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## MISS MINDEN



The Young Women's Service Club hosted the Miss Minden and Miss Spirit of Fasching Scholarship Competition which saw eight young women competing in a variety of categories to see who would be crowned. This year's title of Miss Minden was awarded to Maison Wilbanks, the title of Miss Spirit of Fasching was awarded to Hannah Reeder, and the title of Miss Minden Outstanding Teen was awarded to Izzy Gray.

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## Wilbanks crowned Miss Minden

### Izzy Gray crowned Miss Minden Outstanding Teen

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Saturday night the Miss Minden & Miss Spirit of Fasching Scholarship Competition, hosted by the Young Women's Service Club, took place where eight young women competed in a variety of different categories in order to determine who

would be the best fit to represent our town with the titles of Miss Minden, Miss Spirit of Fasching, and Outstanding Teen. The Mistress of Ceremonies for this year's event was none other than Miss Louisiana 2023, Makenzie Scroggs.

After three rounds of competition in talent, fitness, and evening gowns,

the judges selected Maison Wilbanks to be crowned as the 71st Miss Minden. Shortly after being granted the title of Miss Minden, Wilbanks had this to say.

"I'm feeling so proud, honored, and blessed, and just want to say thank you so much to God for giving me this opportunity. Always keep in mind 1 Peter 3:3-4: That it's not about the gold you wear and the clothing that you wear, but it's what's with-

in your heart, and I just empower every young girl out there that that's all that matters," said Wilbanks.

The other coveted title these young women were competing for was one that represents Minden's German heritage, that being Miss Spirit of Fasching. The judges determined this year's Miss Spirit of Fasching to be Hannah Reeder. When it came to the three young women competing for

the title of Miss Minden Outstanding Teen, the judges awarded the title to Izzy Gray.

In the teen category the Miss Congeniality and Talent Awards went to Izzy Gray and the fitness award went to Landry Edwards. In the Miss Minden Pageant it was a blowout with Miss Congeniality, Talent, and the newly added category of the Hannah McFarland Style Award all awarded

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## ELECTION

### Louisiana Gubernatorial Primary election set for November 18, 2023

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Louisiana residents are gearing up for the Gubernatorial Primary election scheduled for November 18, 2023. The polls will be open from 7 AM until 8 PM on that day, giving voters the opportunity to cast their ballots.

In addition to the gubernatorial primary, several statewide positions are in a runoff, with the outcomes to be determined on November 18. These include:

Secretary of State: Gwen Collins-Greenup and Nancy Landry are vying for this role.

Attorney General: Lindsey Cheek and Liz Baker Murrill are the candidates.

Treasurer: John Fleming and Dustin Granger are competing for this position.

Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) for District 4: Stacey Melerine and Emma Shepard are the candidates in this runoff.

Furthermore, there are four proposed constitutional amendments on the November 18 ballot:

Amendment No. 1: This amendment clarifies the timing of the governor's action on a bill. A "yes" vote would allow the legislature to reconsider vetoed bills without needing

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## EDUCATION

### Central Elementary honors veterans in moving ceremony

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Central Elementary School paid tribute to veterans in a heartfelt Veterans Day program held on November 10. The event, organized by the school's Veterans Day program committee, aimed to honor and appreciate the dedicated service of military personnel.

The ceremony commenced with a solemn Presentation of Colors by cadets from the Youth Challenge Program at Camp Minden. The National Anthem was followed by the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance by Savannah Kirk, the Dragon Pledge, led by Laramie Daniels, and a prayer, led by Emerson

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## LIONS CLUB



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Sara McDaniel spoke at the Lions Club on November 9, sharing the story of her journey from teacher to nationally-known home renovator.

### Renowned home renovator Sara McDaniel shares inspirational journey

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On November 9, Sara McDaniel, a well-known figure in Minden's home renovation scene, graced the noon Lions Club meeting as the guest speaker. McDaniel, recently fea-

tured on Magnolia Network's "In with the Old" for her renovation of the Fuller-White house, captivated the audience with her journey.

Originally from Springhill, McDaniel, after pursuing a career in education for fifteen years, found herself

drawn back to Louisiana. Reflecting on her unexpected path, she shared, "Now I get the incredible privilege of investing in Minden and helping to make our town better."

In 2014, McDaniel felt a Calling to return

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## COMMUNITY

### 10th Annual Joe LeBlanc's Feed a Family Program already working toward Christmas goal

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Year after year the Joe LeBlanc Food Pantry, with their Feed a Family Program, works to ensure everyone in the local community can have great holiday meals to share with loved ones, and year after year citizens of Minden step up to help donate and pack bags to help make it happen.

"This is our 10th year to do the Feed a Family sponsorship program. Thanks to our supporters, we have been able to provide 10,200 holiday meals in the past 10 years," said Jessica Lewis, director of the Joe LeBlanc Food Pantry.

"We hit our Thanksgiving goal of 600 families sponsored on November 4 after a very generous donation from Mercy's

Closet! We actually had just over 70 individuals and businesses that collectively covered all 600 sponsorships. Because we hit our goal so early we have already started on Christmas and, as of today, we are at 74 out of 600 sponsored."

Thanksgiving distribution will be held on November 18, and Christmas will be held on December 16 from 9 AM until 11 AM. Families in need can still sign up for the Christmas distribution, but spots are currently filled for the Thanksgiving distribution.

Ideally, they would like for Christmas sponsorships to be in by December 11.

For those still looking to sponsor a family and help the pantry reach their goal for Christmas

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Lee.

Distinguished members of various military services – including the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, National Guard, and Coast Guard – were individually acknowledged during an armed forces medley. Each service member was asked to stand as their branch’s anthem played, the moment recognizing their commitment.

The spotlight then shifted to the winners of the 5th grade essay contest, Eastyn Pate and Gracey Reynolds, who expressed the significance of honoring veterans. Pate con-

veyed, “I will always be grateful for the sacrifices they made for me,” while Reynolds emphasized, “I also honor veterans because they sacrificed time with their families.”

U.S. Army Chaplain Rev. Keith Adcock, the distinguished guest speaker, echoed these sentiments, underscoring the sacrifices made by both veterans and their families. Adcock extended gratitude to the families, acknowledging the hardships they endure during separations from their loved ones.

Addressing the students, Adcock encouraged them to recognize veterans in their community, identifiable by the

distinctive caps indicating their branch of service. He urged the students to express gratitude, stating, “Go up to them and tell them ‘thank you for your service, for keeping me free.’”

The program concluded with a rendition of “My Country ‘Tis of Thee” performed by 2nd grade students. A reception featuring cake and punch was held afterward to honor the veterans and their families.

Principal Lee expressed gratitude to Ms. Bailey Lovitt, teacher and chair of the Veterans Day program committee, for her outstanding efforts in orchestrating this tribute.

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Obituaries

John F. Kennedy  
John F. Kennedy of Brookline, Massachusetts. Services were held at Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle, 1725 Rhode Island Avenue NW, Washington DC on November 25, 1963 at 11:00 a.m. Interment was at Arlington Memorial Cemetery.

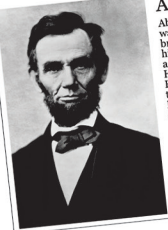
Richard Belzer

Richard Belzer, the longtime stand-up comedian who became one of TV's most indelible detectives as John Munch in "Homicide: Life on the Street" and "Law & Order: SVU," has died. He was 78. Belzer died Sunday at his home in Beantons-sur-Mer, in



Marilyn Monroe

Marilyn Monroe was born Norma Jean Mortenson on June 1, 1926, in Los Angeles General Hospital. She was the daughter of a salesman and a housewife. She was married to Joe DiMaggio, the famous baseball player, from 1946 to 1954. She died on August 5, 1962, at the age of 36. She made only 30 films in her lifetime, but her legendary status will remain with film history forever.



Abraham Lincoln

Abraham Lincoln was born February 12, 1809, in Hardin County, Kentucky. He was the son of Thomas Lincoln and Nancy Lincoln Grigsby. Abraham spent his early years on a family farm in southern Indiana. Lincoln worked as a boatman, a store clerk, a surveyor, militia soldier, and eventually became a lawyer in Illinois. He was elected to the Illinois legislature in 1834. He married his lovely wife, Mary Todd Lincoln, in 1842. They had four sons together: Robert Todd Lincoln, Tad Lincoln, William Wallace Lincoln, and Edward Baker Lincoln. Abraham was a very loving father and husband, he always thought of his family before himself.

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Daily Report

Minden man arrested on drug charges  
By Minden Press-Herald - Feb 20, 2023



A Minden man was arrested on drug charges after a Minden police officer spotted the man's erratic driving.

Jakoren Jones, 28, of the 600 block of Goodwill Street was initially seen running the stop sign at Pershing and East Street.

"I observed a silver Ford Fusion run the stop sign at Pershing and East Street," the officer reported. "The car struggled to maintain its lane and

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## OBITUARIES



### Rita Jean Tuey Gray

A graveside service for Rita Jean Tuey Gray, will be held Saturday, November 18, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at Minden Cemetery in Minden, Louisiana.

Mrs. Gray was born July 31, 1944, in Monroe, Louisiana and entered her Heavenly home October 5, 2023, in Shreveport, Louisiana, at the age of 79. She was a long-time resident of Minden, Louisiana. She will always be remembered for greeting you with a smile and

a hug, and the unconditional love she showed towards her friends and family.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Travis D. Gray, Sr., parents, Seymour and Blanche Tuey, brother, Ronald Wayne Tuey, granddaughter, Jamee Sheppard, and grandson, Nathan Moseley.

She is survived by her children, Samantha Meek and husband Jeffery Meek, Tabitha Whitehead, Jonelle Riddell, Travis D. Gray, Jr. and wife Karamie Gray, and Annette Moseley; grandchildren, Kimberlee Sheppard, Trent Meek, Natalie Moseley, Jacob Whitehead, Preston Riddell, Hayden Whitehead, Travis Riddell, Travis D. Gray, III, and Claudia Gray; and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins.



### Henry Bridges

(12/19/50 - 11/10/23)

Henry Watson Bridges, 72, of Minden, LA, passed away peacefully on Fri, Nov 10, 2023. He was born on Dec 19, 1950. Henry was a beloved husband, father, “Hoot”, brother and friend and touched the lives of many with his warmth, kindness, and faith. Family was the most cherished thing to him. He also blessed several with his woodworking talents during his retirement years.

He is survived by his wife, Kathy, children, Heather Bridges Bush (Andy), Rachael Bridges Lachney (Michael) and Lee Bridges (Erin). He is also survived by his grandchildren, Nate and Macy Bush, Hayden and Madeline Chreene, Braylon and Briar Bridges. He is survived by his sister, Leah Bridges Miller. They will all cherish his memory and his never-ending dad jokes, and continue to be inspired by his legacy.

Born and raised in Minden, Louisiana, Henry graduated from Minden High School in 1968 and from Northeast Louisiana University in 1972 with an Education degree. After teaching briefly, he started his career in banking at Bastrop National Bank in Bastrop, Louisi-

ana. Henry had a long and successful career in banking from 1975-2015, when he retired. He served on many volunteer boards, held positions of leadership, not only at his banks, but at church, Chambers of Commerce, Lions Club, Industrial and Economic Development Boards and in fund-raising for United Way, Boy Scouts and many others. He had a profound impact on his community through service and other contributions.

Friends and family remember him as social and outgoing - he never met a stranger. Most comment on his unwavering faith in the Lord and his abundant joy in his Christian walk. He was very confident in his Eternal Homecoming, right until the end. He enjoyed golf, hunting, woodworking and most of all, time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

A memorial service to celebrate Henry Watson Bridges’ life was held on Monday, November 13, 2023, at First Baptist Church in Minden, Louisiana. Visitation began at 12:00p, with the service followed at 2:00pm. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to one of the following.

First Baptist Church 301 Pennsylvania Avenue Minden, LA 71055 <https://www.firstminden.org/>  
St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital 262 Danny Thomas Place Memphis, TN 38105 <https://stjude.org>  
HUB Urban Ministries 608 Cotton Street Shreveport, LA 71101 <https://thehubministry.org/>



### Janice Anita Bell

Janice Anita Bell was born to Elton and Marietta (Swan) Miles on November 9, 1941, in Holcomb, Missouri. Janice passed away on November 11, 2023, in Minden, Louisiana.

She is preceded in death by her parents, three brothers, Johnny, Jackie Don, and Michael, and one sister, Rietta.

On June 27, 1959, she was united in marriage to Jimmy Lee Bell. During their sixty-four years of marriage, they raised two children and welcomed six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren – all were the love of her life.

Raised on a farm in the Bootheel of Missouri, Janice knew the value of hard work. After she and Jim were married, she was the first of her siblings to obtain a professional license. She began her cosmetology career in Missouri, but in 1966, Jim’s work in law enforcement took them to West Memphis, Arkansas, where she continued her career for twenty more years.

Upon retirement in 1986, they moved to Sarepta, Louisiana, where they served their community in their church. Janice also enjoyed her time as a sub-

stitute teacher. She loved to cook and was known for her canned jellies, preserves, and assortment of homemade pies. She was happiest when she was tending to her grandchildren as they were growing up and was especially proud to welcome great grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband, Jim, daughter Judith Hefner, and husband, Joe of San Antonio, TX, son, Brian Bell, and wife, Leslie of Stamps, AR.

Grandchildren Lee Bray, wife Karly and their daughter, Lluvi Rose of Longview, TX; Evan Bray, wife Hannah and their daughter, Hollis of West Monroe, LA; Reid Bray, fiancé Angelica and son, Aiden of Calhoun, LA; Reagan Bell, wife Colleen and their son, Kayce, of Marshall, AR; Conner Bell of Little Rock, AR and Sawyer Bell of Stamps, AR.

She is also survived by a sister, Jolene Hicks of Sarepta, LA, and one brother, Reggie Miles, and wife, Pene of Panama City Beach, FL, in addition to a host of nieces, nephews, and life-long friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 3:00 o’clock in the afternoon on Thursday, November 16, 2023, at New Sarepta Baptist Church. No graveside services will be held. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made to New Sarepta Baptist Church. Your support in honoring Janice’s memory through contributions to the church is greatly appreciated.

## VOTE

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a separate veto session if the legislature is still in session.

Amendment No. 2: Amendment No. 2 seeks to remove provisions in the Constitution of Louisiana that created inactive special funds within the state treasury. A “yes” vote would result in the removal of funds from these inactive programs and place the funds in the state general fund. The inactive programs include

Atchafalaya Basin Conservation Fund, Higher Education Louisiana Partnership Fund, Millennium Leverage Fund, Agricultural and Seafood Products Support Fund, First Use Tax Trust Fund, and Louisiana Investment Fund for Enhancement.

Amendment No. 3: This amendment authorizes the local governing authority of a parish to provide ad valorem tax exemptions for qualified first responders. A “yes”

vote would empower local parish authorities to grant ad valorem tax exemptions for first responders in their parish.

Amendment No. 4: Amendment No. 4 authorizes the legislature, after securing a two-thirds vote, to use up to \$250,000,000 from the Revenue Stabilization Trust Fund to alleviate a budget deficit. A “yes” vote would mean that, under specific conditions outlined in the law, the

legislature, with a successful two-thirds vote in each house, could access up to \$250,000,000 from the Revenue Stabilization Trust Fund to address budget deficits.

Louisiana residents are encouraged to participate in the election and consider these proposed constitutional amendments, as they will have a significant impact on the state’s governance and finances. Make your voice heard on November 18, 2023.

## FEED

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distribution, a sponsorship is \$25 and the food pantry has a plethora of ways to donate including PayPal (@JLFP318), Venmo (@Joe-LeBlanc-22), or by texting JLFPEAF to the number 44321. For those who simply want to send them a check, fill it out to JLFP, located at 814 Constable Street, Minden Louisiana 71055.

Another way people can help out is by taking part in local food drives. “Part of the way we offset the cost of the meals is by having local businesses and schools participate in food drives. Whatever they collect, we don’t have to go out and purchase to put in the bags,” said Lewis.

Right now Minden High School and J.L. Jones Ele-

mentary School both have school-wide canned food drives going on, so those with students attending those schools have an avenue to contribute.

Carroway Pre-Owned on Highway 531 is hosting a local food drive as well, going so far as to create scratch-off tickets as rewards for donating which can contain different prizes such as a car wash

or an oil change.

Regardless of how little or how much, there are many ways to help make a difference during this upcoming holiday season. Every family deserves a festive meal on these occasions, and Minden is blessed with a proactive community that rises to the challenge of helping one another in times of need.



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to this year’s Miss Minden Maison Wilbanks.

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## SARA

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to Louisiana, which she initially resisted. However, she was led to a 1929 cottage on McDonald Street in Minden.

“I knew, in that moment, that that house was supposed to be mine,” said McDaniel. It took McDaniel almost two years to persuade the owners to sell her the house.

Documenting the renovation under the name Simply Southern Cottage on social media, McDaniel never anticipated the transformative impact it would have on her life.

The renovation, undertaken after a challenging divorce, became a symbol of rediscovered joy for McDaniel. “The Lord has just redeemed my story in miraculous ways,” she expressed. “I painted my door yellow because I wanted my home to be an outward display of the joy I have in my heart. Now that yellow door has turned into opportunities that I could not have dreamed up.”

McDaniel’s journey gained traction on social media, attracting attention from professional renovation circles, leading to partnerships, advertising offers, and features in prestigious publications.

Her influence even reached HGTV’s Home-town Kickstart, featuring Minden as a highlighted town. Cottages & Bungalows magazine approached McDaniel in 2021, showcasing her Spanish Court

apartments project over a year. The exposure brought national and international interest to Minden, with visitors coming to explore the Villas at Spanish Court and Minden.

The most recent of McDaniel’s accomplishments was the Magnolia Network television special showcasing the renovation of the Fuller-White house, now known as the Mysterious Yellow House. The special, featuring other notable figures like Mayor Nick Cox and Councilman Buddy Myles, highlights Minden’s charm.

Throughout her journey, McDaniel credits the collaborative efforts of individuals and companies involved in her projects. “I couldn’t do it without them,” she emphasized.

McDaniel’s love for Minden has deepened with each project, and she expressed a desire for others to share in that sentiment.

“Through all of this, I have fallen deeper and deeper in love with Minden,” said McDaniel. “The longer I live here, the more I love our town and the more I want people to come here. I want every single person to love Minden like I love Minden.”

The Lions Club, located at 119 Pine Street, has interesting speakers every Thursday. This service club, whose motto is “We Serve,” is open to new members who enjoy serving their community.

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OPINION

Attack on Israel rips off scab of deep anti-semitism at woke colleges

Harvard and Yale are often held up as two of America's most "elite," "prestigious" and "diverse" institutions of higher education. Not so much.

I don't intend to criticize all current students or alumni of those schools. (In full disclosure, my nephew attends Harvard and plays on the football team). What I do mean is to highlight the fact that racism and bigotry are just as deeply embedded in human nature at these "enlightened" institutions as they are anywhere else in America.

What am I referring to? Regarding Harvard, "anti-Semitism has reared its ugly head at Harvard. Since Hamas's Oct. 7 massacre of some 1,400 Israelis, Jewish students there have reportedly been bullied, intimidated, spat on and, in at least one case, physically assaulted. Student-led protests call for the destruction of Israel and the Jewish people with chants of "Intifada! Intifada! Intifada!" and "From the river to the sea, Palestine shall be free!" (Corcoran, R. Wall Street Journal, Nov. 8, 2023). This chant refers to the land between the Jordan River and the Mediterranean Sea, where the current state of Israel is located. Thus, this chant refers to the genocide of the people of Israel, and the complete annihilation of the Jewish state.

Regarding Yale, I refer to "Jewish Students Meet Hos-

tility at Yale." (Wall Street Journal, November 8, 2023):

The authors witnessed "a university-backed event promoting denial and justifications of Hamas's atrocities." The two Jewish students explain that "when we found out about Monday's anti-Israel event at Yale, 'Gaza Under Siege,' we scrambled to produce fliers offering some context. They detailed

Hamas's atrocities, its anti-Jewish charter, its use of Palestinian civilians as human shields. Our classmates awaiting the event

weren't interested. They yelled "don't take the paper!" and tore it up or threw it back at us."

These students further noted that "organizers refused us entry because we weren't registered but waved others through who also weren't on the list." Listening from outside "what we heard was two hours of denial, lies and incitement." The event's speakers "referred to atrocities of Oct 7 in the sanitized language of 'civilians killed,' not beheaded, raped or kidnapped."; however, none of the inflamed speakers mentioned "the Hamas charter's call to

'fight Jews and kill them' but made sure to include the assertion that "Israel aims to inflict as much harm, damage, and death as possible."

These courageous Jewish students concluded "after the speeches ended ... we entered the hall. Our stomachs dropped at the sight of nearly 200 fellow students, some of whom we had regarded as friends, along with professors we had looked up to in esteem. We asked the moderator and two of the speakers if they were willing to denounce Hamas unequivocally. All three turned their backs on us. So has our university." (Wall Street Journal, Nov. 8, 2023)

Wow. This, unfortunately, is where we are with the Woke American Left. There can be no dissenting thought. There can be no genuine exchange of ideas. Rather, on the "elite" Harvard and Yale campuses you are either Woke, or you are silenced. Censored.

A few institutions have pushed back including New College school president Richard Corcoran in his article New College Is a Haven for Harvard Refugees:

"Our school ... refuses to ostracize certain groups at the expense of others in the name of "diversity, inclusion, and equity"—a misnomer for offices whose purpose typically is the opposite of what their name suggests." Harvard's Office for Diver-

sity, Inclusion, and Equity (DIE) says in its "DIE Commitment Statement" that it welcomes "people of color, women, persons with disabilities, people who identify as LGBTQIA, and those who are at the intersections of these identities." In other words ... Jews and others not on the list need not apply—unless they fit one of the delineated identity buckets. An organization truly dedicated to "diversity" and "belonging" shouldn't establish such narrow parameters for inclusion. This regrettable is typical of DIE office charters, which often signal which groups are "worthy" of membership. We don't tolerate that at New College. In February we dismantled our DIE office to ensure that no group is singled out for punishment or preferential treatment."

Free speech in the context of genuine academic freedom is largely discouraged in American higher education. Many of us have observed this academic censorship for years but the virulent antisemitism we are currently witnessing on college campuses is a stark and disturbing reminder.

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INSPIRATION

Without Thomas Edison where would we be?

If Thomas Edison hadn't been kicked out of school, after only three months in the first grade, and his mother taught him at home because his teacher said "he was addled and his mind wandered in class," we might not have the light bulb today.

Thomas Edison was asked one time what he would have done if he hadn't invented the light bulb and he replied "I would still be in there trying..."

Why is it that we often try to put everyone in the same mold? Why do we want to categorize what is important and what has value only with the grade placed on it by those in authority?

Is there not some value in "stepping to the beat of a different drummer?"

It took Thomas Edison five thousand tries before he invented the first incandescent light bulb.

It also took Colonel Sanders one thousand times before he sold his chicken reci-

pe. He slept in his car, while traveling across the country, trying to sell his recipe that continues to make a fortune. It took Sam Walton to perfect the multi-purpose store, known as WalMart, to not only make his family wealthy but to increase competition between businesses.

But back to my favorite story of Thomas Edison. I love this story because it affirms the power of persistence. The Bible says "The race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, but time and chance happens to them all."

God knew what he was doing when He made man. He gave us each one at least one small talent and we can use it and it will multiply or

if buried it will die.

Who can place value on what we do? So many inventions come into being simply because of necessity. When we want something badly enough we can believe it into existence. It is a tried and true statement that says "what we can conceive and believe we can achieve."

I say just keep on keeping on at whatever you do whether great or small and never ever let anyone else define what is valuable or has any worth.

We were not all created the same. None of us are alike nor should we want to be. God made no duplicates -- no two snow flakes are alike.

God must have liked variety.

How could anyone not believe in God? I find it much easier to believe in the One who made me, who causes the blood to flow through my veins and who created me to breathe without even thinking about it

than to believe in atheism.

We will never fully appreciate the value of what others do in life, whether great or small, because that is how we unfortunately are made and this lack of understanding is what causes much of the conflict in the world.

If we could only understand and appreciate each other a little more we would know that it is only in our uniqueness that we celebrate our finest hours!!

Having this knowledge gives me the energy to go on even in the midst of emotional storms within my life, even as I write this place, but I am energized knowing that God will always pull me through because Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever getting me to the right place at the right time.

I am thankful for this "peace that passes understanding."

EMAIL SARAH AT SARAH9957@AOL.COM

KEEP THIS IN MIND

Service to the community, people, and freedom of the press

As I was cleaning out some old items from my office shelf recently, I stumbled upon an old edition of the Minden Press-Herald, a newspaper that has been a cherished part of my family's history for four generations. This particular edition was a commemorative one, celebrating the grand opening of the newspaper's new facility in 1986. As I pored over the yellowed pages from yesterday, one headline in particular caught my eye: "Spechts believe newspaper should serve readers and that's what they aim to do..."

The story featured quotes from my grandfather, Arthur, and my uncle, Bill, who played pivotal roles in steering our family's beloved "flagship" newspaper during the late 70s and throughout the 80s. My father had hired, and then partnered with them to run the

business.

The article not only delved into their contributions to the newspaper but also shed light on their involvement in the local community, painting a vivid picture of the era.

While the trip down memory lane was heartwarming, it was their words that resonated most with me. Bill's perspective on the newspaper business's role in community-building was profound, echoing the sentiments of many journalists even today. "The newspaper business allows you to become involved in building

a better community," Bill had remarked. "In addition, there is pride you can have in keeping alive and protecting the freedom of the press, which has been with us since the founding of our country."

Arthur, on the other hand, emphasized the importance of people within the organization. He stated, "We are a close working family of people who care for each other. Each day there is something new — and a different challenge. It is interesting to see how our people meet these new challenges." This emphasis on teamwork and adaptability is still a cornerstone of successful businesses today.

These two core values — community service and nurturing individuals — are just as relevant in today's world as they were in 1986. It's a testament to the enduring strength of principles that withstand the test of time,

even as the methods and execution of businesses evolve.

In 1986, my grandfather, Arthur, shared his vision for the newspaper's future. "I don't get concerned about building the business," he said. "My biggest concern is building our people — and the business will build itself." More than 40 years have passed since those words were spoken, and the Minden Press-Herald continues to endure, weathering numerous economic and market conditions. It's clear that these values, centered around community service and the growth of individuals, have been the bedrock of our newspaper's ongoing impact.

In today's rapidly changing media landscape, these values are more critical than ever. Community newspapers, as well as larger media organizations, must remain committed to serving their readers and

upholding the principles of a free press. The challenges have evolved with technology and the way information is disseminated, but the core mission remains the same — to inform, engage, and empower communities.

In a world marked by shifting tides and constant change, the enduring wisdom of my grandfather and uncle serves as a reminder that the values we hold dear can be our guiding light. The Minden Press-Herald's, along with the Bossier Press-Tribune's, and BIZ Magazine's continued service to its community is a testament to the lasting power of these values, and a source of inspiration for all of us, as we navigate the challenges and opportunities of today's world.

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COLUMN/HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Knights, Apaches seek quarterfinal berths

RUSSELL HEDGES  
Minden Press-Herald

There were no surprises in the first round of the play-offs last Friday night. As expected, the North Webster Knights and Glenbrook Apaches cruised into the second round. North Webster, the No. 14 seed, routed No. 19 Patterson 42-0 in a non-select Division III game at Baumcum-Farrar Stadium. The Knights (7-4) will travel to Vacherie Friday to face No. 3 St. James (8-2) Friday. The Wildcats received a first-round bye. Glenbrook, the No. 11 seed, rolled past No. 22 Sacred Heart 49-12 in a select Division IV game at Apache Stadium. Glenbrook (8-2) will travel to Natchitoches Friday for a matchup with No. 6 St. Mary's at Northwestern

State's Turpin Stadium. The Tigers (7-2) received a first-round bye. The Minden Crimson Tide's season came to an end in St. Francisville. Minden, the No. 28 seed, fell to No. 5 West Feliciana 42-8 in a non-select Division II game. Minden finished 3-8. The Tide, who lost their first three games by a combined 15 points, were a much better team than their record showed. With sophomore quarterback Hudson Brown, junior running back Dunavon Robinson and defensive lineman Demetrius Robinson coming back barring unforeseen circumstances, the future looks bright. North Webster's defense dominated against Patterson. The Knights also got outstanding performances from quarterback Xavier

"Tutt" McGlothen and running backs J'Kobe Lawson and Braedon Robertson, who rushed for 152 yards. The Knights will be facing a St. James team that finished second to undefeated E.D. White in District 8-3A. The Wildcats are averaging 38.7 points per game. St. James sandwiched eight wins in between a 41-40 loss in the season opener to 5A East St. John and a 27-19 loss to E.D. White in the regular-season finale. Quarterback Brayden Williams has passed for 2,002 yards and 26 touchdowns and rushed for 472 yards and 11 TDs. Two other Wildcats have rushed for more than 500 yards. Glenbrook lost fumbles on its first two possessions against Sacred Heart but started to roll after Cade Herron scooped up a fumble and returned it 60 yards for

a touchdown. Landry Powell scored three touchdowns and had a dominant defensive performance. Chase Sentell and Preston Frye caught a touchdown passes from Easton Sanders, who also scored one and had an outstanding game. Glenbrook is facing a St. Mary's team that finished second to 9-1 Logansport in District 3-1A. The Tigers' losses were to 4A Peabody 40-21 in Week 7 and Logansport 20-3 in Week 9. Like Glenbrook, St. Mary's reached the quarterfinals last year. Quarterback Mixon Bankston has passed for 1,192 yards and nine touchdowns and rushed 378 yards and seven TDs. Ethan Busby and Ben Bienvenu have caught a combined 47 passes for 917 yards and nine TDs.



ROBERT SUMMERLIN/PRESS-HERALD  
Glenbrook's Easton Sanders fires a pass during a 49-12 victory over Sacred Heart in the first round of the select Division IV playoffs.

OUTDOORS

Fishing Report

**BLACK BAYOU** – No report. Water is low. Contact Honey Hole Tackle Shop 323-8707 for latest information.  
**BUSSEY BRAKE** – The big bass continue to be caught with some to 11 pounds caught on jigs and soft plastics. The crappie are beginning to improve around the brush. Bream have slowed. For latest information, contact the Honey Hole at 323-8707.  
**OUACHITA RIVER** – Both bass and crappie are starting to move to the deeper sloughs now that temperatures are dropping. Fishing has starting to improve. For latest information, contact the Honey

Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.  
**LAKE D'ARBONNE** – Crappie are starting to bunch up along the edges of the flats and some nice ones are being caught on shiners or jigs. Bass are moving to the secondary points and swim baits and soft plastics are picking up some nice fish. 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. Bass fishing

has best fishing the points up Bear and Horse Creeks with jigs and soft plastics working best. Crappie are best around deep brush and they should be soon moving to the deeper water out from the dam. No report on stripers this week. Boats can still be launched at the State Park launch.. For latest information, call Kel's Cove at 927-2264 or Terzia Tackle at 278-4498.  
**CANEY LAKE** – Bass are starting to move deeper and will soon be set up just out from the spillway where jigs and spoons will start producing. Crappie have been best around the deeper tops on shiners or jigs and they will also be headed for deeper water

out from the dam as temperatures drop. 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** – Catfishing has been good. Crappie fishing has improved on the south end of the lake. Bass are fair. 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 is low and fishing is quite slow this week. For information, call Surplus City Landing at 318/467-2259.

Bobcats create hair-raising experiences

GLYNN HARRIS

My initial close-up-and-personal encounter with a bobcat was a hair-raising experience. (If I had such an experience today, I'd have to describe it differently; I don't have enough hair to raise.) I was probably around the age of twelve when one dry summer day, I tagged along with my dad as he headed out to run his trapline; he worked in Predator Control for the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries at the time. Dad parked the Jeep on a dry hard-packed red clay road between Creston and Ashland in Natchitoches Parish to check one of his steel traps. Only a depression in the red clay remained; the trap was gone. Something had jerked it, chain and drag hook attached, out of the ground and vamoosed. This was by design; he never staked a trap but allowed a critter to take off, chain and hook in tow, rather than risk the chance of finding only a foot in the trap. It was usually a simple matter of following the trail left by the drag hook until the animal was encountered, usually tangled in a thicknet not far away. It hadn't rained in weeks and the red clay was like concrete; the trap was gone but there was no track to indicate what had gotten in the trap. It could have been a coon, skunk, possum, fox or bobcat but without a track, it was speculation at best. Dad suggested that we spread out; him going one way and me another to see if we could find any sign indicating which way the animal had gone. It was exciting for me; it was like I was on safari sneaking through the Serengeti in Tanzania after a wounded leopard. As I moved cautiously along, I noticed a log up ahead that had been freshly disturbed; something had recently knocked off a chunk of bark. I approached to within six feet or so to check it further when something caught my eye. There was a brushy

sapling growing next to the log and when I happened to look up, I saw something that stunted my growth for a few years; I was staring into the menacing yellow eyes of a big bobcat with lip curled to reveal fangs I could have sworn were four inches long. Two more steps and I wouldn't be sitting here telling you this story; I'd have died of fright. Back pedaling quickly, I yelled – more likely squealed like a little girl – to my dad, he came and dispatched the cat. Last week, I learned of another close encounter with a bobcat. Sixteen year old Reagan Dupree, my nephew's son, was walking to his deer stand along a pipeline in the dark. The stars and sky were bright enough that he didn't need to use his flashlight to find his way to his stand. As he walked along,

he was aware of footsteps that were matching his. He'd walk; he would hear steps. He would stop and the steps would cease. Realizing that something was following him, he flipped on his light and there a few yards behind him matching him step for step was a big bobcat. It is highly unlikely that the bobcat would attack; he may have been attracted to the snacks Reagan had in his pocket or it may have just been curious. Whatever the reason, Reagan did what any teen with a gun being stalked by a bobcat would have done. Since bobcats are considered predators of game species, the state has approved the taking of one bobcat a year by Louisiana residents who are big game license holders. The big cat had stalked its last quarry. I talked with a wildlife

biologist for his take on the prevalence of bobcats in the area today. "Timber thinning and clear cutting have created prime habitat for rabbits and wood rats, primary food sources for bobcats. Bobcats can also have an impact on wild turkeys but if you think about it, there are lots of predators, such as 'coons, hawks and coyotes, that will prey on turkeys; their eggs, poult or sometimes mature birds. Bobcats are just one of a host of critters that will eat a turkey," the biologist explained. I was on a deer stand once and I let a bobcat that I called up sneak away after he looked up and saw me; it was a neat experience. However, if I saw one stalking me or chowing down on one of my beloved wild turkeys, he wouldn't be so lucky.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Daniels' historic performance lifts LSU past Florida

STAFF REPORTS  
Minden Press-Herald

Quarterback Jayden Daniels added to his Heisman campaign last Saturday night, accounting for 606 yards of total offense to lead the LSU Tigers past the Florida Gators, 52-35 in Tiger Stadium. LSU improved to 7-3 overall and 5-2 in conference play. Florida fell to 5-5 overall and 3-4 in the SEC. The Tigers return to action Saturday against Georgia State in Tiger Stadium for a 7 p.m. kickoff on the SEC Network. One of the best players in college football put on a show in front of 102,321 fans, finishing 17-of-26 passing for 372 yards and three touchdowns, along with 234 yards rushing on 12 carries with two scores on the ground. Daniels showcased once again on the national stage to be an electric force bound for New York. "If he didn't win (the Heisman) tonight, then he's got to be the leading candidate," said head coach Brian Kelly postgame. "He did something tonight that nobody has

Saturday's games

Georgia State at LSU  
7 p.m., SEC Network

Louisiana Tech at Jacksonville St.  
1 p.m., ESPN+

ever done. If that doesn't make you the leading candidate, then maybe the Heisman isn't for the best player." **Grambling State 43, Ark.-Pine Bluff 14:** At Pine Bluff, Ark., the Tigers used a dominating second half to breeze past Arkansas-Pine Bluff and improve to 5-5 overall and 4-3 in the SWAC. Grambling State starting quarterback Myles Crawley passed for 198 yards and three touchdowns. He also added a rushing touchdown. **Sam Houston 42, Louisiana Tech 27:** At Ruston, the Bulldogs dropped to 3-8 thanks to four turnovers and the inability to get off the field on third downs.

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Football Contest Winners

Week 11

1st Place - Stan Barnett - \$25.00  
2nd Place - Jeanie Brown - \$15.00  
3rd Place - Denise Craig - \$10.00

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Landry Powell  
Glenbrook, Sr.  
Powell scored three touchdowns and set up one with a fumble recovery in a 49-12 first-round playoff victory over Sacred Heart.

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



# Good News

GOOD NEWS

## ONE OF GOD’S GREAT PROMISES

PSALM 118:24  
“This is THE DAY the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.”  
Someone wrote: Would our lives be greatly enriched if, when the alarm clock sounds each morning, you and I could hit that button, bounce out of bed, stand up, stretch and take a deep breath and say: “This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it?” Can we take that thought throughout the day? Chances are, hardly any of us respond this way - every day!  
This ‘daylight savings time’ change affects each of us in different ways. I remember as a kid, Daddy would get so upset when he would quit his farm work in time to catch the 6:00 P.M. news, only to find out that it now is 7:00 P.M. and the news is history. “One more day all messed up,” he would say. “I have wasted my time trying to get in step with all those politicians in Washington.”  
If we are not careful with our time, we find it disappearing minute by minute like sand running through a sieve. Yes, time slips away, rushing past us! Think of it this way: God made the day. The sun comes up and sets its course—as God planned it. There is a divine rhythm of life. Each day is a precious gift –not for me to consume or cram full of things to do – but to delight in God and thanking Him for all the gifts to us - to serve Him who gives us life and serve others.  
Mother Theresa and John Wesley (we are told) rose at 5:00 A.M. to pray for two hours before breakfast. We



Bill Crider

yawn and say: “I am not a morning person! My brain doesn’t function till I have a second cup of coffee.” Even so, here are some thoughts that we might consider that will help us get focused as we begin each day:  
1. When you notice your first breath, say “Thank you, Lord. You have given me another day to serve You and others.” 2. As you focus your eyes, look in the mirror as you wash your face, say –“Thank You, Lord, for the gift of sight.” 3. As you hear the crickets in the grass, see the cardinal on the feeder, hear the woodpecker on the light pole, say thanks to the Lord for such marvels of His creation. 4. Develop a habit of ‘momentary gratitude’ throughout the day; it will make life worth getting out of bed, introducing yourself anew to the presence of God. Just stop and say ‘thank prayers throughout the day for thoughts that race across your mind.’ 5. Each morning presents its’ own gifts to celebrate. Today, it might be the morning dew, the cool breeze, lifting of fog, fading moon or morning star; tomorrow it may be the thunder, the rain, the fading roses or persimmons ready to eat.’  
Quote this each morning: “Today, I’m full of hope. I’m ready for action! I can feel some unformed promises in the air. If I can corner some of this hope, and make it mine, I will be a happy soul throughout this day.”  
God has acted today! He has presented us a gift. It’s called the ‘present.’ We are to use our time wisely in His service, not only in praise and adoration, but by giving the day back to Him in a prayer of Thanksgiving for His blessings. We know He is going to be busy today sorting out all those blessings He wants to shower upon us. Let’s receive

them and watch Him at work all day long as we pass these blessings along to others. If we let the first thoughts of the day belong to Him, He will reward us throughout the day with His presence and blessings.  
He will open all sorts of doors and opportunities to bless us, to minister to others and honor His holy name. And when we finally yield our bodies and minds to the bed at night, as we end each busy day, let’s release it back to Him in a prayer of Thanksgiving for allowing us to share His blessings with others. Sweet dreams. Another great ‘present’ is awaiting us tomorrow.  
  
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### THE UPWARD LOOK

#### Awake and Praise

“Awake, my soul! Awake, harp and lyre! I will awaken the dawn.”  
Psalm 57:8 NIV



Max Hutto

Early in the morning before dawn breaks, David arouses himself from sleep. In that early hour David plays his musical instruments and lifts his voice to sing praises to God. It is important to David that every day, even days filled with trials and troubles, begins by praising God. It is also vital that believers begin their day praising God, spending time in prayer and Bible study. In the early morning hours, hearts and minds need to be focused on God and His Word. This devotional time prepares and strengthens David and all believers to face the challenges of the new day.  
  
Lord Jesus, help me to awaken each morning, yearning to meet with You in prayer and Bible study. May I lift my voice to praise You in the morning and all day long.  
  
MAX HUTTO IS A BAPTIST MINISTER AND A RESIDENT OF MINDEN. MORE INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND AT WWW.UPWARDLOOK.ORG.

### INSPIRATION

#### Set Sail

While sitting at home one day one of my best friends handed me a fortune cookie. I aggressively break open the lack luster cookie to reveal the message inside. The message read “ships are safest in harbor, but that’s not why ships are made”. I must admit I put no stock in fortunes but this message struck a chord. Think about all the ships that have been used throughout history. They were used to move people, conquer nations, and provide goods and services. To sum it up, ships have shaped our world and history. In Matthew 28:18-19NLT, Jesus came and told his disciples, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth.




Bernard Harris

Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.” We are all ships created by the lord. We are not meant to sit in the harbor where we can be shiny and safe. We are called to go out and give our all, spread his love to others, and love him with all our hearts. So let’s set sail, leave the harbor, and change the world.

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In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 81017

By virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued out of the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, in the above styled and numbered suit and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder for cash WITH-OUT the benefit of appraisalment and according to law at the principal front door of the Court-house in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana on WEDNESDAY, November 22, 2023, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

2020 Cappaert 16 x 76 mobile home bearing serial number CHVM34401

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

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

Linda Vaughan - Deputy

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Webster Parish Fire District #3 is auctioning off two surplus vehicles by sealed bid.

1. 1985 Ford C700 Tanker vin #1FDWD-74N7VA14207
2. 2001 F350 Super Duty Service Truck vin# 1FDWF- F36L01ED79111

Vehicles will be auctioned as is, where is and will need to be moved within 14 days of notification.

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Bids must be received by Dec 4th, 2023. Bids will be opened at the Dec 5th, 2023, Board Meeting.

November 1, 2023  
November 8, 2023  
November 15, 2023  
November 22, 2023  
November 29, 2023  
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MINUTES

The Webster Parish Library Board of Control met for a regular meeting in the Stewart Center Meeting Room Friday, November 3, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. Present were board members Laura Evans, Linda Watson, Vera Davison, Charlotte Dean, and Secretary Savannah Jones. Absent: Ethel Smith and George French

In the absence of President George French, Vice President Laura Evans established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

Mrs. Evans asked for any additions to the agenda. There were no additions to the agenda.

Mrs. Evans asked for audience comments. There were no audience comments.

Upon motion by Charlotte Dean, second by Linda Watson, the minutes of the July 28, 2023 regular meeting were approved as presented. Motion carried.

Upon motion by Linda Watson, second by Vera Davison, the 2023 year-to-date financial report was approved as presented. Motion carried.

Upon motion by Charlotte Dean, second by Linda Watson, the 2023 amended budgets were approved as presented. Motion carried.

Upon motion by Vera Davison, second by Linda Watson, it was moved to approve Resolution 2023-11-03 adopting the 2024 proposed budgets as presented. Ayes: 4. Nays: 0. Absent from vote: 2. Absent from meeting: Ethel Smith

and George French. Motion carried unanimously.

Vera Davison reported that the Library received a clean audit for 2022. Upon motion by Charlotte Dean, second by Linda Watson, it was moved to accept the audit report as presented. Motion carried.

Upon motion by Linda Watson, second by Charlotte Dean, the 2024 Holiday Calendar was approved as mailed. Motion carried.

Upon motion by Charlotte Dean, second by Vera Davison, it was moved to recommend that the Police Jury re-appoint Ethel Smith to serve another five year term on the Library Board of Control set to expire on December 31, 2028. Motion carried.

Upon motion by Linda Watson, second by Vera Davison, the following policies were approved as presented:

- Collection Development Policy
- Library Card Policy
- Memorial Donation Policy
- Memorial Donation Waiver Form
- Organization Library Card Application/Agreement
- Request for Reconsideration of Material Policy
- Request for Reconsideration of Material Form

There being no further business, upon motion by Linda Watson second by Charlotte Dean, the meeting adjourned at 11:13 a.m.

President

Secretary

Date

November 15, 2023 Minden Press Herald

PUBLIC NOTICE

Minden Planning Commission Meeting

December 7, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.

Pelican Room - Minden City Hall

On the agenda is a request from Douglas Culpepper for preliminary approval of a lot split on property owned him facing Ryan's Way.

Legal Description: LOT NO. 6. CELTIC COMMERCIAL PARK, UNIT NO. 1.

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

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF MINDEN, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN IN REGULAR SESSION HELD ON NOVEMBER 6, 2023

The Minden City Council met at City Hall, Minden, Louisiana, beginning at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Nick Cox, Carlton Myles, Levon Thomas, Latasha Mitchell, and Andy Pendergrass. Absence(s): Michael Roy. Mayor Cox welcomed everyone to the meeting. Prayer was offered by Levon Thomas and Latasha Mitchell led the Pledge of Allegiance. It is noted for the record that Mayor Cox allowed both council and public comments prior to every vote.

Andy Pendergrass moved to amend the printed agenda to change the order of Item (4) Personnel – Minden Police Department New Hire and Item (5) Personnel – Minden Police Department Transfer so that the Minden Police Department Transfer would be voted on before the Minden Police Department New Hire. The motion was duly seconded by Carlton Myles and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): Michael Roy.

Upon motion by Carlton Myles and duly seconded by Latasha Mitchell, the council unanimously adopted the minutes of the Minden City Council Regular Session held on October 2, 2023, as presented. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): Michael Roy.

Upon motion by Carlton Myles and duly seconded by Levon Thomas, the council unanimously adopted a Resolution to Amend the City of Minden 2022-2023 Budget, as presented. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): Michael Roy.

Andy Pendergrass moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1140 – An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 82 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Minden, Louisiana, to Provide for Payments by Credit/Debit Cards, Agreements with Credit/Debit Card Companies, Credit/Debit Card Transaction Fees, and Cancellation of Agreements by the City of Minden starting January 1, 2024. The motion was duly seconded by Levon Thomas and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): Michael Roy.

Carlton Myles moved to confirm Matthew Hicks as a full-time police officer in the Minden Police Department, subject to passing all applicable tests. The motion was duly seconded by Latasha Mitchell and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): Michael Roy.

The following action was taken regarding condemned property:

Marvin White c/o Marvin Butler 1414 South Fry Road Katy, Texas 77450

705 Carolina Street Lots #1 & 2, Blk. D, Fairfield Subdiv.

Attorney Paul E. Kitchens presented a written curator report stating that correspondence was sent via Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested and regular U.S. mail to Marvin White and that, to date, he has received no response. Evidence of Paul Kitchens' correspondence to Marvin White was provided. Carlton Myles moved to authorize Mayor Cox to issue an order declaring the property condemned and further order the demolition of any structures located thereon and the clearing of the lot within 30 days of November 6, 2023. The motion was duly seconded by Levon Thomas and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): Michael Roy.

The following action was taken regarding condemned property:

Willie Combs, Jr. 217 Main Street Minden, Louisiana 71055

217 Main Street Lots #58 & 59, Williamson Jones Survey of Minden in NE/4 of NE/4 Sec. 28-19-9, Strip 20 x 130 ft. Adj. on West Side of Lot #58, Strip 10 x 120 ft. Adj. on South Side of Lots #58 & 59 & Strip 10 x 130 ft. Adj. on East Side of Lot #59 in NE/4 of NE/4 Sec. 28-19-9 (Formerly Alleys)

Attorney Paul E. Kitchens presented a written curator report stating that correspondence was sent via Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested to Willie Combs, Jr. and that TaTeqa Lewis, Mr. Combs' granddaughter, was present representing the property. TaTeqa Lewis stated that her family is attempting to repair the house located at 217 Main Street and requested more time in order to finish the project. Carlton Myles moved to table the item for the March 2024 Minden City Council Regular Session. The motion was duly seconded by Latasha Mitchell and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): Michael Roy.

Assistant City Clerk Melaney Langford presented the Budget/Financial Report for the month of September 2023. No motion was required.

Fire Chief Brian Williams presented the Fire Report for the month of October 2023. No motion was required.

The Police Report for the month of September 2023 was unanimously accepted, as presented, by motion of Latasha Mitchell and second by Carlton Myles. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): Michael Roy.

All National Night Out 2023 Block Party Hosts were recognized by Police Chief Jared McIver serving in his capacity as 2023 National Night Out Chairman. Proclamations were presented to all hosts. No motion was required.

Announcements and council comments were heard. The meeting was then adjourned.

Nick Cox, Mayor

ATTEST:

Michael Fluhr, City Clerk

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PROCEEDING OF THE VILLAGE OF HEFLIN, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN IN REGULAR MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 12, 2023.

The Hefflin Town Council met at Town Hall, Hefflin, Louisiana beginning at 7:30 pm with the following members present: Mayor Ralph James council members Matt Austin, Robert Stachowicz, Hallie DeMoss, Police Chief Paul Miguez, Water Clerk Kim Williamson and Village Clerk Sherry Limosnero. Absent Water System Operator Jesse Williamson.

The meeting was opened with prayer offered by Hallie DeMoss and Matt Austin led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Ralph James welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Upon motion by Matt Austin and duly seconded by Robert Stachowicz, the council adopted the Minutes from September 7, 2023 at Council Regular Meeting held on October 12, 2023 as presented; the motion was approved unanimously. Robert Stachowicz moved to accept the September, 2023 Operating Financial Statements as presented; the motion was seconded by Hallie DeMoss. The motion was approved unanimously.

Upon motion by Hallie DeMoss and duly seconded by Matt Austin, the council unanimously approved Water System Reports for September, 2023. Matt Austin moved to accept the September, 2023 Police Department Reports as presented; the motion was duly seconded by Robert Stachowicz. The motion was approved unanimously. Council comments were heard, public comments were heard. There being no further business to come before this Council, meeting adjourned by Council Member Robert Stachowicz.

Attest by: Sherry Limosnero LCMC, Village Clerk Respectfully posted: 10/30/2023 Adopted:

November 15, 2023 Minden Press Herald

ORDINANCE NO. 1140

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 82 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MINDEN, LOUISIANA, TO PROVIDE FOR PAYMENTS BY CREDIT/DEBIT CARDS, AGREEMENTS WITH CREDIT/DEBIT CARD COMPANIES, CREDIT/DEBIT CARD TRANSACTION FEES, AND CANCELLATION OF AGREEMENTS BY THE CITY OF MINDEN

It is hereby ordained by the City Council of the City of Minden, Louisiana, that Chapter 82 – Taxation, Article I. – In General, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Minden, Louisiana, is hereby amended by changing and adding new Sections to read as follows:

Sec. 82-1 – 82-26. – Reserved

Sec. 82-27. – Payments by credit/debit cards.

All sums due to the City, including, but not limited to, occupational taxes, fines, forfeitures, penalties, licensing fees, service fees, utility fees, application fees, permit fees, and registration fees, may be paid by the use of credit/debit cards. The mayor is authorized to enter into agreements with credit/debit card issuers to facilitate the acceptance of credit/debit card payments by the City.

Sec. 82-28. – Agreements with credit/debit card companies.

A credit/debit card agreement may provide for the acceptance of the credit/debit card payments from the credit/debit card company at a discount from the face amount of the payment or for the withholding of administrative fees from the face amount of the payment. Such discounted fee is granted in exchange for the improved governmental cash flow, reduction

of administrative expenses and increased public convenience as a result of credit/debit card payments.

Sec. 82-29. – Credit/Debit Card Transaction fee

A credit/debit card transaction fee equal to 3% (three percent) of the face amount of the payment to the City OR a minimum fee of \$3.50 (whichever is greater) shall be imposed upon any person making a payment by credit/debit card per transaction. The credit/debit card transaction fee shall be limited to a maximum of \$200.00.

Sec. 82-30. – Cancellation of agreements by City.

Any agreement with a credit/debit card issuer for the acceptance of payments via credit/debit shall contain a provision that the City may cancel the agreement at any time.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Council of the City of Minden, Louisiana, that the remaining provisions of Chapter 82, Article I remain as originally written or amended.

This ordinance shall become effective on January 1, 2024 after being adopted by the City Council and after publication in the City's official journal.

PASSSED AND ADOPTED by the Minden City Council on this 6th day of November, 2023, by the following vote and upon motion and second of Andy Pendergrass and Levon Thomas, respectively:

AYE(S): Carlton Myles, Levon Thomas, Latasha Mitchell, and Andy Pendergrass  
NAY(S): None  
ABSENCE(S): Michael Roy  
ABSTENTION(S): None

Nicholas A. Cox, Mayor

ATTEST:

Michael Fluhr, City Clerk

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PROCEEDING OF THE VILLAGE OF HEFLIN, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN IN REGULAR MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 2, 2023.

The Hefflin Town Council met at Town Hall, Hefflin, Louisiana beginning at 9:31 pm with the following members present: Mayor Ralph James council members Hallie DeMoss, Robert Stachowicz, Police Chief Paul Miguez, Water System Operator Jesse Williamson and Village Clerk Sherry Limosnero. Absent council member Matt Austin.

The meeting was opened with prayer offered by Ralph James and Hallie DeMoss led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Ralph James welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Upon motion by Robert Stachowicz and duly seconded by Hallie DeMoss, the council adopted the Minutes from October 12, 2023 at Council Regular Meeting held on November 2, 2023 as presented; the motion was approved unanimously. Hallie DeMoss moved to accept the October, 2023 Operating Financial Statements as presented; the motion was duly seconded by Robert Stachowicz. The motion was approved unanimously.

Upon motion by Robert Stachowicz and duly seconded by Hallie DeMoss, the council unanimously approved Water System Reports for October, 2023. Hallie DeMoss moved to accept the October, 2023 Police Department Reports as presented; the motion was duly seconded by Robert Stachowicz. The motion was approved unanimously. Robert Stachowicz moved to accept the October, 2023 ARP Report as presented; the motion was duly seconded by Hallie DeMoss. The motion was approved unanimously.

Upon motion by Hallie DeMoss and duly seconded by Robert Stachowicz, the council unanimously approved RESOLUTION 004-23 STREET, DRAINAGE, & MAINTENANCE, in the amount of \$8,000.00 allotted by Webster Parish Police Jury. Hallie DeMoss moved to INTRODUCE BUDGET 2024 and set the date for Public Hearing on December 7, 2023.

Council comments were heard, public comments were heard. There being no further

business to come before this Council, meeting adjourned by Council Member Robert Stachowicz.

Attest by: Sherry Limosnero LCMC, Village Clerk Respectfully posted: 11/7/2023 Adopted:

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VILLAGE OF HEFLIN TOWN HALL MAYOR AND COUNCIL NOTICE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held as follows:

Date: DECEMBER 7, 2023

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: VILLAGE OF HEFLIN TOWN HALL 122 NORTH CHURCH ST. HEFLIN, LA. 71039

Roll Call:

AGENDA: BUDGET 2024

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If anyone knows the whereabouts of Jesse Hernandez, please contact Pamela Breedlove, Attorney at Law at 318-423-0845.

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TNT Storage, LLC, owner of East 80 Storage (318-377-9733) located at 14963 Hwy 80 East, Minden, LA, will have two 10 x 10 units to auction on www.StorageAuctions.com starting on 11-15-23 at 10:00 am and ending on 11-30-23 at 10:00 am. East 80 Storage #1 Kendrick Jackson - Ironing board, pot rack, small dresser, wooden chest, electronics: #46 Calvin McKinney - 2 chairs, child's bike, child's easel, table, cushion end table/ stools, misc. items

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TNT Storage, LLC, owner of Hilltop Storage - Pine St., (318-377-9733) located at 303 Pine St., Minden, LA, will have one 5 x 8 unit to auction on www.StorageAuctions.com starting 11-15-23 at 10:00 am and ending on 11/30/23 at 10:00 am. Hilltop Storage - Pine St. #52 Cody Terral - clothes, misc. items

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Minden Planning Commission Meeting

December 7, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.

Pelican Room - Minden City Hall

On the agenda is a request from Kyndall Hawkins for preliminary approval of a lot split on property facing Park Highway.

Legal Description: A 0.59 acre, more or less, tract of land located in the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NW/4 of NE/4), Section 22, Township 19 North, Range 9 West, Northwestern Land District, Louisiana Meridian West, Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana, being Lots 10, 11, and 12, Block 8, Goode Annex to the City of Minden, as per map and plat thereof on file and of record in the Office of the Clerk of Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, in Map Book 1, at Page 28, and the South Half of that part of an abandoned alley adjacent on the North side of said lots, per Ordinance to Close, in the Conveyance Records of Webster Parish, Louisiana, in Volume 237, at Page 557, and the North Half of that part of an abandoned street adjacent on the South side of said lots, per Ordinance to Close, in the Conveyance Records of Webster Parish, Louisiana, in Volume 310, at Page 361.

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

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November 22, 2023  
November 29, 2023  
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SHERIFF'S SALE

PLANET HOME LENDING, LLC VS.

KYLE A. BOYER A/K/A KYLE BOYER & KATIE A WOODARD A/K/A KATIE A. WOODARD BOYER

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 81004

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

LOTS 25, 26 and 27, PARKSIDE LANDING SUBDIVISION, a subdivision of Webster Parish, Louisiana as per plat recorded in Map Book 4, Page 30 of the Conveyance Records of Webster Parish, Louisiana, together with all buildings and improvements located thereon, together with that certain 2009 Franklin Model Modular Home, Serial Number ALFRG-368-13815; subject to restrictions, servitudes, rights-of-way and outstanding mineral rights of record affecting the property.

That certain manufactured home/mobile situated on the above described property, being a 2009 Modular Home Franklin Model bearing Serial Number ALFRG-368-13815, which said manufactured home/mobile home was immobilized pursuant to Affidavit to Immobilize Manufactured/Modular Home Immobilization dated October 7, 2008 and filed for record as Instrument No. 508135 of the records of Webster Parish, Louisiana.

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

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

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

Linda Vaughan - Deputy

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## 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 Police 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  
November 1, 2023  
November 8, 2023  
November 15, 2023  
November 22, 2023  
Minden Press Herald

MINUTES  
VILLAGE OF DOYLINE  
OCTOBER 2, 2023  
6:00 P.M.

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

**Call for any additions to the Agenda by Mayor Gates. None were offered.**

Motion was made by Rachael Muniz, seconded by Jackie Daniels to accept the September 11, 2023 minutes as offered. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Rachael Muniz, seconded by Jackie Daniels to accept the September financial reports as offered. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Rachael Muniz, seconded by Jackie Daniels to set the sale price of the property at 395 Watson, Doyline, La 71023 at \$20,000.00. Ordinance NO. 2023-002, on file at the Town Hall Clerk's Office. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Jackie Daniels, seconded by Rachael Muniz to seek alternatives to the original equipment request by the LGAP Grant. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Jackie Daniels, seconded by Rachael Muniz to sell the "extra" trailer owned by the town by open bid. Motion carried. Additional information will be offered by newspaper advertisement at a later date.

Mayor Gates reported that Brian Williamson with Homeland Security visited her the past week to inform her the Village of Dayline has been selected to receive the installation of an emergency warning system and secure bunker installation. Mayor Gates reported that the Inmate crew had repaired the man hole covers on Greentree that had previously been open due to aging. They are now safely closed. The clerk advised that the financials were continuing to show improvement. The clerk reports the LCBDBG process is a slow process but moving along.

**Motion was made by Rachael Muniz, seconded by Jackie Daniels to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.**

  
Mayor Christie Gates

Myra Kilburn  
Municipal Clerk, Myra Kilburn

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Determine the code to reveal the answer!

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Solve the code to discover words related to chiropractic care.  
Each number corresponds to a letter.  
(Hint: 25 = E)

- A.      16   11   6   10   17   9**  
*Clue: Move or tweak*
- B.      17   23   21   22   25**  
*Clue: Keeps people upright*
- C.      23   16   21   22**  
*Clue: Hurting*
- D.      5   25   14   21   25   24**  
*Clue: Ease of pain*

Answers: A. adjust B. spine C. pain D. relief

# SUDOKU

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**ANSWER:**

# FUN & GAMES

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## CLUES ACROSS

1. A device to disengage without a key
5. Subdivision
8. Network of nerves
12. Lounge chair
14. Ocean
15. C. European river
16. Bowl-shaped cavity
18. \_\_ Caesar, comedian
19. Lyric poems
20. Tia's sister
21. A way to develop
22. Cows collectively
23. Areas close by
26. Slightly disreputable
30. Made a mistake
31. One who cites
32. Food stall: \_\_ pai dong
33. Narrow valley between hills
34. Members of people living mainly in the Congo
39. More (Spanish)
42. Classroom implements
44. Cognizant of
46. One who tells on others
47. Free from slavery
49. Thick piece of something
50. Containing two nitrogen atoms between carbon atoms
51. Removed entirely
56. Late rocker Turner
57. Appreciated
58. Observation expedition
59. Opposite of subtracts
60. Unit of work
61. Wreckage on the sea bed
62. Affirmative! (slang)
63. Witness
64. River in England

## CLUES DOWN

1. A dissenting clique
2. Japanese city
3. Spiritual leader
4. Second letter of Greek alphabet
5. Musical term
6. Ruled over
7. Fortified wine
8. First year player
9. Moved in a circular way
10. Adolescents
11. Scottish or Irish Gaelic language
13. Someone who serves in the armed forces
17. Bring up
24. Factual written account (abbr.)
25. Having three sides
26. Annoy
27. Hustle
28. American WW2 leader
29. Stale atmosphere
35. US Treasury
36. Sound unit
37. They \_\_\_\_
38. Soviet Socialist Republic
40. Places to play video games
41. Medical event
42. When you hope to arrive
43. Fixed prices
44. Popular Boston song
45. Valley in Indiana and Illinois
47. Omit when speaking
48. German explorer of the Congo Basin
49. Stick around
52. From a distance
53. Heroic tale
54. Amounts of time
55. Eat

# PUZZLE SOLUTION

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