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BUSINESS

Mighty Oaks to close after seven years of service

AMBER MCDOWN

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Jennifer Powell, owner of Mighty Oaks LLC, has announced that the clothing store for boys and men will be closing in the near future. Mighty Oaks has been a staple in the community for seven years, with Powell taking over ownership six and a half years ago from the original owner.

The store has faced numerous challenges over the years, including parking issues, a flood, and closures due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

“When I say Mighty Oaks has the best customers, we have the BEST customers,” said Powell.

Powell made the decision to close the store after much prayer and counsel. “It was not a decision I made lightly,” she said. “It is just time for this chapter in my life to come to an end.”

The exact closing date has not been announced, and store hours may vary in the coming weeks. Mighty Oaks will hold sales to clear out inventory. For more information about sales and store hours, visit their Facebook page at Mighty Oaks - A Shop For Boys & Men.

Mighty Oaks’ closure marks the end of a significant chapter for the local community, which has supported the store through its various ups and downs.

RIBBON CUTTING

Estate Les Chenes open for business



The Greater Minden Chamber welcomed Estate Les Chenes into the local business community with a ribbon cutting held at the venue. The estate serves as a beautiful property for engaged couples to host wedding weekends. More information about how to book the property can be found on their website at [estateleschenes.com](http://estateleschenes.com).

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COMMUNITY

Minden Ace Hardware partners with Webster Parish Council on Aging to provide fans for seniors

AMBER MCDOWN

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Minden Ace Hardware partnered with the Webster Parish Council on Aging to help the elderly cope with the summer heat. From May 4 to May 18, the hardware store donated a fan for each 20-inch box fan purchased.

The fan drive aimed to address the urgent need for cooling appliances during the scorching summer months, particularly for individuals and families facing financial hardships. The drive collected 20 additional fans for the Council on Aging, increasing their total to 42 fans available for distribution.

“It went well,” said Johnny Johnson, executive director of the Council on Aging. “We’ll use these this summer — every one of them we’ll give away.”

The Council on Aging expressed appreciation for Ace Hardware and everyone who donated. They accept fan donations throughout the year.

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.

CRIME

Springhill man arrested on multiple drug and firearm charges

STAFF REPORT

Minden Press-Herald

Webster Parish narcotics officers and deputies arrested Jaquan Lee, 29, of Springhill after a traffic stop on Wednesday led to a significant drug and firearm seizure.

Lee faces multiple charges after authorities found illegal drugs in his vehicle and additional narcotics and firearms at his home.

“We were involved in a joint investigation with the Louisiana State Police narcotics unit, targeting this suspect,” Capt. Bobby Igo III explained. “Sgt. Josh McCormick initiated a traffic stop, and the vehicle stopped at the suspect’s residence where we received consent to search.”

McCormick, along with Lt. Coby Barton, Sgt. Shawn Jenkins, and Dep. Damian Christian, discovered a suspicious item in the vehicle, which Lee denied knowing about.

“We called for a K9 unit from Minden PD, and the dog alerted on the vehicle,” Igo said. “After obtaining a warrant, we searched the vehicle and found approximately 560 grams of marijuana. This led us to get permission to search the suspect’s home.”

At Lee’s residence, officers found more marijuana.

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EDUCATION

NLTCC celebrates seven dual enrollment graduates

KELSEY MESHELL

Special to the Minden Press-Herald

Northwest Louisiana Technical Community College (NLTCC) proudly held its Spring 2024 Graduation Ceremony on May 16th at the Bossier Civic Center. Among the 156 graduates, seven high school students attained a Certificate of Technical Studies or Technical Diploma along with graduating from high school.

The dual enrollment graduates include:

- Arcadia High School: Jordaun Pringle (Welding Technical Diploma)
- Ringgold High School: Zyon Bell (Industrial Maintenance Technology Technical Diploma) - Summa Cum Laude
- University View Academy: Kamden Gandy (Welding Technical Diploma) - Magna Cum Laude
- Ringgold High School: J’bari Adams (Welding Technical Diploma)
- Ringgold High School: Kuravion Manning (Heavy Equipment Vehicle Operator Certificate of Technical Studies) - Magna Cum Laude
- Saline High School: Max Kaiser (Heavy Equip-

ment Vehicle Operator Certificate of Technical Studies) - Magna Cum Laude

Word of God Academy: Joshua Ratliff (Automotive Technology Technical Diploma)

Dual enrollment provides high school students with the opportunity to take college-level courses, enriching their education and accelerating the completion of career and technical education certificates, diplomas, or degrees. The benefits of dual enrollment extend beyond academic acceleration. It allows students to explore potential career paths and engage in more rigorous coursework than what is typically available in high school. This head start in higher education can make a significant difference in a student’s future academic and career success.

High school students aged 16 and older interested in dual enrollment with NLTCC should contact their school counselor for more information. Dual Enrollment is an excellent opportunity for motivated students to get a jumpstart on their college education while still in high school.

WPL



COURTESY PHOTO

Webster Parish Libraries are embarking on an exciting new journey with the introduction of Discovery Camp 2024. This innovative initiative aims to immerse children across Webster Parish in STEM activities.

Redefining summer learning

STAFF REPORT

Minden Press-Herald

In a visionary move that promises to redefine summer learning experiences, your Webster Parish Libraries are embarking on an exciting new journey with the introduction of Discovery Camp 2024. This innovative initiative marks a significant departure from the traditional summer reading program, aiming to immerse children across Webster Parish in a rich tapestry of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) enrichment and literary exploration.

Webster Parish Libraries Discovery Camp

2024 will offer a diverse range of learning opportunities that go beyond traditional reading. While reading will remain an integral part of camp, this summer’s focus is engaging young minds in a wide array of learning experiences geared toward school-aged juveniles.

By incorporating STEM enrichment programming blended with literacy, the aim is to complement and reinforce the invaluable learning experiences already provided by local schools throughout Webster Parish.

“As the first public library system in our area to host a STEM based camp in place of a tradi-

tional Summer Reading Program, we are excited for this revamp,” said Kim Sentell, Director of Marketing for Webster Parish Libraries.

“Our parish is very fortunate to have a very forward-thinking library director, Savannah Jones, who recognized a need for a shift from traditional summer reading programs to immersive STEM enrichment experiences, which represents a strategic response to the evolving landscape of education and technology. By embracing STEM education, our libraries are not only equipping children

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COMMUNITY

22 Hands-up to host first annual Food Fest to benefit local youth

AMBER MCDOWN

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22 Hands-up, a non-profit organization dedicated to providing education, employment, and empowerment opportunities for youth, will hold its first annual Food Fest on Saturday, June 15, from noon to 6 PM. at Easley Courtyard Studios, located at 107 Pearl Street. Tickets for the event are \$40.

“We’re going to have all kinds of fish, collard greens, speckled butter beans, we’re going to have neck bone. You name it, we’re going to have it,” said organizer Darrell Hampton. Desserts will include homemade pound cakes, peach cobbler, and more.

In addition to the food, the event will feature an auction with a variety of items, including autographed football memorabilia from La’Jarius Sneed.

“This Food Fest is going to be a big thing,” said Hampton. “It’s going to be a lot of fun.”

Also participating in the event will be representatives from various local businesses and organizations.

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# WEBSTER & MORE

CRIME

STAFF REPORT  
Minden Press-Herald

A Minden police officer patrolling Joel Street observed a black Chrysler 300 fail to signal a left-hand turn onto M.L.K. Boulevard, leading to a traffic stop that resulted in two arrests.

The traffic stop oc-

## Minden police arrest two on drug and alcohol charges

curred at the corner of South Gum Street and M.L.K. Boulevard. The officer detected the odor of alcohol emanating from the vehicle upon approaching the driver, Eric Robinson, 57, of Minden. When questioned, passenger Kenneth Carter admitted to previously drinking but denied any

open containers were present in the vehicle. Robinson consented to a search of the vehicle. Backup officers arrived, and both Robinson and Carter were frisked for weapons. During the search, an open Bud Light can was found on the front passenger floorboard, and a vodka bottle

was located in the driver's side door. Additionally, a pipe commonly used for smoking crack cocaine was found in an eyeglass case in the center console. Robinson admitted the case and glasses were his but denied ownership of the pipe.

A more thorough search of Robinson revealed a

small cellophane baggie with a small amount of cocaine in his coin pocket. Robinson was arrested for possession of Schedule II drugs, drug paraphernalia, and open container violations. Dispatch informed the officer that Carter had an active bench warrant for failure to appear for

arraignment. Both Robinson and Carter were taken into custody without incident, advised of their Miranda rights, and transported to the Minden Police Department for booking.

COMMUNITY

# Piney Woods Jamboree welcomes Dawn Glass to Springhill

AMBER MCDOWN  
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The Piney Woods Jamboree is thrilled to announce a special performance by local singing sensation Dawn Glass at the Frank Anthony Community Activity Center on June 8.

Dawn Glass is no

stranger to the spotlight, with a rich history of captivating audiences. While many today know her as a beloved figure at Minden Medical Center, her journey in entertainment has been extensive. She has graced prestigious stages such as the Grapevine Opry in Grapevine, Texas, and Nashville's

Centennial Park. She was also a featured performer at the Rainbow Room on Printer's Alley in Nashville, rubbing shoulders with a virtual 'who's who' of stars. One of her notable collaborations was with Frank Page, the man credited with introducing Elvis Presley to the world.

Page enlisted Dawn Glass for shows with KWKH's Road Shows. She also had the honor of traveling and performing with The Lawrence Welk Show. Dawn Glass's musical legacy extends beyond the stage, with a catalog of professional albums including "He'll Make a Way," "Precious Memo-

ries," and "Sunshine and Lollipops," featuring the title track written by Ann Morton. She has collaborated on albums with Gene Wyatt and Bill White, and has released numerous singles. The Piney Woods Jamboree invites everyone to come and enjoy an evening of delightful music

and entertainment starting at 7 PM. For more information, please contact Piney Woods Jamboree via email at pineywoodsjamboree@gmail.com or by phone at 318-423-3710.

FUNDRAISING

## Ava Martin hosts "A Night in Italy" to benefit St. Jude's Children Research Hospital

AMBER MCDOWN  
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Ava Martin, Miss Louisiana Teen Volunteer, invites the community

to join her in supporting St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital through a charity fundraiser dinner titled "A Night in Italy." The event, organized as

part of the St. Jude's Leadership Society, aims to raise \$3,000 for the hospital. Guests will enjoy a 5-course Italian culinary

experience at Geaux Fresh Bistro & Bakery, inspired by Martin's recent trip to Italy. The dinner, prepared by Geaux Fresh, promises a whimsical and

authentic taste of Italy. The fundraiser dinner will take place on Saturday, June 1, starting at 6:00 PM. Tickets are priced at \$85.00 per per-

son, with all proceeds directly benefiting St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. For more information, please contact Jodie Martin at Geaux Fresh.

WPSB

## Robin Tucker named Employee of the Month

AMBER MCDOWN  
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During the May 2 meeting of the Webster Parish School Board, Robin Tucker, personnel director and SFS supervisor, was presented with the Employee of the Month award by Kevin Thompson of Taylor and Sons. "This recognition celebrates the exemplary acts of those school employees that go above and beyond their duties to serve others, and I think that tonight's person is an outstanding example of that," said Kevin Thompson. Ms. Tucker's letter of recommendation read as follows: "The main reason Robin Tucker needs to be awarded Employee of the Month is because there is no Employee of

the Century award. She has not only had three of the most difficult and demanding in this district — Minden High School assistant principal, Minden High School principal, and personnel director for the parish — but she has performed them with a full sense of equity for her employees and with amazing and enduring strength and a level of efficiency that should be a lesson to any employee of any title. She has been as faithful to this parish and to Minden High School as she has been to her own family. Many of the achievements of Minden High School and of the district are due to her sacrifices of time and work and even health. She has been there for so many of us personally as a leader, a mentor, and a

friend. No email or phone call to Robin Tucker goes unanswered. No request of her knowledge or experience is denied. In a place of employment that desperately requires a sense of teamwork, Robin Tucker is captain, coach, cheerleader, and water girl. She performs all of this with grace. I can say many, many, many wonderful things about her, but the most important is that she is the type of leader who makes me proud to be in Webster Parish and proud to be at Minden High. When she retires, we will all need to remember everything she gave us, because what she is taking with her will be irreplaceable." Congratulations, Ms. Tucker, on a job well done!

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OPINION

Harrison Butker Kicks a Field Goal Against the Bullying Thugs of the Cancel Culture

You may have heard of the speech of Kansas City Chiefs' kicker, Harrison Butker, to the graduating class of Benedictine College.

The speech and Butker have been attacked and criticized nationally for his supposedly "chauvinistic" and sexist views.

As such, it's only fair to review the speech but before I do, I point out that Butker was not making the speech on national TV or radio. He wasn't even addressing a Facebook or X audience and he clearly wasn't "at the office in his uniform" representing the Chiefs or the NFL.

In contrast, it was Colin Kaepernick who, on the sidelines of games in his San Francisco 49ers uniform, representing his team and the NFL, knelt down during our National Anthem and disrespected our flag and the 1.1 million American soldiers who fought and died in defense of our country and who were laid to rest with the American flag draping their coffins.

Also, while Butker spoke lovingly and respectfully of the role of women and mothers, the NFL rebuked him for his lack of "diversity." This is the same NFL whose rampant domestic abuse problem by its players is so bad the league was forced to set up a National Domestic Violence hotline to try to salvage its reputation

with pro football fans, particularly women.

Again, Butker offered his remarks at Benedictine College, a small Catholic school where principles like the ones he shared serve as the central purpose of the school's existence and why parents send their children to it. This is, again, a distinguishing fact between him and Kaepernick, who broadcast his disrespect for our nation on national television to the entire nation and indeed to the world.

So, at a Christian Catholic college Butker spoke out against LGBT Pride month stating he preferred "God-centered pride." He also specifically addressed the women graduating from the college: "I think it is you, the women, who have had the most diabolic lies told to you. Some of you may go on to lead successful careers in the world but I would venture to guess that the majority of you are most excited about your marriage and the children you will bring into this world."

Butker praised his wife, Isabelle, explaining that he is

"able to be the man that I am" because his wife has taken on a role as a homemaker. He also encouraged the men to "be unapologetic in [their] masculinity" and spoke out against "the tyranny of diversity, equity and inclusion," arguing, "we fear speaking truth because now, unfortunately, truth is in the minority."

Millions of Americans agree with these remarks.

I was delighted to witness the courage and outspokenness of Tavia Hunt, the wife of Chiefs co-owner Clark Hunt, who took to Instagram in response:

"I've always encouraged my daughters to be highly educated and chase their dreams. I want them to know that they can do whatever they want (that honors God). But I also want them to know that I believe finding a spouse who loves and honors you as or before himself and raising a family together is one of the greatest blessings this world has to offer."

Directly addressing Butker's remarks she stated that "affirming motherhood and praising your wife, as well as highlighting the sacrifice and dedication it takes to be a mother, is not bigoted. It is empowering to acknowledge that a woman's hard work in raising children is not in vain. Countless highly educated women devote their lives to

nurturing and guiding their children."

Beautifully stated.

However, these timeless truths are not the reason I write today.

I write to highlight the fact that no one is required to agree with Butker. People are free to disagree, and many have in a vicious and vitriolic way.

My point is that he was addressing a specific audience with a specific message and every reason to believe that audience was open to hearing and considering his message. Unfortunately, what he stated is apparently too faith-based and moral to even be uttered and must be torn down.

This is the Cancel Culture. This is what unvarnished censorship looks like. Butker's ideas are so powerful that they must not be voiced.

On a side note, the sale of Butker's NFL jersey has skyrocketed to the top of NFL sales.

This kind of censorship simply cannot be allowed if the freedoms guaranteed by our Constitution are to endure. .

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INSPIRATION

Giving Thanks for the Angels in My Life

It was 1957 in South West City, Missouri when the twenty-two year old minister Wayne Earnest and his eighteen year old bride Linda stepped into our lives as the angels they were and continue to be in my memory today.

Time stood still.

That is how it is when we are visited by beings from afar.

I sense that Wayne and Linda knew how much we needed them because it was a known fact that we were the poorest family in town who had just moved in from the country in 1955 to the top of the rocky hill because daddy knew that mother couldn't handle the horse-drawn wagon if we stayed in the country after he soon would die.

Life began to unfold.

Wayne was the minister who was placed in our path to preach the word and to minister to those within his reach.

We were within his path.

He visited my dad often during the last days of his life before he died on March 19, 1958 at home. He was the one who preached our dad's funeral.

They were there for us.

Linda gave birth to their firstborn son, David, in the year they were in our town. (I

cherish the memory of knowing that mother sold them my out-grown baby bed which was used by both of their sons.)

The couple lived in a brownstone second story apartment near our school. My sister and I visited them almost daily as we walked by their house on our way home.

They never seemed to grow tired of us and always fixed us something to eat.

We loved them.

His kind of preaching pricked a ten year old child's heart. His sermons made me sit up and know the reality of it all. I would later become a Christian at fourteen as a result of those memories!

And then in September 1958 Wayne is called to leave our small church and to move to Florida.

The reality of their move became surreal when Brother

Earnest came to visit us on the last Sunday night after church on September 21, 1958 to celebrate my sister's thirteenth birthday.

He must have spent a couple of hours but it was never long enough.

I will always believe he was praying for our safety knowing what a vulnerable state our family was in considering that my mother had suffered a brain trauma as a young child and never fully matured thus resulting in us later going to an orphanage.

We didn't see them again but received letters from Florida.

We continued to walk by their apartment after school just hoping they might still be there. We never stopped looking for their blue and white 1950 Chevrolet.

Surely they would return.

I lost track of their whereabouts.

The first time I spoke to them was in 1981, just four years before Wayne died of a massive heart attack at the age of fifty-two.

But I have gotten to visit with Linda a couple of times in Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he preached. Her younger son, Steve, still lives around Tulsa

and David lives in Collierville, Tennessee. I asked her if she remembered me and her response was "I could never forget you."

Their love was stamped in my heart.

I've gone online and researched Wayne's work as a minister and it still reverberates today.

Don Bassett, the minister who gave his eulogy said "Wayne was always looking for something to do for someone in need!" And so it is with ministers and Christians who make a difference and who have a calling.

It isn't the money paid or the lack thereof but the caring in the heart that makes them go the distance.

Love is a quality that cannot be bought or sold.

I sense that Wayne never tried to shift his responsibility to someone on a committee but did more than he had to do just because he cared.

Have we lost our mission today?

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KEEP THIS IN MIND

Compete Until You Fail: Lessons from Track and Field

You can learn life lessons from just about anywhere. Recently, I learned a profound lesson on success from an unexpected place: a track and field meet.

I found myself captivated by two events in particular: the pole vault and the high jump. Each of these events requires athletes to keep attempting jumps until they fail. The highest level of success is recorded, but every endeavor in these events is ultimately an exercise in failure, because the competition doesn't end until the athlete can no longer clear the bar.

In these events, not only are athletes measured against their competitors,

but they are also measured against their own past performances. The term for this is PR, or personal record. It's a reminder that in addition to striving to be the best among others, there is immense value in striving to be the best version of yourself.

This made me reflect on how often we quit when faced with failure, not realizing that our personal record might be just around the

corner. Or worse, we achieve our personal record, but fail to celebrate it because we are too focused on the failure itself.

Here are a few key takeaways from this experience:

**Embrace Failure as a Step to Success**

In both the pole vault and high jump, failure isn't the end—it's an integral part of the process. Each failure is a step closer to reaching your highest potential. Apply this mindset to your personal and professional life. Every setback is a setup for a comeback.

**Measure Against Yourself**

While it's important to be

aware of the competition, your greatest competitor is yourself. Strive to beat your personal records and continuously improve. Celebrate your achievements, no matter how small they may seem.

**Don't Quit Too Soon**

Many of us give up too quickly when faced with failure, not realizing that success might be just one more attempt away. Push through the failures, because perseverance is often the key to breaking through to new levels of success.

**Celebrate Your Personal Records**

When you achieve a per-

sonal milestone, take the time to acknowledge and celebrate it. Recognize the hard work and dedication it took to get there, and use that success as motivation to keep pushing forward.

Track and field remind us that success isn't about avoiding failure—it's about embracing it, learning from it, and using it as a stepping stone to greater achievements. So, the next time you face a challenge, remember to compete until you fail. Your personal record might just be one more attempt away.

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PREP SPORTS

A look back at the 2023-24 high school sports year

RUSSELL HEDGES  
Minden Press-Herald

Now that the 2023-24 high school sports season is in the books, it's time to take a look at some of the highlights from the past nine months.

We can start back in the fall with football season. The biggest story was probably North Webster's turnaround. The Knights went from 2-8 in 2022 to 7-5. They reached the second round of the non-select Division III playoffs, losing to eventual runner-up St. James.

Of course, before the school year was out, Head Coach John Ware would be named to the same position at Lakeside, ending a 12-year run.

While the season didn't go the way he wanted it to after some close early losses, Spencer Heard became Minden's winningest head coach. He'll take a 64-56 record into his 12th season as head coach.

Glenbrook completed its first season under Reagan Smith with an 8-3 mark. The Apaches reached the second round of the non-select Division IV playoffs.

Also in the fall, Glenbrook finished fourth in the Division V cross country girls state meet in Natchitoches.

Boys basketball hasn't been the parish's strong suit in recent years but that could be changing.

Doyline continued its strong run under Michael Normand. The Panthers went 23-3 in the regular season and won the District 1-B title. They finished 24-4 after failing to Hicks in the second round of the non-select Division V playoffs.

Minden came very close to earning a share of the District 1-4A title under first-year head coach Jacob Brown. Technically the Tide finished tied for fourth. But at 4-3 Minden finished just one game behind tri-champions Bossier, Evangel Christian and Huntington.

Minden finished 15-8 overall after failing to No. 3 Carroll in the second round in Monroe. It was the Tide's first winning season since 2016 when they went 15-13.

That was also the last time Minden made the playoffs. The Tide's first-round victory over Leesville was their first playoff win since 2011.

Parish teams and athletes had a very strong showing in spring sports.

In baseball, Glenbrook won the District 1-1A championship then had a remarkable run through the select Division IV playoffs. The Apaches defeated the No. 6, No. 3 and No. 2 seeds before falling to No. 1 Opelousas Catholic in the title game.

Minden had a very good season in Cody Davis' second year as head coach. The Tide finished tied for second in District 1-4A and took a 21-8 record into the non-select Division II playoffs.

They defeated No. 19 Beau Chene in the first round then upset No. 3 Brusly in the second to reach the quarterfinals for the first time since 2012. Both best-of-3 series went the distance.

Minden finished one victory short of making the state tournament, falling to No. 6 North Vermilion two games to one in the quarterfinals. The Tide completed the season 26-12.

Lakeside made a run to the non-select Division IV quarterfinals before falling to No. 4 seed DeQuincy.

In softball, Minden went 18-12 in the regular season and won a non-select Division II playoff game. Minden Head Coach Shelby Leach resigned after the season to take the head coach position at Benton.

Lakeside finished 16-17 in Brittany Frazier Smith's first season as head coach. The Lady Warriors won a non-select Division IV playoff game before losing a 3-2 heartbreaker to No. 6 Merryville in the second round.

Glenbrook won the District 1-1A championship. The Lady Apaches reached the second round of the non-select Division V playoffs before falling to No. 4 St. Frederick.

In track and field, Doyline's Izayla Harris capped her brilliant career by winning four events in the Class B state meet. She was named MVP for the third consecutive year.

PREP SPORTS



Jacey Adams



MacKenzie McCoy

Statewide honors

Minden, Lakeside standouts make LSCA All-State teams

RUSSELL HEDGES  
Minden Press Herald

Minden's Jacey Adams and Lakeside's MacKenzie McCoy have been named to the Louisiana Softball Coaches Association's All-State teams in their respective divisions.

Adams, a recent graduate, was

one of eight players selected at utility on the Class 4A team.

McCoy, who will be a senior this fall, was one of eight players selected at utility on the Class 2A team.

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

McCoy, an infielder, led Lakeside in hitting with a .550 average. She had 18 doubles, four triples, four home runs and 39 RBI.

A player must be a first-team All-District selection to be eligible for the LSCA teams. Coaches nominate players then the membership votes on the teams.

COLLEGE BASEBALL

La. Tech Falls to DBU in High-Scoring CUSA Championship Game

STAFF REPORT  
Minden Press-Herald

In a game marked by offensive fireworks, Louisiana Tech's quest for the Conference USA Championship ended in disappointment as they fell to DBU 17-10 on Sunday afternoon. The Bulldogs, who entered the game with a 45-17 record, were overpowered by the Patriots (44-13) in a contest that featured an extraordinary number of home runs and runs batted in.

DBU wasted no time setting the tone, erupting for a nine-run first inning that left Louisiana Tech reeling. The Patriots' powerful bats produced



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back-to-back home runs early, putting the Bulldogs in an unfamiliar and difficult position. Louisiana Tech managed to get on the scoreboard in the bottom of the inning with an RBI single to left field from Jorge Corona.

In the second inning, the Bulldogs showed signs of life. Cole McConnell, Ethan Bates, and Jorge Corona each contributed RBI hits, narrowing the deficit to 10-5. However, DBU responded with another display of power in the

third inning, hitting three consecutive home runs to extend their lead to 13-5. Despite the mounting score, Tech continued to battle, with Logan McLeod and McConnell driving in runs to make it a 13-7 game.

The relentless Patriots added another home run and saw an RBI from Grant Comeaux in the fourth inning, pushing the score to 15-8. Both teams exchanged runs through singles, but DBU's explosive offense ultimately proved too much for the Bulldogs. The final score settled at 17-10, ending Louisiana Tech's conference championship hopes.

GLYNN HARRIS OUTDOORS

New book covers from Tensas to turkeys

The small Concordia Parish village of Ferriday has received national if not worldwide acclaim for three reasons. Jerry Lee Lewis, Mickey Gilley and Jimmy Swaggart. Three cousins, who grew up in Ferriday would become known across the globe for Lewis' and Gilley's piano-pounding music and Swaggart's preaching.

Seven miles up the road from Ferriday, the Franklin Parish hamlet of Gilbert has produced another notable figure who's behind the scenes work with his video camera has made his name known throughout the outdoors industry. He is John L. Brown, Jr. who for some 20 years worked as videographer for the National Wild Turkey Federation, eventually being named Executive Producer.

For more than two decades, his expertise with the camera put him in close quarters with every well-known name in the outdoors industry.

Brown has now retired and has moved back home to his north Louisiana roots. He finally had time to put together a wonderful hard cover book, "Gathering Light" that covers his life from

growing up along the Tensas Basin to his years of loading up and packing his camera gear to film hunts with the most notable outdoors personalities across the country.

"Gathering Light" begins as Brown, a youngster, watched and lamented over the destruction of the thousands of acres of prime hardwoods in his beloved Tensas Delta being brought to the ground and burned. The reason for this horrific destruction had to do with the fact that the fertile land along the Tensas could grow soy beans, a crop seen at the time as more valuable than oak trees. Soy beans could grow back every year while you could just about forget about ever replacing the hardwoods.

At the age of 24, Brown and his roommate, Rex Moncrief were working at a lumber yard when an earlier chance encounter with the promotions director of a local NBC affiliate led to an escape from loading lumber for

customers. Brown and Moncrief pitched the idea of producing a local outdoor program for the station. Long story short, their program, "The Outdoor News" was born and enjoyed success for several years.

From "The Outdoor News" came the opportunity to do free-lance work for companies such as Knight and Hale, Primos and others.

"Gathering Light" covers Brown's eventual expertise with his video camera to capturing the attention of other companies. He was slowly but steadily climbing the ladder to his eventual landing a plum of a job with the National Wild Turkey Federation, a position he held for some 20 years until an unceremonious release from the organization.

One thing that led to his success probably more than anything else was imparted to him by well-known outdoors video producer, Ron Jolly, a fellow Louisianian.

"John", Jolly told him, "there are two things that I'll tell you about this business that are absolutes regarding the job. One, you must be an eternal optimist. You must believe

that without a doubt that the buck you're hunting is about to walk past your stand, or that the next yelp will elicit a gobbler. Number two, you must enjoy seeing others succeed."

Brown writes that as time passed, he understood what Jolly was saying as he saw the failure of others who couldn't derive satisfaction seeing someone else pull the trigger.


Personally, I finished my copy of "Gathering Light" in one sitting. It brought back memories of the times I was privileged to visit with John over the years and as an outdoors writer, my association with so many he writes about. If you have any interest at all in the outdoors, I'm convinced it's a book you'll thoroughly enjoy.

"Gathering Light" is available at Amazon.com. For an inscribed copy of the book, which sells for \$25, contact Brown at 486 Marion Sims Rd., W. Monroe, LA 71292.

GLYNN HARRIS' OUTDOORS APPEARS EACH WEEK IN THE MINDEN PRESS-HERALD.




HARRIS




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



**Izayla Harris**  
Doyline, Sr.  
Harris won the Class B girls 100, 200 and 400 sprints and the triple jump in the Ochsner LHSSA Outdoor Track and Field Championships last month at LSU. She finished her outstanding career with 11 outdoor state titles, one indoor and three state MVPs.

The Press-Herald Athlete of the Week feature is brought to you every other Wednesday by Holcomb's Body Shop in 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**  
**May 22, 2024**  
**May 29, 2024**  
**Minden Press Herald**

PUBLIC NOTICE  
In accordance with the provisions of Act 366 of the 2023 Session of the Louisiana Legislature, notice is given that Webster Parish Assessor intends to increase her compensation by an amount not to exceed five percent for the term beginning January 1, 2025.  
**May 22, 2024**  
**May 29, 2024**  
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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS  
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Bids will be considered only when the bidder certifies that he holds a current valid Louisiana contractor's license of proper Building Construction Classification and shows his license number on the Bid Form above his signature as required under R.S. 37:2151-2163. Contractors desiring to bid shall submit with their bid evidence that they hold license of proper classification and in full force and effect.

The following documents shall be included in the sealed bid package:  
1) Bid Form  
2) Bid Bond  
3) Resolution of Board of Directors when required

Proposed forms of Contract Documents, including plans and specifications may be examined electronically through Drop Box, at no charge. All prime bidders must register with the Architect.

Copies of the documents may be secured by contacting Architect:

Newman Marchive Incorporated  
2800 Youree Drive, Suite 310  
Shreveport, Louisiana 71104  
Telephone: 318-219-1814

Attention is called to the provisions for equal employment opportunity, and payment of not less than the minimum salaries and wages as set forth in the Specifications in accordance with the Davis-Bacon Act, must be paid on this project.

All bids must be accompanied by bid security equal to five percent (5%) of the Base Bid and all additive alternates and must be in the form of a certified check, cashier's check or Bid Bond written by a company licensed to do business in Louisiana.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish a Performance and a Payment Bond written by a company licensed to do business in Louisiana, each in an amount equal to 100% of the contract amount.

No bids may be withdrawn for a period not to exceed 45 calendar days after the actual date bids are opened. The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informalities incidental thereto.

Pre-Bid Conference: All prospective bidders and subcontractors are encouraged to attend the pre-bid conference to be held on **June 12th, 2024**, @ 10:00 a.m. at the Minden Housing Authority Offices.

In accordance with the omnibus drug legislation enacted November 19, 1988, Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 (Pub. L. 100-690, Title V, Subtitle D) Contractors and Grantees

of Federal Agencies must certify that they will provide drug-free workplaces. This required certification is a precondition of receiving a contract with the Housing Authority.

Housing Authority of the City of Minden  
Chundra Jones — Executive Director

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**May 29, 2024**  
**June 5, 2024**  
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SHERIFF'S SALE  
UNITED COMMUNITY BANK DBA RELIANT VS. RUSTY LEE ANGLIN AKA RUSTY L ANGLIN AKA RUSTY ANGLIN AND AMANDA JUNE WEAVER ANGLIN AKA AMANDA JUNE WEAVER AKA AMANDA JUNE ANGLIN AKA AMANDA WEAVER ANGLIN AKA AMANDA J WEAVER AKA AMANDA J ANGLIN AKA AMANDA WEAVER ANGLIN AKA AMANDA ANGLIN

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 81348.

By virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued out of the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, in the above styled and numbered suit and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder for cash WITH the benefit of appraisal and according to law at the principal front door of the Court-house in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana on WEDNESDAY, June 5, 2024, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

A tract of land in the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 13, Township 22, Range 11 West of Webster Parish, Louisiana, more particularly described as follows:

Begin at the Southwest corner of the Southwest Quarter of Southeast Quarter (SW/c of SW 1/4 of SE 1/4), Section 13, Township 22 North, Range 11 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana, thence run North 420 feet; thence run East 240 feet to the Point of Beginning of the Property herein described; thence continue East 216 feet; thence run South 240 feet; thence run West 216 feet; thence run North 240 feet back to the Point of Beginning; together with all that portion of the North half of the alley, adjoining said land on the South, which was abandoned by the Village of Sarepta in Ordinance Number 20 of 1962, a copy of which was filed in the Conveyance Records under Registry Number 183047 together with all Buildings and Improvements located thereon, having a municipal address of 123 Ball Park Street, Sarepta, Louisiana 71071.

2017 Clayton mobile home bearing serial numbers SOU016611ALA and SOU11611ALB

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 1, 2024**  
**May 29, 2024**  
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Succession of Shirley Teutsch Gamble, Docket # 18037, the Administratrix of the succession intends to sell moveable property, being a 2006 Cadillac automobile. Notice is given to any interested party who desires to object must file an opposition to this sale within seven days of the publication of this notice in accordance with law.

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING WEBSTER PARISH POLICE JURY  
**May 7, 2024**

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

Mr. Jim Bonsall called the meeting to order at 10:30am. Mr. Steve Lemmons to open the meeting with prayer. Mr. Mike Griffith led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Jim Bonsall then asked for additions to the agenda. Mr. Steve Lemmons moved, seconded by Ms. Nancy Hines to add E911 Board Appointments to the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

There were no comments from the audience concerning the agenda.

Mr. Bruce Blanton moved, seconded by Mr. Daniel Thomas to approve invoices for payment pending review by juror Bruce Blanton. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Steve Ramsey moved, seconded by Ms. Nancy Hines to adopt the minutes of the April 2, 2024 Road Committee, Finance Committee and Regular Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Mike Griffith moved, seconded by Mr. Randy Thomas to approve the Multi-Jurisdictional Consortium Agreement for the Seventh Planning District Consortium Workforce Development Board with Coordinating and Development. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Daniel Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Bruce Blanton to approve the Board Appointments for Sarepta Fire District #5 to appoint Scott Boyett to replace Jim Bell and reappoint Roger Schumacher to a 2-year term to expire 12/31/2025. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Steve Ramsey moved, seconded by Mr. Daniel Thomas to approve Amended Ordinance 688, Section 7 ½ of the Ordinances of Webster Parish and providing for ratification and confirmation thereof. (Webster Community Action Association) Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Steve Ramsey moved, seconded by Mr. Steve Lemmons to approve Recreation Funding for District 11 for the Town of Sibley for Clean Up Day for \$500. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Mike Griffith moved, seconded by Mr. Randy Thomas to approve the E911 Board Appointments to appoint Tynesia Grigsby to replace Drew White for a term to expire December 31, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMENTS: Savannah Jones

WP Library Director Christie Cox

Allen Moseley/Coroner COL Carl Thompson Denise Edwards/Assessor Shakera Williams LSU Ag/Extension Service Angie Chapman

E911 Director

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

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

Lisa C. Balkom Secretary-Treasurer

Jim Bonsall President

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NOTICE OF FILING OF APPLICATION OF 1803 ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. FOR APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO 1803'S WHOLESALE FORMULA RATE TARIFF, ADJUSTMENT CLAUSES, AND FORMULA RATE PLAN.  
This notice is given pursuant to Article IV, Section 21, Paragraph (D)(1) of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974 that 1803 Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("1803"), who is made

up of five (5) member cooperatives, namely Beauregard Electric Cooperative, Inc., Claiborne Electric Cooperative, Inc., Northeast Louisiana Power Cooperative, Inc., South Louisiana Electric Cooperative Association, and Washington-St. Tammany Electric Cooperative, Inc., (collectively, the "1803 Cooperatives") or the "Member Cooperatives"), who collectively provide electric service to their respective members in twenty-nine (29) parishes in Louisiana: Allen, Assumption, Beauregard, Bienville, Calcasieu, Claiborne, East Carroll, Evangeline, Franklin, Jackson, Washington, Jefferson Davis, Lafourche, Lincoln, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Rapides, Richland, St. Martin, St. Mary, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Tensas, Terrebonne, Union, Vernon Webster, and West Carroll. 1803 has filed with the Louisiana Public Service Commission (the "LPSC") a matter entitled "1803 Electric Cooperative, Inc., ex parte In re: Application for Approval of Revisions to Wholesale Formula Rate Tariff, Adjustment Clauses, and Formula Rate Plan." ("Application"), which could lead to a future change in rates. The proposed revisions to the wholesale formula rate tariff, adjustment clauses, and formula rate plan are reflected in the filing to the LPSC.

Any comments or questions concerning this filing may be directed to the Louisiana Public Service Commission toll free at (800) 256-2397. Additionally, 1803's Application may be viewed in the Records Division of the LPSC at the following address: Records Division 602 North 5th Street, 12th Floor Baton Rouge, LA 70802 Telephone: (225) 342-3157

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PUBLIC NOTICE  
A public hearing to review the proposed amended budget of the Webster Parish Clerk of Court for 2023/2024 will be held in the office of the Webster Parish Clerk of Court at 9:00 A.M. on June 13, 2024. Any interested party may inspect the proposed budget during normal business hours.

Anticipated Fund Balance July 1, 2023 \$ 1,548,770  
Anticipated Revenue 1,377,828  
Total Available Revenue Resources \$ 2,926,598  
Anticipated Expenditures \$ 1,352,073  
Anticipated Fund Balance June 30, 2024 \$ 1,574,525

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A summary of the proposed budget of the Webster Parish Clerk of Court is as follows:  
Anticipated Fund Balance July 1, 2024 \$ 1,574,525  
Anticipated Revenue 1,383,725  
Total Available Revenue Resources \$ 2,958,250  
Anticipated Expenditures \$ 1,354,141  
Anticipated Fund Balance June 30, 2025 \$ 1,604,109

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\* Katherine McVey Taylor AKA Katherine M. Taylor AKA Katherine Taylor and/or Anyone knowing her whereabouts, Please contact Richard E. Griffith, Attorney at Law, at 839 Kings Highway, Suite 200, Shreveport, Louisiana 71104, or (318) 222-0337.

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Village of Dixie Inn Police Department  
Job Summary:  
We are seeking dedicated individuals to join our law enforcement team as Police Officers.  
Responsibilities:  
- Patrol assigned areas to deter and detect crime  
- Respond to emergency calls and provide assistance as needed  
- Conduct investigations and gather evidence at crime scenes  
- Enforce traffic laws and regulations  
Qualifications:  
- High school diploma or equivalent; some college coursework or degree preferred  
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills  
- Ability to handle stressful situations with composure  
Applicant must be 21 years of age, possess computer and office skills, have a valid LA driver's license, clean driving record, and minimum high school or GED equivalent diploma. No felony convictions, No Arrests within the last five years. 12-hour shifts are required for full-time employment. Compensation is based on the number of years of experience, including already POST Certified. Other qualifications, information, and an application can be obtained at the Village of Dixie Inn City Hall, 60 Shell Street, Minden, LA, Monday - Friday, 10am - 4pm. You will be required to apply in person with the Chief of Police and Mayor Hoffoss. Call 318-377-0238 for an appointment, or email resumes to [majord@villageofdixieinn.com](mailto:majord@villageofdixieinn.com) and [police@villageofdixieinn.com](mailto:police@villageofdixieinn.com). The Village of Dixie Inn is an equal opportunity employer.

Maintenance Specialist: Water/Sewer System, Public Works

The Town of Cotton Valley is looking for a Maintenance Specialist for our water/sewer system in our public works department. Must be able to operate a vehicle, hand and power tools, and equipment such as mower, weed eater, tractor, bushhog, mini excavator. Must understand basic principles of water/wastewater treatment, be able to repair and replace functional parts and components with water and sewer. Must be able to troubleshoot and correct issues, routinely inspect equipment and facilities performing preventative and reactive maintenance. Must have a basic knowledge of electrical and general safety procedures, maintaining those safety procedures including wearing PPE. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Must have a valid drivers license. Must be able to stoop, kneel, crouch, reach, stand, walk, push, pull, lift, talk, hear, see and perform repetitive motions. Hours and Pay are negotiable depending on experience. Please email resumes to [cvtownhall@gmail.com](mailto:cvtownhall@gmail.com)

SUCCESSION OF MARTHA SHIREY LYNN  
NUMBER: 17,736  
26<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT  
WEBSTER PARISH, LOUISIANA  
FILED  
MAY - 3 2024

NOTICE OF APPLICATION  
NOTICE is hereby given that JULIE RENEE SHIREY NORRIS, duly appointed, acting and qualified Administratrix of the SUCCESSION OF MARTHA SHIREY LYNN, deceased, has, pursuant to provisions of Code of Civil Procedure, Article 3281, et. seq., petitioned this Honorable Court for authority to sell, at private sale, for the price of \$141,000.00, payable in cash, the following described property belonging to the succession, to-wit:  
An undivided one-third interest in: WEBSTER PARISH, LOUISIANA  
(1) 2.50 acres - Tract containing 3 acres in South Half (S/2) of Northwest Quarter (NW/4) of Section 22, Township 20 North, Range 10 West, less 0.50 acres sold. Tax Notice #44852  
(2) 21.50 acres - Tract in North Half (N/2) of Northwest Quarter (NW/4) of Section 22, Township 20 North, Range 10 West, less 0.50 acres sold and Tract 210 x 635 x 61 x 148 x 149 x 416 feet (ADJ.) in Northwest Quarter (NW/4) of Northwest Quarter (NW/4) of Section 22, Township 20 North, Range 10 West. Tax Notice #44732  
NOW, THEREFORE, in accordance with the law made and provided in such cases, notice is hereby given, that JULIE RENEE SHIREY NORRIS, Administratrix, proposes to sell the aforesaid movable property, at private sale, for the price and the terms aforesaid, and the heirs, legatees, and creditors are required to make opposition, if any they have or can, to such courts, within seven (7) days, from the day wherein the last publication of this notice appears.  
By Order of the 26<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024.  
JULIE RENEE SHIREY NORRIS  
HONORABLE HOLLI VINING  
WEBSTER PARISH CLERK OF COURT

SUCCESSION OF MARTHA SHIREY LYNN  
NUMBER: 17,736  
26<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT  
WEBSTER PARISH, LOUISIANA  
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DEPUTY CLERK WEBSTER PARISH

ORDER  
LET NOTICE BE GIVEN AND PUBLISHED IN THE MATTER AND FORM PROVIDED BY LAW, OF THE ABOVE AND FOREGOING APPLICATION TO SELL THE SAID IMMOVABLE PROPERTY AT PRIVATE SALE, UPON THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS SET FORTH IN THE ABOVE AND FOREGOING PETITION ACCORDING TO LAW.  
THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Minden, Louisiana, on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2024.

S/Parker Sell  
DISTRICT JUDGE

Prepared by:  
BURT A. BOWERS - Bar Roll No. 3338  
3510 Greenwood Road  
Shreveport, Louisiana 71109  
(318) 636-1400 Telephone  
(318) 636-1416 Facsimile  
ATTORNEY FOR JULIE RENEE SHIREY NORRIS, ADMINISTRATRIX

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**June 5, 2024**  
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A public notice to review and adopt the proposed budget of the Webster Parish Sheriff's Office for 2024-2025 will be held in the office of the Webster Parish Sheriff at 10:00 a.m. on June 11, 2024. Any interested parties may inspect this budget during normal business hours.

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**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

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Bids will be considered only when the bidder certifies that he holds a current, valid Louisiana contractor's license of proper Building Construction Classification and shows his license number on the Bid Form above his signature as required under R.S. 37:215-1-2-63. Contractors desiring to bid shall submit with their bid evidence that they hold license of proper classification and in full force and effect.

The following documents shall be included in the sealed bid package:

- 1) Bid Form
- 2) Bid Bond
- 3) Resolution of Board of Directors when required

The Owner may make such investigation as deemed necessary to determine the ability of the bidder to perform the work, and the bidder shall furnish to the Owner all such information and data for this purpose as the Owner may request. The Owner reserves the right to reject any bid if the evidence submitted by, or investigation of, such bidder fails to satisfy the Owner that such bidder is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the Contract and to complete the work contemplated therein. Conditional bids will not be accepted.

Processed forms of Contract Documents, including plans and specifications may be examined electronically through Drop Box.

Copies of the documents may be secured by contacting Architect

Newman Marchie Incorporated  
2800 Youree Drive, Suite 310  
Shreveport, Louisiana 71104  
Telephone 318-219-1814

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The successful bidder will be required to furnish a Performance and a Payment Bond written by a company licensed to do business in Louisiana, each in an amount equal to 100% of the contract amount.

No bids may be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days after the actual date bids are opened. The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informalities incidental thereto.

**Pre-Bid Conference:** All prospective bidders and subcontractors are encouraged to attend the pre-bid conference to be held on **June 5, 2024**, @ 9:30 a.m. at the Minden Housing Authority Offices.

In accordance with the omnibus drug legislation enacted November 19, 2008, Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 (Pub. L108-460, Title V, Subtitle D) Contractors and Grantees of Federal Agencies must certify that they will provide drug-free workplaces. This required certification is a precondition of receiving a contract with the Housing Authority.

Housing Authority of the City of Minden  
Chundra Jones – Executive Director

**Electronic Bid Documents:** Bids for this project are also available electronically at [www.bidsync.com](http://www.bidsync.com) or call -800-99C-9338, exten 2 for additional information. Contractors desiring to submit electronic bids must register with BidSync and pay a fee. All bids submitted electronically shall include a digital signature as required by Louisiana State Law.

**NOTE: BIDS SHALL ONLY BE ACCEPTED FROM CONTRACTORS WHO ARE LICENSED UNDER LOUISIANA CONTRACTORS LICENSING LAW FOR THE MAJOR CLASSIFICATION OF BUILDING CONSTRUCTION.**

Bids must be accompanied by a bid security equal to five percent (5%) of the Total Bid (including any Alternates). Bid Security must be in the form of a cashier's check, certified check or bid bond written by a company with a current A, M, Best Rating of A+ (Excellent), Financial Size Category VII with a Stable Outlook and licensed in the State of Louisiana. Bid Security must be provided through BidSync if a bidder uses an electronically submitted bid.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish the following bonds written by a company with a current A, M, Best Rating of A+ (Excellent), Financial Size Category VII with a Stable Outlook and licensed in the State of Louisiana: Performance Bond in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount; and Payment Bond in an amount equal to fifty percent (50%) of the contract amount; and Maintenance Bond in an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the contract amount.

Liquidated Damages will apply for each consecutive calendar day in which the work is not completed beyond the established completion date. The contract time shall be 120 calendar days. For this project, Liquidated Damages will be the sum of Twenty Dollars (\$25.00) per day for each consecutive calendar day the work is not completed, beginning with the first day beyond the completion time stated above. Said sums shall in no event be construed to be a penalty, but only as damages fixed and agreed upon in advance. In addition, Liquidated Damages will be the sum of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) for each consecutive calendar day after the 45th day after the date of Substantial Completion that any item on the Punch List remains incomplete. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of forty-five (45) days after actual date of the opening thereof.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Bids which deviate from the Construction Documents will not be considered.

**A MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE** will be held on **June 5, 2024**, at 9:30 a.m. at the Minden Housing Authority Offices. Attendance at the Pre-Bid Conference by an Officer or Estimator directly involved with this Project is **MANDATORY** and is a Pre-Condition to bidder eligibility. Sign-in for the Conference will be between 9:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. The Conference will begin promptly at 9:30 a.m. **No one will be allowed to sign in after that time.**

Revised (May 2024)

**May 15, 2024**  
**May 22, 2024**  
**May 29, 2024**  
**Minden Press Herald**

Village of Dixie Inn  
Regular Session  
May 14, 2024

**NOTICE: THESE MINUTES HAVE NOT BEEN FORMALLY APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL.**

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen for the Village of Dixie Inn met in regular session on May 14, 2024, at 5:00 p.m., in the Village Hall, Dixie Inn, Louisiana with the following members present: Mayor Donna Hoffoss, and Aldermen Nell Finlay, Judy McKenzie, and Lance Milligan.

The meeting was called to order and the invocation and pledge of allegiance were given.

There were no public comments.

Mayor Hoffoss welcomed guests.

A motion was made by Nell Finlay and seconded by Lance Milligan to adopt the minutes of the regular session of April 9, 2024. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

Financial statements of all funds were presented. A motion was made by Judy McKenzie and seconded by Lance Milligan to adopt all financial statements for April 2024. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

Department Reports:

Mike Chrene reported all is good with the utility department.

Chief Robert Davis was not available to attend the meeting.

Mayor Hoffoss reported the village received a \$15,000 CWER grant to have the water tower cleaned. Also, the Louisiana Dept. of Health issued the village an "A" water grade for 2023. Mayor Hoffoss noted "Love the Boat" week was a huge success in the collection/disposal of litter throughout the village. She also reminded guests of upcoming dates/events: the municipal building will be closed in observance of Memorial Day (May 27th), and the LMA Banquet will be held on May 25th, 2024, in Haughton, LA.

New Business: A motion was made by Lance Milligan and seconded by Judy McKenzie to approve a special meeting to be held on May 30, 2024, to introduce the '24-'25 Budget. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

A motion was made by Lance Milligan and seconded by Nell Finlay to move "New Business" items C., D., and E., and "Old Business" item A. to be discussed at the special meeting scheduled for May 30, 2024. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

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There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Lance Milligan and seconded by Nell Finlay. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

ATTEST:  
Donna Hoffoss  
Mayor

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Assessment #	City	Street Name or Subdivision	Min. Bid
101547	Doyle	Mallard Lane	1,623.00
101597	Hefflin	Bossier St.	592.98
102101	Hefflin	183 Webster St.	1,511.30
102561	Minden	Goodwill Rd.	717.34
102929	Doyle	112 Palmetto Dr.	1,286.96
102962	Hefflin	Off Claiborne St.	531.78
102970	Hefflin	Davis St.	552.28
103986	Hefflin	153 Mattie Lane	2,681.98
103987	Hefflin	Mattie Lane	577.48
103983	Hefflin	Hwy 163	1,041.20
104385	Hefflin	Hwy 531	537.49
105728	Hefflin	Webster Rd.	555.24
106709	Hefflin	Mattie Lane	691.88
108257	Doyle	219 Lakeview Dr.	4,264.92
108467	Hefflin	Mattie Lane	546.71
108629	Hefflin	Mattie Lane	1,091.38
109539	Minden	609 Chestnut St.	6,952.11
110817	Minden	200 Edna St.	1,283.05
111941	Minden	212 Hall St.	1,057.64
112095	Minden	305 Walnut	11,044.54
112245	Minden	201 Gum St.	6,099.53
112293	Minden	Plum St.	523.73
112669	Minden	402 N. Roosevelt	4,034.76
113006	Minden	Centerville	549.75
114277	Minden	113 Marshall St.	3,579.57
114580	Minden	408 N. Roosevelt	7,164.82
115027	Minden	924 Lewisville Rd.	8,587.10
117525	Springhill	108 Percy Barnes/D. Clayton	298.83
119089	Sarepta	Short Rd.	1,710.77
120888	Cotton Valley	Greenard St.	749.47
120929	Cotton Valley	533 McArthur Loop	1,691.38
120946	Cotton Valley	272 Resident Rd.	1,234.01
121105	Cotton Valley	191 McClanahan Dr.	818.51
121137	Cotton Valley	363 Lewis Loop	731.48
121283	Cotton Valley	Mallens St.	623.28
121415	Cotton Valley	338 Bellevue Rd.	1,328.90
121455	Cotton Valley	171 McClanahan Dr.	2,695.17
121521	Cotton Valley	Church St.	528.64
121580	Cotton Valley	Linn St.	544.33
121715	Callen	Newton St.	3,698.71
121748	Callen	202 Stewart St.	2,099.81
121765	Callen	Thomas St.	614.72
121770	Callen	North Curtis St.	584.80
121806	Callen	607 East Rd.	4,003.38
121815	Callen	Plymouth St.	801.92
121858	Callen	Abbott Circle	640.74
121958	Callen	Behind 106 White St.	610.32
122033	Callen	Off Of Burnham	403.59
122044	Callen	617 East Rd.	2,588.41
122167	Callen	Williams St.	491.44
122230	Callen	Wood & Henrietta White	5,320.58

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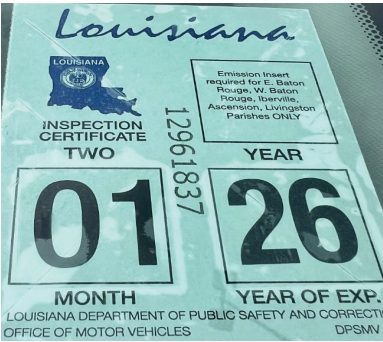
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JOE W. WHITE, PH.D.  
Extension Horticulturist, (ret)  
LSU AgCenter  
May 2024

Attractive colors generally catch the eyes of nearly everyone regardless of the source. And certainly the blossoms of plants (especially bedding plants) offer eye-catching color. However, even non-gardeners seem to appreciate landscapes that provide a variety of colors. But it's not surprising that bedding plants are more often the site where the color is most concentrated and where it usually lasts the longest.

Probably a majority of gardeners have planted most of their bedding plants for the summer season, but they will be busy with grooming and possibly replacing a few plants. Plants are dynamic always increasing in size, producing blooms or making colorful fruit or seed pods. Most do all of this in a relatively short period of time. Also, they may change form and will lose tissue to hungry insects. The level of light, the quality and kind of nutrients they receive during a given period of time will determine how they respond in providing color.

Most gardeners usually desire to maximize color in their landscapes and to have it last for a full season. Good bed preparation is very important for bedding plants to do their best and choosing proven plant materials also plays a major role.

One practice that often eliminates common plant



problems is the construction of raised plant beds. Should a storm drop an excessive amount of rain over a short period, most of the water will drain off and out of the bed and damage to plants will be very little or none. When building a raised bed for flowers, getting a soil test on the media is highly recommended. It provides the information needed to adjust nutrient content (if necessary) and lets you know the level of acidity. (Some plants do best in a highly acid soil while other prefer a more alkaline soil.) Once a bed has been completed and its media adjusted, it's a good

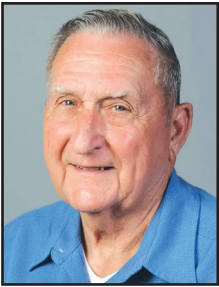
idea to spread two or three inches of an organic material over the surface of the bed and lightly mix it into the surface.

The colors and textures you want in summer bedding plants are available in a number of different species and to get the look you want you may have to use a combination of species. A factor of importance sometime overlooked is the amount of light each species you wish to grow can tolerate. The following is a partial listing of bedding plants divided by light tolerance:

Full sun to part sun: ageratum, cosmos, gomphrena, zinnias, lantana, periwinkle, ornamental peppers, salvia, scaevola, tithonia, portulaca, sun coleus and wave series of petunias.

Moderate shade to part shade: impatiens, caladiums, begonias, coleus and torenia

Do understand that there are other good bedding plants besides those listed. You may have found other kinds of plants suitable (and have under your landscape conditions discovered that they have performed beautifully). So, you may not want to change and there is no need to make a switch.



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