X 50X 118.8 FT. IN NW/4 OF SE/4 SEC. 27-19-9

Under the terms and conditions provided in the agreement to purchase filed in these proceedings.

Notice is now given to all parties to whom it may concern, including the heirs and creditors of decedent, and of this estate, that they be ordered to make any opposition which they may have to such application, at any time, prior to the issuance of the order or judgment authorizing, approving and homologating that such order or judgment may be issued after the expiration of seven days, from the date of the last publication of such notice, all in accordance with law.

**HOLLI VINING
WEBSTER PARISH
CLERK OF COURT**

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July 10, 2023

The Sibley Town Council met in regular session on Monday, July 10, 2023 at 6pm in the Sibley Town Hall Meeting Room.

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

Mayor Williams opened the meeting in prayer; then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Robert Smart motioned to accept the minutes to the June 12, 2023 Regular Meeting as read, Richard Davis seconded. Motion carried.

Robert Smart motioned to add Resolution No. 2023-11 Surplus Property, a 528 Investments Servitude of Passage and the postponement of the

September 11, 2023 Regular Meeting to the agenda under New Items. Richard Davis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

No Public Comments.

Wayne Bolton motioned to adopt Resolution No. 2023-06 requesting assistance from the Webster Parish Police Jury with street repairs on Sherwood Lane. Richard Davis seconded. Motion carried.

Robert Smart motioned to adopt Resolution No. 2023-07 requesting assistance from the Webster Parish Police Jury with street repairs on SE 5th Ave. Helen Chanler seconded. Motion carried.

Helen Chanler motioned to adopt Resolution No. 2023-08 requesting assistance from the Webster Parish Police Jury with street repairs on Weatherston St. Alan Myers seconded. Motion carried.

Robert Smart motioned to adopt Resolution No. 2023-09 requesting assistance from the Webster Parish Police Jury with ditch and culvert work on NE 2nd Ave and NE Natchitoches St. Helen Chanler seconded. Motion carried.

Wayne Bolton motioned to adopt Resolution No. 2023-10 authorizing Mayor Williams to open a checking account at Gibbsland Bank & Trust for Capital Projects with Mayor Jimmy Williams, Mayor Pro-Tempore Robert Smart and Town Clerk Sherry McCann as signatures. Richard Davis seconded. Motion carried.

Robert Smart motioned to adopt Resolution No. 2023-11 declaring a Town of Sibley 1998 Ford F-250, bearing VIN ending in 7189 as surplus property and to advertise through Gov.Deals. Richard Davis seconded. Motion carried.

Richard Davis motioned to request a Servitude of Passage and Right of Way from 528 Investments for the purpose of entrance to a lift station on property purchased by the Town of Sibley. Alan Myers seconded. Motion carried.

Richard Davis motioned to postpone the September 11, 2023 Regular Meeting to Monday, September 18, 2023 at 6pm at the Sibley Town Hall. Wayne Bolton seconded. Motion carried.

Assistant Fire Chief Richard Davis gave the June 2023 activity report for the Sibley Volunteer Fire Department.

Officer Clint Meshell gave the June 2023 activity report for the Sibley Police Department.

The Board acknowledged the receipt of the June 2023 Financial Reports.

The mayor gave updates on capital outlay funding, the donated playground equipment, generators and several other possible grant opportunities.

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

Meeting adjourned.

Attest:

Jimmy Williams
Mayor

Sherry McCann
Town Clerk

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SHERIFF'S SALE

CLICK N CLOSE, INC. VS. FELICIA ANN COVINGTON

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 80755

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 Courthouse in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana on WEDNESDAY, August 16, 2023,

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

Tract 1:

Begin at the Northwest corner of the East half of Southwest Quarter of Section 8, Township 23 North, Range 10 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana, thence run East 410 feet to the point of beginning; thence continue East 100 feet; thence run South 660 feet; thence run West 100 feet; thence run North 660 feet to the point of beginning, together with all buildings and improvements located thereon and all rights thereto belonging.

Tract 2:

Begin at the Northwest corner of the East half of Southwest Quarter of Section 8, Township 23 North, Range 10 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana; thence run East 510 feet to the point of beginning; thence continue East 50 feet; thence run South 660 feet; thence West 50 feet; thence run North 660 feet to the point of beginning; together with all building and improvements located thereon and all rights thereto belonging.

Tract 3:

Begin at the Northwest corner of the East half of Southwest Quarter of Section 8, Township 23 North, Range 10 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana; thence run East 560 feet to the point of beginning; thence continue East 100 feet; thence run South 660 feet; thence run West 100 feet; thence run North 660 feet to the point of beginning; together with all buildings and improvements located thereon and all rights thereto belonging; subject to restrictions, servitudes, rights-of-way and outstanding mineral rights of record affecting the property.

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Linda Vaughan - Deputy

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Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to Lyme disease.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 11 = I)

A. 11 4 4 20 14 6 6

Clue: Disease

B. 9 11 1 23

Clue: Parasite

C. 17 13 6 19

Clue: Skin irritation

D. 16 13 9 11 2 12 14

Clue: Tiredness

Answers: A. illness B. tick C. rash D. fatigue

SUDOKU

			2		4	8		
	4	6		8				5
				7	5	1		
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1	8	3	6	5	7	4	2	9
2	6	1	4	9	3	8	7	5
7	5	2	9	4	8	3	6	1
8	7	9	3	6	4	2	5	1
4	2	5	1	8	7	9	3	6
3	6	7	9	1	8	5	2	4
2	8	3	6	7	5	1	4	9
7	4	6	1	8	9	2	3	5
5	1	9	2	3	4	8	7	6

ANSWER:

FUN & GAMES

1	2	3	4	5		6	7	8		9	10	11	12
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60					61						62		
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Dull and flat

6. Baking measurement (abbr.)

9. Education-based groups

13. Not behind

14. Runners run them

15. Japanese ankle sock

16. Grave

17. Japanese industrial city

18. People of southern Ghana

19. Particular designs

21. Device fitted to something

22. Infections

23. Pirates' preferred alcohol

24. Expression of sympathy

25. Rock guitarist's tool

28. Neither

29. Ancient city of Egypt

31. You ___ what you sow

33. Ruined

36. Narrations

38. Body art (slang)

39. Fencing sword

41. Apartment buildings

44. Type of missile

45. Fathers

46. Extremely high frequency

48. Type of school

49. Incorrect letters

51. Two-year-old sheep

52. Nasty manner

54. One who accepts a bet

56. Indian prince

60. Asian country

61. Rhythmic patterns in Indian music

62. "Uncle Buck" actress Hoffmann

63. Detailed criteria

64. Son of Shem

65. Talked wildly

66. Discount

67. Not good

68. Growing out

CLUES DOWN

1. Actor Damon

2. A call used to greet someone

3. Part-time employee

4. Emaciation

5. "Westworld" actor Harris

6. Gains possession of

7. Relaxing spaces

8. 23rd star in a constellation

9. Northern grouse

10. Monetary unit of Bangladesh

11. Manila hemp

12. Unites muscle to bone

14. Makes deep cuts in

17. 18-year period between eclipses

20. Member of a people inhabiting southern Benin

21. Synthetic rubbers

23. Unwelcome rodent

25. Expression of creative skill

26. Some is red

27. Seems less in impressive

29. Harry Kane's team

30. Gland secretion

32. Action of feeling sorrow

34. Disallow

35. Deceptive movement

37. More dried-up

40. Crimson

42. Actress Ryan

43. Adherents of a main branch of Islam

47. Accomplished American president

49. Side of a landform facing an advancing glacier

50. Sheep breed

52. Appetizer

53. Broadway actress Daisy

55. Influential film critic

56. NY Giants ownership family

57. Type of script

58. Assist

59. London park

61. Bar bill

65. In reply indicator

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John F. Kennedy of Shreveport, Louisiana, Services were held at St. Michael's Catholic Church, 1000 N. 10th St., Shreveport, La. on Saturday, Sept. 10, 1994. Burial was in the St. Michael's Cemetery.

Richard Belzer
Richard Belzer, the longtime stand-up comedian who became one of TV's most colorful characters in the 1980s, died of cancer on Saturday, Sept. 10, 1994, at the age of 58. He was born in New York City and was a member of the Kennedy family.

Marjorie Monroe
Marjorie Monroe, who was born in 1914, died on Saturday, Sept. 10, 1994, at the age of 80. She was born in New York City and was a member of the Kennedy family.

Abraham Lincoln
Abraham Lincoln, who was born in 1809, died on Saturday, Sept. 10, 1994, at the age of 85. He was born in Kentucky and was a member of the Kennedy family.

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Daily Report

Minden man arrested on drug charges
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