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COMMUNITY

Spring festivities bloom in Minden

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As spring blooms, Minden residents are gearing up for a weekend filled with festivities.

Historic Hwy 80 Yard Sale

Kicking off on April 19 and running through April 21, the Historic Hwy 80 Yard Sale offers

a treasure trove of finds stretching from Texas to Georgia. Visitors can explore streetside vendors and peruse hundreds of booths in antique and thrift stores.

Love the Boot Week

From April 20 to April 28, Minden celebrates Love the Boot Week, focusing on promoting best practices for litter pre-

vention and reduction, beautification, recycling, waste reduction, and sustainability. Two city-wide cleanups are scheduled: on April 20 from 5 PM to 8 PM and on April 25 from 8 AM to 1 PM. Following the final cleanup event, a cleanup awards ceremony is set for April 25 at 2 PM, recognizing participants in categories such

as Most Spirited Team, Largest Team, and Most Litter Collected.

Scottish Tartan Festival

Downtown Minden will be bustling on April 20 starting at 10 AM for the Scottish Tartan Festival. "Grab yer kilt and prepare for a day of merrymaking! From the skirl of the bagpipes to the cheers for the

Highland Games, from traditional and modern Celtic music to Scottish Highland Dance, there is something for everyone to enjoy," said Sheila Hoh of the Scottish Society of the Louisiana Highlands. The festival offers a chance to learn about history through clans, artisans, and craftsmen, cheer on champions at the High-

land Games competition, and enjoy Scottish foods. Family-friendly activities include the Dog Show, Maypole dancing, and shopping at the Celtic marketplace.

Residents are encouraged to take advantage of the weekend's festivities and enjoy the diverse events celebrating Minden's community spirit.

CRIME

Minden man arrested for drug possession and resisting arrest

STAFF REPORT

Minden Press-Herald

Joseph Fullwood, 42, of the 700 block of Yale Street in Minden was arrested on multiple charges, including drug possession and resisting arrest, after an incident at a local Circle K. A Minden police officer on patrol observed Fullwood entering the store wearing work gloves and sunglasses. Upon exiting, Fullwood began dancing and yelling, prompting suspicion of an altered mental state possibly due to drug usage.

Fullwood proceeded to walk with the flow of traffic in violation of state statute, with the officer activating emergency lights and ordering him to stop. Despite verbal commands and attempts to stop him, Fullwood continued walking, dropping items including a baggie later found to contain 79 grams of methamphetamine. The officer pursued Fullwood, who attempted to flee. When the officer started to exit his vehicle, Fullwood collided with the officer's vehicle door and fell.

Once Fullwood was identified, the officer recognized Fullwood as a person who Parole and Probation had recently been searching for. Fullwood was taken into custody without further incident. Besides the drug possession charge, he faces charges of possession of drug paraphernalia (including a metal spoon commonly associated with intravenous methamphetamine use), obstruction of justice, resisting an officer, and an existing warrant.

RIBBON CUTTING



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Minden's Main Street welcomes Shug's Ice Cream with a sweet ribbon cutting celebration

The Greater Minden Chamber and members of the local community gathered along Main Street for a ribbon cutting to welcome Minden's newest ice cream shop Shug's into the local business community.

COMMUNITY

Wealth & Planning seminar in Minden offers estate planning insights

STAFF REPORT

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Meriwether Wealth & Planning, in collaboration with Durrett Law & Title and the Greater Minden Chamber, hosted a complimentary lunch and learn seminar on Friday. The event took place at the Greater Minden Chamber's office, where attendees enjoyed a meal provid-

ed by Brick Street Coffee while delving into the intricacies of estate planning.

Led by Andy Pendergrass, partner and financial advisor at Meriwether, and Andy Durrett, owner and managing attorney at Durrett Law & Title, the seminar covered a range of essential topics. Participants gained insights into trusts,

long-term care insurance, last will and testament, durable power of attorney, and advanced healthcare directives.

The informative presentation was followed by an engaging question and answer session, allowing attendees to clarify doubts and deepen their understanding of the subject matter.

MMC

Flag raising honors organ donation

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A flag raising ceremony took place at Minden Medical Center on April 10, in recognition of National Donate Life Month. The event, which also honored donors in general, paid special tribute to Minden native Kyle Campbell, who tragically passed away last fall, leaving behind his wife and four children. Kyle's decision to donate his organs has given the gift of life to others in desperate need.

April is dedicated to celebrating donors and their families for their selfless contributions amidst their own tragedies. It serves as a poignant reminder of the importance of registering to become a donor. Elizabeth Campbell, Kyle's wife, delivered a heartfelt speech at the

ceremony, expressing, "My husband chose to become an organ donor at the age of 15 when he got his driver's license. I don't think that many of us process what it means to become an organ donor. The end goal of saving many lives is huge, but that doesn't mean that pain and darkness don't come along with that. We were facing the biggest tragedy of our lives. Our tragedy became someone else's miracle, someone else's second chance at life. My husband's legacy will continue on through his kids, myself, our family, and our friends, but also through the countless strangers that he's helped. Even in his last act, he was looking out for others."

Organ donation is a vital act that can be done by anyone, regardless of age,

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AMBER MCDOWN/PRESS-HERALD PHOTO

In recognition of National Donate Life Month, a flag raising ceremony was held at Minden Medical Center. Elizabeth Campbell, the wife of Kyle Campbell who passed away suddenly last fall, spoke at the ceremony about how emotionally difficult yet worthwhile organ donation is.

CRIME

Minden neighbors arrested on drug charges

STAFF REPORT

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Minden neighbors Stephen Garland, 53, and Elizabeth Coker, 31, both residing in the 300 block of Garland Drive, were arrested on drug-related charges on April 11, following a routine patrol by Minden police officers in the area of Sheppard Street.

Sergeant Cayer initiated a traffic stop after observing a white GMC

Envoy operating on Sheppard Street without a license plate. Upon making contact with the driver, identified as Elizabeth Coker, Cayer discovered that Coker was waiting for the title to come in for the vehicle. There was another passenger in the front seat and Stephen Garland, the rear passenger, also in the vehicle.

Upon checking all subjects for warrants, Sergeant Cayer instructed Officer Brown to have

Coker step to the front of the patrol unit. Coker, initially hesitant, was asked to place her purse on the hood of the unit for a safety check. Inside the purse, suspected methamphetamine in a plastic wrap and a glass pipe with suspected methamphetamine residue were discovered. Coker was then taken into custody without incident.

Subsequently, Officer Brown had Garland step out of the vehicle, during

which a glass pipe with suspected methamphetamine residue was discovered in plain sight on the seat where Garland had been sitting. Garland was also taken into custody without incident. A search of the vehicle revealed a backpack containing a small plastic container with suspected methamphetamine and various prescription pills.

Coker and Garland were transported to the Minden City Police De-

partment. Coker was charged with possession of a schedule II (meth), possession of drug paraphernalia, and failure to register. Garland was charged with possession of a schedule II (meth), possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of legend drugs. The vehicle was towed for failure to register.

Both suspects were transferred to the Bayou Dorcheat Correctional Center.

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WEBSTER & MORE

GOLF

Pine Hills Country Club hosts successful Par 3 Tournament

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The Pine Hills Country Club hosted its annual Par 3 Tournament on Saturday, April 13, featuring a competitive field of golfers in 2-man 27-hole scrambles. The tournament showcased skill and sportsmanship across multiple flights.

In the Championship Flight, Mike Mills and Jay Kumar claimed the top spot, demonstrating teamwork and precision throughout the event. Tim Vining and Lance McGuire secured second place, while Monte Newman and Keith Smith

finished third, showcasing their prowess on the course.

In the Presidential Flight, Josh Hilton and Kyle Smith emerged victorious. Tommy Sumner and Austin Sumner secured second place, followed by Danny Clanten and Mike Dickson in third, rounding out the flight's top performers.

The 1st Flight saw an exciting four-way tie for first place, highlighting the competitive nature of the tournament. Denny Shaffer and Brian Camp, Hunter Baker and Cameron Corely, Tyler Mandino and Tate Mandino, and Derek Hopkins and Don-

nie Irby all shared the top spot. Mike Elshout and Michael Elshout secured second place, while Paul Gulley and Earl Russo finished third in this tightly contested flight.

Participants competed for cash prizes, with 1st place earning \$450, 2nd place receiving \$300, and 3rd place taking home \$150.

Pine Hills Country Club expressed gratitude to all participants and supporters for making the tournament a resounding success. The participants in the Par 3 Tournament evinced golfing talent and camaraderie, embodying the spirit of the sport.



CRIME

Minden woman arrested for shoplifting and forgery

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A Minden woman, Sara Mireles, 25, was arrested on April 10 after allegedly shoplifting at Save-a-Lot. According to police reports, officers responded

to a call from the store manager, who suspected Mireles of stealing items as well as trying to pay with a fraudulent check on April 8. Upon arrival, officers found Mireles with a backpack containing \$10.34

worth of stolen goods and six loose Gabapentin pills. Mireles admitted to signing a check she attempted to use, claiming she got it from her grandmother in a Texas nursing home. However, the check was later found to be from an

old closed account belonging to someone else, who denied knowing Mireles or authorizing the check. Mireles was charged with theft and possession of a legend drug, both misdemeanors, for the

April 10 incident. Additionally, she faces felony charges for forgery and bank fraud related to the April 8 incident. The owner of the check signed charges against Mireles for forgery. Mireles, who also goes

by the alias Sara Marley, was taken into custody and transported to the Minden Police Department. The check and Gabapentin pills were secured as evidence.

CRIME

Police stop leads to drug arrest

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On April 12, a police officer patrolling the area of Bayou Avenue observed a Honda Accord failing to maintain its lane. The of-

ficer attempted to initiate a traffic stop near High Street, but the vehicle failed to stop. The vehicle finally came to a stop near 900 Bayou Avenue. Upon initial contact with the driver, Johnni

McCaleb, and the passenger, Melanie Lope, 36, both appeared visibly nervous and were shaking, unable to carry on a conversation. Due to this unusual behavior, both were removed from

the car, and consent was given to search the vehicle. During the search, a pipe commonly used for smoking methamphetamine was located under Melanie Lope's feet, along with a small amount of

methamphetamine found in a marijuana grinder. Johnni McCaleb was subsequently charged with failing to yield to an emergency vehicle, improper lane usage, and driving under suspen-

sion. Melanie Lope was charged with possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia.

CRIME

Man arrested for alleged domestic abuse battery with strangulation

STAFF REPORT
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DeKarlos Harrison, 36, residing in the 200 block of Abney Street, was arrested for alleged domestic abuse battery with strangulation.

According to the Minden Police Department, officers responded to a call around 10:30 PM on April 11 in the 900 block of Carolina Street. The caller, Harrison's girlfriend, reported being locked in a closet and stated that

Harrison had committed battery on her. Upon arrival, Officer Crittenden made contact with the girlfriend, who reported that Harrison had fled on foot. Sergeant Cayer located and detained Harrison on Persh-

ing Street. The girlfriend stated that Harrison had jumped on her and choked her, resulting in a small red abrasion on her neck. She expressed a desire to file criminal charges against Harrison, signing

a complaint affidavit and providing a written statement. A LAVNS form was completed, and photos were taken of the mark on her neck. DeKarlos Harrison and his girlfriend have lived together within the past

year. Harrison was subsequently charged with domestic abuse battery with strangulation. He is currently in custody pending further legal proceedings.

COMMUNITY

DAR tours Moreland House

Special to the Minden Press-Herald

On April 13, Dorcheat-Bistineau Chapter DAR and Claiborne Chapter DAR toured the restored Moreland House in Homer. The family home has been restored by Sara McDaniel of Simply Southern Cottage, and Dr. John Moreland whose family has resided in the home since 1854. The renovation began two years ago, and is now almost complete. Moreland House has undergone many changes since it was originally built. It began as a dogtrot, a type of house with a long open hallway down the center and rooms on each side. This type of design circulates cool air through a house during the summertime. Later, the hallway was closed and a small front porch with a central dormer was added. The long front porch and additional dormers were added in the 1930s. During the recent renovation, a large beautiful sun porch was added to the back of the house to give additional space to the kitchen and dining room. The house is being furnished with items from the late 1800s as well as items original to the house. Sara McDan-

iel gave DAR members a guided tour of the house, and John Moreland gave a PowerPoint presentation about the history of the Moreland family who traveled from Georgia to Louisiana in the early 1850s. Several members of Dorcheat-Bistineau and Claiborne chapters are descendants of this Moreland family. More information about Moreland House and the Moreland family history can be found on the Simply Southern Cottage blog. Hostesses for this month's meeting were: Cindy Madden, Judy Reese, and Sue Kinsey, descendants of Joseph Benson Moreland and Mary Amanda Phillips. Next month, our chapter will welcome the Louisiana DAR State Regent, Cheryl Gott, to our Spring Luncheon and awards ceremony. She will talk to us about Gerstner's Field, a World War I pilot training field near Lake Charles. It was one of 32 World War I pilot training fields in the U.S. The training field no longer exists, and she plans to ensure that its history and memory are preserved. We are excited to welcome Maggie Salter as a new member of our chapter! Her installation

ceremony took place at Moreland house. Maggie is a descendant of Revolutionary War patriot Robert Corey who was born in 1752 in Belfast, Ireland. Robert moved to Ninety-Six District in South Carolina, where he served as a Private in Col. Thomas Sumpter's Brigade. Thomas Sumpter was living a life of retirement until the British burned down his home. He immediately organized the local militiamen into an army. In the summer of 1780, Sumter's Brigade was the only organized opposition to the British in South Carolina. Dorcheat-Bistineau DAR is a vibrant, growing service organization which meets in Minden. Any woman age 18 years or older who can prove lineal, bloodline descent from an ancestor who aided in achieving American independence from Great Britain during the Revolutionary War (1775-1783) is eligible to join DAR. For more information, contact Cindy Madden, Regent of Dorcheat-Bistineau Chapter at darcindymadden@gmail.com Please like our Facebook page: Daughters of the American Revolution - Dorcheat-Bistineau Chapter.

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OPINION

Legally Perverse, Idiotic Issue of Squatters' 'Rights' Deserves Attention

The Biden chickens are coming home to roost. Crime committed by American squatters is bad enough but due to the Biden Border Invasion we are experiencing both an illegal alien and domestic crime problem with squatting due to disarming and defunding the police, no bail and other Democrat and Biden issues.

It's difficult to believe there is actually a need to give attention to an issue, property rights, that is so well-settled as a matter of law and American history. However, the problem has been occurring across the country for several years and is now doing so with even greater frequency.

First, allow me to address the issue.

As we know, one of America's most fundamental and distinctive rights is the ownership of private property. But, because a large segment of the American culture has moved away from traditional notions of hard work and integrity and toward a sense of universal entitlement, we now have situations in which individuals squat in other people's homes or on their property and, after a period of time has elapsed, the invader is deemed to "own" it.

What am I referring to?

As the Wall Street Journal has reported, a prospective Venezuelan illegal expressed his

plan for "invading a house in the United States" and taking it from the owner. "I found out that there is a law that says that if a house is not inhabited, we can seize it." (WSJ, March 27, 2024). Well, because of the Biden Border Invasion, "he's not wrong about his home-invasion scam. Squatters are moving into people's homes uninvited, and once in they can be almost impossible to dislodge."



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It's occurring across the country. " ... in New York last week: When Adele And a l o r o tried to rid the house she inherited from her parents of squatters by changing the locks, the cops led her away in handcuffs. The squatters could still make themselves at home." (WSJ, id.). WSJ further notes "in Georgia, Paul Callins found squatters had moved into his home and changed the locks while he was away caring for his sick wife. In Texas, Houston schoolteacher Amberlyn Prather and her family used a fake lease to occupy a Houston home. In California, Flash Shelton retook his mother's house by moving in when the squatters were out—and

then claimed squatter's rights himself. Two squatters were arrested Friday in connection with the murder of Nadia Vitel after she confronted them in her late mother's Manhattan apartment this month."

Still further, Danielle Cruz, a Chicago homeowner, "states she is struggling to remove a squatter from her property because local police cannot remove the woman due to state laws. Cruz was hoping to sell the three-bedroom property, calling police when she discovered the squatter inside. When he (contractor) walked in to check out the roof, he realized there was a young woman who moved in all of her belongings, and she took over the home" Cruz stated. They could not remove her, the police said, because they couldn't prove that she was trespassing even though all of the locks on the home had been broken and changed." (Fox News, June 9, 2022).

The real problem is that in many parts of the country squatters are granted some form of ownership rights after 30 days. The police can't know for certain or immediately what the situation really is and if an individual claims to be a "tenant," a homeowner must undertake an eviction proceeding to have them removed from the home which may take weeks or

months.

Florida Governor Ron DeSantis said, "no more" and was one of the first in the country to sign a bill effectively ending squatters' rights in his state. "You are not going to be able to commandeer somebody's private property and expect to get away with it," DeSantis stated. (NBC 15 News, March 29, 2024).

As our Founding Father John Adams said, "property is surely a right of mankind as real as liberty itself"... because property rights afford Americans the ability to be free and autonomous and to enjoy 'life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness,' and to prosper in a just society governed by the rule of law.

This attack on fundamental property rights is wholly consistent with Biden's attack on the rights and freedoms of all Americans across the spectrum. But his attack on property rights—an indispensable component of human freedom—may be the most dangerous and must be addressed.

SHREVEPORT ATTORNEY, ROYAL ALEXANDER, WORKED IN D.C. IN THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR NEARLY 8 YEARS FOR TWO DIFFERENT MEMBERS OF CONGRESS FROM LOUISIANA.

INSPIRATION

Our Ice Storms Can Lead Us To A Brighter Day

Even though it is officially spring I shall always remember our historic snow storm that blanketed our nation in March, 1994.

I wonder if our intermittent spring weather could be leading to an ice storm like the one in the last week of March of 1994 while we were living in Plain Dealing, Louisiana.

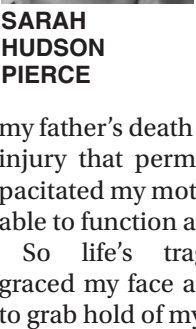
All week long I had eagerly anticipated hearing Art Buchwald's television interview with Barbara Walters.

As our lights flickered I was granted the opportunity to hear the famed syndicated columnist, Art Buchwald, speak of his painful childhood, after his mother's hospitalization that lasted thirty-five years in a mental hospital and of his stay in seven foster homes, to which he rebelled and ran away at the age of seventeen when he lied to join the Marines. His two sisters were with him, for the interview, because he wanted the world to know he had lied for most of his life saying she had died in child birth rather in a mental hospital.

I listened as he ended his segment of a Prime Time in-

terview on that Thursday night less than two minutes before our lights officially died. I was uplifted in the dark as I recalled what he said: "It helps in becoming a journalist if one is first a foster child." This affirms my theory of the power of deep pain to spark our creativity.

As limbs cracked and popped on the pine trees from the monumental ice storm my spirit soared! I saw my life, my work, flash before my eyes! It all came together within my mind. I sensed a method to the madness, the chaos of my childhood, one of lack, of living in an orphanage after



SARAH HUDSON PIERCE

my father's death and the head injury that permanently incapacitated my mother to ever be able to function as a mother.

So life's tragedies have graced my face as I've learned to grab hold of my pain, of feel-

ing the flesh ripped from my bones from one tragedy after another. I've learned to make the most of it, to turn it around, seizing the moment, of even an ice storm.

With no heat my youngest son, Jeremy, and I put on extra warm ups and caps and savored the moment by telling stories for the next two days.

Today we both remember that special shared ice storm. When the lights came on I savored my early morning coffee along with my newspaper and I picked up my pen to write more appreciative of what we can learn during the ice storms of our lives because we will all have them.

It's not what happens to us but how we grab hold of those periods of deep pain and use them as the back drop to support us in our weakest moment.

Later that year I interviewed the late Jasmine Morelock Field, Shreveport artist and author, on my cable television talk show hosted by Comcast. She used the story of the murder of her daughter to minister to people because she saw her story as the tool that God gave

her to help hurting people.

The late Ann Welsh Gardner, artist, voiced the same feelings when she said "When our life is easy we become complacent, fat and lazy but when we hurt we choose our medium."

For Ann and Jasmine their mediums were the canvas and the pen.

For me my tool is writing when I'm in deep moments of despair and when I am on an emotional high and can't sleep.

Again, it's not what happens to us but how we turn it around, choosing our medium, sharing our stories, giving others the courage to share their pain!

It adds so much meaning to our lives to reach out, to allow others to know that they are not alone, that it is OK to let others know of their serious depression rather than going off the deep end with no turning back.

God always pulls me through, even keeping the lights on just long enough!

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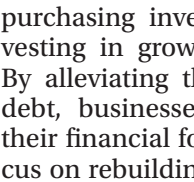
While President Biden Is At It, Forgive Sba Disaster Loans Too

In recent months, President Joe Biden has made headlines for his efforts to alleviate the burden of student loan debt through executive action. While this move has been applauded by many, it begs the question: Could forgiving Small Business Administration (SBA) loans, such as Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL), be an even greater economic boon?

As the nation grapples with the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic, small businesses have been among the hardest hit. Many entrepreneurs have turned to SBA loans like the EIDL program to stay afloat during these challenging times. However, the weight of this debt continues to hang over their heads, hindering their ability to recover

and thrive.

Forgiving SBA loans could be a game-changer for small businesses for several reasons. Firstly, it would provide immediate relief to struggling entrepreneurs, allowing them to redirect funds towards essential business operations, such as hiring employees, purchasing inventory, or investing in growth initiatives. By alleviating the burden of debt, businesses can regain their financial footing and focus on rebuilding in the post-



DAVID SPECHT

pandemic landscape.

Moreover, forgiving SBA loans would stimulate economic growth on a broader scale. Small businesses are the lifeblood of our economy, serving as engines of innovation, job creation, and community development. When small businesses thrive, they contribute to job creation, boost consumer spending, and drive economic vitality in communities across the country. By empowering small businesses to succeed, we can fuel a robust economic recovery that benefits all Americans.

Additionally, forgiving SBA loans would level the playing field for entrepreneurs who have been disproportionately impacted by the pandemic. Minority-owned businesses,

women-owned businesses, and those in underserved communities have faced unique challenges in accessing capital and resources. Forgiving SBA loans would provide much-needed support to these entrepreneurs, helping to bridge the gap and promote equity in business ownership.

Critics may argue that forgiving SBA loans comes at a cost to taxpayers. That is true. So does student loan forgiveness. However, the economic benefits far outweigh the potential drawbacks. A thriving small business sector strengthens our economy, generates tax revenue, and reduces reliance on government assistance programs. By investing in small businesses today, we can lay the foundation for a more prosperous fu-

ture for all Americans.

While addressing student loan debt is important, forgiving SBA loans could have an even greater impact on our economy and society as a whole. By providing relief to small businesses, stimulating economic growth, and promoting equity, forgiving SBA loans has the potential to be a game-changer for entrepreneurs and communities across the country. As we continue to navigate the challenges of the post-pandemic world, let us prioritize the needs of small businesses and work towards a brighter, more prosperous future for all.

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SPORTS

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Minden, Lakeside, Glenbrook win first-round playoff games

RUSSELL HEDGES
Minden Press-Herald

The Minden Lady Tid-ers, Lakeside Lady Warriors and Glenbrook Lady Apaches all won first-round home playoff games in dominating fashion last week.

No. 13 seed Minden rolled past No. 20 Franklinton 18-3 in three innings in non-select Division II. No. 11 Lakeside routed No. 22 Northeast 20-0 in three innings in non-select Division IV. No. 13 Glenbrook cruised past No. 20 Vermilion Catholic 10-0 in five innings in select Division IV.

Elsewhere, No. 19 North Webster fell to No. 14 Rosepine 12-0 in five innings in a non-select Division III first-round game at

Rosepine.

Doyline, the No. 24 seed, fell to No. 9 Calvin 12-2 in a non-selection Division V first-round game.

At Minden, seven Lady Tid-ers combined for 12 hits. Leigha Kennon-Gilbert went 3-for-3 with two triples and three RBI.

Jacey Adams went 2-for-2 with a triple, double and two RBI. Belle Douglass went 2-for-2 with two RBI. Pitcher Kylie Ryan went 2-for-3 with a double and two RBI.

Kaydree Kemp and Gracie Sparks had two RBI each.

Minden (18-11) was scheduled to visit No. 4 North Vermilion (22-6) in the second round Wednesday.

At Lakeside, the Lady

Warriors scored 19 runs in the first inning.

Mackenzie McCoy hit a three-run home run in the first.

Teal Austin had a solo home run in the second. She finished 2-for-2 with two RBI.

Laiklyn Squyres and Karrigan Davis had one double and two RBI each. Izzy Vise also had a double.

Lakeside took advantage of 15 walks. Emily Jones drew three.

Raleah Harris pitched a no-hitter with eight strikeouts and one walk.

The Lady Warriors (16-16) were scheduled to visit No. 6 Merryville (17-5) in the second round Tuesday.

At Glenbrook, Colby Hollis went 2-for-2 with

two RBI. Chloe Gregg had two hits, including a double. Gabi Brown and Gracie Heard had one double each. Anna Grace Vining had an RBI.

Rebecca Mosley pitched a one-hitter with three strikeouts and two walks.

Glenbrook (17-13) was scheduled to visit No. 4 St. Frederick (18-8) in the second round Monday.

At Rosepine, Anekah Coleman had a double, the Lady Knights' lone hit against Sienna Stinley.

North Webster closed its season 8-11. Rosepine improved to 17-10.

At Calvin, Doyline's Keily Sumlin hit a home run. Sariyah Gill had a double.

The Lady Panthers finished 13-9.

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Playoffs next for parish teams

RUSSELL HEDGES
Minden Press-Herald

At least four Webster Parish teams are slated to begin the playoffs this week.

The regular season officially ended Monday. Official playoff pairings were set to be announced by the LHSAA Tuesday.

According to Geaux-Press.com, Minden was No. 14 in the non-select Division II power rankings through Sunday, the sports deadline for this edition. The Tide completed the regular season 21-8. The No. 9-16 teams in the final rankings host best-of-3 series in the first round.

Glenbrook (13-10) was No. 11 in select Division IV with one game left. The No. 1-12 teams in the final rankings receive first-round byes.

Lakeside (15-13) was No. 3 in non-select Division IV

with one game left. The top eight teams in the final rankings receive first-round byes.

Doyline was No. 11 in non-select Division V. The Panthers completed the regular season 13-13 and will likely host a first-round game.

North Webster (13-15) was No. 25 in non-select Division III with a doubleheader against Saline scheduled for Monday. The top 24 teams in the final rankings make the playoffs.

Minden split two games last week. The Tide suffered a tough District 1-4A loss to North DeSoto 3-2 at home after leading 2-1 through six innings.

Minden finished in a three-way tie for second with North DeSoto and Evangel Christian at 5-2. Northwood won the district at 7-0.

Minden closed the regular season with a 5-3 victory

over Loyola.

Brody Bower had a single and two RBI against North DeSoto. Bryson Ranger went 3-for-3 with two RBI against Loyola.

Landon Brewer had two hits and Jaxon Smith pitched a complete game against Loyola.

Glenbrook defeated Oak Grove 11-0 in five innings in its only game. Easton Sanders pitched a no-hitter with eight strikeouts and no walks.

Sanders also had two hits, including a home run, and three RBI.

Lakeside won a District 1-2A series against D'Arbonne Woods two games to one.

The Warriors took the first game Thursday 5-4. They split a doubleheader Friday, winning the first game 9-5 and losing the second 6-3.

Winning pitcher Hunter Sutton went 3-for-4 with two RBI in the single game. He went 6 2/3 innings on the mound.

Eli Campbell got the final out with the bases loaded.

Jordan Isbell went 3-for-4 with three RBI in the first game of the doubleheader. Isbell, Hunter Sutton and Peyton Gray and all had two hits in the second game.

North Webster swept a doubleheader against Plain Dealing 13-1 and 16-3. The Knights also lost to Red River 4-0 and Stanley 9-8.

Doyline dropped both halves of a doubleheader against 5A Haughton 9-3 and 15-2. The Panthers closed the regular season with a 21-0 victory over Bossier.

Cayden Mingo had two doubles and three RBI in the first game against Haughton.

OUTDOORS

Passing along something special

GLYNN HARRIS

Dennis "Skinny" Hallmark passed something along to me that was special. So special in fact that what I learned on that visit to Alabama with him in 1992 ignited a passion I had never felt before or since. He guided me on my first turkey hunt and when I drew a bead on a gobbler and he dropped, I was hooked just as solidly as if I had mainlined a narcotic.

For the next 20-something years, hunting wild turkeys in spring was my passion and not only did I finally learn how to do it on my own, I have had special opportunities to pass along my love for the sport to several other rookies like I was that day in Alabama.

Sarah Hebert was the first. On opening day of turkey season for youth several years later, I was asked to do for Sarah what Skinny had done for me. In other words, I was her guide for a hunt on what was then the Jackson-Bienville wildlife management area. I was privileged to call in a gobbler for this young teenager and saw in her eyes the same fire I experienced when my Alabama gobbler bit the dust.

Still later after having several successful turkey seasons under my belt, my Ruston friend, Jody Backus, asked if I would accompany him to his property to see if I could guide him to success with gobblers that inhabited his land. He was successful in downing a big gobbler.

Each episode differs in the way it plays out. When I called the gobbler in for young Sarah Hebert, it came right off the roost to the decoy we had set out. The hunt ended quickly because soon after daylight, she was packing out her first longbeard. In Backus'



COURTESY PHOTO

Rachel Dupree is quite proud of the big gobbler her brother, Johnathon called in for her.

case, the weather was chilly and nasty and we were on the verge of giving up when at the last minute, a big longbeard decided to make Jody's day.

On two other occasions, I shared my know-how with a couple of other hunters who took what they had experienced when I guided them to call in and take gobblers on their own. I wasn't there when Carla Johnson and Ross Downer got their gobblers but their success was almost as gratifying as if I had been there.

Louisiana's turkey season opened this past Saturday and I found out about another situation in which one hunter guided another hunter, a novice, to take their first longbeard.

My nephew, Dan Dupree, lives on Clear Lake in Natchitoches Parish with his wife, Debbie and two offspring, daughter Rachel

who will graduate from college this summer as a nurse and high school senior, Johnathan, who has been successful in killing a gobbler or two.

"I had located some turkeys on our hunting lease and had gone out and scouted to sort of get them located. When opening day came, I had planned to take my dad and guide him but he wasn't able to go," said Johnathan. "Rachel asked me if I would take her so rather than going out to chase gobblers on my own, I agreed."

Rachel had been successful on her deer stand having taken a nice 9 point buck this past deer season but had never tried turkey hunting. They got to the woods early and as it began to get daylight, the gobblers began waking up and long story short, Johnathan used his turkey calls to en-

tice a big longbeard to Rachel's gun. She dropped the 21 pound bird with a 10 1/2 inch beard at 30 yards with one shot from her 20 gauge Remington.

Her reaction? "I'm hooked; I think Johnathan has created something in me that I'm going to love" she said.

That's the way it is, one hunter helping another experience the thrill of something that means so much to the guide and ultimately to the novice hunter. In my case, my friend Sarah and Jody and Ross and Carla to getting their first gobblers was right up there in soul satisfaction equal to the day Skinny watched me jump up and down with excitement over my first.

That's the magic turkey hunting induces.

Note: Because of flood conditions there is no fishing report this week.

HGH SCHOOL TRACK AND FIELD

North Webster athletes win two events in Haughton meet

RUSSELL HEDGES
Minden Press-Herald

North Webster's Xhailor McGlothan and Kylee Sanders won events in the girls division of the Haughton Buccaneer Relays last week at Haughton.

McGlothan won the 300 hurdles in 47.93 seconds. She finished .21 ahead of runner-up Zammarion Carter of Bossier.

Sanders won the triple jump with a leap of 33 feet, 10 inches. Airline's Janiyah Boudreaux was second with a 33-7.

McGlothan and Sanders teamed with Tatyana Lawson and De'Maiyh Moore for a second-place finish in the 4X200 relay in 1:46.63. They finished just .17 behind Airline.

The foursome of Moore, Lawson, Tomiyah Hawthorne and Anekah Coleman finished third in the 4X100 relay in 50.21. Airline won in 48.86.

The Lakeside foursome of Lexi Bradley, Annie Cooper, Bailey Mangrum and McKenzie Chase finished third in the 4X800 relay in 10:54.99. Parkway won in 10:34.51.

North Webster's Moore was fourth in the girls long jump.

North Webster finished fifth with 39 points. Airline won with 129.

North Webster's Xaeliin Gladney was third in the boys 200 in 23.12. North DeSoto's Braylen Delton won in 22.54.

North Webster's Slade Lockey took third in the pole vault with a 10-0. Benton's Miller Malley won with a 14-0.

Minden's Porter Neal and Christian Lofton placed fourth in the 400 and 800, respectively.

Lakeside's Chad Davis was fourth in the javelin.

Fifth-place finishers included Glenbrook's Mattison Fowler (girls 1,600), North Webster's Madison McGraw (girls 3,200), Lakeside's Lexi Bradley (girls 800), Lakeside's Tamarjah Ferrell (boys triple jump), North Webster's Avante Curry (boys 300 hurdles) and North Webster's Micah Lorenz (boys 800).


District meets are next week. The 1-3A meet is Wednesday at Wossman. The 1-2A meet is Wednesday at Lee Hedges Stadium. The 1-4A meet is Thursday at North DeSoto.

The 1-1A meet is Wednesday at Plain Dealing. The 1-B meet is Wednesday at Quitman.



ROBERT SUMMERLIN/PRESS-HERALD


North Webster finished second to Airline in the 4X200 relay last week in the Haughton Buccaneer Relays.



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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Kylie Ryan
Minden, Sr.

Ryan has had another outstanding season in the circle and at the plate for the Lady Tid-ers softball team. She had two hits in a first-round playoff win over Franklinton, three in a victory over Loyola and two in a victory over Choudrant.

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



Good News

GOOD NEWS

A JOURNEY TOWARD DEATH

For some folks it doesn't take a week-long 'vacation lying in a hospital bed' to draw one's focus toward that 'Divine Appointment' – better known as death! That's where I was the week after Easter. It took some powerful praying (from many folks – friends and strangers), along with the power and wisdom of our Lord, working through the staff of Minden Medical Center to 'pull me on through the week and send me home.' Wow, what a week! As we age, we learn in such times, healing and regaining strength takes longer and increased effort. But we must be reminded that life is simply a journey toward death. Our Heavenly Father worked these details into His plans; our responsibility it to get things in order, making sure our 'ticket is purchased' for the journey.

For some folks, this earthly existence is all there is in life, simply a destiny with death. I remember Peggy Lee's big hit song

of the late 50's - "Is That All There Is." Well, for some it is the end, the last go-around, eat, drink and be merry! Having attended many funeral services in the past few years, I am reminded of the brevity of life. For some, it is but a few years, others make it to their 20's, 30's or 40's before they leave us. But, we say 'oh, that is much too young.' Some live on and on into their 80's or 90's. It seems the older we get, the faster the 'train of life' moves faster and faster. So we all should take stock of where we are on this road and seek to smell the roses along the way.

Our friend, Bob Hastings,* wrote a short description of life. He entitled it "The Journey." It has been published many times in Ann Landers' column, Read-



Bill Crider

ers' Digest and several other publications. He likens life to a journey. Many of us use our time in anticipation of 'getting to the next station.' But he encourages the reader to view life as a series of stops along the journey with changing scenery and various experiences. Instead of believing 'real life is awaiting us at the next station,' we should think of life as the entire journey and the final station will be the end of life as we know it.

We are all on this train, (so to speak), some are sitting up front, close to the conductor; others are in the back coaches, but we are all headed toward the final destination. When we arrive, the Master Conductor will want to see our 'stamped ticket' as we seek to transfer. At that stop, it will be time to get off this life's train. The Master Conductor will direct us from this point. There will be two trains headed in opposite directions. (Get the picture)?

Scripture reveals that there will be a separation at this point: "Sheep to the right; goats to the left." Too late to make changes now! What a confident feeling to know we will hear the Master Conductor say to those on the right: "Welcome home, my good and faithful servant; get on this train for I am driving it to the final destination – heaven."

We've heard the statement that reminds us we are all mortal beings: "statistics tell us that one out of every one person born will also die, leaving this world as he/she entered it, without any material goods to transport to the next life." Now doesn't that probe our thinking as we rush about our daily schedule to earn money, doing a lot of unnecessary things, climbing out of debt or digging a deeper hole? It may be time to confess all sins, ask for forgiveness, right any wrong and fall on the mercies of our Lord. "The Savior is standing at your heart's door,

why don't you let Him come in?" (Hymn). He will prepare you to this journey home; He will get you on the right train; His Spirit will accompany you all the way. Such grace, peace, comfort to know this!

When the last leg of our journey is nearing, when we've done all we can do, what is going to matter most? Jesus said, 'the greatest commandment is to love the Lord with all your heart, mind and soul and to love your neighbor as yourself. (Matt 22: 37-40). The whistle is blowing! The train is leaving for the last stop on the journey! Be sure to get your ticket NOW! "All aboard on the Glory Bound Train!" * Former editor of Illinois Baptist Newspaper (1970-80).

BILL CRIDER IS CHAPLAIN OF MINDEN MEDICAL CENTER

THE UPWARD LOOK

Sanctified and Cleansed

"Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her, so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word," Ephesians 5:25b-26 NASB



Max Hutto

Propelled by His great love, Christ gave His life on Calvary's cross for the church, the body of believers who have placed their personal faith, their complete trust and commitment in Jesus. He gave His life to sanctify, to set apart, to make holy, the church. He has made her clean by His

sacrificial shedding of His blood. One interpretation of "the washing of water with the word" is that it is the public confession of faith in Christ that is made as part of the baptism celebration.

Lord Jesus, it is Your sacrifice on the cross that cleanses me, sanctifies me, and gives me life. May my life, my words, deeds, and character, express my faith in You.

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



Bernard Harris

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 III IS A HAUGHTON FIREMAN AND A LOCAL RESIDENT OF MINDEN

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WORSHIP

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SHERIFF'S SALE

VANDERBILT MORTGAGE & FINANCE, INC. VS. EARNEST RAY SMITH & CHERYL W. THOMAS

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 81090.

By virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued out of the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, in the above styled and numbered suit and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder for cash WITH-OUT the benefit of appraisalment and according to law at the principal front door of the Court-house in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana on WEDNESDAY, April 24, 2024, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

ONE (1) CERTAIN 2015 CLAYTON MANUFACTURED HOME, MODEL 37SSP16723AH15, BEARING SERIAL NUMBER CS2018541TN.

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 17, 2024
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SHERIFF'S SALE

CENTRIC FEDERAL CREDIT UNION VS. WILLIAM PAUL REEVES

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 81307.

By virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued out of the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, in the above styled and numbered suit and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder for cash WITH the benefit of appraisalment and according to law at the principal front door of the Court-house in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana on WEDNESDAY, April 24, 2024, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

2016 CHEVROLET SILVERADO, VIN # 3GCUKREC-5GG289448

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.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

JENKINS COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEM, INC. Owner

P.O. Box 467
Address
Doyle, Louisiana 71071
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Separate sealed BIDS for the construction of **Contract I- New Water Wells** will be received by the **JENKINS COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEM, INC.** at the **DOYLE TOWN HALL, 624 COLLEGE, DOYLE, LOUISIANA 71023** until **2:00 P.M. TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2024**, and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud as permitted by public bid law. This is in accordance with La R.S. 38:2212 (A)(1)(b), the provisions of La R.S. 38:2212.

Each bidder must have an active Unique Entity ID (SAM), as verified on www.sam.gov, within 10 days of the bid opening.

The CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be examined at the following location(s): **Cothren Graff Smoak Engineering, Inc., 6305 Westport Avenue, Shreveport, LA 71129.** Copies of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be obtained at the office of COTHREN, GRAFF, SMOAK ENGINEERING, INC. upon payment of \$ 200.00 for each set, which is refundable to prime bidders within 10 days after receipt of bids. Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids for just cause.

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I, Ricky Gryder, DOC #267646, have applied for clemency for my conviction of Manslaughter. If you have any comments, contact the Board of Pardons (225) 342-5421.

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I, Jason Prichard, DOC #636029, have applied for clemency for my conviction of Schedule II. If you have any comments, contact the Board of Pardons (225) 342-5421.

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING WEBSTER PARISH POLICE JURY
April 2, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Bonsall, President; Steve Ramsey, Vice President; Beverly Kennon, Mike Griffith, Steve Lemmons, LaTanya Grigsby, Nancy Hines, Randy Thomas, Daniel Thomas and Adam Lee
Absent: Allen Gilbert and Bruce Blanton

Mr. Jim Bonsall called the meeting to order and asked Mr. Steve Lemmons to open the meeting with prayer. Mr. Mike Griffith led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Jim Bonsall then asked for additions to the agenda.

There were no comments from the audience concerning the agenda.

Ms. LaTanya Grigsby moved, seconded by Mr. Daniel Thomas to approve invoices for payment pending review by juror Jim Bonsall. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Steve Ramsey moved, seconded by Mr. Daniel Thomas to adopt the minutes of the March 5, 2024 Road Committee, Finance Committee and Regular Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Steve Ramsey moved, seconded by Ms. Nancy Hines to approve the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Webster Parish Police Jury, Town of Sibley and Saltworks Water System due to Emergency Resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMENTS:
Savannah Jones WP Library Director
Serena Gray WP CVB (Tourism)
Christie Cox Allen Moseley/Coroner
Jason Parker WP Sheriff
COL Carl Thompson Denise Edwards/Assessor
John Monzingo LSU Ag/Extension Service
Brian Williams OHSEP Director
Angie Chapman E911 Director
Jessica Gorman Dorchest Historical Museum

Mr. Steve Ramsey moved, seconded by Mr. Daniel Thomas to approve the action taken at the Road Committee Meeting held earlier today. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Beverly Kennon moved, seconded by Mr. Daniel Thomas to approve the action taken at the Finance Committee Meeting held earlier today. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Jim Bonsall then gave Presidents' closing remarks. There being no further business to bring before the Jury, the meeting adjourned.

/s/

Lisa C. Balkom
Secretary-Treasurer

/s/

Jim Bonsall
President

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Minden Planning Commission Meeting
May 2, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.
Pelican Room - Minden City Hall

On the agenda is a request from John D. Sielinger for a zoning change from M-1 (Trailer Park and Mobile Home) on property owned by him located on Hollis Lane.

The purpose of this zoning change request is to use the existing mobile homes on the property as a residential trailer park.

Legal Description:
1.40 ACRES - THE NORTH 1/2 OF: TRACT 349.5 X 350 FT. IN N/2 OF SE/4 OF NW/4 SEC. 34-19-9

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

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I, Jorge Pineda, DOC #398184, have applied for clemency for my conviction of Schedule I: Hallucinogenic Sub. If you have any comments, contact the Board of Pardons (225) 342-5421.

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JADE STODDARD PERDUE, Executrix, is petitioning the Court for authority to sell succession property from the estate of DEANNA LORRAINE EDWARDS; specifically, decedents' undivided 1/3 interest in immovable property located in Webster Parish, Louisiana. Being more particularly described as all that property owned by Gerald and Elizabeth Edwards located in Section 19, Township 18 North, Range 8 West, Webster Parish and South of Rail Road.

A 4.13 acre, more or less, tract of land located in the Southwest Quarter (SW4 of NW4), Section 19, Township 18 North, Range 8 West, Northwestern Land District, Louisiana, being more particularly described as follows:

Begin at a found concrete monument marking the Southwest Corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, said Section 19, and run North 00 degrees 06 minutes 16 seconds East for a distance of 936.18 feet to a found 5/8 inch iron rod at the intersection of the West line of said "forty" and the apparent South right of way of the Illinois Central Railroad, for the Point of Beginning; thence run North 00 degrees 32 minutes 35 seconds East for a distance of 125.80 feet to a set 1/2 inch iron rod at the intersection of said West line and the apparent North right of way of said railroad, and run along said apparent North right of way for the next two (2) calls; thence run South 85 degrees 24 minutes 24 seconds East for a distance of 620.80 feet to a found 1/2 inch iron pipe; thence run South 01 degrees 20 minutes 41 seconds West for a distance of 325.08 feet to a found 3/4 inch iron rod; thence run North 99 degrees 24 minutes 11 seconds West for a distance of 422.21 feet to a set 1/2 inch iron rod; thence run North 01 degrees 48 minutes 24 seconds East for a distance of 226.74 feet to a found concrete monument; thence run North 85 degrees 32 minutes 30 seconds West for distance of 292.11 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Any opposition to this proposed sale must be filed within seven days from the date of the last publication of this notice.

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SHERIFF'S SALE

21ST MORTGAGE CORPORATION VS. EMILY S GONGRE

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 81321.

By virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued out of the Twenty-

Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, in the above styled and numbered suit and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder for cash WITH-OUT the benefit of appraisalment and according to law at the principal front door of the Court-house in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana on WEDNESDAY, April 24, 2024, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

2013 CAVALIER 32 X 60 MOBILE HOME BEARING SERIAL NUMBERS CCV069870ALA & CCV06987ALB

LOCATED AT: 140 FALCON LOOP, DOYLINE, LA 71023

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

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PROCEEDING OF THE VILLAGE OF HEFLIN, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN IN REGULAR MEETING HELD ON APRIL 4, 2024.

The Heflin Town Council met at Town Hall, Heflin, Louisiana beginning at 7:44 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Ralph James council members Hallie DeMoss, Robert Stachowicz, Police Chief Paul Migueles, Water System Operator Jesse Williamson and Village Clerk Sherry Limosnero.

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

Upon motion by Robert Stachowicz and duly seconded by Hallie DeMoss, the council adopted the Minutes from March 7, 2024 at Council Regular Meeting held on April 4, 2024 as presented; the motion was approved unanimously. Hallie DeMoss moved to accept the March, 2024 Operating Financial Statements as presented; the motion was duly seconded by Robert Stachowicz. The motion was approved unanimously.

Upon motion by Robert Stachowicz and duly seconded by Hallie DeMoss, the council unanimously approved Water System Reports for March, 2024. Hallie DeMoss moved to accept the March, 2024 Police Department Reports as presented; the motion was duly seconded by Robert Stachowicz. The motion was approved unanimously. Robert Stachowicz moved to accept the March, 2024 ARP Report as presented; the motion was duly seconded by Hallie DeMoss. The motion was approved unanimously. Council comments were heard, public comments were heard. There being no further business to come before this Council, the meeting adjourned by Council Member Hallie DeMoss.

Attest by: Sherry Limosnero, LCMC, Village Clerk
Respectfully posted: 4/9/2024
Adopted:

April 17, 2024
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TNT Storage, LLC, owner of Germantown Storage, (318-377-9733) located at 609 Germantown Rd., Minden, LA, will have one 10 x 10 units to auction on www.StorageAuctions.com starting on 4/17/24 at 10:00 am and ending on 4/30/24 at 10:00 am. Germantown Storage #177 Jasmine Procter - Bike, exercise ball, clothes, toys, plastic chair, drill bits, fan, lots of box, misc items.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF MINDEN, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN IN REGULAR SESSION HELD ON APRIL 2, 2024

The Minden City Council met at City Hall in Minden, Louisiana, beginning at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Nick Cox, Carlton Myles, Levon Thomas, Latasha Mitchell, Michael Roy, and Andy Pendergrass. Absence(s): None. Mayor Cox welcomed everyone to the meeting. Prayer was offered by Andy Pendergrass and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Carlton Myles. It is noted for the record that Mayor Cox allowed both council and public comments prior to every vote.

Latasha Mitchell moved to amend the printed agenda to remove Item (15) Personnel - Minden Police Department New Hire. The motion was duly seconded by Michael Roy and carried unanimously.

Michael Roy moved to adopt the minutes of the Minden City Council Regular Session held on March 4, 2024, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Andy Pendergrass and the vote was unanimously in favor. Absention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Andy Pendergrass moved to adopt the minutes of the Minden City Council Special Session held on March 25, 2024, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Michael Roy and the vote was unanimously in favor. Absention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Upon motion by Michael Roy and duly seconded by Latasha Mitchell, the council unanimously awarded Bid No. 02-2024 - Street Improvements Project to the lowest qualified bidder meeting all requirements, Benton & Brown, LLC. This project includes the following streets: Fort Street from East Union Street to Sheppard Street, Germantown Road from Kennon Street to Guy Miller Road, Taiton 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. Absention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

The following action was taken regarding condemned property:

Rosa Jackson
604 Lee Street
Minden, Louisiana 71055

604 Lee Street
South 25 ft. of Lots #6 & 7 & North 23 ft. of Lots #26 & 27, Blk. "11", Harrell Hts. (Being a Lot 48 x 80 ft.)

Eloise Sanders was present representing Rosa Jackson's property. Carlton Myles moved to table this matter until the Minden City Council May Regular Session. The motion was duly seconded by Michael Roy and the vote was unanimously in favor. Absention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

The following action was taken regarding condemned property:

Essie Lee Carter Newman
c/o Debra Sinvile
Post Office Box 19423
Shreveport, Louisiana 71149

1105 Linden Street
Lot #10, Blk. "U",
Rosedale Subdiv.

Attorney Nelson Smith of Kitchens Law Firm presented a written curator report stating that correspondence was sent via Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested and regular U.S. mail to Essie Lee Carter Newman and that, to date, he has received no response. Evidence of correspondence to Carlton Myles moved to authorize Mayor Cox to issue an order declaring the property condemned and further order the demolition of any structures located thereon and the clearing of the lot within 30 days of April 2, 2024. The motion was duly seconded by Latasha Mitchell and the vote was unanimously in favor. Absention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Carlton Myles moved to appoint Brian Meeker to the Minden Main Street Program/ Downtown Development Commission to fill the vacant term, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Michael Roy and the vote was unanimously in favor. Absention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Latasha Mitchell moved to adopt a Resolution Rescheduling the Minden City Council May 2024 Regular Session, as presented. This resolution reschedules the Minden City Council May Regular Session from 6:00 p.m. on May 6, 2024 to 5:00 p.m. on May 6, 2024. The motion was duly seconded by Carlton Myles and the vote

was unanimously in favor. Absention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Upon motion by Michael Roy and duly seconded by Andy Pendergrass, the council unanimously adopted a Resolution Authorizing the City Clerk to Reserve Certain Funds in Order to Be Prepared for Any Emergencies in Electrical Rates and Expansions, as presented. Absention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Andy Pendergrass moved to adopt a Resolution Authorizing Mayor Cox to Execute a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement between the City of Minden and the Town of Benton Regarding Water Meters, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Carlton Myles and the vote was unanimously in favor. Absention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Michael Roy moved to adopt a Resolution Declaring Certain City of Minden Property as Surplus and Fixing the Terms of Sale, as presented. This resolution is to surplus a boring machine and accessories. The motion was duly seconded by Latasha Mitchell and the vote was unanimously in favor. Absention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Upon motion by Latasha Mitchell and duly seconded by Michael Roy, the council unanimously adopted a Resolution Adopting the City of Minden Working ARPA Budget, as presented. The working ARPA Budget includes the following projects: Phase Two of the Public Works Control Center, the Animal Control Facility, the Parks and Recreation Department, A/V equipment for the Civic Center, remodeling of the Community House, the Shreveport Road Water Main, airport hangars, and city cleanup and condemnations. Absention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Carlton Myles moved to authorize the City Clerk to advertise for bids for working ARPA Budgeted items. The motion was duly seconded by Levon Thomas and the vote was unanimously in favor. Absention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Andy Pendergrass moved to authorize Mayor Cox to enter into Cooperative Endeavor Agreements between the City of Minden and the Department of the Treasury of the State of Louisiana. This item is in reference to legislative funds in the amount of \$100,000.00 and \$1,000,000.00 that the City of Minden was awarded by Act 397 of the 2023 Regular Legislative Session. The motion was duly seconded by Michael Roy and the vote was unanimously in favor. Absention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Upon motion by Michael Roy and duly seconded by Andy Pendergrass, the council unanimously approved the promotion of Minden Police Sergeant Brandon Shane Griffith to the rank of Police Lieutenant, as presented. Absention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

City Clerk Melaney Langford presented the Budget/Financial Report for the month of February 2024. No motion was required.

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

The Police Report for the month of February 2024 was unanimously accepted, as presented, by motion of Latasha Mitchell and second by Andy Pendergrass. Absention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

The Minden Police Department presented Life Saving Awards to Officer Jordan Greer, Sergeant Mitch Hackett, and Sergeant Reece Tewell.

Jerry Madden, President of the Galvez Chapter of the Louisiana Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, presented the Life Saving Award

to Sergeant Reece Tewell.

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

Nick Cox, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melaney Langford,
City Clerk

April 17, 2024
Minden Press Herald

We are applying to the Commission on Alcoholic Beverage Control of the State of Louisiana for a permit to sell beverages of low alcoholic content at retail in the Parish of Webster at the following address:

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D/B/A Ice Box of Minden 1
1400 Sibley Rd
Minden, LA 71055
Owner: Amit Pathania

April 10, 2024
April 17, 2024
Minden Press Herald

SHERIFF'S SALE

WELLS FARGO BANK NA VS. TRACEY LEIGH SINGLETON IMP-SON

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 81240.

By virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued out of the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, in the above styled and numbered suit and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder for cash WITH the benefit of appraisalment and according to law at the principal front door of the Court-house in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana on WEDNESDAY, April 24, 2024, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

That certain piece or parcel of ground, together with all buildings and improvements thereon, and all the rights, ways, privileges, servitudes, apurtenances and advantages thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, situated in: Lot Number Seventeen (17) Caney Lake Subdivision, Unit No Two (2), as per plat and map thereof on file and of record in Map Book 3, Page 68 of the records of Webster Parish, Louisiana.

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

Pam Brantley -
Deputy

March 20, 2024
April 17, 2024
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If anyone knows the whereabouts of the family of Mary Sue Solomon Thomas, last known address was 328 Lee Street, Minden, LA 71055, please contact Attorney Kharmen Davis-Taylor at (318) 621-9400.

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