

WEBSTER & MORE

COMMUNITY

Webster Parish Council on Aging hosts annual senior prom

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The Webster Parish Council on Aging held its annual Senior Prom on May 2, a joyous event supported by Minden Medical Center personnel and numerous community sponsors. Themed “Denim & Diamonds,” the evening featured entertainment by Bruce Lee, who delighted attendees

with tunes primarily from the 1960s. Guests danced the night away and enjoyed a lively atmosphere, with young ladies from the Youth Challenge Program assisting with serving food and drinks. Attendees had the opportunity to win various prizes, adding to the excitement of the evening. The highlight of the event was the crowning of

Orin Flanigan and Barbara Cox as Prom King and Prom Queen, a moment of joy and celebration for all present. The Webster Parish Council on Aging, located at 1482 Sheppard Street in Minden, offers a variety of engaging activities and essential services for seniors. For more information, please contact them at (318) 371-3056.



MINDEN LIONS

Chapman family delights Minden Lions Club with musical performance

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The noon Lions Club in Minden was treated to a special performance on May 2 by the talented Chapman family. Rachel, Julia, and Georgia Chapman, the wife and daughters of Jake Chapman, captivated the audience with a set of Christian music that left a lasting impression. Rachel show-

cased her skills on the keyboard, while Georgia skillfully played the guitar, adding depth to the enchanting melodies. All three ladies sang beautifully, creating a compelling and inspiring performance for the Lions’ enjoyment. Georgia, an 8th-grade student at Webster Jr High School, and Julia, a sophomore at Minden High School, each displayed

their musical talents with grace and poise. Julia is a member of the MHS choir known as the Crimson Chorus, adding another layer of musical prowess to the Chapman family. The Minden Lions Club, known for its dedication to serving the community, extends a warm welcome to potential new members interested in joining their cause. Meetings are held every



Thursday at noon at the American Legion Memorial Hall, located at 119 W. Pine St. in downtown Minden. Joining the Lions Club is a great way to give back to the community and make a difference in Minden.

MUSEUM

Dorcheat Museum showcased on “Heart of Louisiana”

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The Dorcheat Museum recently garnered attention when it was featured in Dave McNamara’s “Heart of Louisiana” series. Veteran TV journalist Dave McNamara has been exploring the unique aspects of Louisiana for over 30 years, highlighting the state’s distinctive people and places. His weekly

“Heart of Louisiana” TV segments are broadcast statewide on WVUE New Orleans, WAFB Baton Rouge, KPLC Lake Charles, KSLA Shreveport, KNOE Monroe, and KALB Alexandria. Museums like the Dorcheat Museum offer visitors a window into a town’s history, showcasing its highs and lows, famous residents, and the reasons behind its

existence. The Dorcheat Museum, founded by the Dorcheat Historical Association, delves into the history of Webster Parish. What began as a vision in the 1970s has evolved into one of the region’s premier small museums. The museum’s mission is to cultivate and celebrate a strong sense of community pride by preserving the past for future generations. Located at 116

Pearl Street in Minden, the Dorcheat Museum is a testament to the rich history of Webster Parish. The museum serves as a timeline of Webster Parish, beginning with the days of the Caddo Indians and progressing through the contributions of pioneer families that shaped the area. The exhibits highlight notable individuals from the region, ranging from astronauts

to Grammy Award winners, and showcase the impact of Hollywood in the area through movies filmed locally. The museum also pays homage to famous athletes, including a Heisman Trophy winner, and recognizes the pivotal role of churches and schools in shaping Webster Parish. Additionally, the museum features a tribute to local military personnel and a Civil

War-era display, offering a comprehensive view of the area’s history. Looking ahead, the Dorcheat Museum is eager to expand its space to accommodate more of its extensive collection. The museum is seeking donations to help realize this goal. To learn more about the museum and its exhibits or to donate, visit www.dorcheatmuseum.com.

CRIME

Minden man arrested for vehicular homicide in fatal pedestrian collision

STAFF REPORT
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On May 3, Jacoby Mason, 33, was arrested for vehicular homicide following a tragic incident involving a pedestrian. The incident, which occurred at 1705 S Talton St (Abraham’s Food Mart), resulted in the death of Glennis Oliver, who was struck by a vehicle and trapped underneath his own car. Officer Clingan, who responded to the scene, found Oliver pinned beneath his vehicle after being hit by the suspect vehicle, which had crashed into a building. Dequarius Crawford, identified as the passenger in the

suspect vehicle, provided a description of the driver, described as a black male in a white shirt and black shorts, who had fled the scene on foot. After doing everything he could to ensure Oliver’s safety, Officer Clingan located a man fitting the description provided by Crawford, later identified as Jacoby Mason, in the parking lot of Longspring Community Outreach Ministry’s parking lot. Mason exhibited signs of impairment, including a strong odor of alcohol, bloodshot eyes, and swaying balance. He was detained and transported back to the scene, where Crawford positively identified him as the driver.

Mason was then arrested and transported to the Minden Police Department for further testing. Standardized Field Sobriety Tests (SFST’s) indicated signs of impairment, and a chemical test revealed a Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) of 0.183%. Tragically, Glennis Oliver was pronounced dead at Minden Medical Center. Mason faces multiple charges, including vehicular homicide, DWI 1st, hit and run, and driving under suspension (DUS). He also had a bench warrant for driving under suspension. The investigation is ongoing, with video footage of the crash secured from Abraham’s Food Mart.

GOVERNMENT

Pet mayor election voting now open in Minden

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The City of Minden is excited to announce that voting for the inaugural Pet Mayor Election is now open to the public. Pet owners are encouraged to nominate their furry companions for a chance to claim the title of Pet Mayor, Chief of Paw-lice, Fur Chief, or a spot on the esteemed Pet Council. All pets, including cats, dogs, and other beloved companions, are eligible to run for this prestigious honor. Nominees are required to submit adorable

photos for public voting, with a \$25 donation per pet entry. Additionally, local businesses have the opportunity to show their support by sponsoring pets at various levels: TOP DOG LEVEL: \$1,000 PAW-SOME LEVEL: \$500 O-PURR-TUNITY LEVEL: \$250 PET SPONSOR: \$25 Voting will continue throughout May, with candidates being elected in descending order of popularity. The winning pet will be bestowed with the esteemed title of

Mayor, while subsequent placements will assume roles such as Chief of Paw-lice and Fur Chief. Pets ranking from 4th to 8th place will earn a seat on the Pet Council. Proceeds from this event will be dedicated to supporting the Minden Animal Shelter, with plans underway to construct a new facility aimed at providing comfort and security to animals awaiting their forever homes. For further details and to participate in this paw-some event, please visit: <https://mindenpetmayor.com>.

CRIME

Minden man arrested for meth possession on Shreveport Road

STAFF REPORT
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On May 2, an officer patrolling Shreveport Road, considered a high-crime area due to recent burglaries, observed a male heading toward the rear of the Beauty Bar located at 1219 Shreveport

Road, in violation of city ordinance. The officer later identified the individual as Gerald Beene, 67. Upon making contact with Beene, a search incident to arrest was conducted, revealing a clear plastic baggy containing 0.27 grams of methamphetamine in Beene’s

fifth pocket. Beene was promptly Mirandized and apprehended. He was then transported to the Minden Police Department and placed in the holding cell pending transfer to BDCC. Beene faces charges of possession of a Schedule II substance.

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OBITUARIES



Bobbie Gean Anderson

Bobbie Gean Anderson, 76, a lifelong resident of Minden, Louisiana, passed away on April 23, 2024, at 11:00 p.m. at Willis-Knighton Hospital. She was a beloved community member and a devoted member of New Light Baptist Church, where she served faithfully for over 65 years.

Bobbie was born on March 16, 1948, in Minden, Louisiana, to Louie Anderson and Clara Harvey Anderson. After graduating from Webster High School in 1966, she attended Southern University, where she majored in Business. She married Charley Anderson, with whom she shared more than 30 years of marriage.

Bobbie's career took her to Oakland, California, where she worked at the United States Post Office. Later, she returned to Minden, where she took over her family's business, Clark's Taxi Service, and subsequently worked as a Receptionist for the City of Minden. Her keen sense for numbers led her to become an Auditor for the Webster Parish Tax Assessor's office, where she served for over 20 years until her retirement.

In her personal life, Bobbie was known for her love of shopping, her passion for travel, and her talent in the kitchen. She was an active member of New Light

Baptist Church, serving on the Usher Board and as a Deaconess.

Bobbie is preceded in death by her parents, Louie Anderson, Sr. and Clara Harvey Anderson Clark; her husband, Deacon Charley Anderson; her step-father, Daniel Clark; her sister, Minnie B. Hampton; her brothers, Daniel Anderson, Louie Anderson, Jr., Joseph B. Anderson, and Dave V. Anderson; and her step-siblings, Rosie Brantley, Ollie Gooding, Flora Flournoy, and J. C. Clark.

She is survived by her three sisters, Angela Anderson Colbert; Gloria (Floyd) Anderson Hemphill, of Minden, LA; and Betty Anderson Wempe, of Shreveport, LA; her brothers, Ben (Tanzy) Anderson, of Stockton, CA; and Bobby (Tara) Anderson, of Minden, LA; her sister-in-law, Mary Frances Anderson, of McDonough, GA; her step-brother, Val Clark, of Minden, LA; her step-sister, Peggy Dillard, of Minden, LA; her godson, Jordan Scott, of Minden, LA; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and other family members and friends.

A service in honor of Bobbie Gean Anderson's life was held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 4, 2024, at New Light Baptist Church, officiated by Pastor Craig Williams. Public viewing was at Benevolent Funeral Home on Friday, May 3, 2024. Following the service, a repast was held at New Light Baptist Church.

Bobbie's family and friends will remember her warm smile, her unwavering faith, and her commitment to her community. She will be dearly missed by all who knew her.



Elsie Marie Wiggins

Funeral services for Elsie Marie Wiggins, 83, of Heflin, LA were held Friday, May 3, 2024 at 2:00 P.M. in Rockett Funeral Home Chapel, Ringgold, LA. Officiating was Bro. James Morgan. Burial followed in Evergreen Cemetery, Minden, LA. Visitation was from 1:00 P.M. until service time at the funeral home on Friday.

Elsie Marie was born June 7, 1940 in Evergreen, LA

and passed away April. 30, 3034 in Arcadia, LA. She was a very good artist and loved animals, especially dogs. She was a member of Faith Baptist Church in Ringgold, LA.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Huey Wiggins and daughters, Terry Burns, Cheryl Williamson and Teresa Jones.

Left to cherish her memory include her children, Duane Waldrup and wife, Amy of West Monroe, LA, Donna Theobald and husband, Andrew of Eagle Lake, MS, Myrna Seibel of Charleston, NC, Anita Parks of Heflin, LA and Jack Roten of Bossier City, LA; 19 grandchildren and a number of great grandchildren; best friend, Pam Bussey of Jamestown, LA and great neighbor, Davis Lee Solomon of Heflin, LA and a host of other relatives and friends.

Ronald W. Adams



Funeral services celebrating the life of Ronald W. Adams were held Saturday, May 4, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. at Yellow Pine Church in Sibley, Louisiana with Pastor Joe Robinson officiating. Interment followed at Andrews Chapel Cemetery in Heflin, Louisiana under the direction of Rose Neath Funeral Home in Minden, Louisiana. The family received friends at Yellow Pine Church in Sibley, Louisiana, Friday, May 3, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.

Ron was born September 22, 1954, in Minden, Louisiana and left this earthly life at home May 1, 2024, in Sibley, Louisiana. He was a member of Yellow Pine

Church in Sibley, Louisiana where he led the worship service for over 20 years.

Ron was preceded in death by his fathers, Leon Adams, Sr. and Walter Walker, Mother, Margie Rene Pair Adams Walker, brothers, Lonnie Adams and Richard Adams, and sister, Rosilind "Tinky" Walker.

He is survived by his wife, Darlene L. Adams of Sibley, sons, Ben Adams of Minden and Luke Adams of Minden, stepdaughters, Michelle Reyes of Longview, Texas, Sarah Sutton of Denver Colorado, Katy Wynn of Kilgore, Texas, Kelly Brackeen and Wendy Sutton both of Longview, Texas, fifteen grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Christian "Ty" Adams, Bradley Adams, Isaac Taylor, Adam Hilton, Justin Aaron, and Claude Toney.

INVEST

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ceptional care for seniors. To achieve this, he plans to implement a profit-sharing system benefiting employees and local charities.

"We've invested a lot of our own money into making this place better, and we'll continue to do so," Rhodes stated. "When this building profits, 80% of the profits will go back to the employees in this building. The other 20% will be donated to a local charity of their [the employees'] choosing. So 100% of the profits from this building will go back into the community."

Rhodes expressed a desire to address issues he sees with corporate healthcare in the U.S., emphasizing his intent to make a positive impact. "I'm not doing this to get rich. I'm doing this because I want to help Minden, and I want to

help our grandfathers and grandmothers and moms and dads have a great place to live. They deserve that."

Under the Rhodeses' management, cleanliness, safety, and nutritious meals top the priority list. They also aim to enhance resident experiences by seeking feedback and suggestions from residents and their families.

The roof repair, initiated by the previous owners, will be completed this weekend, weather permitting. Rhodes plans to engage local contractors for this task. The facility's name will change to The Columns of Germantown, reflecting its new direction.

Despite the change in ownership, residents' leases will remain unaffected. However, due to the transition, the facility will be unable to accept ACH payments for



the current month but expects to resume next month. In the interim, payments can be made by check, with arrangements available for residents encountering difficulties.

"We're back in control of what happens," Rhodes affirmed, highlighting his

commitment to improving residents' lives. The Rhodeses returned to The Columns of Germantown on Sunday, May 5, to further engage with residents and their families, reinforcing their dedication to the community.

SCHOOLS

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After some discussion and debate, the board voted unanimously to add the item to the agenda for further action. A substitute motion was then made to vote on joining the lawsuit instead of just supporting it. Jerri Lee and Ronnie Rhymes voted against joining, with Lee expressing a desire to have more time to review the documents.

Despite their initial vote, the board ultimately adopted a resolution in support of joining the

lawsuit, with both Lee and Rhymes voting against once again. The decision to join the lawsuit marks the board's formal commitment to challenging the changes to Title IX that support the rights of transgender youth to participate in sports among other things.

In other business, the board unanimously ratified the exchange of deeds for Griffith Stadium and the Clerk Street water plant between the City of Minden and WPSB. Attorney Paul Kitchens advised the board on legal

matters related to the exchange, suggesting property inspection, insurance coverage, establishment of usage policies, and requiring liability waivers.

The board also unanimously approved Dusty Rangel's attendance at the NIET Summer Institute in Scottsdale, Arizona, in June, funded by Title II. Several expenditures were approved using various maintenance funds to enhance Webster Parish campuses.

Superintendent Rowland, Jerri Lee, and Jonathan Guthrie shared

positive feedback from touring the on-campus David Raines health centers at Turner Elementary/Middle School and Fair Park Middle School. These centers provide immediate medical treatment to students, particularly when parents cannot be reached, funded by Medicaid and private insurance.

The next board meeting will be a special call meeting on May 20, followed by the next regular board meeting on June 3 at the school board office, both open to the public.



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COUNCIL

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While the city received a favorable audit, there is always room for improvement, and Jennie Henry, CPA Audit Manager, highlighted a few key areas where the city could improve its financial reporting.

Last year there were five findings, and the city successfully addressed two of them, leaving three issues that rolled over. Two of those were combined into one, leaving two areas for the city to improve in.

The first had to do with controls over financial reporting. Some bank reconciliations for smaller accounts in the city were performed annually instead of monthly, a change the firm would like to see be made.

"This has to do with financial reporting in a lot of different fields. It has improved greatly, but it did not improve enough to be considered solved or completed," said Henry. "There were some bank reconciliations that were not performed monthly. They were performed at the end of the year. This had to do with some of the small accounts, it had to do with the police department."

In regards to the police department, the STEP program they had launched in recent years has seen great success as a vehicle to generate revenue for the city. So successful in fact that the program generates so much money, it requires its own proper budget.

"According to state budget law, if you have revenue over \$500,000, then you have to have a budget for that fund. In the past, the revenue wasn't over that point, but this year it was substantially over. This year as we saw it was over \$750,000. So this year and proceeding will need to have a budget for the STEP program," said Henry.

Another note Henry gave was that of city employees and what computer system access is available to them, noting that some had access to systems outside of their respective fields.

"We look at the computer system access. Who has access to what different systems in the computer. Three employees had access to things that we didn't think fit into their job duties," said Henry.

Later in the meeting some positions within the city were filled, specifically those of a seat on the Minden Main Street Program/Downtown Development Commission and Minden Police

Department new hire. It was recommended that the city council appoint Claudine Thomas to fill an unexpired term on the Downtown Development Commission, with the new term set to expire in September of 2025.

Zane Crittenden was recommended by Police Chief Jared McIver to be hired as a full-time police officer. "The good thing with Zane is he's already trained. He's a POST certified officer. He's been working in Dixie Inn and is moving over here to represent the city now for the police department. He's passed all tests that have been required of him and I think he'll be a good asset to the department," said Chief McIver.

The council also unanimously passed a motion to adopt an ordinance establishing "no thru truck traffic" signs and penalties for violations thereof. "It's been requested by several citizens that live on Country Club that children are often jumping out of the road because of eighteen wheelers. Also the condition of that road, the city spent a lot of funds redoing it, and the citizens through that area would like to see it be maintained, and we know the best way to do that is to keep heavy truck traffic off of there," said Mayor Cox.

At the end of the meeting the mayor also read a proclamation recognizing the achievements of Team Power from Gym 4:13 for defending the championship title at the recent National Cheerleaders Association Championship.

"Whereas Gym 4:13 was honored during their 7th cheer season as members of Team Power defended their title of divisional, national all star champions during the 2024 National Cheerleaders Association Competition held on March 1 2024... we'd like to formally recognize Team Power of Gym 4:13 on this extraordinary performance as this team demonstrates the incredible skills, discipline, and sportsmanship at the National Cheerleaders Association Championship," said Mayor Cox.

The Minden City Council meeting takes place on the first Monday of each month, starting at 6 PM at the Minden Civic Center. The meetings are open for the public to attend, and for those who wish to view the meeting live or after the fact, it is live streamed on the City of Minden's Facebook page and YouTube channel titled City of Minden - Feels Like Home.

BIRDIES

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port for the event. "Most people look at Seeds as a place that helps women. It's really encouraging to see a lot of men come out and support that cause, but also, Seeds is all about the whole family. We have Dad classes and we have Mom classes," said Turner.

"It's important that a community gets behind something like that because, the facts are, if people come to Seeds

and they learn to be better parents and they make a decision to raise their child, that's just bettering the community in itself. So to have the community come out and support that, it just makes sense."

If you'd like to donate to Seeds to help more families in the community, feel free to go to seedswomenscenter.com/donate, PayPal @seedswc, or drop a check in the mail to 402 Broadway Street, Minden, LA 71055.

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OPINION

Louisiana is Justified in Defying New Biden Transgender Rules in Title IX

I love my dear home of Louisiana and am often proud of it, but never more so than this past week as Governor Jeff Landry, Attorney General Liz Murrill and Louisiana Superintendent of Education, Cade Brumley, announced that the new Biden Title IX rules are unconstitutional, an overreach of federal law and dangerous for biological females. The rule change formalizes the Biden Department of Education's redefinition of the meaning of "sex" to include "gender identity."

Attorney General Murrill stated that these new Title IX regulations are intended to "re-make American societal norms through the classrooms, lunchrooms, bathrooms, and locker rooms of American schools."

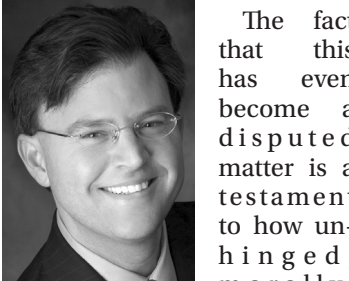
Louisiana sued the Biden Administration immediately in federal court.

A.G. Murrill recounted the law's history, stating that Title IX was passed to "prevent and protect against pervasive discrimination against biological women." After highlighting the heavy-handedness of the new regulations, she clarified the ultimate point: "The term 'sex' has always been understood to mean biological sex" but now it has been perversely broadened to include "gender identity."

The new regulations are benignly entitled "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance." However, the effects they will have on young

females are reckless and dangerous.

As I have noted before, transgender proponents argue that boys who identify as girls actually are girls. No, they're not. And they are definitely not biologically—males clearly have physical advantages over females—and in physical sports, gender and biology really do matter.



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Our nation has become. At a time when Americans are frequently told to 'follow the science' science is here rejected with the resulting unfairness to female competitors.

This insanity was first advanced in 2022 when President Biden made a striking departure from the previous position on Title IX and issued an order entitled Preventing and Combating Discrimination Based on Gender Identity or Sexual Orientation. The order states in pertinent part that "[a]ll persons should receive equal treatment under the law without regard to their gender identity or sexual orientation." This language may sound like it is grounded in a concern for

"equality," but it is not.

Conversely, the Trump Administration specifically reaffirmed the position that public school districts may exclude students from athletic teams based on "gender identity" and could require students to use bathrooms based on biological sex, rather than gender identity.

Again, the real tragedy is that all of the progress of Title IX for females is now threatened by the transgender agenda, which seeks to allow biological males to compete in girl's and women's sports.

Let's also remember that sports and athletics play an integral role in the development of young girls who will be robbed of the opportunity for that growth and development—and athletic scholarships which may be their only chance at college—if forced to compete with biological males.

As tennis great, Martina Navratilova, has said, "[T]here will always be significant numbers of boys and men who would beat the best girls and women in head-to-head competition. Claims to the contrary are simply a denial of science."

And let's not forget that the national Left—as distinguished from the honorable opposition living in Louisiana—constantly screech about "toxic masculinity." But may I suggest that there is no more damaging and dangerous form of so-called toxic masculinity than transgenderism.

I also note that numerous other states, including Arkansas Governor, Sarah Sanders, joined in the condemnation of the Title IX "revisions," issuing an executive order directing her state's schools to defy the Biden Administration's expansion of Title IX. She asserted her state's commitment to preserving the traditional understanding of sex as an "immutable characteristic of the human body" firmly "rooted in biology and the created order." (The Epoch Times, C. Pearson, 5-2-24). Sanders asserts that "government should celebrate, not erase, sex differences by providing proper protections for them." She concluded that the Biden Administration "has rejected reality and chosen to appease their left-wing base and advance a radical gender ideology over students' safety and best interests" (Id.)

Let's end this gender delusion and confusion.

The 10th Amendment of our U.S. Constitution provides Louisiana with every right to push back against and reject such federal encroachment into these matters of state control, including the intrinsic meaning of gender, biology, health, and life. I am proud our state is doing so.

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INSPIRATION

What's so wrong with being a whistle blower?

As an activist, who witnessed and experienced child abuse in an orphanage, I must take a stand for those who have no voice.

The Bible says "It were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he cast into the sea, than that he should offend one of these little ones" which I think applies to anyone who is helpless, such as children, the elderly or those who are mentally challenged.

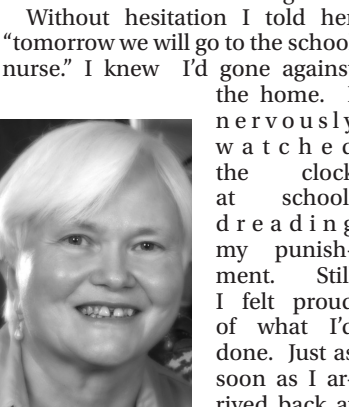
According to Safe Horizon, which is the largest non-profit victim services agency in the Boroughs of New York City, one in ten children are being abused.

How would you like to be a defenseless child who has no voice? Recently I was talking to someone who thinks we shouldn't be whistle blowers, ones who take a stand on such issues as child abuse which really agitated me, causing me to respond that if we don't report child abuse we are just as guilty as if we had molested or abused the child ourselves!

If not, why not? I can't help but ask why would anyone not want child abuse exposed?

After being in a loving foster home, I could hardly believe the abusive orphanage where I landed. Rather than be a victim, I decided in October, 1962, at the age of four-

teen, that I would make it my mission to expose what often goes on behind closed doors. I was shocked when a ten-year-old girl asked me to step into the bathroom with her at church. In horror I watched her unveil massive layers of blackened bruises beneath her clothing.



SARAH HUDSON PIERCE

the superintendent who was waiting for us.

Instinctively I knew he was looking for the one who had reported an employee.

I was verbally slapped in the face when he said me he'd tell my housemother because the nurse had kept my name anonymous when she visited the home.

She lectured me for hours, telling me how she had beaten her daughter with a garden hose so severely she had to be put to bed. She didn't dare lay a hand on me because she knew I would report her.

My punishment was to be one month's grounding -- and I wouldn't be able to bathe or wash my hair. I was to wear the same dirty clothes to school and church for the duration of my grounding.

I suppose she thought this would make me look stupid.

Sixty-one years later I smile because it backfired on her the following Sunday morning when she suddenly remembered that was to be the day of "Open House," when the home showcased our immaculate cottage to display our "wonderful home-like" environment to the many church members who might choose to visit the orphanage and leave a contribution to the "worthy cause" so they might be hoodwinked into feeling good about their generosity as they recalled our plastic smiles and well-groomed appearance.

Never did my housemother fly so fast to see that the older girls helped me wash, set and dry my hair in a day before blow-dry hair styles.

Though more than half of a century has passed and the abusive

housemother was finally fired the following year, and my own sadistic housemother was later fired, I'm proud of the shy, undersized, awkward fourteen year-old girl from the backwoods of Arkansas, who took justice into her own hands back then and continues to do so, being the activist that I am, as I strive to be an advocate, a voice to speak out for those who appear to have no voice!

Even though the orphanage has moved and changed their name court records show abuse still reigns while they home school their children which makes it harder to report the abuse.

One house father is serving time in prison for repeatedly raping and sodomizing a young girl in 2003. (She was unable to report the abuse until she went home.)

In 2010 I compiled and published a book of true stories written by these adult children (many in their 50's and 60's) because they wanted to finally be heard to give some closure to what went on back then and perhaps to prevent future abuse.

If we don't protect children who will?

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FROM THE BACK PORCH

Things are starting to get back to normal

This morning I stirred up a Coconut (Impossible Pie) and placed it in the oven for a first in a long time. Along with the pie, I just reheated a leftover casserole and that was our lunch.

I am just getting back to trying to cook for us and take care of things after my hospital stay. This pie is one of my favorites and if you like coconut you might like to try it. It is so easy and very good.

I have so much to catch up with. Bills to pay, usual household expenses in addition to doctor and hospital bills, check books to update, insurance (2 kinds) to catch up on, letters to write and

on top of that, I desperately need a haircut.

I am trying to get back to normal (if there is such a thing as normal) so we can get back to church. We have not been in such a long time and listening on Facebook or television is just not the same.

New members have come in and we have not met them.

I miss the days when we



FANNIE MOORE

"I miss the days when we were very active and knew everyone. I'm aware, though, those days are gone and I'm sure if we walked in today, there would be heads turned and people asking, 'Who is that?'"

were very active and knew everyone. I'm aware, though, those days are gone and I'm sure if we walked in today, there would be heads turned and people asking, "Who is that?"

When the storms came through recently, a tornado hit the Lake Erling area and in the process, demolished our grandson's lake cabin where they have been living for a while. Thank the Lord,

though, they all got out safely. The youngest got caught under a dropped ceiling when trees hit the top. His daddy got him out and took him to ER to be checked out. No major injuries. They just knew the Lord was with them that night.

That same weekend, apparently lightning hit our house (somewhere and somehow) and shattered our shower door. The carpenter

who came and replaced it for us, said he had never seen anything like it. He wasn't sure how it happened. We were in the kitchen and it sounded like a great explosion. When we found what it was, shattered glass was all over the shower floor and the bathroom floor. Took a while to get it all cleaned up.

I'm sure we're not the only ones experiencing such exciting eays. Let's just keep praying and be prepared to help each other along the way.

Wishing you good days ahead.

FANNIE MOORE LIVES IN SHONGALOO.

SPORTS

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Glenbrook reaches state tournament

Apaches knock off defending champ in quarterfinals

RUSSELL HEDGES
Minden Press-Herald

The Glenbrook Apaches earned another trip to the state tournament last week.

Glenbrook, the No. 11 seed, knocked off No. 3 seed and defending state champion Ouachita Christian 4-2 in the quarterfinals of the select Division IV playoffs in Monroe.

Glenbrook (15-10) was scheduled to play No. 2 Covenant Christian (27-5) in the semifinals Tuesday at Sulphur's McMurry Park, home of the Ochsner LHSAA Baseball State Tournament.

Glenbrook rallied from a 2-1 deficit with three runs in the top of the seventh.

Preston Frye and Ryan Reagan led off with back-to-back walks. Sam Ricord advanced both runners with a sacrifice bunt.

Seth Mangrum drew a walk to load the bases. Hudson Glasscock drew a walk to tie the game.

Jackson Waller then smacked a line drive to

center with two outs, scoring Reagan and Mangrum.

Ouachita Christian put runners on first and second with one out in the bottom of the seventh.

But Easton Sanders induced a line drive. First baseman Dawson Day made the catch and stepped on first for a double play to end the game.

Sanders turned in his second straight gutsy performance in the playoffs. He pitched his second complete game, allowing 10 hits with five strikeouts

and two walks.

As they did in the 8-5 victory second-round victory over St. John, Sanders and the Apaches defense came up big in crucial situations.

After three scoreless innings, Glenbrook took a 1-0 lead in the fourth. Sanders singled with two outs. After Day drew a walk, Frye singled to load the bases. Reagan then brought home courtesy runner Tony Flynn with a single.

Glenbrook had five hits. Sanders went 2-for-3

HIGH SCHOOL TRACK AND FIELD

Doyline's Harris wins four events in state meet

RUSSELL HEDGES
Minden Press-Herald

Doyline senior Izayla Harris closed her remarkable high school career in style last week in the Ochsner LHSAA Outdoor Track & Field State Meet at LSU.

Harris won the 100, 200 and 400 meters in the Class B meet for the third year in a row.

She also won the triple jump for the first time. She was named an MVP for the third straight year.

Harris, an Alcorn State signee, finished with 11 outdoor titles competing in five meets starting as an seventh-grader.

Doyline tied for sixth in the team competition with Harris' 40 points. Midland won with 64.

Harris broke her own class record in 100 with a

time of 11.83 seconds. She set the previous record of 12.13 last year.

She won by .92 seconds over runner-up Corinne Knatt of Episcopal of Acadiana.

Harris ran a 25.09 in the 200, almost 2 seconds faster than runner-up Shunna Williams of Mt. Hermon (27.04).

Harris ran a 59.27 in the 400. Eighth-grader Madi Stanley of Anacoco was second in 1:01.01.

She took the triple jump with a leap of 35 feet, 11 1/2 inches on her second attempt.

Harris made one more jump then passed on her final three.

Her first and third attempts would have been good enough to win.

Doyline junior Jonas Florence took fifth in the boys discus with a 113-10.

Minden's season ends in quarterfinals

RUSSELL HEDGES
Minden Press-Herald

The Minden Crimson Tide came one victory short of earning a spot in the state tournament last week.

Minden, the No. 14 seed, evened its best-of-3 series against No. 6 North Vermilion in the quarterfinals of the non-select Division II playoffs with a 2-0 victory in Game 2 on Saturday in Abbeville.

But the Patriots took Game 3 and the series 7-1. North Vermilion won Game 1 6-2 last Friday night.

Minden closed its second season under Head Coach Cody Davis 26-12. The Tide won eight more games than they did in 2023 and advanced to the quarterfinals of the playoffs for the first time since 2012.

The Tide hosted a play-off series for the first time

in school history and won it. Minden defeated No. 3 seed Brusly on the road in the second round.

"I am so proud of every one of these guys and really was just honored to be a part of this team," Davis wrote in a Facebook post. "To our 4 seniors, I am grateful I got to be a small part of your journey. I challenged you guys and the team in the summer "What kind of legacy do you want to leave?". ... I

am so proud of this team, and I truly believe they put Minden High Baseball back on the map!"

Minden's Jaxon Smith pitched a complete game in Game 2.

Minden, the designated home team, scored runs in the first and sixth innings.

In the first, Jakobe Jackson led off with a single, moved to second on an error and scored on Landyn Huddleston's one-out single.

HIGH SCHOOL GOLF

Minden's McCormick eighth in state tournament

RUSSELL HEDGES
Minden Press-Herald

Minden's Jackson McCormick finished tied for eighth in the Ochsner LHSAA Boys' Division II State Tournament last week in New Iberia.

The first round was rained out. All 36 holes were played last Tuesday.

McCormick shot a 4-over 76 in the first round on the Cane Row Golf & Turf Club course. He rallied in the second with a 73 for a 36-hole total of 149.

McCormick finished

10 spots higher than he did in the 2023 tournament.

Teurlings Catholic's Dax Reaux won medalist honors by five strokes. He shot a 66 in the second round after a first-round 73 for a 5-under 139.

Teurlings Catholics' Cooper Edney (69-75) and St. Thomas Moore's Thomas Oubre (74-70) finished tied for second at 144.

St. Thomas More rolled to the team title with a 7-over 583. Teurlings Catholic was second with a 600.

Lakeside falls to No. 4 DeQuincy

RUSSELL HEDGES
Minden Press-Herald

The No. 5 seed Lakeside Warriors fell to No. 4 DeQuincy 4-0 in the quarterfinals of the non-select Division IV playoffs last week.

Because of heavy rain that moved through the area, the game was moved from DeQuincy to Westlake High School.

The game was mostly a pitchers' duel. Lakeside trailed 1-0 after five innings. But the Tigers

scored three in the bottom of the sixth.

Lakeside starter Hunter Sutton allowed three hits in 5 1/3 innings. He struck out three and walked two. Jordan Isbell got the final two outs in the sixth.

DeQuincy's Carson Rainwater pitched a three-hitter with six strikeouts and four walks.

Sutton, Isbell and Jon Jon Dick had one single apiece.

Lakeside closed its season 16-15.

OUTDOORS

Protecting your camp during the off-season

GLYNN HARRIS

"It was finally the weekend. Spring turkey season had arrived and all Neal Windley of Norfolk, Va., wanted to do was get to his farm, change into his camouflage and get into the woods. What he found when he arrived not only put a halt to his weekend of hunting, it also cost him thousands of dollars in repair and prevention.

"Windley's hunting camp was demolished. Windows were broken, a television and other items were missing and the once clean and comfortable house had been turned into a disaster area. Sadly, that was not the first time this had happened. Vandals had trashed his camp two other times. Sweeping up glass and filling out police reports were not what he had in mind when he and a good friend originally bought the land in the early 1990s."

The above report was part of a news release I received from the National Wild Turkey Federation. The report from the NWTf gives sobering evidence that all too often, hunters head for camp after a long hiatus to find just what Neal Windley found.

The first thing I did after reading the NWTf press release was call a fellow club member to see if he's checked on our camp lately. He no doubt heard my sigh of relief when he reported he was there this past weekend, and everything was as we had left it.

The second thing I did was call the Lincoln Parish Sheriff's office to talk with Steve Rogers who was investigator at the time to see if there have been incidences of hunting camp vandalism and/or theft recently.

"It happens here from time to time. It seems that things will be quiet and then we'll get three or four



Philip Seacrist is proud of this nice buck he downed while keeping an eye on his hunting camp during the off-season.

reports in a week. It's like a rash; it spreads when it breaks out," said Rogers.

There are several things hunting camp owners can do during the off-season to keep criminals from trashing or stealing from your hunting camp, according to Rogers.

"First, if your camp has a locked gate, be sure to keep the gate locked. This won't necessarily prevent theft but it makes it harder for thieves to cart off large items.

"Another important thing is don't leave valuable items, such as 4-wheelers, guns, cookers, lanterns, etc. at the camp. Take them home for the off-season.

"I'd also suggest that you or somebody in your hunting club check on your camp regularly. Also, you might get a neighbor who lives near the camp and

who you trust to keep an eye out for what may be going on when you're not there. One of the problems we have," Rogers noted, "is that we'll get a report in the fall when hunters arrive at the camp and it may have been broken into in late spring.

"Make an inventory of everything of value in your camp, just like you should be doing in your home. Write down serial numbers, description of each item, and where practical, put some identifying mark on the item in a concealed area so thieves won't be as likely to find and remove it. I'd also suggest taking photos of valuable items to aid in identifying them should they be stolen," said Rogers.

Some other suggestions offered by the NWTf is to make the local authorities

aware that the camp will be unoccupied for a designated period of time. Another suggestion is to leave keys to your property's gates with someone in authority to help them watch your place while you are away.

Make sure you have insurance and make sure it includes boats, ATVs or any item that may not be covered under a standard homeowner's or renter's policy.

Put identifying marks or recognizable numbers on tree stands and blinds. This can help law enforcement agents identify these items in the field if they are stolen.

Follow these suggestions and you stand a better chance of finding your hunting camp this fall just as you left it . . . except of course for dirt dobber nests and a mouse or two.

Fishing Report

BLACK BAYOU – Bream are starting to bite crickets and worms around the trees. Crappie are around the trees and are fair on shiners and jigs. Bass are fair on spinners. Contact Honey Hole Tackle Shop 323-8707 for latest information.

BUSSEY BRAKE – Bass fishing is good on jigs with fish up to 12 pounds reported. Some big crappie are being caught on the flats on shiners and jigs. For latest information, contact the Honey Hole at 323-8707.

OUACHITA RIVER – The water is still high. Bream are beginning to bed in the backwaters; no report on bass or crappie. For latest information, contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

LAKE BONNE D'AR – Crappie are good with most having completed the spawn and they have moved out of the shallows on the flats and are hitting shiners and jigs. Some bass are still spawning in the shallows with soft plastics and creature baits picking up some nice fish with the frog bite just beginning. Bream are starting to turn on around the beds and taking crickets or worms. Catfishing is improving fishing cold worms off the banks. For latest information, call Anderson Sport Center at 368-9669 or Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

LAKE CLAI-BORNE – Crappie are starting to move out to

12 foot water and are hitting mostly shiners. Bass are best fishing Carolina rigs, spinners and jerk baits around the docks. Stripers are beginning to school and hitting shad imitation lures. Bream are on the beds and worms and crickets are working on them. Catfishing has been good on night crawlers. For latest information, call Kel's Cove at 927-2264 or Terzia Tackle at 278-4498.

CANEY LAKE – Big chinquapins are on the beds and some real good fish are being caught on small crawfish, worms and crickets. Best bass catches are made fairly shallow on Wacky Worms, Sinko, Bandits and spinners with some moving out to deeper water. Crappie are best fishing jigs or shiners around submerged tops in 12 foot water. 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 – Catfishing is good and the bream are moving to the beds and hitting worms and crickets. No report on crappie or bass. For latest reports, call Poverty Point Marina at 318/878-0101.

LAKE YUCATAN –The water is falling and some nice catfish are being caught. Crappie, bream and bass should start biting very soon. For information, call Surplus City Landing at 318/467-2259.

Good News

GOOD NEWS

Mama—A Proverb 13: 24 Woman

We all have heard the Proverb 31 passage used to describe some women, I am sure. I have, and rightly so! For some women, yes! But my Mama was not in that league. I guess she was in the “minors” compared to a Proverbs 31 model. Proverbs 13:24 better defined her and my daddy! Now she qualified in some of these areas, but she was more of a “workhorse, a dependable servant, with an humble spirit”. Being a woman of limited education (school drop-out in grade 7 to help her family make a living), Mama did not spend much time writing or reading. No, to birth seven rowdy Crider children, to help put vittles on the table three times a day, plus keep up with all the other duties of a mother and farmer’s wife, made for a very durable and tough package. That’s Mama!

With Mama and Daddy, “work” was the name of the game we played. And we played it from daylight until dark. (I’m using the word “played” very loosely!) To waste an hour of daylight “doing nothing” was akin to sin itself! They set the example. Rising early and working late into the night was just what every “decent farm family” did. And we were no exception! When I think of the amount of work they produced, especially my Mama, I am so conscious of their honesty about a “fair day’s work”. No cheating on Mr. Sunshine. No, sir-ree! Daddy and Mama were a team! And we all had to pull our weight, be it

a cotton sack, hoe, or milking cows, feeding hogs or chickens. The persimmon and peach switches were good sources of motivation to produce “good work”.

Some of Mama’s chores included: birthing, nursing and caring for seven children from 1-3 years apart. A little arithmetic indicates that for 20+ years there was an infant or toddler to be nursed, diapered and attended! The early fire in the wood stove was needed to heat water for coffee, to cook biscuits (large pans of them), fry ham and eggs. More hot water was needed to wash and rinse dishes. (Three times a day)! Drinking water had to be pumped, from a hard-to-prime pump outside. Cows were milked and fed, along with other animals. Corn was shucked and shelled for the chickens. Eggs were gathered. Rainwater from barrels standing in the drip of the tin-topped barn was used to fill the wash pot for the weekly washing.

Building a fire to heat the wash-water, using home-made lye soap and bluing, were all part of the process of ‘gitting the clothes clean’. The barnyard fence made for a good

clothesline. Now the “second” rinse water was usually set in the sunshine for late evening baths. “Waste not”! And who was doing this, or seeing that it got done? Yep! Mama or Granny Crider! (The year I was born, Grandpa Crider died; Granny Crider came to live with us. My parents ‘put her to work as soon as she checked in.’)

Wood stacked by the kitchen stove was a daily affair. In the winter, the fireplace wood was also needed to “keep the fire alive”. The old cast irons used for pressing clothes were on the cook stove or hearth for easy use. In the winter, the warm irons (or brick) were wrapped in towels and placed in the bed to warm the cold feet of kids getting home late from basketball games. Mama was on the job!

My sisters helped with many inside chores along the way while the boys pulled barnyard duty, giving Mama some relief. Hog-killing time meant overtime for sure! Many of the demanding tasks that go with this territory were “assigned” to Mama and Granny. They were always there pushing and shoving, doing their part. That garden seemed like a farm in itself! It seemed like acres to plant, hoe and pick. They were in charge here too. And work it was! Did you ever “stick” English peas, butter beans, green beans, or tomatoes? She was the engineer and consultant in charge, seeing the job was done right. My Mama!

Cooking for a family of ten, including Granny, was a full time job in itself. Now her cooking was not the greatest, but remember I said she was not a Proverb 31 model! But to stick to this routine daily for 50 + years should earn Mama some kind of heavenly reward. I think it did! Granny was there to assist, work behind the scenes and help with clean-up duties.

Mama was always so proud to see us in school activities. All the Crider kids played basketball, so she had many opportunities to see “us shine”. There were school plays and other events too. I don’t remember Daddy attending many, but Mama was usually there if she could be. She was so proud when I graduated from college.(the first one to ever achieve this honor.) My parents had struggled to make it possible and I knew it! (And there was no student loan to repay or ask it to be forgiven). Mama was able to attend and sit near the front. Proud Mama! Proud me as well!

Time passed and the children moved away. One day a sister from Florida was visiting “home”. Mama just “collapsed in her chair”, suffering a massive heart attack. Two days later she was gone. At rest now! No more heavy labor and long days of toil for her. No more sacrifices to make. Just eternal rest!

As years pass, I think of Mama, and ask myself, “How did she do it all; Day after day?” That is just what Mamas do, I decided! They

have their job and they “just do it”. Even today, mothers have hectic schedules and responsibilities. Maybe a little different now than it was in Mama’s day! But today, mothers work full time, shop for dinner, cook and serve it, clean house, help with homework, get the kids to bed and then, maybe have a few minutes for their husbands, attend to personal needs and then off to bed so tomorrow’s schedule can be honored. Oh, did I mention washing, making beds, cleaning bathrooms, picking up after everyone, etc? Remember that ole saying about “a man’s work is from sun to sun, but...?” It really is true. Bet every Mama knew it was!

We will always need our Mamas. Her spirit will always be around! That loving touch, soft voice of encouragement and a swift hand of correction when Proverbs 13: 24 needs to be applied. For those whose mother is no longer around....may God bless you with sweet memories? For those whose mother is living...will you take time to do something special for them this Mother’s Day? For all those women who ‘mothered’ children even though they are not biological mothers, may you be blessed too! Happy Mother’s Day to every mother!

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THE UPWARD LOOK

His Body

“For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body.” Ephesians 5:29-30 ESV



Max Hutto

Since a husband and wife form one body, the husband must love, provide, and care for her just as he cares for his own body. Again, the model for the husband’s love is Christ and His love for the church. Christ loves, provides, and cares for the church, for every member of the church, for every person who has com-

mitted his life to the Lord through faith in Christ. Every believer is a member of the body of Christ. Christ loves, nurtures, nourishes, protects, provides, and cherishes every believer.

Lord Jesus, help me to love and care for each and every believer because they are a special and important part of Your body, the church.

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

INSPIRATION

Hidden potential

When we are younger our parents love to quote for us the golden rule from Matthew 7:12 “Do to others whatever you would like them to do to you.”

This quote is not only positive and well recognized it is in most cases completely ignored. Everyone in our world is special to God and deserves a fighting chance. However, in most cases, we don’t afford them by chance because we have them “figured out” already. This attitude of reckless judgment has led to the dismissal of so many amazing people. We often take a first glance at an individual’s past and somehow we feel that

we have patterned their future. I thank God that he is a better judge of character than us. God looked at many of the Biblical heroes and saw a hidden potential. People like Moses, Noah, and even Abraham had a questionable character at times. Nevertheless, God not only forgave them but he continued to use them to change the world. My challenge this week is simple. Let’s take the time to look past failure and see a future.



Bernard Harris

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

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I, Onnie Mack, DOC #336911, have applied for clemency for my conviction of First Degree Murder. If you have any comments, contact the Board of Pardons (225) 342-5421.

May 1, 2024
May 8, 2024
May 15, 2024
Minden Press Herald

LIQUOR PERMIT

I am applying to the Commission on Alcohol 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:

Acadiana Seafood LLC
12715 Hwy 80
Minden, LA 71055
Owner: Jeff Swilley

May 1, 2024
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Je'dyah Taylor and/or Anyone knowing his whereabouts, Please contact Richard E. Griffith, Attorney at Law, at 839 Kings Highway, Suite 200, Shreveport, Louisiana 71104, or (318) 222-0337.

May 8, 2024
Minden Press Herald

SHERIFF'S SALE

CHAMBERS BANK VS. KIMBLE DEVELOPMENT OF SPRINGHILL, LLC

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. CV81346. 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 Courthouse in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana on WEDNESDAY, June 12, 2024, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

The immovable (real) property specifically described as follows:

A tract of land located in the Southeast Quarter (SE/4) of Section 11, Township 23 North, Range 11 West, City of Springhill, Webster Parish, Louisiana, being more particularly described as follows:

Begin at the accepted Southeast Corner of the Northeast Quarter of Southeast Quarter (SEC of NE/4 of SE/4), Section 11 Township 23 North, Range 11 West, City of Springhill, Webster Parish, Louisiana; Thence run due West a distance of 426.00 feet to a point on the East right of way line of U.S. Highway No. 371; Thence North 30 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West along said right of way line a distance of 90.00 feet to a found 1/2 iron rod; Thence leave said right of way line, North 60 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East; distance of 210.00 feet to a point; Thence South 30 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, a distance of 140 feet to a point located on the North right to way line of June Anthony Street; Thence along said right of way line South 60 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, a distance of 210 feet to a found 1/2 iron pipe located on the East right of way line of U.S. Highway 371; Thence along said right of way line, North 30 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, a distance of 50 feet to the point beginning.

This also serves as a fixture filing for all accounts, general intangibles, all proceeds from sale, rents or leases, deposit accounts, now owned or hereafter acquired.

Together with any and all present and future buildings, constructions, component parts, improvements, attachments,

appurtenances, fixtures, rights, ways, privileges, advantages, batture, and batture rights, servitudes and easements of every type and description, now and/or in the future relating to the Property, and any and all items and fixtures attached to and/or forming integral or component parts of the Property in accordance with the Louisiana Civil Code.

The Real Property or its address is commonly known as 413 S Arkansas Street, Springhill, LA 71075.

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

Pam Brantley - Deputy

May 8, 2024
June 5, 2024
Minden Press Herald

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

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Ashley Williams Jones Invocation and Pledge was led by Mayor Ashley Williams Jones and in unison. Roll call by municipal clerk, Tiffany Parish
1. Alderman R. Shaw (absent)
2. Alderman J. Carter (present)
3. Alderman E. Parish (absent)
4. Alderman C. Lewis (present)
5. Alderman D. Hawkins (present)
We have a quorum (3) present (2) absent. Motion to accept the April 2024 agenda. Motioned by Alderman J. Carter and 2nd by Alderman D. Hawkins.
Motion Passed
Motion to accept March 2024 meeting minutes, motioned by Alderman D. Hawkins and 2nd by Alderman J. Carter.
Motion Passed
Motion to pay April 2024 bills, motioned by Alderman J. Carter and 2nd by Alderman D. Hawkins.
Motion Passed
Committee Report: Mayor's Report: Saturday, April 20th town clean-up day. Citizens' input on the current agenda matters only. None
Old Business
1. Approve Ordinance 250-2, motion by Alderman J. Carter and 2nd by Alderman D. Hawkins.
Motion Passed
New Business
1. Jakob Sheek back from deployment, will have part time police officer position reinstated.
Police Report Adjournment - Motion made by Alderman J. Carter and 2nd by Alderman C. Lewis, meeting adjourned.

May 8, 2024
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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 Meridian West, Dubberly, Webster Parish, 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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The Seventh Planning District Consortium
Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act
2024 Request for One-Stop Operator Proposals

APPLICATION PROCESS

Issuance of Proposal: May 1, 2024

Deadline for Receipt of Proposal: June 3, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. (CST)

The Seventh Planning District Consortium Local Workforce Development Board 70 hereafter referred to as LWDB 70, is making a Request for Proposal (RFP) from eligible entities or a consortium of eligible entities with the capacity to provide One-Stop Operator Services for the LWDB 70 area including Bienville, Bossier, Caddo (except the City of Shreveport), Claiborne, DeSoto, Lincoln, Natchitoches, Red River, Sabine, and Webster Parishes, in accordance with the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 (WIOA). The Seventh Planning District Consortium Local Workforce Board 70 will procure one contractor to serve as the One-Stop Operator in the ten-parish area. The Operator will be responsible for managing the Workforce System, and will ensure compliance with Federal, State, and local policies.

The RFP for the One-Stop Operator can be found on the Internet at www.cdconline.org and includes a Scope of Work and a Budget. All proposals and attachments must be completed and sent via email to csattler@cdconline.org on or before June 3, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. (CST).

All proposals must be signed by the applicants Board Chairman, CEO, Director, or President. The grant period for funding is October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025.

Technical questions/requests for clarification must be submitted and received in writing via email to Ms. Candle Sattler, Director of Workforce Development, on or prior to May 13, 2024 by 4:30 p.m. (CST). Questions/requests submitted via email on or prior to May 13, 2024 will be answered and posted online at www.cdconline.org by May 17, 2024 by 4:30 p.m. (CST).

These deadlines are firm as to the date and hour. Applications that arrive after the deadline or are incomplete applications will not be accepted.

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LOUISIANA PRESS ASSOCIATION

Jeff McHugh David, Jr. to become LPA’s next executive director

Sam Hanna, Jr., to take over as LPA president

A series of leadership changes that have been months in the making are slated to take place in May at Louisiana Press Association and Marketing.

Jeff McHugh David, Jr. is resigning his position as the trade association’s board president and took over as the LPA executive director on May 13. Sam Hanna, Jr., will become the board president.

David replaces Jerry Raehal, who informed the board of directors in December of 2023 of his intent to move closer to family by the summer of 2024, and is moving to Nebraska in June.

The hiring of David was approved by the board at a January special meeting, allowing for a transition for Raehal to seek a new role and for David to start becoming more acquainted with the roles.

LPA Director Judi Terzotis said after initial review of potential candidates by the hiring committee, an “unexpected candidate put his name in the hat that is just so uniquely suited for this job. It really just stopped the entire process.”

She added, “We all just felt really excited and energized knowing that a transition from Jerry’s great work and everything that he has done ... that we could take that work and put it to really good use in the next level, and McHugh seemed like the right person.”

For David, increasing revenue, moving forward on state and national legislation, and increasing more member interaction are his top agendas.

“It’s an exciting time for the Louisiana Press Association, thanks to the great work from Raehal and the

board,” David said. “LPA has momentum at both the local and federal level and I’m excited to take the work we have done the past four years and build upon it.”

David has previously been president and co-publisher, alongside his mother Nancy, of the Livingston Parish News, which has been in the David family since his grandfather purchased the property in 1962. David assumed the co-publisher position when his father, Jeff McHugh David Sr., died from cancer in October of 2015. David, Jr. followed in his father and grandfather’s footsteps and became immediately involved with the LPA and the National Newspaper Association. He is involved with the legislative committees on both levels and has been an LPA board member since 2018.

In order to take the role of executive director, David is relinquishing his title as co-publisher, placing his ownership in trust, and passing both administrative and day-to-day operations to his wife, Melanie, and his mother.

Hanna, Jr., previously served as the LPA Board president from 2000-2022, and been serving as past president since.

Hanna is the president and publisher of The Ouachita Citizen and also a co-owner of the Concordia Sentinel in Ferriday and The Franklin Sun in Winnsboro. The Hanna family has owned and operated newspapers in Louisiana since 1965.

A native of Concordia Parish, Hanna graduated from LSU in 1993 with a degree in mass communication. After a brief stint working as a deputy press



David

secretary to a governor, Hanna returned to northeastern Louisiana in 1994 to work at the Concordia Sentinel and The Franklin Sun in more than one capacity — news reporting, advertising and delivery.

Hanna hired Raehal in September 2000 with a goal of helping the LPA and its members transition toward the future. During the tenures of Hanna and David as president, and Raehal as executive director — along with LPA staff, board and support members -- the LPA has made several strides, including:

“I think the hiring of McHugh as executive director and Sam stepping back into board president role are great for the press association,” Raehal said. “We’ve been through a lot during the last four years, and they’ve been a big part of it. It will make for a much smoother transition as they are well aware of the challenges we’re facing.”

Raehal’s last full-time day at the LPA is set for May 24. He is slated to start working full time for OnePress, which is the Nebraska Press Association’s marketing arm, on May 28 in a remote capacity as the company’s Chief Growth Officer.

“I’m very grateful to the LPA board, staff and membership for being so welcoming, as well as working with me on this transition,” Raehal said. “We’ve done a lot of great work to move LPA and its membership toward the future and appreciate the help everyone has provided along the way.”

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LATE SPRING (APRIL AND MAY) IS A GREAT PERIOD TO IMPROVE YOUR LANDSCAPE APPEARANCE

JOE W. WHITE, PH.D.
Extension Horticulturist, (ret)
LSU AgCenter
May 2024

Lawns are in many respects much like a canvas for a picture. They serve as a background for all of the other plants whether they be flowers, shrubs or trees. This should be incentive enough to want to keep the lawn as attractive as you can. But lawns offer many other benefits. They absorb unwanted sounds, provide a nice surface for playing or relaxing, keep soil stains from ruining indoor carpets and just about eliminate soil erosion.

Keeping a lawn well-groomed seems to be important to some home owners while others seem not to care about the appearance of their lawn and landscape. Those are the kinds that probably even gripe when they have to prune oversize shrubs that block a door or walk.

April and May (although April has already passed) is considered the optimum time in north Louisiana to do any needed yard work whether it is to establish a turf, renovate the grass or just simply routine maintenance. This is when grass makes its fastest growth thus enabling it to utilize any applied fertilizers. This is the time when several of the lawn herbicides can be used without harming the lawn to get rid of unwanted weeds. Later, when the weather gets really hot many of the herbicides cannot be used as they will harm the turf unless your grass is Bermuda or Zoysia. Be on the watch for some of the common turf diseases and treat with appropriate fungicides. Insects that damage turf grass may begin to appear so any sign of insect damage should



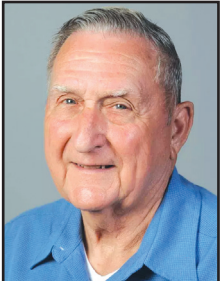
be followed with treatment with an insecticide. But don’t look for Chinch bugs because they don’t usually arrive until the weather gets much hotter.

Although fertilizer gives optimum results when applied in mid-April, an application before the end of this month will still be beneficial. Do use recommended products. Do not apply a granular fertilizer to a damp turf or the fertilizer will stick to the grass and cause chemical burn. Applying just before an expected heavy rain is a common practice, but is risky if the forecast is wrong. A better method is to apply the fertilizer to a dry lawn and then turn on irrigation sprinklers at maximum capacity to wash the fertilizer to the base of the turf.

While irrigation may be needed under extreme weather conditions, slowly apply about one inch of water per week under average weather and double the amount if the drought is of

long duration.

As some newer varieties of lawn grass may have been introduced since I retired, in addition to common Bermuda there is “Jackpot”, “Mirage” and “Mohawk”. For St. Augustine (no seed) you can establish your lawn with sprigs or some other vegetative part of the plant and possibly the best variety is “Palmetto”. However, “Delmar” and “Raleigh” are good. Three varieties of centipede to look for include “Oaklawn”, “Tennessee Hardy” and “Tennnturf”. Three varieties of zoysia are “El Toro”, “Palisades” and “Cavalier”.



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