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WPSO Deputy injured while assisting traffic

STAFF REPORT

Minden Press-Herald

In a harrowing incident on Tuesday night, Webster Parish Deputy Sheriff Sgt. Aaron Barnes, 32, received severe injuries after being struck by a one-ton truck while aiding a stalled vehicle on US Hwy 371 just north of Dixie Inn. Barnes, a dedicated member of the de-

partment since 2018, was scheduled for surgery in a Shreveport hospital on Wednesday around noon, according to Sheriff Jason Parker.

The injuries sustained by Sgt. Barnes are extensive, including a broken tailbone, broken hip, fractured ankle, serious lacerations to his forehead and lower body, along with road rash. Regarding the injuries Barnes sustained, Sheriff Parker stated, "We are truly blessed that he survived his injuries. Really, it's nothing short of a miracle."

Sheriff Parker revealed that the Louisiana State Police are currently leading the investigation into the accident, which occurred on a section of US 371 with three lanes of traffic. The incident transpired around 7 PM as Barnes, donned in a highvisibility

reflective vest and utilizing a flashlight, was directing traffic beside his vehicle in the northbound

lane. A northbound truck

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struck him without slowing down, as reported by a witness driving behind the vehicle.

Parker emphasized the danger faced by officers working on scenes involving traffic accidents or stalled vehicles. "Some drivers do not pay attention to all the flashing lights and the officers who have to be in the roadway. It is a very dangerous situation with the potential for a tragedy, like this one," he stated.

The response to the accident was swift, with units from various jurisdictions arriving at the scene to provide critical assistance. Sheriff Parker extended his gratitude to units from Sarepta PD, Dixie Inn PD, Minden PD,

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WPSB

School Board recognizes 'A' status school

Rowland discusses make-up days

AMBER MCDOWN Minden Press-Herald

In a recent gathering of the Webster Parish School Board (WPSB) on February 5, key achievements and decisions were addressed at the Harper Pathways to Excellence Center. All board members except Charles Strong of District 3 and Debbie Thomas of District 2 were present.

Teach-Lessie $B\ r\ o\ w\ n$ from Minden High School e a r n e d Employee of the Month



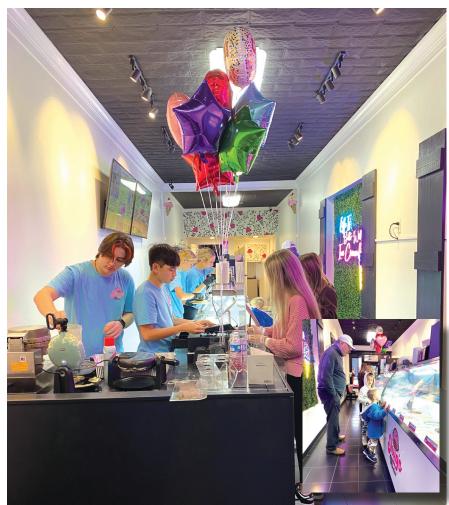
distinction, acknowledged by Kevin Thompson of Taylor and Sons. Specifics of her commendation will be detailed in a forthcoming Minden Press-Herald

The board also celebrated Joshua Hasty, a 10thgrade student at Lakeside High School, for achieving four Microsoft Office credentials within two semesters, a first in Webster Parish. His teacher Lesa Ward spoke, saying, "This is one of the finest young men I've ever had the pleasure to teach. He deserves every accolade he gets." Ms. Ward recently took 23 students from Lakeside to the FBLA rally; all 23 will be advancing to the state competition. Hasty took 2nd place in

Superintendent Johnny Rowland then read a resolution recognizing Lakeside Jr/Sr High School for attaining an 'A' status from the Louisiana Department of Education (LDE). Numerous members of the faculty and staff of Lakeside Jr/Sr High came

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The store is located at 727 Main Street and will be open Monday through Thursday from noon till 8 PM, Friday and Saturday from noon till 10 PM, and Sunday from 1 PM till 8 PM.

Shug's delights downtown Minden with ice cream breakfast celebration

AMBER MCDOWN

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Downtown Minden welcomed the delectable addition of Shug's, a new ice cream shop, on Saturday, February 3. The opening festivities coincided with the celebration of National

Day, adding an extra layer of sweetness to the occasion. Patrons were invited to don their pajamas and indulge in the special ice cream breakfast menu featuring freshly made waffles with ice cream, ice cream sandwiches

Ice Cream for Breakfast crafted with donuts, or vummy cereal shakes.

Owner Mandi Hart and her vibrant team of Joy Scoopers created a joyful atmosphere for ice cream enthusiasts and locals alike. The unique breakfast offerings showcased the cre-

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CITY COUNCIL

Council implements safety measures and permanent police appointments

WILL PHILLIPS

Minden Press-Herald

The February Minden City Council meeting saw some more permanent appointments of interim positions within the Minden Police Department as well as some major changes taking place along Green Street, notably the conversion of the street into a one way and the posting of a 10 MPH speed limit in order to make the road safer for citizens and businesses that reside alongside it.

Last spring the Minden City Council appointed Tokia Harrison as interim deputy police chief, and in the spring Christopher Cheathamwas also appointed to that position.

Mayor Nick Cox stated, "They have passed their test, and Chief McIver is recommending that we permanently appoint Tokia Harrison as deputy chief and Chris Cheatham deputy chief of police also." This motion was passed unanimously.

The council went on to unanimously approve the appointment of Joey Frye to the Minden Planning Commission in order to fill the unexpired term of Steve Wilson whose term was set to expire in July of

Afterward the mayor explained a fifty cent increase in cost that citizens and businesses will be seeing on their bill for trash pickup services.

"Basically, the City of Minden has a trash contract that we entered into, and now we're in our third year. The first two years we didn't have an increase in the contract. The contract has a consumer price index adjustment built in, and it



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citizens and any trash users by fifty cents a month. So it wasn't bad, but we wanted to keep the cost in line with what we're paying," said Mayor Cox.

The increase will go from the original \$17 that citizens were paying up to \$17.50 total going forward. This motion was approved unanimously.

A big change is coming to one of Minden's downtown streets in the form of an ordinance declaring Green Street to now be a one-way street between West Union Street and Pine Street.

"We've had a few issues raised about ... sloppy parking and several different issues that have come up. Several of the business people over

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ST. JUDE AUCTION

YWSC to host St. Judes Kids Day this weekend

WILL PHILLIPS

Minden Press-Herald

The Young Women's Service Club (YWSC) of Minden always loves the opportunities to be as involved in the community as much as possible and St. Jude Kids Day is no excep-

"Each year, we offer an area filled with different activities for the kids to participate in. This allows us the opportunity to not only raise funds for the St Jude auction but also gives

the kids something fun to do differently, creates a great experience for the kids along with their parents and also gives the parents some time to check out all of the various activities happening throughout the city that morning," said YWSC President Elizabeth Campbell.

In the past, the YWSC has offered coloring sheets, bounce houses through D&T Inflatables, crafts, face painting, rides and last year, even brought in an exciting new activity in the form of a gaming trailer, and this year will be no different.

"We will have the gaming trailer through Look Points Gaming, stenciled face painting, our Miss Minden and Spirit of Fasching title holders for pictures, various yard games and more! For only \$10 a child, you can enjoy all of these activities," said Campbell.

This year the event will be set up from 10 AM to 2 PM on the left side of the Civic Center near the utilities payment drive thru. In the past, due to weather issues, the YWSC was able to set up in various locations to break up the crowds and lines a bit and also stay out of the rain. This year, it will be the same plan should the weather cause issues again.

All the proceeds raised are immediately turned around and donated to the St. Jude auction and are presented later in the day once they have the totals.

"We work with some amazing businesses who typically donate their fees, additional profits and provide us with an amazing discount as well.

D&T Inflatables has already graciously provided the bounce houses free of charge, which we are so thankful for! Our goal each year is to raise at least \$2,000 and thanks to the amazing support of the community and our businesses, we have met that goal continuously," said Campbell.

"We can't wait to see all of the kids this weekend and have a great morning raising money for St Jude!"

Zach M. Goodman



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GROUND BREAKING

Louisiana National Guard breaks ground on \$10.4 million housing project

AMBER MCDOWN

Minden Press-Herald

On January 30, the Louisiana National Guard marked a significant milestone with a groundbreaking ceremony for the new Collective Training and Unaccompanied Housing, Open-Bay Barracks at Camp Minden. This \$10.4 million project encompasses a 28,000 square foot facility designed to enhance the readiness and quality of life for service members.

The state-of-the-art barracks will accommodate up to 170 service members, offering amenities such as bunks, private quarters, a dining facility, kitchen, administration offices, and a supply area. This initiative stems from a funding request aimed at bolstering Camp Minden's readiness for various training and all-hazard missions.

Brigadier General Thomas Friloux, addressing the attendees, emphasized the broader impact of such projects. He stated, "Projects like this not only improve the esprit de corps of our service members visiting Camp Minden, but they also contribute to the local community's econo-

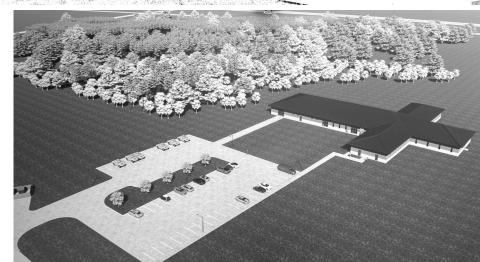


my. We use local architects and contractors that are hired with personnel from surrounding areas."

The architectural work was a joint venture be-Sutton Beebe tween Architects and Babin Somdal Associates, the structural and civil engineering was provided by Raley and Associates, the mechanical and electrical engineering was executed by EMA Company, and the construction will be performed by McInnis Brothers Construction.

The upgraded facility will play a pivotal role in supporting logistical and operational activities during training exercises, enhancing the overall effectiveness of the National Guard's mission at Camp Minden. The project reflects a commitment to improving the living and working conditions for the soldiers and units undertaking training at the facility.

General Friloux highlighted the collaborative nature of construction projects, recognizing the contributions of local architects and contractors. He expressed confidence that the new facilities would be appreciated by service members, reinforcing the Louisiana National Guard's dedication to both its personnel and



the surrounding community. "Construction projects are a team effort, and I know our service members are going to appreciate these new facilities

for many years to come," Friloux stated.

RESTAURANT

La Fogata Steakhouse set to open in Minden on February 9

AMBER MCDOWN

Minden Press-Herald

Minden's newest restaurant, La Fogata Steakhouse, is preparing to open its doors on February 9 at 507 Main Street, formerly the location of Habacu's. Marcos Villegas, partner and manager of La Fogata Steakhouse, brings his expertise from running La Fogata Mexican Grill in Rayville to this new venture.

The restaurant aims to cater to diverse tastes, offering a menu featuring steaks, pork chops, Tex-Mex, hamburgers, and catfish. With something for everyone, La Fogata Steakhouse promises a culinary experience that satisfies various preferences.

Currently in the process of obtaining a liquor license, Villegas and his team anticipate being able to serve alcoholic beverages by mid-February, enhancing the overall dining experience for pa-

The journey to opening day has been marked by extensive efforts to revitalize the establishment. Over the past four months, Villegas and his team have diligently worked on repairing and remodeling the site. Recognizing the need for improvements, Villegas emphasized the ongoing commitment to enhancing the facility.

Though the work is not yet complete, Villegas shared photos of the progress, highlighting the substantial efforts invested in transforming the space. "We've been working really, really hard for four months," he stated, expressing eagerness to unveil the results to the Minden community.

As La Fogata Steakhouse joins the culinary scene in Minden, locals and visitors alike can look forward to a space offering a diverse dining experience.







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OBITUARIES



Sandra Cheshire Roden

Sandra Cheshire Roden was born on October 2, 1941, and entered into rest January 12, 2024, Doyline, Louisiana. Sandra and her family lived in Doyline from when she was in the fourth grade and until she graduated.

She met the love of her life, Wilber Roden, and they married in 1960 and lived in Minden. Sandra worked for the Webster Parish school system driving a school bus for 25 years.

She was a very loving mother to their 4 children and loved all her grandchildren; was like a second mother

to Brittian. Thanks to her best friend, Mary Gordon, for her help over the last few years.

Sandra was preceded in death by her mother, Lamerle Roden, and brother Ed Cheshire and her husband, Wilber R. Roden.

She is survived by children Ray Roden, Rhenee Pearson (Lane), James "Cosmo" (Kelly), & Allison Rice (Timmy); grandchildren Michael & Scott Pearson, Brittian, Hayden & Summer Roden, Cameron & Cori Rice, Blake & Lindey, Shane Thurman & Jessica; great grandchildren Cash & Cutter Roden, Blakely & Keeley Roden, Hayslee & Matthew Roden, Hayden Zachary, Brently, Maverick & Hadlee, Mason, Sebastion, Ava & Autumn, Zoie, Zachary & Asher Pearson.

Thank you to St. Joseph Hospice for taking care of our mother for the last 4 months. Thanks to the wonderful nurses Jessie & Casey & caregiver Rosaland.

Thanks to Rosie for all your help!

Robert B. Moore

Robert B. Moore, former Ruston resident, died at his home in Minden during the evening of Friday

January 26, 2024, at age 75, after several years of ill-health. Throughout, he maintained a positive outlook and a good sense of humor. He was devoted to family, and routinely called and texted to catch up with the goings-on of siblings and relatives.

Robert was born in Ruston, Louisiana, on December 23, 1948 to Dr. John A. and Gladys B. Moore. He

attended Eastland Elementary, and was a member of Den 2 Cub Scouts and Troop 47 Boy Scouts in Ruston. He played trumpet in the high school marching band, and graduated from Ruston High School in May 1966

He attended Louisiana Tech, but left to enlist in the US Army in 1969, serving in the Signal Corps in Cam Ranh Bay during the Vietnam war. After his term of service, he returned home and completed a degree in

service, he returned home and completed a degree in Business at Louisiana Tech, graduating in March 1975. In 1974, he married Twyla Lee, and they later adopted two sons, who completed the loving family

He, like his other 3 brothers, worked at the Ruston

Daily Leader during his adolescence and young adulthood, where he was a paperboy, linotype operator, and finally assistant pressman. He then worked at Sherrard's TV, along with his brother David, and after marriage, Robert joined his father-in-law in working at Ludlow Inc. in Homer, where he worked until his

retirement. Sporting a beard for most of his adult like, and toting a wide girth, he was called on for many years to serve as Santa Claus.

Robert was preceded in death by his wife Twyla, his parents John and Gladys Moore, his brother John

A. "Jack" Moore Jr., and his sister Mary K. Moore Rocha Hesson. He is survived by: sons Geoffry Moore

(Krissy) of Minden, and Richard Moore of Lancaster, TX; brothers Henry Moore (Rose) of Holland, MI, and Dr. David Moore (Paula) of Blacksburg, VA; cousins Patricia Moore Wilson of Huntly, IL, Catherine Moore Smith (Ralph) of Tucson, AZ, Christine Moore Kidder

of Burleson, TX, Edward C. Moore Jr. of Indianapolis, IN, Linda Moore Hagen (Paul) of Indianapolis, IN, Joseph R. Moore of Anchorage, AK, Mary Ellen Richards Broome of Sonora, CA, Frank T. Richards of Everett,

WA, and Bonnie Richards Hayes of Mulino, OR; nieces and nephews - Laurel Moore Smith (James) of Pearland, TX, Malia Moore of Garland, TX, Kevin

Moore of TX, Dr. Mary Esther Rocha (Bryan Lethcoe) of Houston, TX, Colin Jeansonne-Moore of

Blacksburg, VA, and Zeke Jeansonne-Moore (Rachel) of Radford, VA; and, several grandchildren, greatnieces and great-nephews.

His mortal remains were cremated, and will be placed next to his loving wife of 44 years, Twyla, in the Weldon Baptist Church Cemetery in Union Parish, LA. A memorial service will be held at a future date.

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Sarah A. Minter

Funeral services celebrating the life of Sarah A. Minter were held Saturday, February 3, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at First Baptist Church West Chapel with Bro. Leland Crawford and Bro. Steve Gilley officiating. In-

terment followed at Gardens of Memory Cemetery in Minden, Louisiana. The family received friends from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. Friday, February 2, 2024, at Rose Neath Funeral Home in Minden.

Sarah was born September 21, 1927, on a cotton farm in Webster Parish, Louisiana to Fate and Willie B. Almond and was the last of nine children and entered into rest January 30, 2024, in Bossier City, Louisiana. Sarah was an active member of First Baptist Church Minden where she worked many years with Bible school, Samaritan Purse shoeboxes, and also helped

getting the Ichter Missionary Home ready. Sarah was a retired branch manager after 40 years of service with Minden Bank and Trust. She was married to Otis F. Minter and had one daughter, Lynda, who was born on the day WWII ended, August 14, 1945. Her greatest joy in her life was her two grandsons, Kyle and Blaine and his wife Kristine and their children, Tate and Natalie.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Fate and Willie B. Almond, husband, Otis F. Minter, Jr. grandson, Kyle W. Russell. Brothers, Edward, Joe, Lacyster, J.P., Pat, Marion, and Drew, and sister Camille.

She is survived by her daughter, Lynda Minter Russell, grandson, Blaine Russell and wife Kristine, and great-grandson, Tate Russell, and great-granddaughter, Natalie Russell.

Pallbearers will be Blaine Russell, Tate Russell, Robert McKillips, Steve Lee, Mike Jackson, Mike Tolar, Bruce Hock, and Gary Haynes.

Honorary pallbearers will be Bill Crider, Larry Rhodes, Gayle Blackwell, and Bobby Covington.

COUNCIL

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there have approached me, Councilman Thomas, and several of us about brainstorming solutions," said Mayor Cox.

"To keep everything safe, traffic flowing properly, and people parking appropriately, we would like to change that street to a one-way street headed east to west, and make appropriate parking places where we can on the north side, have no parking on the south side and put up some no parking signs along the buildings there."

Along with that change, the street would also see the posting of a speed limit of 10 MPH, in order to further their efforts in making the street safer.

"If you've ever been down Green Street, I just can't fathom anybody speeding through there, but apparently with all sloppy parking, people are bobbing and weaving through there and just flying through. There is no posted speed limit on that road. It's been requested that we post one. The police department has suggested a reasonable speed limit through there as 10 miles an hour," said Mayor Cox.

Another topic of the evening would be the first action, with more to come later, that addresses the topic of animal control within the City of Minden.

"The state has some state statutes laid out that spell out how we should handle dog attacks and problematic dogs in the city, but the powers are given primarily to the parish," said Mayor Cox.

"So I met with the parish and asked them if they would consider doing what's called a local service agreement, where we agree for the parish to extend to us the authority that the state gave them ... so we can handle the animal control within the city."

Councilman Michael Roy of District D also added, "This is the start. We've had other discussions about numbering the amount of animals that somebody can have in our ordinances, so this is where he suggests we start at and begin the process. So there will be more to come."

The Minden City Council meeting takes place on the first Monday of each month starting at 6 PM at Minden City Hall. The meeting is open for the public to attend, and for those who cannot attend in person, or wish to view the meeting after the fact, it is live streamed on the City of Minden's Facebook page and You-Tube channel titled, City of Minden - Feels Like Home.



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Cotton Valley PD, Sibley PD, and Doyline PD for their prompt assistance. Units from these jurisdictions also took over calls for assistance, allowing Webster Parish officers to focus on the unfolding situation.

As of now, the identity of the driver of the vehicle that struck Sgt. Barnes has not been released by state police investigators, and no charges have been reported. Tests were conducted at the scene to

determine whether impairment played a role in the accident.

In a somewhat reassuring update, Sheriff Parker shared that Sgt. Barnes reached out on Wednesday morning to inform him of his condition. "He's got a long way to go, and we're praying for the best with his surgery. He's strong and determined, and we're looking forward to him coming back to us," said Parker, expressing hope for Barnes' recovery and return to duty.

SHUG'S

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ativity and enthusiasm that Shug's brings to the community.

As Shug's becomes a fixture in downtown Minden, patrons can look forward to regular hours, making it a perfect destination for sweet cravings throughout the week. The store is located at 727 Main Street and will be open

Monday through Thursday from noon till 8 PM, Friday and Saturday from noon till 10 PM, and Sunday from 1 PM till 8 PM.

Hart anticipates a formal grand opening event in the near future. Shug's Ice Cream promises to be a delightful hub for the community, offering a variety of tempting treats to satisfy every palate.

Results of the Clean

SCHOOLS

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out to accept the resolution. Lakeside Jr/Sr High is the first school in the Webster Parish school district to earn this distinction.

Further approvals included a funding request for early child-hood seats, a NASA field trip for Richardson Elementary School's fifth graders, and trips for administrators to the NIET conference in Dallas.

Eighth-grade dents of Webster Jr High School were greenlit for an educational journey to the Little Rock High School National Historic Site and the William J. Clinton Library and Museum. Additionally, sixth-grade students from the same school received approval for a trip to the George W. Bush Presidential Library and Medieval

Times in Dallas.

The Minden High School Band of Pride secured approval to participate in the Mardi Gras Parade in Marshall, Texas, with all expenses covered by spirit groups. The Minden High School JROTC will embark on a funded field trip to San Antonio, Texas.

Financial matters included the approval of a \$152,817.02 invoice from Homeland Safety for their yearly service contract fee, covering security camera management in the district.

Campus, Safe School, and Lawn of the Month competitions were shared, with various schools earning distinctions in different categories. On the south end of the parish, Lakeside Jr/Sr High School won Clean Campus and Lawn of the Month, and Richardson Elementary School won Safe School. On the north end of the parish, North Webster Upper Elementary School won Clean Campus, Brown Upper Elementary School won Safe School, and North Webster Junior High School won Lawn of the Month. Ms. Hullaby and members of the board will tour schools again in March to pick the next

Superintendent Johnny Rowland provided updates on the upcoming school calendars and discussed plans to make up for days missed due to inclement weather in January. After checking on the number of instructional minutes that are needed, Rowland believes that just a few extra minutes per day would be needed to make up the time missed. "The most that we would have to add if we begin Monday would be four minutes," said Rowland.

The next WPSB meeting is scheduled for March 4. The public is welcome to attend.

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71055, or email to: newsroom@press-herald.com. **OPINION**

Texas Has Every Right to Defend Itself **Against the Biden Border Invasion**

States are sovereign entities in their own right and have the unquestioned authority to repel an invasion in their states, made even more critically necessary when the federal government has so abjectly failed in its responsibility to safeguard the nation's borders.

One of the central tenets of our constitutional scheme is that, with the exception of the limited, enumerated rights and powers granted by our U.S Constitution to the federal government, all power and policymaking authority is reserved to the states and to the people, the 10th Amendment. This constitutional structure stems from the Framers unquestioned belief that the states and their citizens are far better suited to make life, health, safety, and other social policy decisions than is the federal government which is so far removed both geographically and culturally from the American people.

Our Framers had freedom and individual liberty foremost in mind as they drafted the Constitution. Some of the Framers were so fiercely pro states' rights that they demanded the states be put in the strongest position possible (i.e., dominant) with regard to any proposed national government. So, they devised a system in which the states and the federal government were coequal sovereigns. 'Co-equal' means the states and fed hold

government has only power voluntarily ceded to it by the sovereign states.

With that in mind, let's review the desperate effort of Texas to halt the Biden-encouraged and permitted invasion of illegals into that state and the scourge of drugs-including fentanyl that kills Americans dailycrime, human and child trafficking and terrorists who daily come over our southern (and increasingly, northern) border. It's estimated that 8 million illegals have come into our country during the Biden Administration. Tens of thousands then remain in Texas imposing

dangerous issues of security and safety, while causing a humanitarian disaster to the tune of billions of dollars Texhave been forced

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bear. to The Biden Administrationfrom Pres. Biden's very first day in the White House—has done everything it could to create the wide-open borders we have today.

In fact, the intersection between crime and the illegal immigrant invasion was made clear this past week with the

equal power—but the federal highly publicized assault and battery of two New York police officers by six illegal immigrants, most of whom were granted no bail requirement, were then released immediately, as they flipped the bird to television cameras, and to all law-abiding, taxpaying, hard working Americans who are paying the billions in costs of illegal immigration, and who are now reportedly on their way to California in violation of their requirement to appear in New

York state court next week. I previously noted that this invasion has overwhelmed border towns and states, prompting Texas governor, Greg Abbot, and Florida governor, Ron DeSantis, to actively bus or fly these illegals to "sanctuary cities" in heavily blue states. In fact, most of the liberal "blue" states in America have had no real issue with the Biden Administration's "open borders" policy. It's been considered "racist" and "bigoted" to want to place any limitations on who could steal their way into our country. However, as a consequence of the transporting of these illegals, the illegal immigration plague has descended upon liberal cities—like Chicago, Denver, and New Yorkand they are clamoring for relief. What hypocrisy.

So, what authority does Texas have to defend itself and its

It possesses the most legiti-

mate authority of all, its inviolable state sovereignty under constitutional provision Art. 1, Section 10, Clause 3 which allows Texas to defend itself when "actually invaded, or in such imminent danger as will not admit of delay." While the federal government has an obligation to defend our national borders, that in no way limits an individual state from doing so when the federal government refuses. That's where we are now.

Remember, before there ever was a U.S. Constitution or a federal government the states were both empowered and obligated to protect and provide for themselves. It would be completely antithetical to the intent of our Framers to think they ever intended to make states beholden to, or completely reliant upon, the federal government for their protection. They intended the exact opposite, that the states and their people were, first and foremost, imbued with the right to protect and defend themselves.

This treasonous betrayal of America must stop, if not today, in November.

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INSPIRATION

Storms Awaken Us

Dr. Anne Redelfs, retired Awakening Storm, inspired my story today. Having met her at the Marshall Christian Writer's Conference in 2014, I was impressed with her story of surviving Katrina.

She is a listener. I was privileged to have lunch with her that day. She let me do all of the talking--which is not uncommon among my friends because I do tend to talk more than listen.

When we exchanged books I wasn't surprised with the first sentence of her book. She said "I am a listener."

Had it not been for the storms in my life, I might be dull and boring even to myself, but no I am never bored--not even when I am alone.

I like to think.

I believe that it's only after we hit rock bottom that we begin to grow. I have been there. I should know.

my father, I know what it's like to live on the edge of my existence--being overwhelmed with sadness as

cried myself sleep every night at the home. I felt so alone.

Had I not become a Christian, before going into institution, I share

SARAH might not HUDSON be here to PIERCE my

story. Enough said about that for a moment.

In 1989 I met psychiatrist, Dr. Nathan Bender, when I spoke to the Downtown Shreveport Rotary Club. I spoke on my belief that it

Having grown up in an or- takes hitting rock bottom be- with. Becoming vulnerable my speech, Dr. Bender approached me and told me that a number of his patients had confirmed my theory, that it takes deep pain to cause us to reach within and begin our growth process.

Whether some people escape devastating pain I do not know.

The fear of sharing, combined with mental illness,

may be what leads to suicide Today we are less afraid of being open.

We never get past the point of being a little guarded because it is only human to want to protect ourselves. We must first learn to trust before we take baby steps in finding out who we are and learning

I became more open, one step at a time, as I tested the waters, seeing just how much truth others could be trusted

to share each other's pain.

psychiatrist, author of The phanage, after the death of fore we begin to grow. After has helped me more times than it's hurt me.

Our lives might have seemed easier, had we known some of these truths when we were teenagers -- but maybe it's what we don't know also helps us to grow.

I heard a friend say "when they are lowering my coffin, I will sit up and say 'hey wait a minute. I have it all figured out now!"

We never figure it all out.

That makes us human. I am most grateful that God has always placed those people in my path when I need them the most, to get me through the storms in my life. I know He always will because Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever and He always gets me to the right place at the right time.

> **CONTACT SARAH AT SARAHP9957@ AOL.COM**

KEEP THIS IN MIND

Minden's Culinary Renaissance: A Taste of Progress

Living in Minden over the years, one recurring lament was the scarcity of dining options, particularly in the heart of our town. However, that narrative has undergone a remarkable transformation, and today, the culinary scene in Minden is thriving with diverse choices. As someone who has witnessed this evolution, I couldn't be more pleased with the positive changes that have taken place over the past decade.

From the charming ambiance of Roma Italian Bistro to the fresh and flavorful offerings at Geaux Fresh, Minden's downtown area has seen a welcome influx of culinary diversity. Brick Street Coffee has become a cozy hub for coffee enthusiasts, while Shug's Ice Cream offers a delightful treat for those with



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sweet tooth. Personally, I had the pleasure of enjoying satisfying meal Under at

Dawgs this

past Friday night, an experience that only solidified my appreciation for the growing food scene in our town.

This week, we eagerly anticipate the addition of La

Fogata, set to grace the old Habacu's location and bring yet another exciting dining option to our community. And that's just downtown; Minden boasts a multitude of other restaurants, both long-standing and newly established, scattered throughout the city. While we celebrate the

progress our city has made in providing diverse dining experiences, it's crucial that we, as residents, remain consistent patrons of these local businesses. The lifespan of locally owned restaurants can be unpredictable, and our continued support is instrumental in ensuring their longevity.

The keys to the ongoing success of these establishments lie in our hands. First and foremost, let's embrace a mindset of loyalty to our local eateries. By making them our go-to choices for dining out, we contribute to the economic sustainability of our community. Word of mouth is a powerful tool, so let's not shy away from recommending our favorite local spots to friends and family.

Additionally, participation in community events hosted by these establishments fosters a sense of belonging and strengthens the bonds that tie us together. Whether it's a trivia night, live music, or a themed dinner, these events

ment but also create a vibrant community spirit. Minden's culinary renais-

not only provide entertain-

sance is a testament to the collective efforts of our community. As we savor the array of dining options available to us, let's remain vigilant in supporting our local restaurants. By doing so, we ensure that these establishments continue to thrive, enriching the fabric of our city and providing us with a culinary landscape we can be proud of for years to come.

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SPORTS

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Crimson Tide remain in hunt for 1-4A title

Doyline boys reach 20-win mark

RUSSELL HEDGES

Minden Press-Herald

The Minden Crimson Tide are still in the hunt for the District 1-4A boys championship.

Minden split games last week, falling to Bossier 59-55 at home and defeating Booker T. Washington 52-51 on the road.

Minden entered this week 12-7 overall and 2-2 in district. Every other team in the district has at least one loss.

The Tide came close to knocking off defending non-select Division II state champion Bossier.

But the Bearkats scored the final six points of the game to win it.

Bossier scored inside at the second-quarter buzzer

to take a 34-28 lead. Minden still trailed by six after three quarters. But again the Tide rallied.

Minden got off two good shots down the stretch but both went in and out.

The Bearkats got the rebound after both and Kameron Davenport hit four clutch free throws.

Darnell Morris led Minden with 21 points.

Cameron Parker and Carmelo Smith scored nine each. Maurice Rabb and Kameron Harris had seven points apiece.

Minden rallied from six points down in the final 23 seconds against BTW.

Parker hit a 3-pointer to cut the deficit to 50-47.

The Tide forced a turnover and scored to make it a one-point game. The Lions made one of two free throws go up 51-49 with 11 seconds left.

Maurice Rabb made a layup and was fouled. He converted the three-point

play to give Minden the 52-51 lead. BTW then missed a shot at the buzzer.

The final score was only the second time Minden led in the game. The first time was at 4-2.

Rabb and Morris led the Tide with 15 and 14 points, respectively.

Elsewhere, the Minden Lady Tiders split 1-4A games, defeating Bossier 53-39 and falling to BTW 61-58.

Brooklyn Jefferson led the Lady Tiders against Bossier with 11 points. She also had 11 rebounds, three assists and two blocks.

Jakhiva Johnson scored 10 points and had three as-

Jefferson and Kierra Harrison led Minden against BTW with 18 points

Jefferson also had 14 rebounds, four assists and three blocks. Harrison had 13 rebounds.

Minden entered this week 12-10 overall and 3-2 in district.

Doyline boys The reached the 20-win mark with two victories last week. The Panthers defeated Quitman 57-41 and Weston 87-72.

Doyline entered this week 20-3. The defending champions were tied with Quitman for first in District 1-B at 3-1.

Lakeside defeated North Caddo 45-16 in the District 1-2A girls tournament. The Lady Warriors ell to Loyola College Prep 29-24 in the second round.

Lakeside closed the regular season 6-17.

Glenbrook defeated Ringgold 64-34 in the District 1-1A girls tournament before falling to top seed Arcadia.

PRO FOOTBALL

Former Minden star Sneed looks for second Super Bowl victory

RUSSELL HEDGES Minden Press-Herald

Former Minden and Louisiana Tech star L'Jarius Sneed has been in the NFL for just four sea-

Sunday the Kansas City Chiefs cornerback will be playing in his third Super Bowl.

The Chiefs take on the San Francisco 49ers in Super Bowl LVIII at Allegiant Stadium in Las Vegas. Kansas City is looking to repeat after defeating Philadel-phia 38-35 in last year's

Kickoff is 5:30 p.m.

If not for Sneed, the Chiefs might not even be playing Sunday.

He made one of the biggest plays in the Chiefs' 17-10 AFC Championship Game victory over Baltimore on Jan. 28.

On the first play of the fourth quarter and Baltimore facing a secondand-8 at the Kansas City 9, Lamar Jackson completed a pass to Zay Flowers.

Just before Flowers crossed the goalline Sneed slapped the ball out of Flowers' hands.

teammate Sneed's Trent McDuffie recovered it in the end zone for a touchback.

"He had a step on me,"

"The purpose of our

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Pine Landscape Restora-

tion program is to enlist

property owners to enroll

in the program to enhance

habitat and as a result to help quail have everything

Property owners who

enlist in the program will

be involved in putting in

fire breaks, have controlled

burns to remove under-

growth and undesirable

trees such as sweet gum

long after enlisting in the

program and following

We asked Klais how

and elm.

they need to survive."



L'Jarius Sneed

Sneed said. "All that was in my mind was step up, make the tackle. That's what I did and I see him stretch the ball out and I punched the ball and it came out.'

The Chiefs' road to the Super Bowl wasn't easy with some NFL pundits questioning whether they'd return.

"We had a lot of doubters from the beginning of the season," Sneed said. "They didn't believe in us. The champs at that, they didn't believe in us. We stayed at it. We had a lot of adversity, kept going. Look where we're at now.

After last year's Super Bowl victory, Sneed was honored with a parade in Minden after the victory.

During the summer, he conducted a camp at Minden and appeared at the 318 Takeover Youth Camp in Shreveport.

He has also been active in Kansas City with the Big Brothers Big Sisters organi-

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office. The office in Ruston

is located at 1412 Celeb-

rity Drive. Phone number

is 319/255-3136. Deadline

for signing up is February

To learn more and to

there," he said.

"Usually after thinning

results can be expected.

HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

Lady Tiders almost pull off upset in playoffs

RUSSELL HEDGES

Minden Press-Herald

The Minden Lady Tigers came close to pulling off an upset in the first round of the Division II playoffs last

The match was scoreless at the end of regula-

South Terrebonne, the No. 10 seed, made two penalty kicks in the two

10-minute overtime periods and pulled out a 2-1 victory in Bourg.

The No. 23 seed Lady Tiders closed their season 8–11-3. South Terrebonne improved to 17-9-1.

In a first-round Division II boys match, No. 31 Minden fell to No. 2 Teurlings Catholic 8-0 in Lafayette.

Minden finished 7-13-Teurlings Catholic improved to 17-4-1.

OUTDOORS

Property owners urged to help with return of bobwhite quail

GLYNN HARRIS

Growing up in the country, there were sights and sounds I became accustomed to never thinking these would ever fade from the landscape. There were birds we took for granted, birds that have seemed to fade away over the years.

One is the shrike, or butcher-bird as we called them. They're colored a lot like our mockingbirds but have totally different habits. Mockingbirds feed on insects, seeds and berries. Shrike feed on lizards, frogs and small rodents they catch with their hooked beaks and sometimes hang what they catch on the barbs of a fence to enjoy later. I have not seen one of these birds in years.

Another is the meadow lark, a bird we knew as field lark. They sported a coat of mottled brown with a distinct golden chest marked by a black vee over the gold. They spend their time feeding on insects in fields and like to sit on fence posts with their distinctive whistle call. Again, this is another bird that has escaped my sight for the past several years.

Another bird has all but disappeared. I'd love to be able to see a shrike or a meadow lark but I'd be super thrilled if I was out for a walk and heard the distinctive clear ringing "Bob



COURTESY PHOTO

Bobwhite quail have almost disappeared but a program is in place to help in their restoration.

WHITE" of a bobwhite quail.

These game birds enjoyed decades of popularity as species to hunt and provide some of the best eating of any wild game. Folks fed

their pointers and setters all year long for the chance to see these special dogs work for a month when their noses were filled with scent of a covey of quail. Few sights in the outdoors can rival a bird

covey is located. Nothing is more thrilling than to walk up behind the dogs on point, step forward and the covey explodes from underfoot, causing heart palpitations to increase and giving you about two seconds to find one in your shotgun sight. I mentioned quail problems on my Facebook page as my topic for my radio

dog running, sniffing the air

and then suddenly come

to a complete halt, frozen

in one position where the

program this week and the responses from those who read it were instantaneous. So many comments were like mine; they had not heard or seen a quail in years and sorely missed hearing and seeing them. Others pointed toward loss of habitat, predators and fire ants as being the source of the problem.

Austin Klais is Conservation Delivery Coordinator for the Mississippi Valley Joint Venture with the focus on enlisting property owner's involvement in attempting to bring back quail to areas where they formerly lived.

Quail have been hit by so many different directions. Predators and fire ants are problems for sure but the main thing that will help their numbers increase is habitat management," said Klais.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Doyline, Jr.

McLendon averaged 19 points in two games the week ending Jan. 27 and helped the Panthers reach the 20-win mark last week.

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

Fishing Report LAKE D'ARBONNE

BLACK BAYOU -The water is rising and a few crappie are showing up around the trees on shiners and jigs. No report on bass. Contact Honey Hole Tackle Shop 323-8707 for latest information.

BUSSEY BRAKE -Heavy rains have created rising and muddy water. Few fishermen have been out this week. . For latest information, contact the Honey Hole at 323-8707.

OUACHITA RIVER - Water is rising and muddy with too much current. Fishing is slow. For latest information, contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

-The water is rising and the gates are open. There s lots of current and off-colored water and most folks are waiting until things settle down a bit. Crappie should be starting to improve in deeper water. Bass are slow to fair with best catches made deep on soft plastic. For latest information, call Anderson Sport Center at 368-9669 or Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

LAKE CLAIBORNE - The lake has been down but is rising and is around the five foot low level. Some reports of crappie being caught on shiners in deep water out from the dam. Not many bass fishermen have been out but fishing should improve once things settle down a bit. For latest information, call Kel's Cove at 927-2264 or Terzia Tackle at 278-4498.

CANEY LAKE Heavy rains have not had so much effect on Caney and some really nice bass are being caught on deep diving crank baits and soft plastics in the creeks and channels. Some yellow bass are being caught on jigging spoons. Crappie have been best around the deeper tops on shiners or jigs and they have moved to deep water

out from the dam. For in-

formation 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** – Crappie fishing has improved in deeper water around the trees on shiners and jigs. Catfishing is fair to good. For latest reports, call Poverty Point Marina at 318/878-0101.

LAKE **YUCATAN** After being so low for weeks, the river is rising and the lake is now nearly full. Few fishermen have been out but fishing should improve unless the water rises too much.. For information, call Surplus

City Landing at 318/467-

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Good News

GOOD NEWS

Over the past few years I have heard a lot of those "golden bells" ringing, welcoming home some weary travelers making their way across "stormy Jordan into the Promised Land". Isn't it interesting, the older we get the more important the obituary section in the paper becomes? We turn there to check it out, after the comics and sports pages, of course! Well, if it is true when a believer departs this world the angels sing, the saints lift their praises and the bells of heaven ring - there has been a lot of

beautiful music in glory lately. We often hear of some saintly person being ushered into glory after living a long and fulfilling life. Just recently, at a memorial service, I heard about a dear lady who learned the gift of service and ministry early in life, then she lived in selfless manner racing past 90 in high fashion. Don't you know the angels were singing their best to welcome her home? And those darling children who seem to depart with so much "unfinished work to be done"! Yet, because we place complete faith and trust in our God (Sovereign and Allknowing), we can but trust that "we will understand it better by and by". Our purpose is not to question Him in times like

these, but to use these as opportunities to grow in faith and that God is sufficient, even in the hardest of times. Read the story of how the great hymn, "It is



Bill Crider

Well With My Soul" was birthed, and then find a quiet corner to allow God to minister and doctor our sick and weak spirits. He

Jesus compared life to a flow-

Ringing those Golden Bells!

er springing up, blooming beautifully and then wilting away, so briefly! Shakespeare wrote, "life is a poor player that struts and frets it's hour upon the stage and then is heard no more". We all are in the large cast of life's drama, getting ready for our final act to "make our strut across the stage of life... and then the curtain call." One day soon, we will march toward center stage to take our final bow and head for the exit door! Yes, we will walk right out of this life (into the next) regardless where we are. Then, our future course will be out of our hands. Our family will be responsible for the 'last rights'; then the Lord takes over! Hello Eternity!

To help your family in that mournful hour, consider making an "End of Life file". What a gift to give one's family! By jotting' some thoughts, desires and wishes, many anguish questions will be answered ahead of time. The location of special papers,

deeds, accounts, policies (and what to do with them) is so important. And how about some thoughts of your desires about funeral plans, people to call, agencies to notify, etc. (A good lawyer can set your mind at ease, followed by a family conference)! Many refuse to make such preparations, but just still sit tight and do nothing. Final decisions, as difficult as they are, are left for a shocked family to act in quick response. This is neither fair nor wise!

It is true, there are so many decisions to consider as we look down this narrow tunnel: Finalize our Will, prepare a living will, power of attorney, funeral plans and decisions about cemetery, family to notify, pastor and church family, agencies to contact and many more. What a gift we can give our family, just by investing in a couple of hours. Yes, and what a releasing effect for everyone!

When our 'number comes up' and the shroud of death is pulled over us, We Believers can lie down unafraid, waking up in glory with the Master and all the saints that have gone before us, knowing it is well with our soul, our family and our Lord. So, the next time we hear the death bell tolling, may we be reminded of unfinished business we need to complete. Let's let this be a warning. Don't wait too late. Do it NOW!

One day, and it may be soon, the Lord will call our names. What a day, glorious day that will be! We will join the "eternal caravan" of God's children coming home. Can't you hear the bells now ringing? Can't you hear the angels singing? What a blessed Jubilee!

BILL CRIDER IS CHAPLAIN OF MINDEN MEDICAL CENTER

THE UPWARD LOOK

Significant Places: The Empty Tomb

"Entering the tomb, . . . he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who has been crucified. He has risen; He is not here; behold, here is the place where they laid Him." Mark

16:5-6 NASB

The most amazing and significant aspect of the tomb is that Jesus did not stay there. The tomb is empty! Jesus did not stay dead! He arose from the tomb, never to die again! Jesus is victorious over sin and death! Because of the cross and the empty tomb, all

who place their complete faith solely in Jesus, will have their sins forgiven, have a new life in Christ, and will spend eternity with Him in Heaven.

Max Hutto

Lord Jesus, because You died, You were buried, and You rose again, I now have a new life in You. For by grace I have been

people who believe, who trust in Jesus,

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

saved through faith in You.

INSPIRATION

Have you ever felt broken or lost? Have you awoken to find that the day will be a little harder than you hoped? Do you ever ask yourself how will I make it

through? Well, wonder no longer because God has a solution for all your ailments! Philippians 4:4-7 (NIV) puts it all in perspective "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the

peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." As followers of Christ, we must remember that God will never abandon you. We face trials

and tribulations in our lives to make us stronger as people and to strengthen our faith in God. God loves you and he wants you to call on him for all your needs. He

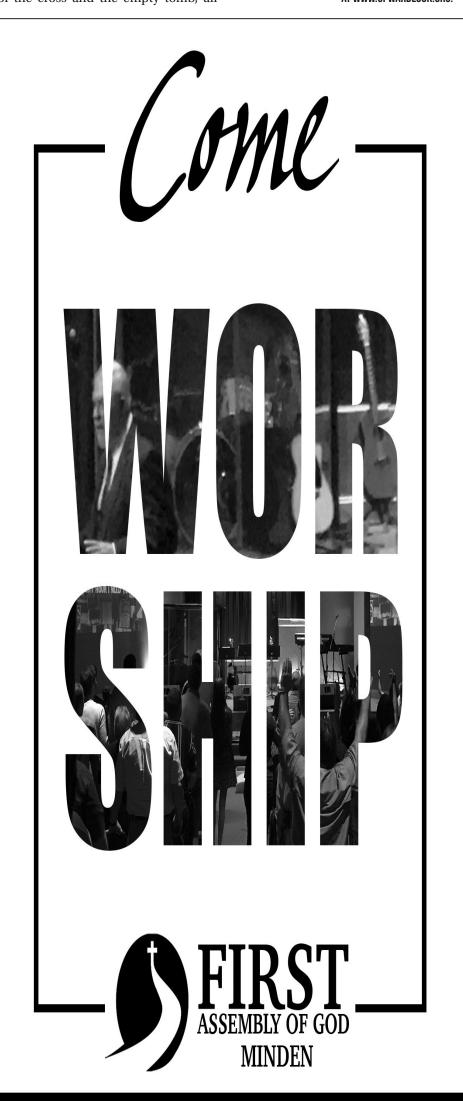
> may not answer in the way and at the time you expect him to answer but he will give you the peace you need while you wait. In closing this week's article I would like to encourage everyone to follow Philippians 4 to pray and petition and seek the lord's peace in all matters of their lives.



Peace

Bernard Harris

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





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Notice

NOTICE is hereby given that a proposed ordinance bearing the title "AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING ANY COMMERCIAL OR RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES THAT NEED A SEWER TAP HIRE A LICENSE PROFESSIONAL CONTRACTOR" has been introduced to the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Cotton Valley, Louisiana.

The said Board will consider the adoption of the proposed ordi-nance at its regular meeting place in the Town Hall of Cotton Valley, Louisiana, on the <u>13th day</u> of Febru-ary 2024, at 6:00 P.M. January 9, 2024

A public meeting will be held February 13, 2024, at 5:00 P.M. at 478 Resident Street Cotton Valley, LA, Town Hall.

Tiffany Parish, Municipal Clerk

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SECTION 00020 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Separate sealed bids addressed to the City of Minden (herein referred to as Owner) will be received by the Owner for the construction of the project described as follows:

2024 STREET IMPROVEMENTS

Bids shall be addressed to the City of Minden and to the Cit Clerk's Office located at 520 Broad-way Street, Minden, Louisiana 71055 no later than <u>10:00</u> A.M. local time on Monday, March 4, 2024. Shortly after the deadline for bid submission, bids will be publicly opened and read aloud in Minden City Hall Pelican Room local Street Broadway Street, Minden, Louisiana. Any bid received after the above time will not be accepted under any circum-stances and will be returned unopened. Faxed bids cannot be accepted and will be discarded. Owner is not responsible for the timely delivery of bids by USPS or any other carrier.

The Contract Documents may be examined at the following locations:

City of Minden Department of Pub-lic Works 520 Broadway Minden, LA 71055

Riley Company of Louisiana, Inc. 112 East Mississippi Avenue

Ruston, LA 71270 Copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained at the office of the engineer, Riley
Company of Louisiana, Inc., 112 East
Mississippi Avenue,
Puston Louisiana Ruston, Louisiana 71270, telephone (318) 251-0238, fax (318) 251-0239 upon payment of \$60.00 for each set. Deposit is fully refundable to all bona fide prime bidders who submit a bid upon return of the documents in good condition no later than ten (10) days after receipt of bids. Deposit is 50% refundable to

Contract documents able online at www. BidExpress.com. Contractors are provided the option to submit bid for public contracts through a uniform and secure electronic interactive system as stated in Louisiana Bid Law R.S. 38:2212.1. Electronic bids may be submitted at www.BidExpress. com. If bidding

all others.

online, all interested parties must register with Bid Express. If bidders encounter problems accessing Bid Express, please contact Bid Express at 888-352-2439.

The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any or all bids in accordance with state bid law.

Prime bidders for this work must be licensed under the classification of Highway, Street, and Bridge Construction
Any subcontractor submitting a sub-bid in excess of \$50,000 to a prime bidder is required to be licensed in accordance with the State of Louisiana requirements.

An acceptable Bid Bond, Cashier's Check, or Certified Check, payable to the Owner in an amount not less than 5% of the total and, must accompany the bid. Failure to do so will cause bid to be rejected. Nego-tiable Bid Bonds will be returned to the unsuccessful bidders as soon as possible or not more than 60 days after the opening of bids. Bidders failing to provide a bid bond will be considered a

Bids shall be in a sealed envelope marked "DO NOT OPEN – SEALED BID – CITY OF MIN-DEN 2024 STREET IMPROVEMENTS DROJECT – BID PROJECT – BID NUMBER 02-2024 – ATTN: CITY CLERK." Bid-der shall include their full company name, address,

will be considered a

and license num-ber, as issued by the State of Loui-siana Contract Licensing Board on the outside of the envelope containing said bid documents.

An acceptable Performance Bond and Payment Bond equal to 100% of the contract price will be required of the successful bidder.

No bidder may withdraw his/her bid within forty-five (45) days after the actual date of the opening

Bidders will also be in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations of the Federal Government, State of all bonding and insurance require-

Melaney Langford, City Clerk

Bid Number 02-2024 To be advertised:

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SHERIFF'S SALE

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No. 80986
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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 appraisement and according to law at the principal front door of the Court-house in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana on WEDNESDAY, February 14, 2024 During the legal sale hours, the following

ALL THAT CER-TAIN PARCEL OF LAND IN MINDEN, WEBSTER PARISH, STATE OF LOUI-SIANA, AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN CB 378, PAGE 471, ID# 112197, 471, ID# 112197, BEING KNOWN AND DESIG-NATED AS LOT 35, DICKENS SUBDIVI-SION, UNIT NO. 3, FILED IN MAP BOOK 3, PAGE 104. TOGETHER WITH ALL BUILDINGS AND IMPROVENTS THEREON.

property, to wit:

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

Linda Vaughan -Deputy

The Minden Housing Authority will hold a Public Meeting on March 18, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., at 1209 East Street, to receive 2024-2028 Capital Fund 5-Year Action Plan Budgets /2024 Annual Statement.

All documents are on through Thursday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00

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MEETING

The Minden Housing Authority will hold a Public Meeting on March 11, 2024, at 9:30 AM at 1209 East Street, Minden Louisiana, to receive comments on the following:

nual Statement

January 31, 2024 February 7, 2024 February 14, 2024 February 21, 2024 February 28, 2024 March 6, 2024 Minden Press Herald

FOR BIDS

CITY OF MINDEN Owner

520 BROADWAY Address

MINDEN, LA 71055 City, State, Zip

Separate sealed BIDS for the construction of MINDEN UTILITY & CENTRAL CONTROL OFFICE will be received by the CITY OF MINDEN at the CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM. 520
BROADWAY, MINDEN, LOUISIANA 71055 until 2:00 P.M. Monday, February 26, 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

of construction.

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January 29, 2024

The Sibley Town Council met in a Special Meeting on Monday, January 29, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. at Sibley Town Hall.

Members present were Mayor Pro Tempore Robert Smart: Aldermen Wayne Bolton, Helen Chanler, Richard Davis and Alan Myers. Mayor Jimmy Williams passed away. Mayor Pro-Tempore Robert Smart opened the meeting in prayer, then led the Pledge of

Alan Myers motioned to appoint Mayor Pro-Tempore Robert Smart to fill the vacancy of mayor for the unexpired term. Richard Davis seconded. Motion carried unanimously Mayor Pro-Tempore Robert Smart resigns his position as alderman, leaving a vacancy on

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

Meeting adjourned. Robert Smart

Mayor Pro-Tempore

February 7, 2024

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Sherry McCann

SHERIFF'S SALE

GIBSLAND BANK AND TRUST COMPANY

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 80935.

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 appraisement and according to law at the principle front door of the Courthouse in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana,

WEDNESDAY, February 14, 2024, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit: ****SEE ATTACHED PROPERTY DESCRIPTIONS**

WEDNESDAY, November 29, 2023, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

EXHIBIT 'A'

Attached to-and made a part of that Act of Mortgage in favor of Gibsland Bank & Trust Co, executed by Belinda Dison Franklin McCoy , wife of/and Wendell Scott McCoy , dated May 21, 2012.

A CERTAIN PIECE OR PORTION OF GROUND, together with all the buildings and improvements thereon, and all the rights, ways, privileges, servitudes, advantages and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, situated in the PARISH OF Webster, STATE OF LOUISIANA, Commence on the Northwest Corner of the MoNeal lot and run East along the line of said Lot on the North side thereof 195 feet to Lewisville Road; thence run North along the said road 80 feet; thence run West parallel with the North line of the MoNeal lot 195 feet. Thence run South 80 feet to the point of beginning, being a lot froming 80 feet on the Lewisville Road and running back between parallel lines 195 feet and being situated in McDonald Addition to the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana.

Assessment Number 113386

The improvements thereon bear the municipal number 623 Lewisville Road, Minden, LA 71085

Being the same property acquired by Wendell Scott McCoy and Belinda Dison Franklin McCoy from The Minden Bylding, red seem in Maintiment #383834, COB #792, Page 783 the official

THIS ACT IS MADE, EXECUTED AND ACCEPTED SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL RESTRICTIONS, RIGHTS OF WAY, ENCROACHMENTS AND SERVITUDES OF RECORD, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING, TO-WIT:

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2. Restrictions contained in the official records of Webster Parish, Louisiana, but deleting any covenant, condition or restriction, if any, based upon race, color, religion, sex, handicap, family status, or national origin unless and only to the extent that such covenants, conditions or restrictions (a) are exempt under Chapter 42, Section 3607 of the United States Code or (b) relate to handicap but do not discriminate against handicapped

REFERENCE TO THE ABOVE IS NOT MEANT TO RE-ESTABLISH OR RECREATE, BUT MERELY FOR THE PURPOSE OF INFORMING THE PARTIES BERETO OF THEIR EXISTENCE IN THE CHAIN OF TITLE.

APPEARANCE FOR MORTGAGOR:
Belinda Dison Franklin McCoy, (SS#xxx-xx-5707), wife of/and Wendell Scott McCoy, (SS#xxx-xx-6909), both persons of the full age of majority and residents of the Parlah of Webster, State of Louisiana, who declared under oath to me, Notary, that they are married, and that they are presently living and residing at 623 Lewisville Road, Minden, LA 71055.

JASON R. PARKER Sheriff & Ex-Officio Auctio

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Ever dreamed of becoming a Master Gardener? Now is your chance. The LSU AgCenter is accepting applications for the next Piney Hills Louisiana Master Gardeners class, scheduled for June through September. Membership is open to all adults in Northwest Louisiana. Master Gardeners are the volunteer arm of the LSU AgCenter. They are trained in horticulture in exchange for 40 hours of volunteer service, sharing what they have learned with other garden-

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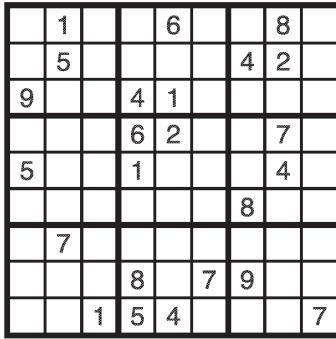
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Clue: Growth and sustenance

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Clue: Compassionate



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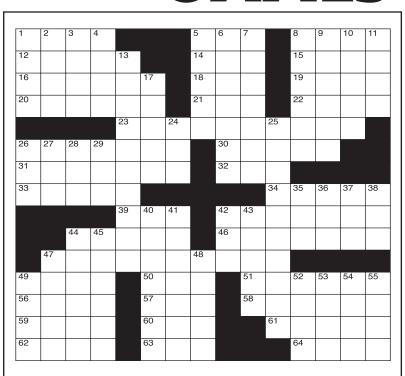
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- 16. W. Asian country 18. The Eye Network
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- 20. Part of the Cascade Range
- 21. Downwind 22. A way to steer
- 23. Loop
- 26. Not ingested
- 30. Swampy coniferous forest
- 31. Musician
- 32. Signing
- 33. Containing iron

- 34. Part of a theorem or proof
- 39. Veterans battleground (slang)
- 42. Of enormous proportions
- 44. Italian city
- 46. Come before
- 47. Balm 49. Undergarments
- 50. Male parent
- 51. Ropes
- 56. Ear part 57. Investment vehicle
- 58. Dictator
- 59. Cain and
- 60. A type of code 61. Border river along India and Nepal
- 62. It's what's for dinner
- 63. Consume
- 64. Christian ___, designer

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Cuckoos
- 2. Skin issue
- 3. City in central Japan 4. Sorrels
- 5. Twinned diamond 6. Canadian province
- 7. Monetary units
- 8. Head honcho
- 9. Goddess of wisdom 10. Part of a play
- 11. Get rid of
- 13. Applicant 17. Bowling alleys have many
- 24. Explosive
- 25. "The Say Hey Kid" 26. Ultrahigh frequency
- 28. Make a mistake 29. Credit card term

- 35. Keyboard key
- 36. Woman (French)
- 37. In the middle of 38. Score perfectly
- 40. Coat a metal with an oxide coat
- 41. Deadly disease
- 42. A place to dock a boat (abbr.)
- 43. Belch
- 44. Member of U.S. Navy 45. "In ___": separate from others
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- 53. Gulls
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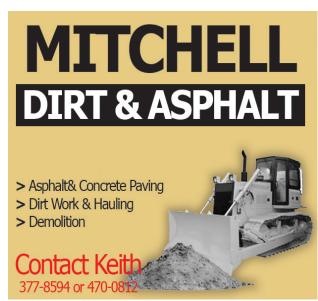
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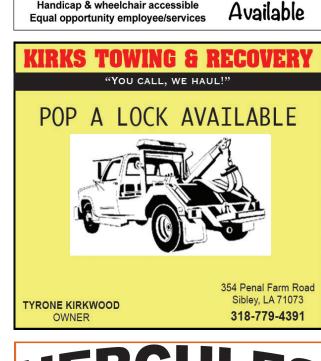
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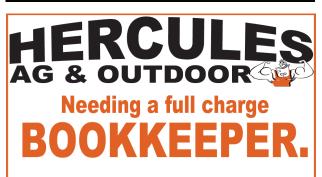
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Extension Horticulturist, (ret) LSU AgCenter February 2024

The ideal planting season for nearly all woody ornamentals (in our region) is during the winter months when stress levels are at their lowest point. And since we are nearing the end of 2024's second month,

that ideal time is disappearing. This doesn't mean that you can't plant at any other time of the year and be successful, but plants are more likely to get established and off to a good start if planted during the dormant season.

If you have some spaces in your landscape where your think a plant would look good, but you haven't yet decided what to buy for your grounds to be as attractive as possible, it's

important to follow a sound landscape design. That gives you a ton of opportunities when choosing a plant for that vacant space.

Color is usually the most important element most people tend to emphasize, in particular, seasonal color provided by a show of flowers. The foliage of some plants with certain types of leaves can also contribute to color along with a refreshing texture. But

there's still another element that is often overlooked and that is fragrance. Since that quality is only available in a relatively few plants, you have to be very selective when buying because such plants don't necessarily spread that pleasing aroma except on occasion. Also consider the mature size and structure of plants that offer you that pleasing smell because it's a smart idea to locate them where people can enjoy their fra-

Several varieties of roses have a nice fragrance, but because they need full sun their best culture is usually quite a distance from the home where people are less likely to frequent. Four rose cultivars from a list of fragrant roses will include Double Delight, Chrysler Imperial, Fragrant Cloud and Angel Face plus several others.

Sweet olive, bush honeysuckle, gardenias (both standard and dwarf) are

other common shrubs that can perfume the air in your landscape and this certainly is not a complete list. Some of the citrus species also have this capability if you can keep them alive during our freezing weather. However, my favorite is the Night Blooming Jessamine (Cestrum nocturnum), but even it must be protected with a heavy mulch during the winter. Since it is a tropical plant and therefore not hardy, it makes a great plant for pot culture which allows it to be brought indoors during periods of freezing temperatures. Culture wise, it does well in either partial shade of full sun. While its canopy can reach as much as 12 feet,

a height and width of about six feet. The powerful perfume it emanates from an abundance of small, greenish-white trumpet flowers will cover a larger space than you might imagine. While flowers are closed during the day, they typically open in the evening... usually for several days.



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