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City of Minden hosts Minister's Breakfast

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Early Tuesday morning, August 15, community leaders, politicians, and ministers of various churches throughout the Minden community gathered at the Minden Community House to break bread with one another and help to develop new relationships. The breakfast for the event was catered by Geaux Fresh with the coffee being supplied by the Broken Bean. This event gave church leaders an opportunity to hear about issues in the local community and discuss how they could collaborate with community leaders to resolve them.



COX

"This is one of the things that the mayor and I talked about and really wanted to start doing. We think it brings the community together, when we have leaders and pastors who come here and express views. There are going to be things that you hear, you see, that you can relay to us that can help us do our job that much better in the community," Minden Police Chief Jared

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COMMUNITY PRAYER



This event served as a way for people throughout the community to come together, join hands, and take part in the power of prayer in order to better the city that they all call home.

8th Annual Prayer in the Park

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"This is our 8th Annual Prayer in the Park, and each year it just gets better and better," said Michael Walker. The occasion brought the community together to offer prayers for various aspects vital to the well-being of the city, including students going back

to school, law enforcement, city government, first responders, and the community as a whole. This year, Prayer in the Park took place at Academy Park, early in the morning last Saturday. The event featured prayers from mayor of Minden Nick Cox and Marandalous Holland of Saint James Baptist Church. Oreatia Banks

from the Webster Parish School District led a discussion surrounding the parent/teacher relationships in regard to education, and how that acts as a glue that binds the community together. This event served as a way for people throughout the community to come together, join hands, and take part in

the power of prayer in order to better the city that they all call home. "We thank everyone for coming out and attending. We are firm believers that prayer does change things, and want to remind everybody to PUSH, Pray Until Something Happens," said Walker.

FUND-RAISER

Minden Police Department hosts fundraiser to support Special Response Team

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To bolster the capabilities and safety of their Special Response Team (SRT), the Minden Police Department is organizing a fundraiser scheduled for Friday, August 25. The event will take place at Miller Quarters on Gleason Street, with meal pick-ups available between 11 AM and 1 PM. The fundraiser offers two delectable options: burger plates priced at \$13 and pulled pork plates at \$15. The gracious support of Alicia and Thomas Adams as ticket sponsors underscores the community's commitment to law enforcement.

Headed by Lt. Cheatham and Lt. Curry, the Special Response Team plays a pivotal role in handling some of the most perilous tasks faced by police officers. With a role analogous to a SWAT team, this unit executes high-risk search and narcotics warrants, as well as responding to major crimes. Sgt. Shane Griffith emphasized the imperative of ensuring the team's safety and efficiency: "We want our guys to be safe. They run all the high-risk

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MPD

Officers receive certification in narcotics investigations

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In an effort to enhance their investigative capabilities, Narcotics Sergeant Shane Griffith and Criminal Investigation Sergeant Jason Smith recently completed a comprehensive 40-hour course offered by the Louisiana Narcotics Officers Association. The course, held in New Orleans during the week of August 14-18, focused on advanced techniques and methodologies in narcotics investigations. Both officers successfully obtained certification upon completion.

Griffith expressed his satisfaction with the training, stating, "We learned a lot. They were good classes." Emphasizing the significance of cross-training, Griffith highlighted the potential benefits of officers possessing versatile skill sets. "Sgt Smith is in Criminal Investigations, but if something happens to me, he can come over to the narcotics side of an investigation and he'll be familiar

with those types of investigations. And that's why we do it; we utilize each person as much as we can. Everybody up here is cross-trained to do everybody else's job, that way, if someone's out sick or something, we don't miss a beat."

Meanwhile, the "30 Guns in 30 Days" gun raffle, designed to support the Special Response Team, remains underway and is scheduled to conclude on the final day of August. Deputy Chief Harrison underscored the increased law enforcement presence in school zones with the commencement of the new school year. "We'll be highly visible in school zones, both before and after school now that school has started," Harrison stated. Notably, Minden High School now benefits from the dedicated service of two School Resource Officers (SROs), Officer Ladarrus Joseph and recently appointed Officer Jemela Freeman. An upcoming feature in the Minden Press-Herald

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COMMUNITY



KASO/KBEF Radio launches "Ask the Mayor" program

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With the aim of increasing community engagement and foster a direct line of communication between citizens and local governance, KASO/KBEF Radio proudly announces the initiation of a monthly program titled

"Ask the Mayor." The program, set to commence this August on the first Friday of each month, will provide a platform for residents to pose inquiries and gain insights into matters of significance concerning the city.

Minden Mayor Nick Cox has graciously committed to participating

in this initiative, ensuring that citizens' questions are met with informed responses. The mayor's involvement will extend beyond answering queries, as he will also delve into recent actions undertaken by the city council, offering a comprehensive

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CRIME

Suspect in Shreveport murder case surrenders to Minden Police Department

STAFF REPORT
Minden Press-Herald

In a tragic incident that unfolded on Wednesday, August 16, a domestic dispute at a residence within Shreveport's Valencia subdivision resulted in the untimely death of Michelle Wells, a 53-year-old woman. According to the coroner's report, Wells succumbed to gunshot wounds sustained during the altercation. She was rushed to a Shreveport hospital, where her passing was officially confirmed at approximately 5:30 PM.

Upon an investigation spanning several hours, law enforcement officials

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WEBSTER & MORE

Police Jury sees increase in income for this years budget

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The Webster Parish Police Jury (WPPJ) held its monthly meeting on August 1 with routine business and announcements from members of the community.

After approving invoice payments and last month's meeting minutes, Ms. Jennie Henry, CPA with Allen, Green & Williamson, presented the 2022 audit of financials for the WPPJ. In summary, the audit went well, and the WPPJ showed some increase in income. For example, sales tax increased by \$190,000. The largest increase in expenses was in public works, mostly road projects. There were a few minor issues with policies that need to be corrected such as a policy for handling what to do about uncashed checks of members of the board and another one regarding how to notify employees about changes to policies. Those issues can be easily corrected.

Jim Bonsall, president of the jury, stated, "I don't know if everybody really realizes how good this is, that we don't have to worry about the way our business is handled. I, for one, really appreciate all the work they do. Every government entity will not have this result, I can tell you. I'm very proud of this. We've got a good staff."

Next, representatives of various organizations gave brief reports on their status. Wanda Finley, representing WPPJ Head Start, stated, "Summer is coming to end, and we are still serving 232 children in Webster and Claiborne Parishes." Staff will be reporting for the new school year on August 14, and children will begin on August 28.

Webster Parish Libraries has recently received a grant. Savannah Jones said, "What we will be doing is starting some basic computer classes with those grant funds." These classes will be geared toward older citizens and those with little to no computer experience.

The library is also getting ready to launch a program called 1000 Books Before Kindergarten. "It incentivizes parents to read young children before they start kindergarten," said Jones. "We have also partnered with the Webster Ready Start network to implement something called We Read Bags. New moms in Minden Medical Center will get a bag with information about newborns and the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program. I'm really excited about that."

The Summer Reading Program has ended, and they received good feedback on that. The Doyline library's air conditioner has been fixed. The topographical survey has been completed for the new library building in Doyline, so work on it is progressing. The Sarepta library's air conditioning has been repaired as well as its internet issues, and that branch has now reopened to the public.

Wireless printing at all branches is working. Planning has begun for the 2023 Trunk or Treat event.

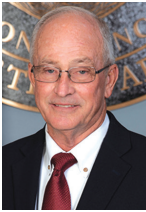
Serena Gray of Webster Parish Tourism shared some statistics from the 2022 annual report: "We've seen an 11% increase in visitor spending. Unfortunately, a 12% decrease in employment in hospitality and tourism. That's a statistic that we're seeing across the industry. A 24% increase in employment earnings though, so that means that people working in the hospitality and tourism industry are making more money than they did last year, probably because the ones that are going to work are working longer hours. We're seeing an 11% increase in state sales tax revenues in comparison to 2021, and a 10% increase in local sales tax revenues. Because of all the visitor spending that is happening in Webster Parish, our visitors contributing at that capacity is saving our local residents an additional \$211 annually on other taxes that they would be paying. In 2022, visitor spending generated nearly \$30 million."

Speaking for the Office of Emergency Preparedness and Homeland Security, Brian Williams reported that the camera upgrade project in the courthouse is progressing well. He is also working on some projects using the hazard mitigation funding that is coming as a result of Hurricane Ida. While we are not yet under a burn ban, he expects that may change in the not-too-distant future due to the lack of rain and high temperatures. A burn ban affecting the lakebed as the drawdown on Lake Bistineau continues will be going into effect before any other burn bans.

Jessica Gorman, representing the Dorcheat Museum, reminded the board that their annual fundraiser will be held on September 11. She has been working on research requests, and the museum has had a number of visitors, both local and out of state. The guest speakers for the October 9 speaker event will be Mark Chreene and Jake Chapman. In November they will be hosting the North Louisiana Historical Association.

Adam Bass, who is running for the District 36 senatorial seat in the election this fall, took a few minutes to introduce himself and speak to the board about why he has chosen to run. A couple of parish residents came to report problems they are having at their residences. And the final speaker, Mica Hanson, described progress on the new housing project called Millwood Landing that is being built off of Hwy 532. The road has been completed, the certificate of completion and the bond have been filed, and they have some builders lined up to start building some houses. There are 52 lots available.

The WPPJ's next meeting will be September 5 at 10:30 AM. It is held in the WPPJ meeting room which is accessible through the west entrance of the Webster Parish Courthouse Annex, located at 401 Main Street. The public is welcome to attend.



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OBITUARIES



Margaret Bullard Kratzer

Margaret Bullard Kratzer, born on September 9, 1948, of Minden, Louisiana died on Monday, August 14, 2023, at the age of 74 after a courageous battle with cancer. She lived in Minden for 42 years and lived the last year of her life in Mandeville, Louisiana to be closer to her daughters.

Margaret was born in Zwolle, Louisiana, and graduated in 1966 from Zwolle High School where she was a majorette. After graduation, she attended Northwestern State University and received a Bachelors Degree in Education. She began her teaching career in Sabine Parish where she taught 3rd grade at Zwolle Elementary. She later moved to Minden and taught at Heflin Elementary, finishing her career at Central Elementary. She dedicated 35 years of her life to 3rd and 4th graders and loved every minute of her time teaching children. She entertained her students on the playground (as well as her daughters at home) with her baton twirling skills. Students continued to recognize her throughout her life and thanked her for her dedication to their education.

Margaret married Richard “Dick” Kratzer of Minden, Louisiana in 1980. She devoted her life to her family and enjoyed spending time with her two daughters, Kristin and Meredith, and her two stepsons, Brandon and Jeffrey. You could always find her and Dick chaperoning school functions at Minden High School while her daughters were in school there. Margaret and Dick were foodies and never shied away from trying a new restaurant. They spent their younger years together traveling and spent several summers in Cozumel on scuba diving trips with friends. Later in life they spent time with their grandchildren and enjoyed watching them grow up and play sports. They were married 38 years before Dick died in 2018.



Alice Peckham Thomason

Alice Peckham Thomason, born September 8, 1927, passed away on August 4, 2023, in her home with family by her side just shy of her 96th birthday. She was preceded in death by her parents William Rufus Thomason and Ola Evans Thomason, sister Lula Thomason Tillman, and Brothers Archie, Roy, and Paul Thomason. She is survived by her youngest brother David Thomason and numerous nieces and nephews.

Alice was a 6th generation Thompson on Snake Ridge, LA. She was a descendant of John Diamond Thomason who moved from Ashville, Alabama to Louisiana in 1825, one of the earliest English-speaking residents in Boeuf River/Snake Ridge area.

Margaret had a zest for life. She was deeply rooted in her faith and always told everyone that “I know the Lord and the Lord knows me”. You could always find Margaret working a crossword puzzle, reading her magazines, or watching the Game Show Network. You never found her without her eyeliner or lipstick. She greeted everyone she met with her sweet smile and was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend. She became known as a true warrior to her family as she battled cancer. She never complained and said she “fought as hard as I could”.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Ovie McClure and Christel Hale Bullard. She is also preceded in death by her husband, Richard Martin Kratzer. She is survived by her two daughters: Kristin Mitchell Hukins (Shane) of Cottonport, Louisiana and Meredith Mitchell Hall (Mike) of Mandeville, Louisiana; stepsons: Brandon Eugene Kratzer (Melanie) of Camden, Arkansas and Jeffrey Martin Kratzer (Jessica) of Minden, Louisiana; grandchildren: Madison Hukins, Mitchell Hukins, Graydon Hall, Grisham Hall, Gabrielle Hall, Anna Claire Kratzer, Colin Kratzer, and Emma Kratzer; her older sister Janell Bullard of Shreveport, Louisiana; first husband Vernon Mitchell of Mansfield, Louisiana; first cousin Glenwood Bullard of Bossier, Louisiana; brother-in-law and sister-in-law Bill and Susan Doucet of Lafayette, Louisiana.

The family will receive friends from 10:00AM-12:00PM on Saturday, August 19, 2023 at First Methodist Church in Minden, Louisiana with a funeral service following at 12:00PM. Interment will follow at Gardens of Memory in Minden, Louisiana under the direction of Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Minden. Pallbearers will be her sons-in-law and her grandsons.

The family would like to extend their gratitude to the medical teams at Lakeview Regional Medical Center and Pontchartrain Cancer Center in Mandeville, Louisiana; Christwood Community Center in Covington, Louisiana as well as Hospice Compassus. In lieu of flowers, Margaret requested donations can be made to First Methodist Church in Minden, Louisiana (MindenMethodist.org) or St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.

Alice grew up on a farm in Snake Ridge. After completing high school in Mangham, LA she attended college at Northwestern University during WWII and was quickly hired as a grammar school teacher back in Mangham at the age of 18 after her freshman year of college. She continued teaching as she completed college during the summer months and then moved to Minden, LA with her sister who was also a teacher. In 1956 Alice and fellow teacher, Louise McDonald, moved to teach in the Dallas school system where she taught until her retirement. Alice then moved back to Minden where she enjoyed retirement surrounded by family and friends.

Alice’s entire tenure of life could be labeled as “teacher”, as she was a great and beloved teacher to her students, nieces, and nephews.

A visitation will be held Friday, August 25, 2023, from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. at Rose-Neath Funeral Home, with a memorial service Saturday, August 26, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at Calvary Church in Mangham, Louisiana followed by an inurnment at Calvary (Hewitt) Church Cemetery in Mangham, Louisiana.



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search warrants and narcotics warrants. If we have a major crime, they’ll run all of that. We’re trying to get our guys outfitted with up-to-date equipment.”

For those interested in supporting this critical cause, tickets can be purchased in advance at the Minden Police Department or from Keith Jellum at 318-584-3853 and JD Cottle at 318-286-0477. It is advised to secure tickets ahead of time as they are being pre-sold to facilitate accurate meal planning. The Minden Police De-

partment underscores the importance of planning ahead, encouraging the community to secure tickets in advance rather than relying on walk-up orders.

This fundraising initiative not only fosters community engagement but also contributes directly to the safety and operational effectiveness of the Special Response Team. As Minden residents come together to support their local police force, the event serves as a testament to the community’s dedication to maintaining law and order.

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will delve into interviews with these two officers, providing insights into their roles within the school community.

The commitment to maintaining community safety was reiterated by Narcotics Sergeant Shane Griffith, who offered a stern reminder: “If you sell drugs in Minden you are going to jail.” Looking ahead, preparations are under-

way for an upcoming homicide conference in September. Griffith’s involvement as a member of the state board of directors positions him to play a key role in the event’s organization. He plans to engage local businesses in supporting the conference through donations for door prizes, with an eye toward potentially hosting the conference in northern Louisiana in the coming year.

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unveiled that the victim had been engaged in a heated dispute with her boyfriend, identified as Richard Spencer, aged 55. Detectives leading the case assert that Spencer shot Wells multiple times during the altercation.

Spencer voluntarily surrendered himself to

authorities at the Minden Police Department on August 17. As a consequence of the ongoing investigation, Spencer has been formally charged with second-degree murder. He has since been transferred to the Bayou Dorcheat Correctional Center, with the Shreveport Police Department duly informed of his custody status.

KASO

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sive overview of civic developments.

Although the program will be prerecorded due to scheduling constraints, citizens are encouraged

to actively participate by submitting their questions. Queries can be messaged via KASO/KBEF Radio’s Facebook page or sent to askthemayor@kbe.com. It is important to note that all questions submitted will

be treated as anonymous, preserving the confidentiality of citizens while promoting an open and inclusive dialogue.

Minden residents are invited to tune in and engage with “Ask the Mayor” on the first Friday of

each month at 9 AM, directly following the Trading Post.

For more information and to participate, visit KASO/KBEF Radio’s Facebook page or email askthemayor@kbe.com.

BREAKFAST

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McIver.

“We have really strived to do the best we can to restore trust in the community. Do our best to allow the community to see that we’re out and being as proactive as possible. And also being community policeman as well. Trying to interact with the public more than we ever have.”

First Baptist Church Pastor Leland Crawford started off the talks by expressing his appreciation for local law enforcement and their work to keep the city safe. “As pastors, we know people come out at night, and we have a lot of things that we deal with that we don’t ever tell our wives or anybody else. We just kind of carry those things, and I know that you guys absolutely do. You’ve got a lot of stuff on your plate. I just want to thank you. I want to thank all of our law enforcement folks in here for what you do. I know you normally don’t get a thank you, you get the other when something doesn’t go right. So I just wanted to publicly say thank you for what you do to all of our law enforcement guys. I know you carry a heavy weight, and we appreciate that. And you are supported in our community, and I hope you always know that,” said Crawford.

Later on, City Mar-

shal Dan Weaver urged anyone who happened to know anyone who is dealing narcotics in the local community to warn them to stop, given that local law enforcement is increasing their efforts to rid dealers from our community.

“I hear a lot of complaints about people who are selling narcotics in different parts of the community. Some of these drug dealers are peddling poison to our children, and they’re not going to continue to get away with it. If you know someone who’s in that business, or know somebody that knows somebody, let them know that they’re fixing to go to prison for a very long time. Give them that opportunity to quit, because it’s not going to continue to happen,” said Weaver.

“Give us the opportunity, give the chief the opportunity to call them directly. Maybe they’ve been getting away with it for a little while, but they’re fixing to go to prison for a long period of time. We don’t want it in our city, we don’t want it in our parish.”

Sharing some positive news, Chief McIver talked about how he had received news that local gang members have been fleeing the city and appearing over in Texas. This is a result of the department’s ramped up efforts to combat gangs

in the local communities, and it appears as though the gangs have gotten the message.

“About two to three weeks ago we got a call from an agency out in Texas. The agent called and talked to our narcotics group and said, ‘Tell us about this TTS gang. We have just all of a sudden got a bunch of these TTS gang members over in Texas,’” said McIver.

“That is a positive thing, not for Texas but for Minden. We’ve applied a lot of pressure here in the past few months. A lot of these gang members have fled to Texas leaving our state and our city. I am happy about that, it’s good news.”

However, this discussion led into talks of one of the main issues that local law enforcement and corrections have been dealing with: an over abundance of juveniles committing crimes. Recently, juvenile cases have increased after the state enacted a change that made seventeen-year-olds start counting as juveniles. While this change isn’t inherently bad, the state made the change without offering any additional funding or resources to help manage the influx of juveniles that the juvenile justice system now has to manage.

“We’re dealing with a juvenile problem. When it comes to crime with weapons, probably 90%

of it is juveniles. The issue that I put forward to you is the housing for juveniles,” said Chief McIver.

“It’s a revolving door. It just keeps happening over and over again. The same juvenile. The judge sees the same juveniles, we as police officers see the same juveniles.”

“I’m hoping in the near future we’ll resolve that, to where we’ll have more juvenile facilities to house some of these juveniles, to help them. There are some that can be saved. There are some out there that can turn over a new leaf. There are some that may just need a few days away.”

Judge Sherb Sentell spoke on the issue as well, echoing the same difficulty McIver mentioned about lack of housing for juveniles, which inhibits his available options when it comes to the rehabilitation of all juveniles. In addition to that, he also spoke of a new program that he was starting that gives him another method to help curb juvenile delinquency before it gets out of hand.

“Another program I’m trying to get implemented is Saturday education enhancement. Many of you are old enough to remember the Breakfast Club, Saturday detention. Well we don’t have that any more,” said Sentell.

“The library has agreed that they’ll let me take kids and order them to

go to the library on Saturdays from 8:30 to 12:30, and if they go and they don’t have a book, it’s a library, they can find one. And if they don’t go, the chief has agreed that I can have that kid arrested for 24 hours the following weekend, and then they’ll still owe their Saturday. It’s another tool I’m going to try to use to change behavior.”

In response to the talks of juveniles, Councilman Andy Pendergrass of District E spoke on increasing efforts to reach out to younger people and recruiting them into Christianity as a proactive effort to reach them before they start falling into a life of crime.

“I think that we need to do a better job of recruiting these young men and women into God’s house. They’re being recruited by the world and by fleshly things, and I think that they’re being recruited harder than we’re recruiting them into God’s house,” said Pendergrass.

“As far as being proactive with outreach, ministries toward high schoolers and maybe going and talking to coaches and teachers about how we can reach these kids. What do they like to do? What can we have at our church to bring them in early and get them in God’s House? We know that the Gospel is undefeated, and it washes away sin, and a lot of them don’t know

that unfortunately. We’re not doing a good enough job by recruiting them, by sharing the Gospel with them.

“Also, share the Gospel with our police officers so, when they’re having an intervention with these children, they can share the Gospel with these children. When I was growing up, I was much more afraid of them taking me to talk to my pastor than I was of the chief.”

Nearing the end of the discussion, Mayor Nick Cox shared his appreciation of local leadership and their efforts in being proactive about combating juvenile crime, that the people in power are looking for solutions that help to keep juveniles from getting involved with crime in the first place as well as helping those who have to get rehabilitation before they are too far gone.

“Our leadership, such as our police chief, our sheriff, our judge, they could have the attitude of let’s throw the book at them. They don’t take that approach. They look for ways to try to encourage them to do the right things. They look for ways to redeem them and put them back into society. I’m so thankful for that, because if we only took a reactionary approach to these problems, we would be spending an awful lot of money and getting nowhere quick.”

OPINION

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OPINION

Fourth Trump indictment is as legally weak and contrived as the first three

These latest indictments ignore ironclad constitutional protections including the freedom to speak, to engage in political activity, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances that are unquestionably protected by the First Amendment.

There were others indicted this past week in Georgia—several of them attorneys who have represented Pres. Trump—but because all of this is about politically destroying Trump, his case is the one I’m going to focus on.

I would preface my analysis by suggesting that by indicting these other individuals, the prosecution is likely “chilling” them ... making them very reluctant to be available as witnesses for Pres. Trump in his defense case. The reason being that a witness who has been indicted themselves would be worrying about being cross-examined by a prosecutor in Trump’s case and possibly damaging the indicted person’s own criminal case.

Such a move by the prosecution is not unprecedented but it adds to the highly politicized nature of what many are already calling a “show trial” (I’ll leave for another day how such a tactic is not “obstruction of justice” and/or “tampering with witnesses” by the prosecution because you could argue that it is).

The statute being used here is Georgia’s RICO law which generally mirrors the federal RICO (Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act) statute which was originally created to catch Mafia bosses but has often been twisted by prosecutors into a legal “hammer,” and used to charge multiple, often-attenuated criminal offenses.



ROYAL ALEXANDER

A RICO case requires a “share enterprise”—like a business—and the combination of, for example, an attorney and his client has never been legally construed as an “enterprise,” nor is there an easily identifiable group here allegedly participating in one.

As I’ve noted before, the power to indict is an enormous one that should be exercised with great care and prudence lest citizens lose faith in their legal system.

That is why a legally weak and politically motivated indictment is poisonous to the core of a functioning democracy, not least because the mere bringing of the indictment—the mere casting of the stone alone—does great damage to an individual’s reputation whether the

stone hits its target or not. Harm, almost always irreparably, is done.

Using the power of government to eliminate political opponents is what happens in dictatorships. It’s what happens in places like China, N. Korea and Iran and banana republics like Venezuela where the strongman in power uses the military to crush his political opposition.

It’s not supposed to happen in America, but it is happening here.

This 4th Trump indictment is nothing but Biden forces trying to destroy their chief rival for the presidency, and they have formally weaponized the courts and the government to do it.

President Trump is entitled to the same constitutional rights every other American is. It is regrettable that (liberal) professor Alan Dershowitz must constantly be forced to reassert this point to the screaming hordes who—if their own life or liberty were threatened with a criminal charge—would not hesitate to avail themselves of these constitutional protections.

In closing, it’s hard to better summarize the case than Trump has done himself:

“The legal double-standard set against President Trump must end. Under the Crooked Biden Cartel, there are no rules for Democrats, while Republicans face

criminal charges for exercising their First Amendment rights. These activities by Democrat leaders constitute a grave threat to American democracy and are direct attempts to deprive the American people of their rightful choice to cast their vote for President. Call it election interference or election manipulation—it is a dangerous effort by the ruling class to suppress the choice of the people. It is un-American and wrong. They are taking away President Trump’s First Amendment right to free speech, and the right to challenge a rigged and stolen election that the Democrats do all the time. The ones who should be prosecuted are the ones who created the corruption.”

We simply must not go down this road in which we are criminalizing politics. I say with a sense of sadness for our country that turnabout is fair play and now that this Pandora’s box of “presidential persecution” has been opened it won’t go unanswered. Democrat presidents and other Democrat politicians can anticipate an equally scorched earth approach to their politics by Republican prosecutors.

The greatest casualty, of course, is our country and faith in our legal system..

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INSPIRATION

Hudson-Pierce: The lessons in the floods

As I hear about upcoming hurricane Hilary I am reminded of the floods I have been in.

I am still reeling from my first experience of being in a house when it flooded.

It’s almost equal to a death in the family to see your home be completely submerged in water. Until it happens to us, it doesn’t mean very much.

Within the past few years I’ve been very closely associated with the the late Ken Cochran family of Mooringport. My daughter, Robin, and I were there with our ninety-six year old friend, Ken, when the flood began to rise in the wee hours of morning on March 10, 2016.

While we helped Kenny and Kaye store books and pictures, high up off the floor, we weren’t prepared for what was yet to come.

Though he had suffered flood damage three or four times before, we couldn’t move fast enough before we had to evacuate his cabin on Caddo Lake which has been his home for nearly thirty years!



SARAH HUDSON PIERCE

The experience is still surreal. Tears burned deep within my soul. Though I’ve suffered the loss of my own father, as a child, spent years in an abusive orphanage, I’ve never experienced anything like this. Having worked with Mr. Cochran on his writing endeavors I’d gotten to know him for who he was.

He was family.

He wore many hats. He was a World War II hero, a retired Caddo Parish School Principal, helped found Shreve Christian School , later to become Evangel Christian Academy. He’s was an author of five books, a friend to all who knew him and so much more.

He never met a stranger. There is much to be learned from him.I said “if you don’t want him to remember it then just don’t tell him.”

I am very much interested in why some people live to his age and just keep on keeping on! The best answer I can give is that he lives the purpose driven life as is outlined in Rick Warren’s Purpose Driven Life!

He got through this trauma as he rebuilt his life on Caddo Lake. He often said

“I want to spend the rest of my life on Caddo Lake!”

He was an avid hunter, a gifted photographer and world traveler. He continued to write and continued working on a revision of his book, Native Americans of Caddo Lake as well as one about his Alaskan adventures. There is so much good to be said about Ken Cochran.

He never quit caring -- about God -- his cabin -- his friends and family and Caddo Lake. He has learned perhaps the greatest lesson from the Bible: “If you want to be great become a servant.”

He was a servant all of his life.

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FROM THE BACK PORCH

Fannie Moore: Hoarder, minimalist, or in between?

I never considered myself a hoarder but now I am beginning to wonder. When I pictured a hoarder, I thought of someone who saved every magazine, newspaper, and other small objects and stacked or piled them up so there wasn’t much room to navigate in the house.

I never thought I did that, but i am about to change my mind.

It was after I decided to clear out all the extra, unnecessary stuff that made me rethink my situation. Once I began the job I realized that I had accumulated so much that I no way of keeping it neat and orderly. The saying

is “Everyone needs a junk drawer.” Well, I found I had one in every room.

I began to read about decluttering and downsizing and realized that I didn’t want to go from one extreme to the other, so I would just discard a few things and make my house more orderly. “If I work at it I should be able to do the entire house in a week.” So, I set out with good intentions, but it hasn’t

worked out as I planned.



FANNIE MOORE

I began with my closet, not remembering that I can no longer lift heavy items nor reach higher shelves. But I jumped in headfirst, taking everything out so I could start with a clean slate. As i sorted, i made a pile to keep, a pile to try on, and a pile to donate. Guess which pile was larger. I put that aside and replaced what was left. I put purses and shoes on the top shelf (with help reaching) and moved two or three items back into the corner. After I finished that, it looked a bit neater, but it didn’t look like I had discarded half of the stuff. Guess what I un-

covered in there- a battery operated cassette player. You guessed it. I saved it so back it went into the closet.

I find it hard to believe that the week I had planned on doing the entire house had accomplished so little. Haven’t made a dent.

Well, I’m not as young as I was, therefore I shouldn’t expect so much in such a short time. There are more closets and then re-organizing my kitchen cabinets to make them more useable. and all the drawers where more hidden treasures will be found.

I can just imagine what my children would say if I left everything for them to go

through at my passing. “Why in the world did she save this?”

This is definitely a long-term project so tomorrow I will just start again. Not trying to be a minimalist, just an organized person with all my treasures stored neatly.

If you have good suggestions, other than hiring someone to do it for me, you might toss them my way.

Otherwise, I’ll keep plugging away.

FANNIE MOORE LIVES IN SHONGALOO.

SPORTS

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Friday’s jamborees mark beginning of 2023 season

RUSSELL HEDGES
Minden Press-Herald

With scrimmages done, there is just one more big step until the start of the regular season.

Two jamborees involving parish teams are scheduled for Friday.

The annual Pineland Jamboree hosted by Homer starts at 6:30 with Lakeside taking on Haynesville.

That will be followed by North Webster vs. Lakeside, Minden vs. Haynesville, Homer vs. North Webster and Minden vs. Homer.

The Minden Medical Center Apache Jamboree hosted by Glenbrook starts at 6 with Glenbrook facing Lincoln Prep.

That will be followed by Ringgold vs. Lincoln Prep, Ringgold vs. Montgomery and Montgomery vs. Glenbrook.

There won’t be many secrets between Minden and Homer.

The Tide and Pelicans faced off last season with Homer taking a hard-fought 33-26 victory at Minden. Homer went on to finish runner-up in non-select Division IV.

Minden will be heading back to Homer for a rematch Sept. 8 in Week 2.

Minden Head Coach Spencer Heard knows both Homer and Class 1A power Haynesville will provide good tests for his team.

The Tide are coming off a solid performance in a scrimmage against Class 5A Benton on the road.

“I thought it was good work,” he said. “I feel like our defense looks good. I feel like we’re flowing to the ball well, tackling pretty

Jamboree schedule

FRIDAY
PINELAND JAMBOREE
AT HOMER

First game at 6:30

Lakeside vs. Haynesville
North Webster vs. Lakeside
Minden vs. Haynesville
Homer vs. North Webster
Minden vs. Homer

MINDEN MEDICAL CENTER
APACHE JAMBOREE
AT GLENBROOK

First game at 6

Glenbrook vs. Lincoln Prep
Lincoln Prep vs. Ringgold
Ringgold vs. Montgomery
Montgomery vs. Glenbrook

well. I think that side of the ball we’re much improved from last year so that’s a good thing.

“Offensively, I thought the first drive we were a little off. After that we kind of got into a rhythm and started moving the ball well. I feel like the running game looked good.

“We worked quite a bit on the passing game and that started coming around too. (Junior quarterback) Hudson (Brown) kind of started to relax in that second or third series, started making some good throws, and the guys made catches for him. He had better protection then.”

Heard is looking forward to seeing just how good his team can be.

“I thought overall we have a lot of things to work on and improve as always in a scrimmage,” he said. “But for a first outing I was pretty pleased.

“This time of year you’re just incrementally trying to see improvement each day. I feel like the ceiling on this particular team this year is really high. We’re not even close to it. That’s what I was telling them. The amount of growth we can have from right now to midseason is huge.”

North Webster Head Coach John Ware also liked what he saw from his team in a scrimmage against Mangham, a team that reached the non-select Division IV semifinals last year.

“I thought we got a lot of good work out of it on offense and defense,” he said. Ran the ball well. Had some explosive plays on offense. A couple of things you look for at the beginning of the year for sure.”

Ware wants to see the Knights build on that in the jamboree regardless of the opponent.

“The scrimmage and jamboree you don’t game-plan too much,” he said. “Just try to improve on what you do.”

Glenbrook traveled to Jonesboro-Hodge for a scrimmage against the host Tigers and Booker T. Washington.

“I feel really good about it,” Glenbrook Head Coach Reagan Smith said. “We showed that we had been preparing. We executed in most every phase of the game. Had just very few errors and those are easily correctable. I was very pleased.”

The Apaches’ first and second teams both scored once. The first team also had two drives inside the 10.

Smith was very pleased with the performance of junior quarterback Easton Sanders.

“He looks really good,” Smith said. “Their coaches were really complimentary of him. He’s got some pretty rare ability.”

Glenbrook is hosting a jamboree for the first time since joining the LHSAA.

“That’ll be a great moment to do something that hasn’t been done recently at Glenbrook and for the kids to really put on a show for the hometown,” Smith said.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Tech faces CUSA foe FIU in season opener Saturday

RUSSELL HEDGES
Minden Press-Herald

The second year of the Sonny Cumbie era at Louisiana Tech begins Saturday night.

The Bulldogs open the 2023 season against Florida International at Joe Aillet Stadium. Kickoff is 8 o’clock. The game will be broadcast on the CBS Sports Network.

Tech is coming off back-to-back 3-9 seasons. The first in 2021 resulted in the firing of Head Coach Skip Holtz after nine seasons and the hiring of Cumbie.

Saturday’s game is also a Conference USA opener.

The conference has a new look with the departure of 2021 and 2022 champion UTSA, North Texas, UAB, Florida Atlantic, Rice and Charlotte and the addition of Liberty, Sam Houston, New Mexico State and Jacksonville State.

Tech and FIU finished in a three-way tie with Charlotte for last in the standings last season.

The Panthers defeated the Bulldogs 42-34 in two overtimes in Week 7 last season in Miami. FIU finished 4-8 overall.

At the CUSA Media Day last month, Cumbie talked about the importance of getting off to a fast start.

“It’s going to be a tough challenge,” he said. “They got after us last year.”

Like Cumbie, FIU Head Coach Mike MacIntyre is in his second season.

FIU at
Louisiana Tech

Saturday, 8 p.m., Joe Aillet Stadium, CBS Sports Network

Junior Grayson James returns at quarterback for the Panthers. He completed 209-of-357 passes for 1,962 yards and 11 touchdowns last season.

Junior wide receiver, the team’s second-leading receiver last year, with 358 yards on 23 catches last season, is also back.

Boise State transfer Hank Bachmeier takes over at quarterback for the Bulldogs.

A redshirt senior, he started all 12 games in 2021 and passed for 3,079 yards and 20 touchdowns. Bachmeier entered the transfer portal after the fourth game of the 2022 seas with the Cougars at 2-2.

Tech returns one of the conference’s best receivers in redshirt senior Smoke Harris, who caught 64 passes for 635 yards and five touchdowns last season. He is also a dangerous kick returner.

Redshirt sophomore Marquis Crosby also returns after rushing for 918 yards and nine touchdowns last season.

Tech and FIU will both be looking for improvement on defense.

The Bulldogs allowed 37.92 points and 468.8 yards total offense per game last season. The Panthers allowed 37.25 points and 451.9 yards total offense.

OUTDOORS

Crappie bite is on in hot weather

GLYNN HARRIS

Hot enough for you? That’s something we are hearing a lot these days as our temperatures have been consistently in triple digits. I suppose you can just forget about fishing when temperatures are baking our brains, right? Hold on; in case you don’t know it, you can catch crappie, big slab crappie, when temperatures are as hot as what we’re experiencing.

Most perch jerkers know that crappie tend to bunch up in deep water in winter and lots are caught by anglers willing to brave the cold. However, what about the blistering days of July and August? Do anglers seriously fish for them while risking heat stroke? You bet your best Bobby Garland Electric Chicken jig they do.

I had the privilege of fishing with a crappie expert, Bill Pettit, several years ago and came away with a tackle box full of valuable information about summertime crappie fishing from this dyed-in-the-wool perch jerker.

I met Pettit on Ross Barnett Reservoir just out of Jackson, MS where I was fishing as a guest of the B&M Pole Company. Pettit, a retired postal employee in Jackson, was a veritable walking encyclopedia of crappie knowledge and while we caught fish, he shared tidbits of lore that has helped me over the years to know a bit more about these popular and sought-after fish.

One thing that stood out in my mind was Pettit’s comments about fishing for and catching crappie in the heat of summer.

“In spring, you can find crappie on most any lake in shallow water where spawning takes place. However,” Pettit noted, “once hot weather gets here, you can forget about fishing for them in skinny water. They’re going to be



This two-pound slab crappie was caught on Lake Yucatan in the heat of summer.

GLYNN HARRIS

suspended in deep water and it takes some searching to locate them. Once you locate them, you can catch one big old slab after another, provided you can stand the heat.

“Lots of times, I’ll get so hot sitting out there under the broiling sun that I’ll quit fishing for awhile, crank my big motor and tear out across the lake at full speed with one purpose in mind, and that is to cool off. After I cool down a bit, I’ll go back and start catching crappie again.”

As Bill Pettit and others attest, crappie fishing can be downright super in summer, provided you know where to locate the fish.

In general, once the spawn is over and the weather begins heating up, crappie head for cooler wa-

ter, which is usually deep water. Being school fish, once you catch a crappie this time of year, chances are excellent that plenty more are where that one came from.

In big open water bodies, such as rivers and reservoirs like Toledo Bend and Ross Barnett, crappie congregate in or near channels. The moving water will attract pods of shad that the crappie will follow for easy feeding opportunities.

In most deeper lakes in Louisiana, crappie will gather around structure that is located next to deep water. Drop-offs that lead to deep water that has structure near its edge are prime target areas.

In the heat of summer, one of the most productive areas to find the crappie

stacked up is around the deeper piers and bridge pilings that may dot the lake you’re fishing.

When fishing bridge pilings, it helps to know where the bridge crosses the channel or the bayou or river. The pilings nearest the deep channels are where you’re more likely to find the fish bunched up because likely as not, schools of shad will have taken a liking to the cooler depths as well. When you find shad, no matter the time of year, you’re likely to find crappie as well.

It’s August and I don’t have to remind you that the heat is on. However, if you follow this expert’s advice and if you can handle the hot sun beating down on your head, you stand a good chance of bringing in a box of slabs.

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 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 around submerged tops. Some catfish are being caught fishing cut bait on rods and reels. 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 to good on noodles using live bream for baits with a 30 pounder caught. 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 jigging 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, bream 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 lake is experiencing a 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

Desire the Pure Milk of God’s Word

“Pure milk” probably is a misnomer these days. With all the combinations to choose from, pure milk may be hard to find in the store. There is skimmed milk, 1% milk, low-fat milk, almond milk, soy milk, coffee-mate “milk”, and several other combinations. Poor cows – they are getting a hard rap, aren’t they?

As a kid we always had cows to milk. All farm kids did. It was just a given: “Want milk? Milk cows!” It just takes a good hand – bucket coordination, mixed with an easy pull and an eye on the cow’s hind leg. But I could never fill my bucket fast enough.... (always in a hurry). So I discovered that if I started with about two cups of water in the bucket, I could fill it quicker.

(Doesn’t that sound like a good idea)? Well, it was until Mama discovered no cream was “rising” on the milk I brought in each morning. That problem was ‘solved’ in a hurry.

There is just something special about pure milk – substitutes just won’t measure up.

When Jesus talked about ‘water and bread’ in reference to His presence, we all know it was of the purest form. The finest water and the most delicious bread – our Lord offered this everlasting nourishment to all who dared to embrace Him and become



Bill Crider

His disciple. Peter spoke of desiring the ‘pure milk’ of the Word – “don’t be preaching any ‘watered-down’ gospel.” Don’t cheapen God’s Word by substituting other thoughts and beliefs for it. Just give us the Truth,” he was saying.

As a baby is fed the ‘real milk,’ growth begins. God created it all that way. A mother’s milk supplies the mixture of ingredients fitted for the baby’s nutritional needs. Peter was emphasizing the need to feast upon God’s Word – the pure milk of a believer – and grow into a mature and holy follower of Jesus. (1 Peter 2:2).

We must desire, with all our heart, the pure nourishment that comes only from the study and application of God’s word. This is not a la-

bor but a delight, for we know our heart will find the nourishment for which it longs. (Barclay: Letters of James and Peter, revised edition; pg 192). This same metaphor of the new Christian being like a baby who needs mild for survival is used by Paul. He seems to be acting the role of a nurse who cares for infant Christians (1 Thess 2:7). He thinks of himself as feeding them milk while they are at a stage they should be eating meat for their spiritual growth (1 Cor 3:2). Now we know God is gracious and kind but we cannot use that as excuse for not feasting on those spiritual growth hormones such as: prayers of thanksgiving, repentance, contrition and confession; Bible study, worship, medi-

tation and praise; witnessing and ministering in the name of our Lord. Together these all work to mature the Christian, acting as an incentive to pursue the kindness of God to the maximum, producing spiritual growth of which there is no limit.

‘Just as our bodies need food, our souls need spiritual food. Without it, we become malnourished and weak, susceptible to every temptation and unable to do the work God has us to do.’ (Billy Graham: Hope for Each Day, pg 290). Check the label and make sure what you are hearing is the “pure Word”.

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THE UPWARD LOOK

The Will of God

“Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.” Ephesians 5:17 ESV

The believer’s daily walk, his life, is not to be foolish, senselessly living, just existing, unthinking and unconcerned. He is to walk carefully with understanding, awareness, and insight, doing the will of the Lord. God’s will is not some mystical idea or experience. It is found in His Word, the Bible. The believer is to spend time digging deep into God’s Word, intellectually discerning and



Max Hutto

comprehending what God desires. Then he must apply that knowledge by transforming his mind and actions in obedience to God’s Word and will.

Lord Jesus, help me to understand Your Word and to obey the Word. May my every thought and deed be in line with Your will and bring You glory.

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INSPIRATION

Peace

Have you ever felt broken or lost? Have you awoken to find that the day will be a little harder than you hoped? Do you ever ask yourself how will I make it through? Well, wonder no longer because God has a solution for all your ailments! Philippians 4:4-7 (NIV) puts it all in perspective “Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” As followers of Christ, we must remember that God will never abandon you. We face tri-




Bernard Harris

als and tribulations in our lives to make us stronger as people and to strengthen our faith in God. God loves you and he wants you to call on him for all your needs. He may not answer in the way and at the time you expect him to answer but he will give you the peace you need while you wait. In closing, this week’s article would like to encourage everyone to follow Philippians 4 to pray and petition and seek the lord’s peace in all matters of their lives.

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August 16, 2023
August 23, 2023
August 30, 2023
September 6, 2023
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SHERIFF'S SALE

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC VS. ELIZABETH TAYLOR

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

By virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued out of the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, in the above styled and numbered suit and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder for cash WITH-OUT the benefit of appraisalment and according to law at the principal front door of the Court-house in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana on WEDNESDAY, August 30, 2023, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

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

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

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

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

Linda Vaughan - Deputy

July 26, 2023
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SHERIFF'S SALE

LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC VS. REX S. SHELEY

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LOT ELEVEN (11) MADDRY ADDITION, UNIT NO TWO (2), A SUBDIVISION LOCATED IN THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER (SE/4 OF NE/4), SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 9 WEST, MINDEN, WEBSTER PARISH, LOUISIANA, AND IN THE SOUTH-QUARTER OF NORTHWEST

QUARTER (SW/4 OF NW/4), SECTION 23, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 9 WEST, MINDEN, WEBSTER PARISH, LOUISIANA, AS PER MAP AND PLAT THEREOF ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT, WEBSTER PARISH, LOUISIANA, IN MAP BOOK 3, PAGE 70, TOGETHER WITH ALL IMPROVEMENTS LOCATED THEREON AND ALL RIGHTS THERETO BELONGING; subject to restrictions, servitudes, rights-of-way and outstanding mineral rights of record affecting the property.

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

Linda Vaughan - Deputy

July 26, 2023
August 23, 2023
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Town of Cotton Valley Monthly Meeting Meeting Date: August 8, 2023

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Ashley Williams Jones Invocation and Pledge was led by Alderman Reggie Shaw and in unison. Roll call by municipal clerk, Tiffany Parish
1. Alderman R. Shaw (present)
2. Alderman J. Carter (present)
3. Alderman E. Parish (present)
4. Alderman C. Lewis (present)
5. Alderman D. Hawkins (present)
We have a quorum (5) present (0) absent. Motion to amend the August 2023 agenda to add Reginald Ferguson to be temporary hired as a part time police officer. Motioned by Alderman D. Hawkins 2nd by Alderman R. Shaw. MP
Motion to accept the August 2023 agenda. Motioned by Alderman R. Shaw and 2nd by Alderman J. Carter. MP
Motion to accept July 2023 meeting minutes, motioned by Alderman R. Shaw and 2nd by Alderman E. Parish. MP
Motion to pay August 2023 bills, motioned by Alderman J. Carter and 2nd by Alderman E. Parish. MP
Committee Report: Hannah Powell – Chairman for Town Planning Committee reported next meeting would be held on August 22 at 5:30 p.m. Mayor's Report: LMA conference was a great success. Everyone that attended came home with new knowledge. Citizens' input on the current agenda matters only. None
Old Business
New Business
1. Approve Resolution to replace \$85,000.00 used from the reserve accounts in 2017-2018 Regions Bank in the amount of \$500.00 to \$1,000.00 monthly until funds are paid in full. Motioned by Alderman R. Shaw and 2nd by Alderman J. Carter. MP
2. Approve resolution to purchase carpoot. – TABLED
3. Adopt 2023 Millage Rate(s). Motioned by Alderman J. Carter and 2nd by Alderman D. Hawkins. MP
4. Reginald Ferguson hired (pending physical) as a temporary part-time police officer until Officer Jakob Sheek returns from deployment or 1-year passes. Motioned by Alderman R. Shaw and 2nd by Alderman D. Hawkins. MP
Police Report – Chief Donnie Dillard reported no issues.
Adjournment – Motion made by Alderman J. Carter and 2nd by Alderman D. Hawkins, meeting adjourned.

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

Linda Vaughan - Deputy

August 23, 2023
September 20, 2023
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SHERIFF'S SALE

NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING VS. JAMES RICKY BROWN

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 80795

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 appraisalment and according to law at the principal front door of the Court-house in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana on WEDNESDAY, September 27, 2023, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

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Which has the address of 155 Clearmeadow Road, Minden, LA 71055

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SHERIFF'S SALE LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC VS. ROY HENRY

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LOT EIGHT (8), MIDDLE LANDING SUBDIVISION, situated in Southwest Quarter (SW/4) of Section 28, Township 19 North, Range 9 West, Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana, as per map and plat thereof on file and of record in Map Book 2, Page 67, of the Official Records of Webster Parish, Louisiana, together with all buildings and improvements located thereon; subject to restrictions, servitudes, rights-of-way and outstanding mineral rights of record affecting the property.

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Village of Dixie Inn Regular Session August 8, 2023

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

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen for the Village of Dixie Inn met in regular session on August 8, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. in Village Hall, Dixie Inn, Louisiana with the following members present: Mayor Donna Hoffoss, Aldermen Judy McKenzie, Nell Finlay and Lance Milligan.

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

A motion was made by Nell Finlay and seconded by Judy McKenzie to add Mr. Dantario Dansby, representative from Servline, to the agenda. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

Mayor Donna Hoffoss welcomed guests.

A motion was made by Nell Finlay and seconded by Lance Milligan to adopt the minutes of the Regular Session of July 11, 2023. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

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

Department Reports:

Mike Chreene provided the council with a quote of \$1,650.00 from Guardian Alarm Systems for two cameras that would be placed at the water yard and sewer plant. Nell Finlay made a motion to allow the Village to purchase two cameras for the water department. The motion was seconded by Lance Milligan. Vote was unanimous. A motion was made by Judy McKenzie and seconded by Lance Milligan to purchase replacement valves for the water plant from TGS Contractors with a cap of \$5,000.00. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

Chief Pro Tempore Alan Davis reported all is well with the police department.

Mayor Donna Hoffoss and the council reported all is well with the village.

New Business

Mr. Dan Dansby spoke to the council about the benefits of Servline's utility insurance for homeowners. The insurance helps offset the cost of high water bills due to leaks. The council asked that Mr. Dansby send the village a proposal about the program before they make a decision.

A motion was made by Judy McKenzie and seconded by Lance Milligan to adopt Resolution 0308082023 for the Revised Citizen Participation Plan. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

The council discussed the pros and cons of removing or relocating speed bumps throughout parts of the village. The topic was tabled until the council is ready to make a decision.

A motion was made by Judy McKenzie and seconded by Nell Finlay to approve the mayor to sign the audit and SAUP engagement letters from Cook & Morehart for the 2022-2023 audit. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Lance Milligan and seconded by Nell Finlay to appoint Alan Davis as Chief of Police, effective August 8, 2023. Vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Nell Finlay and seconded by Judy McKenzie to approve the hiring of independent contractors, Ms. Miniequa Scott and Mr. Courtney Strahan, for tech support as needed, at a rate of \$25.00 per hour. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

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

Attest:

Donna Hoffoss Mayor

August 23, 2023 Minden Press-Herald

SHONGALOO AND EAST DYKESVILLE FIELDS Docket Nos. 23-363 thru 23-368

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 TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2023, upon the application of FRANKS OPERATING COMPANY, L.L.C.

At such hearing the Commissioner of Conservation will consider evidence relative to the issuance of Orders pertaining to the following matters relating to the Roseberry Sand, Reservoir B, in the Shongaloo Field, and Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A, Haynesville Zone, Reservoir C, Smackover A Zone, Reservoir A, and Smackover C Zone, Reservoir A, in the East Dykesville Field, Webster Parish, Louisiana.

1. To dissolve the drilling and production unit for the Roseberry Sand, Reservoir B, in the Shongaloo Field, designated ROS RB SUL, as shown on the plat submitted with the application.
2. To dissolve the drilling and production unit for the Sexton Sand, Reservoir B, in the Shongaloo Field, designated SX RB SUD, as shown on the plat submitted with the application.
3. Simultaneously with dissolution of the units identified above, to create one drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A, in the East Dykesville Field, to be designated as CV RA SUB as shown on the plat submitted with the application.
4. To create one drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Haynesville Zone, Reservoir C, in the East Dykesville, to be designated HA RC SUB, as shown on the plat submitted with the application.
5. To create one drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Smackover A Zone, Reservoir A, to be designated as SMK A RA SUB, as shown on the plat submitted with the application.
6. To force pool and integrate all of the separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests located within the proposed units 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.
7. To designate the Franks Operating Company, L.L.C.-Burns No. 1 Well as the unit well and Franks Operating Company, L.L.C.-Holley No. 1 Well as the alternate unit well for each of CV RA SUB, HA RC SUB and SMK A RA SUB at the locations shown on the plats submitted with the application, and to name Franks Operating Company, L.L.C. as operator of each unit.
8. To authorize downhole or wellbore combination of hydrocarbons from any one or all of the Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A, Haynesville Zone, Reservoir C, Smackover A Zone, Reservoir A, and Smackover C Zone, Reservoir A, in the Franks Operating Company, L.L.C.-Burns No. 1 Well and Holley No. 1 Well, or any well drilled in the future on these units.
9. Except to the extent inconsistent herewith, to extend to the proposed units all pertinent provisions of (a) Office of Conservation Order No. 882-K, effective January 18, 2005, as to the Cotton Valley Zone, Reservoir A; (b) Order No. 882-M, effective February 11, 2020, as Haynesville Zone, Reservoir C; (c) Order No. 882-C, effective February 18, 1981, as to Smackover A Zone, Reservoir A; (d) Order No. 882-D, effective February 18, 1981, as to Smackover C Zone, Reservoir A, each as amended and supplemented by the 882 Series of Orders, and all applicable Statewide Orders.
10. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE AT THE HEARING, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE OF CONSERVATION-ENGINEERING DIVISION AT P.O. BOX 94275, BATON ROUGE, LA 70804-9275 IN WRITING WITHIN TEN (10) WORKING DAYS OF THE HEARING DATE.

August 23, 2023
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SHERIFF'S SALE

REGIONS BANK DBA REGIONS MORTGAGE VS. THE UNOPENED SUCCESSION OF DELMER LEWIS VAUGHAN A/K/A DELMAR L. VAUGHAN

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 80241

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 appraisalment and according to law at the principal front door of the Court-house in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana on WEDNESDAY, September 27, 2023, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

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Subject to restrictions, reservations, easements, covenants, oil, gas or mineral rights of record, if any.

Which has the address of 1004 8th Street Southeast, Springhill, LA 71075

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The Roseberry Sand, Reservoir B, in the Shongaloo Field, was defined in Order No. 165-J, effective August 10, 1973.

The Sexton Sand, Reservoir B, in the Shongaloo Field, was defined in Order No. 165-F, effective September 20, 1972.

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The Smackover A Zone, Reservoir A, in the East Dykesville Field, was defined in Order No. 882-C, effective February 18, 1981, and was further defined in Order No. 882-C-1, effective March 28, 2006.

The Smackover C Zone, Reservoir A, in the East Dykesville Field, was defined in Order No. 882-D, effective February 18, 1981.

The Smackover C Zone, Reservoir A, unit to be included in the downhole combination requested herein, SMK C RA SUW, was established in Order No. 882-D-3, effective June 2, 1982, and is comprised of the North Half of Section 34, Township 23 North, Range 9 West.

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: MONIQUE M. EDWARDS COMMISSIONER OF CONSERVATION

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Auctioneer Webster Parish, Louisiana

Linda Vaughan - Deputy

August 23, 2023
September 20, 2023
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Names: Laveta L. Frazier

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Legal Description: Lot #58 & South 6FT. of Lot #59, H.J. Coyle Subdiv. #1

Assessment #122300, as per the assessment in the records of the Tax Assessor of Webster Parish, Louisiana.

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

WEBSTER PARISH POLICE JURY 401 Main St. Minden, LA 71055 318-377-7564

August 23, 2023
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Names: Thomas Denmon Loyce Demon Opal Land Company LLC

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Legal Description: Lot #102, BLK. "C, East Side Subdiv. #2

Assessment #123636, as per the assessment in the records of the Tax Assessor of Webster Parish, Louisiana.

This property was adjudicated to the Police Jury on 5-24-2017. The three year redemptive period has passed. Tax sale title to the above described property has been sold for failure to pay taxes. You have been identified as a person who may have an interest in this property. Your interest in the property will be terminated within 60 days from the date of publication unless you redeem the property or you may otherwise challenge in a court of competent jurisdiction the potential sale or donation.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN

RESOLUTION 0308082023

BY THE

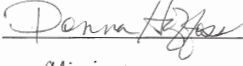
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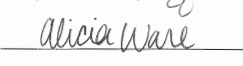
WHEREAS, the Village of Dixie Inn has been afforded the opportunity to apply and participate in the State of Louisiana 2020/2021 Community Development Block Grant Program administered by the Division of Administration; and,

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

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

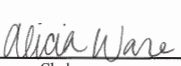
Passed, approved and adopted this 8th day of August, 2023.


Mayor


Clerk

CERTIFICATE

I, Alicia Ware, Clerk of the Village of Dixie Inn, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing constitutes a true and correct copy of a Resolution passed, approved, and adopted on the 8th day of August, 2023.


Clerk

August 23, 2023
Minden Press-Herald

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed Bids for the construction of the **Water Main Extension (U.S. Hwy. 371)** will be received by **Town of Sibley**, at the office of the **Sibley Town Hall, 345 North Main Street, Sibley, Louisiana 71073**, until 10:00 AM local time on Thursday, September 21, 2023, at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read. The Project consists of constructing **Water Main Extension (U.S. Hwy. 371)**.

Bids will be received for a single prime Contract. Bids shall be on a lump sum and unit price basis, with additive alternate bid items as indicated in the Bid Form.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is **BALAR Associates, Inc., 631 Milam Street, Suite 300, Shreveport, Louisiana, 71101, Phone: (318) 221-8312, E-Mail: Lori.Stratton@balar-engineers.com**. Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Mondays through Fridays between the hours of **8:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.**, and may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office as described below.

Printed copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from the Issuing Office, during the hours indicated above, upon payment of a deposit of \$ 100 for each set. Bidders who return full sets of the Bidding Documents in good condition (suitable for re-use) within 30 days after receipt of Bids will receive a full refund. Non-Bidders, and Bidders who obtain more than one set of the Bidding Documents, will receive a refund of \$ 100 for documents returned in good condition within the time limit indicated above. Checks for Bidding Documents shall be payable to **BALAR, Associates, Inc.** Upon request and receipt of the document deposit indicated above plus a non-refundable shipping charge, the Issuing Office will transmit the Bidding Documents via delivery service. The shipping charge amount will depend on the shipping method selected by the prospective Bidder. The date that the Bidding Documents are transmitted by the Issuing Office will be considered the Bidder's date of receipt of the Bidding Documents. Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including Addenda if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office.

A pre-bid conference will be held at N/A local time on N/A at the N/A. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is highly encouraged but is not mandatory.

To bid and perform Work covered by these documents, the Contractor must be licensed under Classification IV- Municipal and Public Works Construction.

Hon. Jimmy Williams, Mayor
Town of Sibley, Louisiana

August 23, 2023
August 30, 2023
September 6, 2023
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Names:
Glinda Archie

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Legal Description: Lot #19, Winn Subdiv. (Not Recorded), Being a Lot 50 x 170 Ft. In SE/4 of SE/4 Sec. 24-23-11

Assessment #122321, as per the assessment in the records of the Tax Assessor of Webster Parish, Louisiana.

This property was adjudicated to the Police Jury on 5-25-2011. The three year redemptive period has passed. Tax sale title to the above described property has been sold for failure to pay taxes. You have been identified as a person who may have an interest in this property. Your interest in the property will be terminated within 60 days from the date of publication unless you redeem the property or you may otherwise challenge in a court of competent jurisdiction the potential sale or donation.

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401 Main St.
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FOR SALE
2 cemetery plots for sale.
Garden of Memory \$950 each.
480-252-0567

SERVICES

Ron's Vinyl Siding
318-294-2916

DELIVERY DRIVERS NEEDED

Bill & Ralph's Inc.
118 B & R Drive,
Sarepta, La. 71071
Accepting Applications For Delivery Route Drivers with a CDL(Class A) Drivers License. Free Medical Insurance for Driver, Family Medical Insurance available. Dental and 401K Benefits, Hourly plus Incentive Pay, Yearly Safety Bonus Pay, Monthly Safety/Performance Pay. Apply at Bill & Ralph's Contact Mickey Hodges at (318)539-2071 mickey.hodges@bill-landralphs.com

BOX TRUCK DELIVERY DRIVER

Bill & Ralph's Inc.
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Sarepta, La. 71071
Accepting Applications For Box Truck Delivery Driver Must have at least a Class D License. Training for CDL-A will be available, if interested, but not mandatory. Free Medical Insurance for Driver, Family Medical Insurance available. Dental and 401K Benefits, Hourly plus Incentive Pay, Yearly Safety Bonus Pay, Monthly Safety/Performance Pay. Apply at Bill & Ralph's Contact Mickey Hodges at (318)539-2071 mickey.hodges@bill-landralphs.com

Any Small Jobs

ES Home Remodel & Small Repairs

Eloy Sosa

(318) 505-3318

- Painting
- Siding
- Backsplash

- Drywall
- Dump Trailer Rental
- Flooring

SECTION 8 VOUCHERS ACCEPTED

FOR RENT - 3 Bedroom/1 Bathroom home located at 110 Loop Road, Minden, Louisiana

The home has central AC/Heat and comes with a refrigerator and stove in the unit. NO PETS ALLOWED and NO SMOKING. \$900.00 monthly rent with a \$900.00 security deposit.

If interested, please call 318-639-9070. Pictures are available on the Dorcheat Real Estate, LLC Facebook page.

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 win the bond should be returned to you. Please note, you must bring proof of the posting of your bond to present to the court.

August 23, 2023
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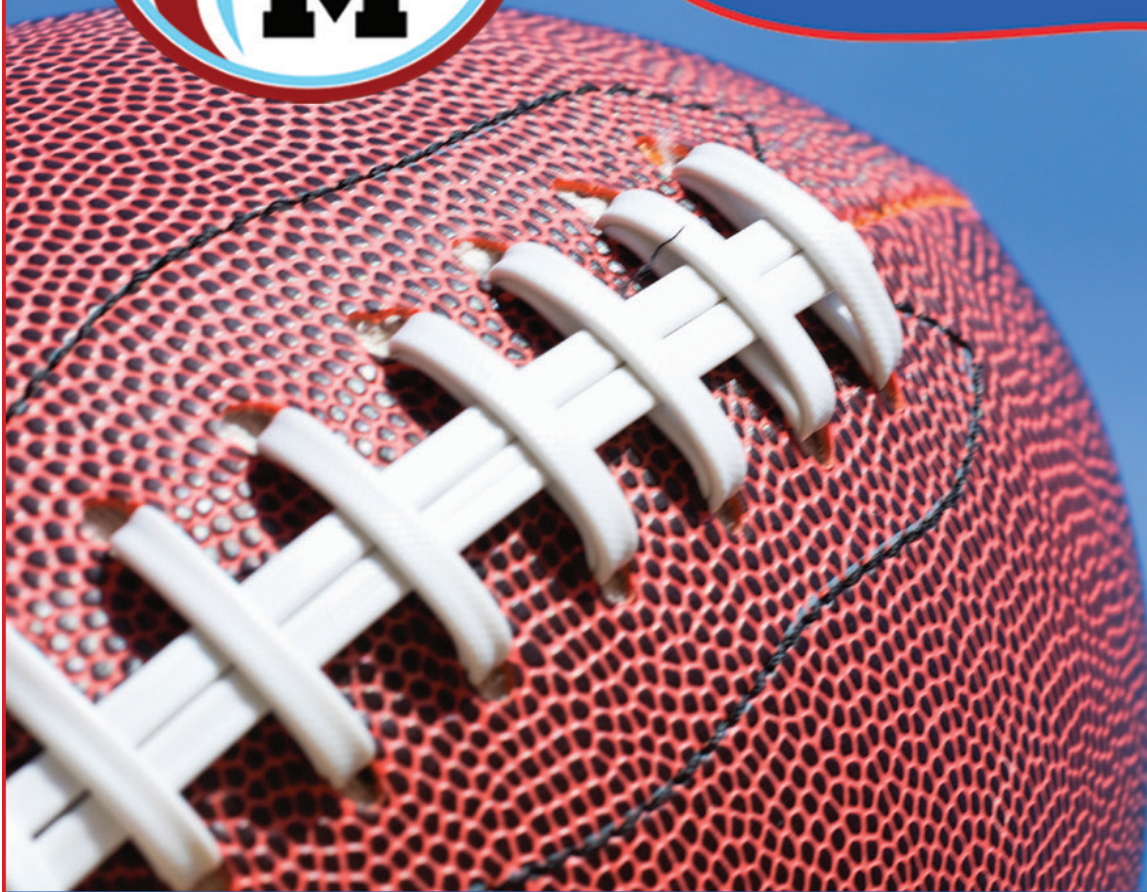
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