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Minden's 37th Annual MLK Jr. Day Celebration

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Sunday afternoon a commemorative service was held at Mt. Zion CME Church in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. as part of the 37th Annual MLK Jr. Day Celebration in Minden. This event provided an opportunity for the community to reflect on the work of Dr. King and all he did to further his dream of a truly united America. This event also recognized the work being done here in Minden, including the winners of youth contests for essay writing and poster design following this year's celebration theme, as well as leadership award winners.

Soon after the service began, Minden Mayor Nick Cox was present and read aloud a proclamation designating January 15 as MLK Jr. Day in Minden.

"Whereas Dr. Martin Luther King recognized the great injustice of segregation and discrimination and made it his life's purpose to right those wrongs in favor of justice, freedom, quality, fairness, and reconciliation, and whereas his message of non-violence, optimism, and service continues to resonate today as we strive to reflect our highest ideals in fairness, equality, and opportunity, and whereas the vision of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was one of peace, opportunity, and harmony, and whereas the 2024 MLK Jr. Celebration marks the 37th annual celebration for the City

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DRONE



AMBER MCDOWN/PRESS-HERALD PHOTO

Public safety and law enforcement agencies attended a cutting-edge drone demonstration by Skydio on January 12.

Advanced drone technology

Showcased at Webster Fire District 7 Station 5

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Representatives from various public safety agencies, including Wildlife and Fisheries, Homeland Security, multiple sheriff's departments, and the Webster Parish Police Jury, gathered at Webster Fire District 7 Sta-

tion 5 on January 12 for a demonstration of the cutting-edge X10 drone by Skydio.

The X10 drone boasts remarkable features that can significantly aid departments in various scenarios. Noteworthy capabilities include the ability to operate in darkness, rain, and proximity to power

lines. Its AI assistance streamlines the learning curve, recognizing surroundings, avoiding obstacles, and autonomously capturing data. The drone's lenses can read a license plate from a distance of 800 feet, detect thermal signatures, and generate 3D images of designated locations.

The versatility of the X10 makes it suitable for diverse tasks such as search and rescue, exploration of disaster areas, and inspection

of infrastructure like bridges. One standout feature is its multiple secure access options. While it can be operated directly with a remote control, users can also direct it via a browser, providing unlimited distance between the operator and the drone.

During the demonstration, individuals had the opportunity to remotely fly drones located in a warehouse in California. This fea-

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EDUCATION

Webster Parish School Board launches "One District One Book" reading event

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Webster Parish school district is thrilled to announce the commencement of a special reading initiative, "One District One Book." In this engaging event, students across several schools will receive a copy of this year's selected books to read at home with their families and at school. Responding to requests, two books have been chosen this year: "The Water Horse" for reading levels preK through 2nd grade, and "Appleblossom the Possum" for reading levels 3rd through 5th grade.

The kickoff for this literary celebration began on January 8, with different schools hosting daily kickoffs. Festive events include parties for parents and students featuring books, treats, and door prizes. Webster Junior High School, for instance, organized an event centered around the theme of apples, offering a variety of apple treats and decorations. Additionally, parents had the opportunity to collect report cards before their official mailing later in the week. Ms. Smith, expressing gratitude for parental participation, emphasized, "It's all about promoting literacy, fluency, and parental involvement."

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LIONS CLUB

Retired chancellor and wife become beacon of love and hope in fight against human trafficking

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Earl Meador, retired chancellor for Northwest Louisiana Technical Community College, and his wife Lori recently shared their inspiring journey as house parents at the Community House Damaris in Athens, Greece, during a noon Lions Club meeting on January 11.

Following his retirement last year, Earl Meador felt a void and sought divine guidance for the next chapter of his life. He recounted, "I really struggled during that time. I'd spent a lifetime

being very active, being very driven. But I had the conviction that you may be retired from your professional life, but you're never retired from God's duties."

The couple's calling to serve in Greece came unexpectedly when longtime friends there invited them to become house parents in a recovery program for women ages 18-35, and their children, who have been or are at high risk of sexual exploitation or trafficking. Despite initial reservations, Earl and Lori embraced the opportunity after prayerful consideration.

At the House of Damaris, which currently accommodates two homes for about eight young women each, the Meadors became instru-

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DELIVERY



COURTESY PHOTO

Gillian says she cannot thank those involved enough for their swift action, compassion, kindness, and willingness to jump in.

Baby born in elevator at MMC

Special to the Minden Press-Herald

January 9, 2024 started like any normal day for 39-week-pregnant Gillian Norred, her husband Jacob and their three boys, Shepherd, Asher and Levi. The family were busy getting ready for work and school. The boys got on their bus at 6:40am

but instead of going to work, Jacob and Gillian decided to head to Minden to the hospital, an hour drive from their house. She thought she was having a few contractions and the night before the baby was less active, which was odd Gillian said because he had been the most active of all four boys in

the womb.

During the hour journey she began making all the necessary phone calls; one to her cousin, Amanda Johnson, an RN at Minden Medical Center on the Perinatal Unit, the baby's nurse, then to the birth photographer, Sarah, to

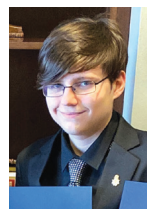
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AWARDS

Spencer Creech awarded Congressional Silver Medal for exceptional volunteerism

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In recognition of his outstanding achievements in volunteerism, character development, and fitness, Spencer Creech, a 16-year-old homeschool student, was honored with the Congressional Silver Medal on January 12 in the offices of Minden Mayor Nick Cox. The ceremony took place in the presence of notable



CREECH

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Good News

GOOD NEWS

PRAISE BE TO THE GOD OF ALL SEASONS

“To everything, there is a season, a season for every purpose under heaven.” (Eccl 3:1-11). Whatever your favorite season may be, no doubt WINTER tops all of our conversations right now! How many weather reports have you seen/heard in the past two weeks? How many more will we check before Mother Nature announces ‘it’s SPRING?’ Winters in the South are tricky, unpredictable and is loaded with health issues. Yet, as we maneuver our way through the year, we must come face-to-face with winter before we begin dreaming of the beauties of spring, the garden gifts of summer and those drives through beautiful hardwoods of autumn!

The Bible speaks of seasons and the importance of them. Several references are made to the ‘seasons of life.’ Paul painted such pictures

with references to his own life. Jesus used the metaphor of seasons: breaking of new ground, planting, tilling the soil, fruit of the fields and harvest time. Many valuable lessons are recorded in the Gospels – straight from His teachings.

So Mr. Winter has moved in, even if only temporarily. Whatever the Master Weatherman sends our way, we will deal with it the best we can and give thanks that God is still in control. Some call it ‘global warming,’ some blame it on Mother Nature, but we know it is all ‘in the hands of God Almighty.’



Bill Crider

Let’s just do like Noah when he was confined in the ark surrounded by those animals and birds for about a year – ‘WAIT ON THE LORD’ and know He remembers our name. (Gen 8). Perhaps it will be a long winter and we may have to spend a lot of time doing inside projects – we all have a few to do, I’m sure! Maybe as families we can plan more “together-time” building family relationships, reading, praying and such. Oh, like the bears and other furry animals, we may just need to catch-up on our sleep. No harm there, is it?

With certain ‘bugs’ thriving in this cold, damp weather, our medical teams are extra busy. Influenza, RSV and COVID are still calling for our attention to ‘be very careful,’ many families are struggling with such issues: schedules (work and illness), sick children at home, and keeping

the wheels running during these cold dreary days. As a child, Mr. Ben-gay, Ms. Vicks and Capt. Castor Oil were our standby-doctors in our home. Mama and Grandma were masters of the art of greasing us and administering their remedies on a daily basis it seems. Though we loved the old fireplace, the truth was ‘more heat seemed to go up the chimney that out into the living room.’ Yet it felt so good to stand before the fire (or back up to it) and get ‘really warm’ before hopping into the bed.

We probably had the first ‘wood-driven bed warmers’ in that part of the country. Each of the 7 children had a favorite brick that Mama or Grandma warmed for us right before we went to bed. They would wrap the brick with a bath towel and place in each of our beds where our cold feet would touch them.

Oh, what a wonderful feeling especially when we came home from those late basketball games on cold nights! Thank God now for electric blankets!

Winters can provide opportunities to rehash some ‘memories – both good and bad – that left deep furrows in our minds as we’ve aged. It doesn’t lessen the inconveniences involved in daily activities but it does make us thankful for special blessings we enjoy even in the roughest times of past winters. Paul reminds us “to give thanks no matter what our circumstances are! (Phil 4:11). So let’s lift our chins, put a smile on our face and repeat three times each morning: “This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.” (Psm 118:24).

BILL CRIDER IS CHAPLAIN OF MINDEN MEDICAL CENTER

THE UPWARD LOOK

Significant Places: Capernaum

“Leaving Nazareth, He came and settled in Capernaum, which is by the sea . . . From that time Jesus began to preach and say, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.’” Matthew 4:13a, 17 NASB



Max Hutto

Having been raised in Nazareth, Jesus began His public ministry by settling in Capernaum. This small city was on the northwest shore of the Sea of Galilee. Much of Jesus’ ministry was done in this region around the Sea of Galilee. Jesus’ ministry included

preaching and teaching God’s truths and showing compassion by caring for people and healing their diseases. Most of all He called people to repent, to turn from their sins, and to follow after God’s kingdom.

Lord Jesus, may my life and ministry be one of teaching Your Word, caring for others, and calling others to find life in You through Your saving grace.

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

INSPIRATION

Freedom in forgiveness

I’ll start this writing with a testimony. I forgave someone the other day in person and verbalized that forgiveness and it was amazing. It was as if years of confusion, frustration, and anger melted away for both of us. I feel that it provided a freedom that we were both seeking. Think about all the time someone has hurt you or let you down. Think about how and why they did what they did. Now think about all the times you did the same. Did you desire forgiveness? Did you receive it? Ephesians 4:31-32 says “Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior.



Bernard Harris

Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.” I think what God was trying to show me this week it that the lack of forgiveness is a prison for both parties. Don’t let all the negativity of this world lock away your heart. I want to encourage everyone to show the rest of the world the same forgiveness that Christ shows you everyday.

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

MLK

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of Minden, and this year’s theme is Be the Dream, spread hope, courage, and unity, now therefore I, Nicholas A. Cox, mayor of the City of Minden, do hereby proclaim Monday, January 15th, 2024 as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day in the City of Minden. The citizens of Minden take this opportunity to reflect on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s message on the principles of justice and equality for all people pursuing the idea of the spirit of one America,” said Cox.

Shortly after, the mayor also took the time to present the event’s keynote speaker, Dr. Breleisha Gilbert, associate professor at Grambling State University, with a key to the city in recognition of her accomplishments.

Next the service was dedicated acknowledging the accomplishments of the youths who participated in the celebration’s essay and poster contests. The submissions were judged on originality as well as the development of the theme, Be the Dream, spread hope, courage, and unity.

For the poster contest winners the elementary category was won by Anleigh Walker, the middle school category was won by Railynn Crow, and the high school category was won by Charlene Randall.

In the 4th through 5th grade category, third place was Camila Sosa, second place was Brielle Qualls-Davis, and first place was Lala Huddleston, all from E.S. Richardson Elementary School.

In the 6th through 7th grade category, third place went to Addison Bennett from Doyline High School, second place went to Courtney Hampton from Webster Jr. High, and first place went to Kaylee Johnson from Doyline High School.

For the 9th through 12th grade category, third place went to Chelsea Hampton from Minden High School, second place went to Peyton Handy from Doyline



High School, and first place went to Leigha Kennon-Gilbert from Minden High School.

Gilbert ended up reading her essay aloud to the audience at the service, and excerpt from it reading, “Courage is standing up for what you believe in. When you know you will probably be judged by others or even when no one agrees with you. When leading the protests and giving speeches, Dr. King had to be courageous because he knew that there were many people who did not agree with him or like him. He also knew that there were some people who even wanted to hurt him, ultimately taking his life.

“This did not phase him though. He continued to fight for what he believed in courageously. At various times and experiences, I have stood courageous in uncomfortable situations. It is not a good feeling to experience, but when you know what you are doing is right, you find the courage to stand, even if you have to stand alone. Dr. King often said, ‘the time is always right to do what’s right,’” said Gilbert.

As a part of each annual MLK Celebration, the committee recognizes and honors outstanding students for their dedication to social action, positive change, and building bridges along races, cultures, and communities, and who so aptly demonstrates the important aspect of service with the 2024 MLK Leadership Award. The recipients for this year’s award included both Gabrielle K. Cooper

and Kaileah Calloway.

Near the end of the service the Keynote Speaker for the event, Dr. Breleisha Gilbert, associate professor at Grambling State University, took the opportunity to share some encouraging words with the audience about chasing their dreams and never giving up, using her own life experiences as examples.

“What is hope? Hope is an expectation of trust and desire for a certain thing, that happened or that you want to happen. With my testimonies the goal is to spread hope that you can do anything that you can set your mind to, and I want you to cast that fire throughout this process or whatever you have to do that nothing is impossible. I want you to trust yourselves throughout the process, and continually reminding yourselves that you can be the dream, and that you can make that dream into reality,” said Dr. Gilbert

“My purpose is to serve through my teaching, mentoring, sharing, and through my giving to my community, at the school, and personally. So I charge all of you with this. Let what has been said today motivate you and spark a fire that has not been. You have the ability to leave a mark with whatever purpose, and just do that, be that dream. “Appreciate the process, you might not understand it while you are going through it, but just stay grounded and understand that it is God’s process, and he will always be there to encourage you.”



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OBITUARIES



Russell Ryan “Rusty” Holtzclaw

A memorial service celebrating the life of Rusty Holtzclaw will be Saturday, January 13, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. at Rose Neath Funeral Home Chapel in Minden, Louisiana with Michael Rollinson officiating. The family will receive friends at 10:00 a.m. Saturday prior to the service.

Rusty was born September 3, 1949, in Ringgold, Louisiana and entered into rest January 9, 2024, in Minden, Louisiana. Rusty served his country in the United States Marines. He was a graduate of Louisiana Tech and a member of the TKE fraternity. Rusty was also a property and casualty insurance agent for many years

and also owner and operator of his landscaping and lawncare business.

He was preceded in death by his father, Eugene Holtzclaw, son, Warren Slade Holtzclaw, stepfather, Marvin Ford, stepmother, Erline Holtzclaw, and half-sister, Regina Laurant.

He is survived by his wife, Ronni Holtzclaw of Minden; mother, Mattie Ford of Minden; brothers, Mickey Holtzclaw of Minden and Jay Ford of Dallas, TX; step-sisters, Arlene Holtzclaw Oliver of Saline and Angela Rollinson Hight of Minden; half-brothers, John Rollinson of Blair, Oklahoma and Marty Rollinson of Natchitoches; grandchildren, Khloe Smith and Xander Holtzclaw; niece, Angela Lilly and her children Morgan and Peyton of Minden and a number of nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the Shriners.

The family would like to thank the staff of St. Joseph Hospice, Stat Home Health and Allen Mosley for the excellent care given our loved one.

GMC

Minden Chamber of Commerce accepting nominations for 2024 Business Awards

AMBER MCDOWN
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The Minden Chamber of Commerce is set to host its 82nd Annual Awards Gala, sponsored by Home Federal Bank, on Tuesday, February 27, 2024, at the Minden Civic Center. Recognized as the premier networking event

in the Greater Minden area, the gala serves as a vital business platform for members.

This annual gathering not only fosters networking opportunities but also offers a platform to honor outstanding contributors to the local business community. The Minden Chamber of Commerce is

actively seeking nominations for the prestigious 2024 Business Awards who are entities in good standing with the Chamber.

The nomination deadline is set for January 31, 2024, at 11:59 PM. Award recipients will be unveiled during the gala, which provides a fitting

occasion to celebrate and recognize achievements within the local business landscape.

To nominate deserving businesses for the 2024 Business Awards, interested parties can submit their nominations at <https://bit.ly/41HnpKY>.

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ture holds potential for local agencies to hand off control to someone in dispatch, allowing officers in the field to focus on tasks without affecting the drone’s mission.

At a previous meeting,

Webster Parish Office of Homeland Security Director Brian Williams expressed enthusiasm, stating, “It’s a step up from the drone I’ve been flying for District 7. It’s got some cool features that law enforcement can utilize, and

it can allow us to recreate a 3D image of a major incident, whether it’s law enforcement-related or disaster-related, that we can then send to the state, FEMA, or whoever.”

Following the indoor demonstration, attendees

took the drones outdoors on a windy, winter day, experiencing hands-on flying. The drone’s ability to avoid crashing made it accessible to participants regardless of their experience level, showcasing its user-friendly design.

READING

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The power of reading together extends beyond individual households, fostering a community of readers, enhancing parental engagement, and strengthening the home-to-school connection crucial to students’ learning

and success.

Webster Parish Schools are enthusiastically embracing the new year by reinforcing parent and school engagement through the promotion of reading and literacy. Reading, as a shared activity, not only promotes

togetherness but also contributes to the accumulation of knowledge and understanding.

The overarching goal of the initiative is to build a Community of Readers within the schools, encouraging everyone to delve into the world of

books, as “Reading Equals Adventures.” The Webster Parish School Board is confident that this literary endeavor will create a positive impact on the community and instill a lifelong love for reading among students and their families.

LIONS

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mental in fostering a loving and Godly environment. The shelter aims to provide these women, many from war-torn African countries, with a family-like experience, teaching them essential life skills such as cooking, cleaning, childcare, and independence.

The Meadors worked with 18-year-olds, some of whom had babies. Earl expressed concern about his role as the first live-in male parent in the house but soon realized the profound impact of being a loving and Godly couple. Lori emphasized, “Our main focus was just to be there, love them, and

show them what a marriage was like — a normal marriage.”

The couple’s presence served as a powerful example for the young women, who had never experienced a healthy relationship. Lori shared an insightful moment when one of the girls remarked, “I never see Papoo get angry.” This realization underscored the importance of their role in breaking the cycle of abuse these women had previously encountered.

“We were Called to let our Light shine,” said Earl. “There wasn’t anything special about Lori and me, it was just that they had never seen that before. It hit me hard when

I realized that I was the first man in their lives who didn’t buy them, sell them, or abuse them.”

Earl shed light on the grim reality of human trafficking, stating, “There are more people in slavery today than at any other time in human history. Sadly, many of those are right here in the United States, and they’re women and children.” He emphasized the damaging impact of pornography, describing it as the gateway to prostitution and other harmful activities.

The House of Damaris relies on donations, primarily from U.S. churches, to support its crucial mission. Earl and Lori Meador passionately urge

Christians to seek similar opportunities in their communities to make a positive difference. Anyone interested in learning more about this program can contact Earl or Lori Meador at Earlmeador@gmail.com or lori@gmail.com respectively. For more information about the House of Damaris and to contribute, visit Damaris’ website, www.damaris.gr/.

The Lions Club, located at 119 Pine Street, continues its tradition of hosting engaging speakers every Thursday at noon. This service club, guided by the motto “We Serve,” welcomes new members dedicated to community service.

CREECH

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figures, including Kathy Babers from Speaker Mike Johnson’s office, Mayor Nick Cox, State Representative Dr. Wayne McMahan, State Senator Adam Bass, and Col. Carl Thompson.

Established by the United States Congress in 1979, the Congressional Award aims to acknowledge initiative, service, and achievement among young individuals. Participants like Creech earn Bronze, Silver, and Gold Certificates and Medals by setting and achieving

goals in voluntary public service, personal development, physical fitness, and expedition/exploration. The program is open to youth aged 14 to 24 nationwide.

Having previously earned the Bronze Medal, Creech has now added the Silver Medal to his accomplishments and is actively working towards achieving the prestigious Gold Medal. Kathy Babers expressed pride in Creech’s dedication, stating, “It’s a lot of work, and we are just so proud of him. This is a big deal.”

Creech’s commendable

314 hours of volunteer service included cleaning tombstones of veterans, donating essential items to children, sending birthday cards to veterans, and participating in community cleanup efforts.

State Representative Dr. Wayne McMahan acknowledged Creech’s commitment, stating, “Obviously, you’ve set and met your goals, and that will serve you well throughout your life. A Congressional Silver Medal, at your age, is quite an accomplishment. We’re proud of you.”

State Senator Adam

Bass commended Creech for his care for the community, saying, “To hear some of the things you’ve done for people, even something as simple as picking up trash, shows you care about your community, and you care about people. I’m proud of you.”

Spencer Creech’s dedication to service and his achievements at a young age have earned him well-deserved recognition, marking a significant milestone in his journey towards the Congressional Gold Medal.



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APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY JANUARY 31,2024

BABY

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start heading towards Minden from Shreveport to capture this special moment and to the amazing Dr. McKenzie, Gillian’s doctor to meet them at the hospital. After talking to Dr. McKenzie, Gillian told Dr. McKenzie she had not timed anything but she would start logging what she felt were very mild contractions. During the hour drive she logged 20 consistent contractions, that were getting a little stronger, but still not very painful she reports.

“The contractions weren’t unbearable, I could still talk through them” so when driving up Jacob pulled into the circle drive at the front of the hospital, dropped her off and went to park the van. Gillian walked through the front doors and was welcomed by a friendly voice at the front desk. She told the receptionist, “I’m in labor and need to go to the 4th floor. Dr. McKenzie is following me, and she knows I’m coming. She is supposed to meet me upstairs.”

The kind lady, who Gillian now knows is named Karey, showed her the direction to the elevator and said as soon as she turned to make her way there, she knew the baby was coming. She told Karey, she was feeling lots of pressure. Karey then asked if she needed some help getting to the elevator. She replied, “I may can use some assistance.” Karey got a wheelchair and by the time Gillian sat down, she said excitedly, “He is coming!”

Karey began assisting with Gillian’s clothing to prepare for a baby to be born all while calling for assistance from the front desk staff and ER. Gillian reported Karey never left her side and was fully engaged and positioned to catch a baby. The registration manager, Crystal, tossed

gloves to the ER doctor, Dr. Chanler, who quickly changed places with Karey for him and the ED nurse to take over.

The elevator doors closed and the doctor calmly and thoroughly talked Gillian through everything taking place. She reports the baby was born quickly and arrived with a tightly wrapped triple nuchal cord and purple/blue body coloring, but Dr. Chanler took appropriate action, never losing his calm demeanor, unwrapped the cord, while the baby was laying on her abdomen. The baby let out a cry, his color almost immediately started returning, and he began to calmly look up at her. She said by the time the doors opened on the 4th floor, he was absolutely perfect! She ended her recollection of the event stating what a blessing Dr. Chanler was to them on the day of their baby’s birth.

Mom and baby are doing great and dad is too. Dad said when he came into the hospital from parking the van and told the staff at the front desk his wife is having a baby, he could tell by the looks on their faces, he added, “She already had him didn’t she?” This is the second time daddy Jacob has missed the birth of a son. Their 2nd child was delivered by mom in the car while daddy went into the ER to get assistance. This time, Gillian’s cousin missed it, the photographer missed it, and her doctor missed it. Although they were all on their way, God put others in place to take care of mom and baby.

Gillian says she cannot thank those involved enough for their swift action, compassion, kindness, and willingness to jump in on a job task they probably never imagined would be on the to-do list for the morning of January 9, 2024!

OPINION

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OPINION

The death of DIE

So-called ‘Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity’ initiatives now being ended

So-called DIE (Diversity, Inclusion, Equity) initiatives are being challenged and opposed. As noted in the Wall Street Journal, “Texas became the second state, after Florida, to ban DIE initiatives at publicly funded colleges and universities. Texas A&M University had already announced in the fall that it closed its DIE office and reassigned the team’s staff members.” (WSJ, R. Smith, and L. Weber, 1-4-24).

Why would this be happening?

Several factors have likely contributed to the opposition. Among them the fact that the U.S. Supreme Court last year struck down affirmative action in colleges, removing a false but resilient justification for the policy, the testimony before Congress of the three college presidents of Harvard, UPenn and MIT who simply could not bring themselves to condemn calls for the murder of Jews or concede that such calls would violate school policies against hate speech, and the boycott of major American corporations for their Woke views.

It would be difficult to identify a more succinct description of such a corrosive policy than the one offered by 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 Diversity, 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.



ROYAL ALEXANDER

This regrettably 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.”

In fact, “critics say colleges focused on the goals of DIE have cultivated an environment where students see the

world as divided between the oppressed and their oppressors, leading to an anti-Israel or anti-Jewish sentiment on campuses.” (WSJ).

Further, Harvard professor Iris Bohnet stated:

“About \$8 billion a year is spent on diversity trainings in the United States alone. Now, I tried very hard to find any evidence I could. I looked not just in the United States but also in Rwanda and other post-conflict countries, where reconciliation is often built on the kind of diversity trainings that we do in our companies, to see how this is working. Sadly enough, I did not find a single study that found that diversity training in fact leads to more diversity.” (Jonathan Butcher, The Heritage Foundation, 1-30-23).

At the very least, no taxpayer dollars should be used in connection with DIE and “state lawmakers should ensure that no teacher or student is compelled to profess or believe any idea (especially ideas that violate the Civil Rights Act of 1964). Such ideas would include the notion that individuals today are automatically guilty of racial crimes committed by others decades ago who happen to share the color of their skin. In public colleges and universities, lawmakers should prohibit school officials from using DIE statements to screen job applicants. Similar prohibitions on compelled speech

should also apply.” (Id.).

But DIE is where we are with the Woke American Left. According to the brutal dictates of the Thought Police, there can be no diversity of opinion or viewpoint or thought itself. A citizen is either Woke, or silenced, driven out of a job, banned on social media, and more and more frequently threatened physically with retaliation, or worse.

As a culture and as a nation we are thankfully moving in the direction of ending discrimination based upon race, religion, ethnicity, or gender, and hopefully moving in the direction of building a ‘more perfect union’ based upon Dr Martin Luther King’s timeless principle that Americans should be judged only upon ‘the content of their character, not the color of their skin.’

In truth, the only way to end institutional discrimination based upon race, ethnicity, religion, or gender, is to end discrimination based upon race, ethnicity, religion, or gender.

DIE should be defunded and ended.

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.

FROM THE BACK PORCH

Let it Snow, Let it Snow, Let it Snow

For the past several days, we, our families and neighbors have been fascinated by the weather reports on radio and television. And I assume you all were doing the same. Are we going to have rain, freezing rain, sleet or snow?

I am sure there were different wishes from the different age groups.

The older population was surely hoping the entire forecast would be wrong, but if it had to be either of these, let it be just rain. Not the freezing rain, not the sleet and not the snow.

The middle-agers were most likely varied in their wishes. Some said a little freezing rain or sleet wouldn’t be too bad, if the temperataures didn’t remain freezing for very long. But i would think the youngsters were surely wishing for

the snow.

Even at my advanced age, I can recall years when we had what we considered big snows. During our childhood the big snows were rare but we thoroughly enjoyed them when they came.



FANNIE MOORE

with lots of clean, pure white snow. She then added sugar, a little milk and vanilla. And,voila, we had ice cream.

Some years when we had a “big” snow, Daddy would tell us to put on a coat, a

cap or headscarf, and gloves and we would walk down through the woods “tracking” rabbits. We might be cold but we wouldn’t let him know because we were enjoying the trek through the woods. The little animals left trails through the snow that were easily tracked, or traced. Sometimes we came upon the rabbits and Daddy would shoot one and sometimes the little fellows out smarted us and got away.

But we still enjoyed the outing with Daddy.

During one of the last years I was teaching, we got snow during the day while we were in class. Usually, in bad weather, school would be dismissed but we had to wait for orders from the school board in Minden to do so.

When the snow began that day, I knew we might as

well just put the books away, because the students were so excited. They all rushed to the windows to see the snow. After a few minutes, I told them to go to the closet, get their coats, hats and gloves and we went outside to let them enjoy it for a few minutes.

By the time we got outside, it had snowed enough they could make snowballs.

Guess who became their target. You’re right, the TEACHER.

I let them enjoy it a short while, then took them back inside so they didn’t get too cold. But I wanted it to be an experience they might not get again soon.

I’m sure all of those fourth graders remember the day they got to “snowball fight” their teacher.

FANNIE MOORE LIVES IN SHONGALOO.

KEEP THIS IN MIND

Is the next stop for Speaker Mike Johnson the White House?

When Speaker of the House Mike Johnson assumed the role as the third-highest-ranking official in the nation not too long ago, the move left many bewildered—yet, count me out of that group. While some questioned how this “unknown” figure from northwest Louisiana swiftly climbed the political ladder, those of us who know him harbored no doubts. Johnson has consistently ascended throughout his entire career, leaving us to ponder, “How high can Johnson climb?”

From his beginnings as a Constitutional attorney to his roles as a state representative and Congressman in

remarkably quick succession, I’ve closely observed Johnson’s journey. Despite his mild demeanor, his political ambition has proven formidable, serving him well in the realm of politics.



DAVID SPECHT

Having secured his State Representative seat and initial term as a Congressman uncontested, Johnson remains undefeated at the ballot box. The question lingering in the air is whether the White House

might be his next destination.

Consider this hypothetical scenario: former President Donald Trump secures the Republican nomination this year, a strong likelihood unless legal challenges intervene. The alliance between Trump and Johnson, though attemptedly exploited by detractors, has been evident in Johnson’s recent visits to Mar-a-Lago.

Should Trump emerge as the GOP’s nominee, the next chess move could involve him persuading Johnson to join him as his running mate. Given the GOP’s slim majority in the House of Representatives, the Democrats could

potentially reclaim control, jeopardizing Johnson’s position as Speaker. Faced with this looming threat, Johnson might seize the opportunity to transition to the executive branch as Vice President.

In the event these maneuvers transpire, the following step would be the general election, potentially culminating in a Trump victory. While far from a certainty, it undeniably stands as a plausible outcome. Yet, the ascent doesn’t conclude there.

By law, Trump would be limited to one term, offering Johnson four years to solidify his national credentials. However, an alternate scenario presents itself:

if Trump were to win the presidency but, for unforeseen reasons, be unable to complete his term, Johnson would ascend to the presidency without facing a national election.

Witnessing Johnson defy the skeptics and emerge as a political force has been undeniably captivating. Regardless of one’s political stance, underestimating him would be a grave error. Johnson’s climb is far from reaching its pinnacle, and the intrigue surrounding his future continues to unfold.

DAVID SPECHT IS PRESIDENT OF SPECHT NEWSPAPERS, INC., PUBLISHER OF BIZ. MAGAZINE, BOSSIER PRESS-TRIBUNE, AND MINDEN PRESS-HERALD.

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HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Minden standout Adams signs with BRCC

RUSSELL HEDGES
Minden Press-Herald

Minden senior catcher Jacey Adams signed with Baton Rouge Community College last week.

Adams is a two-time first-team All-District 1-4A selection. Last season, she was named to the Louisiana Softball Coaches Association's Class 4A All-State team.

Adams batted .422 with three home runs and 38 RBI last year. She helped the Lady Tiders go 20-12.

During her speech at the signing ceremony, she said she planned to major in associate science.

"The reason is when I

go to my next school I will transfer that to kinesiology and hopefully become a coach one day when I get older," she said.

Surrounded by her mother and grandmother, she thanked both of them for their support.

"She has definitely been the reason for all this, the motivation for all this," Adams said of her mother, Tracey Swilley. "She's worked so hard over the last, like, 12 years I've played ball.

There was never a time when she said, 'No, we're not going to do this, we're not going to do that,'" Adams said. "If I had a dream for it she was going to make

it happen. She worked many hours and put a lot of gas in the tank to get me here, there and everywhere."

She thanked her coaches, including Minden Head Coach Shelby Leach.

"She came in my sophomore year," Adams said. "We were really excited about having her and we had no had no clue what she was going to start to do here. She had huge role on our team and my building as a person as well. And also with my walk with Christ."

Adams is the second member of Minden's 2024 team to sign. Pitcher Kylie Ryan signed with Trinity Valley Community College in November.



RUSSELL HEDGES/PRESS-HERALD

Surrounded by her grandmother and mother, Minden catcher Jacey Adams signed with Baton Rouge Community College last week. Adams is a two-time first-team All-District 1-4A selection.

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL



DOUGLAS BLOW/SPECIAL TO THE PRESS-HERALD

Brooklyn Jefferson, shown above against Lakeside earlier this season, led Minden to two victories over Loyola and BTW last week.

Jefferson helps Minden pick up two victories

RUSSELL HEDGES
Minden Press-Herald

Last week was one of the better ones this season for Webster Parish teams.

The Minden Lady Tiders and North Webster Lady Knights each picked up two victories.

Minden defeated Loyola 50-27 and Booker T. Washington 58-28. The Lady Tiders entered this week 9-8. According to GeauxPreps.com, Minden was No. 17 in the non-select Division II power ratings.

The top 28 teams in non-select Divisions I-V in the final ratings make the playoffs and Nos. 5-16 host first-round games.

Brooklyn Jefferson's play on both ends of the floor continued to be a big part of the Lady Tiders' success. She scored 15 against Loyola and 28 against BTW.

Jefferson also had eight rebounds, two assists and two blocks against Loyola and 16 rebounds, five assists and two blocks against BTW.

Travesti Byrd had 10 points and five assists against Loyola.

North Webster defeated Plain Dealing 50-32 and Lakeside 42-26 to extend its winning streak to 11. But the streak ended with a 36-31 loss to Richwood in the Lady Knights' District 1-3A opener.

Aniyah Davis had 24 points against Plain Dealing, 21 against Lakeside and 14 against Richwood. She also had 14 rebounds against both Plain Dealing and Richwood.

North Webster entered this week 11-2. The Lady Knights were No. 13 in the non-select Division III power ratings.

Glenbrook gave first-year Head Coach Valerie Ricord her first victory. The Lady Apaches defeated Ringgold 36-30 to even their District 1-1A record at 1-1 entering this week.

Lakeside picked up its third win, defeating Haynesville 32-12.

Doyline fell to North DeSoto 49-27 in its only game.

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL

Minden, North Webster, Doyline win

RUSSELL HEDGES
Minden Press-Herald

The Minden Crimson Tide split a pair of games last week.

Minden defeated Loyola 59-43 and lost to Booker T. Washington 61-46.

The Tide entered this week 10-5. According to GeauxPreps.com, Minden was No. 17 in the non-select Division II power rankings.

The top 28 teams in non-select Divisions I-V make the playoffs and Nos. 5-16 host first-round games.

Minden trailed Loyola 9-0 four minutes into the game.

But the Tide got going in the final four minutes of the quarter. Cameron Parker scored seven points and Minden rallied for a 14-13 lead.

The Tide extended the lead to 29-22 at the half. The Flyers cut the lead to five after three quarters.

Five Minden players scored in the fourth as the Tide pulled away. Minden was 8-of-11 from the free throw line in the quarter and Hudson Brown hit his second 3-pointer of the game.

Eight Minden players scored. Parker had a game-high 19 points, including

three 3-pointers. Christian Lofton added 11 points.

The Tide played well against BTW for the first three quarters and led 42-40. But the Lions dominated the fourth. Maurice Rabb scored a team-high 17.

While Minden and BTW are both in District 1-4A, it wasn't a designated district game. That will be Feb. 2 at BTW.

Minden begins district play Friday against Woodlawn at home.

Doyline picked up two victories, defeating Forest 81-51 and North DeSoto 62-37.

The Panthers entered this week 17-2 and were at No. 7 in the non-select Division V power ratings.

North Webster also won twice last week. The Knights defeated Plain Dealing 51-46 and Lakeside 54-44. They opened play in tough District 1-3A with a 63-28 loss to Richwood.

Dejuan Coleman led the team against Plain Dealing with 15 points. Jasavion Miller and Keidren Cody scored 12 each.

Cody had a team-high 17 against Lakeside. Avante Curry scored 12.

North Webster entered this week 4-7.

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Bob Gray inducted into LBCA Hall of Fame

RUSSELL HEDGES
Minden Press-Herald

Former Sibley and Lakeside coach Bob Gray has been inducted into the Louisiana Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

The induction ceremony was last Friday in Lafayette.

Gray was the head coach at Sibley from 1985-2000 and Lakeside from 2000-2019.

His overall record was

627-302. He guided Sibley to back-to-back Class B state championships in 1990 and 1991.

In 1995, Sibley finished runner-up in Class 1A. Gray's teams reached the semifinals seven other times.

His teams won 10 district championships, compiling a record of 227-54 in district play.

Gray's son Will is the current head coach at Lakeside.



WEBSTER PARISH SCHOOLS

Legendary Sibley and Lakeside coach Bob Gray poses with his plaque after being inducted into the Louisiana Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame last week in Lafayette.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Texas school honors legendary Minden coach 'Buster' Carlisle

RUSSELL HEDGES
Minden Press-Herald

The late Clyde "Buster" Carlisle, a legendary Minden High coach, was honored by one of his former schools earlier this month.

During a ceremony Jan. 5 at halftime of a game between Clarksville, Texas, High, and Liberty-Eylau, the Clarksville gym floor was dedicated in honor of Carlisle.

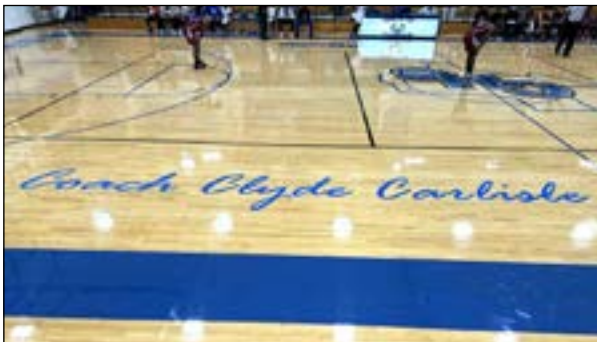
Carlisle was the head coach at Clarksville for 14 seasons. His teams won

12 district championships and made 11 regional tournament appearances, according to the Paris (Texas) News.

Five of Carlisle's teams made it to the state tournament in Austin.

Carlisle was the head coach at Minden from 1970-80. He won more than 1,000 games in a 41-year career coaching in Louisiana and Texas.

Carlisle's grandson, Jacob Brown, is the current Minden boys head coach.



COURTESY PHOTO

The gym court at Clarksville (Texas) High has been named in honor of 'Buster' Carlisle. Carlisle won 12 district championships in 14 seasons as head coach at the school.

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NOTICE

Webster Parish Special Education will be destroying all Special Education records for students who exited the program on or before May 2017 and / or have reached their 27th birthday (birth year of 1995). If you would like your records, contact the Webster Parish Special Education Office at (318) 377-7052 before Friday, April 28, 2023. You must provide a picture ID and your signature will be required to obtain these records.

**December 13, 20 and 27, 2023
January 3 and 10, 2024
Minden Press Herald**

Sealed proposals addressed to the Town of Sibley for the construction of Water Distribution System Improvements, in Webster Parish, Louisiana for the Town of Sibley, hereinafter called "Owner", will be received at the Sibley Town Hall, 345 North Main Street, Sibley, LA 71073 on Thursday, January 25th, 2023 @ 9:00 a.m. CST

and then publicly opened and read aloud. Any bid received after closing will be returned unopened. The Contract Documents (including Construction Drawings and Specifications) were prepared by BALAR Associates, Inc., Consulting Engineers, 631 Milam Street, Suite 300, Shreveport, Louisiana, 71101, and may be examined without charge at their office. A full set of Contract Documents (PDF electronic format on CD or USB Drive) may be obtained upon payment of a \$ 25.00 deposit. A PDF electronic format of the Contract Documents may be emailed upon request at no charge.

A cashier's check, certified check, or acceptable Bidder's Bond payable to the Owner in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the largest possible total for the bid submitted including consideration of alternates, must accompany each bid as a guarantee that, if awarded the contract, the Bidder will promptly enter into a Contract and execute such bonds as may be required. Sureties used for obtaining bonds must appear as acceptable in the Department of Treasury Circular No. 570 or that it is a Louisiana domiciled

insurance company with at least an A rating in the latest printing of the A. M. Best's Key Rating Guide.

If surety qualifies by virtue of its Best's listing, the Bond amount may not exceed ten percent of policyholders' surplus as shown in the latest A. M. Best's Key Rating Guide.

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

The Contractor shall begin mobilization and procurement of materials within ten (10) days of the receipt of the Notice to Proceed. The Owner reserves the right to reject all bids. Such actions will be in accordance with Title 38 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes.

All bids may be held forty-five (45) days. Hon. Jimmy Williams, Mayor
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**December 27, 2023
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Ward Marshal's Sale
B1 Bank Vs. J&S LLC Express Trucking (Civil Docket: 28360) City Court of Minden Ward 1 Webster Parish, La. By Virtue of a Wit of Seizure and Sale issued out of the City Court of Minden, 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 on Wednesday, January 10, 2024 beginning at 10:00 AM, to the last and highest bidder, with benefit of appraisal, the following described property, to wit: 2013 Mack Pinnacle CXU613 VIN# 1M1AW07Y2DM034681 Said sale will be conducted according to Law at the principal front door at the Minden Civic Center, 520 Broadway Minden, La. The above property was seized as that of the defendant and will be sold to satisfy a judgment rendered in our Honorable Court. If anyone has questions or is interested in looking at the property before the sale date, Please contact the Marshal's Office at (318) 371-4210.

Dan Weaver
Ward/Marshal

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SHONGALOO WATER SYSTEM, INC. Owner
P.O. Box 55
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Shongaloo, LA 71072
City, State, Zip
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**January 17, 24, 31, 2024
Minden Press Herald**

Town of Cotton Valley Monthly Meeting Meeting Date: January 9, 2024

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Ashley Williams Jones
Invocation and Pledge was led by Alderman R. Shaw and in unison.
Roll call by municipal clerk, Tiffany Parish
1. Alderman R. Shaw (present)
2. Alderman J. Carter (present)
3. Alderman E. Parish (absent)
4. Alderman C. Lewis (present)
5. Alderman D. Hawkins (present)

We have a quorum (4) present (1) absent. Motion to accept the January 2024 agenda. Motioned by Alderman J. Carter and 2 nd by Alderman D. Hawkins. Motion Passed

Motion to accept December 2023 meeting minutes, motioned by Alderman J. Carter and 2 nd by Alderman D. Carter. Motion Passed

Committee Report: Discussed Easter Mayor's Report: Mid-Winter Conference, LLA&LMA training in Haughton, 3 rd Annual Black History Parade Springhill. Bayou Kubota Estimate repair for our Kubota tractor, estimate is for \$5,693.73. Motion by Alderman R. Shaw and 2 nd by Alderman D. Hawkins to repair our Kubota tractor. Motion Passed. Citizens' input on the current agenda matters only. None

Old Business New Business

1. Approve Resolution to renew Scott Sharbutt contract for 2024. Motion by Alderman R. Shaw and 2 nd by Alderman J. Carter. Motion Passed.
2. Approve Resolution to renew Fran Gipson Contract for 2024. Motion by Alderman J. Carter and 2 nd by Alderman D. Hawkins. Motion Passed.
3. Approve Resolution giving Webster Parish Police Jury permission to install culverts. Motion by Alderman R. Shaw and 2 nd by Alderman J. Carter. Motion Passed.
4. Approve introduction of Ordinance 24-01 Police Report – Alderman J. Carter brought up that a police officer needs to be in the school zone on Monday and Tuesday mornings. Adjournment – Motion made by Alderman J. Carter and 2 nd by Alderman C. Lewis, meeting adjourned.

**January 17, 2024
Minden Press Herald**
Minden Housing Authority 1209 East Street Minden, LA 71055

Phone: (318) 377-2707
Fax: (318) 639-9594
Email: cecily@minden-housing.org

City of Minden Section 8 Waiting List

Applications for the city of Minden will be available ONLINE ONLY starting Wednesday, January 31, 2024, and ending Thursday, February, 29, 2024. This is to get place on the waiting list only and for inside the city limits of Minden, LA. The website to apply is <https://minden-housing-manager.com/>

You must create an account online to apply!!

Cecily Young
Housing Specialist 4

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"Anyone knowing the identity or whereabouts of the heirs and/or descendants of **JOHNNY JAMES BAKER and/or RUBY WILLIAMS BAKER** should contact D. Tomlin Wilson, Attorney at Law, by phone at (318) 771-7102 or by email at tomlinwilsonlaw@outlook.com."

**January 17 and 24, 2024
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LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS MEDICAL PSYCHOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING AGENDA
Date: January 12, 2024
Time: 1:00 pm

Place: ZOOM conference - see website <https://www.lsbme.la.gov/committee-medical-psychology-advisory-committee> for posting of Youtube link immediately prior to

1:00 pm, 1/12/2024. Anchor location: 630 Camp Street, New Orleans, LA 70130

CALL TO ORDER
Business Meeting, January 12 2024, 1:00 p.m., via Live Streaming Video and Teleconference

during the public session. INTRODUCTIONS Identification of participants and audibility per La. R.S. 42:17(C)(3).

Finding that Agenda meets criteria under La. R.S. 42:17.1(A)(2)(d).

PUBLIC COMMENTS, pursuant to La. R.S. 42:17(C)(1).

OLD BUSINESS
Approval of Minutes from meeting on October 27, 2023

Status of Law revisions
Public Comment

EXECUTIVE SESSION Under La. R.S. 42:17A, "a public body may hold an executive session pursuant to R.S. 42:16 for one or more of the following reasons: (1) Discussion of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of a person, provided that such person is notified in writing at least twenty-four hours, exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays, before the scheduled time contained in the notice of the meeting at which such executive session is to take place and that such person may require that such discussion be held at an open meeting...."

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2. Attorney Advice – under La. R.S. 42:17(A) (10), as needed

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to LSA-R.S. 42:19(A), that the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (the "Board"), within the Louisiana Department of Health, State of Louisiana, shall convene a Regular Call meeting of the Medical Psychology Advisory Committee starting at 1:00 p.m., Friday January 12, 2024, at the offices of the Board, 630 Camp Street, New Orleans, Louisiana. Pursuant to La. R.S. 42:17.3 and Act 408 of the 2022 Regular Session, the Medical Psychology Advisory Committee will participate via live-streaming video and teleconference for the public session and via non-streaming video and teleconference during the executive session. Members of the public may view the video meeting at the anchor location at 630

Camp Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, or remotely via YouTube. To view the meeting via YouTube, please go to the website at www.lsbme.la.gov, and from the home page, click on "Advisory Committees" and then "Medical Psychology " where a YouTube link to the meeting will be posted at the appointed time of the meeting.

Individuals who wish to make a public comment before or during the meeting, may do so by emailing: publiccomment@lsbme.la.gov. Public comments comprised of videos and/or audio content must be limited

to no more than 3 minutes length and the email size must be less than 10 megabytes. Both requirements must be met, or the content will be refused by our system. All comments received prior to or during the meeting will be identified and acknowledged during the meeting and maintained in the meeting minutes.

Members of the public may give verbal comment on any agenda item when the matter comes up for discussion. Individuals wishing to make verbal comment must email publiccomment@lsbme.la.gov with the subject line "ZOOM LINK REQUEST" to request a link to the videoconference, identifying themselves by name and relevant affiliation, if any, and the agenda item about which they wish to make verbal comment.

This request should be made as far in advance of the meeting as possible so that the request can be processed. The committee will make reasonable efforts to accommodate requests made while the meeting is in progress but cannot guarantee that such requests can be honored. The committee reserves the right to limit or prohibit participation in order to maintain orderly conduct of the meeting in accordance with La. R.S.

42:17(C). Members of the public who choose to view the video meeting at the anchor location may give verbal comment by notifying the presiding officer at the anchor location. The agenda of such meeting shall be as annexed hereto.

Note: Regular Meeting held and noticed pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §42:17A(1), (2), (4), (5) and (10), R.S. 42:17.3 and Act 408 of the 2022

Regular Session. Further, agenda items may be taken out of order and/or in executive session pursuant to R.S. 42:17A. La. R.S. 42:17A states "A public body may hold an executive session pursuant to La. R.S.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
JANUARY 5, 2024

The Regular Meeting of the Village of Dixie Inn will be held as follows:
DATE: TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2024
TIME: 5:00 P.M.

PLACE OF MEETING: VILLAGE OF DIXIE INN - VILLAGE HALL
60 SHELL ST. DIXIE INN, LA 71055

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON AGENDA ITEMS LISTED
4. WELCOME GUESTS
5. ADOPT THE MINUTES

OF DECEMBER 12, 2023
REGULAR SESSION
6. ADOPT THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR DECEMBER 2023
7. DEPARTMENT REPORTS
A. WATER / MAINTENANCE REPORT
B. POLICE REPORT
C. ALDERMEN'S REPORT
D. MAYOR'S REPORT: WINNER OF CHRISTMAS HAM CHRIS LOVELL
8. NEW BUSINESS
A. TRAVIS MOREHART TO PRESENT 2022-2023 AUDIT

10. OLD BUSINESS

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AGENDA APPROVED BY DONNA HOFFOSS ON JANUARY 5, 2024

DONNA HOFFOSS, MAYOR DATE/TIME

ALICIA WARE, CLERK

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PUBLIC NOTICE THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MINDEN

will meet in WORKSHOP on Monday, January 8, 2024 Beginning at 4:30 p.m. in the Pelican Conference Room Minden City Hall 520 Broadway Street, Minden, LA

Items to be discussed include: City Council Agenda Latasha Mitchell, District C Councilwoman - Mobile Homes within Minden City Limits Brent Cooley, Building Official - Condemnation Update

Jared McIver, Police Chief - October 2023 Police Report Brian Williams, Fire Chief - November 2023 Fire Report Michael Fluhr, City Clerk - October 2023 Budget Report

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Minden Planning Commission Meeting
February 1, 2024 - 10:00 a.m.

Pelican Room - Minden City Hall

On the agenda is a request from 2049 Coffee Company, LLC., option holder on property owned by Tanya G. Florence located on Homer Road, for a zoning change from R-2 (Residential) to B-1 (Neighborhood Commercial).

The purpose of this zoning change is for the proposed construction of a drive-thru coffee shop.

Legal Description: LOTS #6 & 21, GOODE ANNEX All interested parties will be given a chance to be heard.

To be advertised in the legal section of the official journal on January 17, January 24, and January 31, 2024.

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DORCHEAT SWCD SCHOLARSHIP

The 2024 Dorcheat Soil and Water Conservation District scholarship program is now accepting applications from high school seniors in Webster Parish. Applications can be obtained at the Dorcheat SWCD office at 216 B Broadway Street, Minden, LA. Office hours are 7:30 AM until 4:00 PM Monday through Friday. For more information call 318-377-9950 Extension 3.

Deadline for applications is March 1, 2024.

January 17, 2024

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF MINDEN, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN IN REGULAR SESSION HELD ON JANUARY 8, 2024

The Minden City Council met at City Hall in Minden, Louisiana, beginning at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Nick Cox, Carlton Myles, Levon Thomas, Latasha Mitchell, Michael Roy, and Andy Pendergrass. Absence(s): None.

Mayor Cox welcomed everyone to the meeting. Prayer was offered by Andy Pendergrass and Carlton Myles led the Pledge of Allegiance. It is noted for the record that Mayor Cox allowed both council and public comments prior to every vote.

Carlton Myles moved to adopt the minutes of the Minden City Council Regular Session held on December 4, 2023, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Levon Thomas and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Michael Roy moved to elect Andy Pendergrass, Council Representative for District E, as Mayor Pro Tempore for the year 2024. The motion was duly seconded by Latasha Mitchell and the vote was as follows: Aye(s): Carlton Myles, Levon Thomas, Latasha Mitchell, and Michael Roy. Nay(s): None. Abstention(s): Andy Pendergrass. Absence(s): None. The motion carried.

Carlton Myles moved to appoint Melaney Langford

as City Clerk for the City of Minden for the three-year term of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Michael Roy and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Upon motion by Andy Pendergrass and duly seconded by Michael Roy, the council unanimously appointed Tommy Davis to the Minden Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Board, as presented. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Michael Roy moved to adopt a Resolution Authorizing Andy Pendergrass as Mayor Pro Tempore and Elizabeth Campbell as Assistant City Clerk to Sign Checks

Drawn by this Municipal Corporation on Any Financial Institution in Custody of City of Minden Funds, Effective Upon Adoption, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Carlton Myles and the vote was as unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Carlton Myles moved to adopt a Resolution Authorizing Signatory Power for Certain City of Minden Personnel, as presented. This resolution would grant City Clerk

(32) 01-08-2024

Melaney Langford a City of Minden credit card. The motion was duly seconded by Levon Thomas and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Upon motion by Latasha Mitchell and duly seconded by Andy Pendergrass, the council unanimously adopted a Resolution

SHERIFF'S SALE

WELLS FARGO BANK NA
VS.
STEVEN LESTER MORRIS

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 81048.
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 principle front door of the Courthouse in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana, on WEDNESDAY, February 21, 2024,
During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

Lots 20 and 21, Hillside Subdivision, Phase 1, situated in the West Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 19, Township 19 North, Range 8 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana, and as further reflected on that certain survey filed of record in Book 897, Page 489, under Registry No. 432036 of the Conveyance Records of Webster Parish, Louisiana; subject to restrictions, servitudes, rights-of-way and outstanding mineral rights of record affecting the property.

Together with a certain mobile home being a 1999 Buccaneer 5385 T99, AIBUS-28915AB NTA-977413-414, which is immovable under the provisions of Louisiana law.

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
Linda Vaughan - Deputy

January 17, 2024
February 14, 2024
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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

SHONGALOO WATER SYSTEM, INC.

Owner
P.O. Box 55
Address
Shongaloo, LA 71072
City, State, Zip

Separate sealed BIDS for the construction of
CONTRACT III- BOOSTER STATIONS IMPROVEMENTS
will be received by the SHONGALOO WATER SYSTEM, INC.
at the SHONGALOO WATER SYSTEM OFFICE, 13180 HWY 159, SHONGALOO, LOUISIANA 71072 Until 2:00 P.M. Tuesday, February 6, 2024 , and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud as permitted by public bid law. This is in accordance with
La R.S. 38:2212 (A)(1)(b), the provisions of La R.S. 38:2212.

Each bidder must have an active Unique Entity ID (SAM), as verified on

www.sam.gov, within 10 days of bid opening.

The CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be examined at the following location(s):
Cothren Graff Smoak Engineering, Inc., 6305 Westport Avenue, Shreveport, LA 71129 .

Copies of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be obtained at the office of COTHREN, GRAFF, SMOAK ENGINEERING, INC. upon payment of \$ 35.00 for each set, which is refundable to prime bidders within 10 days after receipt of bids. Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids for just cause.
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Contract II- Water Distribution Improvements
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NEW WATER WELLS

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THIS NOTICE BY PUBLICATION THAT YOUR RIGHTS OR INTEREST IN THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY LOCATED IN WEBSTER PARISH, LOUISIANA MAY BE TERMINATED BY OPERATION OF LAW IF YOU DO NOT TAKE FURTHER ACTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW:

Legal Description: LOT #1 & 2, BLK. "A", UNIT #2, CYPRESS ISLE LAKE ESTATES SUBDIV.

Assessment # 101253, as per the assessment in the records of the Tax Assessor of Webster Parish, Louisiana.

This property was adjudicated to the Police Jury On May 23, 2023. The three year redemptive period has passed. Tax sale title to the above described property has been sold for failure to pay taxes. You have been identified as a person who may have an interest in this property. Your interest in the property will be terminated within 60 days from the date of this publication unless you redeem the property or you may otherwise challenge in a court of competent jurisdiction the potential sale or donation.

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Town Of Sibley
P.O. Box 128
346 N. Main Street
Sibley, Louisiana 71073
Phone (513) 377-0345 Fax (513) 377-0361

MAYOR
Jimmy Williams
TOWN CLERK
Sherry McCann, LDMC
ALDERMEN
Wayne Bolton
Helen Chanler
Richard Davis
Alan Myers
Robert Smart

January 8, 2024

The Sibley Town Council met in regular session on Monday, January 8, at 6pm in the Sibley Town Hall Meeting Room.

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

Mayor Williams opened the meeting in prayer; then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Robert Smart motioned to accept the minutes to the December 11, 2023 Regular Meeting as read, Alan Myers seconded. Motion carried.

Robert Smart motioned to add Resolution No. 01-2024 to the agenda under New Items, Richard Davis seconded. Motion was unanimous.

No Public Comments.

Travis Morchart, CPA, was present to present the 2022 – 2023 Audit with no findings.

Richard Davis motioned to adopt Resolution No. 01-2024 authorizing the mayor to advise Entergy Louisiana, Inc. of the intent to not extend Entergy's franchise agreement with the Town of Sibley and to negotiate with Entergy for the acquisition of electric lines and facilities within the Town of Sibley. Wayne Bolton seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Assistant Fire Chief Richard Davis gave the December 2023 activity report for the Sibley Volunteer Fire Department.

Assistant Police Chief Clint Meshell gave the December 2023 activity report for the Sibley Police Department.

The mayor gave an update on the Water Sector Funding for the Saltworks Water Project.

Alan Myers motioned to adjourn, Wayne Bolton seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Attest:

original signed
Jimmy Williams

original signed
Sherry McCann

Jimmy Williams
Mayor

Sherry McCann
Town Clerk

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Owner

P.O. Box 467

Address

Doyleline, Louisiana 71071

City, State, Zip

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at the DOYLINE TOWN HALL, 624 COLLEGE, DOYLINE, LOUISIANA 71023

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81171 1/11/2024 KRISTIS EQUIREV S JUSTIN SEQUJCHEE T AL

HELD ON DECEMBER 71112, 023. The Minden Planning Commission met at City Hall, Minden, Louisiana at 10:00 a.m. Members present: Chairman; Morris Busby, Chairpersons: Braley Raborn, Joann McWoodson, Steve Wilson. Also attending: Brent Cooley, Building Official. Absent: Michael Davis. Steve Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 2nd, 2023, meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Joann McWoodson and it carried unanimously.

(1) Douglas Culppepper - Luke Pearson was present to represent the property owner on his request for preliminary approval of a lot split on property facing Ryan's Way (legal description attached). A motion was made by Braley Raborn to APPROVE the preliminary lot split for the property facing Park Highway (legal description attached). A motion was made by Braley Raborn to APPROVE the preliminary lot split for the property facing Park Highway. The motion was duly seconded by Joann McWoodson and it carried unanimously. Everyone was reminded that this recommendation will be made to the City Council at the January 8, 2024, regular session and Council will be final. With no other business on the agenda, a motion was made by Joann McWoodson to adjourn the meeting. The motion was duly seconded by Braley Raborn and it carried unanimously.

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..\$920.00
Victim's Fund
..\$0.00
Clerk's Fund
..\$42.00
Community Service
..\$0.00
WARE Center
..\$157.50
LA Commission on Law Enforcement
..\$32.00
Off-Duty Witness Fee ..
..\$251.50
DARE
..\$0.00
State Analysis
..\$0.00
Agency Analysis
..\$0.00
Court Case Mgmt. Information System
..\$63.00
LA Traumatic Head & Spinal Cord Injury, Trust Fund
..\$80.00
Disability Affairs
..\$0.00
Judicial Building Fund ..
..\$210.00
Judicial Education
..\$8.00
TOTAL
..\$11,639.00
Suggested Wording of Motion: "I move to accept the Police Report for the month of November 2023, as presented."
MOTION: ----- SECOND: ----- AYE(S): ----- NAY(S): ----- ABSENCE(S): ----- _ ABSTENTION(S): -----

CHIEF OF POLICE MONTHLY REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2023


BENNETT, CHRISTOPHER 50.00 0.00 20.00 36.50 30.00 40.00 0.00 2.00 0.00 7.50 0.00 13.50 0.00 0.00 0.00 3.00 0.00 0.00 10.00 0.00 212.50 0.00 30.00 31.00 30.00 45.00 0.00 2.00 0.00 7.50 2.00 11.50 0.00 0.00 0.00 3.00 5.00 0.00 10.00 0.00 5.0 216.50
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January 17, 2024
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SCHOOL ZONES ARE FREE

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS ONLY \$40 DOLLARS



LIHEAP

Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program

CALL-IN DATES ARE
MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 2024-MINDEN
TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2024-SPRINGHILL

Webster Parish Community Services is offering the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). Funds have been made available for fiscal year 2024 for non-crisis assistance as well as crisis assistance. Applicants will be served on a first come, first serve basis.

TARGET GROUP: The target group for this program are elderly, disabled, and families with children five years of age or younger.

- Target Group individuals from the south part of the parish, Minden, Sibley, Doyline, etc., may request assistance by calling 318-377-7022, beginning at 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m., MONDAY - JANUARY 29, 2024 on a first-come, first-serve basis.

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Once assistance has been requested, individuals will be notified of appointment date and time, as well as the necessary documentation required to apply by telephone.

Each individual must be a resident of Webster Parish and provide proof of eligibility. In order to be eligible, the **entire family income** must be at or below 60 per cent median income family guidelines and not have received assistance within the last 6 months. They may be eligible if residents in the home receive food stamps, Supplemental Security Income, TANF, or certain veterans' pension payments. Besides the proof of eligibility, each applicant **must provide copies of current utility bills**. The payment of each utility bill remains the responsibility of the individual or family. This program is not responsible for utilities being shut off between the time an application is made and payment is received by the utility company. Benefit may take 30-90 days to credit to individual's utility account.

CRISIS ASSISTANCE:

The LIHEAP program also provides energy crisis intervention to eligible households. The program provides for an energy payment **up to a maximum benefit amount of \$1000.00**. To be eligible for LIHEAP Crisis Assistance, the applicant's household must meet the following requirements:

- Income eligibility.
- Disconnection Notice(threatened or actual interruption of service which may cause a lack of cooling/heating source.)
- Vulnerability (mail that has been received within the last 30 days which has the same address as the utility bills.)
- Faced with health risk and/or safety hazard.

A household can receive only one (1) crisis assistance benefit during a 12-month period. Services are available to all persons on a non-discriminatory basis without regard to race, color, sex, national origin, religion, age or disability. Anyone who feels they have been discriminated against should contact the Office of Community Services, 208 Gleason St., Minden, LA, phone 318-377-7022 or Louisiana Housing Corporation, 2415 Quail Dr., Baton Rouge, LA, phone 888-454-2001. Webster Parish Police Jury Office of Community Services is an equal opportunity employer/provider. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. Call 318-377-7022, 318-539-5696, TDD 1-800-846-5277 for information.

January 17, 2024
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SHERIFF'S SALE

ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS, LLC. F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS INC. VS. THE UNOPENED SUCCESSION OF AND UNKNOWN HEIRS OF DEBORAH LYNN MORGAN A/K/A DEBORAH L. MORGAN A/K/A DEBORAH MORGAN

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 80991.

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 **WITHOUT** the benefit of appraisal and according to law at the principle front door of the Courthouse in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana, on

WEDNESDAY, January 24, 2024,
During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

Lot 1, Block "A", of the Whiteway Subdivision, located in the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 13, Township 23 North, Range 11 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana, as shown by map book 2, page 45 of the records of said parish.

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

Linda Vaughan
Linda Vaughan - Deputy

December 20, 2023
January 17, 2024
Minden Press Herald

SHERIFF'S SALE

PLANET HOME LENDING, LLC VS. IRISH MARIE CURRY

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. CV81126

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 principle front door of the Courthouse in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana, on

WEDNESDAY, February 21, 2024,
During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

Lot 36, R. L. David Subdivision, a subdivision of Webster Parish, Louisiana, as per plat recorded in Map Book 3, Page 65, of the Conveyance Records of Webster Parish, Louisiana, together with all buildings and improvements located thereon; subject to restrictions, servitudes, rights-of-way and outstanding mineral rights of record affecting the property.

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

Linda Vaughan
Linda Vaughan - Deputy

January 17, 2024
February 14, 2024
Minden Press Herald

SHERIFF'S SALE

WELLS FARGO BANK NA
VS.
STEVEN LESTER MORRIS

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 81048.
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 appraisalment and according to law at the principle front door of the Courthouse in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana, on WEDNESDAY, February 21, 2024.
During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

Lots 20 and 21, Hillside Subdivision, Phase 1, situated in the West Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 19, Township 19 North, Range 8 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana, and as further reflected on that certain survey filed of record in Book 897, Page 489, under Registry No. 432036 of the Conveyance Records of Webster Parish, Louisiana; subject to restrictions, servitudes, rights-of-way and outstanding mineral rights of record affecting the property.

Together with a certain mobile home being a 1999 Buccaneer 5385 T99, AIBUS-28915AB NTA-977413-414, which is immovable under the provisions of Louisiana law.

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

January 17, 2024
February 14, 2024
Minden Press Herald

Linda Vaughan
Linda Vaughan - Deputy

SHERIFF'S SALE

CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC

VS.

PETRA ADA KRICKEL A/K/A PETRA A.
KRICKEL A/K/A PETRA KRICKEL

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 80144.
By virtue of a WRIT OF FIFa 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 WITHOUT the benefit of appraisalment and according to law at the principle front door of the Courthouse in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana, on WEDNESDAY, February 21, 2024.
During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

A certain tract of land in the SE/4 of NE/4 of Section 17, T21, R9W, Webster Parish, Louisiana, containing 3.12 acres, more or less, and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the northeast corner of said SE/4 of the NE/4, thence S 00 deg 39' 37" E 248.80 feet; thence N 88 deg 59' 23" W 466.70 feet; thence S 00 deg 37' 44" E 13.17 feet; thence N 88 deg 37' 56" W 72.85 feet; thence N 00 deg 43' 18" W 264.14 feet; thence S 88 deg 42' 44" E 539.91 feet to the point of beginning, together with all improvements and rights thereto belonging.

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

December 20, 2023
January 17, 2024
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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 WITHOUT the benefit of appraisalment and according to law at the principle front door of the Courthouse in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana, on WEDNESDAY, January 17, 2024.
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

December 20, 2023
January 17, 2024
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Linda Vaughan
Linda Vaughan - Deputy

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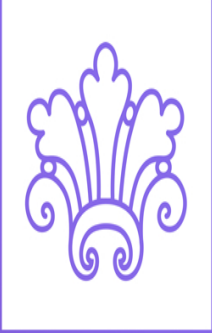


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CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to getting organized.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 4 = **S**)

A. 1 23 4 5 11 13

Clue: Woven container

B. 4 16 11 25 6 20 24 7

Clue: Stores things vertically

C. 3 25 8 4 11 13

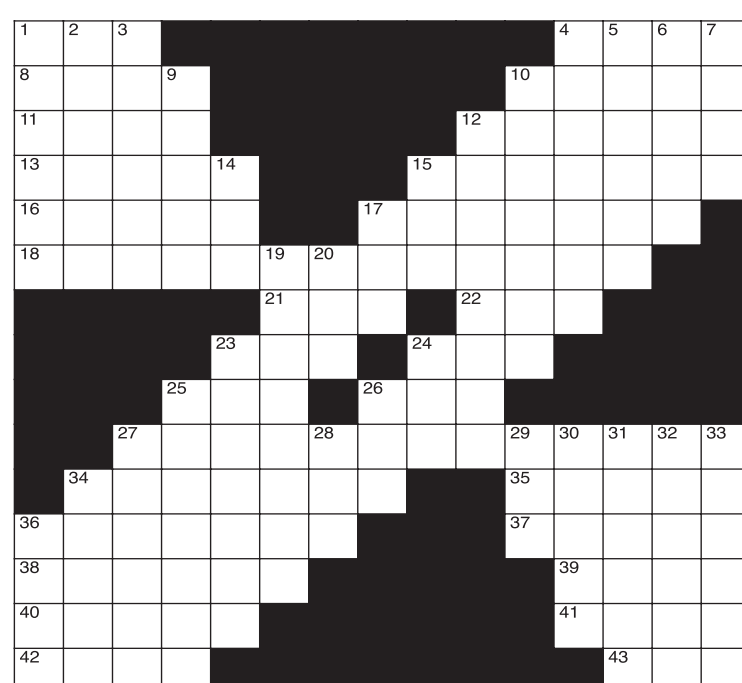
Clue: Holds coats and more

D. 4 8 18 13

Clue: Categorize

Answers: A. basket B. shelving C. closet D. sort

FUN & GAMES



CLUES ACROSS

1. Tax collector
4. Fishes without the line touching water
8. Brooklyn hoopsters
10. Actress Lathan
11. A metric for athletes
12. Food storage location
13. Colossus
15. Desolations
16. Accustom to something unpleasant
17. ___ Kubrick, filmmaker
18. You might ask this at Thanksgiving
21. Arkansas city
22. Gave food to
23. Request
24. V-shaped open trough
25. Make lively
26. It accompanies feather
27. Blonde bombshell
34. One who revolves
35. Bluish greens
36. Charity
37. Having the shape of a cube
38. Unwind
39. Believed by some to be the supreme being
40. Checks or guides
41. Leak slowly through
42. Top-quality
43. Midway between south and southeast

CLUES DOWN

1. Part of your foot
2. It's at the back of the eyeball
3. Where things stand
4. Offered
5. Contains pollen
6. Boisterous get-together
7. Asserts out loud
9. They're in the sky
10. Canonized
12. A politician's official stances
14. It can catch fish
15. British thermal unit
17. Helps little firms
19. Where patients go for treatment
20. Large red deer
23. Pokes holes in
24. "Star Wars" hero Solo
25. One in a hospital
26. Scandinavian god of battle
27. Famous cat
28. __ Angeles: City of Angels
29. Type of drug (abbr.)
30. City along the Rhine
31. Animal disease
32. Martini ingredients
33. Get away
34. Rare species of rodent
36. Suppress

SUDOKU

		7		1				8
	8			9	7		5	2
		5		8		4		6
5			7				6	
			8	2			1	4
				4	5			
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9	6	1	3	7	2	8	4	5
3	5	4	9	6	8	7	2	1
8	7	2	1	5	4	6	9	3
2	1	9	6	4	5	3	8	7
7	3	6	8	2	9	5	1	4
5	4	8	7	3	1	2	6	9
1	9	5	2	8	3	4	7	6
6	8	3	4	9	7	1	5	2
4	2	7	5	1	6	9	3	8

ANSWER:

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