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CELEBRATION

Dixie Darlings celebrate 8U World Series victory with drive-by parade



The 8U World Series champions, the Dixie Darlings, were celebrated on August 10 with a drive-by parade held at Academy Park.

AMBER MCDOWN
Minden Press-Herald

The triumphant Dixie Darlings, champions of the 8U World Series in Tennessee, were showered with adoration during a spirited drive-by parade held at Academy

Park on the evening of August 10. A convoy of vehicles, carrying exuberant fans, proud relatives, esteemed community leaders including Mayor Nick Cox, and accompanied by resounding police cars and fire engines, paraded past

the park with an outpouring of support for these young Minden athletes. Cheers resounded as participants honked, waved, proudly displayed signs, and generously bestowed tokens of encouragement. Following the exhilarating parade, the squad of dedicated young athletes, along with their families and coaches, congregated at the charming Cottage on Fort. The Cottage served as the backdrop for a celebratory gathering, where joy and camaraderie permeated the atmosphere. The event was a heartfelt recognition of the team's remarkable achievements, further solidifying their place in the hearts of Minden's proud community.

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EDUCATION

New academic year kicks off in Webster Parish: schools resume classes



The 2023-24 school year commenced last week, marking a new chapter for education in Webster Parish. Glenbrook School initiated its academic calendar on August 9, closely followed by the public schools on August 10. As the summer break came to a close, both students and educators were reenergized for the educational journey ahead. The community eagerly anticipates a year filled with growth, learning, and collaboration in the pursuit of knowledge.

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The Webster Parish school district's 15th Annual Back to School Bash, held on August 7, left parents, teachers, and students brimming with excitement for the upcoming academic year. The gatherings, hosted at Webster Junior High School in Minden and the CAC building in Springhill, drew impressive crowds as families

flocked to the venues to collect essential school supplies, interact with educators and administrators, and reconnect with friends and classmates. Approximately 1,500 students across Webster Parish received bags of supplies during this event. The Back to School Bash proved to be a well-organized affair, offering a plethora of attractions and activities which included raffles and door

prizes which added an element of surprise and delight to the day's festivities. While the array of school supplies was a major draw, the Back to School Bash went above and beyond expectations by providing a selection of school and street clothing, including new shoes. The thoughtful provision of such items aimed to bolster students' confidence and self-esteem as they entered the new

academic year. Taking their commitment to the students' overall well-being a step further, the organizers enlisted the assistance of a mobile dentistry service known as Miles for Smiles. This compassionate dental team offered dental exams, teeth cleaning, and a range of other dental services to ensure that children start the school year with a bright and healthy smile. What set this initiative

apart was the inclusion of various payment options, making dental care accessible to all families. In addition to cash and private insurance, the Miles for Smiles service welcomed Medicaid, ensuring that no student was left without essential dental care. Families who missed out on the event or need more information about Miles for Smiles can visit

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REMEMBRANCE

In Memoriam: James D. Madden's enduring legacy in Minden and beyond

STAFF REPORT
Minden Press-Herald

The community stands poised to honor a remarkable trailblazer, whose contributions have left an indelible mark on progress. James D. Madden, a prominent figure known for his prowess in business and impassioned advocacy, has left an undeniable impact that resonates both in the bounds of Louisiana and far beyond. Diverse viewpoints on his legacy may persist, but one truth remains unwavering: Madden's profound concern for the community he held dear.



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Madden's legacy is a tapestry woven with achievements that transcended geographical confines. A fervent champion of causes both within Louisiana and on a broader scale, he exemplified unwavering conviction, fearlessly advocating for his deeply held beliefs. Notably, Madden's dedication to nurturing education and skills development reverberated commendably throughout the region. His resolute support for Northwest Louisiana Technical

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GOVERNMENT

BDCC prisoners without air conditioning

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Concerns have been raised by families of certain inmates at Bayou Dorcheat Correctional Center regarding the absence of air conditioning within the facility. According to Webster Parish Sheriff Jason Parker, the air conditioning systems in the four dormitories at BDCC have been grappling with the challenge of coping with the intense heat of this summer. Nevertheless,



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Your Webster Parish Libraries to Offer Free Digital Literacy Training

Special to the Minden Press-Herald

Have you heard? Your Webster Parish Libraries are proud to be among the 215 libraries across 45 states selected by ALA-PLA for the Digital Literacy Workshop Incentive, supported by AT&T.

AT&T is helping the Public Library Association (PLA) provide free, in-person digital literacy workshops in Webster Parish. The workshops will utilize online digital literacy courses available through AT&T Screen-Ready® and PLA Digital Learn. Created in collaboration with PLA, the courses teach skills ranging from basic computer skills to video conferencing.

According to the U.S. Department of Education, about 16 percent of U.S. adults are not digitally literate. In addition, about 40% of disconnected students face significant adoption barriers including insufficient digital literacy skills, according to a report from Common Sense Media. Advancing these skills are crucial to helping bridge the digital divide. It's important that



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A total of four workshops will be offered on digital literacy topics.

students and their families not only have access to the internet and computers, but also have the tools needed to use that technology effectively, safely and responsibly.

A total of four workshops will be offered on digital literacy topics. These topics include computer basics, internet basics, email basics, and video conferencing, and

will be held at both your Springhill and Minden library locations. For every workshop attended a participant's name will be placed into a drawing to win a MacBook Air - perfect for continued digital literacy learning! Registration must take place in person at either your Minden or Springhill library locations, or by phone. Space is limited.

"We are excited to offer these digital literacy workshops in Webster Parish. To truly thrive, it's important that we as a library system provide digital literacy resources that teach the skills that all ages need to succeed in a technology driven world. Together with the Public Library Association, we're proud to offer online courses and free

workshops to help learners advance those skills," said Savannah Jones, Webster Parish Libraries Director.

Workshop dates are as follows:

- Minden Branch at 11AM
- September 12th - Computer Basics
- September 19th - Internet Basics
- October 3rd - Email Basics

Springhill Branch at 3:30PM

- October 10th - Video Conferencing

- September 14th - Computer Basics
- September 21st - Internet Basics
- October 5th - Email Basics
- October 12th - Video Conferencing



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OBITUARIES



James D. Madden

James D. Madden, 85, of Minden, Louisiana was born January 13, 1938, in Heflin, Louisiana left this earthly life for his heavenly home August 7, 2023, in Shreveport, Louisiana. He was an active member of First Methodist Church in Minden and owner of Madden Contracting Company.

James was preceded in death by his parents, Grady and Johnye Mae Madden, daughter Sarah Margaret Madden Willis, and great grandson Huck Hurley.



Sandra Marie Crockett Brown

Sandra Marie Crockett Brown was born in Minden, LA on January 12, 1942, and passed away peacefully on August 6, 2023, surrounded by family.

Sandra, “Sansy” to many dear to her, was a beacon of beauty and artistry. She had a talent for creation and took great pleasure in art, color, and nature’s verdancy. As a born storyteller, she had a tale to fit any circumstance and saw humor in everyday events.

Sandra had an impeccable sense of style, always pairing the perfect outfit to the occasion, wherever in the world she might be. She loved to dance, especially with Edward, and they really could cut a rug. While she was petite, her fierce passion, especially when it came to her family, was evident. She could be deeply contemplative and had a wonderful capacity to curl up in just about any soft corner of the house, to read or reflect. She could often be found on a chaise on her glassed-in porch, overlooking the backyard and surrounded by art she had collected or created.

Books were ever-present in her life, as were memories about past events and family members gone yet ever close to her in heart and thought. Her father Howard, her sister Judy, her firstborn Marie Celeste—all taken so young—along with her mother Marie, accompanied her always. She spoke of them in ways that kept them close for others too.

During her school years, Sandra showcased her musical talents by playing the oboe and clarinet in the MHS band, in which she marched and then led as head majorette.

Upon graduation, she headed to LSU where she pledged Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority before responding to the call of family to return to north Louisiana to pursue a degree in Art Education at Louisiana Tech.

In 1967, Sandra and Edward married and began their life together in south Louisiana, first in Thibodaux and then Breaux Bridge, before again being called home to

He is survived by his wife, Lyda Madden of Minden; sons, Doug Madden, David Madden and John Madden all of Minden; grandchildren, Ashley Rowton, Erin Ramsey, Matthew Madden, Will Madden, Caroline Rodrigues, Levi Madden, Jake Madden, Bailee Hurley, Savannah Aday, and Catherine Simonton, and 20 great-grandchildren.

Services celebrating the life of James were held Saturday, August 12, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at First Methodist Church in Minden, Louisiana with Rev. Steve Berger and Rev. Brian Mercer officiating. Interment will follow at Gardens of Memory in Minden, Louisiana. The family received friends Friday, August 11, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. at First Methodist Church in Minden.

Minden, where she and Edward raised their boys and cared for their nieces.

Sandra’s beauty was recognized early on when she was crowned Junior Miss Physical Culture, Minden High School Darling, and Miss Minden, a title that led her to represent Minden in the Miss Louisiana pageant. Later in life, her elegance graced the big screen with appearances in the Hollywood films “W.” and “The Guardian,” experiences she enjoyed giggling about.

Although Sandra relished her time on stage, her most significant contributions were shared outside the spotlight. She taught in the public school system, nurturing the creativity of countless students. Her artistic talent was also evident in her work with the First United Methodist Church Altar Guild, where her flower arrangements added beauty to bereavement services, meals, and activities. She was a proud member of the Book Club of Minden, and actively served in the Garden Club. Her creativity shone in her ability to craft sets and background art for the Junior Service League school productions.

Above all, Sandra’s generosity knew no bounds. She gave selflessly to loved ones, always putting others’ needs over her own.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Howard Perry Crockett and Marie Lites Crockett; her sister, Judy Crockett David; and her daughter, Marie Celeste Brown.

Sandra is survived by her loving and devoted husband, Dr. Edward Dewitt Brown, Jr.; sons, Benjamin Howard Brown, his wife Naran, and their son Reuben Edward of Chengdu, China, and Dr. David Alan Brown and his wife Kerry Micheal of Baton Rouge; nieces Lisa David Wright and her husband Crowley of Shreveport, Lori David Warren and her husband Jack of Heflin, Amy David Jones of Minden, and Polly David White and her husband Keith of Atlanta, GA.

She also leaves behind her sister-in-law Cora Lou Robinson and her children Jeff, Jon, and Courtney, as well as sister-in-law Mary Celeste Powers, her husband David, and their children Mark, David, Heather, and Jonathan. Additionally, she loved and was loved by many great-nieces and -nephews.

A celebration of Sandra’s life was held on Friday, August 11, at 2:00 PM, at the First Methodist Church on Broadway in Minden. All who knew and loved her are invited to attend.

RECOGNITION

Girl Scouts celebrate local leaders at 2023 Women of Distinction Awards

STACEY TINSLEY
Bossier Press-Tribune

On Thursday, July 27th, the Girl Scouts of Louisiana Pines to the Gulf (GSLPG) held their inaugural 2023 Women of Distinction Awards at the University Center on the Louisiana State University - Shreveport campus.

“These wonderful women have inspired me. Their stories, our stories, mean something. And, it is because they are so diverse. They are so beautiful. And, that is what we remember,” said Rachel Broussard, CEO of GSLPG.

The idea behind the

Women of Distinction event was simple - create a platform to elevate local women who excel in their local communities. The ultimate goal being that local girls would be given role models to look up to those who are making an impact right next door.

These women are chosen through a public nomination and committee selection process. The inaugural class boasts women of varying ages and career fields. These women are elevated as role models for local Girl Scouts and youth alike.

The inaugural 2023 Women of Distinction (Shreveport area) class includes the following exem-

plary women:

Dr. Markey W. Pierre, LSU Health Shreveport

Jeannette Sibley, Keller Williams Realty NWLA

Erica McCain, Dress for Success Shreveport-Bossier

Lynn Stevens, Goodwill Industries of North Louisiana

Carolyn J. Henderson, Shreveport Fire Department

Dr. Jayda Spillers, Northwest Louisiana Technical Community College

Dr. Julie Lessiter, LSU Shreveport

While this event was established to recognize local women, Girl Scouts of Louisiana - Pines to the Gulf did not want to overlook the

value that men in our community bring to the Girl Scouts. Therefore, at each event, GSLPG honors one man as being “Man Enough to be a Girl Scout” This man is elected through the same rigorous nomination process and is selected based on how closely his community impact reflects the Girl Scout mission which reads as: Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.

This year’s “Man Enough to be a Girl Scout” (Shreveport area) award was presented to Jeremy Burge, COO of Louisiana Truck Stop and Gaming Administration.



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less, this isn’t the sole reason for the malfunctioning of some of these units.

Parker explained, “We have four dorms at BDCC – A, B, C, and D – that hold up to 100 prisoners per dorm. Then we have two lockdown blocks that can hold up to three inmates per cell.”

The maximum inmate capacity for BDCC stands at 444. However, as of August 6, the facility held 413 incarcerated individuals. Every dormitory is equipped with a 20-ton air conditioning unit.

Parker elaborated, “C and D dorms are completely repaired and operational. A and B dorms ... we have capacitors in to replace the ones that were damaged and, by the end of the week, we should have those fully functional.”

During periods of unit unavailability, Parker noted that each dormitory is equipped with multiple large “shop” fans to circulate air.

Sheriff Parker emphasized, “Louisiana is not required by law to

air condition prisons. We do have to administer circulating air, and we have those big fans. Each dorm had ice coolers with ice and water, anything they needed to keep them cool.”

A contributing factor to the breakdown of the air conditioning units is linked to laundry-related activities.

Parker clarified, “The inmates wash their clothes in the sink and then hang them over the return air vents to dry, and that causes damage to the capacitors.” Unfortunately, this practice damages the capacitors. The prisoners have been informed that this behavior could result in charges for criminal property damage and potential liability for the cost of replacing the damaged capacitor, which amounts to \$8,000 each. Inmates do have access to laundry facilities.

Prisoners are not the only ones without air conditioning this summer. Many hard working low-income families in Minden have had to do without air conditioning in the face of rising energy costs and inflation.

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www.milesforsmiles.com to learn about the ongoing services and how to avail them.

With the Back to School Bash now concluded, students throughout Webster Parish are well-equipped to embark on the 2023-24 academic journey. The anticipation for the first day of school, scheduled for August 10, was palpable, and the positive impact of the event is sure to resonate throughout the coming academic year.

The Webster Parish

school district extends its heartfelt gratitude to all the parents, teachers, administrators, and volunteers who contributed to the success of the Back to School Bash. Their dedication and support have undoubtedly set the stage for a prosperous and rewarding school year ahead.

As the district gears up to welcome its students, one thing is certain: the Back to School Bash has kindled the spirit of unity and academic enthusiasm within Webster Parish, creating an environment primed for educational excellence.

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Community College, a cause close to his heart, showcased a steadfast commitment to fostering learning opportunities. This dedication mirrored his unwavering support for other cherished causes, a testament to his character.

Born January 13, 1938, in Heflin, Louisiana, James D. Madden, 85, of Minden, transitioned from earthly life to his heavenly abode on August 7, 2023, in Shreveport, Louisiana. A devoted member of First Methodist Church in Minden and the proprietor of Madden Contracting Company, his presence and influence were widely felt.

Preceded in death by his parents, Grady and Johnye Mae Madden, daughter Sarah Margaret Madden Willis, and great-grandson Huck Hurley, he leaves behind a legacy carried forward by his surviving wife, Lyda Madden

of Minden; sons, Doug Madden, David Madden, and John Madden, all of Minden; and a host of cherished grandchildren and great-grandchildren, each a testament to his enduring impact.

The community at large stands united in honoring James D. Madden’s life, reflecting upon his accomplishments and far-reaching contributions that have enriched the tapestry of Minden, Louisiana, and extended far beyond.

“I am deeply saddened by the loss of James Madden, a remarkable man and influential visionary in our community. He was not only a successful businessman, but also a respected figure who generously gave back. His advocacy for our Northwest Louisiana Technical Community College and his immeasurable other contributions will always be remembered. We will cherish his memory and work to carry on his im-

pectful legacy. His friendship meant a lot to me personally, and his absence will be felt immensely. Mr. Madden was a pillar of our community, and his presence is truly irreplaceable. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family during this time of profound loss. May they find comfort and strength in the memories of his remarkable life and the impact he had on our community,” said Nick Cox, Mayor of Minden.

“Since I am new to our community, I did not have the honor or the privilege to know Mr. James Madden that long. An elderly sage once wrote that if a person touches the life of but one person, they have touched the heart of God. Many would agree that James Madden touched the heart of God thousands of times in his life. His legacy of generosity and strength lives on in the hearts and minds of so many. I have talked to a lot of people in the past

couple of days about their impressions of Mr. Madden. I learned that he was a respected and beloved figure in this community and beyond. Respect cannot be purchased. It must be earned. James Madden earned the respect of so many throughout his life’s Journey. I believe that his life continues today with Jesus Christ his Savior who said, ‘I Am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.’ The French novelist Jean Paul Sartre said that life is a waste, a useless passion. That was not true for James Madden. He lived with vigor, love and joy. He will be missed but never forgotten,” said Rev. Steve Berger, Senior Pastor, First Methodist Church Minden.

“I knew Mr. Madden for most of my life as a result of having family connections from the same area

of south Webster Parish. However, I began to personally get to know him seven years ago through our shared friendship with Dr. Earl Meador and a shared interest and appreciation for NLITCC. I soon realized Mr. Madden valued education and its impact on our citizenry, and how much he deeply cared about the wellbeing of our community. I respected him and held him in high regard. Sherri and I pray God’s comforting presence will continue to be with his family,” said Johnny Rowland, Jr., Superintendent of the Webster Parish School District.

“The passing of Mr. Madden is a huge loss for the Greater Minden community. Mr. Madden has been instrumental in the growth of businesses and industry in Webster Parish and beyond. His entrepreneurial spirit and innovative leadership have left an impact that will not be forgotten. We

know his legacy will continue to be felt for years to come. Our heartfelt sympathies and prayers go out to Mrs. Lyda and his entire family,” said Stephanie Barnette, President/CEO of the Greater Minden Chamber.

“Mr. Madden was a pillar of the community who at all times supported law enforcement in the parish. He was a man of few words but when he spoke...people listened! On a personal level, he was always there for me, to listen and to provide good counsel. We will never know how much he did behind the scenes for those who were in need. He will truly be missed,” said Jason Parker, Webster Parish Sheriff.

James Madden’s tremendous impact on the local community is evident. With his time on this earth he left a legacy that will continue to be felt long after his passing.

OPINION

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OPINION

Oppenheimer captures the development and use of nuclear bombs during a perilous time in history

I have not watched movies at the theater with any regularity since before Dr. Fauci's China Virus. However, I have recently taken in Sound of Freedom as I shared in a recent article, and now the film Oppenheimer.

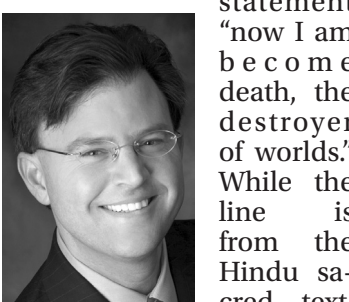
The movie is lengthy, but I didn't notice three hours had passed because I found it enthralling from both a human and historical perspective. (Moviegoers of all ages could have benefitted from seeing this film. However, regrettably, I caution viewers that the film includes a completely gratuitous and unnecessary but graphic sex scene.)

One writer has described the film this way:

"This film is an assault on your senses in the best way possible. Though this film is three hours long, it moves at an exhausting and frenetic pace. For three hours, you are sucked into Oppenheimer's world. From the pacing, to the cinematography, to the score, your senses are bombarded, and the film almost forces you into submission. There's very little opportunity for your mind to wander as the film speeds through the events of Oppy's life and the consequences of his greatest achievement" (Sarah Callen, Movies and Us, July 27, 2023).

What Robert J. Oppenheimer—one of the greatest scientific minds of his time

and all time—anguished about was the fact that the atomic power he had accessed and unleashed could not ever be limited or contained. And it could destroy worlds. In fact, one of the great scenes in the movie involves Oppenheimer deeply self-identifying with the statement "now I am b e c o m e death, the destroyer of worlds." While the line is from the Hindu sacred text, Bhagavad Gita, it has been widely used to characterize Oppenheimer's life and work.



ROYAL ALEXANDER

(For context and accuracy, I must note that Oppenheimer's story is complicated by his apparent sympathies for the Communism of Soviet Russia.)

Of note, we know from history of the work of Albert Einstein regarding the development of nuclear power and, while I won't give the plot away, I will say I found the interaction between Oppenheimer and Einstein most intriguing.

I also found fascinating the intersection of American scientists and the U.S. military, and the methods by which such an enormous

undertaking was able to be accomplished in utter secrecy.

However, as with so many difficult moral choices in this life, a balancing of the highest stakes was forced upon Oppenheimer.

While he was genuinely unnerved by the destructive power of his nuclear creation, he was actually more terrified that the Nazis would develop a nuclear bomb first. He strongly believed—I feel with great justification—that Hitler would not have hesitated to use a nuclear bomb to achieve world domination.

It also weighed heavily on Oppenheimer, and helped persuade him that his effort was just, that the use of the two bombs against Japan would likely end the war and, undoubtedly, save hundreds of thousands of American and allied lives.

Think about that.

Think about the global conflict playing out at that time.

English Prime Minister, Winston Churchill, who single handedly held the allied forces together for three years in the face of the Nazi onslaught—is said to have wept when he heard that the Japanese had bombed Pearl Harbor. This is because he likely knew that this attack on American soil would force Pres. Franklin D. Roosevelt—who had up

to that point directed that huge amounts of arms and supplies be contributed to the allied effort—to actually commit American troops to the war.

However, had the Nazis gotten access to a nuclear bomb before we did, America's late entrance into World War II might not have mattered!

As the Wall Street Journal summarized Oppenheimer's life:

"From the moment the atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima in August 1945 until his death in 1967, J. Robert Oppenheimer was perhaps the most recognizable physicist on the planet..." However, the rest of his career "would be spent advising humanity how not to be annihilated by the powers of the atom he had conquered. The advice was not always well received: The Atomic Energy Commission stripped him of his security clearance in 1954, in part because of his advocacy for arms control. (The Department of Energy posthumously reversed that decision last year.)" (WSJ, David Nirenberg, July 15, 2023).

I highly recommend to adults seeing this timely and memorable film.

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INSPIRATION

Hudson-Pierce: The power of 'Just One More Day'

Having lost a very dear friend a few years ago I am led to tell you a story about a widower who was looking through his old family trunk a few years ago and how he discovered a poem penned in his wife's own hand. It was dated just days before she died, after a long illness, over thirty years ago.

The piece was titled Just One More Day.

It went something like this: "Give me just one more day with you!"

Those poignant words were overwhelming to him and are enough to get our attention because life is so uncertain. Our rugs can be jerked out from under our feet so quickly, with no warning.

Even when we see it coming we aren't prepared for the aftershock of losing the dearest to us on earth!

Yet in the losing of a loved

one we should learn something from the heart rending experience, of feeling ourselves choking with tears, as we go under for the third time hardly able to breathe,



SARAH HUDSON PIERCE

whole, who get us up in the morning, who keep us going with their God-like love found in human relationships which is the closest thing to heaven upon this earth.

Taking our loved ones for granted is an age old human

failing because we don't fully appreciate what we have until we lose that one whether by death or divorce.

Back in the 60's there was a popular stage play titled Our Town which was written by Thornton Wilder. The story revolves around a young girl who dies and goes to heaven. She misses her family so much and begs God to grant her one wish to which she asked to return to the earth for just one more day.

She chose one of her birthdays. In total disbelief she was in shock as she turned around and kept noticing how her family didn't even pay attention to what she was saying or doing on her special day.

She asked God to take her back realizing that her life was not what she thought upon this earth.

Why are we so quick to snap, to not learn, to be

wrapped up in our own pursuits, our hobbies, our passions, our interests and totally take for granted those who mean the most to us until after they are passed and gone?

The poet went on to say that if she had one more day she would turn off the television set, unplug the phone and hug repeatedly and say a million times "I love you."

Why are we so slow to learn? Why do we have to keep on learning our lessons over and over again with little retention?

Why do we often wait until it's too late to put a loved one first?

Your clue is as good as mine.

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OPINION

Fannie Moore: A little something from the oven

A delicious aroma permeated throughout the house, apparently originating from the kitchen. It seemed to be saying there's something lovin' from the oven.

And it was- fresh baked sour dough bread.

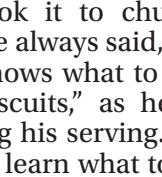
Do you remember the old commercial that said "Nothin' says lovin' like something from the oven"? Well, that is kind of my philosophy.

I enjoy cooking, especially baking and now that I'm feeling better after months of wanting to do nothing, I am enjoying being back in the kitchen. I also enjoy eating what comes from the oven.

A neighbor gave me a sour dough starter, which I had not had in many years, so I have been busy baking bread for a few weeks. Apparently,

my family doesn't like it as well as I do, so I found it hard to pass along and ended up with several extra loaves.

What do you do with all that bread? What else but make bread pudding? So we had bread pudding for a day or so. We had an older friend who loved it when I took it to church dinners. He always said, "Fannie sure knows what to do with cold biscuits," as he was enjoying his serving. She has had to learn what to do with un-



FANNIE MOORE

wanted bread.

My family appreciates when I bake, if it is something sweet.

Recently our daughter and son in law were bemoaning the fact the restaurant we went to didn't have their favorite, Strawberry Cake. A few days later I made one that turned out beautifully and carried it to them. They were overjoyed and shared about their special cake. Several asked for the recipe. I hope those who got the recipe enjoyed it as much.

I have several favorite recipes, but one that so many people have enjoyed is a Buttermilk Fudge Cake.

If you don't mind if I make a departure from my usual ramblings, I would like to share this for those of you

who enjoy sweets (especially chocolate) as much as I do.

BUTTERMILK FUDGE CAKE

1 stick margarine
4 T. cocoa powder
1 1/2 cup shortening
1 cup water
2 cups flour
2 cups sugar
2 eggs, beaten
1/2 cup buttermilk
1 tsp. baking soda
1tsp. cinnamon
1 tsp salt
ICING
1 stick margarine
4 T. cocoa
6 T. buttermilk
1 lb. box confectioner's sugar
1 tsp. vanilla
1 cup chopped pecans

DIRECTIONS
Boil 1 stick margarine, co-

coa, shortening and water. Pour over sifted flour and sugar. Beat by hand, add eggs, buttermilk, soda, cinnamon and salt. Pour into a greased 9x13 pan and bake at 350 degrees for 25-30 minutes.

For icing, Boil together margarine, cocoa and buttermilk. Remove from heat and add confectioners sugar, vanilla and pecans. Pour over hot cake. Cool and cut in squares.

Thank you for your patience, your love and allowing me to share my love of baking.

Remember. "nothin' says lovin' like something from the oven".

FANNIE MOORE LIVES IN SHONGALOO.

SPORTS

Russell Hedges, Sports Editor
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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL



The Lakeside Warriors gather together during practice last week.

RUSSELL HEDGES/PRESS-HERALD



The Mindene Crimson Tide work on punt coverage during practice last week.

RUSSELL HEDGES/PRESS-HERALD

Scrimmages next for parish teams

RUSSELL HEDGES
Minden Press-Herald

The march toward any football season follows a familiar path. After offseason and summer workouts, there is the first official day of fall practice. That was Aug. 7 for most teams around the state. This is scrimmage week with coaches getting a chance to see how their players perform against another team. For players, it's a welcome change from going against their teammates. All four parish teams are having scrimmages. Minden visits former District 1-4A rival Benton on Thursday. The other three are Friday. North Webster visits Mangham and Lakeside hosts Cedar Creek. Glenbrook is in a three-team scrimmage with Booker.

T. Washington and host Jonesboro-Hodge. Benton and Minden haven't played in the regular season since 2018, the Tigers' last year in 1-4A. Benton is coming off an 8-4 season and runner-up finish in 1-5A. The Tigers have several new starters, including senior quarterback Jeffrey King. King contributed as a receiver last season and played a full game at quarterback, passing for 297 yards against Texas High. Benton does return one of the top running backs in the state, Greg Manning, a three-year starter. Minden returns one of the area's best athletes, senior Jakobe Jackson, who will play a variety of positions on offense. The Tide are coming off a 4-6 season. North Webster's opponent Mangham went 10-2 last season and reached the non-select Division IV

Scrimmage schedule

THURSDAY

Minden at Benton, 6

FRIDAY

North Webster at Mangham, 6

Cedar Creek at Lakeside, 6

Glenbrook/BTW at Jonesboro-Hodge, 6

semifinals. The Knights are looking to rebound from a 2-8 season. Lakeside's opponent Cedar Creek went 7-4 last season that included a victory in the first round of the select Division IV playoffs. Lakeside went 5-6 and made the non-select Division III playoffs. The teams Glenbrook faces in its scrimmage are coming off challenging seasons. Booker T. Washing-

ton, a member of District 1-4A, went 1-9. Jonesboro-Hodge, a member of District 3-2A, went 3-7. Glenbrook is coming off an 11-1 season in its first year of LHSAA playoff eligibility. The Apaches have several new starters including junior quarterback Easton Sanders. Glenbrook didn't have spring practice so this will be the first opportunity new Head Coach Reagan Smith has to see his players in a game-type situation.



New Glenbrook Head Coach Reagan Smith watches two of his linemen go one-on-one during practice last week.

RUSSELL HEDGES/PRESS-HERALD

OUTDOORS

Hearing loss for real for hunters

GLYNN HARRIS

There is a one-word question with which I too frequently respond when my wife tells me something. That one-word question? "Huh?" It all started for me several years ago when I was attending an outdoor writer's conference in Tennessee. One of the features of each annual conference is to visit the firing range for some hands-on experience with the newest firearms on the market for that year. I was standing at a station preparing to try out a new muzzleloading rifle. Standing next to me was a fellow writer with a high caliber rifle; I believe it was a 30.06. I had a pair of foam ear plugs in my hand and was preparing to insert them but just before I did, the guy next to me fired his rifle. What I experienced next was not only ringing in my ears but a roaring sensation hard to describe. From that day until now, I have limited hearing in my right ear as a result of the absence of protection from that rifle blast. Dr. Jerrilyn Frasier Vaughan is an audiologist with office in Ruston, who recently posted a column in the Lincoln Parish Journal that addresses the vital importance of proper hearing protection for hunters. "When you're in the wild, you're focusing on the thrill of the hunt, not on your ears. The truth is that noise from a single gunshot at close range can harm them, even leading to permanent hearing loss. "Noises of 85 decibels or more are known to harm your hearing. A gunshot measures between 120 and 130 decibels, making it extremely hazardous to your ears," she wrote. She explained just how your ears are designed to do what they're supposed to do and how one event,



Power muffs provide the greatest protection against loud sounds such as gun shots.

GLYNN HARRIS

such as the one I experienced in Tennessee, can seriously damage your hearing. "You rely on tiny hair cells in your inner ear to help you hear. A one-time exposure to an extremely loud noise or listening to loud sounds over time can damage and even destroy these cells, leaving you with hearing loss," she continued. One study she mentioned found that men over the age of 48 who hunt regularly are more likely to experience high-frequency hearing loss, the kind that often results from damage caused by sudden loud noises. The risk of having

a marked high-frequency hearing loss increased by 7% for every five years a man had hunted. What suggestions did the doctor offer to prevent hearing loss before it's too late? "Hunting ear plugs are usually made of foam and fit tightly in the ear canal, they reduce gunshot noise but not gunshot vibrations," she said. "Hunting earmuffs minimize the majority of sounds, even at close range. They have a snug fit and enclose the entire ear, making them highly effective at blocking sound. "Electronic hunting earplugs and earmuffs in-

clude technology that suppresses loud noises while still allowing you to hear quieter sounds, such as animal movement. The earplugs are custom molded to your ears for a precise and comfortable fit." Although the temperatures have been high and hunting may be the last thing you're thinking about now, hunting seasons are right around the corner. Follow the advice of this hearing expert to be sure you won't be having to respond to comments from your wife with that one word that makes her face turn red as she chinsches her teeth. "Huh?"

Fishing Report

BLACK BAYOU – Crappie have been fair on jigs; bass best on topwater lures around the brush. Some bream are still being caught on crickets. 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 Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

LAKE D'ARBONNE – Crappie fishing has been best fishing the flats and in the channels where water temps are cooler. Spider rigs are starting to produce. 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 slow. 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 – Bream fishing has been fair on crickets. Stripers are beginning to school in the coves and hitting shad imitation lures. Crappie have been best at night fishing under the lights while the bass have been best early mornings on topwater lures and at night on dark plastic worms and spinner baits. 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 bouncing jiggging spoons off the bottom and also 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 – Pan-sized catfish 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 – A slight rise is expected which should help fishing. Best fishing now is for catfish on trotlines, jugs and noodles. Bass and crappie are slow. For information, call Surplus City Landing at 318/467-2259.

Good News

GOOD NEWS

Finding the Key to Happiness

“Don’t put the key to your happiness in someone else’s pocket...keep it in your own!” I read this quote recently and it has lodged in my memory bank. Isn’t it true, so often we trade off our happiness, allowing others to rob us of bits and pieces of it, until one morning we are awakened to the fact: ‘my happiness is gone!’ That’s not the way God intended it to be. His will is to ‘make our joy complete!’

Perhaps we are alike - so busy “going around” we fail at doing good things, like our Master did. Everyone has a special key to happiness. God embedded it within our hearts. No one can rob us of that key. But we can willingly give it over, only to discover “my happiness” has disappeared. That is when the blame game begins. “They made me do it...I was help-

less....I could not help it, etc.” We know the excuses; we have all used them, but they are empty! When we stand before our Maker and the Book of Life is opened, we all will be ‘without excuse.’

Rejoice in the Lord always, I say again “rejoice”.

Paul’s famous words have been sung by many insincere hearts. Only when the heart is contrite and is in submission before the Lord, can one truly rejoice; happiness floods the soul and the spirit is revived.

Revival—is always a tool to relocate the happiness key when lost, it helps us find the ingredient that has been lost



Bill Crider

or misplaced over years of blame, accusations, self-pity and envy. Renewal—maybe that is what the spirit needs to ‘reconnect with God’ and sense His Holy Power working within once more. The Prophets of old reminded the wayward children of Israel that repentance brings revival, renewal, and commitment. Here at the end of the summer, when we all feel so tired due to the heat and stress of our busy lives, perhaps we need to pause and ponder where did we put our “Happiness Key?”

Remember the song, “It’s Beginning to Rain, Rain, Rain”? Well, spiritually, we know the earth is parched, hearts are drying up; cracks in our spirit are evident! As we cry out for rain for our sin-dried souls, God of all comfort is poised to restore

us to the level of ‘abundant life’ which Jesus promised us. It can happen; it must happen if we are to fulfill the holy commandments and serve God in this unhappy society. We can still be a source of light and salt in this dark and unseasoned world around us. Jesus promised that in the Sermon on the Mount. (Matt 7).

We know the weight of our sin is death (Romans 6:23). We know that physical death is assigned to each of us. But we know also, God has promised us Eternal Life where the soul of man never dies. That is what we want to be prepared to enjoy. That is “joy and happiness to the fullest.” The key worth protecting! Even death cannot rob us of that victory in Christ. His joy is fulfilled in delivering us from the sting of death.

“Grace for the Journey Ahead” should be the theme of our lives as we climb the aging ladder. We have the keys to unlock all the necessary doors to experience ‘abundant life’ from this point on. ‘Be happy, don’t worry’ is a song we all should learn and hum it throughout each day as we focus on the blessings the Lord bestows on us. We know where the keys to a happy life hang, and we know how to use them. Let’s resolve to take those keys each morning, open the doors to ‘happiness’ and enjoy the fellowship with our Lord. Oh, how He would love that! Oh, how we, too, would love the joyous fellowship with our Lord each day as well! What are we waiting for?

BILL CRIDER IS CHAPLAIN OF MINDEN MEDICAL CENTER

THE UPWARD LOOK

Use Time Wisely

“Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of your time, because the days are evil.” Ephesians 5:15-16 NASB



Max Hutto

One vital aspect of a believer’s careful walk is to use time wisely, seizing every opportunity to do what is right and pleasing in God’s sight. The brevity of life means that every moment is precious and must be used to honor God. Psalm 103 reflects that man is like a flower in the field that flourishes and then is

quickly blown away in the wind. Every fleeting moment must be used wisely and not foolishly or frivolously wasted, especially since the world is so full of wickedness and evil.

Lord Jesus, whether busily serving or quietly resting, help me to wisely use my time by doing what is good and righteous. May all that I do honor and glorify You.

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

INSPIRATION

The Dilemma of the Gifted

While watching a popular science fiction movie this week I made an observation that simply couldn’t be ignored. One of the main characters posed a question about the morality of our decisions. He presented his struggling friend with a gift a pen to be more specific. Upon presenting this very lofty gift he posed a

question. He asked what could you use this pen for? He then quickly stating that he could write something beautiful or severely injure someone if he pleased. This brings me to the point of my message. God has blessed us with so many gifts and so much potential but it’s up to us to decide how we use those gifts to affect the world around us. In clos-



Bernard Harris

ing, I would like to issue a challenge in the form of Scripture. I would like you to read Colossians 3:16-17 and strive to apply your gifts to it daily. “Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives. Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts. And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father.”

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

Come

WORSHIP

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DENISE G. EDWARDS, CLA
ASSESSOR OF WEBSTER PARISH

August 9, 2023
August 16, 2023
Minden Press-Herald

Public Notice

Public Notice is hereby given that the City of Minden's 2023-2024 Proposed Budget is available for public inspection in the Office of the Mayor, City Hall, 520 Broadway, Minden, Louisiana, during office hours, 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. A Public Hearing will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 5, 2023, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 520 Broadway, Minden, Louisiana; a Council Meeting will follow. The public is hereby invited to attend and provide input.

City Clerk Office
City of Minden

August 16, 2023
Minden Press-Herald

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING WEBSTER PARISH POLICE JURY August 1, 2023

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

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

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

There were no comments from the audience concerning the agenda.

Mr. Allen Gilbert moved, seconded by Mr. Mike Griffith to approve invoices for payment pending review by juror Allen Gilbert. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bruce Blanton moved, seconded by Ms. Beverly Kennon to adopt the minutes of the July 5, 2023 Road Committee, Finance Committee, and Regular Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Jennie Henry, CPA with Allen, Green & Williamson, CPA presented the 2022 Audit of Financials for the Webster Parish Police Jury. The jury will review and vote on the 2022 Audit of Financials at the September 5, 2023 Regular Meeting.

COMMENTS: Wanda Finley HeadStart Director Savannah Jones WP Library Serena Gray WP C.V.B. (Tourism) Christie Cox WP Coroner/Allen Mosley COL Carl Thompson Webster Parish Assessor/Denise Edwards

Brian Williams
OHSEP Director
Jessica Gorman
Dorcheat Historical Museum

Mr. Adam Bass, Candidate for State Senate addressed the jury. Ms. Dorothy Henderson, concerned citizen had questions about surveyors on her private property. Mr. Micah Hanson addressed the jury thanking them for approval of Millwood Landing Subdivision in the Road Committee Meeting. Mr. Ray Mills addressed the jury about chvert installation inside city limits of Cullen.

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

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

Mr. Jim Bonsall then gave Presidents' closing remarks.

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

/s/
Lisa C. Balkom
Secretary-Treasurer

/s/
Jim Bonsall
President

August 16, 2023
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SHERIFF'S SALE

REGIONS BANK D/B/A REGIONS MORTGAGE VS. THE OPENED SUCCESSION OF ALVIA MARTIN; THE OPENED SUCCESSION OF MILDRED D. MARTIN A/K/A MILDRED DORIS MARTIN; MILDRED DORIS CHANLER; DORIS CHANLER; DORIS MARTIN; JACKIE MARTIN; HICKEY A/K/A JACKIE HICKEY; JACKIE MARTIN; TERRY DARLENE MARTIN; AND SHERRI MARTIN; TAYLOR A/K/A SHERRI MARTIN; SHERRI TAYLOR

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. CV80119

By virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued out of the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, in the above styled and numbered suit and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder for cash WITH-OUT the benefit of appraisal and according to law at the principal front door of the Court-house in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana on WEDNESDAY, September 20, 2023, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

The following described property in Webster Parish, Louisiana, to-wit: Lot No. Six (6), Roy Fincher's Addition, a subdivision located in the Southwest Quarter (SW1/4) of Section 23, Township 19 North, Range 9 West, Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana, as per map and plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the clerk of court, Webster Parish, Louisiana, in Map Book 2, Page 11, together with all improvements thereon and rights thereto belonging.

Which has the address of 419 Fincher Road, Minden, LA 71055

SOLD SUBJECT TO ANY SUPERIOR LIENS, MORTGAGES OR PRIVILEGES THERETO. Said property seized is that of the defendant and will be sold to satisfy a judgment rendered in our Honorable Court.

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

Linda Vaughan -
Deputy

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MINUTES
JULY 10, 2023

Town Hall Village of Doyline

Meeting was called to Order by Mayor Gates. Invocation was offered by Chief Hayden with the Pledge of Allegiance lead by Franklin Bridwell. Roll was called and those present were Steven Bridwell, Rachael Muniz and Jackie Daniels absent.

Steven Bridwell made a Motion to amend the agenda to include a Resolution and Engagement Letter from the Auditor of Record, Travis Moorehart. Motion was seconded by Rachael Muniz, motion carried.

Motion was made by Steve Bridwell, seconded by Rachael Muniz to accept the June Minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Rachel Muniz made a motion to accept the financial statements as presented, seconded by Steve Bridwell. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Steven Bridwell, seconded by Rachel Muniz to accept the Introduction of the 23-24 budget as presented. Motion carried.

A Resolution to appoint a Representative to the Webster Parish Tax Commission was presented. After a brief discussion Steven Bridwell made a motion to appoint Myra Kilburn, Clerk, this motion was seconded by Rachael Muniz, motion carried.

A Resolution to Ap- point Paul Kitchens as Attorney of Record for the Village of Doyline was presented. Upon Motion of Rachael Muniz and seconded by Steven Bridwell, motion carried to Ap- point Mr. Kitchens.

A Resolution to Ap- prove Myra Kilburn, Clerk, to the signatures on all bank accounts for the Village of Doyline was presented. Upon Motion of Steven Bridwell, seconded by Rachael Muniz, motion carried to include Myra Kilburn and exclude Jessica, the former clerk.

A Resolution was offered as a Blanket Request for the Mayor to make a request for Webster Parish Police Jury annual allotment of funds without benefit of individual requests (as they are timely in process from meeting to meeting). Motion was made by Rachael Muniz, seconded by Steven Bridwell, motion carried.

Mr. Dunaway was unavailable to present his report. The Mayor reported we continue to have issues with a specific area of town "flushing rags", which get caught in the lift station motors and cost the Village Tens of Thousands of Dollars per year in repair and replacement. The Mayor and Board of Aldermen would once again like to take this opportunity to ask the Citizens of the Village of Doyline to refrain from littering the sewer lines with anything other than natural waste.

The Clerk reported briefly on the method of her figures for the proposed budget and her visit with the attorney which allowed her to find and copy many Ordinances which had been lost to us for some time.

Chief Hayden reported things were quiet with a few domestic calls.

Franklin Bridwell reported that his Eagle Scout program would be attempting to implement a small food pantry for the Village of Doyline. Motion was made by Rachael Muniz, seconded by Steven Bridwell for Franklin to pursue the endeavor of implementing a food pantry. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Rachael Muniz, seconded by Steven Bridwell to adjourn the meeting, motion carried.

Mayor, Crystal Gates

Clerk, Myra Kilburn

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Village of Dixie Inn
Special Session
August 4, 2023

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

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen for the Village of Dixie Inn met in special session on August 4, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Dixie Inn, Louisiana with the following

members present: Mayor Donna Hoffoss, Aldermen Judy McKenzie, Nell Finlay, and Lance Milligan.

The meeting was called to order and the invocation was given.

There were no public comments or additions to the agenda.

Mayor Donna Hoffoss welcomed all in attendance.

Salary for the open position of police chief was discussed amongst the council. A motion was made by Nell Finlay and seconded by Judy McKenzie to pay the newly hired Chief of Police \$25.00 per hour salary. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

A motion was made by Judy McKenzie and seconded by Lance Milligan to approve a temporary hiring freeze for the police department. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

The council discussed raising the yearly cost of living for village employees from 2% to 4%. A motion was made by Lance Milligan and seconded by Judy McKenzie to amend Ordinance 71-I, changing the yearly cost of living to 4%. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

A motion was made by Judy McKenzie and seconded by Nell Finlay to allow Mayor Hoffoss to enter into an agreement with Healthy Communities Grant (KLB) in the amount of \$8,000.00, for the purchase of a garbage trailer. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Nell Finlay and seconded by Lance Milligan. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

ATTEST:
Donna Hoffoss
Mayor

August 16, 2023
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SHERIFF'S SALE

GIBSLAND BANK AND TRUST COMPANY VS. JERED DOUGLAS FORD

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 78864

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

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

The improvements thereon bear the municipal number 2221 Webster Street, Heflin, Louisiana 71039

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
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Cotton Valley, LA 71018

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August 30, 2023
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SHERIFF'S SALE
CANDENCE BANK VS. ANGELA D. EATMAN, INDEPENDENT EXECUTRIX OF THE SUCCESSION OF CHARLES EDWARD ENNIS AND ADMINIS-TRATOR OF THE SUCCESSION OF DOROTHY ELDNER MILLICAN ENNIS.

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

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

Begin at the Northeast corner of Government Lot Fifteen (15), located in the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SW/4 of SE/4), Section 24, Township 18 North, Range 10 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana and run South 88 degrees 10 minutes 00 seconds West 376.30 feet to a "x" cut in the concrete in the center line of the ditch for the point of beginning; thence run South 5 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West 76.93 feet to a 5/8" iron rod; thence run South 88 degrees 10 minutes 00 seconds West 159.61 feet to a 5/8" iron rod at the East side of Horseshoe Loop Extension; thence run North 15 degrees 27 minutes 00 seconds East 80 feet along said road to a 5/8" iron rod at the South side of Horseshoe Loop Road; thence run North 88 degrees 10 minutes 00 seconds East 145 feet along said road to the point of beginning. Containing 0.26 acres more or less.

AND

Begin at the Northeast corner of Government Lot 15, located in the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SW/4 of SE/4), Section 24, Township 18 North, Range 10 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana and run South 88 degrees 10 minutes 00 seconds West 265.30 feet to the point of beginning of the tract herein described; from this point of beginning, continue South 88 degrees 10 minutes 00 seconds West a distance of 111 feet; more or less, to the Northeast corner of a 0.26 acre, more or less, tract presently owned by Marvin Dale Shoemaker, Jr., and the Northwest corner of the tract herein described; thence run South 5 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West a distance of 76.93 feet along the eastern boundary line of said 0.26 acre tract, to the southeast corner of said 0.26 acre tract, and the southwest corner of the tract herein described; thence run North 88 degrees 10 minutes 00 seconds east to the Northeast corner of a tract presently owned by Richard W. Kauffman, et

al, thence run in a Southeasterly direction to a point that is South 11 degrees 58 minutes 13 seconds West 150 feet from the point of beginning; thence run North 11 degrees 58 minutes 13 seconds East 150 feet to the point of beginning; subject to restrictions, servitudes, rights-of-way and outstanding mineral rights of record affecting the property.

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

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

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

Linda Vaughan -
Deputy

July 19, 2023
August 16, 2023
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SHERIFF'S SALE

NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING VS. ELIAS HENDERSON

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 80126

By virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued out of the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, in the above styled and numbered suit and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder for cash WITH the benefit of appraisal and according to law at the principal front door of the Court-house in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana on WEDNESDAY, September 20, 2023, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

The East 35 feet of LOT NUMBER TWENTY-TWO (22) and the West 45 feet of LOT NUMBER TWENTY-ONE (21) of BABB ADDITION, a subdivision located in the East Half of the Southwest Quarter (E/2 of SW/4) Section 28, Township 19 North, Range 9 West, Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana, as per map and plat thereof on file and of record in the Office of the Clerk of Court, Webster Parish, Louisiana, in Map Book 2, Page 82, together with all improvements thereon and all rights thereto belonging; subject to restrictions, servitudes, rights-of-way and outstanding mineral rights of record affecting the property.

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

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

JASON R. PARKER
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Linda Vaughan -
Deputy

August 16, 2023
September 13, 2023
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF MINDEN, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN IN REGULAR SESSION HELD ON AUGUST 7, 2023

The Minden City Council met at City Hall, Minden, Louisiana, beginning at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Nick Cox, Carlton Myles, Levon Thomas, Latasha Mitchell, and Andy Pendergrass. Nay(s): Michael Roy. Absten(s): None. The motion carried.

Upon motion by Andy Pendergrass and duly seconded by Latasha Mitchell, the council unanimously approved the engagement of Allen, Green & Williamson, LLP to conduct the City of Minden's annual audits, including the Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures for the fiscal years of 2022/2023 through 2024/2025, as presented. Absten(s): None. Absten(s): None.

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Property by Fee Title, as Required by the FAA and State of LA DOTD for the Wildlife Perimeter Fencing Project at the Minden Airport. The motion was duly seconded by Carlton Myles and carried unanimously. Absten(s): None. Absten(s): None.

Upon motion by Andy Pendergrass and duly seconded by Latasha Mitchell, the council unanimously adopted the minutes of the Minden City Council Regular Session held on July 10, 2023, as presented. Absten(s): None. Absten(s): None.

Michael Roy moved to approve the final plat for the lot split of property belonging to Thomas Jerry McFarland located at the corner of Country Club Circle and Lewisville Road, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Levon Thomas and carried unanimously. Absten(s): None. Absten(s): None.

The following action was taken regarding condemned property:

Gene Boston Estate c/o Mary Boston
206 S. Randall Street
Minden, Louisiana 71055

803 Rebecca Street
Lot 50 ft. on Rebecca St. x 162 ft. in NW/4 of NW/4
Sec. 28-19-9

With no party representing the property owner present at the time this item was heard, Latasha Mitchell moved to authorize Mayor Cox to issue an order declaring the property condemned and further order the demolition of any structures located thereon and the cleaning of the lot within 30 days of August 7, 2023. The motion was duly seconded by Michael Roy and the vote was unanimously in favor. Absten(s): None. Absten(s): None.

Upon motion by Andy Pendergrass and duly seconded by Michael Roy, the council unanimously appointed Braley Raborn to the Minden Planning Commission for a five (5) year term expiring in July 2028, as presented. Absten(s): None. Absten(s): None.

Michael Roy moved to adopt a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Accept Grant No. 3-22-0032-017-2023, Titled Construct Parallel Taxiway, from the Federal Aviation Administration for Future Improvements to the Minden Airport and Enter into a Grant Agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Latasha Mitchell and the vote was unanimously in favor. Absten(s): None. Absten(s): None.

Upon motion by Andy Pendergrass and duly seconded by Carlton Myles, the council unanimously adopted a Resolution Declaring Certain City of Minden Property as Surplus and Fixing the Terms of Sale, as presented. Absten(s): None. Absten(s): None.

Upon motion by Carlton Myles and duly seconded by Latasha Mitchell, the council unanimously adopted Ordinance No. 1138, Levying Tax Mills for the Year 2023, as presented. Absten(s): None. Absten(s): None.

Upon motion by Carlton Myles and duly seconded by Latasha Mitchell, the council unanimously approved the Professional Services between the City of Minden and Atlas Community Studios for the Minden Strategic Economic Development Plan, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Michael Roy and the vote was unanimously in favor. Absten(s): None. Absten(s): None.

Andy Pendergrass moved to authorize Mayor Cox to enter into a Professional Services Agreement and Task Order between the City of Minden and Manchac Consulting Group, Inc., as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Levon Thomas and the vote was as follows: Aye(s): Carlton Myles, Levon Thomas, Latasha Mitchell, and Andy Pendergrass. Nay(s): Michael Roy. Absten(s): None. The motion carried.

Upon motion by Andy Pendergrass and duly seconded by Latasha Mitchell, the council unanimously approved the engagement of Allen, Green & Williamson, LLP to conduct the City of Minden's annual audits, including the Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures for the fiscal years of 2022/2023 through 2024/2025, as presented. Absten(s): None. Absten(s): None.

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Melaney Langford presented the Budget/Financial Report for the month of June 2023. No motion was required.

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

Michael Roy moved to authorize the Mayor to execute any and all documents pertaining to the purchase of property by fee title, as required by the FAA and State of LA DOTD for the Wildlife Perimeter Fencing project at the Minden Airport, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Carlton Myles and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

The Mayor and City Council recognized the 2023 Minden Dixie Darlings Softball World Series Champions. The audience was invited to a reception in honor of the team following the council meeting.

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

Nick Cox, Mayor

ATTEST:

Michael Fluhr, City Clerk

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following vote:
AYE(S): 5
NAY(S): 0
ABSENCE(S): 0
ABSTENTION(S): 0

Nicholas A. Cox, Mayor

Michael Fluhr, City Clerk

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Announcement of Public Meeting

Notice is hereby given that at its meeting to be held on Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at its regular meeting place, the Cullen Fire Station, 109 Coyle Avenue, Cullen, Louisiana, the Board of Commissioners of Cullen Fire Protection District No. 6 of the Parish of Webster, State of Louisiana, plans to consider adopting a resolution ordering and calling an election to be held in Cullen Fire Protection District No. 6 of the Parish of Webster, State of Louisiana to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds.

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MISC.

Bossier Sheriff Office to petition the court for permission to dispose of seized & found property

In accordance with article 228.3 of the Louisiana Code of Criminal Procedure, the Bossier Sheriff's Office intends to petition the 26th Judicial District Court for permission to dispose of property seized as evidence in several criminal investigations and items of found property where no owners have been found or any claims made.

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SECTION 4: BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

WHICH ORDINANCE was read in full, and, upon motion and second of Carlton Myles and Latasha Mitchell, respectively, passed on the 7th day of August, 2023, by the

LEGAL NOTICE PROVIDED PURSUANT TO L.R.S.43:201

Any person who posted a cash bond in a criminal matter in Minden City Court, Ward One Webster Parish, prior to December 31st, 2020 who did not forfeit said bond or have the bond returned to you after the resolution of your case, may be entitled to the return of those funds. A hearing will be held on September 20th, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. in Minden City Court to forfeit and distribute any bond posted prior to December 31, 2020, which still remains on deposit. Should you feel you are entitled to the return of your bond, appear on the above stated day and time to show cause if any you can why the bond should be returned to you. Please note, you must bring proof of the posting of your bond to present to the court.

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LEGAL NOTICE PROVIDED PURSUANT TO L.R.S.43:201

Any person who has property which was seized by the Minden Police Department prior to January 1, 2022, which was not forfeited in connection with a criminal matter, be advised that the Minden Police Department and District Attorney intend to Petition the Court to dispose of certain items of noncontraband property by Public Sale or Public Auction, pursuant to the provisions of La C.Cr.P. Art. 228.4. If you believe that the Minden Police Department presently has possession of any item of property which belongs to you, within the next thirty (30) days please review the list of noncontraband property and make your claim or the property will be disposed of. This list is available for inspection or review at the Minden Police Department. Please note, in order to claim an item of property you will be required to present adequate proof of ownership, such as a title or receipt. Any claim to an item of property without sufficient proof of ownership will be denied and that item of property will be sold.

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Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to building.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 18 = R)

A. 16 11 15 7 13 18 22 16 13

Clue: Build

B. 6 17 13 8 18 14 17 5 7

Clue: Supplies

C. 7 22 25 8 18 12 14 7 8

Clue: Manage

D. 4 18 17 6 8

Clue: Outer structure

Answers: A. construct B. materials C. supervise D. frame

SUDOKU

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Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

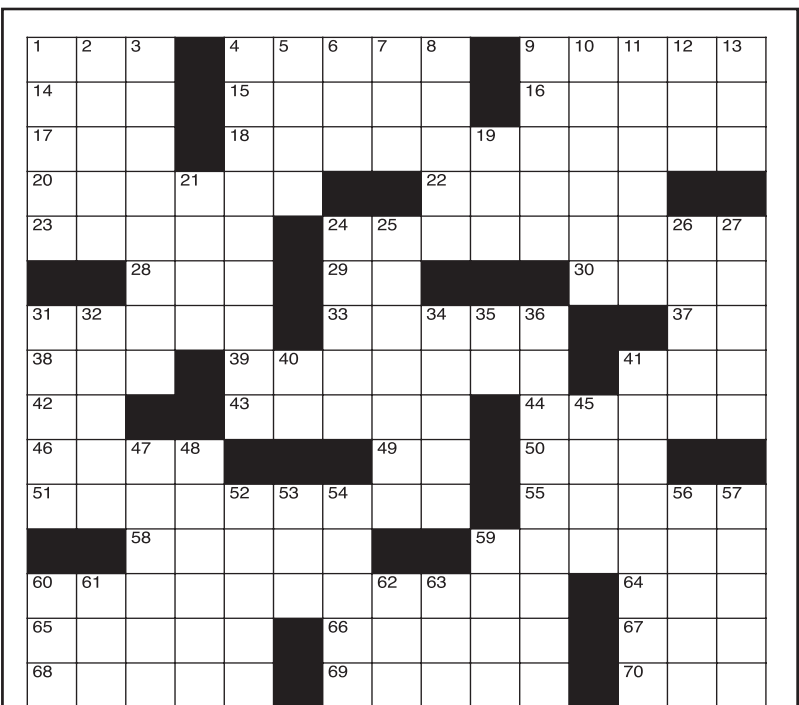
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ANSWER:

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

FUN & GAMES



- CLUES ACROSS
1. Midway between south and southeast

4. Fathers

9. Wine grape

14. Al Bundy's wife

15. Organic compound

16. Venezuelan state

17. Interest term

18. Experts

20. Central cores of stems

22. Smooth and glossy

23. One-time S. Korean city

24. One from Damascus

28. Short message at the end of an email

29. It cools your home

30. Oh, God!

31. Intestinal pouches

33. Men

37. Popular English soccer team (abbr.)

38. Former CIA

39. Arrange in steps

41. A baglike structure in a plant or animal

42. The Great Lake State

43. Dog-___; to mark a page

44. Stop moving

46. Ancient Dead Sea region

49. Of I

50. Clerical vestment

51. Songs sung to a lover

55. Charges

58. Popular design program manufacturer

59. Where to park a boat

60. One who values reason

64. Slang for cigarette

65. Sailboats

66. Actress Zellweger

67. Screen material

68. Country music legend Haggard

69. Puts together in time

70. When you hope to arrive

- CLUES DOWN
1. An involuntary and abnormal muscular contraction

2. Philly's rail service

3. Leaves a place

4. No longer be a part in

5. Guitar players use them

6. Cease to exist

7. General's assistant (abbr.)

8. Shaking of the earth

9. Strong winds

10. For each one

11. A bog

12. The creation of beautiful or significant things

13. Affirmative

19. Pie ___ mode

21. Nonclerical

24. Inspirational football player Hamlin

25. Learning environment

26. Khoikhoi peoples

27. Bring out or develop

31. Shows up

32. Theatrical device

34. Loads

35. Popular Hollywood alien

36. Distinguishes

40. College dorm worker

41. Secondary or explanatory title

45. Resembling wings

47. One who delivers a speech

48. In the middle

52. Loop with a running knot

53. Airborne (abbr.)

54. Beloveds

56. Ordain

57. Breed of small cattle

59. Very small period of time (abbr.)

60. Revolutions per minute

61. They ___

62. Longtime ESPN anchor Bob

63. A place to stay

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