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SPECIAL ELECTION



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CITY COUNCIL

City Council approves dump truck financing and police promotions in record-short meeting

WILL PHILLIPS
Minden Press-Herald

The June Minden City Council meeting took place at City Hall Monday evening and ended up being possibly the shortest city council meeting to take place, lasting a little over ten minutes from start to finish. The council voted on various matters of city business such as lease agreements, authorizing Mayor Nick Cox to enter in some agreements on behalf of the city, and the promotion of a Minden Police Officer.

The council voted unanimously to adopt a resolution regarding a lease purchase agreement for the purpose of financing a dump truck. "We had a dump truck on order, and thanks to COVID it took two and a half years or so to get it in, and See, **COUNCIL**, Page 3



COX

The results are in

Minden Pet Mayor Election raises \$21,695 for animal control facility

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On May 30, the citizens of Minden came together at the Civic Center to congratulate the recently-elected pet candidates

from the city's first-ever Pet Mayor Election. Through the charitable contributions of those that participated in the event as well as the generous sponsors, the event itself raised \$21,695 for

the local animal shelter. The election featured 48 lively and charismatic candidates, each vying for the prestigious pet positions. After the campaign period, the votes were counted, and the newly-elected pet officials include Maverick as Pet Mayor, Kimber as

Chief of Pawlice, BB as Fur Chief, Pet Council Members include Jax, Archie Bullseye Collins, Raglee, Bubble Ann "Bubbles", and Tinkerbell "Tink." The City of Minden extended its heartfelt gratitude to all candidates, voters, and sponsors

who made this event a success. Mayor Nick Cox also announced at the event that the city would be breaking ground for the new facility in July. Together, the City of Minden and its citizens are making a tangible difference in the lives of our furry companions.

COMMUNITY

Grilling on Main set for June 7-8 in downtown Minden

AMBER MCDOWN
Minden Press-Herald

The annual Grilling on Main event is scheduled to take place in downtown Minden from June 7-8, drawing grillers from across the region to compete for awards in various barbecue categories. The event includes a special division reserved for local grillers as well as one for the Little Grillers. Grilling on Main promises fun for the whole family with entertainment, a cornhole competition, a kids' area, and a fireworks display. Friday is when the grillers set up and begin cooking. There will be craft and food vendors on Main Street starting at 5 PM, live music starting at 7 PM, and a cornhole tournament starting at 7:30. The winners of the Little Griller contest will be announced at 8 PM followed by a fireworks display. On Saturday, the fun starts when the vendors open and the tasting tickets go on sale at 10 AM. The kids' area, which is across from City Hall, also opens at 10 AM. The People's Choice tasting

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CRIME



COURTESY PHOTO

A year-long undercover operation involving multiple law enforcement agencies ended with almost \$300,000 in drugs seized and 13 federal indictments enforced.

Major drug bust in Webster Parish nets 13 federal indictments

STAFF REPORT
Minden Press-Herald

An undercover operation by the Webster Parish Sheriff's Office narcotics officers that began nearly a year ago culminated Tuesday with the enforcement of warrants on 13 federal indictments for conspiracy to distribute drugs. During the investigation, agents confiscated 17 pounds of methamphetamine, five pounds of cocaine, 40 pounds of marijuana, and several thousand fentanyl pills. The total street value of the drugs is estimated to be just under \$300,000.

"This is an investigation that mushroomed into a drug bust of major proportions," Sheriff Jason Parker said. "Our narcotics unit is constantly surveilling suspected dealers and we make buys when we can. We never stop there. We always try to take it up the ladder to the major sources, and that's what happened in this case." As the investigation expanded, additional agencies joined the effort. In total, eight agencies assisted, leading to the 13 indictments in Webster Parish from Springhill to Heflin. "We initiated the

investigation and as it grew, we received critical assistance in resources and manpower from other agencies that are always ready to help," Parker said. Capt. Bobby Igo III, head of the WPSO narcotics unit, highlighted the extensive collaborative effort involved in the investigation. "It was multiple agencies working together successfully that led to these indictments," Igo said. "And these are federal indictments. That means the punishment for these conspiracy cases will be swift and

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WPSB

Webster Parish School Board unanimously approves key measures and initiatives

AMBER MCDOWN
Minden Press-Herald

The Webster Parish School Board (WPSB) held its regular meeting on June 3 at the school board offices, located at 1442 Sheppard Street in Minden. All board members were present, and all agenda items were unanimously approved. The board approved the appointment of the Minden Press-Herald as the Official Webster Parish School Board Journal. School Food Service Coordinator Candiss Sheppard and School Food Service Field Manager Andrea Bourn were approved to travel to the annual School Nutrition Association conference in Boston, Massachusetts, from July 13-17 using School Food Service funds. The board approved revisions to the following policies: JGC: Student Health Services JGCD: Administration of Medication IDDF: Education of Students with Exceptionalities JDA: Corporal Punishment

The changes to these policies were all suggested by the Louisiana Legislature and clarify existing guidelines. Details can be found on the Louisiana Legislature website. The board approved adding girls' volleyball at Doyline High School as a Louisiana High School Athletic Association (LHSA) sanctioned varsity sport. Doyline High School is the first public school in Webster Parish to have a LHSA sanctioned girls' volleyball team. "This is not the first time that Doyline has led the way for us. Well done," said Webster Parish School Board President Charles Strong. The board approved accepting the two-year renewal term from Midwest Employers for excess workers' compensation insurance coverage for the period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2026. The board also approved a number of maintenance and improvement expenditures at various campuses using allocated maintenance funds. The board went into executive session to evaluate

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WEBSTER & MORE

EDUCATION

Dr. Rebecca Wilson named Webster Parish School Board personnel director

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Minden Press-Herald

Dr. Rebecca Wilson, the current principal of Minden High School, is set to take on a new role as the Webster Parish School Board (WPSB) personnel director, succeeding

Mrs. Robin Tucker, who is retiring after a distinguished career in education. Mrs. Tucker's 33-year tenure includes serving as WPSB personnel director and assistant principal then principal of Minden High School.

Dr. Wilson will transition to her new position on July 1, marking a significant change for both her and the district. The district has initiated a search for a new principal, aiming to fill the vacancy by the start of the 2024-2025 school year.

"I am very happy to know Dr. Wilson will be transitioning into the position of personnel director," said Robin Tucker. "I believe her experience and enthusiasm will benefit our district as it continues to move forward, and I am confident she

will work extremely hard in recruiting and retaining the best possible workforce for the students of Webster Parish." Wilson's tenure at Minden High School has been characterized by dedication and a commitment to student success. Her

move to the district level is seen as a positive step forward, bringing her leadership and vision to a broader scope within Webster Parish.

CRIME

Minden police chase ends in arrest, injuries to K9 and officers

STAFF REPORT
Minden Press-Herald

A chase in Minden early Saturday morning ended with the arrest of a local man and injuries to a police K9 and two officers. The incident began around 1 AM when an officer on patrol observed a vehicle making multiple laps around the Chestnut/East Street area, a behavior often associated

with drug trafficking. The officer attempted a traffic stop after the vehicle drove on the wrong side of Cherry Street. The driver, later identified as Carl Rugely, 37, of Plateau Street, fled the scene, running several stop signs and driving erratically. The pursuit continued onto the interstate, where Rugely avoided spike strips and attempted to evade law enforcement

by weaving and rear-ending Officer Sparks' patrol unit. Rugely was eventually pinned between two law enforcement vehicles but refused to exit his car. After officers broke a window to access the vehicle, Rugely resisted arrest. Sgt. Hackett's taser deployment was ineffective, prompting the use of K9 Tigo to assist. Rugely fought with the K9, result-

ing in injuries to both the dog and himself. Officers discovered 2.3 grams of marijuana and a Taurus G3 9mm handgun in Rugely's vehicle. Rugely, a convicted felon on state probation, was taken to Minden Medical Center for treatment before being booked into the Minden Police Department. He faces multiple charges, including aggravated flight, posses-

sion of a firearm by a convicted felon, and driving with a suspended license. Rugely denied possession of the gun, stating that "the only things in the vehicle that were his was the Bibles," according to the police report. When asked why he did not stop, Rugely told the officer that his vehicle would not stop. When asked why he swerved when officers were trying to block him

in, Rugely stated that "the car did that too." K9 Tigo will undergo a post-bite exam at Minden Animal Clinic to ensure no further medical issues arise from the incident. The injuries sustained by Officer Sparks, Sgt. Hackett, and K9 Tigo were documented and will be added to evidence.

PRESIDENTIAL

Minden native Mattie Preston joins 2024 presidential race

AMBER MCDOWN
Minden Press-Herald

Mattie Preston, a native of Minden, is running for president in the 2024 election. With her degree in politics, government, and public administration, Preston will be challenging the dominant candidates, Joe Biden and Donald Trump. Preston, a former assistant pastor and teacher, ran for Louisiana State Senator in 2019. Her platform focuses on reducing inflation and car insurance costs, empowering citizens, and enhancing the quality of life for all Americans. "People are really struggling to put food on the table," she noted. Preston feels that her pastoral work makes her uniquely qualified for

this position. "I have been an assistant pastor, and that has helped me to deal more compassionately with people. I've learned a lot about people, and everyone has problems, so everyone deserves a measure of respect. That prepares me to be a leader in the political arena in this country because one cannot deal rightly with any other human being if they don't have a concern for that human being. We need leaders who really do care." A significant aspect of Preston's campaign is her stance on immigration. She advocates for closing the border until the U.S. can adequately vet immigrants. "We should put an end to the [illegal] immigration until the Americans are situated better.

The priority is the American citizens, taking care of this country first before the charity is shared abroad," she stated. Preston's political aspirations are rooted in her faith. She believes that her candidacy is a divine calling that began in 2016. "I would like to see a leader of this country who follows the Bible as far as acknowledging God in all His or Her ways," she said. Preston envisions a nation united in prayer, seeking divine guidance for leadership. Although running as a Democrat, Preston's platform diverges from typical party lines. "I am not loyal to any party. There are things in both parties' platforms that I agree and disagree with. God is not a Democrat; He's not a

Republican," she emphasized. When asked about her response to non-believers who think religion should not play a part in politics, Preston said, "That type of leader is no threat to the believer or the non-believer. The law of God has to do with justice for all. God loves all; He loves homosexuals, He loves the unsaved, He loves the saved. He is about justice, and I don't see that as being a threat at all." Preston acknowledged the challenges of running as an unknown candidate but expressed her belief in divine purpose. "There's a scripture in the Bible that says 'Whatever you do, in word or deed, do to the glory of God.' If I become president of the United States, it will



be His miracle. If Mattie Preston becomes president of the United States, He will get that glory because there is no human being — atheist or Christian — who could say that

there was no Divine intervention." For more information on Mattie Preston and her campaign or to donate, visit her website at www.mattiepreston.com.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Dixie Inn holds special session: Police chief resigns, budget introduced

AMBER MCDOWN
Minden Press-Herald

The Village of Dixie Inn held a special session on May 30 at the Village Hall, located at 60 Shell Street. All board members were present, and all items on the agenda were passed unanimously. The first item of new business was the acceptance of Dixie Inn Police Chief Alan Davis's resignation, effective May 31. In his resignation letter, Davis wrote, "I have spent the better half of nine and a half years at this department. Over the years, I have witnessed both positive and challenging changes within the department and the community. However, after much consideration, I have decided to pursue other opportunities." The board tabled discussions regarding the necessity of having only the chief of police and one other officer on the payroll, as well as their scheduled shifts, pending further information. Additionally, the board will decide on qualifications and benefits before hiring a new chief of police. The decision to provide



insurance for employees was also tabled for further information. The board voted to purchase, rather than lease, the next village vehicle. "The state allows us such an incentive for us to purchase it outright, so it would be purely ignorance for us to choose to lease it," said Alderman Judy McKenzie. Ordinance #133, the 2024-2025 General Fund Budget and Utility Fund Budget, was introduced and is available for public review. It will be officially adopted on June 11. An amendment to the 2023-

2024 General Fund Budget was also approved. Dixie Inn has received a \$125,000 grant from Love Louisiana Outdoors to build restrooms in the village park, with the total cost estimated at \$140,000. The board approved spending \$15,000 to complete this project. "We're building our village so much," said McKenzie. The Village of Dixie Inn holds its council meetings on the second Tuesday of each month, with the next meeting scheduled for June 11 at 5 PM. The public is welcome to attend.

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OBITUARIES



Finnis Lyman Zappa

Finnis Lyman Zappa, 86, a resident of Homer, Louisiana, left this world on his final hunting trip Wednesday, May 22, 2024, to be reunited with his loved ones in heaven. He was born in Athens, Louisiana, on November 27, 1937, and spent most of his life in Claiborne and Webster parishes. Finnis was a 1955 graduate of Athens High School where he excelled in basketball. After high school, Finnis attended Louisiana Tech University where he earned a Bachelors of Physical Education. His career as a coach was quickly interrupted for an opportunity as an inspector for the Louisiana Army Ammunition Plant (LAAP), lasting until he retired in 1994. It was at the ammunition plant where he would meet the woman of his dreams, marrying her in 1968. They did life together, one hundred percent! He was a country boy who enjoyed hunting, fishing, and a little game of poker, but his one true passion was to watch the ponies run. He was an amazing father to three beautiful children and was “Paw” or “Poppa Z” to his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He spent his retirement years enjoying the beach and RV’ing the country with the love of his life. He spent his final years watching sunsets on his beloved Lake Claiborne, where he would tell stories about how he used to cut hay on the land before the lake was made and asking the grandkids if they wanted to go fishing. Finnis was a faithful member of the Presbyterian Church his entire life. He served as deacon for many years at the Minden Presbyterian Church and was a former Salem Memorial Cemetery board member.

Finnis is preceded in death by his wife of 54 years, Eugenia Grace Zappa, his parents, Curtis Lyman and Ella Mae Zappa, two brothers, James Zappa and John Zappa. He is survived by his three children, Christopher Wade Maness of Athens, Louisiana, Wendi Zappa

Plants and her husband Chris of Minden, Louisiana, Russell Todd Zappa and his wife Michelle of Benton, Louisiana; his eleven grandchildren, Christopher Wade Maness II and his wife Faith, Maegan Maness, Lauren Maness, Katelin Payne and her husband Matthew, McKenzie Easterling and her husband Nathan, Wil Plants, Audrey Plants, Jeweliette Plants, Gentry Zappa Plants, Savannah Zappa, and Isabella Zappa; his eight great-grandchildren, Ashley, Tessa, Trace, Graham, Emilia, Parker, Greyson and Aiden; two sisters, Sherline Carver and Elizabeth Haynes, both of Athens, Louisiana; along with a whole amazing “herd” of nieces and nephews who he dearly loved.

Visitation was held at Rose Neath Funeral Home, 405 East 5th Street, Homer, Louisiana, on Tuesday, May 28, from 5-7. A funeral service was held at 10:00 a.m., on Wednesday, May 29, at the First Presbyterian Church of Athens, 15274 Highway 9, Athens, Louisiana, followed by a graveside farewell at Salem Memorial Cemetery in Athens.

Pallbearers for the service include, Buzzy Buckner, Roderick Cook, Tommy Ellis, Richard Gandy, Clint Gantt, Weston Hardy, Bits Jett, Roland Liles, Ronnie Liles, Toby Page, Andy Pate, Chip Sims, Michael Wilson, and Keith Watkins.

The family would like to extend their deepest appreciation and heartfelt gratitude for the years of wonderful care provided by Dr. Clint Butler and his extraordinary staff, the Claiborne Memorial Medical Center in Homer, the Minden Medical Center Inpatient Rehabilitation, and the Willis Knighton Bossier Emergency Room nurses and doctors who cared for daddy in his final hours. Your care and professionalism made this journey bearable.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the First Presbyterian Church of Athens or the Salem Memorial Cemetery (P.O. Box 152, Athens, LA) may be made in memory of Finnis Lyman Zappa.

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Carleton Prothro

Carleton Prothro of Minden, Louisiana, passed away on May 26, 2024, at the age of 92. Carleton’s cheerfulness, quick wit, knowledge, and true understanding of others have been the source of humor, inspiration, and compassion for so many people whose lives he has touched during his time on this earth. Minden’s 2017 Man of the Year is now entertaining others in heaven with his knowledge about history, his (sometimes off-colored) jokes, and his worldly experiences that so many here on earth will forever miss.

Carleton was born in Shreveport, Louisiana, on February 11, 1932. He graduated from C.E. Byrd High School in Shreveport in 1950 and the University of Arkansas in 1954. For Carleton, once a Razorback, always a Razorback. For the rest of his life, he remained a loyal fan through good and bad seasons in all Razorback athletics, but he was especially happy when his team was winning. Carleton furthered his education by receiving his Masters’ degree from the University of Alabama in 1965, and his two college degrees allowed him to follow his life’s passion of educating and guiding high school students in Webster Parish schools from 1958-1992 as a teacher, counselor, assistant principal, and Title 1 Coordinator. Proof of Carleton’s impact on his students lies in the fact that most of his Minden High School classes continually invited him to attend their class reunions as a guest of honor to share their special memories with him. Also, some of his best friends later in life were former students.

Carleton loved America. Choosing to serve his coun-

try as a member of the U.S. Army, he attended Officer Basic Training at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, from 1954-1955, and he served as an Army Aviator at Fort Benning, Georgia, from 1956-1958. After an Honorable Discharge from active duty, Carleton remained in the Army Reserves from 1958-1981. He achieved the rank of Colonel in 2006, and from that point on, most of the people who knew him best respectfully called him Colonel Prothro.

Carleton also loved his church, St. John’s Episcopal in Minden, where he has been a member since 1959. He served in almost every capacity at the church, including lector, usher, youth group leader, and vestry member. Carleton was also the ring leader of the Episcopal Men’s Fish Fry when it was an annual event that many men of all denominations enjoyed attending. He rarely said no when asked to do something at St. John’s. The general attitude of St. John’s congregation was that if it was something that met Carleton’s approval, it was good for St. John’s. He will be dearly missed.

Carleton was preceded in death by his parents Claude and Virginia Hunt Prothro, his sister Emily Halsey Van Horn, and his two brothers Captain Randell Hunt Prothro, USN, and Claude B. Prothro, Jr. He is survived by his wife Lois Price Prothro, whom he married on October 12, 1957. He is also survived by their two sons Carleton (Becky) and Lance (Stephanie). Also surviving Carleton are his granddaughter Whitney Fain (Stephen) and his grandson Hunt Prothro (Ivy). He is great grandfather to Anderson, Parker, and Riley Ann Fain.

Services will be held at 2:00 PM June 15 at St. John’s Episcopal Church in Minden with a reception to follow in the parish hall.

til 7:00 p.m. at Rose Neath Funeral Home in Minden.

Sylvia was born July 9, 1948, in Delhi, Louisiana and entered into rest June 1, 2024, in Minden, Louisiana. She was a member of First Assembly of God Church in Minden, Louisiana.

Sylvia was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Fattie Tonnang and brother, Charles Tonnang.

She is survived by her sons, Danny Puckett (Michelle) and Jimmy Puckett (Kira), daughters, Sara Maddox (Thomas) and Dianna Gill (Nomi), sisters, Lora Dement, Delane Garrett, and Irene Agnew, brother, Gilbert Tonnang, 14 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and many extended family members and friends.

Sylvia Tonnang Puckett

Funeral services for Sylvia Tonnang Puckett will be held Thursday, June 6, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at First Assembly of God Church in Minden, Louisiana with Pastor Dee Anders officiating. Interment will follow at Gardens of Memory Cemetery in Minden, Louisiana under the direction of Rose Neath Funeral Home in Minden, Louisiana. The family will receive friends Wednesday, June 5, 2024, from 5:00 un-

COUNCIL

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it just arrived, and now we have to pay for it,” said Mayor Cox.

Shortly after that the council voted unanimously to allow the mayor to enter into a maintenance agreement between the city and the State of Louisiana DoTD Office of Engineering. Essentially, every year the City of Minden has to contract with the state of Louisiana to cut and

maintain their right-of-ways.

The council also voted to allow the mayor to enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with the Cotton Valley Police Department. “The police department has two Tahoes that have reached, basically, the end of their lifespan, probably times two. They’re ready to sur-

a small community that really needs them,” said Mayor Cox.

Police Lieutenant Keith King, Jr., upon recommendation by Police Chief Jared McIver and a unanimous vote of approval from the council, was promoted to the rank of Police Captain. King has been working with the Minden Police Department since 2001 and has passed his Fire and Police Civil Service Board

Captain Examination.

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



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GRILL

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will begin at 11 AM, and there will be a DJ on the stage starting at that time as well. The winners will be announced at 5 PM.

The Barbecue Competitors Alliance (BCA) and local teams consist of four people. Winners will receive a monetary payout, with the total prize pool amounting to \$10,000. Categories include brisket, chicken, and pork spareribs. All contestants must adhere to BCA guidelines

and cook all three meats to qualify for the Grand Champion title.

The People’s Choice competition allows the voting public to taste samples from competitors for a fee, using wristbands for voting. The People’s Choice winner will receive a \$1,000 payout. Participation in this competition is optional for all team entries.

For more information, contact Main Street Director Taylor Wren at 318-371-4258 or visit www.mindenla.org/gom.

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severe.”

The supporting law enforcement agencies included the Minden Police Department, DEA, the Louisiana National Guard counter-drug division, Bienville Parish Sheriff’s Office, Caddo Parish Sheriff’s Office, DeSoto Parish Sheriff’s Office, Bossier City Police Department, and the Louisiana State Police.

All suspects named in the indictments have been taken into custody, though their names have not been released.

“We have put some major players in illegal drugs out of business in

Webster Parish, but this doesn’t mean we’re going to rest on our success,” Parker said. “Our drug investigations are ongoing. This is something that we’re not going to tolerate in our parish. People need to know that if you’re dealing drugs, we’re coming for you no matter how long it takes.”

This operation marks a significant achievement in the ongoing battle against illegal drug distribution in Webster Parish. Authorities emphasize their continued vigilance and commitment to dismantling drug networks in the community.

SCHOOLS

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uate Superintendent Johnny Rowland’s performance. When the regular session reconvened, the board voted to extend Rowland’s contract for another four years.

In the personnel report, Personnel Director Robin Tucker stated that the work of the personnel department is proceeding as usual for this time of year, with efforts

to find new employees for the next school year. “I feel confident we’ll be fully staffed come August,” she said.

The board may meet again in a special session, though it has not yet been announced. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the school board will be on July 1 at 6 PM. The public is welcome to attend.

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OPINION

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OPINION

Trump Undaunted as Convictions Corrupt Guarantee of Equal Justice Under Law

I have believed the lawfare abuse of Pres. Trump with all of these concocted court cases and made-up charges would backfire. It has, but in a way I had not anticipated. As we know, Trump was just convicted on 34 counts of allegedly falsifying records from eight years ago in a trial that was held in Manhattan, the most anti-Trump venue in America, where 86 percent of its population voted for Biden in 2020. The trial record is drowning in egregious reversible error for appeal. The trial was conducted by a judge who has donated to both Biden and to a Stop Trump, Stop Republican organization; and whose wife worked for Latetia James, the Trump-hating AG of New York, and whose daughter has made over \$100 million off the trial on behalf of Democrat officeholders and candidates. This corrupt, conflicted judge also forced a gag order on Trump so that he couldn't use his constitutional right to speak out against the charges when the prosecution's lead witnesses were savaging him each day. The judge allowed mountains of prejudicial and irrelevant evidence to be considered by the jury and disallowed from testifying critical witnesses who possessed evidence exonerating Trump. The prosecution's "star" witness against

Trump—Michael Cohen—is a convicted perjurer who admitted to lying to Congress and who also lied, and admitted to lying, on the stand during the trial against Trump. He also admitted to stealing money from Trump. Trump wasn't even provided notice of what the underlying federal law violation was until the closing statement of the prosecution, to which Trump's lawyers weren't even allowed to respond before the case went to the jury! Talk about legal Fascism! But even during this show trial, which would make Joseph Stalin proud—"show me the man, and I'll show you the crime"—Trump has been creative and successful in continuing his campaign. While handcuffed to the courtroom in New York City he has been campaigning in the city and recently spoke at a gathering in the Bronx. The 15-20,000 at the Bronx rally were not typical Republicans—in fact, many were not Republicans at all. Why would a crowd of primarily people of color attend a Trump rally so visibly and

energetically? I can do no better than Trump's own words as he addressed the crowd: "It doesn't matter whether you're Black, or Brown, or White or whatever the hell color you are, it doesn't matter. We are all Americans and we're going to pull together as Americans." In his typically blunt but unmistakable manner he endorsed what I believe most Americans aspire to: a truly colorblind—race and gender-neutral—America. What brought them there for Trump? "High inflation. Falling real wages. A wide-open southern border—where roughly 10 million Biden illegals have taken jobs from native Americans and slashed wages for ordinary homegrown working folks who show up every day, do their jobs, pay their taxes and now realize Biden policies have mangled the American dream. (L. Kudlow, FOX, May 24, 2024). Trump again in the Bronx: "We're going to throw out Bidenomics, then going to replace it with MAGAnomics — I will give you low taxes, low inflation, low interest rates, rising wages, growing incomes and fair trade for the American worker and we will make energy affordable again by saying, 'Drill, baby, drill.'" Let's contrast Trump's positive and inclusive message with that of Pres. Biden.

Last weekend, Biden gave a speech "about fear, racism, Jim Crow, and victimization to a graduating class at Morehouse College in Atlanta, GA— one of America's best schools whose graduates typically earn far more starting salaries than the national average." (Kudlow, FOX). Did Biden talk about hope? No. Did he talk about opportunity? No. Did he talk about the American dream? No. He gave a typical, far-left, racialized, fearmongering, condescending statement that basically said to this historical Black men's college: "You're not going to succeed." (Kudlow). Several graduates turned their backs on Biden as he spoke. Trump is not a politician. He didn't dream of being president. He dreamed of being a billionaire. Now, when he says the system is rigged against the average American because he himself took advantage of it, he is credible and believable. This has the makings of a broader, more diverse coalition than Pres. Trump had before. Americans have a Biden record and Trump record to compare; they see a very clear distinction and they are choosing Trump.

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INSPIRATION

Memories from May 31, 1962

My eyes were glued on the clock over our dining room table in the loving foster home of Cullen and Martha Adair. This was the day that I had anticipated for two months as I packed my bag ready to go. Two months can be an eternity or a blink of an eye to a girl of fourteen, who was about to embark on an experience that would forever change her life! It was just two months since I left my mother and my childhood home. I recall not looking back at my home in the woods, having just shared bitter, blinding tears of my child like mother who could hardly believe she was losing the last piece of the puzzle that made up her life, having lost her own mother when she was only two years old. Being disabled she did the best she could but sometimes that isn't enough. How could it happen? Why my mother have to fend it alone? I left my collie dog, named Lassie, who had been at my side since I was seven. Unaware of what lay ahead it really all began when I had the courage to step out as a scared, frightened child who had learned enough about God to know that I had to obey what I knew even though I still have much to learn. Frightened I stepped out as the

minister Fred Webb, of Grove, Oklahoma gave the invitation for any who wanted to take that first step and be baptized into Christ. I am sure it shocked the congregation to see this underweight girl of fourteen having the courage to make her confession of faith and be baptized that night in March of 1962. But when I took that first step the stage was set for change that would forever impact and bring me to a brighter day even though I would have to go through intense pain to make it happen! And that step was set in motion because a caring Christian couple, Earnest and Natalie Young of Noel, Missouri, saw my mother and I starting to walk back home through the woods near Noel, Missouri because we didn't own a car. They drove us home and then asked us if we would like to go to church the next day and of course the answer was yes. They didn't hesitate to drive back out through the woods in that almost unbeaten path through the

under growth in the woods. After I became a Christian change came at rapid speed. A week later Fred Webb, the minister, and Earnest Young, came to my school at Noel, Missouri and got permission for me to leave the school that day for a short conference in their car. As we drove they said they had found an orphanage that would take me after my school year was over! I was assured I would have plenty of food to eat, a clean house and a chance to get an education. I grabbed the brass ring -- the only one that had been extended. They went on to say that I would need to go to a temporary foster home first with Cullen and Martha Adair, of Grove, Oklahoma, until the end of the school year when the home would have a bed. This couple had two adopted Native American children, Ann Adar Hobby and Chuck Adair, who would become like a sister and brother tome. Of course I would go because I knew that I needed more than I had up until now even though I knew my mother loved me more than I can articulate. Two days later I packed my clothes into a brown grocery bag and didn't look back as I left my mother in tears with my dog at her side. I was forever impacted by the love and care I received in the Donna Reed home with Cullen

and Martha Adair who were so kind and enlisted the church to assist me financially as I went into their home. I had no way of knowing the pain I would experience as I left their home. Don't kid yourself. A child can bond so deeply in just two months to loving people and be forever changed for the better. I guess it took the pain of that abusive orphanage to help me grow into who I am today. I want to make a difference -- to give others the courage to express their own feelings and write their stories rather than going off the deep end. Had I known then how I would change on the inside and experience the joy that I feel today I would not have been so scared but I guess it's what we don't know that gives us the edge to move forward. Because Jesus is the same yesterday and forever He always gets me to the right place at the right time. At seventy-six I want to do all I can to leave a legacy of my life to my family and to who might need an avenue of escape in writing their own stories and and reading reading mine.

CONTACT SARAH AT SARAH9957@AOL.COM



SARAH HUDSON PIERCE



FANNIE MOORE

FROM THE BACK PORCH

Holidays are for going to Grandma's house

We observed another holiday this past week, and it was at Grandma's house. As long as the matriarch is still up and able, hoiidays are normally held at Grandma's house. It doesn't matter if others are more able to host the event, it just isn't the same if it is held elsewhere. We realize that we normally don't do a big celebration for Memorial Day, nevertheless, if the family is getting together, it's going to be at Grandma's. Sometimes, one of the siblings will suggest having a cookout at Mama's. (Grandma) We can get the food, bring it and cook it together. Food choices will vary according to the holiday, but it seems to be better when it involves the whole family.

When our Mama was still living, even during the time she was living with us, we hosted the events for her. Afterwards, I tried to hold the family together but it just wasn't the same. All the siblings had children and grandchildren of their own, so the event shifted to that grandma. I can recall when we were small, we would go to Gran-nie Wise's house on Christmas Day. She would have a large pine tree covered with homemade ornaments

and branches of cedar and holly hanging above all the doorways. A great feast was prepared by the women, including the aunts who usually didn't contribute to the regular meals. But that was special and it is a treasured memory. After her passing, the ritual was lost. When the ritual changes, it just shifts before it dies out completely. According to the time of year, we had watermelons or homemade ice cream following the meal. Daddy had bought a White Mountain ice cream freezer that would make a gallon and a half of the sweet confection. The huge tub was wooden and had to be hand-cranked. Before the process was completed, someone had to sit

on top of the freezer to hold it still, as it would get harder and harder to crank, We children loved to take turns cranking or sitting on the tub. We could hardly wait for the delicious treat to get ready to eat. When I was teaching, I was amazed at the number of children in my class that had never seen homemade ice cream. So, near the end of school for two or three years, I brought two ice cream freezers, one electric and one hand crank, to let them have the experience of making ice cream. As we prepared the freezers, one of my students asked "Where is the ice cream going to be?" They all had a turn at cranking the manual one and the young man was amazed when we

opened it, and he saw the ice cream. They all enjoyed the treat, which we also shared with the principal. I know that little tale drifted from the topic of celebrating holidays with Grandma, but it was a ritual that I thought every child should experience. So if their Grandma didn't make ice cream, they would still have the opportunity to crank an ice cream freezer. As the year progresses, the celebrations change and so does the hosting. But it will usually still be held at Grandma's house.

FANNIE MOORE LIVES IN SHONGALOO,

SPORTS

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PREP SPORTS



Glenbrook has hired Tyler Cox as its head softball coach

Glenbrook names Tyler Cox head softball coach

RUSSELL HEDGES
Minden Press-Herald

Glenbrook has hired Tyler Cox as its head softball coach, according to a post on the school's Facebook page.

"Glenbrook Athletic Director, James Thurman, is pleased to announce the hiring of Tyler Cox as the school's next head softball coach" the post states.

"Coach Cox joins Glenbrook from Zwolle High School, where he led his teams to an impressive 48-15 record over the last two seasons.

A graduate of Northwestern State University, Cox attended Logansport High School, where he was a standout baseball player. He is also currently a member of the coaching staff for the Illusions travel softball organization.

In addition to his responsibilities as head softball coach, Coach Cox will assist with football, and serve as coordinator for the Glenbrook elementary sports program.

Regarding his attraction to Glenbrook, Coach Cox stated, "I was drawn

to Glenbrook because of the success the program is having and the potential to build on it, not only in softball but across all sports. The strong support for the program and the commitment to achieving the ultimate goal of winning a State Championship greatly impressed me. I am excited to be a part of this journey at Glenbrook!"

Glenbrook will host a "Meet the Coach" event this Thursday, May 30th at 6:00 PM in the school cafeteria.

All are welcome to attend and meet Coach Cox."

Glenbrook has won the District 1-1A championship the last two years. The school joined the LH-SAA in 2022 and became eligible for championship honors in 2023.

Last season, Glenbrook was 17-14 overall. The Lady Apaches reached the second round of the select Division IV playoffs, falling to No. 4 seed St. Frederick.

Zwolle went 29-5 and fell to Anacoco in the quarterfinals of the non-select Division V playoffs.

PREP SPORTS



Landry Powell



Easton Sanders

Best in their class
Glenbrook's Sanders, Powell make LSWA Class 1A All-State team

RUSSELL HEDGES
Minden Press Herald

Glenbrook rising senior Easton Sanders and 2024 graduate Landry Powell have been named to the Louisiana Sports Writers Association's Class 1A baseball team.

Sanders went 9-2 overall. He pitched three complete games in the playoffs as the Apaches advanced to the select Division IV state championship game with victories over the No. 6, No. 3 and No. 2 seeds.

Sanders was 6-2 in with a 1.33 ERA in the regular season. He had 83 strikeouts in 47 1/3 innings.

He also led the Apaches in the regular season with a .412 batting average.

Powell, an infielder, batted .427 for the full season. He had 18 RBI in the regular season.

LSWA CLASS ALL-STATE TEAM
Pos player school cl. Stats
P Karson Trichel Ouachita Christian Jr. 8-1
P Garrett Taylor St. Frederick Sr. 9-1

P Easton Sanders Glenbrook Jr. 9-2
P Brennan Champagne Covenant Christian Jr. 7-1
C Zac White, Ouachita Christian Sr. .461
IF Landry Powell Glenbrook Jr. .426
IF William Patrick St. Frederick Jr. .429
IF Gage Shepherd Homer Sr. .565
IF Clayton Kimball Central Private Jr. .427
OF Jett Hudnall Ouachita Christian Sr. .360
OF Carsen Hebert Covenant Christian Jr. .432
OF Mark Collins Opelousas Catholic Sr. .491
UT Cade Menina Central Catholic Sr. 7-1
UT Jackson Landry Ascension Catholic Sr. .412
UT Jordan Luna Opelousas Catholic Sr. 5-1
UT Braden Mouton Central Catholic Jr. 9-3
UT Caleb Johnson East Beaure-

gard Sr. .415
OUTSTANDING PLAYER: MARK COLLINS, OPELOUSAS CATHOLIC
COACH OF THE YEAR: JUSTIN BOYD, OPELOUSAS CATHOLIC
Honorable mention
Jacob Lilley, Ouachita Christian; Tucker Stutts, Ouachita Christian; Max Brister, Cedar Creek; Kade Luker, Cedar Creek; Kaden Miller, St. Frederick; Aiden Melna, St. Frederick; Owen Trosclair, Covenant Christian; Tino Lopez, Centerville; Blaze Brister, Merryville; Trey Scarborough, St. Mary's; Ayden Warren, St. Mary's; Lucas Pickens, Central Catholic; Braylon Normand, St. Frederick; Cooper Wakefield, St. Martin's; Preston Martinez, St. Mary's; Tristan Rogers, Covenant Christian; Greg Hamer, Central Catholic; Braylon Normand, St. Mary's; Jacob Brignac, Ascension Christian; Beckett Boyd Opelousas Catholic; Peyton Trosclair, Covenant Christian; Conor Jordan, St. Mary's; Wyatt Buratt, Ascension Christian.

GLYNN HARRIS OUTDOORS

Don't be 'bugged' this summer

What's not to like about summers in the south? Warm temperatures, pretty flowers, fresh tomatoes from the garden, fish jumpin'..I could go on and on. With all the nice things about living in our part of the world this time of year, there are some "boogers" out there bent on making your life miserable.

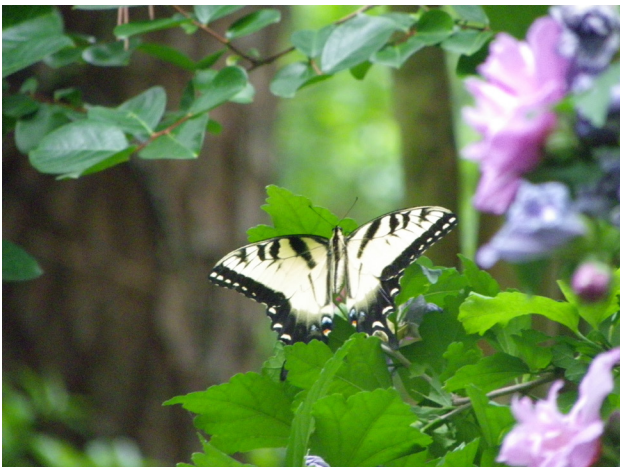
As sure as there'll be peaches in June and watermelons in July, there'll be bugs. Lots of bugs. Bad bugs. Nasty bugs. Biting and stinging bugs. For all of us, insect bites and stings are, at the very least, annoying. For some with certain allergies, they can be far more serious.

With the very serious mosquito-borne illness, West Nile Virus in the news practically every day, getting bitten can be more than just a nuisance; it can be deadly.

I recently found one of those "top ten" lists, not unlike the one David Letterman use to do each night on TV. However, this top ten list has to do with helping make your summer



HARRIS



outings in Louisiana more bug-free.

Cover your skin as completely as possible. Wear shoes, long sleeves and long pants with the cuffs tucked into the socks. Males need to be particularly careful in covering up, since they are favored targets of mosquitoes.

Wear khaki or neutral colors. Mosquitoes are attracted to dark colors, especially blue, so avoid this color.

Avoid using scented soaps, lotions, shampoos and colognes. Heavily scented toiletries are attractive to bees and other bugs.

Use repellent. Like sunscreen helps block the sun's rays, bug repellent helps block bugs. DEET or citronella-based repellents both work.

Be prepared. Even if the bugs aren't out when you leave on an outing, they might be when you get there. Carry repellents in your car, tackle box, backpack, beach bag or hunting vest. Even the best repellents won't help you if you leave them at home.

Avoid spots popular with bugs. Mosquitoes like cool, moist places. Avoid stagnant pools of water when possible. Flies tend to hover around animals and sweets; gnats, horseflies and deer flies are attracted to moving objects; yellow jackets are drawn to meats, soft drinks and other foods.

Be aware of the time of day when most insects are active. Gnats are more plentiful in the morning;

mosquitoes prefer dawn and dusk; deer flies are more pesky in the midday hours.

Children are more vulnerable to bug bites because of their smaller size. They are closer to the ground and to flowers and plants that harbor insects. Protect them with proper clothing and with insect repellents appropriate for children.

Check for ticks upon returning indoors. If you find an imbedded tick, remove it by grasping the head with tweezers and pull straight up. To reduce risk of infection, clean the bite with hydrogen peroxide.

Don't scratch. Impetigo, a common skin disease among children that can spread throughout the family, usually begins when a child scratches a bug bite. Use a topical cream or spray containing lidocaine or benzocaine to reduce itching.

This list may not make you laugh like Letterman's top ten did but hopefully, it'll keep biting and stinging insects from making you want to cry.

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

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 and crank baits. Contact Honey Hole Tackle Shop 323-8707 for latest information.

BUSSEY BRAKE – Bass are hanging around cover with soft plastics and jigs picking up some big ones. Crappie have moved to deeper cover and fair on shiners and jigs. Bream are on the beds and hitting worms and crickets. For latest information, contact the Honey Hole at 323-8707.

OUACHITA RIVER – The water is still high but slowly falling. Bream are beginning to bed in the backwaters. Bass are fair fishing shad imitation lures in the cuts. Crappie are fair in the river lakes on shiners and jigs. For latest information, contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

LAKE D'ARBONNE – Bass are best early mornings on topwater lures. Later in the day they can be caught on the flats on soft plastics, spinners and crank baits. Crappie are beginning to bunch up in deeper water and jigs and shiners are picking up some nice slabs. Bream are on the beds and taking crickets or worms. Catfishing is good 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 CLAIBORNE – The bass have been best early in the day fishing topwaters in the shallows. Crank baits are best for those moving out to deeper water. Night fishing is starting to pick up on dark colored worms and spinners. Crappie are starting to move out to 12 foot water and are hitting mostly shiners. Bream are on the beds and worms and crickets are working on them. Catfishing has been good tightlining night crawlers. For latest information, call Kel's Cove at 927-2264 or Terzia Tackle at 278-4498.

CANEY LAKE – Big chinquapins are on the beds and some real good fish are being caught on small crawfish, worms and crickets. Big oversized crick worms are picking up some good sized bass in deeper water around the secondary points. Crappie are best fishing jigs or shiners around submerged tops in 14-16 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. No report on crappie or bass. For latest reports, call Poverty Point Marina at 318/878-0101.

LAKE YUCATAN – The water is still over the road. No fishing reports this week. For information, call Surplus City Landing at 318/467-2259.

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The Housing Authority of the City of Minden will receive bids for the 2021/2022/2023 Capital Fund Program — Modernization Project Southfield Plaza Minden Housing Authority Hayes Manor Subdivision, 'Southfield Plaza Subdivision & Fincher Subdivision, Minden, Louisiana — HUD Modernization LA48P037501-21 - LA48P037501-22 - LA48P037501-23 @ 10:00 a.m. on **June 26th, 2024** at the offices of the Housing Authority of the City of Minden, 1209 East Street, Minden Louisiana 71055, which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any person requiring special accommodations shall notify The Housing Authority of the type(s) of accommodation required not less than seven (7) days before bid opening.

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

May 22, 2024
May 29, 2024
June 5, 2024
Minden Press Herald

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Minden Housing Authority will hold a Public Meeting on July 29, 2024, at 9:30 AM at 1209 East Street, Minden Louisiana, to receive comments on the following:

Revised 2021 Capital Fund 5-Year Action Plan Budget/2021 Annual Statement

Revised 2022 Capital Fund 5-Year Action Plan Budget/2022 Annual Statement

Revised 2023 Capital Fund 5-Year Action Plan Budget/2023 Annual Statement

All documents will be on display and available for viewing for 45 days starting June 5, 2024 at the office of the Housing Authority at the same address above, Monday through Thursday, between the hours of 9AM and 3PM.

June 5, 2024
June 12, 2024
June 19, 2024
June 26, 2024
July 3, 2024
July 10, 2024
July 17, 2024
July 24, 2024
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SHERIFF'S SALE

LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING LLC VS. JOHN E RAY

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. CV81434.

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, July 10, 2024, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

LOTS EIGHTEEN (18), NINETEEN (19) AND TWENTY-FOUR (24) of the JACK BATTON SUBDIVISION, as per map and plat thereof recorded in the records of the Office of the Clerk of Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, in Plat Book 2, Page 50, located in the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SE/4 of NW/4) of Section 21, Township 19 North, Range 9 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana, together with all improvements located thereon and all rights thereto belonging; subject to restrictions, servitudes, rights-of-way and outstanding mineral rights of record affecting the property.

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MINDEN, LA 71055

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

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

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

Pam Brantley - Deputy

June 5, 2024
July 3, 2024
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LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT: PNC BANK V. ESTATE OF CELESTE ELAINE ALEXANDER AKA CELESTE ELAINE ALEXANDER EVERETT; Docket No. 81367; 26th Judicial District Court; Webster Parish, Louisiana. Please notice that ESTATE OF CELESTE ELAINE ALEXANDER AKA CELESTE ELAINE ALEXANDER EVERETT has been named as a defendant in the above styled suit. Anyone knowing the whereabouts of the succession representative and/or relatives of ESTATE OF CELESTE ELAINE ALEXANDER AKA CELESTE ELAINE ALEXANDER EVERETT, or her succession representative(s), is asked to contact Attorney Taunton Melville, at (318) 200-0897 or email at TMelville@MelvilleLawFirm.com.

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SHERIFF'S SALE

GITSIT SOLUTIONS LLC VS. JEWEL FRANCES CLEMENT AKA JEWEL FRANCES MAXEY CLEMENT. ERICK STREETMAN. JUSTIN DANIEL KOPF & LACY KAYE KOPF HONEA

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LOT NUMBER SIX (6) AND NUMBER SEVEN (7), BLOCK "A" GLENBROOK SUBDIVISION, LOCATED IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW/4 OF SW/4) SECTION 10, AND IN THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SE/4 OF SE/4) SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 9 WEST, WEBSTER PARISH, LOUISIANA, AS PER MAP AND PLAT THEREOF ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT, WESTER PARISH, LOUISIANA, IN MAP BOOK 3, PAGE 110 AND ALSO A PORTION OF LOT NUMBER FIVE (5), BLOCK "A" DESCRIBED AS BEGINNING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT NUMBER FIVE (5) AND RUN SOUTH 69 FEET, THENCE RUN WEST 81.65 FEET TO LOT LINE, THENCE RUN NORTH 49 DEGREES 48 MINUTES EAST 106.9 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING AND ALSO A PORTION OF LOT NUMBER EIGHT (8), BLOCK "A" DESCRIBED AS BEGINNING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT NUMBER EIGHT (8) AND RUN THENCE SOUTH 69 FEET, THENCE RUN EAST 81.65 FEET TO LOT LINE, THENCE RUN NORTH 49 DEGREES 48 MINUTES WEST 106.9 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. TOGETHER WITH ALL IMPROVEMENTS THEREON AND ALL RIGHTS THERETO BELONGING; subject to restrictions, servitudes, rights-of-way and outstanding mineral rights of record affecting the property.

408 LAWSON PLACE, MINDEN, LA 71055

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TNT Storage, LLC, owner of East 80 Storage, (318-377-9733) located at 14963 Hwy. 80 East, Minden, LA, will have one 10 x 10 unit to auction on www.StorageAuctions.com starting on 6-5-24 at 10:00 am and ending on 6/20/24 at 10:00 am. East 80 - #121 DeQuandelyn Jamerson - child's rocker, toys, children's shoes, appears to be hair extensions or/wigs, clothes, household decor.

June 5, 2024
Minden Press Herald

LIQUOR PERMIT

I am applying to the Commission on Alcohol Beverage Control of the State of Louisiana for a permit to sell beverages of Low and High alcoholic content at retail in the Parish of Webster at the following address:

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Attorney: Hanna Rovira

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Webster Parish School Board

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Sealed bids are hereby invited by Webster Parish School Board for:

Bid #20-21/2024-25 Milk & Milk Products & Frozen Dairy

Bid #60/2024-25 Bread

Bids will be received no later than 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 25, 2024, at the Webster Parish School Board Child Nutrition Dept., 1442 Sheppard St., Minden, La 71055. After stamping to acknowledge timely receipt, bids will be publicly opened and read aloud by a designated representative of the Webster Parish School Board on Wednesday, June 26, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. Any bid received after this due date and time will not be accepted and will be returned unopened.

Complete bid documents may be obtained at:
Webster Parish School Board
1442 Sheppard St.
Minden, LA 71055.

Bid shall be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked on the outside with:
1. Bidder's name
2. Bid due date
3. Project number/name: Bid#20-21/2024-25 Milk & Milk Products
Bid#60/2024-25 Bread

Official bid documents can be made available online at www.centralbidding.com. Electronic bids may be submitted online at www.centralbidding.com. For questions related to the electronic bidding process please call Central Bidding at 225-810-4814.

Bids must be submitted on the official bid form(s) furnished in the bid package. Bids submitted on any other form(s) will be rejected.

Awards will not be made at the time of the bid opening, but will be awarded by the School Board at a later meeting.

Webster Parish School Board reserves the right to reject, in whole or in part, any and all bids and to waive any and all technicalities and informalities in accordance with state law.

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Public Water Supply ID: LA1119018

We are pleased to present to you the Annual Water Quality Report for the year 2023. This report is designed to inform you about the quality of your water and services we deliver to you every day (Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable. Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien). Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water.
Our water source(s) are listed below:

| Source Name | Source Water Type |
|-------------|-------------------|
| WELL #04 | Ground water |
| WELL #18 | Ground water |
| WELL #22 | Ground water |

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

Microbial Contaminants – such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.

Inorganic Contaminants – such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.

Pesticides and Herbicides – which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.

Organic Chemical Contaminants – including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.

Radioactive Contaminants – which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

A Source Water Assessment Plan (SWAP) is now available from our office. This plan is an assessment of a delineated area around our listed sources through which contaminants, if present, could migrate and reach our source water. It also includes an inventory of potential sources of contamination within the delineated area, and a determination of the water supply's susceptibility to contamination by the identified potential sources. According to the Source Water Assessment Plan, our water system had a susceptibility rating of "MEDIUM". If you would like to review the Source Water Assessment Plan, please feel free to contact our office.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you have any questions about this report, want to attend any scheduled meetings, or simply want to learn more about your drinking water, please contact HARRY WILSON at 318-382-4183.

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. STATE OF LA MILITARY DEPT - CAMP MINDEN is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

The Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals - Office of Public Health routinely monitors for constituents in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. The tables that follow show the results of our monitoring during the period of January 1st to December 31st, 2023. Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk.

In the tables below, you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms, we've provided the following definitions:

Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/L) – one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.

Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter (ug/L) – one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

Picocuries per liter (pCi/L) – picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.

Treatment Technique (TT) – an enforceable procedure or level of technological performance which public water systems must follow to ensure control of a contaminant.

Action level (AL) – the concentration of a contaminant that, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

Maximum contaminant level (MCL) – the "Maximum Allowed" MCL is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCL's are set as close to the MCLG's as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum contaminant level goal (MCLG) – the "Goal" is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to human health. MCLG's allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum residual disinfectant level (MRDL) – The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Maximum residual disinfectant level goal (MRDLG) – The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLG's do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

Level 1 assessment – A study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.

Level 2 Assessment – A very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why an E. coli MCL violation has occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions.

During the period covered by this report we had the below noted violations.

| Compliance Period | Analyte | Type |
|-------------------|---------|------|
|-------------------|---------|------|

Our water system tested a minimum of 2 samples per month in accordance with the Total Coliform Rule for microbiological contaminants. With the microbiological samples collected, the water system collects disinfectant residuals to ensure control of microbial growth.

| Disinfectant | Date | Highest RAA | Unit | Range | MRDL | MRDLG | Typical Source |
|--------------|------|-------------|------|------------|------|-------|---|
| CHLORINE | 2023 | 1.2 | ppm | 0.5 - 1.64 | 4 | 4 | Water additive used to control microbes |

In the tables below, we have shown the regulated contaminants that were detected. Chemical Sampling of our drinking water may not be required on an annual basis; therefore, information provided in this table refers back to the latest year of chemical sampling results.

The State of Louisiana regularly monitors source water per State and Federal Regulations. Treated water samples are monitored to further evaluate compliance.

| Source Water Regulated Contaminants | Collection Date | Highest Value | Range | Unit | MCL | MCLG | Typical Source |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|------------|------|-----|------|---|
| ARSENIC | 6/28/2021 | 1 | 0 - 1 | ppb | 10 | 0 | Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes |
| FLUORIDE | 6/28/2021 | 0.4 | 0.1 - 0.4 | ppm | 4 | 4 | Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories |
| TOLUENE | 6/28/2021 | 0.0012 | 0 - 0.0012 | ppm | 1 | 1 | Discharge from petroleum factories |

| Source Water Radiological Contaminants | Collection Date | Highest Value | Range | Unit | MCL | MCLG | Typical Source |
|--|-----------------|---------------|----------|-------|-----|------|-------------------------------|
| GROSS BETA | 6/29/2021 | 1.55 | 0 - 1.55 | nCi/L | 50 | 0 | Decay of natural and man-made |

| PARTICLE ACTIVITY | | | | | | | deposits. Note: The gross beta particle activity MCL is 4 millirem/year annual dose equivalent to the total body or any internal organ. 50 pCi/L is used as a screening level. |
|-------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
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| Lead and Copper | Date | 90TH Percentile | Range | Unit | AL | Sites Over AL | Typical Source |
|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|-------|------|-----|---------------|--|
| COPPER, FREE | 2019 - 2022 | 0.2 | | ppm | 1.3 | 0 | Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives |

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|------|-------------|---|-------|-----|----|---|--|
| LEAD | 2019 - 2022 | 1 | 1 - 4 | ppb | 15 | 0 | Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits |
|------|-------------|---|-------|-----|----|---|--|

| Disinfection Byproducts | Sample Point | Period | Highest LRAA | Range | Unit | MCL | MCLG | Typical Source |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|-------------|--------------|-------|------|-----|------|---|
| TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (THAA) | DINING FACILITY | 2022 - 2023 | 7 | 6.7 | ppb | 60 | 0 | By-product of drinking water disinfection |
| TTHM | DINING FACILITY | 2022 - 2023 | 3 | 2.72 | ppb | 80 | 0 | By-product of drinking water chlorination |
| TTHM | SHIPPING AND RECEIVING | 2022 - 2023 | 0 | 0.46 | ppb | 80 | 0 | By-product of drinking water chlorination |

| Source Secondary Contaminants | Collection Date | Highest Value | Range | Unit | SMCL |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------|------|------|
| CHLORIDE | 6/28/2021 | 210 | 37 - 210 | MG/L | 250 |
| IRON | 6/29/2021 | 0.33 | 0.02 - 0.33 | MG/L | 0.3 |
| MANGANESE | 6/29/2021 | 0.02 | 0 - 0.02 | MG/L | 0.05 |
| PH | 6/28/2021 | 8.31 | 7.57 - 8.31 | PH | 8.5 |
| SULFATE | 6/29/2021 | 16 | 0 - 16 | MG/L | 250 |

| Treated Secondary Contaminants | Collection Date | Highest Value | Range | Unit | SMCL |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------|------|------|
| IRON | 10/18/2023 | 0.62 | 0.1 - 0.62 | MG/L | 0.3 |
| MANGANESE | 10/18/2023 | 0.02 | 0.01 - 0.02 | MG/L | 0.05 |

*****Environmental Protection Agency Required Health Effects Language*****
Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).
Additional Required Health Effects Language:
Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially-harmful, bacteria may be present. Coliforms were found in more samples than allowed and this was a warning of potential problems.
There are no additional required health effects violation notices.

Thank you for allowing us to continue providing your family with clean, quality water this year. In order to maintain a safe and dependable water supply we sometimes need to make improvements that will benefit all of our customers.
We at the STATE OF LA MILITARY DEPT - CAMP MINDEN work around the clock to provide top quality drinking water to every tap. We ask that all our customers help us protect and conserve our water sources, which are the heart of our community, our way of life, and our children's future. Please call our office if you have questions.

June 5, 2024
Minden Press Herald

SUCCESSION * NUMBER: 17,736
OF * 26TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
MARTHA SHIREY LYNN * WEBSTER PARISH, LOUISIANA

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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 whereon the last publication of this notice appears.
By Order of the 26th Judicial District Court on this 3rd day of May, 2024.
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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 the 1st day of May, 2024.
S/Parker Sell
DISTRICT JUDGE
Prepared by:
Burt A. Bowers - Bar Roll No. 3338
5510 Greenwood Road
Shreveport, Louisiana 71109
(318) 636-1400 Telephone
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CHOOSE GROUND COVER PLANTS FOR SHADY PLACES

JOE W. WHITE, PH.D.
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LSU AgCenter
June 2024

If you have lived on a well-landscaped property for several years, you likely have seen the young trees that you planted become quite large. These trees by now probably have developed a rather dense canopy which prevents very much sun light from reach-

ing the ground. In the earlier stages of your landscape development there was little or no difficulty in growing and enjoying both warm and cool season flowers along with a variety of shrubs with their own special color in their normal season. But now, you struggle to grow these same plants so your display of color has become very limited as many of our flowering plants require a lot of sun. Others would be pleased just to be able

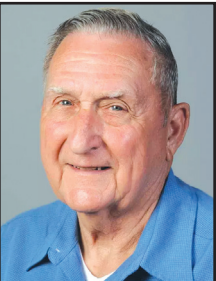
to grow a decent turf grass beneath their mature trees, but typically have very little luck in accomplishing this goal. These problems arise due to low levels of light plus very heavy root competition from the trees. There are a couple of solutions for these problems. The first is to sacrifice some of the trees, but most home owners are somewhat reluctant to do that. And the other solution is only tem-

porary at best. This is where the canopies are thinned. Unfortunately, in a matter of only about three or four years the trees will fill back the empty spaces. So, it appears that using ground cover plants in heavily shaded areas of a landscape may be the best option. Fortunately, there is a category of plants generally referred to as “ground cover plants”. But even here you have to pick and choose carefully as some

tolerate more shade than others and certain ones are not suited to shade at all. So, don't expect iris, day lilies, drift roses or spreading junipers to fare well under shady conditions. However, there are some plants that adapt well to relatively dense shade. These would include aspidistra, monkey grass (mondo) grass, liriope, English ivy, Asian Jasmine, ajuga, hosta (plantain lilies), strawberry geraniums and a variety of ferns. By simply increasing the light intensity a bit more, even a few other plants may be added to this list.

The care of ground cover plants growing in the shade of trees isn't much different from similar plants growing elsewhere. They need to be fertilized annually (usually in late winter), they need to be watered often enough to keep the soil reasonably moist and they need to be protected from damaging insects and diseases although most are generally free of

pests. Since heavy shade is mostly a non-friendly environment for most weeds, there is usually little hand weeding necessary. Since many of our ground cover plants are vines, they are best planted on the site with wide spacing between. Ground cover plants that have a bunch type growth need to be planted closely so that when they reach their maximum spread, they will completely cover the ground. With an absence of flowers on so many of these plants, choose those with appealing texture.



JOE W. WHITE, Ph.D.



Vinca Minor + Lesser/Dwarf Periwinkle is one of the faster growing ground cover plants for covering large areas. It produces soft periwinkle blue flowers sporadically over early spring to summer. Also called Creeping Periwinkle, it's a trailing ground cover vine that grows low to the ground with a good matting habit that is evergreen. Shade loving plant. Once established is drought proof. Plants are fast growing for more rapid coverage.

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