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CITY UPGRADE

City of Minden introduces new bill pay kiosk

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The City of Minden has unveiled a new bill pay kiosk aimed at enhancing convenience for residents. The kiosk,

located outside City Hall, offers 24/7 accessibility for bill payments. Additionally, construction is underway for another kiosk to be installed at the drive-thru window location. Both kiosks are designed to accept various payment methods, including cash, check, and credit/debit cards.

To learn how to utilize the kiosk, residents are encouraged to view an instructional video available on the City of Minden’s Facebook page.



COMMUNITY

Heflin family named 2023 Host Family of the Year for international student exchange

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Clint and Micaela Brunson of Heflin have been honored as the 2023 Host Family of the Year by the International Cultural Exchange Services (ICES). This prestigious award recognizes their exceptional commitment to hosting and nurturing international exchange students, fostering cultural understanding and global awareness. ICES, a leading non-profit organization dedicated to promoting peace through cultural exchange, selected the Brunsons from over a thousand host families across the United States. The Brunsons embarked on their hosting journey in 2019, driven by a desire to fill their home with the lively atmosphere they cherished when their children and their children’s friends filled the house. Micaela Brunson, expressing her love for motherhood, said, “I love being a mom; I love it. Our kids always had their friends over; we always



COURTESY PHOTO

Clint and Micaela Brunson of Heflin have been honored as the 2023 Host Family of the Year by the International Cultural Exchange Services for their dedication to providing excellent cross-cultural experiences to international students. Clint and Micaela are pictured with their current exchange students: Gaia from Italy (left) and Elisa from Spain (right).

had a house full of kids. I realized that this was going to be really hard when they are off at college, so I started talking to my husband about it.” Since then, the Brunsons have welcomed six exchange students into their home, with two more already lined up for the future. The selection process

for hosting an exchange student involves an application, an intense background check, and a home inspection. Once approved, host families like the Brunsons begin the selection process to find a compatible match. This process allows the families and the students to get to know each other before they meet in person.

“We take a long time to pick out our students,” Micaela emphasized, highlighting the importance of selecting the right match for both parties. “These are teenagers coming here, and their families are entrusting their child to you.” The experience of host-See, **EXCHANGE**, Page 3

EDUCATION

Seven Webster Parish graduates receive D.A.R.E. scholarships

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Seven high school graduates from Webster Parish are set to bolster their college funds with scholarships from the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) program, courtesy of Sheriff Jason Parker. “We have some funds available from our D.A.R.E. program, and there’s no better way to use those funds than to help our parish’s graduates achieve their goal of higher education,” Parker stated. While many scholarships are traditionally awarded during graduation ceremonies, Parker emphasized the importance of recognizing deserving students who may not have received larger stipends. “It’s a privilege for us to recognize these young people and to offer them our support and best wishes,” he said. Parker added that the scholarships are a way to show ongoing support for the students. “I want them to know we’re always thinking about them

and we’re here to help no matter where they are,” he said. “They’re always our kids, and we’re very proud of them.” The recipients of the scholarships are: Izayla Harris of Doyline High School, who holds an impressive athletic record including multiple state championships. She has accepted a full track scholarship to Alcorn State University in Mississippi, where she plans to major in physical therapy. Brandon Bell from Lakeside Jr/Sr High School, who graduated with a 3.90 GPA and will attend the University of Louisiana-Monroe to major in criminal justice, aspiring to become a law enforcement officer. Chase Sentell from Glenbrook School, who graduated with a 4.0 GPA and plans to attend LSU to pursue an undergraduate degree in business, followed by an MBA/Juris Doctorate dual degree program. Gabrielle Cooper from North Webster High See, **DARE**, Page 3



PARKER

BUSINESS

Minden McDonald’s dedicates building to Beverly Manning for 40 years of service

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The Chrisman McDonald’s in Minden celebrated a remarkable milestone on May 7, dedicating the building to Beverly Manning for her 40 years of dedicated service. The event, attended by Minden McDonald’s owner Charles Chrisman, Mayor Nick Cox, and numerous community leaders, was a heartfelt tribute to Manning’s four decades of commitment. Friends, family, fellow employees, and loyal customers also gathered to honor Manning, with the Minden High School band adding to the festivities with musical performances. Mayor Cox presented Manning with a Proclamation from the City of Minden, recognizing



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The members of the Minden community turned out to celebrate the dedication of the local McDonalds restaurant to Beverly Manning for her 40 years of dedicated service.

her long-standing contribution to the community. “The City of Minden wishes to honor Beverly Manning for 40 years of service at McDonald’s,” Mayor Cox stated.

Ms. Manning began her journey with McDonald’s as a crew member in 1984, when she opened the first McDonald’s in Minden. Since then, she has risen through the ranks

to become the general manager and supervisor, training nearly every employee who has worked at the store. “We can’t express all she’s done for our com-

munity,” remarked Chrisman, highlighting Manning’s profound impact. In recognition of her dedication, a plaque commemorating the dedication of the building will be

mounted at McDonald’s, with Manning also receiving a personal plaque as a reminder of her commitment.



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SPECIAL ELECTION

Voting opens for Minden’s Pet Mayor Election

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The Mayor’s Paw-ffice has officially announced the opening of voting for Minden’s Pet Mayor Election, an event filled with excitement and noble purpose. Pet owners have nominated their furry friends to compete for

the title of Pet Mayor of the City of Minden for the 2024-2025 term. Voting is now open and will continue until May 27. Participants can cast their votes for as many candidates as they wish, with each vote costing \$5. The pet with the most votes will be crowned Pet Mayor, while second and

third place will assume the roles of Chief of Paw-lice and Fur Chief, respectively. Pets placing fourth through eighth will form the Pet Council. To cast a vote or learn more about the candidates, visit Minden’s Pet Mayor Election website. Each candidate has a profile detailing why they

should be elected. Apart from the excitement of the election, the event serves a noble cause. Proceeds from registration fees and voting will contribute to the construction of Minden’s new Animal Control Facility, ensuring the safety and well-being of the city’s animals for years to come.

“Join us for Minden’s Pet Mayor Election, an exciting fundraiser for the City of Minden’s Animal Control Facility! Nominate your pet and vote with donations. The pet with the most donations wins the title of Minden’s Pet Mayor. Support our animal friends and our community,” said Nick

Cox, Minden’s Human Mayor. The City of Minden invites everyone to participate in this tail-wagging extravaganza and support the construction of a new shelter for animals in need.

BUSINESS

Leadership Webster applications open for nine-month program

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The Greater Minden Chamber has announced the opening of applications for the Leadership Webster program, offering participants a unique opportunity to engage with local leaders and understand the community better. The program spans

nine months, beginning with an orientation reception in September and culminating in a graduation luncheon in May. Participants will convene once a month, visiting various locations across the community. They will also attend meetings of key community groups such as the

Minden City Council, the Webster Parish School Board, and the Webster Parish Police Jury. Sessions are typically held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, starting at 8 AM and concluding at 5 PM. A highlight of the program is the mandatory, overnight, two-day visit

to the Legislature in April, coinciding with the Louisiana Legislative Session. The curriculum covers a wide range of topics including community history, education, economic development, healthcare, and social concerns, among others. Attendance is a key component of the pro-

gram, with participants expected to attend all sessions and community group meetings, with no more than two absences. Failure to meet these requirements will result in automatic dismissal from the program without refund. For more information and to apply, interested

individuals can visit the Greater Minden Chamber website. Leadership Webster offers a unique opportunity for individuals to deepen their understanding of the community and connect with its leaders. Apply now for a chance to be part of this enriching experience.

WPPJ

Routine meeting for WPPJ sees unanimous approval of agenda items

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The May 7 meeting of the Webster Parish Police Jury (WPPJ) proceeded smoothly with all members in attendance, and all agenda items passing unanimously. Among the approvals was a significant multi-jurisdictional consortium agreement for the Seventh Planning District Consortium Workforce Development Board with

Coordinating & Development. Additionally, the board approved the appointments of Scott Boyett to replace Jim Bell and the reappointment of Roger Schumacher to the board of the Sarepta Fire District No. 5. The meeting also saw the approval of an amended Ordinance 688, Section 7 ½ of the Ordinance of Webster Parish, along with the appointment of Tan Grigsby to the 911 Board, replacing Drew White.

During the community reports section, Savannah Jones, representing Webster Parish Libraries, highlighted that registration is now open for the Discovery Dome, a portable planetarium, which will kick off this year’s Discovery Camp. Registration is required due to limited seating. Furthermore, the library will introduce a service platform for professional development training and a program

called Library IQ, which tailors content provided by the libraries to the tastes of the public in each branch’s area. Shakera Williams from the LSU Ag Center reported on the success of the recent 4-H Fun Day held at the REC and announced the upcoming summer camp scheduled for May 20-23. However, there is an urgent need for a male chaperone over the age of 18 to assist with the camp, as ap-

proximately 40 students are already signed up. Additionally, on May 20, the LSU Ag Center will host a livestock interest day to boost their livestock program and will also conduct a SNAPed “germ cave” to educate youngsters about food safety. Finally, Angie Chapman of 911 reported an increase in 911 hangup calls and urged the public to monitor children to prevent accidental calls. If a call is made acciden-

tally, she advises speaking to the dispatcher to prevent them from having to call back or send police to check. The WPPJ’s next meeting is scheduled for June 4 at 10:30 AM, in the WPPJ meeting room accessible through the west entrance of the Webster Parish Courthouse Annex, located at 401 Main Street. The public is welcome to attend.

CRIME

Sibley woman arrested in Minden

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A Sibley woman was arrested in Minden on May 8 after a routine traffic stop led to the discovery of drugs and other charges. On May 8, Lieutenant Brandon Curry was patrolling Shreveport Road in Minden, LA, when he observed a red Nissan Titan traveling west with the driver’s side headlight out. Lieutenant Curry initiated a traffic stop on Highway 80. The driver, identified as Krystal Cedars, 36, and the passen-

ger, Tony Waltman, were asked for their licenses, registration, and proof of insurance. During the interaction, both individuals displayed nervous behavior, prompting further investigation. Dispatch conducted warrant checks on both subjects and discovered that Cedars’ license was suspended, and she had an active warrant from Calcasieu Parish. Cedars and Waltman were asked to exit the vehicle and were advised of their rights per Miranda. K9 Brams was deployed and indicated the presence

of drugs. A search of the vehicle’s passenger compartment yielded approximately 2 grams of methamphetamine and a glass pipe with white/crystal-like residue, which Cedars claimed ownership of. Cedars was taken into custody and transported to the Minden Police Department, where she was booked on charges of being a fugitive from Calcasieu Parish, possession of Schedule II (meth), possession of drug paraphernalia, driving under suspension, and headlight out.

CRIME

Escapee from Union Parish work release crew apprehended in Webster Parish

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An escapee from a Union Parish work release crew, who also faces outstanding warrants in Webster Parish, was apprehended May 5 after being recognized by a Webster deputy on patrol. “Deputy Michael Chanler saw the suspect standing near the roadway on

Henrietta White Blvd. and approached him,” Parker said. “Deputy Chanler served as a correctional officer when the suspect was incarcerated and recognized him from his time there.” According to Sheriff Jason Parker, 40-year-old Cory Kenterell Hudson of Sarepta was arrested after a brief foot chase shortly

before 10 AM. He is currently being held in Bayou Dorcheat Correctional Center awaiting extradition. In addition to the fugitive charge, Hudson is facing Webster warrants for unauthorized entry of an inhabited dwelling and battery of a dating partner. Bonds on those warrants total \$11,500.

RETIREMENT

Veteran dispatcher retires after over two decades of service

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Webster Parish Sheriff’s Office bids farewell to Lt. Terrie Clark, head of the communications/dispatch unit, as she retires after 21 years and three months of dedicated service. Colleagues commend her leadership, describing her departure as leaving big shoes to fill. Sheriff Jason Parker

praised Clark’s role, stating, “Terrie has made our dispatch unit a group that we can all be proud of and depend on. I don’t know if we can say enough about how critical this unit is to all of us, or how important her leadership has been over these years. We love you and we will miss you.” During her retirement reception, Clark ex-

pressed gratitude, saying, “This has been a wonderful time for me and I certainly will miss all of you. I may be retiring, but I will still be seeing you occasionally. I am going to miss all of you.” Clark’s departure marks the end of an era for the Sheriff’s Office, as her expertise and dedication leave a lasting impact on the team.

CRIME

Minden man arrested for domestic disturbance

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Minden Police Officers were dispatched to the 700 block of Plum Street on May 8 following a 911 call reporting a disturbance between neighbors. Officer O’Connor and Officer Greer responded to the call, which involved residents Keandre Dillard, 44, and Shalonda Harper. Officers arrived on the scene within two minutes of the call and attempted to make contact with the residents. Despite previous calls and complaints regarding loud arguments and fights at the residence, there was no answer at the door. However, Officer Thompson observed movement in-

side the residence before the lights were turned off. Concerned for the safety of the residents, including two children inside, officers called into the house. Keandre Dillard emerged and was detained. He was checked for safety and informed of his rights. Upon entering the residence, officers found Shalonda Harper in an intoxicated state and two juveniles, ages 16 and 3. The older juvenile reported witnessing physical altercations between Keandre and Shalonda, including an incident where Keandre allegedly grabbed Shalonda by the throat and threw her. Shalonda initially claimed her injuries were from consensual activi-

ties but later refused to provide an accurate account of the events. She displayed extreme emotional distress throughout the interview. Based on the injuries observed on Shalonda and the statements from the juveniles, Keandre Dillard was arrested for domestic abuse battery with child endangerment and strangulation. He was transported to the Minden Police Department for booking. Keandre Dillard has a history of arrests for domestic abuse battery, and a prior guilty verdict for the same offense. Officers ensured the safety of the juveniles and provided support to Shalonda Harper.

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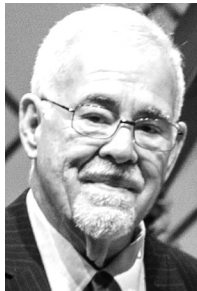
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OBITUARIES



Tommy Lance Russell

Heflin, LA- Tommy Lance Russell passed away at his home, after a lengthy, courageous battle with Alzheimer's, in the early morning hours of May 8, 2024. He was surrounded by family and special friend, Chasity Austin. He was 75 when he went to be with his Lord and Savior.

Visitation was from 5-7 p.m. Friday, May 10, 2024, at Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Minden. Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, May 11, 2024, at Heflin Baptist Church in Heflin. Officiating was his sons, Johnny Ray Rowland, Jr., and Jason Bryan Rowland.

Mr. Russell was born on November 8, 1948, in Ringgold to Billy Lance and Martha Brunson Russell.

He was preceded in death by his parents, loving wife of 33 years, Mary Nell Noles Russell; brothers-in-law, Richard and John David Noles; and close friend, Don Austin.

Mr. Russell was a lifelong resident of Heflin. He grew up in a Christian family where he and his sister, Sharon, regularly attended Bistineau Baptist Church, where his Dad served as Deacon. From a young age, Mr. Russell worked in the family dairy and beef operations. He often commented on how mean Jersey bulls could be and compared the differences between Holstein and Jersey cattle. Mr. Russell would sometimes say with tongue in cheek how much he enjoyed getting up at 4 a.m. "to go milk."

Mr. Russell was a product of the Webster Parish School System as he attended Heflin High School from grades 1-12. He was a proud member of the graduating class of 1966 as evidenced by the memories he shared from his school-age years. After graduation, Mr. Russell attended Northwestern State University with several of his friends. He enjoyed his years at NSU and became a regular attendee at the annual "State Fair Game" played between Louisiana Tech and NSU. Even though "Tech" won most of those contests, Mr. Russell treasured the friendly rivalry between he and his friends from "Tech", notably Don Austin and Stewart Beatty. Later on he took great pride in the fact that his only daughter, Carrie, and his youngest son, Cory, graduated from NSU. In addition, he swelled with pride again as two of his granddaughters, Madison and Rheagan Rowland graduated from NSU.

In 1971, Mr. Russell began a distinguished 34-year career as a Quality Control Inspector at General Electric Corporation in Shreveport. He would work there until his retirement in 2005. It was during his early years at "GE" that he began a courtship with Mary Nell Noles, whom he had known most of his life. Mr. Russell also began a relationship with Ms. Noles' two young sons,

Johnny and Jason, who at the time were 4 and 3 respectively. Little did he know the incredible impact, as their Dad, he would have on them that would last the rest of their lives. Mr. Russell and Ms. Noles were married on September 14, 1973, and remained married until her death on June 17th, 2006. Soon after they were married a daughter, Carrie April, was born and a few years later a son, Cory Lance, came along. Together, they formed a family that was rooted in Christian values, love, and discipline. Mr. Russell provided and cared for his family until his death. He unconditionally loved his 4 children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren showing it not just with words, but with his frequent selfless, giving actions.

On June 1, 2008, Mr. Russell entered into marriage with Melinda Sanders whom he shared common interests with by having family members that lived in the same vicinity. Together, they enjoyed their large extended family that was formed. Mr. Russell and "Mella", as she is affectionately known, enjoyed traveling together, going out to eat, shopping, and watching "westerns" together.

Mr. Russell was a long-time member of Heflin Baptist Church where he served as Deacon for 32 years. He was an inaugural member of the Heflin Lions Club, served in the Minden Jaycees, and enjoyed playing golf and fishing with his friends.

Mr. Russell is survived by his wife of 16 years, Melinda Sanders Russell, of Heflin; his sister, Sharon Russell Morrow, and husband, Billy, of Heflin; sister-in-law, Judy Noles, of Heflin; children: Johnny Ray Rowland, Jr., and wife, Sherri, of Dubberly; Jason Bryan Rowland and wife, Marla, of Benton; Carrie April Russell Woodward and husband, Jody, of Heflin; and Cory Lance Russell and Mallorie Williams of Benton; grandchildren: Madison Rowland of Haughton, Morgan Rowland Hall and husband, Gray, of Minden; Cade Woodard and wife, Jaci, of Shreveport; Cody Woodard and wife, Maddie, of Baton Rouge; Rheagan Rowland McMinn and husband, Brooks, of Benton; Pearce Russell of Benton; and Ava Russell of Benton; great grandchildren: Remi McMinn, Stone Woodard, Garrison Hall, and Allyn McMinn; aunt and uncle, Faye Brunson Harrison and Jack Harrison, of Hall Summit; step children: Bryce and Brody Lafitte, Brianne Lafitte Ivy and husband, Blake; and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews who loved Papaw dearly; and loving companion and dog, Dixie.

Pallbearers will be Cade Woodard, Cody Woodard, Pearce Russell, Reed Waldron, Bryce Lafitte, Gray Hall, Brooks McMinn, and Anthony McMaster.

Honorary Pallbearers will be the Deacons of Heflin Baptist Church, Walter Brunson, Harold Holley, and Scott Mizell.

The family wishes to extend a huge debt of gratitude to Passages Hospice and special friend/caregiver Chasity Austin.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to the Children's Ministry Fund at Heflin Baptist Church.

EDUCATION

Minden High School senior awarded prestigious scholarship

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Alec Simpson, a senior at Minden High School, has been awarded the Louisiana Clerks of Court Association Scholarship. The son of Jeremy and Ashley Simpson of Minden, Alec stood out among applicants from across the state, earning this esteemed honor.

Alec's academic excellence, ranking third in his class, is matched by his remarkable dedication

to service and leadership in the community. His passion for biology and aspiration to become a physician's assistant will lead him to Northwestern State University, where he will pursue his bachelor's degree.

In addition to his academic achievements, Alec's involvement in extracurricular activities such as soccer, National Honor Society, Student Council, Boys State, and First Priority highlights his well-rounded excel-

lence.

Alec's peers recognize him as a role model, known for his humility and selflessness. Whether delivering inspiring devotionals or preaching at church services, Alec's gift of speech and commitment to serving others leave a lasting impact.

Clerk of Court Holli Vining expressed her excitement, stating, "Congratulations, Alec! Your dedication, leadership, and kindness make you a true inspiration to us all.

We can't wait to see all the amazing things you'll accomplish on your journey ahead!"

The scholarship, awarded by the Louisiana Clerks of Court Association, recognizes outstanding high school seniors who demonstrate academic excellence, leadership, and community involvement. Alec Simpson embodies these qualities and is poised to make a positive impact in his future endeavors.

EDUCATION

NLTCC awards scholarships to deserving students

STAFF REPORT
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Northwest Louisiana Technical Community College (NLTCC) held a scholarship awards ceremony on March 30 on the Minden campus, recognizing outstanding students for their achievements. Paul Pratt, the community relations advisor for Southwestern Energy (SWE), presented the scholarships to the recipients.

SWE, a leading U.S. producer and marketer of natural gas and natural gas liquids, focuses on responsibly developing large-scale energy assets in the nation's most prolific shale gas basins. The company's returns-driven strategy aims to create sustainable value for stakeholders by leveraging its scale, financial strength, and operational execution.

The scholarship recipients for this year's ceremony were Samuel

Welshans, Gerrit Simmons, William Davis, Christopher Bowers, Bradley James, Roycorion Henson, Breanna Henderson, Seth Briggs, Landon Austin, Layton Parks, and Alec Snell.

Christopher Bowers, one of the scholarship recipients, expressed his gratitude, saying, "I am very thankful to be chosen as a recipient of this scholarship. This scholarship will help me in my career path, and I really appreciate that investment and trust in me and my future. I work full time during the day, so being able to go to school at night with NLTCC and having this scholarship really helps with the cost of college."

Another recipient, William Davis, shared his appreciation, stating, "Receiving this scholarship is not only a tremendous honor but also a significant financial support that will alleviate some

of the burdens associated with my education. Your investment in my academic journey is truly invaluable, and I am deeply grateful for your belief in my potential. Thank you very much."

Breanna Henderson, who is pursuing a degree in welding, expressed her aspirations, saying, "I look forward to finishing my welding degree this December and turning welding into my career. I eventually want to become a welding instructor. I would like to thank God first, then Mr. Perryman, my instructor. He pushed me and brought me to where I am now. I would also like to thank my three sons who motivate me to keep going and not give up."

Gerrit Simmons, a first-generation college student, shared his ambitions, stating, "I am a first-generation college student, and this degree is going to help me pur-

sue a career in industrial instrumentation so that I can find a job with a stable income and provide for my family."

NLTCC is a public institution of higher education that provides high-quality academic, workforce training, and transfer opportunities through the delivery of associate degrees, technical diplomas, and certificates. NLTCC works to inspire students to enter today's competitive global workforce. The scholarship awards ceremony underscored NLTCC's commitment to supporting its students in achieving their academic and career goals, highlighting the impact of community partnerships in empowering students to succeed.

For more information about NLTCC and their programs, go to www.nltcc.edu. To learn more about SWE, visit www.swn.com and www.swn.com/responsibility.




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EXCHANGE

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ing exchange students has been transformative for the Brunsons, providing Micaela with the opportunity to engage in activities she had not experienced with her sons, such as prom dress shopping and other "girl stuff." The students, staying for about 10 to 11 months, quickly become like family. The Brunsons stay in touch with all their former students, speaking to them weekly and welcoming many back for visits.

While they initially began hosting one student at a time, circumstances led them to host two students per year, the maximum allowed. "It's not always perfect; there are challenges, of course. You're not supposed to treat them as guests; you have to talk to them and treat them as if they are literally your own child," Micaela explained.

Clint Brunson shared his delight in introducing exchange students to American foods, places, and ideas, stating, "We enjoy all aspects of it. We get to experience a lot of new things. Sometimes we get to teach them our way of doing things, and they do the same in return."

The Brunsons have hosted students from various countries, in-

cluding Spain, Germany, Italy, France, and soon Brazil. They find joy in witnessing the growth and maturity of the students throughout their stay. "They mature and grow so much in a year. It's really neat to think that you had something to do with that," Micaela remarked.

Their dedication and passion for hosting exchange students have not gone unnoticed. Casie Young, ICES senior district representative, praised the Brunsons, saying, "They go over and beyond to make sure their exchange students have the best experience."

The Brunsons will be sharing their experiences at the noon Lions Club meeting on June 20, encouraging others to consider hosting exchange students. Clint Brunson expressed their motivation, stating, "That's what it's all about — giving back. We think we're doing something good for the world."

For those interested in hosting foreign exchange students, more information is available on the ICES website at www.icesusa.org. Additionally, Micaela Brunson is available through her Facebook page for anyone who has questions about hosting exchange students.

DARE

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School, who will attend LSU to major in general business. Her long-term goal is to work as a corporate Human Resources specialist, aiming to obtain a master's degree.

Gavin Marshall from North Webster High School, who will attend Northwest Louisiana Technical College in the fall. He hopes to remain in Webster Parish after graduation and work for a railroad or other local company.

Jordan Tanner from Lakeside Jr/Sr High School, who graduated with a 3.9 GPA and has been accepted by both Louisiana Tech University and LSU-Shreveport. She will major in business/marketing design.

Raelyn Miller from Minden High School, who plans to attend Bossier Parish Community College to pursue an education in the X-Ray technical field.

These scholarships aim to assist these promising students in their pursuit of higher education and future careers.

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Minden man arrested on drug charges

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OPINION

The Illegal, Undemocratic ‘Lawfare’ Strategy Against Trump by the Radical Left has Failed

The National Democratic Party has known for two years that President Biden’s reelection campaign would require defending highly unpopular far-Left policies and an economy that still burdens millions of American families with a punitive inflation tax every time they buy groceries, fill up their car with gas or contend with a high interest rate. These hard-working, taxpaying Americans remember fondly the robust economic times under Pres. Trump, whose presidency contrasts sharply with that of a doddering, mentally defective candidate in Biden.

It was always going to be a steep climb. So, the Biden Campaign decided on a strategy to attack Trump in every legal venue possible with literally any charge they could imagine—often completely fabricated—allowing Pres. Trump to secure the nomination but then so drain his finances and energy, and keep him locked away in a courtroom, that he couldn’t campaign.

This lawfare strategy has failed grandly.

First, courts don’t operate on an election calendar, although several judges have tried to force a Trump case to trial to impact the election. Second, several of the charges that have been brought across the country are not straightforward and resolvable in a comparatively simple way.

For example, a murder case is much more difficult to prove than a case involving a felon in possession of a firearm. The first often requires a significant amount of evidence of all kinds—forensic, including DNA, fingerprints, a weapon, lay and expert witnesses, and more. By contrast, a felon firearm case, for example, simply requires



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that the individual being charged is, in fact, a prior convicted felon who may not legally be in possession of a firearm but was found to be with one on his body or in his proximity.

The Trump cases involve issues that are legally complicated and not susceptible of easy disposition.

What do I mean?

Well, for example, the charges brought against Trump by heavily biased special counsel Jack Smith could have simply been based upon obstruction of justice instead of improper handling of classified documents. As a former president—who has the absolute power to declassify any document he chooses at any time—it’s difficult to prove that the documents at issue were even classified

at all. And if the documents were classified, that Trump as president didn’t have the authority to declassify the documents, as have all other prior presidents.

In addition, former presidents have traditionally been allowed to retain documents from their presidency. If there is a dispute over documents, until Trump, it has simply been resolved between the former president’s lawyers and the government’s lawyers. At most, a subpoena would have been issued for documents the government sought.

Another one of Smith’s charges involves so-called “insurrection,” that Trump allegedly plotted to overturn the 2020 election. Smith has been unable to find evidence of even incitement, never mind leading a rebellion. However, resolving that case involves having the U.S. Supreme Court decide for the first time whether and how far a president’s immunity from criminal prosecution extends.

These are weighty legal issues and require a great deal of discovery, involve issues of national security given the sensitivity of the material that would be used as evidence, and more.

The case against Trump brought by now-disgraced Georgia DA Fani Willis and the circus of a case in New York involving porn star Stormy Daniels are simply too

cheap and stupid to spend time on here.

[This is to say nothing of the blatantly unconstitutional gag order placed upon President Trump. As Mike Davis of the Article III Project has observed “the gag order is so egregiously illegal that even the ACLU (which hasn’t found a conservative cause to champion in decades) spoke up.”]

But, in a fevered rush of false pride and arrogance to destroy Trump, these partisan judges and prosecutors have stumbled. Attention to legal details and strategy were never given the consideration they typically would have been given in a legitimate prosecution and trial.

But, of course, that’s never been the point. The point has always been to get Trump.

Every one of these highly strained, legally unprecedented attacks on Trump’s candidacy are an attack on the American people and our democratic form of government—and the sacred and inviolable right we citizens have to choose our leaders.

Trump has become even stronger as a result of this lawfare corruption, and it may well put him back in the White House.

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INSPIRATION

Learn to relax, your physical health requires it

According to the American Institute of Stress, stress is the basic cause of 60% of all illnesses and disease in America and costs the nation \$300 billion in lost production and medical bills.

As the victim of post-traumatic stress disorder, I could write the book about stress but have much to learn.

Doctor Norman Vincent Peale said “there does not seem to be very many people who understand the absolute necessity of relaxing or who would know how to practice it if they tried.”

Dr. Flanders Dunbar, an authority on psychosomatic medicine, wrote in her book Mind and Body, “the inability to relax is one of the most widely spread diseases of our time and one of the most infrequently recognized.”

Having had numerous surgeries, I ponder the connection of the mind and body.

Thirty years ago I watched a series by Bill Moyers, author of Healing and The Mind, hosted by PBS, because I’ve had a gut level feeling for years that most of our illnesses originate in our

minds -- when we toss and turn -- unable to find solutions to overwhelming problems until our bodies finally rebel by making us sick enough to go to bed.

In 2016 I found myself in such a situation until I was so overwhelmed that I went to bed, quit eating or drinking until I had emergency surgery on July 21st at Willis Knighton Hospital, due to a blocked, twisted colon.

Though not a doctor I will always believe that was a psychosomatic illness that ended up in a physical solution -- surgery.

I would go so far as to say that even my back problems, which led to a fall causing my shoulder injury may also be linked to a psychosomatic illness -- which isn’t to say that the pain hasn’t been real.

The Bible says that “as a man

thinks in his heart so he is” and I believe this applies to all areas of our lives, both physically and emotionally.

Since that time I continue to think most of my illnesses have been psychosomatic because I don’t know how to truly relax and let go and let God take over. Life isn’t easy.

It’s like a good friend often said “we all have something” which could mean many things.

I ponder how our mind and our bodies are connected.

I believe if we could ever gain control of and become master of our thoughts most of our illnesses would be eliminated.

Since my colon surgery I’ve talked to two friends who experienced the same colon surgery I did after they each experienced one too many traumatic blows to their emotional system. They underwent surgeries identical to mine, including the doctor who performed all of our surgeries.

How or why we have this strong mind body connection I do not understand but I sense it is true. I also believe that if we understood and follow God’s

plan for our lives everything would fall into place but I know that most likely that will never happen because we are either too stubborn or weak willed to give into divine guidance for our lives.

The Bible also says “it is not in man to direct his own steps.” How true -- how very true!

Maybe I am just a simple minded person but when I observe the universe and my own body I know there is just too much evidence going on here to not believe in a higher power and I know that we are often too weak willed or to stubborn to turn our lives over to Him completely because we want to hold the reins of our lives, not submitting to His will -- yet I know that He doesn’t want a puppet but children who want to listen -- to obey but we most likely are a far cry from getting there but this body is physical and one day we will shed that which causes us much unnecessary pain because we are human.

Maybe more later.

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FROM THE BACK PORCH

Asking the question, “What Do You Do?”

“What do you do?” How do you answer a question like that?

I met up with a friend last week, one I had not seen in several years. She easily told me about her activities and it left me kind of speechless.

You see, she is a professional artist and is actively involved in an Art League. She keeps company with such prominent artists as famous wildlife artist Don Edwards and others. She recently returned from a trip with several other professional artists where they photographed the area wildlife. They will use these photographs as inspiration for some of their future works.

She will also be involved in an annual art show to be held at

the Louisiana State Exhibit Museum in Shreveport in the fall. Keep this in mind and you will be able to see the show around Thanksgiving.



FANNIE MOORE

We attended a show several years ago that included some of her works.

She caught me up on her family and other activities.

I sat there, taking it all in, not having a thing to come back with.

So I simply said, “I don’t do much of anything.”

Looking at my life at this point, this statement could be true. But it hasn’t always been that way. I have had an interesting life, filled with a number of fun and exciting things.

When, at age 30, and the mother of three young ones, I decided to enter college as a freshman and pursue a degree in Elementary Education. I graduated with honors and taught school for 20 years before retiring to pursue my interest in journalism. I worked at this for about three years and when I left from that I had earned the title of News and Feature Editor.

During this time, I met many interesting people and felt like I had made many new friends. I served a short time with the Springhill Chamber of Com-

merce and then, probably my favorite job was Community Relations with the Springhill Mayor’s office.

At the time Johnny Herington was mayor and he activated the musical life of Springhill. He was acquainted with many of the country musicians of the day and contacted them and invited them to bring their shows to the CAC building. I was a contact person for their management and was often the welcoming person when they arrived in town.

When this phase ended, I felt as if I personally knew many of the singers. I enjoyed chatting with Willie Nelson most of all.

Over the years, I met and made many new friends.

I took up photography at one

point and this assisted with my newspaper work and in other ways. I was privileged to photograph weddings of several of my former students.

But, all good things must come to an end. I stayed at home and picked up on my writing, with poems and articles published in a number of publications.

This newspaper is nice enough to keep allowing me to dabble with my writing.

So, to answer my artist friend, I would have to say, “I stay at home, cook, care for my family when I’m able, and try to keep my mind sharp by reading and working crosswords.”

What do you do?.

FANNIE MOORE LIVES IN SHONGALOO.

SPORTS

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HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

State runner-up

Glenbrook reaches title game before falling

RUSSELL HEDGES
Minden Press-Herald

In just its second year of eligibility, Glenbrook finished one win short of winning an LHSAA state championship.

The No. 11 seed Apaches fell to No. 1 Opelousas Catholic 10-0 in the select Division IV title game last Saturday at McMurry Park in Sulphur.

But that's not how Glenbrook's 2024 season will be remembered. The No. 11 seed Apaches made it to a state championship game in only their second season eligible for the LHSAA playoffs.

They recovered from a slow start and upset the No. 6, No. 3 and No. 2 teams to reach the title game. No one outside of the Glenbrook community expected the Apaches to make it as far as they did.

Glenbrook won 13 of its last 16 games and finished 16-11. Opelousas Catholic closed 30-6.

Last Friday was simply Opelousas Catholic's day,

especially the first inning. The Vikings scored all 10 runs in the bottom of the frame.

Jordan Luna, an LSUE signee, pitched a no-hitter. Glenbrook senior Landry Powell, who started at catcher, took the mound to start the second and shut the Vikings down the next three innings before the game ended via the 10-run rule.

Last Tuesday, Glenbrook knocked off No. 2 Covenant Christian 3-2 in the semifinals.

The victory was especially sweet for several Apaches who walked off the field after last year's 4-1 semifinal loss to Ascension Catholic.

Among those were Easton Sanders, Seth Mangrum, Jackson Waller and Landry Powell.

Sanders pitched his third complete game in the playoffs.

He allowed six hits, struck out three and walked two. The Lions had three of their hits and both runs in the bottom of the first.

Glenbrook broke a 2-2

tie with a run in the top of the fifth.

Hudson Glasscock drew a walk and Waller was hit by a pitch. After Powell drew a walk, Carsen Hebert replaced Owen Trosclair on the mound.

He induced a popout and got a flyout, bringing Preston Frye to the plate.

The first three pitches were balls. The next one was a strike. The next one was a ball and Glasscock scored. Hebert then induced a lineout.

Covenant Christian got a two-out single in the bottom of the fifth. But the runner was caught attempting to steal on a throw from Sanders to second baseman Ryan Reagan.

The Lions got a leadoff walk in the sixth. But Sanders struck out the next two strikeouts then induced a lineout to center.

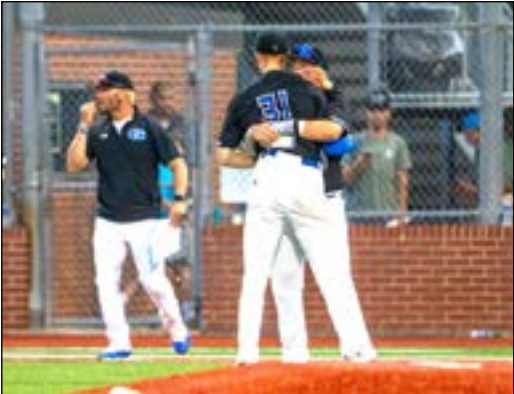
In the bottom of the seventh, Covenant Christian had runners at first and second with two outs. Sanders induced a soft liner that shortstop Waller caught to end the game.



ROBERT SUMMERLIN/PRESS-HERALD
Glenbrook players celebrate their 3-2 semifinal victory over No. 2 seed Covenant Christian last week in Sulphur.



ROBERT SUMMERLIN/PRESS-HERALD
Glenbrook centerfielder Seth Mangrum prepares to make a catch during last week's semifinal victory over Covenant Christian.



ROBERT SUMMERLIN/PRESS-HERALD
Glenbrook pitcher Easton Sanders gets a hug from a teammate after last week's semifinal victory.



ROBERT SUMMERLIN/PRESS-HERALD
Glenbrook coaches and players were fired up during last week's semifinal victory.



ROBERT SUMMERLIN/PRESS-HERALD
Glenbrook's Jackson Waller takes a swing during last week's semifinal victory.

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Four Lady Tiders make first-team All-District

RUSSELL HEDGES
Minden Press-Herald

Four Minden players have been named to the All-District 1-4A first team selected by the district's coaches.

They are senior utility Kylie Ryan, senior catcher Jacey Adams, sophomore infielder Lindsay Ryan and junior outfielder Leigha

Kennon-Gilbert.

Kylie Ryan, primarily a pitcher, batted .458 with 13 doubles, six triples, three home runs and 38 RBI. She had signed with Trinity Valley Community College.

Adams, a Baton Rouge Community College signee, batted .382 with six doubles, one triple, one home run and 21 RBI.

Lindsay Ryan hit .380

with 11 doubles, one triple and 21 RBI.

Kennon-Gilbert, a Southeastern Louisiana commit, batted .489 with 10 doubles, eight triples, four home runs and 22 RBI.

Minden's second-team selections were senior designated player Belle Douglas, senior infielder Kaydree Kemp and freshman infielder Lizzie Balkom.

Minden finished 18-12 overall and 2-1 in district.

North DeSoto pitcher Laney Johnson, a Louisiana Tech signer, was named the MVP. She was 21-4 with a 1.473 ERA and 193 strikeouts.

North DeSoto's Tim Whitman was named Coach of the Year. The Griffins were the non-select Division II runners-up.

GOLF

Minden's McCormick signs with Louisiana Christian



COURTESY PHOTO
Minden's Jackson McCormick signed to play golf at Louisiana Christian last week. McCormick finished tied for eighth in the Division II state tournament earlier this month in New Iberia.

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

Easton Sanders
Glenbrook, Jr.
Sanders pitched three complete games in the playoffs to help the Apaches reach the select Division IV state championship game.

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

SPORTS

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL



The Minden Crimson Tide wrapped up spring practice last week with a scrimmage against Parkway in Bossier City.
Photos by Russell Hedges/Press-Herald



OUTDOORS

Frederic Lee Hoogland, a real visionary

GLYNN HARRIS

On April 22, Lincoln Parish lost a man who was a visionary in the truest sense. Fredric Lee Hoogland was the founder of one of the most popular attractions, not only for Lincoln Parish but for the surrounding area and regions far removed from the hills of north Louisiana. It was Hoogland who located and promoted and worked for the parish to purchase the area and that would become Lincoln Parish Park.

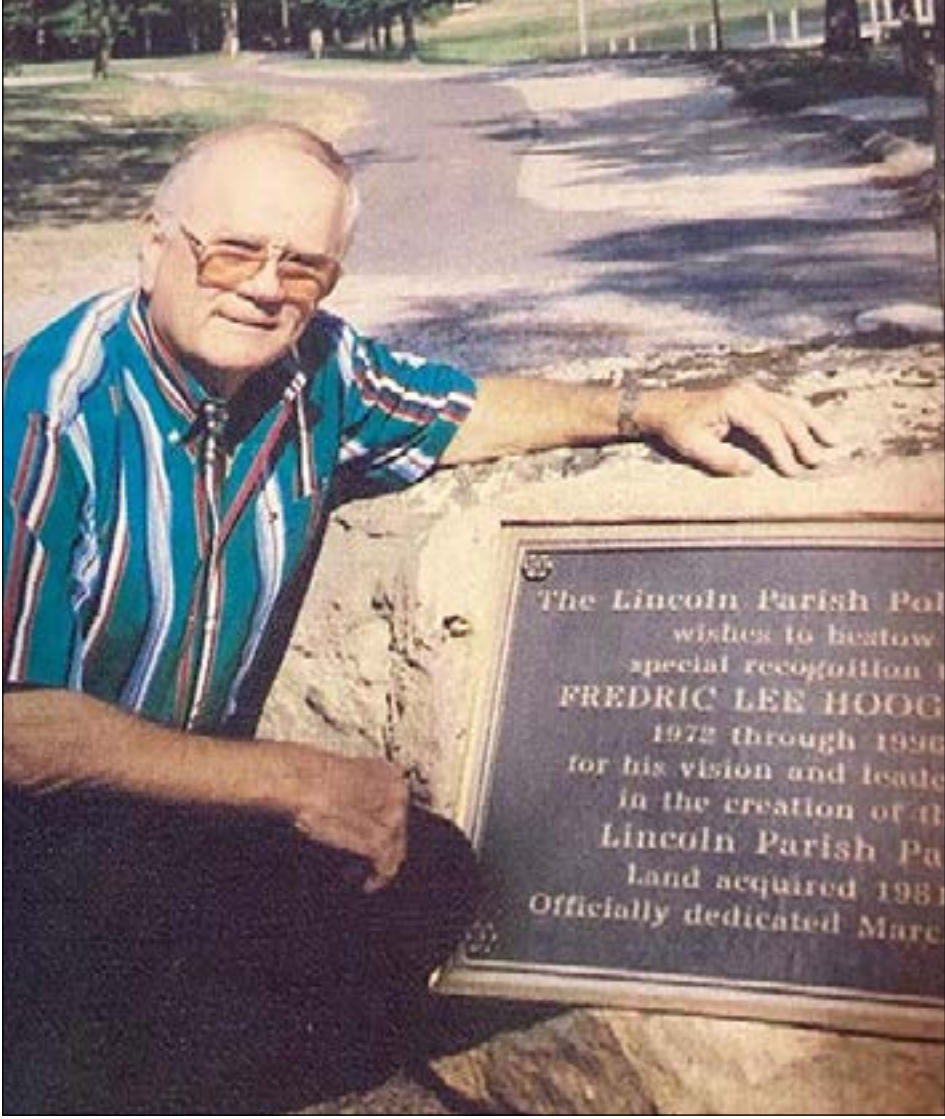
I had the privilege of visiting with Hoogland some 20 years ago after the park was up and running and attracting visitors from everywhere. I wrote a story about our visit that appeared in Lincoln Parish Park Notes newsletter and in honor of his memory, following are excerpts of that article.

“When I stepped up on a bluff that spring day in the late 1970s and saw what lay before me, I’m sure if somebody had heard me, they’d have thought I was an evangelist praising the Lord. I’ve never had an experience quite like that and I was overcome with emotion, realizing that my prayers had been answered. After walking thousands of acres around Ruston for the better part of three years, I realized that God had led me to the right spot and it was just about more than I could handle,” Hoogland recalled.

“That’s not all; the further I walked into the woods, the better it got. There was no doubt in my mind that here was the site that would ultimately become the park I’d dreamed about since high school.”

Once the property was located, there were hurdles that had to be crossed. First of all, the property, no matter how perfect it was as a park site, was privately owned and not for sale.

It took a lengthy period of negotiation and persuasion and, according to



The late Fredric Hoogland is shown next to a plaque in his honor placed at Lincoln Parish Park .

Hoogland, another Divine miracle or two, the owners finally agreed to sell. Hoogland was an elected member of the Lincoln Parish Police Jury and the jury formed a Parks, Recreation and Tourism Committee and the obvious choice to chair this committee was Fredric Hoogland. The jury had the amount of money in the bank needed for the purchase, took a vote and five members voted for it; unfortunately seven voted against it. Not about to give up, Hoogland lobbied the seven no-voters and three weeks later, votes were cast again and the final count was seven for; five against. The property was pur-

chased in February, 1982. After all the legal requirements were met, the park was opened on a limited basis in 1989 and for the seven years following the purchase, it took a plethora of planning and work to turn this rugged hunk of Lincoln Parish property into the jewel it is today.

You can just imagine what was involved into turning the rough piece of land into something visitors could utilize. Concession stand, restrooms, shelters, nature trails and bike trails all had to be planned and constructed. The park became fully operational in March, 1990 and by 1995 was averaging approxi-

mately 70,000 visitors a year.

Current park Director, James Ramsaur, saw the potential to adding to the park bike trails and today, Lincoln Parish Park is home to one of the most popular mountain bike trails in the United States with the most recent addition being a Flow Trail Hub.

The park is also home to a 3-D archery range, a lake for swimming and fishing and camping sites from tents to recreational RVs.

“Looking back now,” Hoogland told me, “I know that it was the Good Lord who made this place beautiful. We just massaged what He had already made.”

Fishing Report

BLACK BAYOU

– Bream are bedded and biting crickets and worms around the trees. Crappie are around the trees and are fair on shiners and jigs. Bass are fair on spinners, Chatter baits and crank baits. Contact Honey Hole Tackle Shop 323-8707 for latest information.

BUSSEY BRAKE

– Bass have about done spawning and have moved off the banks. Best lures are creature baits. 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. Bass are fair in the backwater on spinners; no report on crappie. For latest information, contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

LAKE D’ARBONNE

– 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 fished 6-8 feet deep in 12-14 foot water. 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 on 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 fished on noodles with some nice fish to 12-14 pounds caught. 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. Some bass are still on the beds while most have moved out to secondary points. Wacky Worms, Sinko, Bandits and spinners are taking the most fish. 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 on the beds. Crappie and bass are fair. For latest reports, call Poverty Point Marina at 318/878-0101.

LAKE YUCATAN

– The water is rising again and the only fish biting are catfish mostly caught on trotlines. For information, call Surplus City Landing at 318/467-2259.

Good News

GOOD NEWS

Words of Wisdom for the Graduates

Each year we see our sons and daughters march across the stage, passing from youth into young adulthood – with a diploma in their hands. There are smiles, handshakes and hugs. They ride off into tomorrow with many dreams and hopes. Some will take the high road that life offers; others will choose the path of least resistance – the low road among the thorns and thistles of life.

The Proverb writer has so much wisdom to offer our youth, if they would but harness it and ride on her wings through life. Consider these few selected passages and pass them on to someone you know that might benefit from reviewing them from time to time.

1:7-9: How does one become wise? The first step is to trust and reverence the Lord. Listen to your parents, learn from them. This will gain you many honors. 2:1-5: Every youth who listens to me and obeys my instructions will be given wisdom and good sense; learn the importance of reverence for the Lord and for trusting Him. 3:3-6: Never forget to be truthful and kind. Hold on to these virtues tightly. Write them deep within your heart; if you want favor with God and those around you, and a good reputation --- then



Bill Crider

trust in the Lord completely; But in every thing you do, put God first, and He will direct you and crown your efforts with success. 3:11-12: Do not resent God's discipline or corrections, for this is proof of his love. Just as a father punishes his children he delights in to make them better, so the Lord will correct you. 3: 21-23: Have two goals in life: Wisdom and Common Sense-- knowing and doing the right thing. Let them fill your life with energy and keep you safe from stumbling and disaster. 4: 5-6: Learn to be wise and develop good judgment and common sense. Cling to wisdom for she will protect you; love her and she will guard you.

3:27-28: Don't withhold repayment of your debts. Build trust among your neighbors, and don't be a trouble maker. 4:18-22: The good man walks along in the bright light of God's favor and the dawn gives way to morning splendor. Keep these thoughts always in your mind and let them penetrate deep within your heart. They will bring real life to you, along with radiant health. 7:1-4: Always keep this wise advice in mind and stick to it. Obey the Lord and live! Guard these words as your most precious possession. Write them deep within your heart. Learn to love wisdom as a sweetheart, make her a beloved member of your family 7:24: Listen to me and obey my teach-

ings. 8:11-12: The value of wisdom is far above rubies; nothing can compare with it. Wisdom and good judgment live together, for wisdom knows where to discover knowledge and understanding. 8:17: I love all who love me; and all who search for me shall surely find me.

These are but a few of the precious promises and directives we find in the book of Proverbs. What a message to our graduating seniors as they punch their ticket and get on the train for the 'ride of their lives.' May God be your Conductor and Guide at every stop and station in life!

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THE UPWARD LOOK

The Original Marriage Covenant

"For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one flesh." Ephesians 5:31 CSB



Max Hutto

Having alluded to this foundational verse in what he has taught previously, Paul finally quotes Genesis 2:24 where God establishes the marriage covenant between a man and a woman. Leaving their parents, leaving all others, the husband and wife are joined together to become one flesh. The word

"joined" means to cleave, to cling, to hold tightly to each other, to be united as one, to be glued and fastened firmly together, forming one body.

Lord Jesus, I marvel at how special, unique, and sacred the marriage bond is. May my marriage be a testimony to this great truth and bring glory to You.

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INSPIRATION

Working for the lord

Have you ever felt like you're just getting by at work? Have you ever made the statement I'm just here to get paid? If you answered yes to either of those questions it may be time to invite God to work. Colossians 3:23-24 NIV says "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving." We must remember that there is no small job. Every job and every interaction allows us to glorify God. We have to treat every day as a new op-




Bernard Harris

portunity to minister to those around us. As I end this article I would like to leave everyone with three points. Firstly, if we have a healthy and prosperous job God provides that job. Secondly, we should try to find something positive every day on the job even when it seems there is nothing positive. And lastly, the position you have is the position God gave you, and should enjoy and appreciate it until God moves you.

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

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Cotton Valley Cemetery Association, Inc. Annual Meeting will be held June 6, 2024, 7:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall, First Baptist Church, 120 Baptist Drive, Cotton Valley, LA.

May 15, 2024
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SHERIFF'S SALE

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In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 80988.

By virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued out of the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, in the above styled and numbered suit and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder for cash WITH-OUT the benefit of appraisal and according to law at the principal front door of the Court-house in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana on WEDNESDAY, June 19, 2024, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

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ELM GROVE FIELD 24-147

LEGAL NOTICE STATE OF LOUISIANA, OFFICE OF CONSERVATION, BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA.

In accordance with the laws of the State of Louisiana, and with particular reference to the provisions of Title 30 of Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, a public hearing will be held in the Hearing Room, 1st Floor, LaSalle Building, 617 North 3rd Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at 9:00 a.m. on **TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2024**, upon the application of **ENLIGHT IV ENERGY MANAGEMENT, LLC**.

At such hearing the Commissioner of Conservation will consider evidence relative to the issuance of Orders pertaining to the following matters relating to the **Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A**, in the Elm Grove Field, Webster, Bienville, and Bossier Parishes, Louisiana.

1. To permit applicant to drill, designate and utilize five horizontal

wells, with one to serve as a unit well for HA RA SU146 and four to serve as alternate unit wells for HA RA SU146 at the locations and in the general manner shown on the plat submitted with the application, or at any other legal locations within such unit, provided that no portion of the perforated lateral in the wells should be located closer than 330' to any unit boundary.

2. To specifically find that the proposed horizontal alternate unit wells for HA RA SU146 are reasonable and in the interest of conservation and necessary to efficiently and economically drain portions of the Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A, underlying said unit, which cannot be efficiently and economically drained by any existing well within such unit.

3. To provide that with respect to horizontal wells drilled to the Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A, within or to serve HA RA SU146, where the horizontal portion of the well is cased and cemented back above the top of the Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A, the distance to any unit boundary and offset well(s) should be calculated based on the distance to the nearest perforation in the well and not on the penetration point or terminus.

4. To permit the operator of HA RA SU146 to produce the unit allowable from either the unit well, any alternate unit well, or from any combination thereof, at its discretion.

5. To continue in force and effect, except to the extent contrary herewith, the pertinent provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 361-L, effective July 29, 2008, as amended and supplemented by the 361-L Series of Orders, and all applicable State-wide Orders.

6. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent.

The Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A was defined in Order No. 361-L, effective July 29, 2008, and was redefined as to HA RA SU146 in Order No. 361-L-224, effective May 11, 2024.

A plat is available for inspection in the Office of Conservation in **Baton Rouge and Shreveport**, Louisiana. <http://dnr.louisiana.gov/conshearings>

All parties having interest therein shall take notice thereof.

BY ORDER OF:

BENJAMIN C. BIENVILLE COMMISSIONER OF CONSERVATION

Baton Rouge, LA 5/6/24; 5/9/24 S lck

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE AT THE HEARING, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE OF CONSERVATION-ENGINEERING DIVISION AT P.O. BOX 94275, BATON ROUGE, LA 70804-9275 IN WRITING WITHIN TEN (10) WORKING DAYS OF THE HEARING DATE. This Notice does not constitute a summons to appear, but is merely an invitation to attend the hearing if you so desire. A copy of this Notice is being sent to all known interested and represented parties and interested owners. This Legal Notice has been published in “THE MORNING ADVOCATE”, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and will be published in the “Bienville Democrat”, Arcadia, Louisiana, the “Bossier Press Tribune”, Bossier City, Louisiana and the “Minden Press Herald”, Minden, Louisiana.

May 15, 2024
Minden Press Herald

Succession of Carey Roberts Salter ; Webster Parish Docket No. 17899

Administrator for the Succession has entered into a contract for the sale of the immovable property located at 179 Aspen Drive, Minden LA 71055. Any interested party who desires to object to the sale of this property must file an objection into these proceedings within 7 days of this publication pursuant to La. C.C.P. Art. 3282.

May 15, 2024
May 22, 2024
Minden Press Herald

SHERIFF'S SALE

PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION VS. CELESTE ELAINE ALEXANDER AKA CELESTE ELAINE ALEXANDER EVERETT

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District

Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. CV81367.

By virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued out of the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, in the above styled and numbered suit and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder for cash WITH-OUT the benefit of appraisal and according to law at the principal front door of the Court-house in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana on WEDNESDAY, June 19, 2024, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

ALL THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN THE PARISH OF WEBSTER, STATE OF LOUISIANA, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS:

BEGIN AT AN EXISTING 1/2 INCH IRON PIPE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 17, LAKE-VIEW SUBDIVISION, AS PER SUBDIVISION PLAT ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN MAP BOOK 3, PAGE 35 OF THE RECORDS OF WEBSTER PARISH, LOUISIANA, AND RUN SOUTH 19 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 18 SECONDS WEST 100.05 FEET (CALL SOUTH 21 DEGREES 25 MINUTES WEST 100 FEET) ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 17 TO AN EXISTING 1/2 INCH IRON PIPE; THENCE RUN SOUTH 21 DEGREES 22 MINUTES 40 SECONDS WEST 99 FEET (CALL SOUTH 21 DEGREES 25 MINUTES WEST 100 FEET) ALONG THE WEST LINE OF LOT 16, LAKE-VIEW SUBDIVISION TO AN EXISTING 1.72 INCH IRON PIPE, THENCE RUN NORTH 68 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 13 SECONDS WEST 199.87 FEET (CALL NORTH 68 DEGREES 35 MINUTES WEST 188 FEET) TO A SET 3/4 INCH IRON ROD THENCE RUN NORTH 15 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 34 SECONDS EAST 2.80 FEET (CALL NORTH 15 DEGREES 30 MINUTES EAST) TO A SET 3/4 INCH IRON ROD; THENCE RUN NORTH 87 DEGREES 46 MINUTES 47 SECONDS WEST (CALL WEST 200 FEET) TO A POINT IN A POND; THENCE RUN SOUTH 17 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 19 SECONDS WEST 106.95 FEET (CALL SOUTH 15 DEGREES 30 MINUTES WEST) TO A POINT IN A POND; THENCE RUN NORTH 87 DEGREES 46 MINUTES 47 MINUTES WEST 305.04 FEET (CALL WEST) TO A SET 3/4 INCH IRON ROD; THENCE RUN NORTH 0 DEGREES 16 MINUTES 06 SECONDS WEST 290 FEET (CALL NORTH 3/8 INCH IRON ROD; THENCE RUN SOUTH 87 DEGREES 46 MINUTES 47 SECONDS EAST 586.14 FEET (CALL EAST 585.46 FEET) TO AN EXISTING CHAIN LINK FENCE CORNER POST; THENCE RUN SOUTH 70 DEGREES 18 MINUTES 58 SECONDS EAST 217.80 FEET (CALL SOUTH 71 DEGREES 07 MINUTES EAST 223 FEET) TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. AND ALSO ALL RIGHTS IN AND TO AN ADDITIONAL SERVITUDE OF PASSAGE AND RIGHT OF WAY, MORE FULLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

ALL EASEMENTS, APPURTENANCES AND FIXTURES NOW OR HERE-AFTER A PART OF THE PROPERTY.

(the “PROPERTY”)

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

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

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

Pam Brantley - Deputy

May 15, 2024
June 12, 2024
Minden Press Herald

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF MINDEN, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN IN REGULAR SESSION HELD ON MAY 6, 2024

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Carlton Myles moved to amend the printed agenda to remove Item (14) Condemned Property – 604 Lee Street – Rosa Jackson. The motion was duly seconded by Levon Thomas and carried unanimously. Absention(s): None. Andy Pendergrass moved to adopt the minutes of the Minden City Council Regular Session held on April 2, 2024, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Latasha Mitchell and the vote was unanimously in favor. Absention(s): None. Latasha Mitchell moved to adopt the minutes of the

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OF THE CONVEYANCE RECORDS OF WEBSTER PARISH, LOUISIANA, SAID POINT [MATED ON THE APPARENT WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY OF HORSESHOE LOOP; THENCE RUN SOUTH 22 DEGREES 19 MINUTES 56 SECONDS WEST 20 FEET (CALL SOUTH 15 DEGREES 30 MINUTES WEST) ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY TO A SET 3/4 INCH IRON ROD; THENCE RUN NORTH 67 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 55 SECONDS WEST 149.94 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 68 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 13 SECONDS WEST 197.57 FEET TO A SET 3/4 INCH IRON ROD; THENCE RUN NORTH 45 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 18 SECONDS WEST 33.40 FEET TO A SET 3/4 INCH IRON ROD; THENCE RUN SOUTH 87 DEGREES 46 MINUTES 47 SECONDS EAST 30 FEET (CALL EAST) TO A SET 3/4 INCH IRON ROD; THENCE RUN SOUTH 15 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 34 SECONDS WEST 2.80 FEET (CALL SOUTH 15 DEGREES 30 MINUTES WEST) TO A SET 3/4 INCH IRON ROD; THENCE RUN SOUTH 68 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 13 SECONDS EAST 199.87 FEET (CALL SOUTH 68 DEGREES 35 MINUTES EAST 188 FEET) TO AN EXISTING 1 INCH IRON PIPE AT THE NORTH WEST CORNER OF LOT 15, LAKE-VIEW SUBDIVISION; THENCE RUN

SOUTH 67 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 55 SECONDS EAST 150.13 FEET (CALL SOUTH 68 DEGREES 35 MINUTES EAST 150 FEET) ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 15 OF THE POINT OF BEGINNING, ALL AS MORE FULLY SHOWN ON SURVEY BY LANDMARK LAND SURVEYING, INC. DATED SEPTEMBER 6, 2007.

TOGETHER WITH ALL THE IMPROVEMENTS NOW OR HEREAFTER ERECTED ON THE PROPERTY, AND

ALL EASEMENTS, APPURTENANCES AND FIXTURES NOW OR HERE-AFTER A PART OF THE PROPERTY.

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Minden City Council Special Session held on April 18, 2024, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Levon Thomas 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 accepted the 2022-2023 audit for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2023, as presented by the accounting firm of Allen, Green & Williamson, LLP. Absention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Carlton Myles moved to appoint Claudine Thomas to the Minden Main Street Program/Downtown Development Commission to fill the vacant term, 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 Ordinance No. 1143 – An Ordinance Establishing “No Thru Truck Traffic” Signs on Country Club Circle between its Intersections with Lewisville Road and Homer Road; Providing for the Installation of “No Thru Truck Traffic” Signs with Reflectors; and Providing Penalties for the Violation Thereof, 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 Latasha Mitchell and duly seconded by Michael Roy, the council unanimously adopted Ordinance No. 1144 – An Ordinance to Provide for Sale of Adjudicated Properties; and, Further Providing Respect Thereto, as presented. Absention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Carlton Myles moved to authorize Mayor Cox to enter into a Cooperative Agreement between the City of Minden and E&P Consulting Services, LLC for the City of Minden Adjudicated Property Program, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Latasha Mitchell and the vote was unanimously in favor. Absention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Michael Roy moved to authorize the City Clerk to advertise for bids for the Perimeter Fence at the Minden Airport, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Latasha Mitchell and the vote was unanimously in favor. Absention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Upon motion by Andy Pendergrass and duly seconded by Carlton Myles, the council unanimously awarded Bid No. 03-2024 – Branded Unleaded Gasoline & Diesel Fuel to the lowest qualified bidder meeting all requirements, Waller Petroleum, LLC. Absention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

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

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

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

Mayor Cox and the Minden City Council recognized Team Power of GYM 4:13 for its achievement in being named Division National All-Star Champions by the National Cheerleaders Association on March 1, 2024.

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

Nick Cox, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melaney Langford, City Clerk

May 15, 2024
Minden Press Herald

ORDINANCE NO. 1143

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING “NO THRU TRUCK TRAFFIC” SIGNS ON COUNTRY CLUB CIRCLE BETWEEN ITS INTERSECTIONS WITH LEWISVILLE ROAD AND HOMER ROAD; PROVIDING FOR THE INSTALLATION OF “NO THRU TRUCK TRAFFIC” SIGNS WITH

REFLECTORS; AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of Minden, convened in Regular Session on the 6th day of May, 2024, that:

SECTION 1. Said Ordinance establishes “No Thru Truck Traffic” on Country Club Circle between its intersections with Lewisville Road and Homer Road.

SECTION 2. The designated “No Thru Truck Traffic” area is advantageous to the residents located within the affected area.

SECTION 3. The necessary “No Thru Truck Traffic” signs with reflectors shall be installed on Country Club Circle between its intersections with Lewisville Road and Homer Road.

SECTION 4. For the purpose of this Ordinance, the following are defined to wit:

5.1 A commercial vehicle having more than two (2) axles or a Gross Vehicle Weight of 18,000 pounds.

5.2 Thru truck traffic traversing City streets without commercial reason to stop.

5.3 Exemptions – emergency vehicles, moving vans, livestock trucks and trailers, farm equipment, school buses, trucks belonging to the City of Minden, and delivery trucks servicing addresses within the affected stretch of Country Club Circle.

SECTION 5. Any person who violates the provision of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by imprisonment for a period of not more than thirty (30) days, or by fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00), or by both such imprisonment and fine, at the discretion of the Court.

SECTION 6. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances by the Council of the City of Minden conflicting with or inconsistent with the provisions of these regulations are hereby repealed.

SECTION 7. This Ordinance shall be published in the official journal of the City of Minden, the Minden Press-Herald, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 8. If any section, clause, paragraph, provision, or portion of these regulations shall be held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect any other section, clause, paragraph, provision, or portion of these regulations.

SECTION 9. This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after it has been published once in the official journal of the City of Minden.

PASSED AND AD-OPTED by the Council of the City of Minden on this 6th day of May, 2024, by the following vote and upon motion and second of Andy Pendergrass and Michael Roy, respectively.

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

Nick A. Cox, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melaney Langford, City Clerk

May 15, 2024
Minden Press Herald

Latasha Mitchell, seconded by Michael Roy, offered the following ordinance for adoption.

ORDINANCE NO. 1144

AN ORDINANCE to provide for sale of adjudicated properties; AND, FURTHER PROVIDING THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City of Minden has an interest in the health, safety and welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City currently has adjudicated properties; and

WHEREAS, Act 819 was enacted by the 2008 Legislative Session, revising La. R.S. 47:2121, *et seq.*, to establish procedures for the sale of adjudicated properties, and the City of Minden desires to establish and adopt such procedures in order to place such adjudicated properties back into the economic stream of commerce for the benefit of its communities; and

WHEREAS, R.S.47:2201, authorizes a political subdivision to adopt general ordinances governing the public sales and donations of adjudicated property.

NOW THEREFORE:

1. ADMINISTRATION

The City of Minden hereby establishes the City of Minden Adjudicated Property Program, which shall be administered by the Minden City Council (hereinafter “City Council” or “MCC”). The City shall contract with a third party administrator or management company (hereinafter “Management Company”) to administer the sale or donation of adjudicated properties in the City at a cost of \$0 to the City Council other than the direct cost of statutorily required notices in the official publication that will be directed bill by the official publication.

The MCC hereby authorizes, pursuant to La. R.S.47:2196, the public sale of all properties adjudicated to the City since January 1, 1975, and for a period of at least three (3) years. The sale of said properties shall be governed by the laws of the State of Louisiana and this Ordinance.

II. PUBLIC INFORMATION AND DISCLOSURE

Forms and instructions shall be accessible to the public from the Management Company web site or printed publication produced and provided by or for the City of Minden for such purposes.

III. PRE-BIDDING PROCESS

A. Initiation of Sale

The available adjudicated properties shall be pulled from the Webster Parish tax roll records which are available to the public on the Parish website.

Upon receipt of application and fee, the Management Company shall conduct a preliminary investigation to confirm that the property has been adjudicated to the City of Minden, has not been redeemed and has not been determined as needed for a public purpose.

The Management Company shall calculate the minimum bid by communicating with the tax collector and tax assessor's offices and will convey that information to the interested purchaser who will have the opportunity to make an offer that equates to the minimum bid.

The Management Company shall confirm the minimum bid price, based upon total amount of liens and taxes due, and acquisition costs. Pursuant La. R.S. 47:2202, the City of Minden hereby establishes that there is no minimum bid at the public sale of an adjudicated property; however, unless circumstances demand otherwise, the recommended bidding to ensure equivalent value shall not be less than the lesser of:

a) The total amount for which the property was adjudicated, including all interest, costs, penalties, and the amount of any state, parish, city, levee district charges and all subsequent taxes and other local improvement or code enforcement charges; or

b) Two-third the assessed value.

Management Company will communicate with the interested purchaser who will have the opportunity to make an offer that equates to the minimum bid. After a minimum bid has been made, the Management Company shall conduct title research and effect public notice.

IV. NOTICE

(a) The Management Company, on behalf of the City for the benefit of the potential purchaser, shall give notice to any tax sale party whose interest that a prudent purchaser would intend to terminate, as determined by the Management Company, in its discretion, that he has until the later of the following to redeem the property or otherwise challenge in a court of competent jurisdiction the potential sale: (i) depending on the date of adjudication, either six months or the sixty days from the date of the notice provided in this Subsection; or (ii) the filing of the act of sale transferring the property.

(b) The Management Company, on behalf of the City for the

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Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission approves 2024-26 hunting regulation notices of intent

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission (LWFC) approved notices of intent (NOI) for the 2024-25 and 2025-26 hunting seasons, 2024-25 general and Wildlife Management Areas (WMA) hunting seasons and rules and regulations, 2025 general and WMA turkey hunting season and rules and regulations, and 2024-25 migratory bird hunting season and rules and regulations at its May meeting Thursday (May 2) in Baton Rouge.

The approved NOI included six amendments adopted during the NOI process, which began in January. However, the Commission voted down an amendment that would have altered the dates for the Deer Area 2 hunting season.

The dates revert back to the original recommendation in the NOI, which are:

- Archery only – Oct. 1, 2024-Jan. 31, 2025;
- Primitive firearms – Oct. 19-25, 2024; Jan. 13-19, 2025;
- Firearms (still hunt only) – Oct. 26-Dec. 4, 2024;
- Firearms (with or without dogs) – Dec. 5, 2024-Jan. 12, 2025;
- Youth and Honorably Discharged Veterans (either sex) – Oct. 12-18, 2024.

The approved amendments will be sent to Legislative Oversight. If Oversight makes no changes the LDWF Secretary will finalize the Rule.

To view the full NOI, amendments to to the NOI, and all proposed hunting season dates and regulation changes for the upcoming hunting seasons, go to <https://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/resources/category/commission-action-items>.

For more information, contact Tommy Tuma at ttuma@wlf.la.gov.

GARDENING WITH DR. JOE WHITE

TIME TO PLANT HOT WEATHER PLANTS

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

It seems that the weather was so unpredictable this spring that most gardeners simply didn't know what or when to plant their seasonal vegetables and flowers. Although there were several cool nights and days, some folks decided to plant warm season varieties anyway and take a chance that they would survive and produce...and I believe some did. However, warm season varieties of both vegetables and flowers get a faster start and begin to show more vigor sooner when planted in a warm soil accompanied by warm night temperatures and hotter days.

Now that we are in the month of May, warm season plants should be able to perform at high levels as both soil and air temperatures are the conditions they need to flourish. Even now it may be a little late to put out tomato and bell pepper transplants because they may not fruit well if there's too much heat before the plants are sufficiently mature to flower. Push the tomatoes by giving them a little ammonium nitrate when the first fruits reach the size of a ping-pong ball, but no sooner than that.

Vegetables that thrive in the heat of summer (if they receive a timely application of water) include eggplants, hot peppers, Southern peas, okra, sweet potatoes, watermelons, squash, cantaloupes and sweet corn. Consider planting sweet corn and Southern peas at two-to-three week intervals so that the harvest is spread out for a longer period. (After all,

we can only eat so much at one time.) Unfortunately, late sweet corn is a primary target of the corn ear worm which must be controlled almost on a daily basis or they will leave you nothing to eat.

While there are several warm season annual flowers, not all ever make it to the Louisiana Super Plant list. Some to consider include angelonias, pentas, begonias, cleomes, alternantheras, lantanas, wishbone flowers, coleus and verbenas. One of the flowers that should have been on the foregoing list is the lisianthus. Since it's not a popular flower, it may be hard to find. Also, it has extreme heat tolerance as well as other desirable qualities. It is actually a wild flower species that's native to the western part of our country. Plant breeders have worked with this flower and although the native plant has light blue blossoms, the improved

plants have flowers that are pink, purple, white, violet or yellow. Some cultivars even look like a rose while others resemble a poppy. The flower's foliage varies from a gray to a gray-green. Stem height is usually about 18 inches to two feet. As a cut flower these plants and their blossoms have a very long shelf life in a water-filled vase.

The lisianthus seems to thrive in hot, dry weather and in July and August when many other flower species are just trying to stay alive, this flower is as happy as a lark.





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