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Local officials join players and families in throwing out ceremonial first pitches, marking the start of the 2024 baseball season at Minden REC Center.

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Take me out to the ball game

REC Center kicks off 2024 baseball season with joyous parade and ceremony

WILL PHILLIPS
Minden Press-Herald

The Minden REC Center baseball fields were jam-packed on Monday evening due to the opening ceremony and parade they hosted to give their players a proper welcome to the 2024 baseball season. “We’re very excited. Our numbers

are up in baseball and softball. I think it has to do with our World Series champions, The Dixie Darlings,” said Mike Aguilar, assistant director for Minden Parks and Recreation. “We’re having this opening day parade. We started it last year, it went great, and the kids loved it. It’s a great day,

we’re going to have an even better season, and we’re looking forward to the food, fun, and friends that we’ve got here at the Minden REC Center.” The event also saw the first pitches for many of the games thrown by local elected officials who came out to show support for the REC Center and the players. “This is something in our community that unifies kids and families. The more kids that are involved with sports, the more that

will be kept out of trouble,” said Minden Police Chief Jared McIver. Mayor Nick Cox added, “Not only is it fun, but they’re also out here learning valuable life skills like how to work hard, collaborate with one another as a team, and sportsmanship.”



AGUILAR

The Minden REC Center holds a special place in the hearts of the people of this city. Whether it’s the memories of watching loved ones play sports, or even themselves playing sports, it’s invigorating for new and returning players to take part in pastimes that many hold dear. For those interested in looking into the REC Center’s other sports programs, for kids and adults, check out their website at mindenrec.org.

CRIME

Minden woman arrested for flight and escape after traffic stop

STAFF REPORT
Minden Press-Herald

Lashonda Thornton, 44, was arrested on March 25 following a traffic stop that escalated into a flight and escape situation in Minden. The incident occurred when an officer attempted to stop Thornton’s vehicle for a traffic violation. According to the police report, Thornton’s vehicle was observed turning through a parking lot to avoid a red light at the intersection of E. Union Street and Sheppard Street. When the vehicle came to a stop on Martin Luther King Drive, Thornton immediately exited the vehicle. The officer requested her driver’s license, insurance, and vehicle registration, but Thornton refused to provide the documents, insisting on knowing the reason for the stop first. Despite the officer’s explanation that he would disclose the reason after receiving the documents, Thornton continued to argue and refused to cooperate. A second officer arrived to assist in detaining Thornton, but she attempted to flee on foot. After a brief struggle, officers were able to subdue Thornton and place her in

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SAFETY

Grant equips Webster Parish SROs with body cameras

STAFF REPORT
Minden Press-Herald

In a move toward bolstering transparency and accountability within the Webster Parish public school system, School Resource Officers (SROs) have been equipped with new body cameras. The initiative, spearheaded by the Parish Emergency Management Advisory Committee, culminated in the acquisition of 15 Axon Body 2 cameras, funded through grants totaling over \$11,000.00. “This puts all the SROs on the same page with their body cameras, which helps the school board as well,” remarked Chief Jared McIver of the Minden Police Department, underscoring the importance of uniformity in equipping officers. The Webster Parish Of-

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COMMUNITY



AMBER MCDOWN/PRESS-HERALD PHOTO

Members of Minden’s Men of Courage, along with congregations from various churches, participate in a Unity Walk on Good Friday, carrying a cross through town as a symbol of their faith and unity in Jesus Christ.

Minden churches unite for Good Friday Unity Walk

AMBER MCDOWN
Minden Press-Herald

Men of Courage, in collaboration with several congregations, orchestrated a series of Unity Walks on Good Friday, March 29, aiming to unify members of different churches in their love for Jesus Christ. The theme of the

walk, “One Cross One People Walking in Unity,” symbolized the participants’ shared faith. The event began with participants gathering for food, fellowship, and prayer, before embarking on a procession through various parts of town, carrying a cross. This act symbolized Jesus Christ carrying His

cross to His crucifixion and eventual resurrection. Along the way, the group paused at several businesses to offer prayers and share scripture. The first stop was at the ash tree across from the Civic Center in downtown Minden. Chris Plants, a member

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WPSB

Webster Parish School Board commends employees and students, approves field trips, and adopts resolution

AMBER MCDOWN
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The Webster Parish School Board convened for its regular meeting on April 1 at the school board office located at 1442 Sheppard Street. All board members were present except Margaret Edens of District 1, and all items on the agenda were passed unanimously. The meeting commenced with commendations, starting with April Ingle, secretary at North Webster Jr High School, being honored as the Employee of the Month by Taylor and Sons. Mrs. Ingle was not present to accept her award. Her commendation letter will be featured in an upcoming article of the Minden Press-Herald. Following this, Personnel Director Robin Tucker presented awards for the Students, Teachers, Support Staff, and

Principals of the Year. The winners, along with their photographs, will also be highlighted in an upcoming issue of the Minden Press-Herald. Among the winners were Ada Murphy of Central Elementary School for 5th grade, Prudence Watson of Lakeside Jr High School for 8th grade, and Karlee Lange of Minden High School for 12th grade for Students of the Year. Teachers of the Year were Johnnie Ware, Ja’Tavion Jackson, and Madalyn Wynn, representing elementary, junior high, and high school categories. Donnie Coleman, SRO at North Webster High School, was named the overall Support Person of the Year, while Principals of the Year were Cortney McCall, Nathaniel Richardson, and Denny Finley, from Brown Upper Elementary School, Web-

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WEBSTER & MORE

WPL

Minden library hosts WIOA youth services event

AMBER MCDOWN
Minden Press-Herald

The Minden branch of Webster Parish Libraries hosted an event focused on youth services under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) on March 26. The WIOA, enacted in 2014, aims to provide a comprehensive youth employment program for eligible individuals aged 14-24 who encounter barriers to education, training, and employment. Representatives from the Coordinating & Development Corporation (CDC) were present at the library to register interested individuals in their job training program tailored for youth in the 14 to 24

age bracket. The WIOA Youth Program offers a range of services to help young adults develop the skills necessary to succeed in the future workforce. Some of the services available to participants include GED/high school equivalency completion, post-secondary education and training, paid and unpaid work experience, comprehensive guidance and training, leadership development activities, occupational skills training, financial literacy education, resume assistance, vocational training programs, and career counseling. One key service provided by the CDC is an on-the-job training program.

This program not only offers young adults employment opportunities but also provides participating employers with various benefits, including up to 50% reimbursement of trainees' hourly wages, customized training, access to a pool of new vetted young talent, assistance with short-term projects, and positive public relations for businesses, as well as savings on recruiting, screening, and training costs. Employers who enter into a new hire on-the-job training agreement can hire new workers for skilled positions and train them with the aim of offering permanent employment upon successful completion of training.



CDC is actively recruiting employer worksites for the WIOA Youth Program, offering comprehensive career training to youth at no cost to the employer. For more information about the WIOA Youth Program or to inquire about becoming a work-site employer for the program, individuals can visit the CDC website at www.cdconline.org/ or call (318) 632-2022.

WPSO

Wine Walk at Minden Christmas festivities benefits Ronald McDonald House

AMBER MCDOWN
Minden Press-Herald

The Greater Minden Chamber of Commerce recently presented Janell Mason, CEO of Ronald McDonald House Charities of Arkansas, with a \$5,000 check. The Chamber hosted a Wine Walk as part of the Christmas in Minden celebrations last December. The event, held in downtown Minden, raised funds for the Ronald McDonald House Shreveport-Bossier. The check was presented during the Chamber's recent Awards Gala.

The proceeds from the Wine Walk will contribute to the construction of a new 23,000 square foot, 3-story house, which will feature 20 suites. This new facility aims to provide families with a safe and relaxing environment, offering the comforts of home during challenging times. The house will serve as a refuge for families with a seriously ill or injured child, up to age 21, receiving treatment in any Shreveport hospital. At the heart of the Ronald McDonald House is the mission to alleviate the stress and financial

burden faced by families during their child's medical crisis. All services provided by the Ronald McDonald House are free, ensuring that families can focus on what truly matters—their child's care. Once operational, the Ronald McDonald House will accept referrals from hospital social workers, ensuring that families in need are able to access its services. For more information about the Ronald McDonald House Shreveport-Bossier and how you can support this cause, visit RMHShreveport-Bossier.org.



CLEAN UP

City of Minden and Chamber of Commerce call for community cleanup participation

AMBER MCDOWN
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The City of Minden, in partnership with the Greater Minden Chamber of Commerce and Webster Parish Tourism, is inviting businesses, community organizations, schools, and individuals to join hands in a community cleanup effort. Scheduled to take place on Saturday, April 20, following the Scottish Tartan Festival from 5 PM to 8 PM, and again on Thursday, April 25, from 8 AM to 1 PM, the cleanup aims to beautify the commu-

nity and foster a sense of pride among residents. Participants will be treated to an after-party and awards ceremony at 2 PM on April 25 at Miller Quarters Park, where there will be music, games, food, and fun. Awards will be presented for the Most Spirited Team, Largest Team, and Most Litter Collected. Businesses or organizations with projects needing completion can request assistance by emailing president@mindenchamber.com with a project description. While businesses are re-

sponsible for purchasing/providing materials, the cleanup organizers can help provide the labor. Participating in Love the Boot Week is an opportunity to raise awareness about Louisiana's litter problem and promote litter prevention. "Let's work together this April to make Louisiana a cleaner, more beautiful place to live, work, and play," said event organizers. For more information and to sign up, visit the Minden Chamber of Commerce website or contact the Chamber directly.

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OBITUARIES



Cecil “C.L.” Albritton

Funeral services for Cecil Albritton was held Saturday, March 30, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at First Baptist Church West Chapel in Minden, Louisiana with Bro. Steve Gilley officiating. Interment followed at Gardens of Memory in Minden, Louisiana under the direction of Rose Neath Funeral Home in Minden, Louisiana. The family received friends from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. Friday, March 29, 2024.

Cecil was born May 16, 1954, in Ruston, Louisiana and left this earthly home March 25, 2024, in Shreveport, Louisiana. Cecil was a member of First Baptist Church where he sang in the choir and served as a counselor. He has been employed with Albemarle Chemical Plant in Magnolia, Arkansas for 35 years, and was an avid outdoorsman. His greatest achievement and joy were his family. He loved to travel and watch his grandchildren with sports and taking adventurous

trips. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Freda Hosler Albritton and sisters Lillian Dozier, Margie Chisholm, and Cecile Maddry. He is survived by his wife, DeAnn Albritton of Minden; daughters, Ashleigh Watkins and husband Lou of Lindale, TX and Lindsay Simpson and husband Brad of Minden; brother, Chris Albritton and wife Deborah of Downsville; grandchildren, Ellie, Emma, Kaylee, Cullen, Conly, Jacob, and Brooklyn; and brothers-in-law, Buck Chisholm, Mike Hosler and wife Carol, and David Frazier and wife Lori, as well as many nieces and nephews. Pallbearers will be Mike Hosler, Wilson Hosler, Michael Maddry, Steve Maddry, Ron Dozier, and Trey Dozier. Honorary pallbearers will be Patrick Clark and co-workers at Albermarle. The family would like to send a special thanks to the staff of Willis Knighton ICU and The Carpenter House of Shreveport, LA. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to First Baptist Church, 301 Pennsylvania Ave. Minden, Louisiana 71055.

CRIME

Homer police chief arrested on drug and weapons charges

STAFF REPORT
Minden Press-Herald

Homer Police Department (HPD) Sergeant Arnold Stephenson, 50, was arrested on March 25 for possession of schedule I narcotics with intent to distribute and illegal carrying of weapons, as part of an ongoing investigation by the Louisiana State Police Bureau of

Investigations/Bossier City Field Office (LSP BOI BCFO). Stephenson was booked into Claiborne Parish Detention Center. The investigation, which remains active, was initiated following a complaint of excessive use of force by HPD. In December 2022, HPD Chief Elvan “Van” McDaniel was arrested for aggravated battery and malfeasance

in office. Investigators found that Chief McDaniel had used excessive force by deploying a taser multiple times on a non-combative subject who was handcuffed and lying on the ground. As the investigation continues, additional charges and arrests are possible. HPD will be unable to answer calls for service, with the Clai-

borne Parish Sheriff’s Office handling all calls in the area, assisted by Troop G. Louisiana State Police will lead the investigation, and additional information will be provided as it becomes available. Anonymous tips can be submitted through the Louisiana State Police online reporting system at <http://la-safe.org/>.

CRIME

Sibley man arrested for drug possession and firearms offenses

STAFF REPORT
Minden Press-Herald

James Limosnero, 29, of Sibley, was arrested in the early hours of March 29 on Sheppard Street by Minden police. According to the police report, an officer observed a black Dodge Ram operating with a faulty left taillight and driving left of center. The officer initiated a traffic stop, and upon approaching the vehicle,

noticed Limosnero’s pupils were constricted. Limosnero, when questioned about his activities, stated he was “just trying to program my TV, and I’m out stopping the web hackers,” exhibiting sporadic speech and an inability to maintain eye contact. Following a frisk, the officer found a black 9mm Ruger in Limosnero’s waistband. Standardized field sobriety tests were

conducted, which Limosnero consented to. However, he displayed signs of impairment during the tests, including swaying, inability to focus, and balance issues. Limosnero was subsequently arrested and a search of his vehicle yielded two round green pills, later identified as methamphetamines. Although Limosnero provided a breath sample registering .000% B.A.C.,

a drug recognition expert was not available at the time of arrest. A methamphetamine field test kit confirmed the nature of the pills. Limosnero was charged with possession of Schedule 2 substances, possession of a firearm with controlled dangerous substances, reckless operation, and failure to have working tail lights.

CRIME

Minden man arrested for domestic abuse with child endangerment

STAFF REPORT
Minden Press-Herald

A Minden man was arrested on domestic abuse charges after an incident on March 26. Officers were dispatched to the 300 block of Pennsylv-

nia in reference to an active disturbance. They made contact with Zarvia Moore, 35, and Cherrelle Moore. Cherrelle Moore stated that Zarvia ripped her shirt off as soon as she opened the door when

someone knocked. Minor lacerations were observed across the upper portion of her chest. Her 8-year-old daughter and 6-year-old niece were in the adjacent living room when the events happened. Zarvia was taken into

custody without incident and transported to the Minden Police Department for booking. He was charged with domestic abuse with child endangerment.



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ARREST

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handcuffs. During the arrest, Thornton resisted and attempted to escape custody. The officer warned her that a taser would be used if she did not comply. After continued resistance, the officer deployed the taser, allowing them to secure Thornton in handcuffs. Thornton was then able to pull her hands out of the cuffs, prompting officers to struggle once again to get the handcuffs on Thornton. Thornton

continued to resist as the officers placed her in the patrol vehicle. Thornton was charged with failure to use the required position and method of turning at intersections, flight from an officer, and simple escape. She was transported to the Minden Police Department without further incident. Authorities remind the public to comply with law enforcement instructions during traffic stops to ensure safety for all parties involved.

CAMS

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fice of Homeland Security facilitated the procurement process, with Superintendent Johnny Rowland expressing profound gratitude, stating, “We are extremely appreciative! Body cams add another layer of transparency and accountability. We consider this to be a WIN WIN for law enforcement, students/parents as well as employees.” Echoing these sentiments, Sheriff Jason Parker emphasized the paramount importance of transparency in law enforcement activities, particularly within educational settings. “Our officers, the public, and the school system need to know the facts if there’s an incident on school grounds,” Sheriff Parker asserted. “There’s really no better evidence than video evidence, and our SROs know the importance of recording any incident, especially those on campus.” Chief McIver highlighted the multifaceted benefits of body cameras, including their utility in training, evidence collection, and incident review. “With cameras,

there are so many positive benefits. It gives everyone accountability because we can go back and watch the footage,” he explained. “It helps with future training; we can go back and look at how situations were handled, and see how we can do it better.” Moreover, McIver emphasized the instrumental role of body cameras in ensuring the safety and well-being of students and faculty. He noted that cameras that SROs from the police department were already issued will return to the department to be used as replacements, indicating a seamless transition towards enhanced surveillance capabilities. The deployment of body cameras represents a proactive measure aimed at fostering trust and confidence within the community while augmenting the effectiveness of law enforcement operations. By embracing technology as a tool for accountability, Webster Parish demonstrates its commitment to promoting a safe and conducive learning environment for all stakeholders.

WALK

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of Men of Courage, expressed their intent for the day, stating, “We’re going to do a lot of praying today, we’re going to do a lot of praising God, we’re going to stop in businesses to pray. We might even stop somebody on the road and pray.” Participants were offered small wooden crosses and Bibles as tangible reminders of their faith. Later that morning, the group convened at the corner of East Union and Talton Street. Then they met at Geaux Fresh where they en-

joyed lunch. The walk continued to three more churches in the afternoon: Greater St. Paul, Minden Presbyterian, and North Acres Baptist Church. Chris Plants emphasized the group’s mission, saying, “We’re trying to do something different for God and Jesus out in this community.” The chosen scripture for the walk, John 17:23, reflected their desire for unity among believers. The Unity Walks occurred toward the conclusion of Holy Week, leading up to Easter Sunday, which fell on March 31 this year.

SCHOOLS

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ster Jr High School, and Lakeside High School, respectively. Additionally, commendations were extended to five North Webster High School pre-educator students and their teacher/sponsor, Mrs. Amy Phillips, for their achievements at the 2024 Louisiana Educators Rising State Competition and Conference. These students, Abrianna Gardner, Allison Lorenz, Cailley Nail, Callie Lewis, and Gabrielle Cooper, are part of a new course at North Webster High School, which offers a dual enrollment course taught through ULM. As

a result of their success, these students have been approved to attend the Educators Rising 2024 National Conference and Competition in Washington, DC, along with their chaperones. Furthermore, the board approved field trips for North Webster Lower Elementary School 2nd grade students to Logoly State Park in Magnolia, Arkansas, and for Webster Jr High School honor students to visit the Dallas World Aquarium and view the total eclipse in Dallas, Texas. Both trips will be funded using Title I funds. The board also adopted an LSBA Resolution op-

posing Education Savings Accounts, including House Bill 745, which creates the LA GATOR Scholarship Program. The resolution urges the Webster Parish legislative delegation to vote NO on any bill proposing an Education Savings Account, citing concerns that diverting public dollars to private schools disadvantages public education. “Educational savings accounts, as the term is being thrown about, is not true or indicative of what’s going on,” said Jonathan Guthrie, board member for District 4. “These things that are being called educational savings accounts are nothing

but super-charged vouchers. I believe it will create more problems than it solves.” Additionally, the board approved several expenditures for maintenance and upgrades using maintenance funds. Personnel Director Robin Tucker announced plans to attend the Greater Minden Chamber Job Fair & Career Expo on April 3 to recruit for positions such as custodians, food service workers, and bus drivers. The board’s next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 2, at 6 PM at the school board office, and the public is welcome to attend.

OPINION

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OPINION

U.S. Betrays Ally Israel at United Nations

After President Biden's failure last week to veto a U.N. resolution calling for a cease-fire in Gaza, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu cancelled a visit by an Israeli delegation scheduled to meet with Biden in D.C. to discuss the planned invasion of the Hamas-infested city of Rafah in Gaza. Biden's cowardly decision to abstain from voting allowed the resolution, backed by China, Russia, Iran, North Korea, and many other dangerous enemies of both the U.S. and Israel, to pass.

In response to Biden's cowardice, Prime Minister Netanyahu said that this is "a clear departure from the consistent U.S. position" in the Security Council since the beginning of the war. This withdrawal damages both the war effort and the effort to release the hostages because it "gives Hamas hope that international pressure will force Israel to accept a cease-fire without the release of our hostages." (Wall Street Journal, 03-26-24).

As described by the Wall Street Journal, this past week "the U.S. withheld its veto and abstained as the U.N. Security Council passed a resolution that demanded a cease-fire in Gaza but didn't make the cease-fire contingent on Hamas releasing its 134 hostages. That condition, on which the U.S. had

previously insisted, has been dropped." (WSJ, 3-26-24). In fact, the Biden Administration position has weakened so much that "Mr. Biden's initial support for destroying Hamas has faded, such that Vice President Kamala Harris now refuses to rule out 'consequences' should Israel invade Hamas's last stronghold of Rafah."

This feckless move by Biden is not surprising because, since Hamas's Oct. 7 massacre of some 1,400 Israelis, we've seen President Biden equivocate about, and retreat from, his original robust support of Israel. This change is in no small part due to pressure from the Lunatic Left of the national Democratic Party that screams for Israel, whom it vilifies as an "occupier," to agree to a ceasefire and end the war while Hamas still controls Gaza. It would be perilous for Israel to do so.

Let's have some context: We note that international calls for the annihilation of Israel, and generalized hatred of Jews, have increased exponentially. Polling in the U.S. reflects that while Jews make up around 2 percent

of the U.S. population, according to FBI data, reported antisemitic hate crime incidents accounted for 9.6 percent of all hate crimes. (Anti-Defamation League ((ADL)) 10-16-2023 citing FBI statistics).

Let's also recall that in his State of the Union address Pres. Biden promised the families of U.S. hostages held by Hamas that "we will not rest until we bring their loved ones home." Well, that pledge has now been weakened at the United Nations.

A brief comparison between President Trump's defense of Israel and Biden's attack on Israel through his support for Iran, Israel's mortal enemy, is clear and dangerous. Trump ended U.S. support for the Iran nuclear deal that madly gave billions of U.S. dollars to the terrorist regime in Tehran—which our US State Department has concluded is the foremost worldwide sponsor of terrorism—funds which pay for Iran's global campaign of terrorism and its development of nuclear bombs to threaten Israel, the entire Middle East, and ultimately, the U.S. mainland.

Trump also honored a campaign pledge to move the U.S. embassy to Jerusalem and to officially establish Jerusalem as the capital of Israel in the view of the U.S. government. Trump's diplomatic efforts also led to

the Abraham Accords—the first peace treaties between Israel and its Arab neighbors since 1994—for which Trump was nominated for the Nobel Prize for Peace due to the enormous advance the Accords represent in isolating Iran and limiting its global campaign of terror—of which America is a prime target!

The danger here is really far greater than an intolerable neglect of Israel itself. It's that the whole world is watching America. This includes our mortal enemies China, Iran, Russia, and N. Korea, as well as the numerous terrorist groups whose very charters call for the annihilation of Israel. They scrutinize our every move and absence of movement when it is called for from which they will draw conclusions regarding the likely success of further attacks upon Israel as well as any other nation or people in the world about whom they harbor predatory intentions.

This is what weakness and ineptness look like. America has no more loyal friend or ally in the region—or perhaps the world—than Israel and it cannot hesitate or waver in its cause.

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INSPIRATION

On behalf of post traumatic stress disorder awareness month

As a victim of post traumatic stress disorder I want to make a difference.

According to the National Center for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder approximately sixty percent of men and fifty percent of women experience at least one trauma in their lives. Women are more likely to experience sexual assault and child sexual abuse whereas men are more likely to experience accidents such as physical assault, combat, disaster, or to witness death or injury.

Why it effects some people more would be difficult to say but Psychiatrist, M. Scott Peck, author of The Road Less Traveled, wrote "life is difficult."

But what can we do about it? We can write.

Dr. Molly Harrower, psychiatrist and author of Therapy In Poetry, said "long before there were therapists there were poets and from time immemorial man has struggled to cope with his inevitable inner turmoil. One way of so coping has been the ballad, the song, the poem. Once crystallized into words, all engulfing feelings become manageable, and once challenged into explicitness, the burden of the incommunicable

becomes less heavy."

From the richest to the poorest, to those in-between, we all have crosses to bear that would push us under if we don't have a creative release.

My safety valve has been writing.

From the time I was in high school, living in an orphanage, to being a minister's wife, trying to keep up my perfect front, to now, at the age of seventy-five, I find great joy in releasing my thoughts upon the page, but it does take courage to open up, to bare your soul.

When we are young we often start out trying to appear to be that perfect person until we finally learn that perfection can be a chore and it tends to drive away more people than a perfect-front job attracts.

Who wants to be around a perfect person if there is such a creature?

Writing allows your true self to come through, although most of us want to guard our private lives.

We don't want to be hurt. It is only human.

It's only when we let down our guards, a little, that we allow others into our world.

Nobody really wants to hear about all of our money or the trappings of our success.

People want to know that somebody cares.

One way of expressing concern is to write your thoughts down and encourage others to write.

This life is just too short to keep our stories to ourselves.

We all have a story, whether we know it or not. We can numb our minds by background noise and party talk and others never learn who we really are.

To paraphrase what President Theodore Roosevelt said "many people live in quiet desperation, knowing neither victory nor defeat."

By being open, transparent in our writing, we draw others into our lives. We can leave a legacy for our heirs, allowing them to know where they came from and inspire them to make a difference with their lives.

Leaving your memoirs to your children is priceless.

I treasure the poems, stories, letters and old pictures I found in our old family trunk helping me find living, long lost relatives who shared their memories with me. What I learned encouraged me not to give up.

In 1983, Jack Gore, an English teacher, from Plain Dealing, told me that unless your writing is personal no one will ever understand what you are trying to say.

That advice helped me to write more than anything I've ever learned.

Writing can be just what's needed most to survive!

It's not what happens to us but how we use it as a tool to achieve our dreams is what makes the difference.

Leaving my story is my way of making a difference to who just might be going through difficult times themselves.

It may take a lifetime to work out our pain but writing has made all the difference in my life and it just might be the scalpel needed to remove the pain in your life.

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FROM THE BACK PORCH

I truly believe there are angels among us

"I believe there are angels among us, sent down to us from somewhere up above

A kind word from a stranger, to lend a helping hand,

To guide us with a light of love."

"Oh ,oh, I believe there are angels among us, sent down to us from somewhere up above..."

— As sung by ALABAMA.

After a recent fall and hospitalization I am even a more firm believer.

An accident at home led me to calling 9-1-1. In turn, they summoned the ambulance. Within 5- 10 minutes several young men, First Responders with our Volunteer Fire Department. were at my side, checking me out as we

waited for the ambulance. Angels?

I was transported to the hospital in Homer where I was confined for just over three weeks. I was sent home

under the care of Home Health with prescribed therapy.

Two days after I got home there was a Host of Men of Courage (14 in all) in my front yard constructing a ramp for my use as I progressed. These men were not paid workers, but volunteers

who like to show the love of God through their volunteer efforts. They could have only been sent by God.

As the days progressed, Angelic friends began to bring food to serve our family until I was again able to resume my duties,

Precious Cindy appeared with several dishes, some to use now and some to be frozen for later. Food For Love from our church (Central Baptist) began to provide lunches on Tuesday including lunch for our daughter who was caring for us at the time. Those lovely ladies also provided short times of visitation. Last week they surprised me with a visit from a precious friend, Bon-



FANNIE MOORE

nie. Sweet Liz brought lunch and I was able to persuade her to stay and share the delicious meal with us. We had the greatest visit as we had not done in a long time.

Neighbor Jennifer sent the most delicious casserole that we enjoyed for several meals. Neighbor Mary Virginia made a run for our prescriptions and picked up a few groceries for us at the same time.

She was also thoughtful enough to pick up a warm lunch for us. Our sweet neighbor and family brought me a box of delicious cupcakes from Bundt Cakes bakery in Bossier, They were out of this world.

I have had so many beautiful cards sent since my little incident. Each one is treasured just as I treasure the kindness and friendship of each sender.

And most of all, my doctor and caregivers at the hospital and our precious children, Larry, and Debbie and Steve. I don't know how we would have made it without them.

If I have omitted anyone, just clock it up to post-hospital forgetfulness.

And in the meantime, consider yourselves among the "Angels From Above" that were sent to guide us with the light of love."

FANNIE MOORE LIVES IN SHONGALOO.

SPORTS

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Glenbrook wraps up district championship

RUSSELL HEDGES
Minden Press-Herald

The Glenbrook Apaches completed another dominating run in District 1-1A last week.

Glenbrook defeated Plain Dealing 17-0, Homer 13-0 and Ringgold 16-0. The Apaches finished district play 5-0, outscoring their five opponents 80-2.

Since joining the LHSAA in 2022, Glenbrook is 13-0 against district competition with most of those victories run-rule games.

According to Geaux-

Preps.com, Glenbrook (11-9) was No. 14 in the select Division IV power ratings entering this week.

The Apaches (11-9) will have a chance to move up with victories against strong competition in the final two weeks of the regular season.

They are scheduled to play Class 5A Parkway Friday and defending select Division IV state champion Ouachita Christian Monday. Both games are on the road.

Easton Sanders came close to pitching a perfect game in the five-inning home victory against Hom-

er. He faced the minimum 12 batters and struck out 10 with no walks. The Apaches had one error and threw out the only baserunner on a steal attempt.

Minden opened District 1-4A play last week with an 11-3 loss to Northwood. But the Tide bounced back with a 4-2 victory over Family Community.

Jakobe Jackson broke a a 2-2 tie with a two-run home run with one out in the bottom of the seventh. Jaxon Smith pitched a three-hitter with eight strikeouts and no walks.

Minden entered this week 15-7.

Lakeside defeated Claiborne Christian 9-5 then won the first of a three-game series against Calvary Baptist 7-4. The Cavs won the final two 8-2 and 9-6.

Peyton Gray went 4-for-4 with two doubles and three RBI against Claiborne Christian. Jon Jon Dick had three hits and Matthew Aguilera had four RBI in the victory against Calvary.

Jordan Isbell pitched a four-hitter. The Warriors entered this week 11-11 overall and 4-5 in district.

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Parish teams eye playoffs as regular season winds d own

RUSSELL HEDGES
Minden Press-Herald

With one week left in the regular season, it looks like all five Webster Parish teams will make the playoffs.

According to Geaux-Preps.com, Minden was No. 13 in the non-select Division II power ratings entering this week, North Webster No. 19 in Division III, Lakeside No. 13 in Division IV and Doyline No. 24 in Division V.

The top 26 teams in the final ratings in the non-select divisions make the play-

offs. The No. 7-16 seeds host first-round games.

Glenbrook was No. 12 in select Division IV. The top 24 teams in the final ratings in the select divisions make the playoffs.

The regular season officially ends Tuesday, April 9, with playoff pairings announced April 10.

Minden entered this week 14-9. The Lady Tiders only played one game last week during the Easter break, defeating Weston 15-9. They will take a seven-game winning streak into Wednesday's game against defending non-select Di-

vision II state champion North DeSoto in Stonewall.

Kaydree Kemp had three hits and four RBI against Weston.

Lakeside entered this week 11-15. The Lady Warriors lost to Family Community 9-4 last week before defeating Southwood 19-4 and Caddo Magnet 19-3.

Mackenzie McCoy had three-hit games against Family Community and Southwood. Emily Jones had three-hit games in the two victories. Teal Austin had three hits against Caddo Magnet.

Glenbrook entered

this week 14-12. The Lady Apaches defeated Calvin 9-5 in their only game last week. Ellie Earnhardt had three hits and three RBI. Rebecca Mosley went the distance and struck out six.

Doyline entered this week 11-7. The Lady Panthers defeated swept a doubleheader against Jonesboro-Hodge, 24-0 and 13-1, and defeated Haynesville 10-6.

Lanie Gates had four hits and three RBI against Haynesville. Keily Sumlin had three triples.

North Webster entered this week 6-9.

OUTDOORS

Fly fishing fun, frustrating

GLYNN HARRIS

If you hunt or fish, you'll find there are some activities that are more highly revered than others, at least they are by zealots of the sport. Take quail hunting, for example. While quail in our part of the country have basically gone the way of the Studebaker, there are those who still keep a brace of pointers and seek out those widely scattered pockets of cover that may hold a covey or two. Why? Because quail hunting is so special to them; they just can't entertain thoughts that quail numbers continue to shrink.

Then there are the fly fishermen. The average angler heads for the lake or the creek bank armed with rods and reels, or a cane pole and bucket of worms. While some rod and reelers and cane polers have perfected their craft to a fine edge, the average fisherman just wants to catch supper, and the gear he selects is what he feels will allow him to do that most effectively.

Ah, but the fly fisherman is a far different creature. He's probably more of a

purist; a perfectionist, than any other sportsman. He talks in almost reverential tones of tippets and Royal Coachmen and such. He ties his own flies; builds his own rods. It's as if the process of preparing to fly fish is an end in itself.

I once tried fly fishing, but I soon learned that I lack something in the "purist" category. I purchased my outfit years ago at the local discount store for \$29.95. No, that was not the price of the fly line; that was the package price for rod, reel, line, leader and a box of flies. I took my purchase to a local pond where I'd located a bed of bluegills in the shallows. I managed to catch a few fish but I spent an inordinate amount of time getting my popping bug untangled from the myrtle bush behind me. I also noticed a lack of dexterity when it came to making "the cast". I almost threw out my shoulder trying to emulate the fly fishers I'd watched on TV. While they made it look so easy, I spent most of my fishing time tripping over line wrapped around my ankles and getting a half-hitch

from around my ear.

While on a turkey hunting trip to South Dakota several years ago, I spent some time with Dick Leir, owner of Dakota Angler and Outfitter and as he drove me alongside the sparkling-clear streams in the Black Hills, he talked about his favorite sport, fly fishing.

"Fly fishing can be frustrating, but once you get over the initial aggravation, it is a calming sport," Leir explained. "There is an evolution that takes place in the life of a fly fisher. At first, his goal is to catch 'a' fish. Once he accomplishes this, he wants to catch a 'lot' of fish. Then he progresses to wanting to catch a 'big' fish; then a 'lot of big' fish. He arrives as a genuine fly fisher when his consuming desire is to catch 'that' fish."

"Fly fishing is unique in that it is one of the few do-it-yourself sports. Anglers get a lot of satisfaction from painstakingly building their own rods and becoming adept at tying their own flies. To catch 'that' fish on a rod you have built with a fly you have tied offers the utmost satisfaction," said Leir.

According to Leir, trout fishermen don't go to a stream with the purpose of catching fish to eat.

"The object is not to catch 'supper'. Wild trout are much too valuable for that. A legendary fly fisherman, the late Lee Wulfe once said, 'a trout is too valuable a commodity to catch only once.'

While wild trout are the number one quarry of most fly fishers, practically any species of fish can be caught on a flyrod. We don't have trout in Louisiana, but there are other fish that can provide great sport for the flyrodder. Bedded bluegills, like I attempted to catch, bass and crappie are all amenable to being caught on fly tackle.

As advanced age has caught up with me, I have laid aside my fly rod and casting rod and settle for a seat in a comfortable chair on the bank of a pond with bedded bluegills swirling the water just off shore. Skewering on a cricket and lobbing it into the mass of bream, I'm as happy as a fly fisherman wading a clear mountain stream for trout.

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HGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL

Doyline's McClendon second-team All-State



COURTESY PHOTO

Doyline junior Damarion McClendon was named to the second team on the Louisiana Sports Writers Association's Class B All-State boys basketball team. The 5-foot-9 guard averaged 15.3 points per game. He helped the Panthers win the District 1-B championship and finish 24-4.

HGH SCHOOL TRACK AND FIELD

North Webster girls win Haynesville meet

RUSSELL HEDGES
Minden Press-Herald

North Webster won the girls division and Doyline sprinter Izayla Harris continued her domination last week in the Haynesville Invitational.

North Webster scored 110 points. Franklin Parish was second with 91 and Haynesville third with 89.

Haynesville won the boys division with 156 points. Franklin Parish was second with 82 and Lakeside third with 70.5.

Harris won the 100 meters in 11.84 seconds, the 200 in 24.92 and the 400 in 1:01.55.

North Webster's Anekah Coleman was second in the 100 in 12.39 and 200 in 26.81. North Webster's Kylee Sanders and Germaya Harris finished 2-3 in the 400 in 1:05.87 and 1:07.88, respectively.

Harris also finished second in the triple jump with a leap of 34 feet, 5 inches. Jonesboro-Hodge's Ciara Gray won with a 36-0.5.

The Knights' Amiyah White took the 800 in 2:50.29. She finished 1.27 seconds ahead of Franklin Parish's Karley Ferrington. Lakeside's Lexi Bradley and Glenbrook's Matti-

son Fowler finished 1-2 in the 1,600 in 5:52.57 and 6:25.45, respectively.

Lakeside's Madison McGraw took the 3,200 in 16:43.23.

North Webster's Xhailor McGlothlin finished second in the 300 hurdles in 49.58.

The Lady Knights' Allison Lorenz was second in the pole vault with a 6-6.

North Webster's Nyla Willis was second in the javelin with an 81-0. Haynesville's Balaysia Drew won with an 81-8.

North Webster won the 4X100 relay in 49.92 and the 4X200 in 1:46.49. The Lady Knights were second in the 4X400 in 4:43.38.

Lakeside won the 4X800 in 11:03.62.

Glenbrook's Carson Powell was a double winner in the boys division. He took the 800 in 2:22.47 and the 1,600 in 5:20.41.

North Webster's Slade Lockey won the pole vault with a 10-0.

Lakeside's Kentravion Miller took the shot put with a 42-6. His teammate Chad Davis won the javelin with a 150-9.

Lakeside's Caleb Barber and Jamarion Evans finished 2-3 in the discus with a 118-6 and 112-2, respectively.

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Minden Press-Herald & Holcomb's
ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Mackenzie McCoy
Lakeside, Jr.

McCoy had 10 hits in wins against Florien, Southwood and Caddo Magnet and a loss to Family Community. She had seven doubles, one home run and 11 RBI.

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

Fishing Report

BLACK BAYOU – Bass are improving fishing spinners and jigs around the trees. Crappie are starting to move shallow and fishing is improving on shiners or jigs. Contact Honey Hole Tackle Shop 323-8707 for latest information.

BUSSEY BRAKE – Bass fishing is good with some really nice fish to 11 pounds caught flipping the trees with jigs, using spinners and soft plastics. Crappie are on the banks and hitting jigs and shiners. For latest information, contact the Honey Hole at 323-8707.

OUACHITA RIVER – Water is still high and muddy with very little fishing reported this week. For latest information,

contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

LAKE D'ARBONNE – Crappie are good with some caught in 3 foot water while others haven't quite moved in and are in 10 foot water. Shiners and jigs are working. Bass are on the banks and hitting soft plastics, jigs and spinners. Catfishing is improving fishing cold worms off the banks. with males getting beds ready and big females moving in to spawn. No report on bream this week. For latest information, call Anderson Sport Center at 368-9669 or Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

LAKE CLAIBORNE – Crappie are starting to move to the back of the creeks where spawning is

starting to take place. Bass are moving shallow with some good fish caught on spinners, soft plastics and jigs. Best catches are being made early and late in the day. Stripers are beginning to show up in open water around Kel's Cove. No report on catfish. For latest information, call Kel's Cove at 927-2264 or Terzia Tackle at 278-4498.

CANEY LAKE – Bass are being caught on soft plastics and jigs as they are beginning to move from deeper water to mouth of the creeks. Rat-L-Traps ripped through the grass are picking up some bass with soft plastics, square bills and top-water lures are also working. Crappie are starting to move to the back of the

creeks and are beginning to spawn and hit shiners or jigs. 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 have moved off the banks because of colder water temperatures. Catfishing is good. No report on bass. For latest reports, call Poverty Point Marina at 318/878-0101.

LAKE YUCATAN – The water is on a slow fall with water temperatures too cold for fishing to be good just yet. slight rise. For information, call Surplus City Landing at 318/467-2259.

Good News

GOOD NEWS

PLANTING FOR A BOUNTIFUL HARVEST

No farmer or gardener goes to the extent of getting the ground tilled, prepared and ready for planting with the idea that “there will be no harvest”. That would be futile! Why go to all that trouble? We could be fishing, or enjoying a ballgame, jogging or sun bathing on the beach! But that is what many of us do when we fail to properly prepare the spiritual ground for a bountiful harvest.

Beat around the bush all you want, but there is no denying ‘the harvest is what counts.’ Growing up in a sharecroppers’ home, working for a meager living year by year, I know a little about “sowing and reaping.” I know how the late spring floods affect the planting, thus the fall harvest. And there are the long hot and dry summers to deal with! But through it all, the primary focus is on the harvest in the fall. The same is true about the Lord’s work.

If we just waited around to

pick the cotton, omitting steps 1,2 and 3---the cotton gins would be silent. The landlord would come visiting quickly; changes would be made as well. What farmer would spend all the time, expense and energy to prepare his soil for planting (breaking ground, applying fertilizer and put the seed into the ground) just abandon the necessary work hoping to enjoy the harvest? Foolish man! That is what Jesus would say about such efforts! He had much to say about “sowing and reaping.

Living the Christian life is like a continuous progression of breaking ground, sowing seed, applying fertilizer and water, cultivating and getting ready for the anticipated harvest. Can’t you see the direct correlation?



Bill Crider

Jesus could. He often used this analogy in his teaching. The Great Commission (Matt 28:18-20) directs us to “go, make disciples...plant the seed, cultivate and fertilize them...and the Spirit will bring about the harvest.” He is faithful to bring about the promised results if we are faithful to follow His commands!

This is preparation time for the harvest this fall. Most farmers and gardeners already have done a lot of preparation to the land; some have early crops already in the ground. That’s just the lure of farming or gardening each year. You feel it in your bones! It’s just got to be done! NOW! Sharing the gospel must be handled in the same intentional way.

The command goes out to each of us to: be a witness of the saving power of the Lord, tell others of what the Lord has done in our own life, and be a ready witness for the Lord’s

‘amazing grace’ that is available to all who call upon the name of Jesus. We cannot sit around and depend on Vacation Bible School workers to “sow all the evangelistic seed” in the community, nor next year’s Monday Night Bible Study. We must not relegate the primary task of the Christian faith (Matt 19:28-29) to happenstance. It must be deliberate and intentional. It must be incorporated into our lifestyle. Remember the reference of the believers in Antioch (Acts 11:26): “they were first called Christians in Antioch”. And this was because their lifestyle and character pointed others to Christ and His teachings. It was also by the way they loved and treated each other.

Yes, we all need to visualize the rotation of responsibilities as believers. Some break new ground, some sow, some water, others reap, but the truth is we are all in this rotation together. God demands us all to “deny

self, take up our cross, and follow Him” (Luke 9: 23-24). When we do this, we will find that we all will be laborers working together for a bountiful harvest. Then, in due season, all will be blessed to have been a part of the eternal harvest. It was a winning combination then; and it still works today.

Anything less is going to produce unacceptable results; the harvest will be lacking; the barns will be empty and the Master will be disappointed. So get those hoes sharpened, plows ready, gloves located--time for spring planting with anticipation for a bountiful harvest at season’s end! If no seed are planted, expect no harvest!

BILL CRIDER IS CHAPLAIN OF MINDEN MEDICAL CENTER

THE UPWARD LOOK

Husbands Lead

“For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself being the Savior of the body.” Ephesians 5:23 NASB



Max Hutto

The husband’s role is to be the head, the guide, that provides leadership to the home, not forced or demanding tyrannical dictatorship, but loving and self-giving leadership. The comparison of the husband to Christ is to be understood in that Christ’s great love for the church is so intense that He gave His

life to save the church. The husband is to love his wife in the same self-giving way. He is to guide by his example so that both he and his wife walk daily in faithful loving obedience to God.

Lord Jesus, help me to walk in a way that glorifies You in all that I say and do. May my home honor and glorify You, my Savior.

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

INSPIRATION

Bringing the Good

In times of extreme struggle, man tends to look for someone to blame. We make great efforts to search out the negatives of our situation. Well, I’m here to tell everyone reading today that this is not the way. God wants us to find his blessing in all our situations. He wants us to seek out the good in everything. And if we search through a situation and find nothing good he wants us to bring the good. This is done through trust and faith in God’s plan. In Genesis Joseph demonstrates this flawlessly. Genesis 45:3-5 NLT “I am Joseph!” he said to his brothers. “Is my father still alive?” But his brothers were speechless! They were stunned to realize that Joseph was



Bernard Harris

standing there in front of them. “Please, come closer,” he said to them. So they came closer. And he said again, “I am Joseph, your brother, whom you sold into slavery in Egypt. But don’t be upset, and don’t be angry with yourselves for selling me to this place. It was God who sent me here ahead of you to preserve your lives.” I would like to encourage us all to be like Joseph and bring the good to our bad situations.

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

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In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 81296.

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

Pam Brantley - Deputy

April 3, 2024
May 1, 2024
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US BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE OF CABBANA SERIES V VS. JAMES H CARRELL

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. CV81297.

By virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued out of the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, in the above styled and numbered suit and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder for cash WITH-OUT the benefit of appraisal and according to law at the principal front door of the Court-house in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana on WEDNESDAY, May 8, 2024, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

BEGIN AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SW/4 OF SE/4), SECTION 18, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 9 WEST; WEBSTER PARISH, LOUISIANA, AND RUN NORTH 1320 FEET TO A RAILROAD SPOKE IN THE BUDDY BROWN ROAD; THENCE RUN SOUTH 25 FEET; THENCE RUN WEST 106.84 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE RUN SOUTH 0 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 43 SECONDS EAST 246.16 FEET TO SET 5/8" IRON ROD; THENCE RUN NORTH 428.74 FEET; THENCE RUN EAST 687.8 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 5.34 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, TOGETHER WITH ALL IMPROVEMENTS LOCATED THEREON AND ALL RIGHTS THERETO BELONGING, AND BEING THE SAME SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON PLAT OF SURVEY PREPARED BY PAUL W. CULPEPPER, REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR, DATED FEBRUARY 11, 1999, A COPY OF SAME ATTACHED TO REGISTRY NUMBER 427515, RECORDS OF WEBSTER PARISH, LOUISIANA, HAVING A MUNICIPAL ADDRESS:

601 BUDDY BROWN ROAD, MINDEN, LA 71055

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

Pam Brantley - Deputy

April 3, 2024
May 1, 2024
Minden Press Herald

If anyone knows the whereabouts of the family members of Lafayette Jackson (deceased) and Velma Frazier Jackson (deceased), last known address in Webster Parish, La, please contact Attorney Kharmen Davis-Taylor at (318) 621-9400.

March 27, 2024
April 3, 2024
Minden Press Herald

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF MINDEN, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN IN SPECIAL SESSION HELD ON MARCH 25, 2024

The Minden City Council met at City Hall in Minden, Louisiana, beginning at 4:30 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 Michael Roy and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Andy Pendergrass. It is noted for the record that Mayor Cox allowed both council and public comments prior to every vote.

Michael Roy moved to authorize the City Clerk to advertise for bids for the purchase of gasoline and diesel fuel for City-owned vehicles. 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 Michael Roy, the council unanimously adopted a Resolution to Amend the City of Minden 2023-2024 Budget, as presented. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Nick Cox, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melaney Langford,
City Clerk

April 3, 2024
Minden Press Herald

PROCEEDING OF THE VILLAGE OF HEFLIN, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN IN REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MARCH 7, 2024.

The Hefflin Town Council met at Town Hall, Hefflin, Louisiana beginning at 7:50 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Ralph James council members Matt Austin, Hallie DeMoss, Robert Stachowicz, Police Chief Paul Migue, Water System Operator Jesse Williamson and Village Clerk Sherry Limosnero.

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

Upon motion by Matt Austin and duly seconded by Robert Stachowicz, the council adopted the Minutes from February 8, 2024 at Council Regular Meeting held on March 7, 2024 as presented; the motion was approved unanimously. Robert Stachowicz moved to accept the February, 2024 Operating Financial Statements as presented; the motion was duly seconded by Hallie DeMoss. The motion was approved unanimously.

Upon motion by Hallie DeMoss and duly seconded by Matt Austin, the council unanimously approved Water System Reports for February, 2024. Department Reports as presented; the motion was duly seconded by Robert Stachowicz. The motion was approved unanimously.

Robert Smart moved to accept the February, 2024 ARP Report as presented; the motion was duly seconded by Hallie DeMoss. The motion was approved unanimously. Hallie DeMoss moved to amend village landscaper from Always Best Quality Maintenance L.L.C. to Ramsey Lawn Service as the Village of Hefflin landscaper for 2024. The motion was duly seconded by Matt Austin as presented; the motion was approved unanimously.

Council comments were heard, public comments were heard. There being no further business to come before this Council, meeting adjourned by Council Member Robert Stachowicz.

Attest by:

Sherry Limosnero,
LCMC, Village Clerk
Respectfully posted: 3/19/2024
Adopted:
Publish:

April 3, 2024
Minden Press Herald

SHERIFF'S SALE

LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICE, LLC VS. CHRISTOPHER D. ELKINS

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 81303.

By virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued out of the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, in the above styled and numbered suit and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder for cash WITH the benefit of appraisal and according to law at the principal front door of the Court-house in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana on WEDNESDAY, May 8, 2024, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

Plaintiff's mortgage and/or privilege affects the following described property, to-wit:

A 2.25 acre, more or less, tract of land located in the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, (NW/4 SW/4), Section 14, Township 19 North, Range 10 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana, more particularly described as follows: Begin at a found sucker rod located at the Northwest Corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter said Section 14; thence run South 01 degrees 40 minutes 14 seconds East for a distance of 1380.10 feet to a set 3/4 inch iron rod with T-Post Guard; thence run North 89 degrees 49 minutes 38 seconds East for a distance of 658.02 feet to a set 3/4 inch iron rod for the Point of Beginning; thence run North 89 degrees 49 minutes 38 seconds East for a distance of 125.30 feet to a set 3/4 inch iron rod; thence run South for a distance of 764.04

feet to a set 3/4 inch iron rod located on the centerline of Dixon Road, with the next 6 calls running along said centerline; thence run North 76 degrees 17 minutes 20 seconds West for a distance of 3.38 feet to a set 3/4 inch iron rod; thence run South 76 degrees 03 minutes 27 seconds West for a distance of 49.49 feet to a set 3/4 inch iron rod; thence run South 67 degrees 21 minutes 53 seconds West for a distance of 80.15 feet to 0 set 3/4 inch iron rod; thence run North for a distance of 805.64 feet to the Point of Beginning; subject to restrictions, servitudes, rights-of-way and outstanding mineral rights of record affecting the property.

That certain manufactured/mobile home situated on the above described property, being a 2014 Fleetwood Weston, Model No. 240WE32524W, Serial No. FLE240TX14-34789A/B, which said manufactured home/mobile home was immobilized pursuant to Affidavit to Immobilize Mobile Home

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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
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April 3, 2024
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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

Bid # 03 - 2024

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The City of Minden seeks sealed bids to furnish Branded Unleaded Gasoline and Diesel Fuel to City owned vehicles.

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Bidders should submit fuel prices based on the weekly average price as reported by the oil Price Information Service (OPIS) including all applicable taxes plus a firm mark up.

The information for Bidders, Bid Form and Specifications may be obtained at the City Clerk's office located at Minden City Hall, 520 Broadway Street, Minden, Louisiana 71055.

The information for Bidders, Bid Form and Specifications will also be available online at www.BidExpress.com. If bidding online, all interested bidders must register for the project online. If bidders encounter any problems accessing Bid Express, please contact Bid Express, 888-352-2439.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids for just cause; such actions will be in accordance with Title 38 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes.

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

Any person with disabilities requiring special accommodations must contact the City of Minden at (318) 377-2144 no later than seven (7) days prior to bid opening.

The Owner hereby notifies all bidders that in regard to any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, that Minority Business Enterprises will be afforded equal opportunity to submit offers in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds or race, color, sex, national origin or disability in consideration for an award.

April 3, 10 and 17, 2024
Minden Press Herald

Town Of Sibley
P.O. Box 128
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March 27, 2024

The Sibley Town Council met in a Special Meeting on Wednesday, March 27, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at Sibley Town Hall.

Members present were Mayor Robert Smart; Aldermen Wayne Bolton, Helen Chanler, Richard Davis, Keith Merritt and Alan Myers.

Keith Merritt opened the meeting in prayer; the mayor then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Richard Davis motioned to authorize Mayor Robert Smart to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Webster Parish Police Jury and the Salt Works Water System, Inc. to drill a well at a new site within the town to assist the supply of water to the Salt Works Water System. Alan Myers seconded. Motion carried.

Richard Davis motioned to adjourn, Alan Myers seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Robert Smart
Mayor

Attest

Sherry McCann
Town Clerk

April 3, 2024
Minden Press Herald

The Village of Doyline, La will be taking bids for the DRILLING OF A WATER WELL and installation of water supply at our Sewer Pond location. Address: 197 Pilgrim Rest Road, Doyline, La.

BIDS may be submitted in person at 624 College Street or by mail P. O. Box 626, Doyline, La 71023.

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April 3, 2024
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Solve the code to discover words related to umbrellas.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 16 = I)

A.
25 15 3 12 18 8 12

Clue: Keep from being damaged

B.
15 6 16 23 13

Clue: Falling water

C.
16 23 19 18 23 12 16 3 23

Clue: Newly introduced product

D.
17 7 16 18 9 4

Clue: Protective structure

Answers: A. protect B. rainy C. invention D. shield

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

ANSWER:

An advertisement for the Upside app. The top half features a photograph of a yellow gas pump nozzle being held by a hand, with the nozzle inserted into a blue car's fuel tank. The Upside logo is in the top left corner. The bottom half has a solid blue background with white text. The headline reads 'Get an extra 25¢/gal cash back'. Below it, a sub-headline says 'The free Upside app earns you real cash back, even on debit purchases.' In the bottom left, there is a QR code with the word 'prints' underneath it. To the right of the QR code, the text 'Get the app and use code print5.' is displayed. Below this text are two icons: an Android robot and the Apple logo, both inside rounded squares. At the very bottom, a line of small text states: 'Offers vary by user and location. Terms and conditions apply. Go to Upside.com for details.'

FUN & GAMES

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Atomic mass unit

4. Criticize mightily

7. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)

10. Stand in for

11. Everyone has one

12. Brew

13. Rectify

15. Popular Dodge truck model

16. Beef or chicken intestine

19. Satisfy

21. Of a particular people or localized region

23. Movements in quick tempos

24. Able to pay one's debts

25. Fleshy bird beak covering

26. Dueling sword

27. Helps

30. Court is in it

34. Touch lightly

35. Airborne (abbr.)

36. Of one

41. Baked good

45. Jai __, sport

46. About aviation

47. Low oval mound

50. Rugged mountain ranges

54. Compel to do something

55. A way to carve

56. Sao __, city in Brazil

57. Mustachioed actor Elliott

59. American Idol runner-up Clay

60. A way to soak

61. Car mechanics group

62. Born of

63. Time zone

64. Sea eagle

65. Even's opposite

CLUES DOWN

1. Sharp mountain ridge

2. Thin, fibrous cartilages

3. Provides new details

4. Muscular weaknesses

5. Ottoman military title

6. Banes

7. Horse-riding seats

8. Arms of a shirt

9. Narrow path along a road edge

13. Viper

14. Disfigure

17. Variety of Chinese language

18. Portray in a show

20. Wrongful act

22. No (slang)

27. State of agitation

28. __ Diego

29. One point east of due south

31. 007's creator

32. The NBA's Toppin

33. Midway between north and northeast

37. Examples

38. __ Gould, actor

39. The habitat of wild animals

40. Artful subtlety

41. Infidlers

42. Keep under control

43. Herb

44. Distressed

47. A way to go down

48. Type of acid

49. Take by force

51. Collected fallen leaves

52. Shout of welcome or farewell

53. Monetary unit

58. Swiss river

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