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COMMUNITY



The inaugural Witches Ride of Minden captivated spectators with a bewitching display of spooky, festive attire last Thursday. Proceeds from this event will benefit the nonprofit organization WeCare and support enhancements at Miller Quarters.

Witches Ride enchants Minden with festive fundraiser

AMBER MCDOWN
Minden Press-Herald

The inaugural Witches Ride of Minden, organized by Pearls of Purpose, weaved its spell over downtown Minden on October 19, captivating spectators with a bewitching display of

spooky, festive attire and charitable spirit.

The enchanting parade featured a coven of ladies decked out in their finest witchy garb, taking to the streets aboard golf carts, UTVs, and bicycles. As they cruised through the heart of Minden,

these modern “witches” delighted onlookers by showering them with sweet treats.

Following the magical procession, a celebratory gathering unfolded at Miller Quarters, where attendees continued to revel in the Halloween

spirit.

The Witches Ride tradition, which originated in Seaside, Florida, over 30 years ago, has been embraced with open arms in the southeast region, drawing crowds and participants alike. Pearls of Purpose harnessed the

event’s popularity to raise funds for local causes. Those joining the parade and party contributed to the charitable initiative, with proceeds slated to benefit the nonprofit organization WeCare and to support enhancements at Miller Quarters.

COMMUNITY

National Night out in Minden

WILL PHILLIPS
Minden Press-Herald

Neighborhoods throughout the City of Minden as well as thousands of communities nationwide came together last Tuesday evening for the Annual National Night Out crime and drug prevention event.

“National Night Out is something that is vitally important to the community. It builds community. We should all get out more and get to know our neighbors.

We’re in the social media age right now, so there are people who are basically locked up in their house, on

the phone or the computer, but it’s still important to get out and know who stands next to you. Being able to congregate, communicate, and have a good time with one another. So I’m happy to see the residents out here having fun and doing what a community should be doing, which is enjoying each other,” said City Councilman of Dist. A Buddy Myles.

On top of its community-building aspect, National Night Out is also an event designed to heighten crime- and drug-prevention aware-

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EDUCATION

Tammie Jones awarded WPSB Employee of the Month

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During the October 2 Webster Parish School Board meeting, Tammie Jones was recognized as the Employee of the Month and was presented the award by Rodney Taylor of Taylor & Sons. Ms. Jones had retired just weeks before the award was given after a long career in the food service department.

Her letter of recommendation read as follow: “I would like to nominate Tammie Jones as the Employee of the Month. Tammie has been a food service employee for over 20 years. She takes pride in her work and always gets the job done. She goes above and beyond what is asked of her and never

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SHARKS



The SHARKS R/C Jet Rally treated spectators to an exhibition of radio-controlled jet aircraft this past weekend at the Minden Airport.

A Spectacular Display of Radio Controlled Aircraft

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The Shreveport Area Radio Kontrol Society (SHARKS) recently concluded their annual R/C Jet Rally, which took place at the Minden Airport from October 19 to 21. This event, hosted by SHARKS, a dedicated club within the Acad-

emy of Model Aeronautics (AMA), provided an exhilarating platform for enthusiasts of radio-controlled model aircraft.

Throughout the event, R/C enthusiasts and spectators were treated to a captivating exhibition of radio-controlled jet aircraft. These miniature marvels,

some exceeding 9 feet in length, offered up-close encounters with meticulously crafted models, often complete with tiny “pilots.”

The exhibit was akin to a miniature air show, with these diminutive jets executing impressive aerobatics, includ-

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FESTIVAL

Successful inaugural Oktober Fall Fest on Pearl Street

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Roma Italian Bistro and Under Dawgs came together to host their first-ever Oktober Fall Fest on October 21, located on Pearl Street. This festive occasion featured a lineup of musical performances, a mesmerizing magician, a spirited costume contest, and a 50/50 drawing utilized as a fundraising effort for the Joe LeBlanc food pantry.

With the event marking its inaugural appearance, the organizers were uncertain about the turnout they could anticipate. Chase Spillers enthusiastically remarked, “We weren’t exactly sure what kind of turnout to expect, but to say our expectations were exceeded by a mile would be an understatement! I think people really enjoyed being able to take their food and drinks outside to relish the music and the communal spirit. Some even took to the street for impromptu dancing!”

The costume contest, a magnet for attendees of all ages, offered enticing cash prizes for the top three participants: \$150 for the first-place winner, \$75 for the second-place contestant, and \$50 for the third-place victor.

Embracing the Bavarian theme with enthusiasm, event organizers sported lederhosen attire.

As the night drew to a close, the 50/50 drawing had successfully raised

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WEBSTER & MORE

RIBBON CUTTING

Busy Bee Pediatrics open for business



The Greater Minden Chamber hosted a ribbon cutting to celebrate the opening of Minden Medical Center’s Busy Bee Pediatrics, operated by Sarah McCann McNeill, MD which offers general pediatric primary care, serving children from birth to adolescence.

FUNDRAISER

Doyline High School’s Halloween Princess to be crowned at annual Carnival

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Minden Press-Herald

In the spirit of tradition that has endured since 1955, Doyline High School will be crowning its Halloween Princesses at the annual Carnival. The coveted title goes to the junior high and high school girls who raised the most funds through her diligent efforts. Throughout the entire month of October, these dedicated students collected donations, organized outside sales, and

served food and concessions daily during school breaks. The culmination of their hard work will take place on Monday, October 30th, during the Carnival held at Doyline High School from 5pm to 7pm. Last year’s spirited fundraiser witnessed the princesses raising \$9,562.05, continuing a legacy that has spanned an impressive 68 years. The funds generated at this event are crucial to the school, supporting various everyday activi-

ties and the acquisition of essential supplies that aid in enhancing students’ learning experiences. The Carnival itself is an enticing affair, featuring an array of games, delectable snacks, a haunted house, and more. For admission, arm bands are available at the door for \$25, while the haunted house charges a nominal \$2 per entry, and \$2 grants attendees a chance to test their aim at the infamous “pie in the face.” The evening’s festivities will reach a pinnacle with

the gym presentation of the princesses, a spirited costume contest, and the exciting prospect of door prizes. Attendees can partake in these activities for an entry fee of \$1. The spirited event couldn’t have been possible without the dedication of the princesses, their devoted helpers, and escorts: 6th Grade Princess: Klaytin David Escort: Jax Baker Helper: Olivia Debouber 7th Grade

Princess: Landreigh Sparish Escort: Roderick Clark Helper: Caydence Cook 8th Grade Princess: Ashlyn Whatley Escort: Charles Lee Helper: Zoey Carter 9th Grade Princess: Trinity Corley Escort: Kayson Wilk Helper: Alyssa Guice 10th Grade Princess: Erin Gannon Escort: Rocky Holcomb Helper: Riley Fort 11th Grade Princess: Abigail Shel-

ley Escort: Joseph Anderson Helper: Grace Anderson 12th Grade Princess: Kylie Sumlin Escort: Cayden Mingo Helper: Keily Sumlin Doyline High School’s Halloween Carnival not only celebrates tradition but also serves as a commendable fundraising initiative that supports the educational needs of the school and its students.

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OBITUARIES



Betty Harper Stanley

We mourn the passing of Betty Harper Stanley, a beloved wife, sister, mother, grandmother, and active member of the Doyline community. Betty was born on September 16, 1950, in Shreveport, Louisiana, to loving parents James and Doris Harper. Tragically, she left this world on October 17, 2023, due to a sudden illness. Her departure has left a void in the lives of all who knew her.

Betty married the love of her life, Clyde Stanley, in 1971. Together, they built a life filled with love, support, and cherished memories. They were blessed with two children, Rachael Muniz (spouse Joey Muniz) and Carly Collier (spouse Brian Collier). Betty adored her family, and her children were the center of her universe.

Betty was also a doting grandmother to five grandchildren, who brought immense joy and happiness into her life. She cherished each moment spent with them, serving as a role model and showering them with love and affection.

Betty graduated from Fair Park High School in 1968. She remained an active member of the Fairpark Pow-



Edith Marie Hanna "Edie" Barkas

Edith Marie Hanna "Edie" Barkas was born March 19, 1936, in Dubach, Louisiana and went home to be with the Lord in Covington, Louisiana on October 18, 2023, at the age of 87.

She was a devoted wife for 65 plus years to William Matthew "Bill" Barkas of Minden, Louisiana.

She was "Mama" to Jessica Welch (Lavon), Bill Barkas, Jr. (Julie), and Hanna Peshoff (Jeff).

She was "MawMaw" to grandchildren Rachel Welch, Nathan Welch (Sima), Jonathan Welch (Brittany), Meredith Welch, Matthew Barkas (Morgan), Grant Barkas, Will Peshoff, Sarah Didier (Logan), Mary Peshoff, and John Clark Peshoff.

She had 12 great grandchildren—Ronin Welch, Kason Welch, Barron Welch, Ruston Welch, Joseph Welch, Luke Welch, James Welch, Ruth Barkas, Brooks Barkas, Grace Barkas, Vera Didier, and Irene Didier.

She is also survived by her sister, Barbara Hanna Fowler, of Ruston.

Edie was preceded in death by her husband, Bill Barkas, her parents, Jessie Patrick Hanna and Robert Barney Hanna, four brothers, Robert Barney Hanna, Jr., Richard Hanna, Lloyd Hanna, and Charles Hanna, one sister, Lettie Aulds, and three grandsons, Benjamin Barkas, Joshua Welch, and Caleb Welch.

She was a proud 1958 graduate of Louisiana Tech University (then Louisiana Polytechnic Institute) with a degree in Medical Laboratory Technology and remained a faithful Bulldog supporter all her years, holding season football tickets for 55 years. She even attended every Tech home football game so far this season. She graduated from Dubach High School where she was an excellent student and

Wow group until her death.

During her professional career, Betty worked with the State of Louisiana in many capacities, where she provided dedicated service until her retirement in 2010. Her work ethic, diligence, and kind nature endeared her to colleagues and those she interacted with throughout the years.

Betty's commitment to her faith led her to be an active member of the Doyline United Methodist Church. She lived out her beliefs by faithfully attending services and actively engaging in community outreach efforts. Betty's selflessness and capacity to lend a helping hand will always be remembered by those who were touched by her kindness.

The sudden illness that claimed Betty's life has left a profound emptiness in the hearts of her family and friends. We will forever cherish her memory and the imprints of love she left upon our souls. Betty's legacy is one of love, compassion, and unwavering dedication to family, faith, and community.

As we bid farewell to Betty, we find solace in the knowledge that she is at peace, reunited with loved ones who preceded her in death. Betty's impact on our lives will continue to resonate, and her memory will forever be engraved in our hearts.

A memorial service was held Monday, October 23, 2023 at 10:00 a.m at Doyline United Methodist Church in Doyline Louisiana.

played on the girls' basketball team.

Edie spent the first several years of her marriage and motherhood as a homemaker, stay-at-home mom, and faithful volunteer for her children's activities which included Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. Once her youngest child started kindergarten, she began working as a lab tech, x-ray tech, and EKG tech and was employed by various doctor's offices in Minden. During this time, she served as a Sunday school teacher and youth parent leader and offered her sewing talents whenever a costume was needed for one of her children's activities.

In her later years and after retiring, she filled her time traveling to see her grandchildren in their various sports, speech and debate, and other extra-curricular activities, working at the election polls, and volunteering at First United Methodist Church in various capacities. She helped with creating the beautiful church seasons banners that are still in use at the church. She and Bill volunteered yearly for the Minden St. Jude's fund raiser, helping to make and sell beignets She also participated in Bible Study Fellowship.

She was known for her sewing, crocheting, and cooking skills and had a remarkable eye for detail. She was fiercely loyal and somewhat competitive, which made her a die-hard sports fan, following not only Tech sports, but also NFL football and NBA basketball. She loved her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren dearly, and they knew it. She would hold babies for hours and kept every "creation" her grandchildren gave her. Throughout their years of marriage, she and Bill created a home that was a welcome and safe spot for family, extended family, and friends. She was a believer in Jesus Christ and demonstrated that through serving her family, church, and community.

Services will be Saturday, October 28, 2023, at First Methodist Church in Minden with visitation to begin at 10:00am and the service to begin at 1:00pm. Graveside service will follow the funeral service at Hamilton Cemetery in Dubach.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to St. Jude's or First Methodist Church, Minden.

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GRANTS

Dixie Inn selected for KLB Healthy Communities grant

STAFF REPORT
Minden Press-Herald

Dixie Inn is pleased to be selected as one of the recipients of the 2023-2024 KLB Healthy Communities grant program. The grant, in the amount of \$8,000.00, will be used to purchase a garbage trailer for the Village of Dixie Inn's continued efforts in keeping our share of Hwy 80, Hwy 371 N,

and I-20 as litter-free as possible. We will also keep Bayou Dorcheat cleaned up.

Dixie Inn, being a small community in North Louisiana, prides ourselves on keeping our streets mowed and litter free. We are at the crossroads of US Highway 80, 371 North and I-20, so keeping a litter-free community is important. We believe the new trailer with the KLB signage (Keep Louisiana

Beautiful) will help motivate our citizens to be vigilant in keeping their yards and homes neat. We pride ourselves on our playgrounds for our youth's benefit.

Keep Louisiana Beautiful's mission is to promote personal, corporate, and community responsibility for a clean and beautiful Louisiana. Through our programs, and a statewide network of affiliates and partners, we provide

tools and resources to prevent litter, reduce waste, increase recycling, and beautify spaces. Keep Louisiana Beautiful is a non-profit organization dedicated to achieving a cleaner, greener Louisiana through litter reduction and beautification initiatives. To get Involved, please visit keeplouisianabeautiful.org.

RECOGNITION

2020 State Champion basketball team receives official acknowledgement at school board meeting

AMBER MCDOWN
Minden Press-Herald

At the October 2 Webster Parish School Board meeting, the Doyline High School 2020 State Champion basketball team received acknowledgement of their achievement after three years.

"This is something that's been in the works for several years," said Superintendent Johnny Rowland. "I know it's late, but it's never too late to recognize excellence."

Superintendent Rowland played a video montage of Doyline High winning the championship mixed with scenes of students watching the win and welcoming the team back to Doyline. The last time Doyline had won the state championship was in 1967.

Coach Mike Normand, head coach for Doyline High School, started by recognizing some former administrators who, as he said, "really put the importance of athletics back in our school."

"That was Mr. Maz Bursey, Mr. Leroy Hamilton, and Mrs. Sheri

Brown. Those three reinstated the importance of our athletic program," said Normand. "The best decision I've made in 29 years was getting Roderrick Clark to be my assistant. He has been the world to our program."

As Coach Normand related where many of the former team members are now and what they are doing, he became visibly emotional as he spoke of Decari Markray, who had died in an auto accident on his way to basketball practice at Bossier Parish Community College, two years ago that day.

"This is kind of hard for me," said Normand. "I want to make sure he gets his credit and everybody else does."

"Decari was the state MVP that year. In the championship game he scored 25 points and 26 rebounds — one of the best games ever to be played in the state championships. In the semis and the finals, he had 55 points and 41 rebounds. He set a single game and a two-game record down there — any class."

"More importantly than

all that, Decari was a great person. He was a great ball player, obviously, but he was smart, funny, and he'd give anybody the shirt off his back. And probably the biggest compliment I can give him is, to this day, I never thought I'd meet anyone who hated and took losing as personally as I do, but he's the one. That boy hated losing. His determination is what made the difference. He wasn't walking out of that place with a second place trophy."

"That championship team set a foundation for our program," said Normand. "In the last four years, our record is 106 wins and 10 losses. And I'm going to tell you right now, other than that [championship] win, our boys probably remember the 10 losses the most, because that's just not what they accept. That attitude comes from all those boys. They just had that attitude. I'd like to say that it's about me, but it's about the entire program, the boys, the town, the community, the assistant coaches. It's about every-

thing.

"I don't know what this year's team is going to be, but I'm ready for it, the team's ready for it, our town's ready for it. And I guarantee you, there's a boy up in Heaven looking down, and he's letting everybody know that we refuse to lose."

Normand also paid remembrance to Mr. Todd Patterson, who was principal of The Doyline High School at that time. Normand said, "The very first thing I said in the locker room after the championship, before I even spoke to the team, I said, 'Mr. Patterson, do you remember the first thing you ever told me as principal of Doyline High? You said, 'The only thing I want from athletics is a ring.' You got your ring."

Superintendent Rowland presented Coach Normand with a plaque commemorating the win. Doyline High School's current principal, Walt Ritchie, and 2020 team members Jaylin Ealy, Jake McDivitt, Tony Salgado, and Zach Normand were also present to accept the award.



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ness, generate support for local anti-crime efforts, strengthen neighborhood spirit and police/community partnerships, and send the message to criminals that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Whether it was in a front yard, apartment, or church, the people who organized the events that took place on National Night Out gave an outlet for their local community to come together and share an evening getting to know one another.

One such organizer was Pastor of Greater Blessing Church of God in Christ Alvin Lewis, who, along with other members of their church, hosted a party for the evening, and said, "Well, we just wanted to come together with the community and show that we all live better together if we pull together as a community. Different races,

different personal views of Christ, we just wanted to share with the community and invite them in, and show them that every day we should just lift Christ up."

Minden Mayor Nick Cox along with Police Chief Jared McIver took the time to visit every gathering that was hosted that evening. He also shared his perspective on what events like National Night Out help to bring to the community.

"The best part about it is people who live right beside each other will actually stop and take the time to actually visit with one another and get to know one another. Check in on how everyone is doing. It's an intentional time to get to know your neighbors, and I think that's important because we live right beside people but we don't necessarily stop to get to know them. That's why events like National Night Out are important to the community," said Mayor Cox.

JONES

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complains. There are so many words to describe this beautiful woman. She is caring and compassionate and enjoys the work she does. She takes pride in being a food service worker and goes out of her way to help others. She is de-

pendable and has a high expectation for each person she trains. I love working with Tammie, and she brings a bright spirit to each person she encounters. Please consider my nomination for Ms. Tammie "Beautiful" Jones."

Congratulations, Ms. Jones, and enjoy your well-earned retirement.

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ing loop-de-loops and barrel rolls, all while soaring gracefully overhead. The event provided a unique opportunity for attendees to witness the skill and precision of the model aircraft enthusiasts.

SHARKS' annual R/C Jet Rally at the Minden

Airport serves as a testament to the passion and dedication of those involved in the world of radio-controlled aircraft. It was a riveting spectacle for both participants and onlookers, showcasing the artistry and craftsmanship behind these high-flying machines.

FESTIVAL

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\$704. The fortunate winner, Scott McCalister, demonstrated remarkable generosity by donating his half, ensuring that the Joe LeBlanc food pantry would receive the full amount.

In the words of Chase

Spillers, "All in all, everyone who had a hand in making this happen is very proud of the outcome, and already buzzing about next year." The inaugural Oktober Fall Fest promises an exciting prospect for future festivities.

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OPINION

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OPINION

Congressman Mike Johnson as U.S. House Speaker would also be historic and impactful for Louisiana

I have written previously that it would be difficult to overstate the significance of a Louisiana member of the U.S. Congress becoming Speaker of the U.S House of Representatives. That applies whether that individual hails from north or south Louisiana.

I first wrote that in connection to the nomination for Speaker of U.S. Rep. Steve Scalise. Scalise has now withdrawn himself from consideration. U.S. Rep. Mike Johnson has now stepped forward to offer his candidacy, among others.

Mike Johnson is from Shreveport-Bossier, and, like Scalise, I have also known Mike Johnson for over 20 years and know him to be a highly cordial, respectful individual. While Mike is an intellectual, he has not lost his light touch, sense of humor and easy-going manner. He is unfailingly polite in that toxic environment that is today's U.S. Congress. In fact, he is the individual who introduced a "Commitment to Civility" to memorialize an agreement between members of Congress to, among other things, restore collegiality, trust, and civility to the Congress, encourage productive dialogue, and work to build consensus and trust in America's institutions.

In January 2021, he was elected by his colleagues to serve as Vice Chairman of

the House Republican Conference, one of the seven elected leadership positions for Republicans in the House of Representatives. In November 2022, Mike was unanimously re-elected to serve another term as Vice Chairman of House Republicans in the 118th Congress. He also serves as a Deputy Whip for the 118th Congress. He previously served as chairman of the Republican Study Committee, the largest caucus of conservatives in Congress, known as "the intellectual arsenal of conservatism in the House."



ROYAL ALEXANDER

He also serves on the House Armed Services and Judiciary committees. (Enormously beneficial to Louisiana military bases, prominently including Barksdale and Ft. Polk).

If he becomes Speaker, Rep. Johnson would impact literally everything that moves or occurs in the U.S. House. From handing out coveted committee assignments to managing all of the inner workings of the U.S House itself. He would specifically address and/or direct ap-

propriations which would no doubt increase the likelihood of Louisiana receiving desperately needed funding for our natural disasters, funding for flood plain insurance, to say nothing of numerous other critical infrastructure upgrades (roads, bridges, etc), and offshore federal mineral royalties that states like Louisiana are constantly having to fight the federal government to keep.

It's also certainly worth remembering that the U.S. House Speaker is 2nd in the line of presidential succession, meaning that if the president were to die or become incapacitated, the VP serves next and then Speaker.

Mike Johnson is also well regarded by his fellow members of Congress, including across the aisle, and will provide principled leadership of that body. In short, his temperament and personality make him well suited to serve as a desperately needed consensus candidate who will serve as a trusted caretaker and an honorable steward of the gavel. His deep Christian faith, no doubt, lends itself to this monumental task.

I have recently been asked my view of the so-called "chaos" in a U.S. House with no speaker. Well, "raucous" and "chaotic" are what the Framers of our Constitution envisioned when they designed the U.S. House as the "people's" house—because

it was closer to the people with smaller congressional districts and 2-year terms—while the U.S. Senate was to serve as the calmer, more deliberative body with its 6-year terms.

Notwithstanding, though, chaos is ultimately not a long-term strategy. The House urgently needs a speaker to captain the House "ship" for many reasons not least of which being that the "power of the purse" lies in the U.S. House—Israel, for example, may ask for assistance from the U.S.—as well as the fact that the U.S. House must participate in decisions regarding its numerous other specific constitutional powers requiring the concurrence of the U.S. House and U.S. Senate.

Rep. Johnson's temperament and personality will no doubt help him manage his diverse Republican Caucus, one that contains the full spectrum of members. He will attempt to corral and manage personalities ranging from conservative firebrands all the way to much more moderate Republicans trying to hold on in Blue states. It must be like trying to herd cats.

Rep. Johnson is as ideal a candidate as any and better than just about any I could imagine. I wish him luck.

SHREVEPORT ATTORNEY, ROYAL ALEXANDER, WORKED IN D.C. IN THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR NEARLY 8 YEARS FOR TWO DIFFERENT MEMBERS OF CONGRESS FROM LOUISIANA. HE HAS WITNESSED UP CLOSE SEVERAL SPEAKER RACES.

INSPIRATION

Blessed are the risk takers

If we are to achieve our dreams, sometimes we must risk everything to reach those goals or sit forever in our own backyard!

Once upon a time there was a man named Robert Manry, former copy editor of the Cleveland, Ohio, Plain Dealer newspaper.

He set sail alone in 1965 in a homemade 13 1/2 foot boat named Tinkerbelle, which was then the world's tiniest sailboat to cross the Atlantic Ocean. Manry sailed from Falmouth Massachusetts to Falmouth England, a voyager of 2600 miles in 78 days.

He was capsized, chased by sharks, and he hallucinated. He had to stop in the middle of the ocean to repair the rudder of his tiny boat. When asked why he undertook this tremendous life-threatening fate, he replied, "there comes a time when one must decide whether to risk everything to achieve our goals or sit forever in his own bed yard!"

Robert Manry, who authored Tinkerbelle, spent little time in his backyard.

He planned to return to his job with the Plain Dealer, after his heroic trip. He never did. He spent the remainder of his life touring the country, speaking to audiences who were eager to hear about his solo journey across the Atlantic Ocean.



SARAH HUDSON PIERCE

He even came to Shreveport and spoke to the Women's Department Club. Also he came to Plain Dealing where his cousin, the late John Manry lived, which is how I received my copy of Tinkerbelle.

If we are to achieve our goals, our dreams, most often it is necessary to go out on a limb, take risks, suffer ridicule, do anything necessary to will our dreams into reality.

Dr. Leo buscaglia, internationally known motivation-

al, speaker, psychologist, professor and best-selling author, spent eight years searching for a publisher for his first manuscript, which rapidly became a best-seller. He did more to break down barriers between people by his prescription of unconditional loving relationships. He said that far too many people die before they're fully born.

If we wish to be fully born, to get out of a backyard, make our mark, reach for the stars, go after our dreams, we must set goals and write them down with a time schedule plan, order of action.

Colonel Sanders tried to sell his chicken recipe 1000 times before he successfully sold his his recipe that made him, not only rich but famous.

Thomas Edison tried five thousand times before he invented successfully invented the light bulb.

In 1955 Yale University conducted a survey among the graduates. Out of the class only 3% had written goals. A return survey was

taken 30 years later. The 3% who had written goals were worth more than the combined 97% without written goals.

It is in the setting of goals that greatest strides are accomplished in any field. Our dreams must be visualized, as a reality, before the first step is ever taken.

Perseverance along with goal setting makes a difference.

Day dreaming, reading self-help books or listening to motivational speakers is not enough.

We must take action through goal-setting. This effort puts our foot to the pedal, moving us straight ahead, on target to achieve our dreams. When the dream becomes clearly visualized, it becomes a reality before the first step is ever taken.

Above all we must remember not to compare myself to others knowing there will always be those those greater and lesser than ourselves!

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OPINION

The Advocate: The Jeff Landry era begins

Louisiana awoke Oct. 15 to a new political era, after Attorney General Jeff Landry won a clear majority of the votes cast in Saturday's gubernatorial primary and was elected without the need for a runoff. That's an impressive accomplishment, and it speaks to Landry's ability to connect with many voters personally and to hone in on their concerns.

We congratulate Landry on a decisive victory and wish him well as he starts to put together his administration.

At the same time, we urge him to remember that, beginning in January, he will be governor of all Louisianans — the 52% of voters who cast their ballots for him, the 48% who preferred someone else,

and the nearly two-thirds of registered voters (a deeply disappointing number) who sat out the most important election since Gov. John Bel Edwards won eight years ago.

The Times-Picayune endorsed a different candidate in the primary. But, like all Louisianans of good will, we want the Landry administration to succeed in ways that benefit the entire state.

Things will surely be different around the state Capitol come January. Edwards' tenure was marked by a delicate balance of power between the Democratic chief executive and the Republican majority Legislature. Landry will have a Republican Legislature that is as conserva-

tive as he is.

There were skirmishes, to be sure, over politics and policy. But there also were accomplishments that had widespread buy-in. Edwards and lawmakers worked together to dig the state out of a \$2 billion budget hole, invested in early childhood education and revised counterproductive laws that needlessly keep nonviolent offenders locked up.

But there is much left to do.

With young adults fleeing Louisiana to seek opportunities they can't find here, our state faces a demoralizing brain drain. Severe weather driven by climate change has created a crisis in property insurance availability and

affordability, which could make home ownership untenable for some residents. Crime, an issue that Landry emphasized throughout his campaign, remains a major concern. State government has a surplus now, but federal pandemic relief funds are drying up and the temporary sales tax enacted during Edwards' first term will expire a year and a half into Landry's term. We've seen before that budget cuts in lean times disproportionately affect health care and higher ed.

We're pleased that Landry plans to keep at least one of Edwards' most important policies in place: Medicaid expansion. We encourage him to be just as open to other good ideas no matter

where they originate — particularly those that welcome businesses and their employees to our state.

Landry will take office at a time when national politics have become toxic to the point of dysfunction, and state politics risk becoming too focused on national issues. We urge Landry to resist the pull. We have more than our share of local challenges to overcome.

We've seen during his time as attorney general that he relishes a good fight. We hope, and expect, that Landry will fight for every single Louisianan, every day he's in office.

SPORTS

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COLUMN/HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL



Lakeside's Taron Riley (7) and Eric Jones (81) make a tackle against Loyola with the help of another Warrior last week at Messmer Stadium.

Week 8 a tough one for three parish teams

Glenbrook visits Homer Friday in big 1-1A game

RUSSELL HEDGES
Minden Press-Herald

Last Friday was no doubt the low point for Webster Parish teams in the 2023 season.

As expected, Glenbrook rolled past Plain Dealing 70-20 in a District 1-1A game at Glenbrook.

The Apaches (7-1, 4-1) travel to Homer (6-2, 4-0) in a huge district game Friday.

But Minden, North Webster and Lakeside were all shut out.

Minden fell to Evangel Christian 56-0 at Evangel in 1-4A, North Webster lost to Sterlington 28-0 in District 1-3A and Lakeside fell to Loyola College Prep 52-0 in 1-2A.

The North Webster-Sterlington game was called by officials with about two-and-half minutes left in the third quarter.

With just over eight minutes left in the third quarter, North Webster Head Coach John Ware was ejected from the game. He appeared to be rightly upset that an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty wasn't called on a Sterlington player who appeared to shove one of his players down hard while getting off him following a block.

The game was called after a 21-yard run by Jkobe Lawson. He was tackled by several players as he fought for extra yardage as several other players from both



Glenbrook's Chase Sentell and his teammates have had a stellar season. The Apaches visit Homer in a big District 1-1A game Friday.

Friday's games

Minden at BTW, 7
Bastrop at North Webster, 7
Calvary Baptist at Lakeside, 7
Glenbrook at Homer, 7

teams converged on him.

There appeared to be some sort of very brief altercation after Lawson went down.

Some players on the sidelines started coming onto the field. But officials and coaches quickly controlled the situation and there was no more contact between the teams. After a brief discussion the game was called.

As far as the game itself,

the Knights just couldn't generate much offense. They also basically gave the Panthers (7-1, 5-0) a touchdown on a high punt snap.

The loss didn't affect the Knights (4-4, 2-3) much in the power ratings. According to GeauxPreps.com, North Webster is No. 15 in non-select Division II.

The Knights should finish the season 6-4. They host Bastrop (2-6, 1-3) Friday and close the regular

season on Nov. 3 at home against Lafayette Renaissance Charter Academy (1-5).

Minden ran up against another talented team at Evangel. The Tide didn't help themselves with six turnovers. The Eagles scored three defensive touchdowns and led 49-0 at the half.

Minden (1-7, 1-4) has a good opportunity to pick up another win at Boomer T. Washington (4/5, 1-4) Friday. But even if the Tide wins their final two it likely won't be enough to make the playoffs,

Lakeside, which has had its roster depleted by injuries, won't be going to the playoffs either. The Warriors (3-5, 0-3) host district leader Calvary Baptist (8-0, 3-0), the top-ranked team in the LSWA Class 2A poll.

Glenbrook will go into Homer as the underdog. The last three weeks the Apaches have done exactly what they were supposed to do and that's defeat inferior teams handily.

The Glenbrook starters should be well-rested and ready for the challenge. The Apaches win 21-14 last year so they have the revenge factor going for them.

But the Apaches also have something to prove. They also still have a shot at the district championship.

It won't be easy but an upset wouldn't be a huge surprise.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

LSU routs Army; NSU falls to SLU

STAFF REPORTS
Minden Press-Herald

The LSU Tigers rolled past Army 62-0 last week and Northwestern State fell to Southeastern Louisiana 37-20 in the wake of a tragedy.

LSU 62, Army 0: At Baton Rouge, Quarterback Jayden Daniels finished the first half 11-of-15 for 279 yards passing and three touchdowns, leading LSU over Army 62-0 in Tiger Stadium.

LSU improved to 5-2. The Tigers have an open date this week before taking on Alabama Nov. 4 in Tuscaloosa.

Daniels' 279 first-half passing yards is 8th-most in a single half in LSU history; the most since 294 by Garrett Nussmeier in second half of 2022 SEC Championship vs. Georgia.

"When your quarterback is playing at that kind of level, he gives you a chance to win every game," head coach Brian Kelly said of Daniels. "He's got a great supporting cast, there's no doubt about it. But the quarterback is the driver. Right now he's playing at an elite level."

It was another productive night for the Tigers' 1-2 punch at receiver. Brian Thomas recorded three catches for 122 yards and two touchdowns while Malik Nabers tallied four catches for 121 yards and two scores of his own.

Nussmeier would start at quarterback for LSU in the second half, picking up where Daniels left off, finding Nabers over the middle of the field for a 52-yard touchdown completion to extend the Tigers' lead to 45-0 with 9:07 to play in the third quarter.

Nussmeier finished 7-of-12 for 90 yards and a touchdown.

"We have so many different options and so many different weapons," Kelly said. "I don't know if there are enough superlatives. Balanced. Physical. Playmakers. And a quarterback that is as hot as anybody in the country."

Southeastern Louisiana 37, Northwestern State 20: At Natchitoches, the result of the Southland Conference matchup was secondary to the fact the Demons were on the field.

NSU was playing for the first time in 12 days – seven days after an incident at an off-campus apartment complex resulted in the death of junior safety Ronnie Caldwell.

"When we first met going into the week – we have a word of the week – and it was honor," sixth-year head coach Brad Laird said. "When we talked about honor, you want to honor how Ronnie played the game. That was the challenge to our guys,

Saturday's games

NSU at McNeese
7 p.m., ESPN+

Bethune-Cookman at Grambling State
2 p.m.

seven days removed from a devastating situation for these young men and our coaches.

"We talked about honor in a lot of different ways. Honor your family. Honoring how they live their life each and every day. Yes, we had a football game to play seven days from that incident, but our biggest thing was wanting to come out and play how Ronnie would play. He played with great effort and had fun playing the game. That's what I wanted our guys to do, and I was proud of our guys."

The Demons' early effort and execution offensively helped them keep pace with the Lions (1-7, 1-3), who followed an emotional first play of the game by scoring on a six-play, 75-yard drive that ended with Bauer Sharp's 1-yard touchdown run.

Northwestern State (0-6, 0-2) and Southeastern began the game with Lions quarterback Zachary Clement, a former NSU signal caller, running 10 yards to Caldwell's black No. 23 jersey and kneeling down, placing the football on the jersey.

"That first play, giving (Caldwell) the tackle, showed he was still with us," said safety Cadillac Rhone, who honored his fellow safety by producing a team-best nine tackles, 1.5 tackles for loss and a pair of forced fumbles. "We wanted to come out and honor him – play fast, play hard, play a 60-minute game. That's what we tried to do."

A little less than 17 minutes into that 60-minute game, the Demons had their lone lead of the game when Stanley King made a highlight-reel, one-handed grab of a 29-yard pass from Tyler Vander Waal to give NSU a 17-14 advantage.

"I don't think we understand what those young men have gone through," Laird said. "To be able to come out and play this type of game – a fast, physical football game – that's what I was most proud of. It didn't always look pretty, but our guys they settled down and played with great effort and played in a way that would make Ronnie proud."

Louisiana Tech: The Bulldogs (3-5, 2-2 CUSA) host New Mexico State (5-3, 3-1) Tuesday at 6 p.m.



Lakeside's Eli Santalices breaks loose for a good gain against Loyola last Friday.

Minden Press-Herald
Football Contest Winners

Week 8

1st Place - Theron Winzer - \$25.00
2nd Place - Denise Craig - \$15.00
3rd Place - Ragan Hoenke/
Rita Hoenke - \$10.00

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JUNIOR HIGH FOOTBALL

Webster vs. Haughton



The Webster Wolves swept the Haughton Bucs in seventh- and eighth-grade games last week 30-6 and 42-0. The seventh-grade team improved to 3-3. The eighth-grade team improved to 5-1.
Photos by Russel Hedges/Press-Herald



OUTDOORS

Proposed black bear season creates controversy

GLYNN HARRIS

I saw my first black bear in Louisiana several years ago when I was on a deer hunt in Madison Parish. My host had dropped me off at my deer stand for an afternoon hunt when we looked down the foot plot and saw a bear.

Grabbing my camera, we slowly walked in his direction and as we closed the distance to about 100 yards, the bear stood up, checked us out giving me the opportunity to snap a couple of photos before he turned and ambled away into the thicket.

Two years ago, my wife and I were visiting the Tensas National Wildlife Refuge as we spotted a female bear and two cubs a few yards from our car. I was able to snap a few photos before they disappeared into the woods.

Seldom does a day go by that I don't read on Facebook and see photos of bears all around north Louisiana, mostly bears captured on trail cameras as they take advantage of deer feeders, often dragging them to the ground and destroying them.

Property owners and those who deer hunt in the Tensas and Madison Parish area often see their hunting camps broken into as bears search for food. Many have long called for a hunting season for bears and are hopeful that the recent news coming out of Baton Rouge will reach fruition.

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission is expected to vote in its November meeting on the possibility of establishing a bear season for 2024-25.

The situation regarding the growing number of bears has created spirited discussions from those who can't wait for a season to curtail the numbers of



This black bear stood up to observe this writer determined to take his photo.

GLYNN HARRIS

bears that are showing up all across north Louisiana along with others who are opposed to the idea.

Is the possibility of a bear season something new for Louisiana? I found a listing of hunting seasons for Louisiana for the 1939-40 season that includes bears that could be hunted from November 1 through January 1 with a daily limit of one; season limit of five.

Reading comments by some in response has been interesting. One respondent wrote..."My family has had land on the Tensas River in Madison Parish since the 1930s and there was always bears there and they were always a nuisance." Another

wrote..."I grew up along the Tensas River and there have always been bears there. They are protected, they breed and they spread out."

The protection of bears in our state has to do with the assumption that Louisiana black bears we have are a sub-species. Some argue that the DNA of our bears is the same as those in other states. A black bear is a black bear, they contend.

We know that we have had bears as early as 1902 when President Teddy Roosevelt came on a bear hunt to Mississippi and Louisiana. In order for the President's hunt to be successful, a bear was cornered and tied to a tree

so he would have an easy target. He refused the offer, news spread and as a result, the warm cuddly stuffed animal, the Teddy Bear, was named in honor of the President.

Will Louisiana once again have a bear hunting season?

Will everybody be happy should the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission approve? Some for sure will be happy but there are others who believe bears should forever be protected.

Next week we'll discuss preparing bear for the table, processing the meat and hide, comments from some who love it; some who gag at the thought of eating bear meat.

Stay tuned.

Fishing Report

BLACK BAYOU – No report. Water is low. Contact Honey Hole Tackle Shop 323-8707 for latest information.

BUSSEY BRAKE – Some big bass are being caught on fake frogs and spinner baits 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 is quite low. Crappie fishing has improved in 10-12 foot water on shiners or jigs. Bass are fair in the cuts on shad imitations. For latest information, contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

LAKE D'ARBONNE – With a little current as the result of Claiborne being lowered, fishing overall has improved. Bass have been fair to good early mornings around the grass on topwater lures with swim baits and soft plastics later around secondary points. Crappie are best along the channel edges fishing 8 feet deep in 12-14 foot water. Bream are slow but 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 – The lake is down some seven feet as the result of the drawdown. Some good reports of bass being caught with some fine catches of stripers and hybrid stripers in fairly

shallow water hitting topwater lures. Fish in the 7-8 pound range are coming in. Boats can be launched at the state park at this time. Some reports of crappie being caught as well around submerged brush on shiners and jigs. For latest information, call Kel's Cove at 927-2264 or Terzia Tackle at 278-4498.

CANEY LAKE – Night fishing for bass has been producing fairly well on dark spinners and soft plastics. They are fair to good early mornings on topwater lures with square bill crank baits, spinners fished along the grass lines and soft plastics working best later. Some bass are schooling 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. Crappie fishing has been better on the south end of the lake. No report on bass. 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 quite low. Catfishing is good, bass are fair and some crappie being caught off the banks. For information, call Surplus City Landing at 318/467-2259.

Good News

GOOD NEWS

Getting a Glimpse of Heaven

I suppose there are moments in all of our lives that we “just get glimpses of heaven”. Maybe it is a sunrise or sunset, a star-filled night or a beautiful rainbow. For some it might be a new revelation of a Scripture bringing forth insights and truths as never before. It’s as if God is speaking, whispering in our ears, or showing Himself in a special way! But we all know “everybody talking about heaven ain’t going there.” (Matt 25:31-46).

Several years ago, guest speakers stirred our hearts in fresh ways during week-long meeting. The theme for the week was “Heaven” and all our guests spoke with great authority and wisdom about God’s revelation. They spoke of how God worked through the ages to bring man in a right relation with Him again after the fall of Adam, developing the doctrine of Heaven and Divine Hope in Jesus Christ. Then they led

us to consider new depths of eternity and see ‘heaven in a biblical sense.’ Yes, they gave us a special glimpse of heaven! With such assurance, knowing that God has faithfully prepared a ‘place for us’ (John 14), our faith was enlarged and our Hope in our Eternal Salvation was strengthened.

When we top the “70 + Hill-Top”, our thoughts become more fixed on this subject. I can relate to the lady who was asked if she believed in the hereafter. She replied, “I surely do; I go into the kitchen and look around, then ask myself: ‘what am I here after?’” But this HERE-AFTER is not to be compared with ‘memory games and idle talk.’ This is a reality

we can be sure of coming to pass! Every day and hour we move one step closer to that divine appointment and the mansion prepared for us. Isn’t that a glorious thought? Remember the Hymn? When We All Get To Heaven?

Shouldn’t our prayer be that “all may know the Lord in His fullness of glory and love as we long for our eternal rewards?” Autumn is a great time to focus on the realities of heaven and renew a sweet relationship with God in “our last days.” With the changing of seasons, we realize we are moving quite rapidly toward the finish line. This is another good reason to fix our thoughts on heaven and God’s glorious rewards. Consider these Scriptures that gives glimpses of heaven to help us to refine our interest and do some personal evaluation in the coming days.

1.) 2 Sam 12: 1-23: Nathan confronts David about his affair with Bethsheba. He tells

David that he will not die as a result of his sin, but the offspring/child will die. (Read this stirring account of God dealing with King David.)

2.) Psm 42:5 “ Why are you down cast, O my soul?” (Twice he asked this). “Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.” (His hope looks beyond the trouble at this time, looking to a future without grief and pain – heaven).

3.) Matt 5: 11-12: Blessed are you when people insult you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because is your reward in heaven...”

4.) Mark 12:18-25: Marriage in the resurrection... Jesus was questioned about a man dying without children by his wife; His wife then married each of the 6 brothers (according to law) and still no children: Q: At the resurrection, whose wife will she be? Jesus replied, “In

the resurrection, they will neither marry or be given in marriage. They will be like the angels there.”

5.) John 14: 1-3: In my Father’s house there are many mansions (rooms). I am going there to prepare a place for you; if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back & take you to be with me so you can be where I am

6.) 1 Peter 1: 3-5 Peter writes about our inheritance (joint heirs with Christ)a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus that is kept in heaven for you.

7.) Rev 7: 1-17 John’s vision that carried him into the presence of God in heaven. And in Rev. 21 serves as a ‘book-end’ to God’s revelation to John about heaven.

Heaven is a real place, a reality in God’s Kingdom. It is ‘out of this world.’ Don’t dare missing it!

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Bill Crider

THE UPWARD LOOK

Submitting

“submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.” Ephesians 5:21 ESV

Being filled with the Spirit is also characterized by submitting to one another in Christ. This voluntary submission to others is an act of self-sacrificing love. The life of Jesus is a wonderful example of this agape love as He submitted His life to the Father, giving His life so that we may have forgiveness and life. The Spirit filled believer is to voluntarily give of himself in loving and caring service

to others because of his reverence, respect, and fear of Christ. The believer glorifies and honors Christ by submitting and serving others.



Max Hutto

Lord Jesus, I yield my life, my desires, and my all to Your Lordship. Guide me by Your Holy Spirit, helping me to serve others in kindness and love and thus to glorify and honor You.

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

INSPIRATION

Ceaseless Prayer

Have you ever said to yourself “I don’t know how I’m going to make it”? Well, I have on many occasions and every time I have to remind myself that God has already answered that question. It’s not found in some over-complicated explanation but rather in one simple word prayer. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



Bernard Harris

says “Always be joyful. Never stop praying. Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you who belong to


Christ Jesus.” As followers of Christ, we should not only learn these words but commit them to our hearts. So, the next time you find yourself asking the hard questions, try remembering the easy answer. Pray without ceasing no matter what comes your way.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Minden Planning Commission Meeting

November 2, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.

Pelican Room - Minden City Hall

On the agenda is a request from Morgan Whitt for a zoning variance on property owned by him located at 411 McIntyre Street. This property is zoned R-2 (Single Family Residential).

The purpose of this zoning variance request is to convert the existing building on the property into a multifamily duplex.

Legal Description:
LOT FRONTING 62 FT. ON MCINTYRE ST. X 162 - 1/2 FT. BEING PART OF LOT #9 BLK. "E" MILLER-WATKINS ADDN.

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

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Cullen Fire Protection District No. 6 of the Parish of Webster, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Cullen Fire Protection District No. 6 of the Parish of Webster, State of Louisiana (the "District"), on September 12, 2023, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held within the District on **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2023**, and that at the said election there will be submitted to all registered voters in the District qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION (BOND)

Shall Cullen Fire Protection District No. 6 of the Parish of Webster, State of Louisiana (the "District"), incur debt and issue bonds to the amount of not exceeding \$2,400,000, in one or more series, to run not exceeding 20 years from date thereof, with interest at rates not exceeding 7% per annum, for the purpose of acquiring, constructing and improving buildings, machinery and equipment, to be used in giving fire protection to the property in the District, title to which shall be in the public; which bonds will be general obligations of the District and will be payable from ad valorem taxes to be levied and collected in the manner provided by Article VI, Section 33 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, and statutory authority supplemental thereto, with an estimated increase of 8 mills to be levied in the first year of issue above the 3.50 mills currently being levied to pay General Obligation Bonds of the District?

The said special election shall be held at the polling places for the following precincts which polls will open at seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, to-wit:

PRECINCTS
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11(PART)

The polling places for the precincts set forth above are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law.

The estimated cost of this election as determined by the Secretary of State based upon the provisions of Chapter 8-A of Title 18 and actual costs of similar elections is \$3,100.

Notice is further given that a portion of the monies collected from the taxes described in the Proposition shall be remitted to certain state and statewide retirement systems in the manner required by law.

The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority,

and the officers appointed to hold the said election, as provided in this Notice of Special Election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, will make due returns thereof to said Governing Authority, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, the Cullen Fire Station, 109 Coyle Avenue, Cullen, Louisiana, on **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2023, at SIX O'CLOCK (6:00) P.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election. All registered voters of the District are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used.

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If anyone knows the whereabouts of Mable Baker, last known address 3558 Sand Hill Road, Shongaloo, La, please contact Attorney Kharmen Davis-Taylor at (318) 621-9400.

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October 25, 2023
Minden Press Herald**

Village of Dixie Inn
Regular Session
October 10, 2023

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

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen for the Village of Dixie Inn met in regular session on October 10, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, Dixie Inn, Louisiana with the following members present: Mayor Donna Hoffoss, Aldermen Judy McKenzie, Nell Finlay, and Lance Milligan.

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

There were no public comments.

A motion was made by Nell Finlay and seconded by Judy McKenzie to add Item E to the agenda. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

Mayor Donna Hoffoss welcomed guests.

A motion was made by Lance Milligan and seconded by Judy McKenzie to adopt the Regular Session minutes of September 12, 2023. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

Financial statements of all funds, including a current budget vs. actual, were presented. A motion was made by Judy McKenzie and seconded by Nell Finlay to adopt all financial statements for September 2023. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

Department Reports:

Mike Chreene reported all is well with the water department.

Chief Alan Davis reported all is well with the police department and supplied the council with a citation report for third quarter.

Chief Davis also reported that all village police vehicles and hand-held radar devices were recertified on Oct. 10, 2023.

Mayor Donna Hoffoss reported the Historic Highway 80 Sale will be held October 20-22, 2023. Mayor Hoffoss also reminded everyone that the Bayou Dorcheat Paddle set for October 14, 2023 was cancelled due to low water, and to look for re-scheduling in the near future.

New Business:

A motion was made by Nell Finlay and seconded by Lance Milligan to dismiss purchasing a web page for the village. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

The council discussed the pay scale and over-time hours for new hires in the police department.

A motion was made by Lance Milligan and seconded by Nell Finlay to accept Southern Stump Grinding's bid for scales and regulators at the water treatment plant. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

A motion was made by Judy McKenzie and seconded by Lance Milligan to table using Serveline Insurance for water and sewer customers in the village. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

A motion was made by Lance Milligan and seconded by Judy McKenzie to accept a new quote for hard lines for the village's four phone lines. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

There was no Old Business.

Mayor Hoffoss closed regular session and opened a public hearing on Ordinance 71-L-- a 4% longevity pay for hourly workers. Mayor read the ordinance aloud. There were no public comments. Mayor closed the public hearing and opened the regular session to adopt Ordinance 71-L. Lance Milligan made a motion to adopt Ordinance 71-L, which was seconded by Judy McKenzie. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

Mayor Hoffoss closed regular session and opened a public hearing on Ordinance 76-D--compensation for Chief of Police. Mayor read the ordinance aloud. There were no public comments. Mayor closed the public hearing and opened regular session to adopt Ordinance 76-D. A motion was made by Judy McKenzie and seconded by Lance Milligan to adopt Ordinance 76-D. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

Mayor Hoffoss closed regular session and opened a public hearing on Ordinance 95-A—an agreement with Entergy for the village to receive 2% in franchise tax payments quarterly. Mayor read the ordinance aloud. There were no public comments. Mayor closed the public hearing and opened regular session to adopt Ordinance 95-A. A motion was made by Judy McKenzie and seconded by Nell Finlay to adopt Ordinance 95-A. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

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

ATTEST:

Donna Hoffoss
Mayor

**October 25, 2023
Minden Press Herald**

The following Ordinance was offered by Judy McKenzie, who moved its adoption:

ORDINANCE NO. 95-A

AN ORDINANCE

Upon the request of Entergy Louisiana, LLC, (the "Company"), and pursuant to La. R.S. 33:4401, this municipality's police powers, and in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public, the Village of Dixie Inn, Louisiana, (the "Municipality") as set forth hereinbelow grants to the Company, its successors and assigns, a franchise, right, and privilege for a period of twenty-five (25) years from the date of adoption hereof, to distribute, deliver, sell and supply, in such a manner as it chooses, electric service throughout the Municipality, and to the inhabitants thereof, or to any person, firm, or corporation; the right to acquire, construct, operate, and maintain such plants, structures, transmission lines, distribution systems, cables, fibers, facilities, and equipment as may be useful or necessary for the generation, production, transportation, delivery and/or sale of electric service throughout the Municipality; the right to erect, operate, and maintain poles, masts, supports, wires, cables, fibers, transmission lines, conduits, conductors, substations, distribution systems, and any and all other appliances useful or necessary in connection with the sale, transportation, delivery and/or distribution of electric service on, over, under, along, upon, and across all of the present and/or future streets, roads, highways, alleys and public places of the Municipality; the right to repair, replace or remove same or any portion thereof; and the right to connect any such facilities to any other such facilities for the purpose of selling, transporting and/or distributing electric service along the boundaries of the Municipality.

SECTION 1: Be it ordained by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Village of Dixie Inn, in regular session duly convened, that the Municipality grants and there is hereby granted to Entergy Louisiana, LLC (the "Company"), its successors and as-

signs, in addition to the rights and privileges presently enjoyed by the Company, a franchise, right, and privilege from the date of adoption hereof,

(1) to distribute, deliver, sell and supply electric service throughout the Municipality and to the inhabitants thereof, or to any person, firm, or corporation, in such manner and from such sources as the said Company chooses;

(2) to acquire, construct, operate, and maintain such plants, structures, transmission lines, distribution systems, cables, fibers, facilities, and equipment as may be useful or necessary for the generation, production, transportation, distribution, delivery and/or sale of electric power and energy throughout the Municipality;

(3) to erect, operate, and maintain poles, masts, supports, wires, cables, fibers, transmission lines, conduits, conductors, substations, distribution systems, and any and all other appliances useful or necessary in connection with the sale, transportation, delivery and/or distribution of electric service on, over, under, along, upon, and across all of the present and/or future streets, roads, highways, alleys and public places of the Municipality;

(4) to repair, replace or remove same or any portion thereof; and

(5) to connect any such facilities to any other such facilities for the purpose of selling, transporting and/or distributing electric service into, through, or beyond the boundaries of the Municipality.

SECTION 2: Be it further ordained that this Franchise does not authorize the Company to use its facilities for the transportation, distribution, or sale of electric service for or on behalf of third parties to any person, firm, or corporation other than the Company located within the boundaries of the Municipality, unless and until the Company has been notified, in writing, by the Municipality that the interests of the Municipality, including, but not limited to, its recovery of franchise fee revenue on such third party transactions, are adequately protected in connection with the provision of such third party service by the Company. In the event that the operations of the Company are unbundled, in connection with the adoption of a plan for retail open access or otherwise, the Company will have the right to assign its franchise rights with respect to particular facilities or operations as may be necessary to facilitate unbundled operations; provided, however, that any such assignment (1) shall not result in a reduction in the franchise fees received by the Municipality relating to the provision of electric service within the Municipality; and (2) shall ensure that the Municipality retains all other rights and protections afforded by this Franchise.

SECTION 3: Be it further ordained that this Franchise is granted upon and subject to the following provisions:
A. In maintaining its properties, the Company shall not unnecessarily or unreasonably damage, impair or obstruct the streets, roads, highways, alleys, sidewalks, and the public grounds, and the Company shall at its own expense, without unreasonable delay, make all necessary repairs to remedy any damage or remove any obstruction caused by its operations hereunder, all in accordance with applicable industry standards. The Company shall obtain all necessary permits or approvals for construction, maintenance, and operations; provided, however, that this provision shall not apply to any requirements for such permits or approvals that are adopted or amended subsequent to the date of this Ordinance and that, as so adopted or amended, have a material effect on the Company's rights or obligations pursuant to this Franchise or on the Company's cost of providing service pursuant to this Franchise.
B. Upon request, the Company will make its best reasonable efforts to provide current maps for specific areas showing feeder routes and the majority of pole locations, and will provide construction manuals that show the typical structural configurations used by the Company; provided, however, that the provision of such information by the Company shall not relieve the Municipality of any obligations that

it may have pursuant to title 40, section 1749.11 or title 45, sections 141-146 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes or any related or successor statutes; and provided that such information shall be provided by the Company without any warrant as to its accuracy.

C. The Company shall use reasonable precautions to avoid damage or injury to persons or property, and shall hold and save harmless the Municipality from all damages, losses, and/or expense, including cost of defense, attributable to the negligence or fault of the Company, its agents or employees, while exercising any of the rights and privileges herein granted.

SECTION 4:
A. In consideration of the facts:

(i) that the Company, pursuant to this Ordinance holds a good, valid, and irrevocable twenty-five year franchise granted by the Municipality; and

(ii) that, to the extent the Company is permitted by law to provide such service, the Municipality has signed with the Company contracts for the purchase of all its electric service requirements, each of which contracts is for a period of two years from its date, or such longer period as may be required by the applicable rate schedule or other circumstances, and provides for periodic renewals for similar periods unless notice of termination is given as therein provided;

(iii) and other good and valid considerations, the Company agrees that it will pay to the Municipality a sum of money equal to two percent (2%) of the gross receipts of the Company from the sale of electric service at retail for residential and commercial purposes within the corporate limits of the Municipality (the Company's "gross receipts"), such payments to be calculated on such receipts commencing with the month of November 2023, the first payment to be due and payable on the 15th day of January 2024, subsequent payments to be due quarterly thereafter.

B. It is distinctly understood and agreed that the percentage of gross receipts paid to the Municipality shall not apply to or include any receipts from the sale of electric energy to the Municipality, or to Government or Municipal Agencies, or to any sale for industrial purposes or for resale within the corporate limits of the Municipality. It shall be the responsibility of the Municipality to notify the Company of any annexations or other changes in the corporate limits of the Municipality, so that the Company can make any adjustments to its gross receipts calculation that may be necessary as a result of such a change.

C. This obligation to make such payments to the Municipality shall remain in full force and effect so long as (1) the Company holds a good, valid and irrevocable twenty-five (25) year franchise granted by the Municipality, and (2) the Municipality, to the extent permitted by law, purchases all of its electric service requirements from the Company; provided, however:

(i) This contract is wholly and entirely conditioned upon the approval of the Treasury Department of the United States of America and the Department of Revenue of the State of Louisiana, and upon the approval of the Louisiana Public Service Commission of the right of the Company to deduct from its gross revenues and charge as an operating expense any and all amounts which it may pay to the Municipality pursuant hereto other than such amounts as may be collected from customers through a line item on customer bill and in the event of failure to obtain the approval of any such authority for such purpose, the Company shall have the right to cancel this Contract upon thirty (30) days' notice; it being understood that in the event of the cancellation by the Company upon the grounds set out in this paragraph, the Company shall not be entitled to any refund of any monies theretofore paid to the Municipality pursuant hereto.

(ii) Should the Municipality levy upon Entergy Louisiana, LLC any new taxes, of any nature whatsoever, subsequent to the date of this Contract, or increase the rates of

any taxes in existence on the date of this Contract (except uniform ad valorem taxes now authorized by Article VII, Section 18 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana or other taxes that are generally applicable to all businesses in the Municipality), then the payments herein provided to be made by the Company to the Municipality will be reduced in an amount equal to the sum of such new and increased taxes, if any. The Additional Franchise Fee shall not be considered to be a new tax or an increase in the rate of a tax for purposes of this provision of the Ordinance.

(iii) To the extent the Company is permitted by law to provide to the Municipality all of its electric requirements, in the event that retail open access is implemented in Louisiana, and is adopted for the Municipality, the obligation of Entergy Louisiana, LLC to pay a franchise fee as set forth hereinabove shall cease to be conditioned on the purchase by the Municipality of all of its electric requirements from Entergy Louisiana, LLC.

D. The Municipality shall have the right, upon reasonable notice, to review the available data and calculations upon which the franchise fee calculations are based; provided that such notice must be received within three (3) years of the beginning of the period to which the data and/or calculations pertain.

SECTION 5: Be it further ordained that the Municipality shall make, adopt and enforce all ordinances necessary to protect the property and property rights of the Company owned and operated under this Franchise, while still recognizing the rights of any other entities holding valid franchises with the Municipality, and that the Municipality will not in any way interfere with the full legal use by the Company of the property which it now maintains or may hereafter maintain in the Municipality.

SECTION 6: Be it further ordained that this Ordinance, the public health and welfare and the public necessity requiring it, shall take effect from and after its adoption. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Company shall file with the Municipality the Company's written acceptance of this Ordinance not later than thirty (30) days from the date of its passage.

SECTION 7: Be it further ordained that this Franchise shall be for a term of twenty-five (25) years from date hereof, and upon exercise by the Company of any of the privileges granted hereunder, this Franchise shall be irrevocable. If either the Municipality or the Company, its legal representatives, successors, or assigns, institutes any action or proceedings to enforce the provisions of this Ordinance, the parties hereby agree that specific performance may be sought and obtained for any breach of this Ordinance, without the necessity of proving actual damages; provided, however, that either party may, at its option, waive its right to specific performance and collect damages resulting from any breach hereof or failure to perform hereunder.

SECTION 8: Nothing in this Franchise shall be construed as superseding, repealing, canceling, modifying, or in any way affecting any of the rights enjoyed by Entergy Louisiana, LLC under that certain franchise granted by Ordinance No. 95-A, adopted by the Municipality on the 10th day of October 2023, and said franchise is hereby recognized as continuing in full force and effect in accordance with its terms. However, in the event of a conflict between said franchise and this Franchise, the provisions of this Franchise shall be controlling. It is further understood and agreed that the terms and conditions contained in any previous "Side Letter Agreement" or "Most Favored Nations" letter agreement extended by the Company are hereby rescinded and cancelled.

SECTION 9: Nothing herein shall be construed to constitute the grant of a franchise for the provision of any service other than electrical service to customers within the Municipality.

WHEREUPON, in open session said Ordinance was read and considered section by section and as a whole.

Nell Finlay seconded the motion to adopt the Ordinance.

The Mayor then ordered a vote of the yeas and nays on its final passage, and upon roll call such votes were as follows: For the Adoption of the Ordinance:

YEAS:
Judy McKenzie
Nell Finlay
Lance Milligan

Against the adoption of the Ordinance:

NAYS: N/A

Present but not voting:
ABSTAINED: N/A

Not present:
ABSENT: N/A

Whereupon the Mayor declared such legally passed and adopted on this the 10th day of October, 2023.

Approved:

MAYOR

CLERK

I, Alicia Ware, certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original Ordinance adopted by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Village of Dixie Inn, Louisiana, at a lawful meeting held on the 10th day of October 2023 with a quorum present, and that the same is now in full force and effect.

Alicia Ware,
Recorder Clerk
Village of Dixie Inn, Louisiana

**October 25, 2023
Minden Press Herald**

SHERIFF'S SALE

LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING LLC VS. SHANI WOODALL LEE A/K/A SHANI W. LEE A/K/A SHANI LEE

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 80939

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 Courthouse in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana on WEDNESDAY, November 29, 2023, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

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

Begin at the Northeast corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SW/4 of SW/4), Section 14, Township 17 North, Range 9 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana, and run South 0 degrees 20 minutes East 210 feet; thence run South 89 degrees 30 minutes East 290 feet; thence run North 9 degrees 51 minutes West 164.25 feet; thence run North 81 degrees 50 minutes East 163 feet; thence run South 6 degrees 25 minutes East 62.3 feet to the point of beginning; thence continue South 6 degrees 25 minutes East 110.5 feet; thence South 89 degrees 30 minutes East 291.8 feet; thence North 19 degrees 43 minutes West 159.3 feet; thence South 81 degrees 27 minutes West 253.11 feet to the point of beginning.

Less and except:

A 75 sq. foot tract of land located in the Southeast quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 14, Township 17 North, Range 9 West, Hefflin, Webster Parish, Louisiana, more particularly described as follows:

Begin at the Northeast corner of the Southeast quarter of the Southwest quarter of said Section 14 and run South 89 degrees 30 minutes East 269.96 feet to a point; thence run South 8 degrees 51 minutes East 198.61 feet to a found iron rod located on the North Right of Way of Church Street; thence run along

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said North Right of Way South 89 degrees 30 minutes East 388.90 feet to a point; thence run North 0 degrees 30 minutes East 6.90 feet to a set 5/8 inch iron rod for a point of beginning; thence continue North 0 degrees 30 minutes East 15 feet to a set 5/8 inch iron rod; thence run North 89 degrees 30 minutes West 15 feet to the point of beginning.

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

October 25, 2023
November 22, 2023
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**Town of Cotton Valley
Monthly Meeting
Meeting Date:
October 10, 2023**

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Ashley Williams Jones Invocation and Pledge was led by Lane Hedrick and in unison. Roll call by municipal clerk, Tiffany Parish
1. Alderman R. Shaw (present)
2. Alderman J. Carter (present)
3. Alderman E. Parish (present)
4. Alderman C. Lewis (present)
5. Alderman D. Hawkins (present)
We have a quorum (5) present (0) absent. Motion to amend the agenda to appoint a new representative to the Industrial Park Board. Motioned by Alderman R. Shaw and 2nd by Alderman D. Hawkins. Motion Passed
Motion to accept the October 2023 agenda. Motioned by Alderman R. Shaw and 2nd by Alderman J. Carter. Motion Passed
Motion to accept September 2023 meeting minutes, motioned by Alderman D. Hawkins and 2nd by Alderman R. Shaw. Motion Passed
Motion to pay October 2023 bills, motioned by Alderman R. Shaw and 2nd by Alderman J. Carter. Motion Passed
Committee Report: Painted poles in front of town hall, slogan contest is still ongoing, Christmas parade is December 16th, pictures with Santa. Mayor's Report: Budget meeting on Oct. 17th. Fall Festival on Oct. 28th. Hire a part-time maintenance person to help with leaks. Citizens' input on the current agenda matters only. None
Old Business
New Business
1. Sean Jacobs – Gunshots in City Limits – Issues with resident shooting from Lewis Avenue would like to know what the law is about shooting in city limits. State Law reads that no shooting is allowed in city limits.
2. Discuss prices for new shed for vehicle/mowers/track hoe – tabled until two more quotes are obtained.
3. Proposed Ordinance 23-01 – An Ordinance Imposing hourly rate for property clean up according to LA R.S. 33:4770.12 and Ordinance No. 45. \$150.00 per hour with 4 hours minimum.
4. Hiring of Police Officers. Chief Donald Dillard recommends hiring Matt Hortman and Patrick Mayfield to work a part-time position, each at 16 hours and they will split the pay. Motion to hire Matt Hortman by Alderman D. Hawkins and 2nd by Alderman J. Carter. Motion Passed
Motion to Hire Patrick Mayfield by Alderman R. Shaw and 2nd by Alderman J. Carter. Motion Passed
5. Motion made by Alderman R. Shaw to appoint Lane Hedrick to the Industrial Park Board and was 2nd by Alderman D. Hawkins. Motion Passed
Police Report – None.
Adjournment – Motion made by Alderman J. Carter and 2nd by Alderman D. Hawkins, meeting adjourned.

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STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF WEBSTER
VILLAGE OF DIXIE INN

RESOLUTION #0110132023

WHEREAS, THE Village of Dixie Inn, Louisiana requests assistance from the Webster Parish Police Jury to allow for patch work and repairs to the boat launch in the Village of Dixie Inn, Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, the total project materials and cost are to be funded by the Webster Parish Police Jury.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, this resolution be adopted and sent to Webster Parish Police Jury to be placed on the agenda prior to the Jury's regular meeting in November 2023.

THUS, DONE UPON MOTION BY Lance Milligan, duly seconded by Nell Finlay and carried by the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Village of Dixie Inn in regular session convened on October 13, 2023.

YEAS: (2) NAYS: () ABSTAIN: ABSENT (1)

Donna Hoffoss
Donna Hoffoss, Mayor

I, Alicia Ware, Clerk of the Village of Dixie Inn, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Village of Dixie Inn in regular session convened on October 13, 2023.

Given under my official signature and seal of office on this 13th day of October 2023.

Alicia Ware
Alicia Ware, Clerk

Village of Dixie Inn

October 25, 2023
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ORDINANCE NO. 76-D

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINACE 76 AND ALL AMENDMENTS THERETO OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF DIXIE INN, LOUISIANA, TO REVISE SECTION 1. B AND ADD SECTION 1. D, PROVIDING FOR COMPENSATION AND OF OFFICE RELATING TO FULL-TIME APPOINTED CHIEF OF POLICE

SECTION 1: That Ordinance Number 76 of the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Dixie Inn, Louisiana is hereby being amended to read as follows:

SECTION 1. B:
The position of Chief of Police shall be a full-time position, appointed by the Mayor with approval of the Board of Aldermen of the Village of Dixie Inn. The base salary of the full-time Appointed Chief of Police, paid every two weeks, shall be \$2,000.00 (as of October 10, 2023). Starting salaries for new hires, with state certifications and experience, shall be determined by the Mayor with approval of the Board of Aldermen and set by ordinance.

SECTION 1. D:
The term for which a Chief of Police is appointed may not exceed the term of office of the appointing official. If the Mayor appoints a Chief of Police, the Chief's term expires when the Mayor's term expires. Upon re-election, the Mayor may re-appoint the Chief of Police subject to approval by the Board of Aldermen. (LA. Atty. Gen. Op. No. 81-866.)

The effective date of this ordinance shall be October 10, 2023.

SECTION II:

All ordinances or parts in conflict herewith are hereby repealed and amended.

This amendment was read in sections and as a whole and on motion of Judy McKenzie, seconded by Lance Milligan, was adopted on the 10th day of October 2023 by the following vote:

YEAS: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: N/A ABSTAIN: 0

Alicia Ware
Alicia Ware, Clerk

I, Alicia Ware, certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original ordinance adopted by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Village of Dixie Inn, Louisiana, at a lawful meeting held on the 10th day of October 2023, with a quorum present.

Alicia Ware
Alicia Ware, Clerk

Village of Dixie Inn

Signed and sealed this 10th day of October 2023.

October 25, 2023
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Ordinance 71-L

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 71-I AND ALL AMENDMENTS THERETO OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE VILLAGE OF DIXIE INN, LOUISIANA REGARDING SECTION I-A COST OF LIVING RAISES FOR MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES.

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Village of Dixie Inn, Louisiana, the governing authority thereof, in regular session on October 10, 2023, as follows:

A. ORDINANCE NUMBER 71-I AND ALL AMENDMENTS THERETO OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF DIXIE INN, LOUISIANA ARE REVISED AND AMENDED IN THE FOLLOWING RESPECTS:

SECTION IV-A: COST OF LIVING RAISES

All full time, non-elected employees of the Village of Dixie Inn shall receive a 4% annual cost of living raise effective on the first day of the first pay period after the anniversary date of employment, of each year, beginning in the year 2023. This raise shall be automatic each year, but any merit raises must be voted upon and approved by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen.

SECTION VIII: SEVERABILITY

If any portion of this ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional or nullified for any reason, the remaining portions thereof shall remain in full force and in effect.

SECTION IX: REPEALER

All ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

The effective date of this ordinance shall be October 10, 2023.

The above and foregoing Ordinance amendment was read in sections and as a whole and on motion of Lance Milligan, seconded by Judy McKenzie, was adopted on October 10, 2023 by the following vote:

YEAS: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: N/A ABSTAIN: 0

Alicia Ware
Alicia Ware, Clerk

I, Alicia Ware, certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original ordinance adopted by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Village of Dixie Inn, Louisiana, at a lawful meeting on the 10th day of October 2023, with a quorum present.

Alicia Ware
Alicia Ware, Clerk

Village of Dixie Inn

Signed and sealed on this 10th day of October, 2023

October 25, 2023
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Attention residents:

This is to notify you of the upcoming changes to the 2024 flat rent which reflects 110% of the Fair Market Rent for this area effective January 1, 2024. This is updated annually and is mandatory by HUD. We will be accepting public comments on the new flat rent schedule until November 8, 2023. The Public Meeting will be held November 13, 2023 at 9:00 AM. This notice is for informational purposes only. Please see the new flat rent amounts listed below.

NEW FLAT RENT AMOUNTS

<u>EFFICIENCY</u>	<u>1-BEDROOM</u>	<u>2-BEDROOM</u>
\$676	\$688	\$904
<u>3-BEDROOM</u>	<u>4-BEDROOM</u>	
\$1,200	\$1,204	

Thank You,

Cecily W Young
Housing Specialist 4
HCV-Section 8

October 25, 2023
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October 23, 2023

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2024 ROAD CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS

The Webster Parish Police Jury solicits sealed proposals for:
2024 Road Construction Materials.

The proposals must be in the hands of the undersigned no later than 2:00 p.m., **Tuesday, November 28, 2023- in the Courthouse House Annex meeting room of the Webster Parish Police Jury, 401 Main Street, Minden, Louisiana 71055.** The bid forms and specification sheets are available at no charge in the office of the Secretary-Treasurer, Webster Parish Policy Jury. Successful bids will be approved at the Regular Meeting, Webster Parish Police Jury on December 5, 2023.

The Webster Parish Police Jury is a tax-exempt governmental agency.

The Webster Parish Police Jury abides by the requirements of the Louisiana Bid Law.

ALL BIDS SUBMITTED MUST BE CLEARLY MARKED.

Webster Parish Police Jury

s/
Lisa Balkom
Secretary-Treasurer

October 25, 2023
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2023 FOOTBALL
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1. _____ 11. _____

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3. _____ 13. _____

4. _____ 14. _____

5. _____ 15. _____

6. _____ 16. _____

7. _____ 17. _____

8. _____ 18. _____

9. _____ 19. _____

10. _____ 20. _____

THE TIE BREAKER: TOTAL POINTS OF
Calvary Baptist vs. Lakeside _____

CONTEST RULES

1. Locate the 20 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 our 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.

5. Entries must be dropped off no later than 12:00pm on Fridays. Entries received after 12:00pm on Friday will not be accepted

6. WE WILL NO LONGER ACCEPT FAXES.

7. Prizes awarded will be \$25 for first place, \$15 for second place, and \$10 for third place.

8. One entry per person per week.

9. Employees, Independent Contractors and Families of the Minden Press-Herald are not eligible.

10. NO PHOTOCOPIED ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.