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STAFF REPORT
Minden Press-Herald

The Minden St. Jude Auction saw another record breaking year with the event raising a whopping $2,538,444 for the Children's Research Hospital. This feat was only attainable through the efforts of volunteers who worked throughout the weekend to make the auction function, the sponsors who helped the event, whether through funding, raffle items, or auction items, and most importantly the generous viewers who chose to help fight the fight against children's cancer all while taking home some great items at the same time.

Despite the adverse weather conditions, the Minden Run for St. Jude demonstrated remarkable community support, amassing an impressive total of $100,230, underscoring the collective commitment towards advancing the cause of pediatric healthcare and research at St. Jude's Research Center.

The event, aimed at supporting the St. Jude's Research Center, commenced with the Kids Fun Run, where young athletes from the region showcased their spirit. A. Ramsey of Minden clinched the top spot, followed by B. Marks of Haughton in second place and E. Harmon, also from Minden, securing third place.

Following the youthful energy, the 10K race unfolded, witnessing Keith Pitman of Minden seizing the victory, trailed by Anna Lake Watts, also of Minden, in second place, and Kenichi Pass from New Boston, Texas, securing third.

The momentum continued with the commencement of the 5K race, where Nathan Vogel of Campti led the pack, followed by Graham Gordy of Shreveport in second place and John Hiltom Ferguson III, also hailing from Shreveport, in third.

Another big event for the weekend was the Minden St. Jude Chili Cook-off which raised a total of $16,245 to go towards the Auction.

In the main competition, the judges selected Big Jon's Big Eats with

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CRIME

Webster Parish man wanted for attempted murder in Minden shooting

STAFF REPORT
Minden Press-Herald

Authorities in Webster Parish are actively seeking a suspect wanted for attempted second-degree murder following a shooting incident in Minden last week.

The Minden Police Department responded to reports of a shooting in the 600 block of Martin Luther King Drive, where they found a man suffering from multiple gunshot wounds. The victim was subsequently transported to Ochsner LSU Health for treatment. Further investigation revealed a second victim who had been shot in the leg but initially did not seek medical treatment.

During the course of the investigation, authorities identified 28-year-old Jaryon Stephens as the alleged perpetrator of the shooting. A warrant has been issued for Stephens on the charge of attempted second-degree murder.

Collaborative efforts between the Minden Police Department, the City Marshal's Office, and the Webster Parish Sheriff's Office are underway to apprehend Stephens, utilizing all available resources.

Minden Police Chief McIver expressed confidence in the efforts, stating, "I feel confident we'll be catching him soon," while urging the public to come forward with any information regarding Stephens' whereabouts. "We encourage the public to contact us if they see him or know his whereabouts. We will make sure they stay anonymous."

Individuals with information regarding the location of Stephens should contact the Minden Police Department at 318-377-1212.

GOVERNMENT

Louisiana State Representative McMahen outlines legislative priorities for upcoming sessions

AMBER MCDOWN
Minden Press-Herald

In an exclusive interview with the Minden Press-Herald, State Representative Dr. Wayne McMahen shed light on the imminent legislative agenda set to unfold in Baton Rouge. Anticipating a three-week special session closely followed by the regular session, McMahen delineated key topics earmarked for deliberation.

Crime, touted as a paramount concern, tops the legislative docket. "We have a high crime rate across our state and, if you don't have a safe state, it's hard to keep your kids here when they graduate from college," stated McMahen. Governor Landry's past tenure as attorney general augurs well for having a deep understanding of the problems of crime in Louisiana. "I think he understands the issues that we're dealing with in this state."

McMahen anticipates that lowering the age of criminal responsibility back to 17 years will be one of the topics discussed. In 2016, the law was changed and, at that point, 17-year-olds started being treated as juveniles in the criminal court system. Within the juvenile system, more crimes — especially violent crimes — are committed by 17-year olds than any other age. This legal change has caused the juvenile system to be overwhelmed, without enough spaces to hold these young people. It has also become an additional problem that this age group causes the most problems within the system as well. "Down at Ware [Youth Center], one of the big issues that they've had is that the 17-year-olds are disrupting the facilities and making it hard for them to take care of the 13- to 16-year-olds," said McMahen.

Among the many topics likely to be part of these sessions, Representative McMahen hopes to include the management of Louisiana's natural resources, addressing the problem of students reading below grade level, ways to increase availability of healthcare in rural communities, and funding infrastructure repairs and enhancements, especially bridges in rural areas.

Representative McMahen hopes that, as the Louisiana Legislature addresses the many issues they will be handed, they will take a long-term proactive approach rather than just reacting to individual problems. "I look back over the last 40 to 50 years, and I think our state has been reactionary. We react to the issues as they come up, and we very seldom have a long-range goal of how to get our state in a better position."

As the legislative landscape beckons, Representative McMahen exudes optimism, viewing the upcoming term as an opportunity for transformative change. "I'm excited about the next four years. The more I think about it, the more opportunities we have to make our state better."

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DONATION

Minden Police Association donates to injured Sheriff's Deputy Sgt. Aaron Barnes

STAFF REPORT
Minden Press-Herald

Webster Parish Sheriff's Deputy Sgt. Aaron Barnes, who was seriously injured in an accident January 30 while directing traffic north of Dixie Inn, is the recipient of a donation from an organization of fellow law enforcement officers.

PARKER

Sheriff Jason Parker was handed a check Thursday for $1,000 from the Minden Police Association (MPA) to help Barnes and his family with expenses incurred since a vehicle struck the deputy, sending him to a Shreveport hospital with numerous severe injuries.

"I know this check says Minden Police Association, but this is a fellow officer who might need a little help," said Minden Police Dept. Lt. Joel Kendrick, MPA president. "We're happy to be able to do this for him and his family, and we wish him a very speedy recovery."

Barnes, whose injuries included a broken tailbone, broken nose, fractured ankle, severe lacerations to his forehead and lower body and road rash, underwent successful surgery in the days following the accident. His recovery has been progressing well, officials said, and he has been released from the hospital.

"We talk to him just about every day and he tells us he's feeling better each day," Sheriff Parker said. "He's at home and is doing some walking, but he has to take it easy. It's a blessing that he's doing well, considering what happened."

Barnes was standing beside his vehicle just outside the northbound lane on U.S. Hwy. 371 north of Dixie Inn, directing traffic when he was struck by a northbound Toyota SUV around 7 p.m. Louisiana State Police investigators are still working the incident. Witnesses said the truck did not appear to reduce speed before striking Barnes.

Parker said the MPA donation is "...a very generous gesture by our fellow law enforcement officers. We appreciate it very much and I know Aaron will be grateful for what they've done. It means a lot to all of us."

Parker said the Sheriff's Office is also planning a fundraiser to benefit Barnes early next month. Plans have not been finalized, but the Sheriff said a food favorite will be on the menu.

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The Louisiana Master Gardener class for 2024 is enrolling now. Classes begin June 18 ending September 11 with a graduation program. Classes are weekly on Tuesday evenings from 6-9pm. Classes will be taught at the Webster Parish extension office. Enrollment ends May 27th .
For more information please contact John Monzingo 318-927-3110 or 318-371-1371.

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OBITUARIES

Richard Henry McComic

Richard Henry McComic, age 88, went home to his heavenly home on 2/5/24. Richard passed away in a hospice house in Glendale, Arizona. Richard grew up in Homer LA and lived in Minden LA for many years. Richard worked at the Joy Theater in Homer during his youth. He played football for Homer High School. Following graduation from high school Richard served in the U.S. Air Force and was an air policeman at Barksdale Air Force Base. Richard was a hard worker having worked for Coca-Cola, WonderBread, and Community Coffee. He was very successful with his last job as a store engineer for Malone & Hyde which later became Fleming, Inc. Richard enjoyed football including NLU, LSU, and New Orleans Saints. He also loved NASCAR, playing golf, playing his guitar as well as singing and writing music. He was active with is children helping with little league and Minden High School band. He was a member of Lions International and the Masonic Lodge. Richard met the love of his life, JoAnn Baggett McComic of Minden. Richard and JoAnn were married at Parkway Baptist Church in Minden on May 15, 1955. They were married for 68 years. They had two children, Richard Dale and Cynthia Ann. Richard was preceded in death by his son, Richard Dale McComic of Glendale AZ; his parents, Marshall Henry and Dona Mae McComic of Minden, LA; one brother, John Harvey (Buck) McComic of Minden, LA and a grand daughter, Kristen Renee Campbell. He is survived by his wife, Jo Ann of Glendale, AZ; his daughter, Cynthia Ann Campbell (Steve) of Marshalltown, Iowa; three granddaughters, Kimberly Ann Campbell of Fort Mill, South Carolina; Kelly Marie Dunbar (Stacey) of Cedar Falls, Iowa; and Kourtney Erin Murphy (Ryan) of Treynor, Iowa; five great grandchildren: Lakelyn Harper Dunbar, Luka Gene Dunbar, Tripp Kiernan Murphy, Jon Michael Murphy, and Emery Lane Dunbar.; and one sister, Lorene Prince of Minden, LA.

Jered Douglas Ford

Funeral services for Jered Douglas Ford were held Friday, February 9, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. at Rose Neath Funeral Home in Minden, Louisiana with Rev. Byron Longino officiating. Interment followed at Holly Springs Cemetery in Homer, Louisiana. The family received friends from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. Thursday, February 8, 2024, at Rose Neath Funeral Home in Minden.

Jered was born September 4, 1979, in Homer, Louisiana and went to his heavenly home February 7, 2024, in Bossier City, Louisiana. He was a correctional officer with David Wade Correctional Center. Jered loved to fish.

He is survived by his parents, Cindy Reid and husband Jimmy of Sibley and Doug Ford and wife Suzanne of Homer; fiancée Jenny Price; son Kayden Ford of Heflin; sister, Kelly Peoples and husband Avery of Ft. Hood, Texas; brothers, Chad Ford and wife Jessie of Haughton and Kyle Roberts of Sibley.

Pallbearers will be Adam Ford, Danny Ford, Don Ford, Jeremy Wallace, Avery Peoples, and Tom Green.

Gary Dale Ghelli

Gary Dale Ghelli, 43, of Eunice, Louisiana, passed away on February 4, 2024. He was born on November 29, 1980, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Gary is survived by his beloved wife, Rosie Ghelli, and his daughter, Mackenzie Ghelli. He is also survived by his mother, Mary Ghelli, his father, David Thomas, and his siblings: James Guin, Joseph Guin, Russel Guin, Ryan Guin, and sister-in-law Kelsey Guin. Gary was preceded in death by his grandmother, June Ghelli.

Gary attended South High School, where he laid the foundation for his future endeavors. Outside of his educational pursuits, Gary had a passion for fishing and karaoke, finding solace and joy in these hobbies.

A memorial service to celebrate Gary's life will be held on April 20th at the Garden of Memories in Minden, Louisiana. Family, friends, and loved ones are invited to join in remembering and honoring Gary's memory during this time.

Gary Dale Ghelli will be deeply missed by all those who had the privilege of knowing him. His warm presence, loving nature, and zest for life will forever remain in the hearts of those he touched. May he rest in eternal peace.

AUTCION

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head cooks John and Nancy Rogers as the winners for the 2024 Chili Cook-Off. The People's Choice Winner and Best in Show awards both went to Wookie Chow, with head cooks Scott and Josh Spillers.

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 exception. This year the event was able to raise a total of $1155 dollars for the auction despite being pushed indoors due to the weather.

"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.

Local students throughout the parish also made a huge impact in the fight against children's cancer. All 14 public schools in Webster Parish united in a successful fundraising drive for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, collectively donating $149,123.57 this year. This impressive figure marks an increase of $23,774.13 compared to the previous year's contributions.

Throughout the academic year, students and faculty engaged in diverse fundraising activities, demonstrating their unwavering commitment to the cause. The district extends its gratitude to administrators, teachers, staff, students, and the broader school communities whose relentless dedication made this achievement possible. Every donation, regardless of size, played a crucial role in supporting St. Jude's mission.

Another big part in the auction raising so much money was some of the great raffle items that were up for grabs. Some of the big ticket raffle winners include the Partners in Hope Raffle Winners, Michael Wise winning the $5000 cash prize, Dustin Logan winning the trip for four to Disney World, and Bradley Jordan winning the big screen TV package. Grace Eskew was the winner of this year's custom space themed playhouse. And last but not least, the winner of the grand prize, being either $50,000 or a 2024 GMC Yukon was Kyle and Jenea Towns.

It was another record breaking year for the Minden St. Jude Auction. This achievement was only possible due to the countless hours and hard work donated by the auction's volunteers, as well as generous contributions in the form of raffles, pledges, donations, and of course bids from all who tuned in either live or in person and, as a result, Minden once again showcased what can be accomplished when people work together for the greater good.

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CELEBRATION

Black History Parade coming February 17

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As part of the ongoing celebrations for Black History Month, Minden is gearing up for the MLK / Black History Parade, scheduled to take place on Saturday, February 17, at 11 AM in downtown Minden.

The parade promises a vibrant display of culture and community spirit, featuring local vendors, scholarship winners, the highly anticipated Battle of the Bands, a youth rally, and various other activities.

This year's youth rally will feature Mr. Karl Pearce as the keynote speaker, imparting wisdom and inspiration to the younger generation. Additionally, the parade will be led by the esteemed Grand Marshal, Fayrine Kennon Gilbert, in recognition of her contributions and dedication to the community.

Event coordinator Michael Walker expressed enthusiasm for the upcoming festivities, stating, "We want everyone to come out and celebrate and have a great time. Fun for the whole family and community."

The MLK / Black History Parade serves as a platform to honor the rich heritage and achievements of African Americans while fostering unity and camaraderie within the Minden community.

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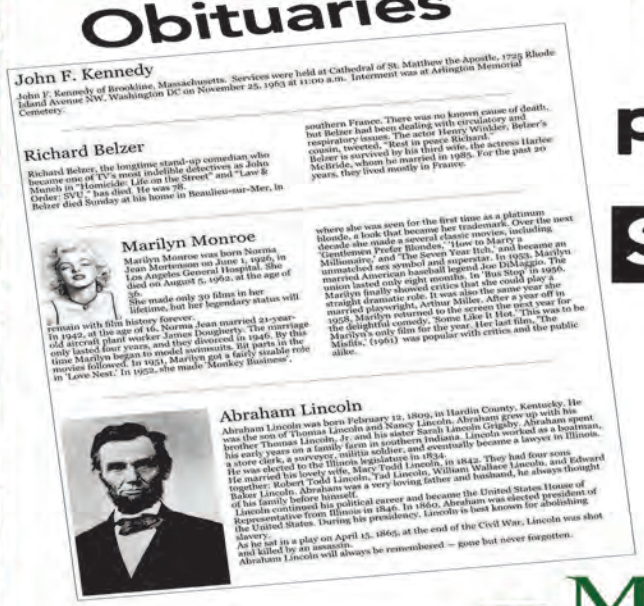

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OPINION

LNG Export Ban Continues Biden Attack on U.S. and Louisiana Energy Industry

I have recounted before the numerous ways—fearful of the Climate Change Religionists and the Green New Deal lunatics—that the Biden Administration has undermined and damaged the U.S. oil and gas industry, including in Louisiana.

During the 3 plus years of his Administration, Pres. Biden has shuttered and halted pipelines and closed off millions of acres in the U.S. to drilling. The Department of the Interior cancelled oil and gas lease sales for over one million acres in Alaska's Cook Inlet and also canceled two Gulf of Mexico leases, while generally making the leasing and permitting process significantly more difficult.

The fundamental question remains—knowing as we do that energy security is national security—why would our government ever choose to weaken domestic energy and, therefore, make our country more vulnerable to and dependent upon bad actors, including those who hate us and seek to harm us such as Venezuela, Iran, Russia, and China?

To the contrary, recall that in Pres. Trump's last month in office, Jan. 2021, America was producing more oil than it was consuming for the first time in 50 years and was exporting energy to the EU. The Trump Administration had made America energy independent, meaning we not only were providing for our own national energy needs but, in fact, had become a net exporter of energy to other nations, thereby making most of Western Europe far less dependent upon Russia for their energy.

But here we go again.

The Biden Administration has engaged in a permit freeze for new liquified natural gas (LNG) export projects by essentially rewriting the rules. As noted by the Wall Street Journal "the Energy Department is required by law to approve permits to export LNG to countries with which the U.S. doesn't have free-trade agreements if they are in the 'public interest.' The department has never rejected a permit. But now the Administration plans to do so by redefining 'public interest' to include the potential impact on the climate." (WSJ, 2-5-24).

ROYAL ALEXANDER

And, although the Biden Administration is downplaying the number of permits and projects that would be affected, the truth is that "the Administration is deliberately creating uncertainty about permit approvals and extensions to chill investment and discourage foreign governments from signing long-term contracts. Why risk investing in or signing a purchase agreement with a Gulf Coast project that may later be killed? Smarter to link up with the Qataris." (WSJ, 2-5-24).

This permit freeze directly harms the U.S. economy given that "a single LNG export project will produce about $600 billion in revenue over its lifespan and create thousands of jobs, including in steel manufacturing and fracking—no government subsidies required." (WSJ, 2-5-24).

Here in Louisiana, our Department of Economic Development (LED) proudly notes that "Louisiana boasts three of the nation's seven LNG export terminals, with more facilities planned. Louisiana also possesses nearly 50,000 miles of integrated pipelines that crisscross every major highway, railroad, and navigable waterway in the state. Louisiana also holds 8% of the nation's natural gas reserves." (LED website).

LED also estimates that the economic impact of LNG in Louisiana is 18,000 jobs, $4.4 billion contributed to statewide economic impact, and $178 million in state tax revenue.

This action by the Biden Administration is reckless and shortsighted. When America's allies think the U.S. cannot be relied upon for their natural gas needs, it forces them to negotiate with America's enemies. I also note that while the Climate Religionists are celebrating this "victory" from the Biden Administration, China is estimated to have built or is building 305 coal-fired power plants. Those CO2 emissions are immeasurable, and nothing will stop it.

We are not going to be able to be free of fossil fuels for decades if not generations. Renewable energy sources can't come anywhere near meeting America's or the world's energy needs right now. The folly and danger of this is that the Biden Administration is allowing America to be economically and strategically hamstrung when the rest of the world won't cooperate with ending fossil fuels, but our friends and allies will know they can't rely upon us.

Also, beyond the climate insanity, a secondary motive of Biden's LNG ban is rumored to be to punish Texas and Governor Gregg Abbott for standing up to the Biden Administration effort to cut down the razor wire that Abbott has placed on much of Texas' border to stop the illegal alien invasion.

This must stop..

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INSPIRATION

"A Journey Of A Thousand Miles Begins With A Single Step"

According to the American Foundation For Suicide Prevention the cause of death by suicide is the tenth leading cause of death in the United States.

Robin Williams, a suicide victim said "No matter what people tell you, words and ideas can change the world."

I was devastated to learn of the suicide of our beloved comedian Robin Williams who died on August eleventh in 2014. I feel compelled to lend support to all of those who are suffering from mental illness or deep depression. According to the American Foundation For Suicide Prevention the cause of death by suicide is the tenth leading cause of death in the United States.

We can talk about the weather. We can talk about international affairs. We can talk non-stop. Dan Rather and Peter Jennings taught us to do just that but why is it that it is so difficult for us to talk about the emotional issues that plague our souls?

From the richest to the poorest -- to those in-between -- our emotions are our common bond.

SARAH HUDSON PIERCE

Why is it so difficult to read each other's thoughts? Why do we have to wait until our loved ones are gone to reach out and to extend the type of care that reaches beneath the surface?

It's easy to talk about our trips, our nights out on the town but much more difficult to go deep into the hearts and souls of those within our midst but this is where true communication begins.

Without this depth of communication we can never know the real joy of being joined heart to heart and soul to soul.

A friend one time told me that she was so depressed because an acquaintance of hers had unexpectedly committed suicide. She asked me "why is that we are so slow to ask others if they are depressed?" She had noticed that the woman looked rather depressed but she never reached out to find out if there was something bothering her.

Sometimes it just takes a word or question to start another talking or a touch on the shoulder to start a conversation. We. need to know someone cares.

It takes courage to open up and allow others to know that we are hurting. It is so hard to be a good listener.I have one friend who would rather talk than listen. And when I try baring my soul I get condemnation rather than encouragement so I am so slow to share my hurts that choke me in the night.

Without active listening a friendship will seldom reach a higher level of communication. Passive listening comes easy.

Someone said that we only hear twenty percent of what others say. The reason being is that we can get caught up hearing our own selves think, waiting our turn to tell our story.

It takes empathy, compassion to read what others feel but can't articulate.

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KEEP THIS IN MIND

Minden's Weekend of Triumph: Community Generosity and Sporting Glory

This past weekend, Minden witnessed an extraordinary convergence of generosity and sporting triumph, leaving an indelible mark on our community's history. As the echoes of celebration still resound, it's evident that this weekend will be cherished in our memories for years to come.

The pinnacle of this weekend's festivities was undoubtedly the Minden St. Judge Auction, an event that surpassed all expectations by raising a staggering $2,538,444 for cancer research at a hospital in Memphis. The outpouring of support from our community was nothing short of remarkable, as individuals from all walks of life came together to contribute to this noble cause. The Civic Center buzzed with excitement as bids flew and pledges poured in, demonstrating once again the unwavering spirit of generosity that defines Minden.

DAVID SPECHT

Such overwhelming participation wasn't without its challenges, as evidenced by the temporary disruption of internet service at the Civic Center due to the sheer volume of activity. Yet, this minor inconvenience pales in comparison to the collective impact of our community's efforts, symbolizing the power of unity in pursuit of a common goal.

Amidst the fervor of the auction, another celebration unfolded, thousands of miles away. Former Minden High and Louisiana Tech standout, L'Jarius Sneed, secured his status as a two-time Super Bowl champion as his Kansas City Chiefs clinched a thrilling victory over the San Francisco 49ers in Super Bowl XLIII.

Sneed's journey from the gridiron of Minden to the grand stage of the Super Bowl exemplifies the resilience, determination, and talent that characterize our community's finest. His triumph serves as an inspiration to aspiring athletes across Minden, reaffirming the belief that with hard work and dedication, dreams can indeed become reality.

As we reflect on the events of this past weekend, let us not only celebrate the tangible achievements but also the intangible bonds of solidarity and pride that unite us as a community. Whether it's rallying behind a charitable cause or cheering on a local hero, Minden exemplifies the true essence of community spirit.

In the face of adversity and triumph alike, we stand together, stronger and more united than ever before. As we carry the memories of this extraordinary weekend forward, let us continue to embody the values of compassion, generosity, and perseverance that define Minden, ensuring that our community's legacy of excellence endures for generations to come.

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FOOTBALL

Five parish players sign with colleges

RUSSELL HEDGES
Minden Press-Herald

Four Minden High players and one from North Webster signed with colleges on National Signing Day last week.

Minden standout Jakobe Jackson signed with Grambling State.

Jackson was a running back, receiver and defensive back. He was a first-team All-District 1-4A selection at athlete on defense.

Jackson rushed for 669 yards on 121 carries and scored 12 touchdowns. He also caught 16 passes for 149 yards and two touchdowns.

Jackson had three interceptions.

Minden defensive backs Keithric Kimble and Brian Turner and receiver Cameron Mitchell all signed with North American University, an NAIA school located in Houston.

Mitchell was a second-team All-District selection.

Kimble and Turner were honorable mention selections.

North Webster star Xavier "Tutt" McGlothan signed with Southern Arkansas.

He was named to the All-District 1-3A first-team offense at athlete and defense at defensive back.

McGlothan, a running back/receiver/quarterback, had 816 all-purpose yards and scored 16 touchdowns. He intercepted eight passes and returned two for touchdowns.

COURTESY OF MINDEN HIGH/PRINCIPAL REBECCA WILSON

(Left to right) Minden's Keithric Kimble,Cameron Mitchell and Brian Turner all signed with North American University of Houston last week. Jakobe Jackson signed with Grambling State.

COURTESY PHOTO

North Webster's Xavier "Tutt" McGlothan signed with Southern Arkansas last week.

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL

Crimson Tide get pair of victories

RUSSELL HEDGES
Minden Press-Herald

The Minden Crimson Tide won two games last week and headed into this week with a chance to grab a share of first place in District 1-4A.

Minden also likely clinched a home game in the first round of the playoffs.

The Tide defeated North DeSoto 75-38 at home then pulled out a 49-47 victory over Northwood on the road.

Minden entered this week 14-7 overall and 4-2 in district. Bossier defeated Huntington last week 56-49. The Bearkats and Raiders both finished 5-2 in district.

Minden was scheduled to play Woodlawn Tuesday in its final district and regular-season game. Evangel Christian also had a shot at finishing 5-2 in district.

Regardless, all four teams will be headed to the playoffs.

According to Geaux-Preps.com, Minden is No. 14 in the non-select Division II power ratings. The top four teams in the final rankings receive byes in the first round of the playoffs. The No. 5-16 teams host first-round games.

Against Northwood, Darnell Morris hit a shot with 3 seconds left to lift Minden to the victory .

It was the second time in the last three games that Minden has pulled out a victory in the final seconds.

Eight Minden players scored against the Falcons.

Morris and Maurice Rabb led the Tide with 13 and 11 points, respectively. Cameron Parker added eight.

Minden trailed 24-19 at the half. The Tide rallied in the third, outscoring the Falcons 20-13 for a 39-37 lead. Both teams scored 10 in the fourth.

Morris and Rabb scored four each in the quarter. Parker had two.

Rabb scored a game-high 18 against North DeSoto.

Doyline claims 7th straight district title

RUSSELL HEDGES
Minden Press-Herald

The Doyline Panthers won their seventh straight District 1-B championship with two victories last week.

Doyline rallied from seven points down in the fourth quarter for a 56-55 victory over Castor at home to set up a showdown with Quitman for the title at Quitman. The Panthers won 55-47, sweeping the district series.

Doyline finished district play 5-1. The Panthers entered this week 22-3 overall with one game left in the regular season.

The game against Quitman was tied after three quarters.

Doyline scored the first nine points of the fourth.

Keidric Clark hit a 3-pointer from the baseline. Damarion McLendon converted a three-point play. Cayden Mingo knocked down a 3-pointer to complete the run.

Quitman got within three twice but the Panthers answered both times.

McLendon and Clark led Doyline with 20 and 18 points, respectively.

Mingo had nine, Broox Swain five and Jay Patterson three. Swain was also a force on defense.

OUTDOORS

Headgear of bucks quite a story

GLYNN HARRIS

Here's hoping your deer season was as successful as you hoped it would be. If you have been sitting down to meals of chicken-fried backstrap steaks or a tasty roast or found your breakfast of eggs tasting especially good with rounds or links of venison sausage on the side, you have for sure been successful.

If you're anxiously waiting for a call from the taxidermist telling you the mount of your trophy is ready for pick-up and hanging on the wall, pat yourself on the back; it's been a good year for you.

You may be having withdrawal symptoms now that season is over and you really wish you get to spend just one more frosty morning in a deer stand. You're not alone in this. Scores of hunters feel the same way.

What can deer hunters do as a form of recovery to help you get over your addiction to chasing deer? Here's a suggestion – head for your woods and begin looking for shed antlers of the big buck you hunted all season but never showed up. Now that antlers are beginning to drop, the next several weeks offer the opportunity to locate sheds before the mice and squirrels begin gnawing on them.

Here's what happens in the world of the deer. Buck deer drop their antlers in late winter or early spring. Soon after losing their headgear, they start growing a new set of antlers they'll have until this time next year. This new set begins as fuzzy knobs growing on the pedicles which are located on the buck's head between his eyes and ears. The newly formed antlers are soft and subject to damage and for this reason, bucks are shy and reclusive; they're protective of this new growth.

GLYNN HARRIS

This is the time of year to begin searching for shed antlers as bucks drop them before beginning growing

A couple of months before shedding antlers, bucks use them to hook and thrash bushes, brush and small saplings and to fight other bucks to establish dominance. Bushes and bucks are in no danger of being gored and thrashed in spring and summer because he is protecting his newly forming soft antlers.

Velvet is described as "vascular skin that supplies oxygen and nutrients to the growing bone." This amazing material causes the antler it covers to grow at an amazing rate. In fact, deer antlers grow faster than any other mammal bone. This fast rate of growth actually is a handicap to a buck because of the incredible nutritional demand on deer to re-grow antlers annually.

Once the antlers achieve their full potential for the year, usually by mid-September in our part of the world, the velvet has served its purpose and as it dries and is rubbed off on bushes by the buck, the antler bone actually dies and here's something I read that gave me pause. What deer hunters see when that big buck comes slipping by the stand is an animal sporting a head full of dead bone.

Where should you look for the best chance to find shed antlers? If you planted a food plot prior to deer season, searching the plot or trails leading to the plot can often result in a bit of good luck when you find tines sticking up out of the grass.

Another good place to look is where a trail crosses a low fence or stream small enough for the buck to jump across. Antlers can sometimes be jarred loose when the buck lands on the other side of the fence or stream.

So for folks puzzled about deer antlers, maybe this bit of information will answer your questions.

There is a measure of excitement to hold in your hands the head gear of a big buck that will whet your appetite for what he'll look like once hunting seasons roll around again this coming fall.

The entire process of bucks growing velvet covered delicate antlers to them becoming hardened and eventually being shed just to do it all again every year is one of nature's most amazing and fascinating feats.

Fishing Report

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 – Bass fishing is improving with some big ones caught flipping creature baits around the trees. Crappie are around deep brush.. 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.

LAKE D'ARBONNE – The water is rising with lots of current and off-colored water and most folks are waiting until things settle down a bit. Crappie fishing is best in the channels and channel edges on shiners or jigs. 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. Crappie are still deep with best fishing just out from the dam on shiners or jigs. Bass are fair with secondary points producing some fish with soft plastics and jigs picking up some. For latest information, call Kel's Cove at 927-2264 or Terzia Tackle at 278-4498.

CANEY LAKE – Some really nice bass to 11 pounds are being reported fishing the deep holes with the Hover rigs or Damiki rigs. 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 information contact Caney Lake Landing at 259-6649, Hooks Marina at 249-2347, Terzia Tackle at 278-4498 or the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

LAKE POVERTY POINT – Crappie fishing has improved in deeper water around the trees on shiners and jigs. Catfishing is fair to good. No report on bass. For latest reports, call Poverty Point Marina at 318/878-0101.

LAKE YUCATAN – After being so low for weeks, the river is rising pretty fast and few anglers are going out to try it until the water level settles down more. For information, call Surplus City Landing at 318/467-2259.

Good News

GOOD NEWS

OPENING OUR HEARTS TO JESUS

We see young ladies wearing 'heart lockets' often. Seeing this reminds me of the story of a young English girl who wore one and never allowed anyone to open or look inside. There was a mystery surrounding the thought of 'what romantic notion' might be concealed (probably a picture of one she loved). After she died, the locket was opened. A small slip of paper was found with these handwritten words: "Whom having not seen, I love." Under this was a drawing of a cross.

When she 'gave her heart to Jesus,' she made a total commitment to allow Him to be Master of all. Isn't that what God demands (Duet 10:12-13; Matt 22:37-40)? Isn't that what Jesus taught His disciples when He called them into service (Luke 9:23-24)? Since God is love (1 John 4:16), we ought to also love Him with all our heart.

Bill Crider

We are called to reflect that love each day of our lives. John writes these sobering words, "The world will know we are Christians by the way we love others" (John 13:34-35).

We are called to be reflectors of His love, shining into a world of darkness. Jesus said, "Let you light so shine (in the darkness) so others can see it as it reflects the glory of the Lord (Matt 5:14-16). God sent forth His only Son 'while we were yet sinners' to give his life to change our sinful actions through faith. It was through God's unlimited grace that raised the word "love" to the highest degree and brought a new meaning to it. Even though "the love of God is greater far than tongue or pen can ever tell", a love-chip from His heart resides in each of our hearts as well, when we embrace Jesus as our personal Savior. *(Lehman/ Nehoria – Baptist Hymnal pg 111; 2008 Edition).

This is a good time to unlock the locket of your heart and see if it still contains the presence of Jesus' love. Or has your devotion for God been replaced by some cheap affection, source of desire, or other relationships? As we renew our love-vows to each other (spouse, family, friends), during Valentine season, let us also take some private time this week to renew our love for Jesus and give Him the key to the locket of our heart, once and for all..

BILL CRIDER IS CHAPLAIN OF MINDEN MEDICAL CENTER

THE UPWARD LOOK

Significant Places: Mount of Olives

"So then, when the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God." Mark 16:9 NASB

Max Hutto

For a period of forty days after His resurrection, Jesus appeared and spoke to the disciples (Acts 1:1-11). He then led them just east of Jerusalem to the Mount of Olives as far as Bethany (Luke 24:50-53). There on the eastern slope of the mount He ascended into heaven and took His place sitting on the throne at the right hand of God (Ephesians 1:20). There Jesus sits, enthroned with power and glory, awaiting His triumphant return. For in the same way He ascended in the clouds, He will return.

Lord Jesus, like the early disciples, I worship You as my Savior and Lord, enthroned in power and glory, and as the coming King to judge and rule the world.

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

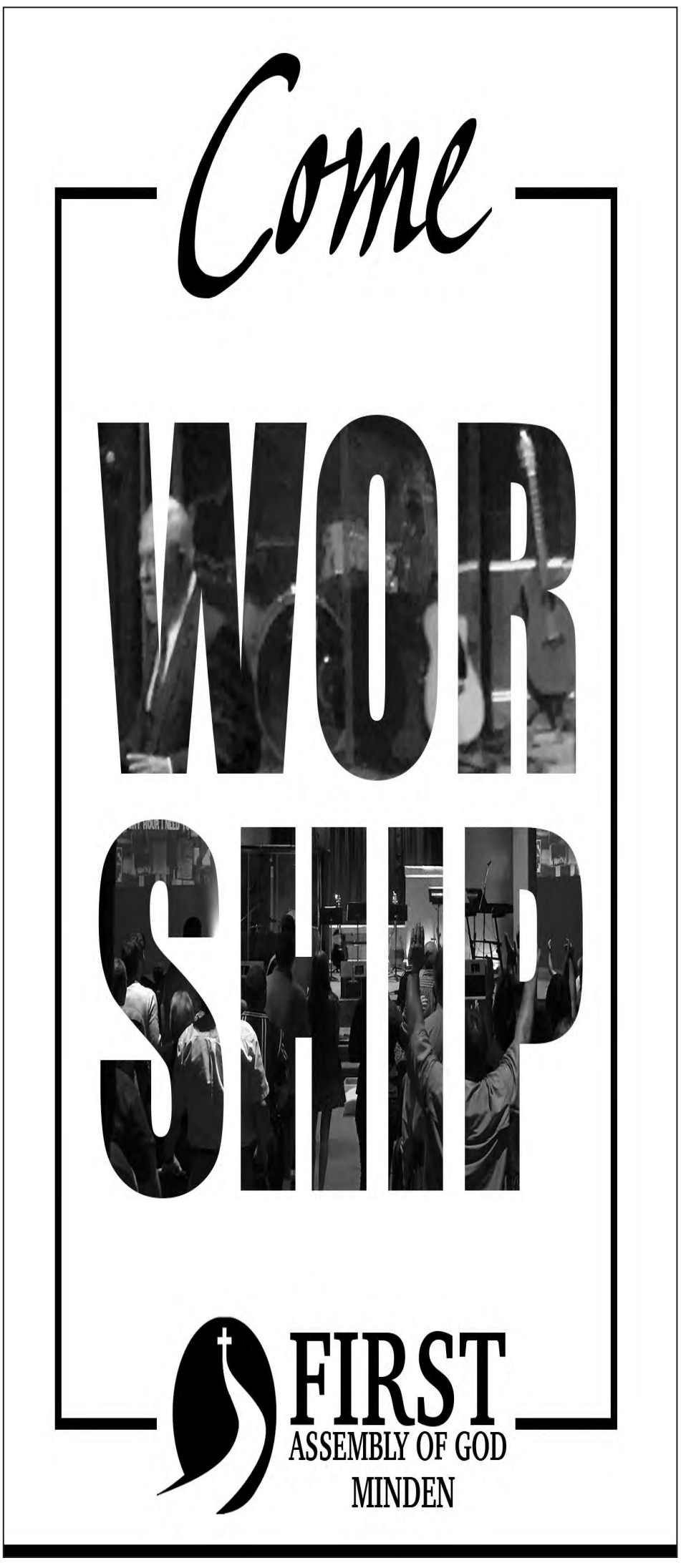
INSPIRATION

Divine Instructions

The first thing you learn as a child in school is how to follow instructions. It seems that as we get older we tend to forget the lessons of the past. Well I'm here to tell everyone today that it is time to go back to school. In the book of Exodus God wanted to see if the children of Israel could follow some simple instructions. He provided food in the form of bread rained down from heaven. He provided simple instructions to the people. The first of the lord's instructions was to gather only what you needed. The second was to not save any for the next day unless you were gathering for the sabbath. However the children of Israel still felt the need to test the limits of God's rules. What the children of Israel didn't realize is God gives us instructions to empower us. God's instructions aren't there to hold us back but to propel us forward. When we follow God's instructions we walk in his righteousness and in his authority. I pray today that as we walk through life we walk in God's instructions. I pray that we would all go out into the world spreading the good news of his glory, grace, and love.

Bernard Harris

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



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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 PROJECT

Bids shall be addressed to the City of Minden and delivered to the City Clerk's Office located at 520 Broadway Street, Minden, Louisiana 71055 no later than 10:00 A.M. local time on Monday, March 4, 2024. Shortly after the deadline for bid submission, bids properly received will be publicly opened and read aloud in Minden City Hall Pelican Room located at 520 Broadway Street, Minden, Louisiana. Any bid received after the above time will not be accepted under any circumstances 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 Public 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, 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 all others.

Contract documents will also be available 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 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. Negotiable 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 "no bid".

Bids shall be in a sealed envelope marked "DO NOT OPEN – SEALED BID – CITY OF MINDEN 2024 STREET IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT – BID NUMBER 02-2024 – ATTN: CITY CLERK." Bidder shall include their full company name, address, and license number, as issued by the State of Louisiana Contractors 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 thereof.

Bidders will also be in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations of the Federal Government, State of Louisiana, and meet all bonding and insurance requirements.

Melaney Langford,
City Clerk

Bid Number 02-2024
To be advertised:

February 7, 2024
February 14, 2024
February 21, 2024
Minden Press Herald

Notice of Public Meeting

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

All documents are on display and available for viewing at the office of the Housing Authority, located at 1209 East Street, Monday through Thursday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

February 7, 2024
February 14, 2024
Minden Press Herald

NOTICE OF PUBLIC 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:

Revised 2021 Capital Fund 5-Year Action Plan Budget/2021 Annual Statement

Revised 2022 Capital Fund 5-Year Action Plan Budget/2022 Annual Statement

Revised 2023 Capital Fund 5-Year Action Plan Budget/2023 Annual Statement

All documents are on display and available for viewing at the office of the Housing Authority at the same address above, Monday through Thursday, between the hours of 9AM and 3PM.

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

DECLARATION OF ELECTION RESULTS

Be it known and declared that the governing authority of Cullen Fire Protection District No. 6 of the Parish of Webster, State of Louisiana (the "District"), did meet in open and public session to examine the official certified tabulations of votes cast at the special election held in the District on Saturday, November 18, 2023, and did examine and canvass the returns of the said election, there having been submitted at said election the following proposition, to wit:

PROPOSITION
(BOND)

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

There was found by said count and canvass that there was a total of **87** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** Proposition and a total of **71** votes cast **AGAINST** Proposition, as hereinabove set forth, and that there was a majority of 16 votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** Proposition as hereinabove set forth. Therefore, it has been declared by the governing authority of the District that the proposition as hereinabove set forth was duly **CARRIED** by a majority of the votes cast by the qualified electors voting at the said special election held in the District on Saturday, November 18, 2023. Results by precinct are available from the Secretary of the District during regular business hours or via the Louisiana Secretary of State's website (voterportal.sos.la.gov). The actual cost of the election as determined by the Louisiana Secretary of State in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 8-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, is $364.80.

Cullen Fire Protection
District No. 6 of the
Parish of Webster,
State of Louisiana

February 14, 2024
Minden Press Herald

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that, in accordance with L.R.S. 3:1609 and LAC 7:XV.314 (A), the Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry, Louisiana Boll Weevil Eradication Commission, has established a boll weevil eradication zone, the Louisiana Eradication Zone, consisting of all the territory within the state of Louisiana.

Notice is further given that all producers of commercial cotton in Louisiana are required to participate in the boll weevil eradication program, including cost sharing, in accordance with the Boll Weevil Eradication Law and regulations. This includes, but is not limited to, reporting of cotton acreage and destruction of cotton plants and stalks by December 31 of each crop year. A copy of the law and rules and regulations may be obtained from the Boll Weevil Eradication Commission, 5825 Florida Blvd. Ste. 3002, Baton Rouge, La. 70806, telephone number (225) 922-1338.

Notice is also given that the planting of noncommercial cotton is PROHIBITED in Louisiana unless a written waiver is obtained from the Commissioner of Agriculture & Forestry in accordance with LAC 7:XV.319(C). To request a waiver, submit a written application to the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, at the address provided in this notice, stating the conditions under which such written waiver is requested.

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February 21, 2024
February 28, 2024
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SHERIFF'S SALE

CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC
VS.
RYAN J. MULLINS

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. CV81118

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 appraisement and according to law at the principal front door of the Courthouse in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana on WEDNESDAY, March 20, 2024 During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

1 Acre begins at the NE Corner of West /2 of SW/4, of NE/4, Sec. 33, Twp. 17N, R 9W, Webster Parish, Louisiana, and run South 806.5 feet thence run South 48 degrees 05 minutes West 117.3 feet; thence run South 51 degrees 16 minutes West 210 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence run North 38 degrees 44 minutes West 210 feet; thence run South 51 degrees 16 minutes West 207.42 feet, thence run South 38 degrees 44 minutes East 210 feet, thence run North 51 degrees 16 minutes East, 207.42 to the POB, containing once acre, more or less, together with all improvements thereon.

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2070 Franklin Rd.,
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Said property seized is that of the defendant and will be sold to satisfy a judgment rendered in our Honorable Court.

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

Linda Vaughan -
Deputy

February 14, 2024
March 13, 2024
Minden Press Herald

Minutes of the
Regular Business
Meeting
Cullen Fire Protection
District #6

December 12, 2023

The meeting called to order by Board Chairman Bobby Dodson at 6:00 P. M.

Roll Call:
Present:
Mr. Charles Hile
Mr. L. Allison
Mr. L. Moore
Mr. L. Williams

Absent:
Mrs. J. O'Dell

The Invocation was made by Mr. L. Moore. The Pledge was led by Mr. Charles Hile.

Additions – None

Chairman Charles Hile calls for a motion to approve the minutes from November 14, 2023. Mr. L. Williams made a motion to approve. Mr. L. Allison seconds. Motion carried.

Chairman Charles Hile calls for a motion to approve the financial report from November 2023.
Mr. L. Allison made a motion to approve. Mr. L. Williams seconds. Motion carried.

Old Business – Bond Resolution - Secretary Smith gave a brief update on Bond Milage progress. To which she is in contact with the financial officer the lawyers established to look over the proceedings. She presented the Bond Resolution to be voted on by the Board for approval. Chairman Hile calls for a motion to approve the resolution. Mr. L. Williams made a motion.
Mr. L. Allison seconds. Motion carried.

Old Business – Truck Bid Approvals – Chairman Hile informs Board of wish to sell some of the trucks that are too old to continue service. He and Chief Kyle have asked to get bids for approval of the Board upon presentation.

New Business –2024 Budget – Secretary Smith presented the Board with the drawn up estimated 2024 Budget. Chairman Charles Hile calls for a motion to approve the Budget as written. Mr. L. Williams made a motion to approve. Mr. L. Moore seconds. Motion carried.

There being no more business Chairman Charles Hile calls for a motion to adjourn. Mr. L. Allison made a motion to approve. Mr. L. Williams seconds. Motion carried.

Wendy Smith
Secretary/Treasurer

February 14, 2024
Minden Press Herald

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF MINDEN, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN IN REGULAR SESSION HELD ON FEBRUARY 5, 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 Carlton Myles and Levon Thomas led the Pledge of Allegiance. It is noted for the record that Mayor Cox allowed both council and public comments prior to every vote.

Michael Roy moved to adopt the minutes of the Minden City Council Regular Session held on January 8, 2024, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Latasha Mitchell and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Upon motion by Carlton Myles and duly seconded by Andy Pendergrass, the council unanimously appointed Tokia Harrison and Christopher A. Cheatham as Deputy Chiefs of Police, as presented. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Michael Roy moved to appoint Joey P. Frye to the Minden Planning Commission to fill the unexpired term through July 2024, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Andy Pendergrass and the vote was as follows: Aye(s): Levon Thomas, Latasha Mitchell, Michael Roy, and Andy Pendergrass. Nay(s): Carlton Myles. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None. The motion carried.

Carlton Myles moved to adopt a Resolution Establishing Fees for the Collection and Disposal of Garbage and Refuse Pursuant to Section 74-7 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Minden, State of Louisiana, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Levon Thomas and the vote was as unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Latasha Mitchell moved to adopt a Resolution Declaring Certain City of Minden Property as Surplus and Fixing the Terms of Sale, 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 Levon Thomas and duly seconded by Andy Pendergrass, the council unanimously adopted Ordinance No. 1141 – An Ordinance to Abandon the 120-Foot by 20-Foot Alley Lying between Lots 24 and 25 of the Williamson-Jones Survey, as presented. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Upon motion by Levon Thomas and duly seconded by Michael Roy, the council unanimously adopted Ordinance No. 1142 – An Ordinance to Declare Green Street a One-Way Street between West Union Street and Pine Street, as presented. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Levon Thomas moved to adopt the change to the speed limit of Green Street to 10 MPH (miles per hour), as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Latasha Mitchell and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Upon motion by Latasha Mitchell and duly seconded by Michael Roy, the council unanimously authorized Mayor Cox to enter into a Local Services Agreement between the City of Minden and the Parish of Webster, as presented. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Michael Roy moved to authorize the City Clerk to advertise for bids for the 2023-2024 Street Improvements Project, which includes the following streets: Fort Street from East Union Street to Homer Road, Germantown Road from Kennon Street to the Minden City Limits, Mignon Street from Talton Street to East Union Street, Talton Street from East Street to East Union Street, West Street from Shreveport Road to West Street's dead end, and Chandler Street from Lewisville Road to Elm Street. The motion was duly seconded by Carlton Myles and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

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

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

Fire Chief Brian Williams presented the Fire Report for the month of January 2024. No motion was required.

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

Shawn Hatcher, Chairman of the Main Street Program/Downtown Development Commission, presented the Minden Fasching Parade Awards.

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

Nick Cox, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melaney Langford,
City Clerk

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 appraisement and according to law at the principal 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 relfected 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, A1BUS-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 -
Deputy

January 17, 2024
February 14, 2024
Minden Press Herald

As of February 6, 2024, the Webster Parish Police Jury has amended Webster Parish Building Code Ordinance#982 to ensure the safety and protection of all citizens. The changes are:

- Section 5 PERMIT EXEMPTIONS
Electrical: A permit shall not be required for minor repair work, including the replacement of lamps, the repairing flush, and snap switches, replacing fuses, changing lamp sockets and receptacles, taping bare joints, and repairing drop cords or the connection of approved portable electrical equipment to approved permanently installed receptacles.

- Section 5 PERMITS
Application for permit
All new construction and additions/renovations permits will require the plumbing, electrical, and mechanical contractors to purchase a separate permit for the proposed work. Each trade permit will cost $50.00 per job/location. The applicant shall first file an application for a permit with the Webster Parish Building Department by the person, or his designee, proposing to perform the work. Such application shall describe the work to be performed; the premises on or in which such work will be performed; the electrical, plumbing, or mechanical contractor who will perform the work; and such additional information as may be required by The Webster Parish Building Department. When issued, the permit shall not be transferable from one electrical contractor to another, and if the owner of the premises desires to have another electrical contractor perform the work, a new permit application shall be filed as if the original permit for the work had never been issued.

- Section 12 VIOLATIONS
Penalties: Any person who violates a provision of the code or fails to comply with any of the requirements thereof will be penalized $300 first offense, $700.00 second offense, and $1,200.00 third offense. After the third offense, the violator will be restricted from obtaining a permit in Webster Parish for one year.

BE IT ORDAINED that this ordinance and amendments will supersede all prior resolutions or ordinances of the Webster Parish Police Jury, which are in conflict. THUS DONE, CONSIDERED AND ADOPTED by the Police Jury voted on this day **February 6, 2024.**

February 14, 2024
February 28, 2024
March 6, 2024
April 3, 2024
Minden Press Herald

ORDINANCE NO. 1141

AN ORDINANCE TO ABANDON THE 120-FOOT BY 20-FOOT ALLEY LYING BETWEEN LOTS 24 AND 25 OF THE WILLIAMSON-JONES SURVEY

THE CITY OF MINDEN, LOUISIANA, DOES HEREBY ORDAIN

I.

That under the authority of La. R.S. 48:701, the following 120-foot by 20-foot alley, which is declared by the City of Minden to no longer be needed for public purposes, be and hereby is abandoned:

An alley, measuring 120 feet in length and 20 feet in width, as shown on the attached Plat of Survey.

II.

That the adjacent landowners be given notice of the abandonment by the City of Minden.

III.

This ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after it has been published once in the official journal of the City of Minden.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Minden City Council on this 5th day of February, 2024, by the following vote and upon motion and second of Levon Thomas and Andy Pendergrass, respectively.

AYE(S): 5
NAY(S): 0
ABSENCE(S): 0
ABSTENTION(S): 0

Nicholas A. Cox, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melaney Langford,
City Clerk

February 14, 2024
Minden Press Herald

ORDINANCE NO. 1142

AN ORDINANCE TO DECLARE GREEN STREET A ONE-WAY STREET BETWEEN WEST UNION STREET AND PINE STREET

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Council of the City of Minden, Louisiana, in regular session convened on the date hereinafter stated:

I.

That the portion of Green Street that lies between West Union Street and Pine Street is hereby established as a one-way street requiring all vehicles and traffic on Green Street to travel in a southerly direction only when travelling from West Union Street to Pine Street. It shall hereinafter be unlawful for any person to operate any vehicle in any direction other than a southerly direction on Green Street from its intersection with West Union Street to its intersection with Pine Street. The northern side of Green Street shall be designated for parking, while the southern side of Green Street shall be designated as a no-parking

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zone.

II.

That for any violation of the provision of this ordinance which sets forth the direction of the flow of traffic on Green Street, there shall be a fine of not more than ONE HUNDRED AND NO/100 ($100.00) DOLLARS plus court costs for a first violation. For each additional violation of the same provision of this ordinance within one year, the fine shall be increased by FIFTY AND NO/100 ($50.00) DOLLARS, not to exceed a total of TWO HUNDRED FIFTY AND NO/100 ($250.00) DOLLARS.

III.

That for any violation of the provision of this ordinance which sets forth the parking parameters, there shall be a fine of not more than FIFTY AND NO/100 ($50.00) DOLLARS plus court costs for a first violation. For each additional violation of the same provision of this ordinance within one year, the fine shall be increased by TWENTY-FIVE AND NO/100 ($25.00) DOLLARS, not to exceed a total of TWO HUNDRED FIFTY AND NO/100 ($250.00) DOLLARS.

IV.

This ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after it has been published once in the official journal of the City of Minden.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Minden City Council on this 5th day of February, 2024, by the following vote and upon motion and second of Levon Thomas and Michael Roy, respectively.

AYE(S): 5
NAY(S): 0
ABSENCE(S): 0
ABSTENTION(S): 0

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Nicholas A. Cox, Mayor

ATTEST:

_____
Melaney Langford, City Clerk

February 14, 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 appraisement and according to law at the principal 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 oustanding mineral rights of record affecting the property.

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

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

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

Linda Vaughan - Deputy

January 17, 2024
February 14, 2024
Minden Press Herald

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 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 principal 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

Linda Vaughan - Deputy

January 17, 2024
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NOTICE OF FILING FOR LETTER OF NON-OPPOSITION TO ESTABLISH A REGULATORY ASSET ON BEHALF OF CLAIBORNE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

This notice is given pursuant to Article IV, Section 21, Paragraph (D) of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, regarding residential, general service and lighting electricity rates in the parishes outlined herein. Claiborne Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("CEC") is an electric public utility having facilities to provide retail electric service to approximately 24,273 members in six parishes (Bienville, Claiborne, Lincoln, Ouachita, Union, and Webster). CEC has filed an Application for Letter of Non-Opposition to Establish a Regulatory Asset, which could lead to a change in CEC's power cost adjustment. Any comments or questions concerning CEC's Filing for a Letter of Non-Opposition to Establish a Regulatory Asset may be directed to the Louisiana Public Service Commission at (225) 342-4999.

February 14, 2024
Minden Press Herald

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Each bidder must have an active Unique Entity ID (SAM), as verified on www.sam.gov, prior to beginning of construction.

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 $75.00 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.

January 31, 2024
February 7, 2024
February 14, 2024
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ANGELA HALL
Registrar of Voters

MEMO

DATE: February 7, 2024
TO: Board of Supervisors of Elections
FROM: Angela F. Hall, Registrar of Voters
RE: Schedule of Meetings for March 23, 2024 Election

Friday 2/23/2024 (for 3/23 & 4/27 elections)	10:00 AM	Selection of Commissioners (RS 18:434) Clerk of Court Jury Commission Room
Thursday 3/7	9:00 AM	Seal Early Voting Machines (RS 18:1309.1) Registrar of Voters office
Monday 3/18	10:00 AM	Select (absentee) Parish Board Commissioners & Alternates (RS 18:1314) Registrar of Voters Office
Thursday 3/21	9:00 AM	Seal Voting Machines Voting Machine Warehouse
Thursday 3/21	10:00	PBES may begin prep & verification of absentee & early voting ballots beginning 3 days prior to election (18:1313.1) if over 1,000 ballots & cannot accomplish day prior to election. SOS written permission required.
Friday 3/22	Noon	PBES may begin prep & verification (18:1313.1) of absentee & early voting ballots (if over 1,000 ballots)
Saturday 3/23	3:00 PM	Election Day; Tabulation & Counting Absentee/EV ballots (18:1313)
Tuesday 3/26	9:00 AM	Break seals on Voting Machines (18:573) Voting Machine Warehouse
Thursday 3/28	Noon	Provisional ballots to be counted (if applicable) Recount of absentee & early votes (if required)

February 14, 2024
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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 gardeners.

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Classes will be held from **6 p.m. to 9 p.m. every Thursday for 11 weeks, starting June 18, 2024.** Attendance at all classes is required for certification. There is a $165 registration fee, which covers the cost of training manuals, publications and supplies for the class. If you register by April 27, 2024, you will receive a $25 discount. Class size is limited, and the registration deadline is May 27, 2024.

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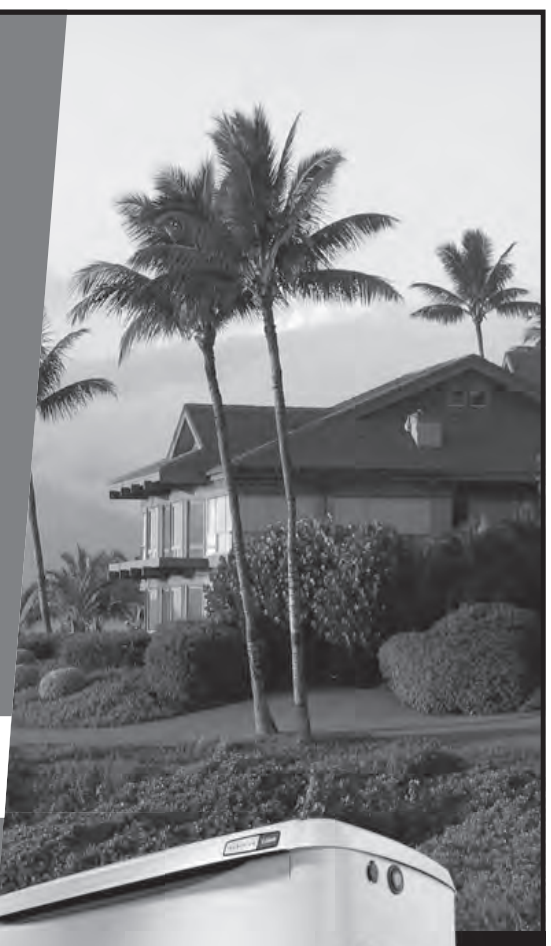
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Clue: Sight organs

B. **24 8 11 12**
Clue: Test

C. **6 16 15 16 3 13**
Clue: Ability to see

D. **7 17 11 15 15 24 15**
Clue: Aids vision

Answers: A. eyes B. exam C. vision D. glasses

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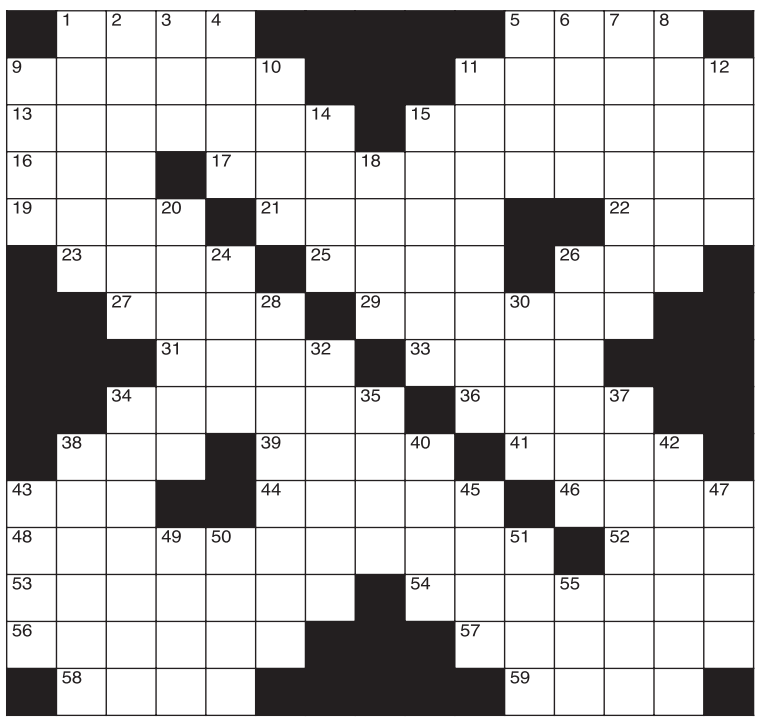

CLUES ACROSS

1. Sea grape
5. European public health group (abbr.)
9. A way to delight
11. Appetizers
13. Ancient heralds' wands
15. Make a booking
16. '__ death do us part
17. Pearl Jam frontman
19. Spider genus
21. Fill with high spirits
22. A major division of geological time
23. Catch
25. An independent ruler or chieftain
26. Electronic music style (abbr.)
27. Influential Spanish cubist painter
29. Illegally persuades
31. A way to derive
33. British School
34. Appear alongside
36. Surely (archaic)
38. Harsh cry of a crow
39. A day in the middle
41. Kansas hoops coach Bill
43. The longest division of geological time
44. The first sign of the zodiac
46. Appetizer
48. Link together in a chain
52. A bacterium
53. In a way, forces apart
54. Cheese dish
56. Combines
57. In an inferior way
58. Colors clothes
59. Dried-up

CLUES DOWN

1. Gastropods
2. Confusing
3. Romanian monetary unit
4. The rate at which something proceeds
5. A prosperous state of well-being
6. Asked for forgiveness
7. Makes less soft
8. Part of speech
9. Outside
10. Advice or counsel
11. Badness
12. Protein-rich liquids
14. Not moving
15. Call it a career
18. Poetry term
20. Not wide
24. Pastries
26. Turns away
28. Satisfies
30. Gift adornments
32. San Diego ballplayers
34. Manufacturing plant
35. Check or guide
37. Dogs do it
38. Chilled
40. Scorch
42. Unproductive of success
43. Electronic counter-countermeasures
45. Attack with a knife
47. Feel bad for
49. Enclosure
50. Assert
51. Geological times
55. Midway between east and southeast

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