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## SUPPORT

### Police Chief commends successful fundraising efforts benefiting Special Response Team

**AMBER MCDOWN**  
Minden Press-Herald

Minden Police Chief Jared McIver expressed his appreciation for the overwhelming success of recent fundraising events, emphasizing the positive impact on the Special Response Team (SRT) and the enhanced safety it brings to Minden and neighboring communities.



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"Between the raffle, the cookoff, the donations — and folks are still donating — it's blown our expectations out of the water," said Police Chief McIver. "Now we can equip our SRT team. They've got quotes coming in like crazy, trying to get all of the equipment. It takes so much equipment: different radios, different firearms, specific helmets, specific body armor. It's a few thousand dollars to outfit each officer. Through all this [fundraising] we can do that now."

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## RECOGNITION



AMBER MCDOWN/PRESS-HERALD PHOTOS

The 2023 "15 Under 40" awards ceremony, sponsored by TG Companies, is scheduled to take place on October 24 at the Minden Civic Center. This event celebrates the outstanding contributions of these young professionals to the community and showcases their dedication to the growth and development of their community.

## 15 Under 40 top young professionals for 2023

**AMBER MCDOWN**  
Minden Press-Herald

The Greater Minden Chamber proudly unveiled its list of the "15 Under 40" top young professionals for 2023. Greg Lee and Jennifer Spurlock took the stage as emcees for the event, where they expressed gratitude to Debbie Gardner in memory of Terry Gardner, the visionary behind this annual celebration for the past 11 years.

"It's amazing to all of us how many young

professionals we're able to run into in our parish," remarked Lee. "This year, the judging committee had such a gigantic task in front of them. We had almost 70 applications to come in."

This year's cohort of top young professionals includes:

Jacie Brent, advertising manager for the Minden Press-Herald and the Bossier Press-Tribune.

Taylor Parker Brock, managing attorney for Durrett Law & Title.

Victoria Chapman, registered nurse for Highland Clinic Oncology & Hematology.

Tynesa T. Grigsby, assistant vice-president and branch manager for Gibbsland Bank & Trust.

Jessica Haymon, portfolio manager for bIBANK.

Logan Hollingsworth, project manager for Hollingsworth Construction.

Paige Lasyone, assistant vice president and branch manager of Regions Bank.

Haynes Mandino, sec-

ondary math teacher at Minden High School.

Paige Deann Nash, multimedia journalist/columnist for the Webster Parish Journal.

Levi Reagan, pharmacist in charge of Minden Family Pharmacy.

Kayla Rodriguez, freelance marketer for Swanky Creative.

Jason Smith, detective for the Minden Police Department.

Tyler Wallace, director of public works for the City of Minden.

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## WPSB

### Budgets, millages, and new barber school approved

**AMBER MCDOWN**  
Minden Press-Herald

The meeting of the Webster Parish School Board on September 11 was brief and the agenda relatively short. All members of the board were present.

The meeting began with a remembrance to the tragic events in our nation's history that took place on September 11, 2001. Board President Charles Strong said, "It occurs to me that we ought to think back 22 years and remember. Remember and let us never forget."

The first item on the agenda was the presentation of the Employee of the Month Award to Maggie Watts of Minden High School by Rodney Taylor of Taylor and Sons. Details of this will appear in a future Minden Press-Herald article.

Next, the board unanimously approved adopting the 2023 millages. For the most part, these millages remain the same as last year's. The only two that dropped were the Minden District #6, which dropped from 36.5 to 36.0, and the Springhill District #8, which dropped from 29.0 to 28.5. The three

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## CHARBROIL

### Minden Lions Club to hold Chicken Charbroil Fundraiser

**AMBER MCDOWN**  
Minden Press-Herald

The Minden Lions Club is gearing up for its semi-annual Chicken Charbroil Fundraiser, a beloved community tradition since its inception in 1974. This event will take place on Saturday, September 23, 2023.

Founded in 1917 as a service organization with a steadfast commitment to enhancing local communities, the Lions Club has a rich history of service. In 1925, the organization received a challenge from Helen Keller to become "knights of the blind." Since then, the Lions Club has been unwavering in its dedication to supporting individuals who are blind or visually impaired.

In addition to their work for the visually impaired, the Lions Club actively champions causes such as combating hunger, environmental conservation, fighting child-

hood cancer, and battling diabetes.

As stated on the Lions Club website, their ethos is clear: "Every day, every way, Lions are investing their time, talents, and resources in the communities where we live, work, and serve. We believe there is no challenge that can't be overcome when we unite for good."

The Minden Lions Club extends an open invitation to new members who share their dedication to community service.

To support the Lions Club in their endeavors, mark your calendars for September 23, and come enjoy a delicious lunch with your family and friends. The fundraiser will be held at the Walmart parking lot near Homer Road, with plates available for purchase starting at 9 AM until the last plate is sold.

For more information about the Minden Lions Club, visit their Facebook page.

## DORCHEAT MUSEUM



WILL PHILLIPS/PRESS-HERALD PHOTO

Through the generosity of the local community, the Dorcheat Museum's 2023 Fundraiser Gala raised approximately \$18,000 to aid in the museum's pursuit of preserving the history of Webster Parish.

### Lights, Camera, Action, and Auction!

**WILL PHILLIPS**  
Minden Press-Herald

Celebrating 16 years in its pursuit of preserving Webster Parish history, the Dorcheat Museum held its annual gala the evening of Monday, September 11. The theme was "Lights, Camera, Action, and Auction!" drawing in-

spiration from popular movies and TV Shows.

This event serves as one of the main fundraising opportunities with the live auction, this year, being conducted by Richard Campbell and Tracey Campbell. Including entry costs, auctioned items, and donations, the Dorcheat Museum

was able to raise approximately \$18,000 from this year's gala.

Mrs. Becky Marvin was high bidder on patriotic quilts pieced by Mrs. Lyda Madden and hand-quilted by Mrs. Nona Sale. The winner of the raffle for the Steel Magnolias gift basket

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## COMMUNITY

### Local author releases epic fantasy story of redemption

**AMBER MCDOWN**  
Minden Press-Herald

Local author Samuel Sykes has recently released his first epic fantasy novel, *Necrosis: Chronicles of the Lightbearer*.

Sykes, father of three sons, is originally from Shongaloo, but has since moved to Sarepta, his wife's hometown.

The inspiration for his book came from the title of a novel (*The Necromancer*). Without ever reading the story, he wondered where the author was planning to go with such a title, and he found himself thinking about the story he would tell. His wife urged him to write his story.

"I would call it a Christian work even though

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- POULTRY AND RABBIT SHOW AT 6:00 P.M.
- LIVE ENTERTAINMENT AT 6:00 P.M. (Echota Records)

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- THEN SWINE WEIGHT CLASSES (LIVESTOCK ARENA)

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### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5

- SENIOR CITIZEN DAY 9:00 A.M. UNTIL 1:30 P.M. (CIVIC CENTER)
- FAIR GATES OPEN AT 5:00 P.M. "ARMBAND NITE"
- 4-H GOAT, LAMB, BEEF SHOWMANSHIP AT 6:00 P.M.
- 4-H DAIRY, AND DOUG SALE SHOWMANSHIP AT 7:00 P.M.

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

- BUYER'S LUNCHEON AT 11:30 A.M.
- LIVESTOCK AUCTION AT 1:00 P.M. (4-H SHOW BARN)
- FAIR GATES OPEN AT 5:00 P.M.

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

- FAIR GATES OPEN AT 12:00 P.M.
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# WEBSTER & MORE

## OBITUARIES



### Patricia Crahen Hanson

Funeral services for Mrs. Patricia Crahen Hanson, age 89, of Cotton Valley, LA were held at 2:00 pm, Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at the Unity Baptist Church, Cotton Valley, LA with Bro. Craig James officiating. Interment followed in

Cotton Valley Cemetery, Cotton Valley, LA under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home, Springhill, LA.

Visitation was held Wednesday, September 13, 2023, 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm at Unity Baptist Church.

Mrs. Hanson was born on April 7, 1934 to James Edward and Isabelle Young Crahen in Oshkosh, WI and passed away on Monday, September 11, 2023 in Bossier City, LA.

Immediately following high school, Pat moved to California. She began working for a telephone company there. She later came to Shreveport and worked for a short time at Selber Bros. Department Store. She began her life career at South Central Bell Telephone Company in Shreveport, where she worked for 28 years before retiring in 1987. While working at South Central

Bell Telephone Company, Pat made many close friends who fellowshiped regularly together throughout her three decades of retirement.

She is survived by her husband of 45 years, Mr. James Edward Hanson of Cotton Valley, LA; two sisters, Cleo Mary Smoot of Neenah, WI, Jacqueline Parish of Oshkosh, WI; step-son, Eddie Gene Hanson of Cotton Valley, LA; two step-daughters, Lynnne Dragland and husband, Thomas of Benton, AR, Penny Rose Wood of Cotton Valley, LA; daughter-in-law, Barbara Hanson of Cotton Valley, LA; a host of step-grand and great-grandchildren, as well as a host of nieces and nephews.

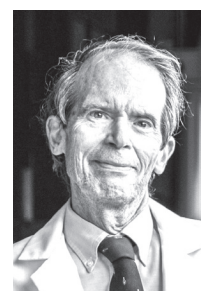
Mrs. Hanson was preceded in death by her father, James Edward Crahen, mother, Isabelle Crahen; brothers, James Edward Crahen, Jr., and Larry David Crahen; and step-son, Teddie Lee Hanson.

Pallbearers will be Tommy Dragland, Josh Hanson, Brad Hanson, Micah Hanson, Randall Parish, and Michael Domer. Honorary pallbearers will be Chuck Hoffman, Donald Ray Perkins, and Ellis Dick.

Special thanks to Penny Wood, for her loving care and dedication to Mrs. Hanson during her illness.

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### Philip Hudgins Kitchens

Philip Hudgins Kitchens, 78, died on September 7, 2023, in Huntsville, Alabama. His wife of 36 years, Crystal Gail Lavender Kitchens, predeceased him in 2022.

Born in Greenville, North Carolina, on March 16, 1945, second son of James Hosea Kitchens, Jr and Laura Overton Kitchens. Phil spent his early years in Baton Rouge and Alexandria, Louisiana. In 1959, the family moved to Ruston, Louisiana, where Phil graduated from Ruston High School in 1963. He earned a degree in chemical engineering from Louisiana Polytechnic Institute in 1967.

The gift of a small telescope from his father at age 6 resulted in a life-long fascination with space and the universe. Following his college graduation, Werner von Braun hired Phil as a member of the team that developed the Saturn V rocket that carried the Apollo 11 astronauts to the moon in July 1969.

Phil subsequently earned a master's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa in May 1971 before returning to the Marshall Space Flight Center. He later accepted positions with the EPA in Jackson, Mississippi, and the Ethyl Corporation in Baton Rouge before enrolling at LSU to pursue a master's degree in library science. Completing his MLS in 1976, Phil accepted a position in the engineering library at UA Tuscaloosa, where he became active in the Special Library Association. In 1981, he returned to Huntsville, serving in various professional capacities at the Redstone Scientific Information Center until his

retirement in 2003.

Phil married Crystal Lavender in November 1985. In retirement, the couple volunteered at the Huntsville-Madison Botanical Gardens and the North Alabama Science Center, later known as SciQuest. They were also active as volunteers with Huntsville-Madison County Public Library's Friends of the Library program. They took classes at the UAH Academy for Lifelong Learning, where Phil was inspired to begin writing an extended autobiography. He both attended and taught courses offered through OLLI and LearningQuest.

Between 2015 and 2019, he spent five summers in England, attending sessions of the University of Cambridge's Continuing Education International Summer Programmes. Cambridge brought him great satisfaction and fulfilled a lifetime of broad intellectual inquiry.

To share his interest in aerospace history, Phil served as a greatly admired Docent Emeritus at the US Space and Rocket Center from 2012 until his death.

In addition to other charitable giving, Phil established and funded the Philip H Kitchens Endowment for Science and Technology Resources, providing for the acquisition of science and engineering materials by the LSU library in perpetuity.

Phil is survived by his brother, James Hosea Kitchens III of Montgomery, Alabama; a cousin, Paul Edward Kitchens of Minden, Louisiana; and several of the Overton family in and around Greenville, North Carolina.

A memorial service will be held in the chapel of First United Methodist Church of Huntsville on Wednesday, September 20 at 11 am. The family will receive visitors in the parlor beginning at 10 am. Phil will be buried with his extended family in Gardens of Memory Cemetery, Minden, Louisiana. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations to the Philip H Kitchens space camp memorial scholarship fund: <https://rocketcenterfoundation.org/memorial-gifts>

## WPSB

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that increased were the Doyline District #7, which increased from 42.0 to 43.0, the Sarepta District #35, which increased from 34.6 to 35.5, and the Shongaloo-Evergreen Consolidated District #1, which increased from 11.04 to 12.50.

After that, the board voted unanimously to approve the proposed fiscal year 2023-2024 budgets.

Item four was consideration for the approval of a trip to Rome, Italy, for the Expanding Horizon students in grades 9-12. This trip will be funded by the Gifted and Talented Allo-

cated State Funds with the students being responsible for a portion of the costs. It is scheduled for April 2024.

The final item of new business was the approval of a bid from Dumas Construction, LLC in the amount of \$347,400 to make alterations to the J.E. Harper Pathways to Excellence Center to create the new barbering school. It also passed unanimously.

The approved maintenance fund expenditures will be detailed in a future Minden Press-Herald article.

Personnel Director Robin Tucker reported

that all teaching positions in the parish have been filled. They are still looking for a school secretary for Brown Upper Elementary. There will be a substitute training event on September 14. Contact the district office at 377-7052 for more details.

Superintendent Rowland took a few minutes at the beginning of his regular report to remember North Webster High School senior Tarcus Hawthorne Jr. who died at school on August 22 after a medical emergency. "Anytime you lose a student, and especially at school...it's something that you pray you'll never have to go through, but

we did. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family."

The final portion of the meeting consisted of possible upgrades to the district office. These upgrades would be quite modest: power washing the building, removing some window-unit air conditioners, replacing some windows, upgrading the sign, and adding a canopy which would cover the walkway between the two front doors.

The board's next meeting will be held on October 2 at 6 PM at the district office, located at 1442 Sheppard Street. The public is welcome to attend.



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## CEREMONY

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Victoria T. Washington, assistant district attorney for the Caddo Parish DA's office.

Hannah Winget, assistant vice president and treasury management sales office for b1BANK.

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panies, is scheduled to take place on October 24 at the Minden Civic Center. This event celebrates the outstanding contributions of these young professionals to the community and showcases their dedication to the growth and development of their community.

## GALA

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was Ty Pendergrass.

"I would like to thank those who attended, contributed items, or sent donations. This annual fundraiser is vital to

the continued operation of the museum. Their very generous support provides the foundation for us to move forward into the next year," said Executive Director Jessica Gorman of the Dorcheat Museum.

## SUPPORT

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partment is prioritizing local vendors for their equipment needs, ensuring that the funds raised circulate back into the local community.

Chief McIver highlighted that the SRT not only serves Minden but can also assist in the north end of the parish, as well as in Claiborne and Bienville parishes. This local response capability reduces the need to rely on teams from neighboring parishes, significantly decreasing response times in critical situations.

"If you have to wait on someone coming out of a neighboring parish, that's them deploying, meeting up, getting all their gear together, and then getting over here," said McIver.

To maintain readiness, Chief McIver has strategically spread SRT members across multiple shifts, ensuring a swift response when needed. This approach allows a partial team to address issues independently or start preliminary measures while the full team assembles. Local teams also possess invaluable knowledge of the area, individuals, and likely suspects.

"We're familiar with the area. We're familiar with people; it's probably somebody we've dealt with. We're familiar with family members who can probably tell us things about them," added McIver.

Sgt. Shane Griffith noted, "And, at the same time, we're not taking Bossier's or DeSoto's away from their parishes."

Officers on the SRT work regular shifts and dedicate their off-time to training, a testament to their commitment to the community.

Chief McIver emphasized the importance of training, stating, "We will respond to situations how we trained. With repetitive training, we'll automatically follow protocol because that's ingrained."

SRT members have completed SWAT school and plan to pursue advanced SWAT courses and other specialized

training, including hostage negotiation and sniper training. K9 teams are also undergoing training to ensure the best possible outcomes in high-stress situations.

"You're trying to use those special weapons and tactics to avoid having to kill somebody in a situation. You're doing everything you can to make the best outcome where nobody gets hurt," said McIver.

Sgt. Griffith highlighted the department's progress, noting, "Before Chief McIver took office, Minden Police Department didn't have access to any programs for less-than-lethal, and now we have two less-than-lethal instructors."

Investigative officers are also receiving new training, with officers attending specialized conferences and workshops, enhancing their skills and capabilities.

"The community sees what we're trying to do, and donating is them wanting to be a part of it," McIver said. "They're investing in us, and the return is advanced safety."

Chief McIver acknowledged the collaboration within the community, saying, "We've got a great city, a great council, a great mayor, our new fire chief, who is also on Homeland Security, and our great working relationship with the sheriff's office — all that is working together now."

Sgt. Griffith expressed optimism for the future, stating, "If you sit down and realize how much he [McIver] has accomplished in nine months, think about what's going to be accomplished in four years. This is a completely different police department."

Chief McIver concluded with a vision for the community, saying, "I want people to be proud of this department."

For those interested in meeting local police officers, a staging area will be set up at the Webster Fair, providing an opportunity for community members to connect with the officers and build stronger relationships with those who serve them.

## AUTHOR

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there's some made-up dark magic stuff going on," Sykes said. "The basis of it is a redemption story, and that is the message I was trying to convey: Why is the bad guy the bad guy, and can he be saved?"

The book, which has a setting similar to the Anglo Saxon period, contains references to many types of folklore such as

Irish faeries and Celtic giants as well as ideas taken from Hebrew culture and Christianity. In future novels he plans to expand into Middle Eastern folklore, incorporating genies and djinns.

While Sykes has published a story called Feral on Kindle Vella, this is his first full-length novel, which is a whopping 444 pages long.

"The story kept being laid out in front of me,

and I just kept going. The first draft just fell out of my head," said Sykes. He gives credit to his beta readers for keeping him writing. "One guy read the chapters as I dropped them. He kept saying, 'send me more, send me more,' and he really kept me inspired."

"Old stories package moral themes and ideas into hero stories so that they both entertain and teach, and I hope that I

pull that off. I hope that what I write can glorify God and carry forth the wisdom I have gained through my life from Him."

The sequel is already in the works and Sykes hopes to have it ready by next year.

Necrosis: Chronicles of the Lightbearer is being sold exclusively on Amazon. It is available in paperback or Kindle versions.

## AWARD

### Cora Lou Robinson to be awarded Women in the Arts Recognition Award

WILL PHILLIPS  
Minden Press-Herald

Nationally recognized primitive folk artist Cora Lou Robinson has been awarded the Women in the Arts Recognition Award by the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. A reception celebrating this accomplishment will be held on Sunday, September 24 from 2 PM to 4 PM at the First Methodist Church reception room. It will be hosted by the Dor-

cheat-Bistineau Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, her family, and friends. The public is invited to celebrate Mrs. Robinson and see many of her original paintings.

Even without formal training in the field of training, her art work has been featured from New York to California. In 1974 she was a top ten winner in the Ladies Home Journal Primitive Arts Contest, with her work even being displayed in

Nena's Choice Gallery at Bergdoff-Goodman on Fifth Avenue.

Her artwork depicts that of "God, Country, and Family," according to herself. The inspiration for many of her paintings comes from her childhood.

She also wrote a collection of her life and memories about Minden, published in the book A Glimpse of Christmas Past with the help of Schelley Brown Francis.

Because of these works,

Robinson will be presented the Women in Arts Recognition Award for her outstanding achievements. Presenting the award will be President General of the DAR Pamela Wright, American Heritage National Committee Chairman Kimberly Zeman, and Dorcheat-Bistineau Chapter Regent of Minden Cindy Mad-den. Dorcheat Bistineau Chapter of DAR will also be presenting her with the Chapter Community Service Award.

# OPINION

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## OPINION

# Sanctuary states and cities pay price for hollow virtue signaling

Most of the liberal “blue” states in America have had no real issue with the Biden Administration’s “open borders” policy. In fact, it has been considered “racist” and “bigoted” to want to place any limitations on who could steal their way into our country.

The Blue states have not even, seemingly, been fazed by the great harm and death the Biden open borders policy has created including human and child trafficking (the U.S. has the greatest demand for child exploitation material and is the number one consumer of child sex in the world), fentanyl, which is daily and weekly killing hundreds of Americans, illegal drugs generally, all of which is to say nothing of the criminals and terrorists who make their way to America to do us harm. This is all breathtakingly reckless and dangerous.

Well, that seems to be changing. Imagine that! Look whose ox is being gored now!

The Biden Border Invasion is coming to the Blue states! How has this occurred?

Well, recall Florida Governor Ron DeSantis and Texas Governor Greg Abbot began in the last 24 months to transport illegal immigrants to “progressive” Sanctuary States whose governors endorse blatant rollbacks

of federal immigration law. Now, liberal governors and mayors are wailing about the evils and expense that accompany illegal immigration. It’s much harder to sit in one’s Ivory Tower and throw stones at the “racist” and “bigoted” Red states when citizens of Blue cities are now having to step over the bodies of illegals to get down the street.



**ROYAL ALEXANDER**

Let’s use New York City as an example. Approximately 107,000 illegals have poured into the city in the last two years and the question is where to put them. NYC Mayor Eric Adams and New York Governor Kathy Hochul are now attacking one another about who’s at fault for the problem as they begin to have to deal with crime, housing issues and the sheer cost of lodging and feeding these people. In fact, NYC is “now erecting migrant tent cities” to try to address the problem and the Adams administration “estimates that by 2025 it will spend a mind-boggling \$12 billion on the migrants.”

(Henninger, Wall St. Journal, 9-7-2023).

For further context, I note that “a startling image from the crisis this summer was hundreds of migrants sleeping on the sidewalk in front of the historic Roosevelt Hotel, blocks from Grand Central Terminal” and that “for weeks residents of Staten Island have gathered almost nightly to protest the housing of migrants in a closed Catholic school.” (Henninger, WSJ, 9-7-2023).

I simply point out again that America’s liberal blue states are beginning to get a taste of what “open borders” really means. It’s interesting to watch wealthy, liberal enclaves begin to directly experience some of the “rich diversity” that the border states have suffered through with illegal aliens. States like Texas and Florida have been burdened with the enormous financial and social costs of a flood of illegals over our Southern border. Now, every state is a “border” state.

We know Americans are unquestionably kind, generous and loving people but we are allowed to point out that these individuals are in our country illegally, and that our veterans and all Americans must come before illegals.

We are also allowed to point out that Americans

are “Dreamers” too, and that every sovereign nation has an inviolable right to determine who comes within its borders. Our nation simply cannot be the home of every individual in the world who wants to sneak across our border.

Our government also cannot be allowed to direct and support the breaking of federal immigration law. The result of this treachery is that the culture and character of our nation is being permanently altered by those illegally being placed into our country.

Our federal government—whose core constitutional responsibility actually is to control and protect our borders—simply refuses to do its duty in the hopes of gaining through this illegality a larger Democrat voting base. This is a betrayal of us by our government and we cannot tolerate it. Again, if not so serious a threat to our national security it would be cosmically hilarious to watch the policy makers of the lunatic Left squeal with pain as the insane policy prescriptions which they insist on imposing upon hard-working, taxpaying Americans, boomerang around to bite them in their homes and communities.

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## INSPIRATION

# It’s not whether you win or lose but how you play the game

In keeping with the political chaos that captures my attention I am reminded of quotes from some of the masters who puts things in perspective for me.

Grantland Rice, author and American sports writer said “Its not whether you win or lose but how you play the game.”

Coach Vince Lombardi said “it’s not whether you get knocked down, it’s whether you get up.”

When I get discouraged I like to think about Norman Vincent Peale, author of The Power of Positive Thinking. The book was first thrown into the thrash can by the author, Norman Vincent Peale, who was told by a publisher that his book wasn’t worth publishing. Being discouraged, he told his wife not to retrieve it in the can.

Instead she carried the manuscript, still in the basket, to another publisher, who immediately published it.

The rest is history.

The Power of Positive Thinking has sold a record number of copies but also influenced me when our speech teacher

read it aloud to our class in 1965.

Peale also founded Guidepost Magazine in 1945.

Etched in my memory are the tears of joy I shed, in late March



**SARAH HUDSON PIERCE**

1994, when I received a certified letter telling me I had sold a story to Guideposts which inspired me to keep on trying.

Later I received an email saying I had sold another story to Guidepost that appeared in the Mysterious Ways magazine twenty-two years later -- which affirms my belief that persistence is the key!!

Calvin Coolidge, the 30th President of the United States said “Nothing in this world can take the place of persistence. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful people with talent. Genius

will not; unrewarded-genius is almost a proverb. Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent. The slogan “press on” has solved and always will solve the problems of the human race.”

I read sometime ago that Mark Twain, Thomas Edison, Noel Coward and Charles Dickens had at least one thing in common. None of them ever finished grade school.

Such tidbits make me even prouder of the fact that I didn’t graduate from college.

For so long I was ashamed to admit that I performed very badly as a student at Harding University in 1966-67. I was traumatized by fear, because we lost our beds, at the orphanage where I grew up as child when we graduated from high school.

After publishing my first book, In 1987, I made a trip into Shreveport with some LSUS graduate students. One of the ladies innocently asked me where I graduated from college to which I replied that

I had less than one year of college to which she quipped “well I guess if someone is going to write you really can’t stop them.”

Though a little late in life I’ve learned that persistence is the key to success in any endeavor that we undertake. We may never make a lot of money writing but if we know what we want and doggedly pursue that goal, success will one day come.

I gain inspiration from people like Thomas Edison, with less than three months of public education, invented the incandescent light bulb along with over 10,000 other inventions. He also founded General Electric.

This leads me back to the Bible that says “the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong but time and chance happens to them all.”

Dreams are worth so much!

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## OPINION

# WSJ: Sanders’ backing of Biden is very telling

The 2024 election is promising to be one for the ages, and an underplayed story so far is how the left wing of the Democratic Party has so easily fallen in behind President Biden. Far from challenging Mr. Biden, Bernie Sanders has emerged as one of the President’s most vociferous supporters.

The Vermont socialist has been hitting the airwaves and hustings to tell progressive voters to back the President. He’s trashed the idea of a third-party run by the black left-wing professor Cornel West. You might even say Mr. Sanders is Mr. Biden’s leading surrogate, and no doubt

he’s acting with the blessing of the White House.

“President Biden and his administration have made some real progress in addressing issues that have not been dealt with in decades,” Mr. Sanders said Sunday on CBS’s Face the Nation. He cited drug price controls and public-works projects in particular before pivoting to say that Democrats have to do much more to win back the “working class.”

He said Mr. Biden has to campaign for “real Democrats, not corporate Democrats, like (Joe) Manchin and (Kyrsten) Sinema,” so he can get full control of Congress.

**“President Biden and his administration have made some real progress in addressing issues that have not been dealt with in decades.”**

**Sen. Bernie Sanders I - Vermont**

“I think if he runs on a strong progressive agenda, he’s not only going to win, he’s going to win by a strong vote.”

In other words, Mr. Sanders is betting on a second Biden-Bernie administration. In 2020 Mr. Sanders lost to Mr. Biden in the primaries but he managed to win from Mr. Biden a joint policy task

force that embraced much of the Sanders-Elizabeth Warren agenda. And Mr. Biden has governed that way, embracing student-loan forgiveness, vast new climate regulation, and record federal spending, among other progressive priorities.

Ron Klain, the former White House chief of staff,

made the calculation that Mr. Biden needed to unite Democrats as President, rather than uniting the country as he promised as a candidate. Now Bernie’s full-throated endorsement is important evidence of what Biden II (or Biden II/2 and Kamala Harris I) would look like.

This is the reason Mr. Biden faces no serious Democratic challenger despite his manifest decline and anemic popularity. But the results of that agenda are the reason Mr. Biden is vulnerable to a Republican, especially anyone other than Donald Trump.

# SPORTS

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## COLUMN/HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL



North Webster running back Braedon Robertston rushed for 147 yards in a 28-21 victory over Minden last week at W.W. Williams Stadium.

RUSSELL HEDGES/PRESS-HERALD

# Three parish teams set to begin district play

### Glenbrook faces Haynesville in battle of unbeatens

**RUSSELL HEDGES**  
Minden Press-Herald

Three parish teams start district play Friday night.

Minden (0-3) visits North DeSoto (2-1) in District 1-4A, North Webster (2-1) travels to Monroe to face Richwood (2-1) in 1-3A and Glenbrook (3-0) is at Haynesville (3-0).

Lakeside (2-1) continues non-district play at home against Block (0-3).

Minden is coming off a tough non-district schedule. The Tide's three losses were by a combined 15 points.

Last week, Minden fell to North Webster 28-21 at home. The game was tight all the way with the Knights scoring the go-ahead touchdown with just over four minutes left.

With both teams keeping the ball on the ground, every possession was a premium. The Tide had their share of defensive stops. A punt return to the Minden 2 set up one touchdown.

Senior Jakobe Jackson continues to shine on both sides of the ball.

Minden will be the underdog Friday. North DeS, which shared the district title with Northwood last year and reached the non-select Division II state title game, has won two in a row since losing to undefeated Airline 53-42 in its opener.

Behind sophomore quarterback Luke Delafield, the Griffins are averaging 51.3 points per game.

Needless to say, this will be the biggest test so far for the Tide's defense.

North DeSoto won 40-12 last season. If Minden can stay close early, the Tide will have a chance at the upset.

North Webster lost to Richwood 38-7 last year. But this is a different Knights team.

The Knights got big performances from running back Braedon Robertston and Xavier McGlothlin against Minden. The defense held the Tide to one TD after giving up two early.

Last season was North Webster's first in Monroe-based 1-3A. The Knights will have a better idea of what to expect this season.

Richwood is coming off its first loss, 17-6 to West Ouachita. The Rams have wins over Class 2A teams Rayville and Ferriday.

If the Knights play like they did against Minden, North Webster has a good chance to start district play with a victory.

The Glenbrook-Haynesville game will likely go a long way toward deciding the district championship.

No doubt the Tors haven't forgotten last season's 56-17 loss and will be looking for revenge.

But Glenbrook is playing with a lot of confidence.



Minden's Dunovan Robinson gets into the end zone for the first TD last week against North Webster.

RUSSELL HEDGES/PRESS-HERALD

## Friday's games

Minden at North DeSoto, 7  
Glenbrook at Haynesville, 7  
North Webster at Richwood, 7  
Block at Lakeside, 7

The Apaches showed they are never out of a game last week, coming back from a 24-8 first-half deficit to defeat Delta Charter 55-32.

Haynesville is coming off a 51-20 rout against

Junction City, Ark. The Tors are a formidable opponent and Haynesville isn't an easy place to play.

But it won't be a surprise if the Apaches come home with a victory.

Last week, Lakeside did as expected and routed outmanned Plain Dealing 51-20. The Warriors first-team players played for little more than a quarter.

Lakeside's second-team will likely see playing time this week. Block, a member of District 1-4A, is coming off a 50-6 loss to Vidalia. The Bears are allowing almost 50 points per game.

Lakeside won 40-6 last year. Expect more of the same Friday.

### Minden Press-Herald Football Contest Winners

Week 2:

- 1st - Carla B. Key - \$25.00
- 2nd - Obie Jones, Jr. - \$15.00
- 3rd - Collin Gregg - \$10.00

### Minden Press-Herald Football Contest Winners

Week 3:

- 1st - Jeanie Brown - \$25.00
- 2nd - Obie Jones, Jr. - \$15.00
- 3rd - Collin Greg - \$10.00



## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

# LSU wallops Miss. State; GSU wins

**STAFF REPORTS**  
Minden Press-Herald

The LSU Tigers routed Mississippi State in an SEC opener last Saturday.

In other games of area interest, Grambling State topped Florida Memorial for its first win, Louisiana Tech lost a heartbreaker to North Texas and Northwestern State fell to Stephen F. Austin.

**LSU 41, Mississippi State 14:** At Starkville, Miss., LSU's Jayden Daniels completed his first 13 passes, finishing 30-of-34 for 361 yards and two touchdowns as the Tigers rolled to the victory.

LSU improved to 2-1 with its second straight win. Mississippi State dropped to 2-1.

Daniels, who completed 21-of-22 passes for 255 yards in the first half, also scored two rushing touchdowns.

Malik Nabors also had a big game, catching 13 passes for 239 yards and two touchdowns.

"Our team, from my perspective, was prepared and excited to be playing on the road against a quality opponent," Kelly said during his postgame press conference. "I loved the way they thought about this trip. You can look at it as an early morning start and an hour bus ride, or you can look at it as a great opportunity."

The LSU defense limited Mississippi State to 201 yards total offense, with 107 coming through the air and 94 from the rushing attack.

**North Texas 40, Louisiana Tech 37:** At Ruston, the Bulldogs scored 17 straight points to tie the game late in the fourth quarter, but the Mean Green kicked a field goal with 3 seconds left to pull out the victory.

Tech (2-2) trailed for the entire game, including its largest deficit of 17 points after North Texas (1-2) scored on a 36-yard deep pass down the left sideline with 10:23 remaining in the fourth quarter.

Jack Turner, who replaced starter Hank Bachmeier late in the third quarter after he left the game due to injury, led the comeback. He punched in

## Saturday's games

**Arkansas at LSU**  
6 p.m., ESPN

**Louisiana Tech at Nebraska**  
2:30 p.m., B1G Network

**Texas Southern at Grambling State**  
2 p.m., ESPN+

a 1-yard rushing touchdown to slice the deficit down to 10.

With 1:20 to play, Jacob Barbe's booted a 30-yard field goal through to make it a one-possession game. The Bulldogs then recovered an onside kick.

Tyre Shelton rushed for 12 of his game-high 152 yards on the first play. Turner then found Smoke Harris for a quick pass to the right for five yards. Tech essentially ran the same play, but this time Harris broke numerous tackles in route to a 36-yard touchdown to even things up at 37-37.


**Grambling State 58, Florida Memorial 22:** At Grambling, the Tigers (1-2) gained 403 total yards while forcing five turnovers, including an interception returned for a score in the victory.

Myles Crawley threw for 220 yards and three touchdowns on 14-of-27 passing. GSU rolled up 183 yards on the ground yards with three touchdowns. Keilon Elder led the G-Men with 62 yards and a touchdown on seven carries.

**Stephen F. Austin 41, Northwestern State 7:** At Natchitoches, the Lumberjacks took a three-score lead seven minutes into the game and rolled to the victory.


The Demons (0-3) had six turnovers, marking the first time Northwestern State committed at least five turnovers in a game since the 2022 season opener at Montana. NSU also had a minus-5 in turnover margin that day.

The Demons have their bye week before hosting Eastern Illinois on Sept. 30 to cap a two-game homestand.




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**ATHLETE OF THE WEEK**



**Chase Sentell**  
Glenbrook, Sr.  
Sentell scored five rushing touchdowns and one receiving in a 55-32 victory over Delta Charter on Sept. 15. He also scored two TDs in a 28-6 victory over Bossier on Sept. 8.

The Press-Herald Athlete of the Week feature is brought to you every other Wednesday by Holcomb's Body Shop in Minden.



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## FOOTBALL

# Former Webster High greats honored

**RUSSELL HEDGES**  
Minden Press-Herald

Thirteen Webster High alumni were honored for their outstanding legacy left in Webster Parish before last Friday night's game between Minden and North Webster at The Pit.

These men were the former greats honored.

**Johnny "Sporty" Moore** — A 1971 Webster High Graduate, Moore was a defensive back on the 1969 Webster High District AAA Louisiana Interscholastic Athletic and Literary Organization championship team which lost to Carroll in the quarterfinals of the playoffs.

**Gary Spencer** — A defensive back on the 1972 Webster Wolves team, Spencer is a veteran of the United States Army.

**Benny Frank "Big Ben" McKinsey** — A member of the Webster class of 1973, McKinsey was an offensive tackle weighing 240 pounds. He was the heart and soul of the Wolf offensive line which defeated highly-ranked Carroll in 1972. He is a father of ten children and a Kansas City Southern Railroad retiree.

**Charles "Butch" Flournoy** — A 1969 Webster graduate who played outside linebacker, Flournoy, along with Ronald Winston and Billy "Wolf" Amos, comprised one of the most feared linebacking corps in



These former Webster High greats were among 13 honored during a ceremony before the Minden-North Webster game last Friday at W.W. Williams Stadium, The Pit.

the Louisiana Interscholastic Athletic and Literary Organization which led the Wolves to the District 1-AAA playoffs.

**Flashie T. White** — A 1971 graduate of Webster, White was a 135-pound tailback with blazing speed. After his Webster playing days, he was drafted into the United States Army and served in Vietnam. He is retired and the father of four children.

**Milton Matthews** — A 1973 Graduate of Webster, Matthews played split end and wore No. 87 at Webster his senior year. Matthews graduated from Grambling State in 1978. He is retired from the Ector Independent

School District in Odessa, Texas, where he worked as a Business and Applied Technology Teacher.

**Remington Sterling** — A 1973 Webster graduate, the 6-foot-4 Sterling was a stellar all-sound athlete. He played quarterback, defensive back and outside linebacker. He was a sprinter and triple jumper for the Wolves 1972 1-AAA state championship track team. Sterling was a highly-prized recruit and played at Grambling State for legendary Coach Eddie Robinson. Remington graduated from Grambling in 1976 after playing on two Black National Championship teams.

**Raymond E. Gipson** — Gibson's sports adventure began at Webster High in September of 1969. He later transferred to Minden High where he played basketball and was a wide receiver for the Crimson Tide. After graduating from Minden, Gipson attended Louisiana Tech. He joined the U.S. Army and served in artillery in fire direction control. There he worked on computing nuclear and non-nuclear data along with being a member of joint duty assignment aboard the USCINCEUR Airborne Command Post monitoring nuclear submarines. Gibson deployed and served in Desert Storm

as platoon Sergeant and 1st line supervisor.

**Wallace "Get in your ready position" White** — A 1974 graduate of Webster, White anchored the 1972 and 1973 defensive lines. He played in the only football contest between Minden High and Webster. White is a military veteran and a public sector transportation retiree.

**Gregory "SOP" Jackson** — A 1974 graduate of Webster, Jackson was the last middle linebacker to patrol the Wolves defense. After graduation, he was awarded a football scholarship to Johnson C. Smith University. He is a proud member of Alpha Psi Ome-

ga fraternity.

**Ronald Anderson** — Anderson played wingback on the last Webster team in 1973. He later transferred to Minden High. Anderson is the CEO of Project Reclaim. Project Reclaim is a leadership academy that targets elementary, middle, junior and high school youth based in Minden.

**James Walker Jr.** — A 1974 graduate of Webster, Walker played quarterback and was one of the last field generals to direct the offense. Walker is a U.S. military veteran and a part of the only meeting between Webster and Minden High.

**Curtis L. Johnson "Mr. C"** — A 1973 graduate of Webster, Johnson played offensive right guard. Upon graduation, Johnson entered the U.S. Army where he served his country for four years. After an honorable discharge, he played for Northwestern State. After graduation, Johnson began his employment with the U.S. government, working with the Department of Veterans Affairs for over 40 years. As a Veteran declared 100 percent disabled, Johnson understands the challenges fellow veterans face and remains dedicated to helping them meet their needs and achieve their personal goals.

Note: Bios courtesy of Minden High School principal Rebecca Wilson.



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## OUTDOORS

## Caution urged for hunters in deer stands

GLYNN HARRIS

There's something about the deer we hunt. They're sharper than we are and the blink of an eye or a slap at a mosquito may be all it takes to cause a deer to turn tail and run. As a result, it's more to the hunter's advantage to hunt from elevated positions as deer usually are looking for danger at eye level or lower. Sitting 16 feet up a tree gives the hunter an advantage and when it comes to waylaying a wily buck, we need all the advantages we can get.

When I started deer hunting years ago, there were no tree stands on the market. If you hunted from an elevated position, it meant gathering up a bunch of two-by-fours, hammer, nails and saw to construct something that would keep you above a deer's line of vision.

Some of the first ones I constructed were not only weird looking contraptions, they were also unsafe. Switching your Red Man from one jaw to the other was often all that was needed to flip you out and send you to the ground.

Years later as climbing stands and ladder stands came on the market, these proved safer than the man-made contraptions. Because they were so heavily used, news began filtering in of accidents resulting in falling out of stands.

Dr. Bobby Dale, a life-long hunter, is also an emergency room physician who practices medicine in his hometown of Tupelo, Mississippi. Visiting with Dr. Dale at the annual conference of the Southeastern Outdoor Press Association in Johnson City, TN several years ago, we had occasion to talk about what is more likely



COURTESY PHOTO

Deer stands can range from newly purchased ones to homemade ones like this photo.

to injure hunters while hunting. Dale noted that contrary to what many believe, it's not the older and more fragile hunter who is more apt to be injured; it's the strong, virile, younger guy.

"From what I've observed from patients I have seen in the ER where I practice, it's the younger one more prone to suffer serious injuries while hunting. This is particularly true concerning falls from elevated deer stands. In fact," Dale said, "I recently read a report that revealed the majority of bow hunters who fall from tree stands are in their 20s and 30s. Also, about 10% of these injuries are alcohol-related.

"While it is true that guys in their 50s and 60s and older have bones that are more easily broken, I don't see nearly as many

injuries from falling from a stand from this older group. It's just a fact that the older guy is more cautious," he added.

Dr. Dale noted that a fall, even one from just a few feet, can result in serious injury. Obviously, the further you fall, the more serious injuries become, he said.

"I've seen victims who fell from stands come to the ER with everything from closed head injuries, bleeding on the brain, spinal fractures with paralysis, broken arms, legs and ribs, collapsed lungs, ruptured spleens in addition to profuse external bleeding," Dale said.

While mishaps using home-made deer stands are more likely to result in serious injuries, man-made stands can also cause falls if not used properly.

"Manufactured stands have to meet a safety code and the vast majority of these stands are safe when properly used. However, they still have to be secured to the tree in the proper manner to be completely safe. Climbing stands are quite safe but when care is not taken in using them, they can result in twisting or slipping when not correctly secured to the tree. The result can be disastrous," he added.

With deer season rapidly approaching — archery season begins October 1 — make sure your tree stands are in top notch working order and that you practice all the safety rules having to do with elevated deer stands. It takes only one moment of lapse in judgement or one misstep to make looking for a big buck the least of your concerns.

### Fishing Report

**BLACK BAYOU** — Not many fishing. Lily pads all over lake makes it hard to fish. Contact Honey Hole Tackle Shop 323-8707 for latest information.

**BUSSEY BRAKE** — The lake has "turned over" resulting in a moderate fish kill, mostly of shad. Some are still catching nice bass around the brush. 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 slow to fair with some caught in run outs and in river lakes. Crappie are fair to good in the river lakes and the bayou on shiners or jigs. For latest information, contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

**LAKE D'ARBONNE** — Crappie have been fair in the deeper flats and in the channels on shiners or jigs. Bass are best early mornings along the grass lines with topwater lures and jerk baits. 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** — Stripers are schooling and fishing has improved fishing shad imitation lures in the coves early mornings or late afternoons. Bream fishing has been slow. Crappie have

been best fishing 8-14 deep water with some good ones reported. Also 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 have been best fishing at night on dark spinners and soft plastics. They are fair to good early mornings on topwater lures with square bill crank baits, spinners and soft plastics working best later. Some bass are starting to school and hitting shad imitations. Crappie have been best around the deeper tops on shiners or jigs. Bream are 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** — Fishing for catfish has improved. One bass to 10.36 was reported. Crappie are fair on the south end. For latest reports, call Poverty Point Marina at 318/878-0101. For information, call Surplus City Landing at 318/467-2259.

**LAKE YUCATAN** — The water level is falling and quite low. Some catfish have been reported and a few bass have been caught. Crappie are slow. For information, call Surplus City Landing at 318/467-2259.

# Good News

GOOD NEWS

## Using The Leftovers in Life!

Life is full of wonderful blessings directly from God, our Father. Each day He crowns us with these 'gifts of love' though we fail to see them all. A soft pillow to rest our head at night, a supper of comfort food to help with a good night of sleep, or beautiful sunrise or sunset to remind us "God is still at work" - these and many more such wonders await us each day. How wonderful life is when we look at it through the lens of God's blessings.

Many of us grew up surviving on leftovers: hand-me-down clothes, leftover biscuits and cold chicken legs, gleaning the crops at the end of the season, and other such 'blessings that come to those willing to take seconds as gifts directly from God Himself.' Little Jimmy Dickens sang about 'taking an old cold 'tator and waiting' until the adults ate at the table. Reba McIntyre sang about

"living on love, hope and a hand-me-down.' And who can forget the songs of Dolly Parton and Loretta Lynn and their childhood struggles?

I don't know how it is these days 'growing up in the country, being a poor dirt farmer,' but as a young kid we learned to be survivors, picking up crumbs, eating left-overs and stretch-it gravy! (add more water). With older brothers and sisters, we learned early in life, that 'new is not always the best.' I don't remember when I first got new 'britches' to wear to school. It fell my lot to get all the clothes James (two years older) outgrew. Hey, these gifts came quite often throughout the year. I got

new shirts, overalls, underwear and shoes. What more could a kid want or need? The same was true for my sisters. Maybe a patch here and there transformed an old worn skirt or blouse into a 'outfit of many colors.'

Go, count the pairs of shoes, the jackets or suits you have in your closet; browse through your dresses, belts and dress pants....then count your blessings for how the Lord is blessing you. Think back and count the number of nights you have gone to bed 'hungry'...can you count a few more blessings.

After school an afternoon treat was to take a cold biscuit, make a hole in it with your pointer finger, fill it with syrup and eat it on the way to the cotton patch. At night, there might be left-over baked sweet potatoes, sliced and fried in butter, with a sprinkle of sugar to dress it up. "Food for angels", grand-

ma would say. When we ran out of fresh sweet milk, there was always a jug of butter-milk for us. Crumbled leftover cornbread in a tall glass, topped it with cold butter-milk - a great supper 'float' to prepare us for a good night of sleep.

Using 'left-overs' - in the Bible is referred to as glean-ing. (Lev 19:9; Deut. 24: 20-22; Judges 8:2). We read of Moses providing a liberal treatment of the poor at harvest time. The owner was not to 'wholly reap the corners of the fields' but offer it to poor and distressed. Ruth, the Moabite daughter-in-law of Naomi, returned to Judah with her to live. She was sent to glean the fields of Naomi's relative Boaz, for grain for their use. Boaz was so impressed with her diligence and manner in which she worked, he offered her to join the reapers and take some of the fine grain to use. (Ruth 3: 1-13). Later

they married and she is mentioned in the lineage of Jesus Christ.

I learned early to hustle the berry patches around our farm for dewberries, blackberries, mulberries, may-haws, huckleberries, muscades, and gather figs, pears and peaches. All of these were treats to eat or make wonderful jellies and jams. When the Good Lord makes bountiful harvests of such, how can we not pick up the leftovers to use and share with those in need. What better gift than treats from the Mother Earth?

Don't throw out those leftovers! Put a sprinkle of honey, syrup or sauce on them and treat them as a gift from God Himself --it really is that. Be thrifty and thankful!

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### THE UPWARD LOOK

## Burst Forth In Song

*"That my soul may sing praise to Thee, and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to Thee forever." Psalm 30:12 NASB*



Max Hutto

This psalm of David is a prayer for deliverance from affliction and hardship. The climax of the psalm is a call to sing praise to God. Singing is a form of expressing our innermost thoughts and feelings. Having been saved from destruction and having had his sorrow turned into joy, David cannot be silent. He breaks

into singing praise and thanks to God. Having been delivered from eternal death by faith in Jesus Christ, believers cannot be silent. We must burst forth in songs of praise to God.

Lord Jesus, I cannot be silent. From my very heart and soul, I must sing praises to You. With all that I am, I give thanks and praise to You for saving my soul!  
**MAX HUTTO IS A BAPTIST MINISTER AND A RESIDENT OF MINDEN. MORE INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND AT WWW.UPWARDLOOK.ORG.**

### INSPIRATION

## Perseverance

Joseph the youngest son of Jacob was a man with a dream. God gave Joseph a dream of being a ruler over many. This includes his brother's and also his father. Naturally, this dream doesn't go over well with his family and ultimately ends in his brother's selling him into slavery and faking his death. However, this doesn't defer the dream. Joseph lived for the Lord and never lost faith and his dream became reality. Joseph not only became the ruler of Egypt but the ruler of his family. Joseph had many qualities that we should emulate. However, the one I want to focus on in this Writing is perseverance. Joseph was put into what would seem like an impossible situation




Bernard Harris

but instead of quitting he persevered. Joseph's dream was always fated to be a reality because it was also God's dream. This fact brings us to my challenge for this message. I challenge everyone to go into the future asking God what his dream is for their life. The journey might be difficult but the destination will be glorious and all you need to do is have faith and Persevere. Because we serve a God that always keeps his promises.

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


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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE WEBSTER PARISH POLICE JURY WILL MEET ON THE 3rd DAY OF OCTOBER 2023 10:30 AM, IN THE POLICE JURY MEETING ROOM, WEBSTER PARISH COURTHOUSE ANNEX, 401 MAIN STREET, MINDEN, LA 71055 TO HEAR ANY AND ALL PROTESTS FROM TAXPAYERS ON THEIR 2023 ASSESSMENTS.

THE BOARD OF REVIEW SHALL CONSIDER THE WRITTEN OR ORAL PROTESTS OF ANY TAXPAYER DESIRING TO BE HEARD THAT HAS TIMELY FILED HAND-DELIVERED OR CERTIFIED MAIL PROTESTS NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 26, 2023.

PLEASE NOTE: YOU MUST SUBMIT ALL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE VALUE OF YOUR PROPERTY TO YOUR ASSESSOR BEFORE THE DEADLINE FOR FILING AN APPEAL WITH THE BOARD OF REVIEW. THE FAILURE TO SUBMIT SUCH INFORMATION MAY PREVENT YOU FROM RELYING ON THAT INFORMATION SHOULD YOU PROTEST YOUR VALUE.

DENISE G. EDWARDS, CLA  
WEBSTER PARISH ASSESSOR

September 13, 2023  
September 20, 2023  
Minden Press Herald

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Minden Planning Commission Meeting

October 5, 2023 - 10:00 a.m.

Pelican Room - Minden City Hall

On the agenda is a request from Michelle Coleman for a zoning variance & setback variance on property owned by her located at 804 Harris Street. This property is zoned R-3 (Single Family Residential).

The purpose of this zoning variance request is to place a 16'x76' mobile home manufactured on June 26, 2013 on the property.

**Legal Description:**  
LOT FRONTING 74 FT. ON HARRIS ST. X 80 FT. IN NE/4 OF SE/4 SEC. 27-19-9

All interested parties will be given a chance to be heard.

September 13, 2023  
September 20, 2023  
September 27, 2023  
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### SHERIFF'S SALE

LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICES, LLC VS. ROY HENRY

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 80738

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 27, 2023. During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

LOT EIGHT (8), MIDDLE LANDING SUBDIVISION, situated in Southwest Quarter (SW/4) of Section 26, 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.

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

### Court.

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

Linda Vaughan - Deputy

August 23, 2023  
September 20, 2023  
Minden Press Herald

### 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 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 27, 2023. During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

Begin at the Southeast corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NE/4 of NE/4) of Section 30, Township 20 North, Range 10 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana; thence run West a distance of 62 feet; thence run North 00°47' West a distance of 519.5 feet; thence run North 29°00' West a distance of 210 feet; thence run North 74°12' East a distance of 188.24 feet; thence run South 00°47' West a distance of 754.2 feet to the point of beginning, together with all buildings and improvements located thereon.

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

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JASON R. PARKER  
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Webster Parish,  
Louisiana

Linda Vaughan - Deputy

August 23, 2023  
September 20, 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 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 27, 2023. During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

Begin at the Southwest corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (SW/C of NW/4 of NE/4), of Section 13, Township 21 North, Range 11 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana; thence run North 210 feet to the point of beginning; thence run North 65 feet; thence East 160 feet; thence South 65 feet; thence West 160 feet to the point

of beginning, Springhill, Webster Parish, Louisiana.

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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Auctioneer  
Webster Parish,  
Louisiana

Linda Vaughan - Deputy

August 23, 2023  
September 20, 2023  
Minden Press Herald

September 6, 2023

The Sibley Town Council met in a special session on Wednesday, September 6, 2023, at 8:00 AM in the Sibley Town Hall meeting room.

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

Mayor Williams opened the meeting with a prayer, then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Robert Smart motioned to amend Town of Sibley Resolution No. 2023-11, by deleting the minimum bid requirement for the 1998 Ford F-250 vehicle, seconded by Wayne Bolton. Motion carried unanimously.

Richard Davis motioned to amend Town of Sibley Resolution No. 2023-14, by deleting the minimum bid requirement for the 1999 Ford Tractor, Model 3930, seconded by Alan Myers. Motion carried unanimously.

Helen Chanler motioned to adjourn, seconded by Wayne Bolton. Motion carried.

The session was adjourned.

Attest

original signed  
Jimmy Williams  
Jimmy Williams  
Mayor

original signed  
Linda Christy  
Linda Christy  
Deputy Clerk

September 20, 2023  
Minden Press Herald

NOTICE: A copy of Ordinance No. 2023-911, Franchise Tax Agreement between Entergy Louisiana LLC and The Village of Dubberly, may be obtained at the Village of Dubberly office at 3465 Hwy 531, Dubberly, LA or by calling 318-371-9528 and requesting a copy.

September 20, 2023  
Minden Press Herald

### SHERIFF'S SALE

21ST MORTGAGE CORPORATION VS. SANDY C. SAVANNA A/K/A SANDY CHRISTOPHER SAVANNA

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 80893

By virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued out of the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, in the above styled and numbered suit and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder for cash WITH the benefit of appraisal and according to law at the principal front door of the Court-house in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana on WEDNESDAY, October 25, 2023. During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

2022 American Home mobile home 32 x 56 bearing serial numbers OCO12234419A and OCO12234419B.

A 0.45 acre, more or less, tract of land located in Government Lot No. 1, also being located in the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, (NE/4)

NE/4), Section 12, Township 17 North, Range 10 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana, more particularly described as follows:

Begin at the Southeast Corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, said Section 12, also being the Southeast Corner of Government Lot No. 1; thence run North 89 degrees 53 minutes 00 seconds West for a distance of 935.00 feet to a point; thence run North 41 degrees 12 minutes 00 seconds West for a distance of 352.00 feet to a found 2 inch iron pipe; thence run North 63 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East for a distance of 100.00 feet to a found 2 inch iron pipe for the Point of Beginning; thence continue North 63 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East for a distance of 100.00 feet to a found 2 inch iron pipe; thence run South 41 degrees 12 minutes 00 seconds East for a distance of 200.00 feet to a found 3/8 inch iron rod in a fence; thence run South 63 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West for a distance of 100.00 feet along said fence to a found 3/8 inch iron rod; thence run North 41 degrees 12 minutes 00 seconds West for a distance of 200.00 feet along a chain link fence to the Point of Beginning, together with all building and improvements located thereon, municipally known as 267 South Almond Lake Road, Sibley, LA 71073;

Linda Vaughan - Deputy

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September 20, 2023  
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Mayor

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Deputy Clerk

September 20, 2023  
Minden Press Herald

### SHERIFF'S SALE

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Parish, Louisiana on WEDNESDAY, October 25, 2023, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

LOT NO. TWO HUNDRED FORTY-SIX (246) OF PINE HILL SUBDIVISION of Section 13 and 24, Township 23 North, Range 11 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana, as per plat and map of said subdivision filed for record on April 23, 1938, and recorded in Book of Plats at Page 92 in the Office of the Clerk of the District Court and Ex-Officio Recorder in and for Webster Parish, Louisiana, together with all improvements located therein and rights thereto belonging.

Purported to be municipally known as 200 3rd Street Pinehill, Springhill, Louisiana 71075.

AND

LOTS TWO HUNDRED FORTY-SEVEN (247) and THREE HUNDRED (300) OF THE PINE HILL SUBDIVISION, a subdivision located in the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, Section 24, Township 23 North, Range 11 West, Springhill, Webster Parish, Louisiana, as per map and plat thereof on file and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the District Court and Ex-Officio Recorder in and for said parish in Map Book 1, Page 92; together with all improvements located thereon and all rights thereto belonging.

Purported to be municipally known as 202 3rd Street Pinehill, Springhill, Louisiana 71075.

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

Linda Vaughan - Deputy

September 20, 2023  
October 18, 2023  
Minden Press-Herald

### NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on September 15, 2023, a filing made by Entergy Louisiana, LLC ("ELL"), a public utility providing retail electric and gas service throughout the State of Louisiana, with the Louisiana Public Service Commission ("LPSC") its Modification of Schedule REP (the "Modification") appeared in the LPSC's Official Bulletin. The Modification asks the LPSC for approval to modify ELL's Schedule REP to remove solar photovoltaic and solar thermal generation options from the generation resources eligible to participate in Schedule REP. The Modification will not result in a change in rates.

For questions and comments regarding ELL's filing, please call the LPSC toll free at (800) 256-2397. Additionally, the filing, including its attachments, may be viewed in the Records Division of the LPSC at the following address:

Records Division  
602 N. 5th Street, 12th Floor  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802  
Telephone: (225) 342-3157

ENTERGY LOUISIANA, LLC

September 20, 2023  
Minden Press Herald

### SHERIFF'S SALE

CARTER FEDERAL CREDIT UNION VS. MICHAEL BREN-DAN FLINT

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 80881

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

result, the initial operator of wells approved in Order Nos. 8-N-67, 8-N-68 and 361-L-274, that the wells identified in Paragraphs 1 and 2 above are to be drilled and operated by Tellurian Operating, LLC, in exception to the one operator per unit Policy of the Office of Conservation.

5. To find that Tellurian Operating, LLC and Petro-Chem should be authorized to report production from the wells addressed herein and in Order Nos. 8-N-67, 8-N-68 and 361-L-274 separate from one another all as to be directed by the Office of Conservation.

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

The Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A, in the Sligo Field, was defined in Order No. 8-N, effective September 30, 2008.

The Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A, in the Elm Grove Field, was initially defined in Order No. 361-L, effective July 29, 2008, and was redefined INSOFAR AND ONLY INSOFAR as to HA RA SU58, in Order No. 361-L-129, effective April 7, 2009.

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

All parties having interest therein shall take notice thereof.

BY ORDER OF:  
MONIQUE M. EDWARDS  
COMMISSIONER OF CONSERVATION

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE OF CONSERVATION-ENGINEERING DIVISION AT P.O. BOX 94275, BATON ROUGE, LA 70804-9275 IN WRITING WITHIN FIVE (5) WORKING DAYS OF THE HEARING DATE.

September 20, 2023  
Minden Press Herald

### PUBLIC HEARING

Doyle, LA

The Village of Doyle will hold a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. on September 28, 2023 at Village Hall. The purpose of the meeting is to obtain views on the housing and community development needs of the Village and to discuss the submission of an application for funding under the State of Louisiana's FY 2024/2025 Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) Program.

Information regarding 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 for minimizing displaced persons as a result of activities assisted with such funds and the benefits to be provided by the Village to persons actually displaced as a result of such activities; and the Village's past performance on LCDBG projects funded by the State of Louisiana will be presented.

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

Accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities and non-English speaking individuals provided that a three-day notice is received by the Village.

Those citizens unable to attend this hearing may submit their views and proposals until September 27, 2023 in writing to Myra Kilburn at the following address: Village of Doyle, 624 College Street, Doyle, LA 71023.

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MINUTES  
AUGUST 4, 2023  
VILLAGE OF DOYLINE  
6:00 P.M.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Gates. Invocation was offered by Jackie Daniels with the Pledge of Allegiance by Steven Bridwell. In attendance Mayor Gates, Alderman Jackie Daniels, Alderman Steven Bridwell, Alderwoman Rachael Muniz and Municipal Clerk Myra Kilburn.

There was an inquiry by Mayor Gates for any amendments to the Agenda. None were offered.

Under old Business, Motion was made by Jackie Daniels, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rachael Muniz to accept the 2023-2024 Budget as introduced on July 10, 2023. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Rachael Muniz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steven Bridwell to accept the July Minutes as offered. Motion carried.

Motin was made by Jackie Daniels, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rachael Muniz to accept the Financial Statements as offered. Motion carried.

Austin Vaughn of Coordinating and Development spoke with the Council regarding upcoming grant opportunities. While the grant in question will require the Village to pay a portion of the grant; either by administrative fees or engineering fees this can be done from current Sales Tax Funds. Mr. Bridwell expressed some distrust of the system as in the past he felt the process had been financially unfair and lengthy without the expected results. No action was taken.

Motin was made by Steven Bridwell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rachael Muniz for the clerk to go forward with the process of selling the adjudicated property currently belonging to the Village of Doyline. Motion carried.

Mayor Gates offered a summation of the current maintenance of the town. Reporting further difficulties with the Johnson Street Lift Station. Reporting rags have continued to be flushed near that location which does significant damage to the pump. The Mayor reporting continued grass cutting and pothole filling as the heat allows.

The clerk reports that things in the office have run smoothly this month with continued support from the citizens to "meet and greet" with her. She reminds the Council that there is a Blood Drive scheduled for later this month and encourages all to sign up.

Chief Hayden reports no real problems.

Mike Dunnaway, Superintendent and John French, Engineer both discussed the possibility of removing the rock bed at the sewer pond. And the continued difficulty locating a new Aerator System sufficient to replace the previous one that has been discontinued and the company no longer in business.

Motion was made by Steven Bridwell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rachael Muniz to adjourn. Motion carried.

*Crystal Gates*  
Mayor

*Myra Kilburn*  
Municipal Clerk

September 20, 2023  
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