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WILL PHILLIPS/PRESS-HERALD PHOTOS

# Girls Night Out a huge success

More details about the lead story in a sub headline

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Minden Press-

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to entertain its guests. "We are absolutely thrilled with how the event went Saturday night! The atmosphere was electric, and we received an overwhelming positive response from attendees as well as vendors. It exceeded our expectations in terms of engagement and enjoyment," said Junior Service League (JSL) President

Dustin Gray. "We were delighted to see an exceptional turnout at the event. The community really showed up and showed their support with great enthusiasm. It was truly heartwarming to witness so many people coming together for a good cause." Gray went on to express her thanks to the many people who helped make this event a reality. "We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the incredible sup-

port we received from our community, sponsors, vendors, and attendees. Their generosity and contributions were instrumental in making Saturday night's event a success. Additionally, I have to thank my sister, Kayla Rodriguez, who was the mastermind behind this entire event. I am so proud of her! Her creativity and passion for excellence never ceases to amaze me. She, along with her co-chairs Samantha Kramer and Elizabeth Campbell, cre-

ated an event that was out of this world. No one worked harder than those three," said Gray. "I would like to express our appreciation to our dedicated Minden JSL members who worked tirelessly to ensure everything ran smoothly. I couldn't be more proud of our league. They took the vision and ran with it. I love these ladies so much! Thank you to JD Cottle for providing JSL with a delicious meal

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CITY GOVERNMENT

## Mayor Cox discusses 2023/2024 annual budget

WILL PHILLIPS  
Minden Press-Herald

The City of Minden's annual budget has been prepared and will soon be up for a vote to pass in an upcoming city council meeting. Mayor Nick Cox took some time to explain some of the decisions made regarding this year's budget, which saw a significant reduction, being reduced from \$2.3 million over budget last year to \$1.1 million this year.

"As we strive to maintain the excellent level of service in each department, it is important to address the rising costs of daily operations. Our city administration is dedicated to fiscal prudence in order to safeguard the city's invested funds. Rest assured, this budget reflects our commitment to protect those funds while ensuring sufficient funding for essential governmental services," said Cox.

"The 2023-2024 budget underscores our ongoing dedication to support our employees by continu-

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AMBER MCDOWN  
Minden Press-Herald

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Minden High School's two school resource officers, LaDarius Joseph and Jemela Freeman, bring a steadfast commitment to the safety and well-being of the students they watch over.

## Minden High School welcomes dedicated school resource officers

AMBER MCDOWN  
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Minden High School is now benefiting from the presence of two seasoned School Resource Officers (SROs): Officers LaDarius Joseph and Jemela Freeman. Both officers bring years of

law enforcement experience to their roles, fostering a secure and supportive environment for the students. Officer Joseph's journey began with the Webster Parish Sheriff's Office, followed by his transition to the Minden Police Department. Now in his fourth year as an SRO, Joseph's commitment to safeguarding the school community remains unwavering. Officer Freeman, with prior law enforcement experience in Shreveport and as a former SRO at ALC,

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COMMUNITY

## Fundraiser supports Minden Police Special Response Team equipment needs

AMBER MCDOWN  
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A charitable fundraiser was organized on Friday, August 25th, featuring the sale of pulled pork and hamburger plates at Miller Quarters park in support of the Special Response Team (SRT) of the Minden Police Department.

The event aimed to amass funds to provide the SRT with essential equipment crucial for their effective and safe execution of duties. The Special Response Team undertakes critical assignments, comparable to those of a SWAT team, encompassing high-stakes search and narcotics warrants, in addition to their response to major criminal incidents.

"They run all the high-risk search warrants and narcotics warrants," said Narcotics Sgt. Shane

Griffith. "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." This marks the second significant fundraising effort for the SRT this month. The ongoing "30 Guns in 30 Days" initiative, set to conclude at the end of August, has also garnered notable success. Minden Police Chief Jared McIver expressed optimism regarding the fundraising outcomes, stating, "The fundraisers have been going really well. I hope that we'll make enough to get each team member equipped with everything they need." The Minden Police Department extends gratitude to the considerable number of sponsors and dedicated volunteers whose invaluable contributions have played a pivotal role in realizing the success of this fundraising endeavor.

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# Minden, Get Ready

## THE HEAT IS ON

### 15th Annual Vintage Car and Bike Show Set For Saturday, September 9th

The Vintage Car Club of Minden will host its' 2023 Car and Bike Show, Saturday, September 9th in Historic Downtown Minden. All makes and models will be rolling in at 7:00 a.m. The event is co-sponsored by Minden Main Street and Webster Parish Convention and Visitor Bureau.

Judging begins at 11:00 a.m. and no late entries. All trophies will be presented at 2:00 p.m. The Vintage Car Club has one of the largest trophy presentations in the Ark-La-Tex.

The club is planning a great event

for our community, filled with good food vendors and entertainment for all ages.

Registration for the show is free and open to all cars, bike owners and off road vehicles. You can also go to [www.vintagemindencars.com](http://www.vintagemindencars.com) and register.

For more information about the Show and Shine Car and Bike Show, or to receive registration information, contact Larry Gipson at 318-347-9558, Antoinette Quarles at 318-707-5362 or Lakeyla Williams at 318-505-8922.



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Friday evening while we were preparing for the event. A very special thank you to Jodie Martin with Geaux Fresh for providing an amazing cuisine that was just as beautiful as it was tasty. She always delivers and sets the bar high.”

Along that same note, Gray went on to thank everyone in the wider community who helped to support the event.

“We would like to extend a big thank you to the entire community for their unwavering support. Your presence at the event and your continuous support throughout the planning process means the world to us. It is because of your support that we are able to make a positive impact and create meaningful events like this. We can’t wait to see the grand total that we raised for scholarships for our local high school seniors,” said Gray.



## BUDGET

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ing to contribute significantly toward their health insurance and mandatory retirement systems. We value our employees and their well-being. This budget shows our commitment to providing the necessary resources to and support of our public safety departments: the Minden Police Department and the Minden Fire Department,” Cox said.

As far as revenue is concerned, the City of Minden saw some increases from both the sales tax fund as well as the recent implementation of the Minden Police Department’s STEP Program.

“There are two points of revenue increase. Sales tax is on the rise, probably due to inflation and spending, and then the STEP program. We were able to budget with a little more confidence that we’ll get a million dollars in revenue,” said Mayor Cox.

“Those numbers are steeply rising. The police chief and his guys, they’ve written a lot of tickets lately. So we’ll have a lot of revenue coming from the STEP fund. The new budget has a STEP fund section in it. We added a new fund balance just for that.”

This year’s budget also accounted for a new department being created in the City of Minden, that being the IT department. “We made a new department for the IT department, and isolated them by themselves. Originally the IT department was just an employee in the administration department but, over the years, IT has become more and more significant and has grown into its own creature. So we made it its own department with its own funds,” said Cox.

Another decision that helped to give the city more wiggle room in regard to the budget was that of removing jobs that had remained unfilled for

long periods of time.

“We cut jobs that weren’t filled. So if your department had a job that hadn’t been filled for eternity, we cut it. We’re trying to do more with fewer people, because it’s hard to find good employees. So since we aren’t getting the applicants we used to get, why not just take care of who we have here better and do more with fewer people,” said Cox.

The mayor also spoke of the decisions that were made concerning the allocation of funds the city had received as a result of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), most notably that of funds being allocated to help start much needed repairs for the city’s animal shelter.

“That is money allocated for the animal shelter. We’re still wanting to do a fundraiser, but we also allocated money towards the animal shelter to move forward on re-doing it.” Other projects that are receiving funds from ARPA include lighting on

I-20, the Public Works control center, generators for the water plant, the Robertson lift station, and a water main replacement for Shreveport Road.

The mayor also pointed out where the fund from the Capital Improvement for Special Projects funds were going. This fund is funded by the \$3 surcharge citizens see on their utility bills each month, which is collected and given back to the citizens in the form of building infrastructure improvements. This year \$260,000 of those funds went towards street improvement projects and \$210,000 of it went towards water improvement projects.

“The City of Minden is a beautiful place to live, work, and raise a family. With the adoption of this budget, this administration is affirming its commitment to the City of Minden and its citizens,” said Cox.



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## SRO

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brings a wealth of insight to her position.

“I love doing this. I didn’t anticipate doing this but, now that I’m in it, I wouldn’t do anything else,” shared Officer Joseph. “This is where I’m supposed to be; this is where I belong.”

Officer Freeman echoes the sentiment: “I feel like the kids can talk to us about anything. We gain their trust, and they can look at us without being like, ‘oh, there’s the po-po.’ Some people have bad judgment about law enforcement and just see us as bad, but being here with us every day lets them learn more about us and we learn about them. They learn to trust us; we build trust.”

The officers’ day begins with the closure of a section of College Street, redirecting traffic to accommodate the school buses. A brief meeting facilitates situational awareness, paving the way for their patrols. Notably, Minden High School boasts a sprawling campus, necessitating vigilant monitoring.

“We try not to walk together. Now that there’s two of us it’s better because, God forbid, if anything happens, at least some type of law enforcement presence is closer,” emphasized Joseph. “At a certain point, we’ll run into each other, and we’ll talk for a little bit before continuing walking around the school.”

Through both lunch shifts, the officers oversee students in the cafeteria and commons areas. Between shifts, they seize the opportunity to complete daily reports—a vital task

that informs the school board monthly.

As the day winds down, the officers deploy a road block on College Street once again to facilitate orderly bus pickups. The year’s commencement has been auspicious, with students exhibiting commendable behavior. Officer Joseph remains optimistic about the future, expressing, “I don’t believe that any of these kids are bad. They just need something to do. They need something to occupy their time. If they had that, they’d have less time to do things they shouldn’t be doing.”

Working in tandem, Officer Joseph and Officer Freeman exemplify a harmonious partnership. “Working with Officer Freeman has been amazing,” praised Joseph. “I couldn’t ask for a better partner.”

The sentiment is reciprocated by Freeman: “He’s great. Having a great partner makes the job easier. Having him there is great support to lean on; you become a family. And I’ve learned a lot from him. He’s a wise guy.”

The officers share an unwavering commitment to the students, striving to provide protection and guidance. “We love the kids. We love them like they’re our own, so we’re going to do the best we can to protect them and guide them,” affirmed Freeman.

Minden High School stands fortified by the presence of Officers LaDarius Joseph and Jemela Freeman, dedicated SROs who exemplify their commitment to the well-being of their students and community.

## BLOTTER

**Recent Arrests in Webster Parish**

■ Deldric Jackson, 51, of the 100 block of Field Road, was arrested for two counts of simple criminal damage to property and reckless operation of a motor vehicle.

■ Donald Charles, 58, of the 500 block of Graveyard Road, was arrested for felon in possession of a firearm and theft of a motor vehicle.

■ Eric Rice, 41, of the 400 block of Talton Street, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

■ Keyntrel Baker, 30 of the 700 block of Wood Street, was arrested for disturbing the peace through language.

■ Kiara Sims, 24, of the 800 block of Carolina Street, was arrested for driving with an open container.

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■ Demetrius Morris, 40, of the 200 block of N Talton Street, was arrested for driving while intoxicated, driving with an open container, aggravated flight from a police officer, obstructing public passages, and improper lane usage.

■ Sidney Hawk, 56, of the 1100 block of Tillman Drive, was arrested for aggravated assault with a firearm, obstruction of justice, disturbing the peace through public intoxication, and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

■ Deswonina McClain, 26, of the 600 block of Marion Street, was arrested for attempted simple criminal damage to property.

■ Chanstonce Morris, 38, of the 1400

block of Harper Lane, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

■ Ira Miller, 49, of the 400 block of Fort Street, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

■ Cerick Jones, 52, of the 100 block of Country Lane, was arrested for being a fugitive of Webster Parish.

■ Carley Kennedy, 38, of the 300 block of Clerk Street, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

■ Lacarious Lofton, 24, of the 500 block of Penal Farm Road, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

■ John Walker, 62, of the 200 block of Pine Street, was arrested for being a fugitive of the Webster Parish Sheriff’s Office.

■ Jayden Trolter, 20,

of the 900 block of Louisville Avenue, was arrested for simple arson.

■ Lorenzo Solomon, 34, of the 300 block of Lee Street, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

■ Ashton Mangham, 18, of the 700 block of Dumaine Lane, was arrested for disturbing the peace and resisting an officer by force.

■ Mindy Small, 40, of the 1300 block of Sheppard Street, was arrested for remaining after being forbidden and failure to appear in court.

■ Jennifer Lee, 43, of the 100 block of Loop Road, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

■ Shardrick Stanley, 45, of the 1400 block of Lewisville Road, was arrested on mul-

tiple warrants.

■ Jules Gilcrease, 39, of the 100 block of Mattie Lane, was arrested for theft, no brake lights, driving under suspension, possession of a schedule II substance, and possession of a schedule II substance.

■ Richard Roberds, of the 200 block of North Main Street, was arrested for theft and criminal trespassing.

■ Cedrick Jones, 37, of the 100 block of Country Lane, was arrested on a warrant.

■ William Dildy, 39, of the 1000 block of King Orchard Road, was arrested for aggravated assault.

■ Lish Island, 51, of the 200 block of Buddy Brown Road, was arrested for cruelty to

juveniles.

■ Jerry Miller, 54, of the 100 block of Country Lane, was arrested on a warrant.

■ Harli Rushing, of the 100 block of Country Lane, was arrested for theft.

■ Jonathan Burley, of the 1000 block of Kings Corner Road, was arrested on a warrant.

■ James Hilman, 34, of the 100 block of Callahan Circle, was arrested for illegal possession of stolen things, possession of hallucinogenic plants, possession of a schedule II substance with intent to distribute, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

■ John Walker, 62, of the 200 block of Pine Street, was arrested on a warrant.



OPINION

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OPINION

Doomsday scenarios from the ‘climate change cultists’ can’t be allowed to influence the Fed’s financial and investment policy decisions

Climate change hysteria has now reached our federal agencies. Well, our trillions-of-dollars financial industry should not be intimidated by our federal agencies—under threat of fines and penalties—into adhering to highly controversial Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) factors. This is ludicrous, of course. Investment decisions should only be made based upon a fiduciary duty to maximize shareholder profit by increasing market share, not upon whether a particular entity is sufficiently Woke—whether that’s with regard to so-called racial “justice,” “equity,” transgenderism, child genital mutilation, or “climate change.” Unfortunately, an increasing trend among investors is to apply these kinds of non-financial ESG metrics as part of the process to (mis) identify material risks and growth opportunities. But those are the corporations, and they can deal with this issue at their own financial peril. My point today involves the participation of our federal agencies in this charade. We cannot tolerate the ESG agenda being imposed across our federal agencies such as the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), the Federal Reserve, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp (FDIC) and the Labor Department.

There has to be pushback, and not only of a political nature, but legally as well because these agencies are spending taxpayer dollars. To that end, the U.S. Supreme Court case of EPA v. West Virginia provides great insight into how federal agencies can be forced in litigation to curb their ESG agendas. The Supreme Court in West Virginia held that “the Environmental Protection Agency had exceeded its congressional authority in violation of the ‘major questions’ doctrine.” What this means in simple terms is that the EPA “couldn’t enact regulations on matters of vast political or economic significance without Congress’ clear assent.” (Wall Street Journal, P. Tice, 08-24-23). Let’s review one of the most prominent issues in the Woke agenda, climate change.

Climate Change religionists have been advancing doomsday scenarios for decades now. Acid rain would deforest large swaths of the globe; there would be another ice age; the ozone would disappear; global warming would melt the world’s glaciers. Now, the

“world is on fire!” but the percentage of the globe that burns each year has been declining since 2001. (B. Lomborg, Wall St. Journal, 8-1-23). None of it has happened. In fact, in the last 200 years the temperature of the earth has increased, slightly and erratically, by only about 1.8 degrees Fahrenheit. (Richard Lindzen, MIT Physicist. 04-18-2016) Let me offer one hometown example. Let’s focus on the month of July: the temperature on one July 2023 day in my hometown of Shreveport, LA reached 108 degrees, topping a previous record of 107 degrees set July 16, 1875. (Shreveport Times/National Weather Service). (I note the highest Shreveport temperature on record is 110 degrees on August 18, 1909—114 years ago, and still early in terms of man-made CO2 production). Well, the American Industrial Revolution generally began in the 1870s and continued through World War II. Dramatic improvements to agriculture, manufacturing, and the introduction of new modes of transportation including steamships, the automobile, and airplanes were all part of it. Climate alarmists would argue that’s when all the man-made CO2 began to be released in great abundance. So, when Shreveport’s previous highest July temperature ever—107 degrees—occurred in the year 1875, the Industrial

Revolution and its man-made carbon-producing activities had barely started. So, how could Shreveport’s hottest July day in history until July 2023 have occurred before human beings were supposedly “polluting” the atmosphere and “warming” the globe? Because this is the result of the natural fluctuations of weather. So yes, let’s continue to monitor the temperature of the earth as we monitor many other things like hurricanes, Asian murder hornets, and viruses from China, but this insanity about “the world is ending due to climate change” needs to stop. More importantly, this policy madness certainly cannot be allowed to be advanced by our federal agencies, acting on their own and outside of their congressional authority, to influence market decisions and financial investment—and far more seriously, to undermine our constitutional freedoms through the power of the authoritarian state. We’re simply never going to view the heating and cooling of the planet as the doomsday scenario the Climate Change Religionists demand, given the fact that the contribution of humanity to climate change is, at best, “unsettled” and there are credible opposing viewpoints..

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INSPIRATION

Hudson-Pierce: The connection between stress and illness

According to the American Institute of Stress, stress is the basic cause of 60% of all illnesses and disease in America and costs the nation \$300 billion in lost production and medical bills. As the victim of post-traumatic stress disorder, I could write the book about stress but have much to learn. Doctor Norman Vincent Peale said “there does not seem to be very many people who understand the absolute necessity of relaxing or who would know how to practice it if they tried.” Dr. Flanders Dunbar, an authority on psychosomatic medicine, wrote in her book Mind and Body, “the inability to relax is one of the most widely spread diseases of our time and one of the most infrequently recognized.” Having had numerous surgeries, I ponder the connection of the mind and body. Thirty years ago I watched a series by Bill Moyers, author of Healing and The Mind, hosted by PBS, because I’ve had a gut level feeling for years that most of our illnesses originate in our minds -- when we toss and turn -- un-

able to find solutions to overwhelming problems until our bodies finally rebel by making us sick enough to go to bed. In 2016 I found myself in such a situation until I was so overwhelmed that I went to bed, quit eating or drinking until I had emergency surgery on July 21st at Willis Knighton Hospital, due to a blocked, twisted colon. Though not a doctor I will always believe that was a psychosomatic illness that ended up in a physical solution -- surgery. I would go so far as to say that even my back problems, which led to a fall causing my shoulder injury may also be linked to a psychosomatic illness -- which isn’t to say that the pain hasn’t been real.



SARAH HUDSON PIERCE

The Bible says that “as a man thinks in his heart so he is” and I believe this applies to all areas of our lives, both physically and emotionally. Since that time I continue to think most of my illnesses have been psychosomatic because I don’t know how to truly relax and let go and let God take over. Life isn’t easy. It’s like a good friend often said “we all have something” which could mean many things. I ponder how our mind and our bodies are connected. I believe if we could ever gain control of and become master of our thoughts most of our illnesses would be eliminated. Since my colon surgery I’ve talked to two friends who experienced the same colon surgery I did after they each experienced one too many traumatic blows to their emotional system. They underwent surgeries identical to mine, including the doctor who performed all of our surgeries. How or why we have this strong mind body connection I do not understand but I sense it is true. I also believe that if we understood and follow God’s plan for

our lives everything would fall into place but I know that most likely that will never happen because we are either too stubborn or weak willed to give into divine guidance for our lives. The Bible also says “it is not in man to direct his own steps.” How true -- how very true! Maybe I am just a simple minded person but when I observe the universe and my own body I know there is just too much evidence going on here to not believe in a higher power and I know that we are often too weak willed or too stubborn to turn our lives over to Him completely because we want to hold the reins of our lives, not submitting to His will -- yet I know that He doesn’t want a puppet but children who want to listen -- to obey but we most likely are a far cry from getting there but this body is physical and one day we will shed that which causes us much unnecessary pain because we are human. Maybe more later.

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FROM THE BACK PORCH

Moore: Don’t take the last biscuit and other admonitions

When we were growing up, we had several dos and don’ts that sound strangely alien to this generation. This was all done in the name of teaching us good manners. There were four children, and later five of us, but the first four were the recipients of these mannerly instructions. Mama always made fantastic buttermilk biscuits which we always devoured. Maybe with fried chicken, brown gravy for “sopping”, or butter and syrup. It didn’t really matter what we had to go with those delicious, browned biscuits but we four children plus Mama and Daddy could put them away. Sometimes we would be down to one lonely looking

biscuit left on the plate and oh, how each of us might be coveting that biscuit. But we all could hear Mama telling us many times, “Don’t take the last biscuit. That is bad manners.” Why was it bad manners? We couldn’t understand but we all sat there waiting. Did Daddy want it? Or Mama? That was the only reason we could imagine why it was bad manners. So, if Daddy got up to leave the table, four hands might reach for that



FANNIE MOORE

biscuit. Being the youngest of the four, I rarely got it. Also included in our table manners was asking permission to leave the table. If we finished eating and some were still eating, we sat there until all were finished. Or we asked, “May I be excused?” You didn’t leave the table until permission was granted. When we gathered with our grandparents for lunch or dinner, there was an unwritten rule that children didn’t run ahead and grab a plate. They were not even allowed in until after all the men had been served and finished their meal. Then the women would serve the children, after which they would sit down to eat. The scene today is com-

pletely different. Children rush in first, then everyone else can be seated to eat. Maybe that’s where the rule came into play, “Don’t take the last biscuit”. The poor hardworking women needed to be sure they would get a biscuit. Another strange rule was about waving to passersby. Remember, we were out in the country and not many cars came by but there were always some people walking by. If we were outside, which most often we were, we were not to wave and say hello until the other person greeted us first. Then we could even carry on a conversation if it was someone we knew. But remember, you do not acknowledge them first. How strange is that?

Along with these instructions about manners, I can still hear Mama say, “Close the door. Were you raised in a barn?” “Don’t slam the screen door,” after which it inevitably slammed. I can still hear that door slam and I miss the sounds of it and other common sounds around us on that farm. I don’t regret growing up in the “olden” days, even before electricity was brought out to the rural areas. We had good hard-working parents, and we learned a good work ethic, how to get along with less, hopefully good manners and most of all, don’t take the last biscuit.

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COLUMN/HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL



AMBER MCDOWN/PRESS-HERALD

The Glenbrook Apaches put pressure on the Lincoln Prep quarterback during a 21-0 victory last week in the Minden Medical Center Apache Jamboree at Glenbrook. The Apaches open the season Friday against Cedar Creek in Ruston.

Parish teams face challenging openers

RUSSELL HEDGES  
Minden Press-Herald

The 2023 season is here. Webster Parish teams have put in months of preparation to get to this moment including untold hours of lifting weights, spring practice, summer workouts and preseason practices in the brutal heat. Three teams are at home for openers. Minden hosts Parkway, North Webster hosts Haynesville and Lakeside hosts Arcadia. Glenbrook travels to Ruston to play Cedar Creek. All four games are against teams that will provide a challenge. Minden will be looking to avenge a 37-20 loss to 5A Parkway on the road. Both teams have new-look offensive backfields with sophomore starters at quarterback — Hudson Brown at Minden and Kaleb Williams at Parkway. Both have had to replace outstanding running backs. Parkway lost Jaylen White, the school’s all-time leading rusher, and Minden lost Daylen Robinson, now a part of Centenary Coege’s fledgling program. Sophomore Antonio Gladney and C.J. Dudley will be Parkway’s featured backs. The Panthers kept the ball mostly on the ground in a 16-0 victory over Benton in last week’s Bossier City Lions Club Jamboree. The Tide will be count-

Friday’s games

Parkway at Minden, 7  
Haynesville at North Webster, 7  
Arcadia at Lakeside, 7  
Glenbrook at Cedar Creek, 7

ing on junior Dunavan Robinson. Brown will get a test from the Panthers defense, which returns all four starters in the secondary. But the Tide may have the best player on the field in versatile senior Jakobe Jackson, who can make things happen with the ball in his hands. Six-foot-4 receiver Maurice Rabb will also be a player to watch. Last year’s game started on a Thursday and was suspended by lightning. When it resumed Saturday morning, the Panthers scored quickly and the Tide were never in it. If Minden’s young players come through, the Tide could very well be in Friday’s game with a chance to win it down the stretch. North Webster dropped a tough 29-28 decision to Haynesville in last year’s opener. That started the Knights on an eight-game slide. Meanwhile, Haynesville went 11-2 and reached the non-select Division I semifinals. The Tors are again expected to contend for district and state titles. According to GeauxPreps. com, Haynesville returns eight starters on offense and defense. Among those is wing-back/linebacker Alonzo Jackson, one of the best players in Class 1A. North Webster is expected to operate out of the run-oriented wing-T. Haynesville has also traditionally been a running team so it may be a short game. If the Knights can sustain some drives and keep the clock running, this could be another close contest. Lakeside fell to Arcadia 26-12 last season a year after defeating the Hornets 39-0 in 2021. Arcadia proved that was no fluke. The Hornets went 9-3 and advanced to the non-select Division IV quarterfinals. Both Lakeside and Arcadia are teams with few experienced players. The Hornets do have one of District 1-1A’s top linemen, Dimitri Carr, back. One thing the Warriors have going for them is the revenge factor. They will also be looking for some redemption after a disappointing showing in last week’s jamboree against some tough competition. Glenbrook edged Cedar Creek 12-6 last year. That wound up being the Apaches’ closest game in the regular season. Both teams went on to have successful seasons. Glenbrook’s, of course, was very successful. The Apaches went 11-1, falling to eventual champion Ouachita Christian 28-27 in the select Division IV quarterfinals. Cedar Creek went 7-5, losing to runner-up Vermilion Catholic in the second round. Both teams have new head coaches — Reagan Smith at Glenbrook and William Parkerson at Cedar Creek. Both teams will also have new starters at quarterback. Sophomore Easton Sanders takes over at Glenbrook. Cedar Creek does return first-team All-District 2-1A receiver Ladd Thompson and second-team offensive lineman Brett Johnson. Glenbrook receiver Laney Powell, a first-team All-District 1-1A tight end last season, looks to be a difference maker. Cedar Creek will be looking to bounce back from a 33-0 loss to Class 1A Mangham, a team expected to make another deep playoff run, in the Bayou Jamb last week. With so many new faces on both sides of the ball, though, this one might not be another close one. As in so many games, the team that makes the fewest mistakes should prevail.

Tide, Knights, Apaches turn in solid jamboree performances

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Last Friday’s jamborees provided one last tune-up for parish teams before season openers. And as usual, there were positives and things that still need to be cleaned up. “I thought it looked like a jamboree,” Minden Head Coach Spencer Heard said. “We made some mistakes we probably shouldn’t have, some mental stuff, especially early on against Haynesville. It got better as we went. We kind of self-corrected and played better as the games went on.” Minden fell to Haynesville 9-7 in the Pineland Jamboree’s third 15-minute period at Homer. The Tide then tied the host Pelicans 7-7 in the night-cap. In the other Pineland Jamboree “games,” Lakeside fell to Haynesville 24-0, North Webster defeated Lakeside 28-0 and North Webster and Homer played to a scoreless tie. In the Minden Medical Center Apache Jamboree at Glenbrook, Glenbrook defeated Lincoln Prep 21-0 and tied Montgomery 0-0. The temperature was just over 100 degrees at the start of the jamborees. But a breeze made things somewhat tolerable as the sun went down. As usual, the Pineland Jamboree’s five 15-minute regulation periods made for a long night. Heard and his team arrived back at Minden around 11:30. In the Homer game, Minden tied it with a little over two minutes left on a pass from sophomore Hudson Brown to Maurice Rabb. Bryson Ranger added the PAT. Against Haynesville, Brown threw a TD pass to Jakobe Jackson. “Hudson played pretty well,” Heard said. “He’s coming along.” Minden opens the season at home against Parkway. The Panthers defeated Benton 16-0 in the Bossier City Lions Club Jamboree in two 12-minute periods. “We’ve got a lot of stuff to improve on,” Heard said. “From a potential standpoint we’re probably 50 percent of what we could be. We’re not even close to being as good as we can be. “You kind of expect that early in the year. We’ve just got to get better and better as the weeks go on.” North Webster scored in multiple ways against Lakeside. Cam Lewis returned an interception for a touchdown and Jkobe Lawson returned a kickoff for one. “It was fine,” Head Coach John Ware said of his team’s performance. “We got some good work in.” The Knights had a pick-6 against Homer erased by a penalty. They missed a field goal on the final play. North Webster opens the season at home against Haynesville. Lakeside ran up against some tough competition. Haynesville is expected to make another deep playoff run. The Warriors open the season at home against Class 1A Arcadia. Glenbrook first-year Head Coach Reagan Smith liked what he saw from his team as the Apaches hosted a jamboree for the first time since joining the LHSAA. “I’m tremendously pleased,” he said. “I feel like we showed what we’re capable of. We did not have any major mistakes. Everything that went slightly wrong is tremendously correctable and in certain instances under-standable.” The “games” consisted of a 15-minute period with a running clock the first 12. Sophomore Easton Sanders threw a pair of touchdown passes and Chase Sentell scored a rushing TD. Smith thought his team lost a little momentum during the hour-and-a-half wait before playing Montgomery. “It’s just hard to restart like that,” he said. Still, the was pleased with how the Apaches played against a team that is expected to be much improved this season. Glenbrook travels to Ruston to face Cedar Creek in its opener. The Cougars fell to Mangham 33-0 in the Bayou Jamb last Thursday.



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Glenbrook battles Lincoln Prep in last week’s Minden Medical Center Apache Jamboree at Glenbrook. The Apaches won 21-0.



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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Area teams set for openers

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Year Two of the Brian Kelly era at LSU begins Sunday night in the same stadium Year One ended. The No. 5 Tigers open the season against the Florida State Seminoles at Camping World Stadium in Orlando, Fla. LSU walked Purdue 66-7 in the Cheez-It Citrus Bowl to cap a 10-4 season. That's better than most observers expected in Kelly's first season which included an SEC West title and a victory over Alabama.

Of course, that has just raised expectations for this season.

Many of the same players who contributed to the Tigers' success are back, including quarterback Jayden Daniels, receiver Malik Nabers, linebacker Harold Perkins and defensive lineman Mekhi Wingo.

Last season, the Kelly era got off to a rough start in the Caesars Superdome against FSU. LSU rallied from a 24-10 deficit in the fourth quarter, driving 99 yards to get within one on a Daniels' 2-yard TD pass on the final play of regulation. But the Seminoles blocked the extra point.

FSU's Jordan Travis completed 20 of 33 passes for 260 yards and two TDs. Travis is being touted as a Heisman Trophy candidate this season after passing 3,214 yards and 24 touchdowns with only five interceptions.

He led the Seminoles to a 10-3 record. Running back Trey Benson and receiver Johnny Wilson were first-team preseason All-SEC selections. Benson rushed for 990 yards and nine TDs last season. Wilson caught 43 passes for 897 yards and five TDs. Defensive lineman



CHAD KEITH/SPECIAL TO THE PRESS-HERALD  
Jayden Daniels begins his second season as LSU's quarterback Sunday.

Saturday's games

Northwestern State at Louisiana, 6:30, ESPN+

Grambling State vs. Hampton at Harrisonburg, N.J., 2 p.m., NFL Network

Army at ULM, 6 p.m., NFL Network

Sunday's game

LSU vs. Florida State at Orlando, Fla., 6:30, ABC/ESPN3

Jared Verse was named to the AP preseason All-America first team. He and defensive back Fentrell Cypress II were preseason All-ACC selections.

Three other teams of area interest open their season's Saturday. Grambling State begins Year Two under Head Coach Hue Cleveland against Hampton University in Harrison, N.J.

The Tigers struggled to a 3-8 record in Cleveland's first season. Hampton, a member of the Coastal Athletic Association, is coming off a 4-7 season. This is only the third game between the two schools and the first since 2006. Hampton won that one 27-26. Northwestern State travels to Lafayette to face FBS foe Louisiana in its opener. The Demons went 4-7 last year with all four wins

coming in the Southland Conference. Louisiana finished 6-7 seasons in Michael Desormeaux's first year as head coach. The Ragin' Cajuns fell to Houston 23-16 in the Radiance Technologies Independence Bowl.

The Demons and Cajuns last faced off in 2015 with Louisiana winning 44-17. Louisiana receiver Neal Johnson was named to the preseason All-Sun Belt Conference first team. Chandler Fields returns at quarterback. The Cajuns also have Ben Wooldridge, who was the starter last season before suffering an injury.

ULM hosts Army in its opener. The Warhawks are coming off a 4-8 season in Terry Bowden's second season as head coach. Army defeated ULM 48-24 last season after trailing 17-14 at the half. The Black Knights went on to finish 6-6.

Tech rallies past FIU

RUSSELL HEDGES  
Minden Press-Herald

The Louisiana Tech Bulldogs rallied for a 22-17 victory over the Florida International Panthers last Saturday night in a season and Conference USA opener at Joe Aillet Stadium in Ruston.

Jacob Fields scored on a 30-yard run with 1:01 left to give Tech its first lead of the game. A true freshman from Melissa, Texas, Fields also had a 20-yard catch in the 69-yard drive that started with 2:28 left in the game.

The run and catch were his only ones in the game.

The Bulldogs also converted a fourth-and-5 from their 26 on a 12-yard pass from Hank Bachmeier to Cyrus Allen.

Tech dominated the game after FIU took a 14-0 lead with 4:42 left in the first quarter. The Bulldogs outgained the Panthers 447-182.

Tech avenged a 42-34 loss in two overtime's last season in Miami.

"It was a great win for our team," Tech second-year Head Coach Sonny Cumbie said. "It was not pretty by any means. We know we have 11 more ahead of us. Football games are hard to win. We are going to celebrate them. We talked about finishing plays, finishing drives, finishing games, and we were able to do that tonight as a football team."

The Tech defense, which struggled much of last season, turned in an outstanding performance.

FIU quarterback Grayson James attempted just 14 passes and completed only five for 4 yards.

The Panthers rushed for 178 with 67 of that came on a Shomari Lawrence touchdown run on the game's third play.

Louisiana Tech at SMU, Saturday, 11 a.m., ESPN

After Jacob Barnes missed a 43-yard field goal with 3:30 left in the game and Tech down 17-16, the Bulldogs defense stepped up, forcing a three-and-out. Tech stopped Lawrence for no gain on third-and-2 on the FIU 43, setting up the game-winning drive.

After Fields' go-ahead touchdown, Cecil Singleton sealed the victory with an interception with 49 seconds left.

The Panthers took a 17-3 lead on a field goal with 10:06 left in the second quarter. The Bulldogs forced punts on FIU's next seven possessions.

Linebacker Brevin Randle and defensive back Myles Heard led Tech with nine solo tackles each.

The Panthers had just eight first downs. Tech had 27.

"I hope this game grows confidence in our defense," Cumbie said. "Credit to coach (Scott)! Power and the adjustments they made on defense. They rallied, did not get flustered, and stayed the course."

Boise State transfer Bachmeier had an impressive debut at quarterback for the Bulldogs.

He completed 33 of 44 passes for 333 yards, including a 67-yard TD pass to redshirt senior Smoke Harris that cut the lead to 17-10 with 3:48 left in the second quarter.

Harris was spectacular. The preseason first-team All-Conference USA selection caught 11 passes for 155 yards.

OUTDOORS

Another good year for Whitetails Unlimited

GLYNN HARRIS

It began with a dynamite meal last Thursday night at the Ruston Civic Center when the 8th annual fund raising banquet for Whitetails Unlimited was launched. Have you ever had the Log Cabin's "Catfish Opelousas" meal? A catfish filet resting on a bed of rice with crawfish etouffee drizzled over the top was "slap yo mama" good.

What followed was a series of events that saw multiple attendees put their hands around valuable prizes from dozens of guns, prized works of art, gun safes, hunting bows topped off by a trio of unusual but coveted prizes, a Lane Burroughs helmet donated by LA Tech baseball coach, a guitar autographed by Hank Williams Jr and a Cincinnati Bengals helmet autographed by none other than Heisman Trophy winner and quarterback of LSU's national championship, Joe Burrow.

There was one "fly in the ointment" that kept the crowd a bit lower than in years past. Several other events in the community were taking place at the same time which meant scores of folks who would have attended were obligated to take part in some of the other important activities.

Even so, there were more than 350 men, ladies and youngsters in attendance who forked over some \$70,000 in gross proceeds. Once expenses were paid to finance the banquet half of the net proceeds stayed here in the community to assist local groups that promote outdoors activities.

Since the banquet was first held eight years ago with COVID knocking out the event for two years, here are some of



GLYNN HARRIS  
WTU Banquet Chairman Brandon Williams addresses the 350-plus folks attending this year's banquet.

the groups that have received benefits from funds raised at the annual banquets. It's no small piece of change when you consider that over the years, Whitetails Unlimited has invested over \$100,000 right here at home.

A partial listing of groups that have been benefactors of these funds include the Lincoln Parish Archery Range, Lincoln Parish 4-H Shooting Sports, Med Camps of Louisiana, LA Tech Scholarship Fishing Team, Lincoln Parish Sheriff's Office K-9 fund, Lincoln Parish NRA, Lincoln Parish Ducks Unlimited, Trailblazer, the National Wild Turkey Federation, Lincoln Parish Livestock Club and Louisiana AIM.

This year's banquet was spearheaded by a

heads-up group of volunteers headed by chairman Brandon Williams.

"Knowing that we had competition this year because of other events being scheduled the same night, we ended up about where we thought we would," said Williams.

Since the Lincoln Parish chapter of Whitetails Unlimited became a popular local organization eight years ago, the attendance and funds raised caught the attention of national headquarters. After the first year of local operation National Chairman of the organization, Jeff Schinkten, flew down from Wisconsin to present the Lincoln Parish chapter with national honors as the chapter had risen to the top nationally in raising funds and in banquet

attendance.

Except for the two years when COVID prevented the banquets from being held, this group has caught the attention of area folks as well because of the popularity of the annual get together. However, for the success to continue, something is badly needed, something chairman Williams addressed.

"Although we have had a fantastic group of volunteers working with us to put on our annual banquet, we are always looking for other folks willing to work with us," said Williams. "We would love to have more volunteers."

If you'd like to have a hand in seeing this organization continue to grow, visit Lincoln Parish Whitetails Unlimited on Facebook to offer your services.

Fishing Report

**BLACK BAYOU** – A few bream and crappie have been biting early mornings before water temp heats up. Contact Honey Hole Tackle Shop 323-8707 for latest information.

**BUSSEY BRAKE** – Bass fishing continues to be fair 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 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 Rapala jerk baits, spinners and soft plastics. 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** – Striper fishing has improved fishing shad imitation lures in the coves early mornings or late afternoons. Bream fishing has been fair on crickets. 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. 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 has improved on both worms and crickets. 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** – Fishing for catfish has improved while other species are slow. 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 on a slow fall but few folks are fishing because of the heat and fishing overall is slow. For information, call Surplus City Landing at 318/467-2259.



# Good News

GOOD NEWS

## My 3 Favorite Coffee Cups

Years ago when I would make a mission trip, help with a leadership conference, or go on family vacations, I would bring Sondra and Wes special souvenirs. For Sondra it usually was a piece of jewelry, pottery or small painting; for Wes, I would bring home a t-shirt, cap or something similar. I would treat myself with a coffee cup. As time passed, I realized I had at least a dozen of those space-takers in the cabinet. You know, we can only use them ‘one-at-a-time.’ It was pointed out to me – “something’s gotta give.” So we agreed I would pick out 2-3 favorite ones and let the others go – garage sale, thrift store or as ‘give-aways.’

Now I am no expert on choosing coffee cups. But for me, I like the shape, the weight, the feel when you pick it up full of coffee, and the ease when you are sipping from it. Let me share about the three I chose and the memories they bring to mind.

When we lived in Tupelo, MS we drove the Natchez Trace back and forth to visit

our parents in Franklin Parish. Often times we would stop off at French Camp, about equal distance from Tupelo and Jackson, to eat, stretch, and browse the gift shop. We enjoyed their soup-of-the-day, buying loaves



Bill Crider

for my collection. Because of the personal history attached to our days in North Mississippi, and our love for the Natchez Trace, I decided it was a ‘keeper’ when we began our minimizing. When I drink from it, I am reminded of these many trips up and down the Trace, all the wild-life we enjoyed seeing deer, turkeys and the scenic views at bluffs along the way, our stops at French Camp, as

well as the special ministry we enjoyed in Tupelo. (Plan to stop for coffee, soup, sandwiches and shop a bit if you ever travel the Trace toward Tupelo – closed on Sunday).

Through the years I had the wondrous blessing of helping with several leadership conferences in Southwest Wyoming (Green River area). Because of a special partnership of Miss Baptist Convention and Wyoming Baptist Convention, I worked with churches in this remote corner of the state. Churches were small and scattered far-apart. So, it took a good 8-day week to complete such projects – pulling together Sunday School leaders for special training, planning and goal-setting. Oh, but what wonderful experiences it was when we saw the ‘light come on’ in the hearts and lives of these leaders as they gained a new vision for their churches – reach and teach ‘unreached’ people around them. Traveling I-80 to and from Salt Lake City (we flew in and out of there), we would stop at the huge Little America Truck Stop, Exit 68.

It was like a small town all under one roof – motel, café, gift shop, service station, etc. The coffee mugs used in their café were easy to use. They stood on a pedestal, had that special ‘feel and weight’ that met all my expectations. How could I resist? I didn’t! “I got me one” on my first trip out there. Since then, I have made several more trips on assignment, stopping at the same truck stop – drinking from their special mugs. ‘Almost felt like home!’

I have been blessed to make some 35 international mission trips in these 50 years of ministry. All were different, special and memorable. I have been totally blessed beyond measure to be an Ambassador for the Lord in many ways. Trips to the Czech Republic still remain as very special blessings. The “English as a Second Language” seminars, visiting in schools and nursing homes, leading conferences for missionary personnel retreats and speaking at the Baptist Seminary, near the Hungarian border, was almost too much for this country boy

to comprehend. But it was there in a Prague china shop, I found a very special mug. It is of an octagon -shape Bohe-mia “August” Vintage design. Since August is my birthday month, I knew it was a ‘fit’ at first sight. When using it, I am reminded of our dear missionary who served there (and I pray for them), the lives we touched through the variety of opportunities in schools, meeting with the mayor, in the nursing homes, prisons, and seminary. Oh, yes, I got to ‘clown around’ some on the street corners and in the schools!

So when I sit down for a cup of coffee in the after-noon, I often reach for one of these favored mugs. Bet you have some favorite stops, sights, motels, restaurants (and cups) you enjoy revisit-ing (or using) from time to time! Then you understand when I talk about my 3 fa-vorite coffee cups! Well, it is 4:00 in the afternoon, and it is Coffee Time!

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### THE UPWARD LOOK

#### Guide My Steps

*“Order my steps in Thy word: and let not any iniquity have dominion over me.” Psalm 119:133 KJV*



Max Hutto

In this prayer thought the psalmist declares two great guiding principles for living. First, all one’s steps, one’s life, every thought and deed, must be ordered, guided, directed, and established in God’s Word. The Bible is the guide for living a righteous life. It is ur-gent that every follower read and study God’s Word daily. Second, the domi-nation and rule of sin must be thwart-

ed and broken. Sin, any sin, will make one’s footsteps fall on unstable ground and destroy one’s holy steps.

Lord Jesus, set me free from the power and slavery of sin in my life. Fill my life with the Scripture so that my every step will be firm, steady, and sure in obedience to Your Word.

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### INSPIRATION

#### A New Walk

Have you ever been confused by God’s words or God’s actions? Jacob was faced with this very situation. Jacob was prom-ised great prosperity by the lord. How-ever, he couldn’t accept this promise because he felt un-worthy. Jacob faced much con-fusion as to how God’s bless-ing felt on him after all his sins. God had the answer to Jacob’s dilemma. God met Jacob where he was and took the form of a man. Jacob wrestled with God and prevailed. This act earned him a new name; he was no longer Ja-cob but Israel. This name change also came with a physical component. While wrestling with the lord God dislocated his hip. This moment changed the way




Bernard Harris

Israel walked physically and spiritually. God did these things to remind Jacob to walk in his strength instead of his own. This brings us to the main two points of the lesson. The first is if you are confused, lost, or in doubt take it to the lord. And the sec-ond point is when you walk with the lord he makes your life something new. In conclu-sion, I would like to encourage everyone to draw closer to God and his word.

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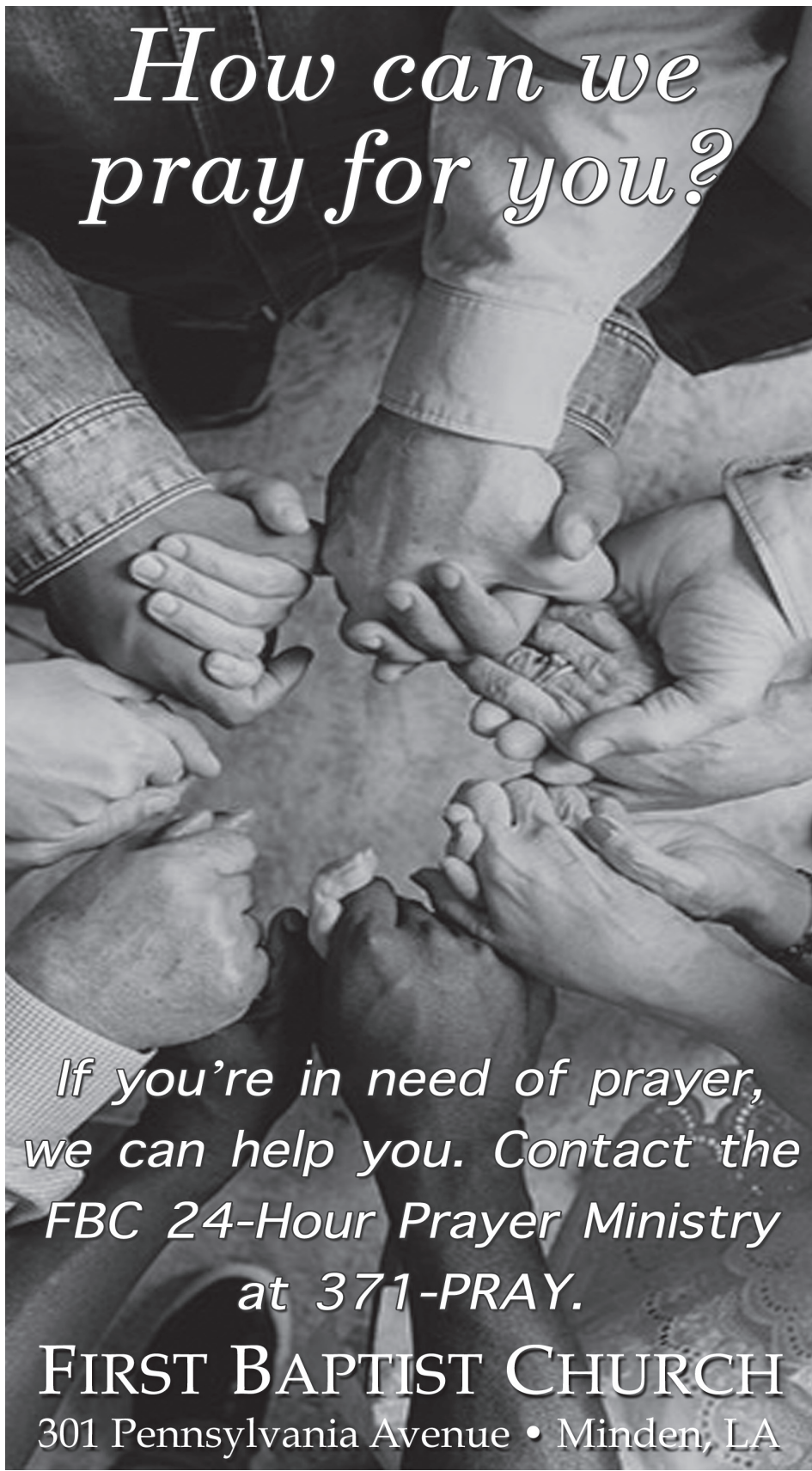
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### Announcement of Public Meeting

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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### SHERIFF'S SALE

21ST MORTGAGE CORPORATION VS. AMBER S. TAYLOR

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 80876

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 13, 2023, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

2014 Southern Homes 28 x 56 mobile home bearing serial numbers SA4063786ALA and SA4063786ALB

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

Said property seized is 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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The Webster Parish Police Jury Office of Community Services announces its sponsorship of the Child and Adult Care Food program. All children in attendance will be offered the same meals at no separate charge with no physical segregation of or other discrimination against any child because of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity

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### PUBLIC NOTICE FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Village of Dixie Inn, Louisiana

The Village of Dixie Inn will hold a public hearing at 4:45 p.m. on September 12, 2023 at the Dixie Inn Hall located at 60 Shell Street, Minden, LA. The purpose of the meeting is to obtain views on the housing and community development needs of the Village of Dixie Inn and to discuss the submission of an application for funding under the State of Louisiana FY 2024/2025 Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) Program. The following items will be discussed at the hearing:

- The amount of funds available for proposed community development and housing activities;
- The range of activities available that may be undertaken, including the estimated amount of funds proposed to be used for activities that will benefit persons of low and moderate incomes;
- The plans of the Village of Dixie Inn for minimizing displaced persons as a result of activities assisted with such funds and the benefits to be provided by the Village of Dixie

Inn to persons actually displaced as a result of such activities; and,

D. The Village of Dixie Inn past performance on LCDBG projects funded by the State of Louisiana.

All residents, particularly those of low and moderate income and residents of slum and blighted areas of the Village of Dixie Inn are encouraged to attend this meeting.

Accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities and/or limited English proficiency provided that three (3) days' notice are received by the Village of Dixie Inn.

Those citizens unable to attend this hearing may submit their views and proposals until September 12, 2023 in writing to:

Donna Hoffoss, Mayor  
Village of Dixie Inn  
60 Shell Street  
Minden, LA 71055

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

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

**SUCCESSION OF MILDRED TYSON WATTREE**

FILED: \_\_\_\_\_

### DEPUTY CLERK

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

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

1. LOT #13, BLK. "G", OAK MANNER ESTATES IN GOVT LOT #4 SEC. 36-17-10

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

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

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

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

Attn: Karen  
P.O. Box 238  
Cotton Valley, LA 71018

**CHELSEA RICHARD NAPOLEON ORLEANS PARISH CLERK OF COURT**

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

NO. 15945  
DIVISION \_\_\_\_\_

**SUCCESSION OF SAMMIE JAMES WATTREE**

FILED: \_\_\_\_\_

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**HOLLI VINING WEBSTER PARISH CLERK OF COURT**

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1) 1956 Ford Fire truck Bubble light still on top, restorable, possible parade truck \$500 minimum bid  
Runs but needs some work

2) 8 ft small utility trailer \$300 minimum bid

Remit to: Cotton Valley Fire District #8

The City of Minden is accepting applications for the position of Assistant City Clerk, available 10/1/23. This is a responsible administrative/clerical position involving heavy accounting and financial functions in the City Clerk's office. The position requires a High School Diploma or GED plus two years advanced education in bookkeeping and accounting. One to two years administrative, clerical and accounting experience required, preferably with city government or CPA. Experience involving governmental funds or related accounts preferred. This position also performs certain functions of the City Clerk in his/her absence. Secure employment with excellent benefits. Brief job description and application online [www.mindenla.org/job-listings/](http://www.mindenla.org/job-listings/) or come by City Hall to pick up app in person. Minden City Hall, 520 Broadway St. Minden, LA. The City of Minden is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

### NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND CALUMET COTTON VALLEY REFINING, LLC

The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality and Calumet Cotton Valley Refining, LLC (Respondent), Agency Interest Numbers 312 and 52346, have entered into a proposed settlement agreement, Settlement Tracking No. SA-MM-22-0093, concerning the State's allegations of environmental violations by Respondent at its facility in Webster Parish, Louisiana, which allegations are set forth in Consolidated Compliance Order & Notice of Potential Penalty, Enforcement Tracking No. MM-CN-17-01170, and Amended Consolidated Compliance Order & Notice of Potential Penalty, Enforcement Tracking No. MM-CN-17-01170A.

The Department of Environmental Quality will accept comments on the proposed settlement for the next forty-five (45) days. The public is invited and encouraged to submit written comments to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Office of the Secretary, Legal Division, Post Office Box 4302, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821-4302, Attention: Jay L. Glorioso, Attorney. All comments will be considered by the Department of Environmental Quality in reaching a decision on whether to make the settlement final.

Terms and conditions of the proposed settlement agreement may be reviewed on the Department of Environmental Quality's website at [www.deq.louisiana.gov](http://www.deq.louisiana.gov), by selecting *About LDEQ, Enforcement, and Settlements*. The document may also be viewed at, and copies obtained from, the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Public Records Center, Room 127, Galvez Building, 602 North Fifth Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802. To request a copy of the proposed settlement, submit a completed Public Record Request Form (DEQ Form ISD-0005-01). The form and instructions for completion may be found on the DEQ Website at the following address: <http://deq.louisiana.gov/assets/docs/General/PublicRecordsRequestForm.pdf>, or by calling the Customer Service Center at 1-866-896-5337.

Pursuant to La. R.S. 30:2050.7(D), the Department of Environmental Quality may hold a public hearing regarding this proposed settlement when either of the following conditions are met: 1) a written request for public hearing has been filed by twenty-five (25) persons, by a governmental subdivision or agency, or by an association having not less than twenty-five (25) members who reside in the parish in which the facility is located; or 2) the secretary finds a significant degree of public interest in this settlement.

For further information, you may call the Legal Division of the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality at (225) 219-3985.

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### 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<sup>st</sup>**, 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 alternate alternate bid items as indicated in the Bid Form.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is **BALAR Associates, Inc., 631 Millam Street, Suite 300, Shreveport, Louisiana, 71101**, Phone: (318)-221-8312, E-Mail: [Lori.Stratton@balar-engineers.com](mailto:Lori.Stratton@balar-engineers.com). Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Bidding 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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## Town Of Sibley

P.O. Box 128  
345 N. Main Street  
Sibley, Louisiana 71073  
Phone (318) 377-0345 Fax (318) 377-0361

August 14, 2023

The Sibley Town Council met in regular session on Monday, August 14, 2023, at 6:00 PM in the Sibley Town Hall Meeting Room.

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

Mayor Williams opened the meeting with prayer and he led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Richard Davis motioned to adopt the minutes of the July 10, 2023, regular meeting as read; Wayne Bolton seconded. Motion carried.

Alan Myers motioned to add Resolution No. 2023-16 GBT signature, and police officer promotions as new items to the meeting agenda; seconded by Richard Davis. Motion carried unanimously.

There were no public comments.

Alan Myers motioned to adopt Resolution No. 2023-13 House Bill 1070 Waiver Renewal, seconded by Wayne Bolton. Motion carried.

Robert Smart motioned to adopt Resolution No. 2023-14 Surplus Property: 1999 Ford Tractor, seconded by Alan Myers. Motion carried.

Richard Davis motioned to adopt Resolution No. 2023-15 Water Sector Rate Study, seconded by Robert Smart. Motion carried unanimously.

Richard Davis motioned to adopt Resolution No. 2023-16 GBT signature, to add Linda Christy, Deputy Clerk, to Gibsland Bank & Trust various accounts as an authorized signer, seconded by Alan Myers. Motion carried unanimously.

Police Chief Jeremy Robinson recommended Shane Thurman be appointed as Auxiliary Officer. Wayne Bolton motioned to accept Chief Robinson's recommendation for appointing Shane Thurman as Auxiliary Officer; seconded by Alan Myers. Motion carried unanimously.

Police Chief Jeremy Robinson recommended Clinton Meshell be promoted to Assistant Police Chief, and Joshua Davis be promoted to Sergeant. Robert Smart motioned to accept Chief Robinson's recommendation to promote Clinton Meshell to Assistant Police Chief and Joshua Davis to Sergeant, seconded by Richard Davis. Motion carried unanimously.

Richard Davis gave the July, 2023, activity report for the Sibley Volunteer Fire Department.

Sibley Police Chief Jeremy Robinson gave the July, 2023, activity report for the Sibley Police Department.

Mayor Williams spoke to those in attendance to be cautious about the high temperatures and very dry conditions and to be aware of the parish-wide burn.

Richard Davis motioned to adjourn the regular meeting; Alan Myers seconded. Motion carried.

The regular meeting was adjourned.

Robert Smart motioned to enter into executive session to discuss litigation, seconded by Alan Myers. Motion carried unanimously.

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

After discussion, Richard Davis motioned to exit the executive session, seconded by Wayne Bolton. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned.

original signed Jimmy Williams	Attest: original signed Linda Christy
<hr/> Jimmy Williams Mayor	<hr/> Linda Christy Deputy Clerk
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### Notice of Public Hearing

The Webster Parish School Board will hold a Public Hearing on the 2023-2024 Operating Budget on September 11, 2023 at 5:00 P.M. in the Board Room of the School Board Office located at 1442 Sheppard Street in Minden, Louisiana. The Public is invited and encouraged to attend the meeting and provide input into the spending of educational dollars.

A copy of the Budget will be available for Public inspection between the hours of 7:30 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., Monday thru Friday, at the front desk of the School Board Office.

WEBSTER PARISH SCHOOL BOARD CONSOLIDATED BUDGET SUMMARY 2023-2024									
	FY 2023-2024 GENERAL FUND REVENUE	FY 2023-2024 SPECIAL FUND REVENUE	TOTAL REVENUE	FY 2023-2024 REVENUE DEFICIT	FY 2023-2024 REVENUE SURPLUS	PERCENT CHANGE	PERCENT CHANGE	PERCENT CHANGE	PERCENT CHANGE
1. REVENUE									
A. LOCAL	\$ 12,143,799	\$ 23,293,194	\$ 35,436,993	\$ 33,704,829	\$ 2,544,652	2,897,341	8.81%		
B. STATE	\$ 38,428,235	\$ 232,748	\$ 38,660,983	\$ 38,392,762	\$ 268,221	\$ (21,579)	-1.88%		
C. FEDERAL	\$ 72,971	\$ 24,828,564	\$ 24,901,535	\$ 22,725,334	\$ 2,176,201	\$ (13,371,433)	-54.70%		
D. OTHER	\$ 4,443,983	\$ 2,253,472	\$ 6,697,455	\$ 6,887,338	\$ (189,883)	\$ (381,961)	-45.86%		
TOTAL	\$ 55,079,987	\$ 25,403,978	\$ 80,483,965	\$ 75,205,933	\$ 5,278,032	\$ (22,088,458)	-27.57%		
2. EXPENDITURES									
A. REGULAR PROGRAM	\$ 22,494,427	\$ 2,794,933	\$ 25,225,589	\$ 27,492,587	\$ (2,266,998)	\$ (10,341,382)	-38.98%		
B. SPECIAL PROGRAMS	\$ 9,195,987	\$ 2,925,128	\$ 12,421,493	\$ 12,956,948	\$ (535,455)	\$ (9,801,954)	-78.82%		
C. INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS	\$ 1,235,109	\$ 118,196	\$ 1,373,305	\$ 1,322,779	\$ 50,526	\$ (124,145)	-9.02%		
D. OTHER INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS	\$ 605,016	\$ 5,544	\$ 610,560	\$ 610,560	\$ -	\$ (736,289)	-100.00%		
E. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES	\$ 259,364	\$ 26,276,793	\$ 26,536,157	\$ 7,779,371	\$ 18,756,786	\$ (14,624,389)	-78.00%		
F. ADULT ED. PROGRAMS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%		
G. HOUSING PROGRAMS	\$ 2,342,252	\$ 342,344	\$ 2,684,596	\$ 2,488,234	\$ 1,987,743	\$ (696,853)	-25.97%		
H. DISTRICT, PLANT SUPPORT	\$ 1,791,389	\$ 751,328	\$ 2,542,717	\$ 2,831,420	\$ (288,703)	\$ (581,160)	-22.86%		
I. DEPT. ADM. PROGRAMS	\$ 895,344	\$ 622,182	\$ 1,517,526	\$ 2,488,902	\$ (971,376)	\$ (2,237,687)	-148.86%		
J. SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION	\$ 4,224,739	\$ 214,400	\$ 4,439,139	\$ 4,384,946	\$ 54,193	\$ 156,789	3.54%		
K. BUSINESS SERVICES	\$ 843,439	\$ 42,840	\$ 886,279	\$ 1,000,748	\$ (114,469)	\$ (19,299)	-1.69%		
L. DEPT. A. REVENUE SERVICES	\$ 3,874,813	\$ 4,498,484	\$ 8,373,297	\$ 8,494,243	\$ (120,946)	\$ (809,466)	-9.55%		
M. TRANSPORTATION SERVICES	\$ 3,989,448	\$ 818,247	\$ 4,807,695	\$ 4,860,425	\$ (52,730)	\$ (416,342)	-8.51%		
N. COMMUNITY SERVICES	\$ 472,846	\$ 24,170	\$ 497,016	\$ 562,214	\$ (65,198)	\$ (247,817)	-49.86%		
O. FOOD SERVICE OPERATIONS	\$ 5,128,247	\$ 1,128,247	\$ 6,256,494	\$ 5,139,423	\$ 1,117,071	\$ 75,150	6.73%		
P. COMMUNITY SERVICES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%		
Q. FACILITY ACQ. & CONST.	\$ 22,000	\$ -	\$ 22,000	\$ 22,000	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%		
R. OTHER USES OF FUND	\$ 429,560	\$ 10,112,711	\$ 10,542,271	\$ 10,542,271	\$ -	\$ (655,093)	-6.21%		







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ANNUAL VOTER REGISTRATION WEEK 2023

Angela Hall, Webster Parish Registrar of Voters, along with Louisiana Secretary of State, Kyle Ardoin, and all Registrar's across the state are conducting Louisiana's annual Voter Education Week beginning Monday, August 28th through Friday, September 1st. Louisiana residents who are not registered to vote are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity.

Citizens with a valid Louisiana driver's license or Louisiana Special ID card can register online 24 hours a day, seven days a week from any location by visiting [www.GeauxVote.com](http://www.GeauxVote.com). Louisiana residents can also register in person at the Registrar of Voters Office, or when they apply for or renew their driver's license at any Office of Motor Vehicles or when obtaining services at public assistance agencies and Armed Forces recruitment offices. Citizens wishing to register by mail can download and print the application from our website at [www.GeauxVote.com](http://www.GeauxVote.com), or complete an application found at public libraries or through registration drives such as the following:

MINDEN LIBRARY
521 East & West St. - Minden, Louisiana Tuesday • August 29th 1:30-4:00
WILLIE & MARY MACK MEMORIAL BRANCH LIBRARY
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410 Main St. - Minden, Louisiana Monday - Friday 8:30-4:30 Available for calls beginning at 8 A.M.

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1. _____	9. _____
2. _____	10. _____
3. _____	11. _____
4. _____	12. _____
5. _____	13. _____
6. _____	14. _____
7. _____	15. _____
8. _____	GOOD LUCK!

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## CONTEST RULES

1. Locate the 15 games and circle the name of the team you think will win.
2. Print the winning team name in the blank on the ballot. BE SURE TO MATCH THE NUMBERS CORRECTLY.
3. Predict the TOTAL number of points you think will be scored in the tie breaker game and enter in the space provided.
4. Complete and cut out the entry blank and deposit at the Minden Press-Herald, 203 Gleason Street, Minden, LA or mail to Football Contest, P.O. Box 1339, Minden, LA 71058.
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