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Grilling on Main: A smokin' success in Minden

STAFF REPORT  
Minden Press-Herald

This past weekend, Minden's downtown was alive with the sizzle and aroma of barbecue as Grilling on Main took over the streets. The event attracted grill masters from near and far, eager to showcase their culinary prowess in a fierce yet friendly competition. Sanctioned and judged by the Barbecue Competitors Alliance (BCA), the event drew not only seasoned professionals but also passionate local cooks.

The festivities kicked off on Friday evening with the Little Grillers contest, sponsored by Ace Hardware. This event, open to young grillers aged 6-18, was split into Junior and Senior divisions. Armed with provided grills, charcoal, and pork chops, the young chefs demonstrated impressive skills. In the Junior Division (ages 6-12), Paxton Dew took 1st

place, with Cruz Bryce following in 2nd. For the Senior Division (ages 13-18), Landon Fletcher claimed 1st place, while Emerson McLelland secured 2nd place.

Simultaneously, the Grilling on Main cornhole tournament brought a lively crowd to downtown Minden. Sponsored by Gibbsland Bank & Trust, Under Dawgs, Logan McConathy State Farm, Roma's Italian Bistro, and Holmont, the tournament added a fun, competitive edge to the evening. Brian and Jaxon Smith clinched the 1st place title, with Riley Smith and Zeb Pepper in 2nd, and Jordan Preuett and Robbie Black in 3rd place.

The main grilling competition spanned three categories: chicken, ribs, and brisket. Each category was fiercely contested, with local grillers also recognized for their efforts.

In the chicken category, Real Smoke BBQ emerged victorious, followed by Galaxy BBQ

and Pokin' & Smokin' in 2nd and 3rd place, respectively. Local winners were Slade Frith (1st), Joe Weaver (2nd), and Scott McCollough (3rd).

For brisket, East Texas Smokers took the top spot, with Italians Do It Better in 2nd and Cajun Juju in 3rd. Locally, Joe Weaver won 1st place, with David Hamlin and John Miller taking 2nd and 3rd.

The ribs category saw East Texas Smokers again in 1st place, followed by Cajun Juju in 2nd and Olkie Folks BBQ in 3rd. Local winners included Donnie Irby (1st), Ryan McNiel (2nd), and Slade Frith (3rd).

The consistent excellence of East Texas Smokers in two categories earned them the Grand Champion title for the third consecutive year. Cajun Juju was named Reserve Grand Champion.

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# WEBSTER & MORE

WPPJ

## WPPJ approves ad valorem tax public meeting, allocates funds to Cullen Police Department

AMBER MCDOWN  
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The Webster Parish Police Jury (WPPJ) held its regular meeting on June 5, with all members present and unanimous approval of all agenda items. Routine matters included adopting minutes from previous meetings and designating the Minden Press-Herald as the Official Journal and the Springhill News and Press Journal as the Publication Journal for the next year. Additionally, the jury allocated \$800 to the Cullen Police Department for the purchase of body cam-

eras. A significant agenda item was the approval to call a public meeting regarding an election to authorize the levy of an ad valorem tax to fund the Webster Parish Council on Aging (COA). The COA has been receiving an additional \$90,000 annually for the past four years as part of a COVID relief plan, which concludes this year. “The COVID money goes away this year,” said Johnny Johnson, executive director of the Council on Aging. “We go back to 2020-level funding. If that happens, my projec-

tions are a 40% cut in services. We have no choice because of inflation — the cost of food has gone crazy. There just aren’t any other options. We’re going to have to have new revenue or we’re going to have to cut services.” The COA requires approximately \$800,000 annually to operate and hopes to use the tax revenue to close the budget gap and start a transportation service for seniors to medical appointments in Shreveport, which is currently the most requested service. The public meeting will be held on July 2 at

10:30 AM at the Police Jury Meeting Room at 401 Main Street in Minden. During committee reports, Melinda Davidson of the Webster Parish Office of Community Services noted an increase in landlords accepting Section 8 housing but mentioned the office still has more vouchers available than landlords. Davidson’s office is reallocating some funds to the crisis fund to assist more residents facing electricity cut-off notices. Brian Williams of the Office of Emergency Preparedness reported that recent storms caused

downed trees and powerlines but no structural damage. 911 Director Angie Chapman shared that of the over 3,000 calls received last month, most were fires or fire alarms. She also recounted a recent incident where a 911 operator coordinated with multiple agencies to resolve a moving domestic dispute, leading to a felony arrest with child endangerment charges. Jessica Gorman of the Dorcheat Museum announced a \$5,000 Culture Care grant from the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities for general operating costs. She men-

tioned growing interest in cemetery preservation and recommended attending the 48 State Tour cemetery workshop in Natchitoches in July. Additionally, Mary Claire Kettler will speak at the next Night at the Museum on June 10, and Gorman is working on a new book featuring historical and current photographs of Minden. The next meeting of the Webster Parish Police Jury is scheduled for July 2 at 10:30 AM, and the public is encouraged to attend.

### SPORTS RECOGNITION

## Doyline High’s Noah Spears earns honorable mention on all-state teams

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Noah Spears, a standout athlete at Doyline High School, received an Honorable Mention on the 2024 Louisiana Sports Writers Association’s list of Class B All-State Baseball and Softball Teams. Spears, who will be entering his senior year this fall, has demonstrated remarkable talent on the

field. Spears’s scouting report highlights his prowess as a right-handed pitcher. He impressed scouts at the Preseason All American showcase, showing a solid presence on the mound. His fastball, now reaching speeds of up to 87 mph, is complemented by a breaking ball that sits at 70-71 mph with an 11/5 shape and early break. Additionally, his change-

up, clocking in at 71-72 mph, features notable sinking action. Spears exhibits exceptional control, effectively attacking hitters and throwing strikes consistently. His mound presence and competitive spirit mark him as a promising prospect for higher levels of play. This past week, Spears represented Doyline at the LBCA Underclassmen State Games played at the

University of Louisiana at Monroe. He joined underclassmen from all over the state but was the only representative from Webster Parish. This spring, Spears played a pivotal role in leading the Doyline Panthers to the second round of the non-select Division V playoffs, securing a 6-0 victory over Ebarb.



### CRIME

## Homer man arrested for beer theft at Save-A-Lot

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On May 29, a Minden police officer was dispatched to Save-A-Lot following a report of theft. Dispatch advised that a male wearing all black clothing had left the store carrying two cases of beer. An officer located a

male matching the description near the intersection of Plum Street and Talton Street, later identified as Valentin Guerrero, 24, of Homer. Guerrero admitted to being intoxicated. When the officer attempted to place Guerrero in handcuffs, Guerrero refused lawful orders to place his hands behind

his back. Two officers were needed to forcefully place Guerrero’s hands behind his back and handcuffed him. Upon arrival at Save-A-Lot, the officer made contact with assistant manager Melody Palmer. Palmer provided security video showing Guerrero leaving the store carrying

two cases of beer. Palmer positively identified Guerrero from a driver’s license photo as the suspect. She provided a voided receipt for the cases of beer, valued at \$24.83, and signed a complaint for theft. Further investigation revealed that unidentified witnesses reported Guer-

rero had placed the cases of beer in a garbage can. The cases of beer were recovered from a garbage can in the 300 block of Talton Street and later returned to Save-A-Lot. Guerrero was transported to Minden Police Department, where he was booked and placed in a holding cell. He is a

fugitive from Claiborne Parish Sheriff’s Office and faces charges of theft, disturbing the peace by intoxication, and resisting an officer. All suspects are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

### LOCAL BUSINESS

## Easleys unveil expanded event space at The Courtyard Event Venue

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Anne and Kerry Easley celebrated the opening of their newly expanded event space at The Courtyard Event Venue with an open house on June 4. Located at 107 Pearl Street, the venue welcomed many friends and community leaders to explore the new additions and show their support. Jazz vocalist and ukulele artist Ashley Orlando provided entertainment for the gathering. The Courtyard Event Venue, previously known for its New Orleans-style courtyard and studio spaces, now includes two indoor warehouse spaces. These spaces have been restored from their original purpose as a 1923 grocery warehouse. The courtyard accommodates 150 people, the “Little” Warehouse seats 30 people, and the “Big” Ware-

house seats 100 people. Various combinations are available to suit different event needs. The venue also features a Bridal Suite and a Groom’s Room, enhancing its appeal for weddings and other gatherings. “The main reason we expanded was because of the rain and the heat and the cold,” said Anne Easley. “Hallelujah, you can actually come inside now. You can have the beauty of the outdoors and the warmth and cool of the indoors.” During renovations, the Easleys uncovered exposed beams and brick walls after removing dropped ceilings and paneling in the office space they owned. A grant helped fund the restoration to its original look. Local contractors, including Gnarly Brothers Construction, Jeff Mays for electrical work,

Temple Plumbing, BMS Office, and Sherwin Williams, were employed for the project. “We’re very appreciative of all of our contractors,” said Anne. “We really wanted to use all local contractors and support Minden all the way through, from the bottom to the top.” Ray Scriber, director of Louisiana Main Street, attended the event to congratulate the Easleys. Part of the renovation was funded by a grant from Louisiana Main Street, which encourages the renovation and use of historic buildings. “This is a great example of the type of project that we like to support,” said Scriber. “It’s historic preservation at its core, but it’s also about repurposing a space.” For more information, visit the Easleys’ Facebook page at EasleyStudioCourtyard or call Anne at (318) 268-5789.

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OBITUARIES

## Richard Dale Brooks

Richard Dale Brooks of Minden, Louisiana, passed away on June 2, 2024, after a lengthy illness. He was born in Homer, Louisiana, on September 19, 1955, to Richard Talmadge Brooks and Betty Sue Elkins. Rick worked in construction and was a retired truck driver and heavy equipment operator. Rick was preceded in death by his father, his brother Rafael Brooks, and his grandparents, Virgil and Inez Elkins, and Jewell and Lucille Brooks.

Rick is survived by his companion of 20 years, Connie Anderson; his mother, Betty Bybee, and stepfather Roger; his sister, Pam Pierce, and her husband, Alan; three nieces, Shannon Connors and her husband, Shawn, Courtney Lawshe, and Jessica Pierce Olsen and her husband, Don; grandniece Chloe Pierce and grandnephew Nathan Lawshe. Rick enjoyed playing pool, canoeing, and riding around the countryside on his motorcycle. Memorial services will be held on Friday, June 14, 2024, at 11 a.m. at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Haughton, Louisiana.



## Sharon A. McEachern

Graveside services for Sharon A. McEachern will be held Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at Gardens of Memory Cemetery in Minden, Louisiana with Tracy Winget officiating. The family received friends Tuesday, June 11, 2024, from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. at Rose Neath Funeral Home Chapel in Minden, Louisiana. Sharon was born November 26, 1948, in Hodge, Lou-

isiana and entered into rest June 10, 2024, in Shreveport, Louisiana. She was preceded in death by her husband, Jerry T. McEachern and parents, A.H. and Grace Allen. Sharon is survived by her son, Wesley Allen McEachern and wife Rachel of Owasso, OK; daughter, Stacie Marie Cary and husband Greg of Junction City, AR; brother, Archie Allen and wife Janice of Minden; grandchildren, Addison Grace Cary, Jarrett Turner McEachern and Wesley Reed McEachern. Pallbearers will be Eric Ryan, John Edge, Matt Finley, Michael McEachern, Timmie Dan McEachern, and Jerome Allen.

COMMUNITY

# Project Reclaim to launch ‘Summer of the Stars’ program

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Project Reclaim has organized a fun and educational summer program titled “Summer of the Stars” for its participants. The program will run from June 4 through July 25 on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with additional activities for junior high and high school students on Wednesdays. Participants will engage in various projects, including Project Claim TV, where they will gain hands-on experience in TV production and post-production editing for Project Reclaim’s new



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YouTube channel. Other activities include podcasting, Ascend Math, interactive beam games, and developing leadership and social skills. “We’re going to have a new twist on it this year,” said Executive Director Ron Anderson. The program will also feature Dr. Joe Bolger, who will teach about the impact of artificial intelligence and computer literacy. Dr. Bolger will bring computers for students to disassemble, allowing them to understand the inner workings of computers and devices. Project Reclaim, based in Minden, serves youth throughout the parish. It is a leadership academy targeting elementary, middle, junior, and high school students. The main goal is to help participants become the best leaders by learning about leadership, performing well academically, and respecting relationships with others. For more information or to register, email ProjectReclaimOfLouisiana1@gmail.com or call (318) 423-4987.

COMMUNITY

# 22 Hands-up Food Fest to feature special guest Coach Wilbert Ellis

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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. Highlighting the event will be legendary Grambling State University Hall of Fame retired baseball coach Wilbert Ellis. Ellis, a long-standing Kappa

Alpha Psi member, deacon at the Zion Travelers Baptist Church in Ruston, associate member of the HBCU Boosters, and administrator of the Eddie Robinson Museum, will be in attendance to support the cause. He encourages all citizens of northern Louisiana to participate in this significant event. “This Food Fest is going to be a big thing,” said event organizer Darrell Hampton. “It’s going to be a lot of fun.” 22 Hands-up aims to foster a commitment to all young people that promotes prosocial behavior, strong interpersonal skills, and a sense of hope for their future. The organization focuses on establishing personal relationships that encourage individual responsibility, aiding youth in their commitment to follow through on their path to adulthood with pride and accomplishment. Developed in response to the growing number of young people struggling in school or entangled with the juvenile court system, 22 Hands-up identifies youths in need of support. The program aims to advance them into adulthood with a

positive support system to help avoid pitfalls that could potentially derail their lives. While the focus may vary at different levels, the goal remains the same: to empower youth to make positive changes in their lives. Organizers are also planning to hold an interview with Ellis on Facebook Live in the near future. The interview will be called “Meet the Man with the Community Plan.” For more information about 22 Hands-up, contact Darrell Hampton at (318) 268-2223.

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COMMUNITY

## Walker Holding Group to host 9th annual fan drive

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The Walker Holding Group will hold the 9th Annual Michael & Chequella Walker’s Fan Drive on June 15 from 9 AM to 1 PM. The group is seeking donations of fans to assist citizens in need during the hot summer months. Fans can be dropped off at 112 W. Roosevelt Drive in Minden. Monetary donations can be made via CashApp at \$Warehousemike.

As the sweltering heat of summer descends upon Louisiana, this initiative aims to provide relief to those who cannot afford cooling appliances. The fan drive addresses the urgent need for cooling during the scorching summer, particularly for individuals and families facing financial hardships. “Citizens are asked to donate new box fans or make monetary contributions towards purchasing fans,” said Michael Walker. “The goal is to gather as many fans as possible, which will then be distributed to those in need throughout the Louisiana summer months.”

The Walkers’ fan drive is a critical effort to support vulnerable community members during the extreme summer heat, providing much-needed relief and safety.

MINDEN LIONS

## Lion Philip McInnis honored for 50 years of service

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At the May 23 meeting of the noon Lions Club, Lion Philip McInnis was recognized for 50 years of service. He received a pin to commemorate the occasion.

The Minden Lions Club, known for its dedication to serving the community, extends a warm welcome to potential new members interested in joining their cause. Meetings are held every Thursday at noon at the American Legion Memorial Hall, located at 119 W. Pine St. in downtown Minden.

Joining the Lions Club offers an opportunity to give back to the community and make a difference in Minden.

## James Ronald (Ron) Garcia

*A fine young man who had many friends.*

Army of the United States  
Rank: Specialist Four. Combat Engineer  
Unit: A CO, 20TH ENG BN, 937TH ENG GROUP

12/20/1943-06/17/1967  
Age at Loss: 23  
Location: Pleiku Province, South Vietnam

## GRILL

Continued from Page 1 Award, determined by popular vote from attendees, went to Jordan Cupples of The Roosters. The prestigious Gardner Award, in memory of the late Mayor Terry Gardner, who founded the event, was presented to Joe Weaver for his outstanding contribution and participation. Grilling on Main was more than just a competition; it was a celebration of community spirit, culinary talent, and friendly rivalry. The event once again solidified Minden’s place on the barbecue map, leaving attendees eagerly anticipating next year’s sizzle and smoke.



OPINION

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OPINION

Biden’s New Executive Dis-Order Highlights Insanity of Border Invasion

The new executive order will essentially make no difference as it still allows up to 2,500 illegal aliens to invade the U.S. across our southern border every day. There is also reliable evidence that the migrants are no longer coming from Central America, they're coming from Egypt, Jordan, Mauritania, and Lebanon, and they are single men, not families.

Let's briefly review the record of the Biden Administration regarding illegal immigration.

The Biden Administration—from Pres. Biden's very first day in the White House—has done everything it could to create the wide-open borders we have today. Pres. Biden permitted and encouraged this invasion with its accompanying scourge of drugs—including fentanyl that kills Americans daily—crime, human and child trafficking, and terrorists who daily come over our southern (and increasingly, northern) border. It's estimated that at least 8 million illegals have come into our country during the Biden Administration. The presence of these nameless, faceless people creates dangerous issues of security, health, and safety, while causing a humanitarian disaster to the tune of hundreds of billions of dollars American taxpayers have been forced to bear.

On a previous trip to the

border, Speaker Mike Johnson (R-Shreveport) noted with regard to Pres. Biden, "... it was on his very first day in office that President Biden stopped construction of a southern border wall, and he ended the Remain in Mexico policy. It was estimated ... that if the Biden Administration would reinstate just the Remain in Mexico policy, it could stem the flow of illegals by prob-



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ably 70 percent or more, but he refuses to do it." I have previously noted that this invasion has overwhelmed border towns and states, prompting Texas governor, Greg Abbot, and Florida governor, Ron DeSantis, to actively bus or fly these illegals to "sanctuary cities" in heavily liberal states. In fact, most of the liberal "blue" states in America have had no real issue with the Biden Administration's "open borders" policy. It's been considered "racist" and "bigoted" to want to place any limitations on illegals. However, as a consequence of the transporting of these illegals to liberal states and cities, the illegal immigration plague has now

descended upon cities—like Chicago, Denver, and New York—and they are clamoring for relief. What hypocrisy.

Well, with national polls reflecting Pres. Trump leading—with the illegal invasion of our southern border the top issue to voters—Biden suddenly seems aware that there is a problem. How can we tell? Because just this past week he signed the aforementioned executive order (remember Biden insisting he didn't have the authority to do this?) which requires asylum seekers to wait south of the border.

Why would he do this right now, after 3.5 years of treasonous neglect of America's borders? Because he is scheduled to debate Pres. Trump at the end of June, and he will seek to dishonestly claim that he is "doing something" about the border crisis.

So, what does this new executive order actually do to curb illegal immigration? Not much.

As the Wall Street Journal has stated "migrants could still seek asylum at ports of entry using the CBP One mobile app, which would be excluded from the daily triggers." A further form of deceitfulness includes the fact that "the order also exempts migrants if they 'faced an imminent and extreme threat to life or safety, such as an imminent threat of rape, kidnapping, torture, or murder.'

The order also exempts any individual or family member who suffers an "acute medical emergency," or who meets the definition of "victim of a severe form of trafficking in persons." Still further, unaccompanied minors aren't covered by the order, encouraging more of them to seek asylum. (WSJ, June 4, 2024).

Do we see how many holes (i.e., exceptions) there are in this order that will continue to allow illegal immigration? In the law we describe this as "the exception swallowing the rule."

No nation is a sovereign that cannot, or won't, control its own borders and know and decide who is allowed into its country. As President Trump has pointed out, 'a country without borders isn't a country at all.' That inviolable principle has been embedded in the history and survival of nations from time immemorial. The Biden Administration's targeted and purposeful neglect in addressing this invasion continues to endanger our nation.

This must end and I am prayerfully hopeful that our four-year national nightmare will end on Nov. 5.

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

INSPIRATION

My Father lives on in a legacy money can't buy

My Father, Roy Earnest Hudson, a native of Bethany, Illinois, an only child, born in 1895, the son of George Washington McClellan Hudson, a circuit riding minister who met and married my namesake, Sarah Alice Ritz, while on a revival in Licking, Missouri.

What a treasure trove of information in the first paragraph!

I knew so little about our daddy because he was so sick during my childhood up until he died, from congestive heart failure, at home in bed in what was then called the front room on March 19, 1958.

Also he was afflicted with chronic appendicitis for years.

I felt rootless and drawn to delve into the old family trunk because I sensed that there was much to be learned about our genetic lineage. I was very productive after the age of thirty, in 1978, while I located living long lost relatives with the aid of directory assistance and our old family trunk

which was full of old family pictures, letters and other memorabilia.

Each call turned up a clue leading me to another line of our family, including the



SARAH HUDSON PIERCE

Morris line on my maternal side of the family tracing me back to the Governor Lewis Morris, an ancestor from Monmouth County, New Jersey, tracing me back fourteen generations to Monmouthshire, Wales.

With each connection I was enriched because I have connected to more living long lost relatives than anyone I know.

But now I know that our greatest legacy came from what my daddy gave to my sister, Alice, and myself just days before he died.

He chose to speak separately to us because he knew

that what he was telling us would lead us to a brighter day. His last words to my sister, Alice, and myself, just days before he died, gave us a foundation and the security that we needed to face years of suffering when we went to an orphanage after he died.

Our minister, Wayne Earnest, visited with our father at least once a week up until he died. Their conversations continue to play such an important part in our future.

Even though I knew little about my father until I began a family tree tracing jaunt at the age of thirty in 1978, I know he gave me what money cannot buy.

Shortly before he died he told us that he wanted us to become Christians just as soon as we were old enough to know what we were doing. Neither one of us told the other about his final request until years later even though we both heeded his advice.

Having the courage to step out and be baptized as a shy undersized girl of fourteen I

needed all of the courage I could muster going into the cruel abuse that we would suffer in this church orphanage.

I never questioned my faith because I knew that "all things work together for good to them that love the Lord."

Though I cried myself to sleep every nights for months on end I sensed that pain was a shaping device that God was using to bring me out stronger to a brighter day!

If I could live my life over and avoid the pain but lose the joy I feel today I would not change anything in my life. It's what we go through that makes us stronger.

The lines from Steel Magnolias are so true: "what doesn't kill you makes you stronger" but being human we try to avoid pain. It is only natural.

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FROM THE BACK PORCH

It takes a heap of livin' t' make a house a home

There is a black and gold sign in the shape of a house about two miles from where I live that bothers me. Every time we pass it, I want to get out, pull it up and throw it away.

It simply says "Home for sale."

I want to tell everyone you can't buy a home, only a house.

I agree with the poet Edgar A. Guest in his poem, "It takes a heap o' livin' in a house t' make it home".

Born in 1881 and living to 1951, this poet wrote his poetry of his love and feelings of the common man. The following excerpts express his thoughts on building a "home".

"It takes a heap o' livin' in

a house t' make it home

A heap o' sun and shadow, an' ye sometimes have t' roam

Afore ye really 'preciate the things ye lef behind, an' hunger fer um somehow, with 'em allus on yer mind.

It don't make any difference how rich ye get t' be, Home ain't a place that gold can buy or get up in a minute

Afore it's home there's got t' be a heap o' livin' in it.

Ye've got t' love each brick and stone from cellar up t'



FANNIE MOORE

" When I read these simple words it reminds me of our going from a house to a home. "

dome.

It takes a heap o' livin' in a house t' make it home."

When I read these simple words it reminds me of our going from a house to a home.

When newly-wed teenagers, we required help to set up a very small house to live in until Hubby left to give Uncle Sam two years of his life. During his tenure with the Army, which took him to Germany, I lived with my parents. Upon his return,

we went back to our small house.

We knew we wanted to start a family so we would need a larger house. Daddy, who was a carpenter, and Hubby set in to building a larger house. When the house was almost complete, we brought our first child home to add to our family.

Hubby went furniture shopping to add to our stove, refrigerator and bed. which made up the furnishings we were living with. With

the help of the Hulls at Hull Furniture, he acquired dining room, bedroom and living room furniture. and we were able to move into what was becoming our "home" . There were now three of us and lots of love filled that simple house so now we could say, "This is our home". Two more children joined us through the years and even more love was now filling the house.

As the children grew and "left the nest", we were back to the original two. However, the love didn't diminish, it only grew through the years and we can still call it our "home".

FANNIE MOORE LIVES IN SHONGALOO.



SPORTS

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PREP SOFTBALL

Minden names  
Maggie Watts  
head coach

RUSSELL HEDGES  
Minden Press-Herald

Maggie Watts has been named head softball coach at Minden.

Watts replaces Shelby Leach, who is now the head coach at Benton. Watts has been an assistant coach for the past three seasons.

She is a 2017 graduate of Simsboro High where she was a seven-year letterman in softball and a five-year letterman in basketball.

She played collegiately at the University of Dallas from 2018-21. She was a pitcher and also played first and third base, according to her Dallas bio.

In September of last year, Watts was honored by the Webster Parish School Board as Employee of the Month.

“Ms. Watts was lauded for her outstanding dedication to her students and her unwavering commitment to educational excellence,” according to an article by Amber McDown of The Press-Herald. “A portion of her recommendation letter, presented during the award ceremony, high-

lighted her exceptional contributions:

“I believe that Maggie should be employee of the month because she always goes above and beyond with her kids. She teaches two different LEAP courses and is the assistant coach for the Minden High School softball team.”

“Maggie always keeps learning and is interactive with her classes. It is not uncommon to see Maggie at the school early in the morning or late in the evening to make sure that she has everything prepared for her kids and her classroom.”

“The best part of teaching with Maggie is that she is always positive to be around. There is not a day that goes by that Maggie does not have a kind or encouraging word for those around her. Maggie even leads a teachers’ Bible study for those who want to come in their free time.”



WATTS

PREP FOOTBALL



New North Webster head coach Christopher Wilson when he was head coach at Plain Dealing in 2021. Wilson will be making his Knights’ coaching debut at a 7-on-7 tournament in Bossier City this week.

Knights’ First Look  
North Webster set to compete in 7-on-7  
tournament in Bossier City

RUSSELL HEDGES  
Minden Press Herald

After he was named head coach at North Webster in March, Christopher Wilson promised to hit the ground running starting June 1.

He has done just that. The Knights played in their first 7-on-7 tournament at Centenary College on June 8. North Webster is one of 25 teams competing in the Northwest Louisiana 7-on-7 Charity Invitational tournament Friday at Freedom Fields.

“I want to see them compete,” Wilson said. “North Webster doing this for the first time, learn how to compete, learn how to play as a team. We’ve got some bad habits that we have to break that I think, in my opinion, the only way you break them is watching them perform and seeing how they react if things don’t go their way.”

Wilson is using two quarterbacks in the tournament – rising juniors Christian Whitlock and Hayden Nance. Whitlock started the majority of the Knights’ regular-season games last season.

“We’re just giving them reps and the opportunity to finally throw,” Wilson said. “We’re going to throw the ball a little bit more — well, a lot of bit more — than North Webster/Springhill is used to. So the

only way you get good at it is to practice. That’s what we use 7-on-7 for, getting quality reps and teaching them how to compete.”

North Webster will be going against some tough competition in the Northwest Louisiana 7-on-7 Charity Invitational.

The field includes 2023 select Division III state champion Calvary Baptist and 2023 non-select Division II semifinalist North DeSoto.

Last year, Wilson was part of the winning team. He was an assistant coach for North DeSoto, which defeated Calvary 28-25 in the championship game.

Also in the field are defending District 1-5A champion Captain Shreve and Airline, which went 10-2 last year. The Vikings have one of the top returning quarterbacks in the state in Ben Taylor and two of the top receivers, first-team LSWA Class 5A All-State selection Jarvis Davis Jr. and Mississippi State commit Kenny Darby.

Other teams in the field are Benton, Haughton, Bossier, Parkway, Alexandria, Byrd, Evangel Christian, Fontainebleau, Homer, Junction City, Ark., Leesville, Loyola, Magnolia, Ark., North Caddo, Northwood, Ouachita Parish, Pineville, Red River and Tioga.

North Webster is playing Byrd at 4:25 p.m., Junction City at 5:15 and

Benton at 5:40 in its pool. After a 15-minute break, a single-elimination tournament will be held with the championship game set for 10.

The tournament has been held every year since 2015 except 2020 when it was canceled because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

7-on-7 tournaments and games have been a staple of high school football during the summer for decades now. They are part of the preparation for the fall season.

7-on-7 football features mainly passing although handoffs are allowed behind the line of scrimmage. Games are played on a 40-yard field. First downs are made by crossing the 25- and 10-yard lines.

All teams may not have their top players with them because of conflicts with camps and other sports like travel baseball, but the potential is there to see some of the top players in the area and state.

Along with the Airline trio, they include North DeSoto quarterback Luke Delafield and receiver Cole Cory, Calvary Baptist quarterback Abram Wardell, Parkway quarterback Kaleb Williams and Evangel Christian quarterback Peyton Houston

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Independence Bowl set for  
Dec. 28 primetime kickoff

BY ERIK EVENSON  
Special to the Minden Press-Herald

The Radiance Technologies Independence Bowl will kick off on a Saturday night in primetime for the second consecutive year, as the 48th edition of college football’s 11th most historic bowl game is set for Saturday, Dec. 28 at 8:15 p.m. CT on ESPN.

“We are thrilled for another Saturday night game, and we are excited to create another amazing game day atmosphere at Independence Stadium for local and traveling fans,” said 2024 Independence Bowl Foundation Chair Claire Rebouche.

“I think this game date and time is outstanding for

our community, and the primetime slot on ESPN allows us to highlight Radiance Technologies, the Shreveport-Bossier City community and our bowl to millions of people throughout the country.”

“This game date is ideal for our local community – providing a great opportunity for everyone to enjoy the Christmas and holiday season before coming out on Saturday, December 28 to continue the great support of our community’s bowl,” said Radiance Technologies Independence Bowl Executive Director Missy Setters.

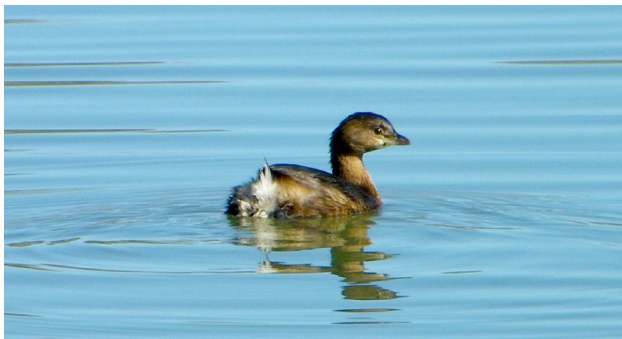
GLYNN HARRIS OUTDOORS

Di-Dippers Can Make A Fool Out Of You

The pied-billed grebe is a rather nondescript water bird most of us have never heard of. However, when you mention “di-dipper”, eyebrows raise in recognition. They’re one and the same. Just about every country boy who spent anytime around a lake while growing up has encountered these shy little critters that are there on the surface one minute; gone the next. They’re still around because today, I see them often at the Lincoln Parish Park lake.

According to George Lowery’s “Louisiana Birds”, the most remarkable feature of these birds is their ability to submerge instantaneously, thus their French name of sac-a-plomb, which means “sack of lead”. Lowery also noted that it is virtually impossible to shoot a grebe because “at the flash from the muzzle, the bird submerges and is gone before the pellets arrive.” With all due respect, George, I beg to differ. Read on....

My first encounter with



a grebe was down on Chee Chee Bay in Natchitoches Parish. I was in my early teens when I went to spend the night with a friend from school with the idea of going duck hunting the next morning. My friend, Arthur, lived near the lake, which made it convenient for us to be at the lakeside at first light, hoping to get some pass-shooting at a duck or two.

Arthur went one way; I went another as I waited in the cold dampness for a crack at a duck. While hunkering down behind some button willows next to the shoreline, I waited for what seemed an hour without a single duck flying my way. Then I spotted something moving on the water just up the lake from where I was. In my mind’s eye, it was a duck.

I formulated a plan to outsmart that duck and at least have something

to show for my efforts that morning. By using the row of button willows as a shield, I belly-crawled through the cold mud for 100 yards until I had sneaked within shotgun range of the little brown “duck”.

When I’d gotten close enough, I eased to one knee, raised my gun, took aim, and fired. The “duck” rolled over, dead as a.... well, you know. Then I encountered a problem. The wind was blowing out and my prize was floating away toward the big lake.

Luck was on my side, though, because I spotted an old wooden boat somebody had beached just up from where I was. There was no paddle in the boat but I found a plank nearby that would serve as my paddle.

The boat was made of wood, it was big and very heavy. It took all the strength I could mus-

ter but I finally pushed and pulled; grunted and strained until I had the boat in the water. As you might expect, a boat such as this would never have been abandoned if it were still sea-worthy. It leaked; not too bad but enough that I figured I had to paddle fast to reach my duck and then get back to shore before it sank.

Flailing the water with the one-by-six plank, I was finally able to catch up with my “duck”. It was not until I had lifted it from the water that I realized my mistake. It was no duck; it was a di-dipper. I had little time to bro-beat myself because the boat was sinking. I had to fight the wind and paddle with all my might to get the boat back to shore. I just barely made it before the creaky old craft filled with water. I left it in the shallows and walked ashore, wet and muddy, with my di-dipper.

For the uninformed, the pied-billed grebe is described as a “ducklike water bird closely related to LOONS.” After this hunt, I felt I may have been that grebe’s cousin.

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 fished over the grass. Crappie are around the trees and are fair on shiners and jigs. Bass are fair on spinners. Contact Honey Hole Tackle Shop 323-8707 for latest information.

BUSSEY BRAKE – Some big bass are still being caught flipping soft plastics around brush. Some big crappie are being caught on the flats on shiners and jigs. Bream are on the beds and hitting worms and crickets. For latest information, contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

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

LAKE D’ARBONNE – Bass have been good with some over 7 caught on buzz baits, jerk baits and soft plastics. Crappie are good on the flats and are hitting shiners and jigs fished 8 feet deep in 12-14 foot water. 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 – Th.

e water is high and rising and not many are fishing right now. There have been some good reports of stripers starting to school and hitting shad imitation lures. No report on bass or crappie. Bream should still be around shallow bedding areas and hitting worms and crickets. For latest information, call Kel’s Cove at 927-2264 or Terzia Tackle at 278-4498.

CANEY LAKE – Bream fishing for chinquapins and bluegills has been good around shallow bedding areas. Big oversized plastic worms and crank baits are picking up some good sized bass in deeper water around the secondary points. Crappie are best fishing jigs or shiners around submerged tops. 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 rising again and the road is under water to the landing. No fishing reports this week. For information, call Surplus City Landing at 318/467-2259.



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### 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  
Minden Press Herald

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Article IV, Section 21(D)(1) of the Louisiana Constitution, that on May 29, 2024, Entergy Louisiana, LLC (“ELL”), a public utility providing retail electric and gas service throughout the State of Louisiana, filed with the Louisiana Public Service Commission (“LPSC”) its Application for Approval of Natural Gas Cost Stabilization Program.

The filing outlines the features of ELL’s proposed long term natural gas hedging program (“Stabilization Program”) including proposed cost recovery treatment. The Application proposes that the Commission authorize ELL to stabilize a portion of its natural gas exposure utilizing no-margin swaps having a term of five years and procuring such instruments over a five-year period to reach a target volume of stabilized gas purchases. ELL proposes to continue to reflect the net benefits of the Stabilization Program through the existing Fuel Stabilization Pilot Program Rider (“Rider FSPP”) which it proposed to rename as Rider FSP in recognition of the fact that the pilot phase of the program has concluded.

For questions and comments regarding ELL’s filing, please call the LPSC toll free at (800) 256-2397. Additionally, the filing, including its attachments may be viewed in the Records Division of the LPSC at the following address:

Records Division  
602 N. 5th Street, 12th Floor  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802  
Telephone: (225) 342-3157

ENTERGY LOUISIANA, LLC

June 12, 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:

ALYCO, LLC  
(D/B/A) Love’s Travel Stop #289  
13510 Industrial Drive, Suite B  
Minden, LA 71055  
Attorney: Hanna Rovira

June 5, 2024  
June 12, 2024  
Bossier Press-Tribune

### SHERIFF’S SALE

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

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. CV81367.

By virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued out of the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, in the above styled and numbered suit and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder for cash WITH-OUT the benefit of

appraisal and according to law at the principal front door of the Court-house in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana on WEDNESDAY, June 19, 2024, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

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

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

A 20 FOOT SERVITUDE OF PASSAGE AND RIGHT-OF-WAY AND AN ADJOINING TRIANGULAR TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (SW/4 OF NW/4), SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 18 NORTH, RANGE 9 WEST, WEBSTER PARISH, LOUISIANA, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN AT AN EXISTING 1 INCH IRON PIPE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 15, LAKE-VIEW SUBDIVISION, AS PER SUBDIVISION PLAT ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN MAP BOOK 3, PAGE 35 OF THE CONVEYANCE RECORDS OF WEBSTER PARISH, LOUISIANA, SAID POINT (MATED ON THE APPARENT WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY OF HORSESHOE LOOP; THENCE RUN SOUTH 22 DEGREES 19 MINUTES 56 SECONDS WEST 20 FEET (CALL SOUTH 15 DEGREES 30 MINUTES WEST) ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY TO A SET

3/4 INCH IRON ROD; THENCE RUN NORTH 67 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 55 SECONDS WEST 149.94 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 68 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 13 SECONDS WEST 197.57 FEET TO A SET 3/4 INCH IRON ROD; THENCE RUN NORTH 45 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 18 SECONDS WEST 33.40 FEET TO A SET 3/4 INCH IRON ROD; THENCE RUN SOUTH 87 DEGREES 46 MINUTES 47 SECONDS EAST 30 FEET (CALL EAST) TO A SET 3/4 INCH IRON ROD; THENCE RUN SOUTH 15 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 34 SECONDS WEST 2.80 FEET (CALL SOUTH 15 DEGREES 30 MINUTES WEST) TO A SET 3/4 INCH IRON ROD; THENCE RUN SOUTH 68 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 13 SECONDS EAST 199.87 FEET (CALL SOUTH 68 DEGREES 35 MINUTES EAST 188 FEET) TO AN EXISTING 1 INCH IRON PIPE AT THE NORTH WEST CORNER OF LOT 15, LAKE-VIEW SUBDIVISION; THENCE RUN

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

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

(the “PROPERTY”)

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

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

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

Pam Brantley - Deputy

May 15, 2024  
June 12, 2024  
Minden Press Herald

### SHERIFF’S SALE

ALLIED FIRST BANK SB DBA SERVIBANK VS. DANIEL CHASE WILLIAMS, A/K/A DANIEL WILLIAMS

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

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

THE REFERRED TO HEREIN BELOW IS SITUATED IN THE PARISH OF WEBSTER, STATE OF LA, AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN AT A POINT 40 FEET WEST AND 490 FEET NORTH OF THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE EAST HALF OF SOUTH-WEST QUARTER OF SOUTHEAST CORNER (E/2 OF SW/4), SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 22 NORTH, RANGE 11 WEST, WEBSTER PARISH, LOUISIANA, THENCE CONTINUE NORTH 175 FEET; THENCE RUN WEST 125 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 175 FEET; THENCE RUN EAST 125 FEET

TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, TOGETHER WITH ALL BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS SITUATED THEREON.

154 THORNBERRY RD., SAREPTA, LA 71071

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MINUTES  
VILLAGE OF DOYLINE  
MAY 13, 2024

Meeting was called to Order by Mayor Gates. The Invocation was offered by Jackie Daniels with the Pledge of Allegiance lead by Rachael Muniz. Roll was taken: Present were Rachael Muniz, Jackie Daniels, Mayor Gates, Chief Hayden; Absent-Steve Bridwell.

A motion was made by Rachael Muniz to accept April Minutes as offered, seconded by Jackie Daniels. Motion carried. A Motion was made by Jackie Daniels, seconded by Rachael Muniz to accept the April Financials as offered, motion carried.

Motion was made by Rachael Muniz, seconded by Jackie Daniels, motion carried to accept the Bid from Caddo Water Well Drill & Service, pending the actual contract receipt.

Mayor Gates reported another costly sewer repair at a lift station pump. The work was performed by Bud’s Construction.

The clerk reports things are moving along well and that next month she will begin introducing the new budget and various materials needed at fiscal year end.

Chief Hayden reports animals are running loose and destroying property, attacking other animals and scaring people on their own property. He requested the clerk look into other city’s Ordinances and come up with an Ordinance to contain this situation.

Motion was made by Jackie Daniels, seconded by Rachael Muniz to adjourn. Motion carried.

Mayor

Clerk

June 12, 2024  
Minden Press Herald

### Announcement of Public Meeting

Notice is hereby given that at its meeting to be held on Tuesday, July 2, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. at its regular meeting place, the Police Jury Meeting Room, Webster Parish Courthouse Annex, 401 Main Street, Minden, Louisiana, the Police Jury of the Parish of Webster, State of Louisiana, plans to consider adopting a resolution ordering and calling an election to be held within the Parish of Webster, State of Louisiana to authorize the levy of an ad valorem tax therein.

June 12, 2024  
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Webster Parish School Board

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INVITATION TO BID

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](http://www.centralbidding.com). Electronic bids may be submitted online at [www.centralbidding.com](http://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.

Minden Press Herald: May 28 May 31, 2024  
Shreveport Times: May 28 & June 4, 2024  
Springhill Press: May 28 & May 31, 2024

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### NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND MAVERICK SERVICES, LLC FORMERLY KNOWN AS BREITBURN MANGEMENT COMPANY LLC

The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality and Maverick Services, LLC formerly known as Breitburn Management Company LLC (Respondent), Agency Interest Number 33487, have entered into a proposed settlement agreement, Settlement Tracking No. SA-AE-22-0070, concerning the State's allegations of environmental violations by Respondent at its facility in Webster Parish, Louisiana, which allegations are set forth in Notice of Potential Penalty, Enforcement Tracking No. AE-PP-19-00781.

The Department of Environmental Quality will accept comments on the proposed settlement for the next forty-five (45) days. The public is invited and encouraged to submit written comments to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Office of the Secretary, Legal Division, Post Office Box 4302, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821-4302, Attention: Jay L. Gloriosso, Attorney. All comments will be considered by the Department of Environmental Quality in reaching a decision on whether to make the settlement final.

Terms and conditions of the proposed settlement agreement may be reviewed on the Department of Environmental Quality's website at [www.deq.louisiana.gov](http://www.deq.louisiana.gov), by selecting *About LDEQ, Enforcement, and Settlements*. The document may also be viewed at, and copies obtained from, the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Public Records Center, Room 1227, Galvez Building, 602 North Fifth Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802. To request a copy of the proposed settlement, submit a completed Public Record Request Form (DEQ Form ISD-0005-01). The form and instructions for completion may be found on the DEQ Website at the following address: <http://deq.louisiana.gov/assets/docs/General/PublicRecordsRequestForm.pdf>, or by calling the Customer Service Center at 1-866-896-5337.

Pursuant to La. R.S. 30:2050.7(D), the Department of Environmental Quality may hold a public hearing regarding this proposed settlement when either of the following conditions are met: 1) a written request for public hearing has been filed by twenty-five (25) persons, by a governmental subdivision or agency, or by an association having not less than twenty-five (25) members who reside in the parish in which the facility is located; or 2) the secretary finds a significant degree of public interest in this settlement.

For further information, you may call the Legal Division of the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality at (225) 219-3985.

June 12, 2024  
Minden Press Herald

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SIBLEY WATER SYSTEM  
Public Water Supply ID: LA1119027

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 informacion muy importante sobre su agua potable. Tradúcalo 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 #1 SE 4TH AVE	Ground water
WELL #3 LORI LANE	Ground water
WELL #4 5TH STREET	Ground water
WELL NO. 5 HWY 371 INDUSTRIAL PARK	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 JIMMY WILLIAMS at 318-377-0345.

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. SIBLEY WATER SYSTEM 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 as is 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. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

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**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
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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	ppm	0.56 - 3.68	4	4	Water additive used to control microbes

In the tables below, we have shown the regulated contaminants that were detected. Chemical Sampling of your 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
BARIUM	6/6/2021	0.23	0 - 0.23	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits

Treated Water Regulated Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
BARIUM	2/28/2018	0.03	0.03	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
FLUORIDE	2/28/2018	0.21	0.21	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories

Source Water Radiological Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
COMBINED RADIUM (-226 & -228)	6/6/2021	0.785	0 - 0.785	pCi/L	5	0	Erosion of natural deposits
GROSS BETA PARTICLE ACTIVITY	6/6/2021	3.08	0 - 3.08	pCi/L	50	0	Decay of natural and man-made deposits. Note: The gross beta particle activity MCL is 4 millirems/year annual dose equivalent to the total body or any internal organ. 50 pCi/L is used as a screening level.
RADIUM-226	6/6/2021	0.785	0 - 0.785	pCi/L	5	0	

Treated Water Radiological Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
GROSS BETA PARTICLE ACTIVITY	2/28/2018	1.44	1.44	pCi/L	50	0	Decay of natural and man-made deposits. Note: The gross beta particle activity MCL is 4 millirems/year annual dose equivalent to the total body or any internal organ. 50 pCi/L is used as a screening level.

Lead and Copper	Date	90TH Percentile	Range	Unit	AL	Sites Over AL	Typical Source
COPPER, FREE	2019 - 2022	0.1	0.1 - 0.3	ppm	1.3	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives
LEAD	2019 - 2022	0	0	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 (HAAs)	9090 HWY 371	2022 - 2023	5	5.2	ppb	60	0	By-product of drinking water disinfection
TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAAs)	CORPORATE DRIVE	2022 - 2023	5	5.2	ppb	60	0	By-product of drinking water disinfection
TTHM	9090 HWY 371	2022 - 2023	10	10	ppb	80	0	By-product of drinking water chlorination
TTHM	CORPORATE DRIVE	2022 - 2023	10	10	ppb	80	0	By-product of drinking water chlorination

Source Secondary Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	SMCL
ALUMINUM	6/6/2021	0.02	0 - 0.02	MG/L	0.2

CHLORIDE	6/6/2021	18	0 - 18	MG/L	250
IRON	6/6/2021	1.8	0.37 - 1.8	MG/L	0.3
MANGANESE	6/6/2021	0.05	0.01 - 0.05	MG/L	0.05
PH	6/6/2021	5.97	5.24 - 5.97	PH	8.5
SULFATE	6/6/2021	16	0 - 16	MG/L	250

Treated Secondary Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	SMCL
IRON	2/2/2023	1.69	0.2 - 1.69	MG/L	0.3
MANGANESE	2/2/2023	0.05	0.02 - 0.05	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).

There are no additional required health effects notices.

There are no additional required health effects violation notices.

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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 SIBLEY WATER SYSTEM 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.

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PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE CITY OF  
MINDEN, STATE OF  
LOUISIANA, TAKEN  
IN REGULAR SES-  
SION HELD ON JUNE  
3, 2024

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

Carlton Myles moved to adopt the minutes of the Minden City Council Regular Session held on May 6, 2024, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Latasha Mitchell and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

The following action was taken regarding condemned property:

Fountain of Praise United Worship Center 1211 Parkwood Street Arcadia, Louisiana 71001

518 Constable Street Lot Fronting 95.2 ft. on Marshall St. x 145 ft. on Constable St., being out of Lots #1 & 2, Blk. "J", Justice Hts. Addn., & Lot Fronting 155.3 ft. on Marshall St. x 142.25 ft. on Constable St. out of Lots #6, 7 & 8, Blk. "K", Justice Hts. Addn.

With no party representing the property owner present at the time that this item was heard, Carlton Myles moved to authorize Mayor Cox to appoint a curator in this matter. The motion was duly seconded by Michael Roy and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Upon motion by Latasha Mitchell and duly seconded by Levon Thomas, the council unanimously adopted a Resolution Regarding a Lease Purchase Agreement for the Purpose of Financing a Dump Truck, as presented. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Michael Roy moved to authorize Mayor Cox to enter into a Maintenance Agreement Including Mowing and Litter Pickup between the City of Minden and the State of Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development Office of Engineering, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Andy Pendergrass and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Levon Thomas moved to authorize Mayor Cox to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Cotton Valley Police Department for the donation of Chevrolet Tahoe's, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Carlton Myles and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Upon motion by Michael Roy and duly seconded by Latasha Mitchell, the council unanimously approved the promotion of Minden Police Lieutenant Keith King, Jr. to the rank of Police Captain, as presented. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

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

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

The Police Report for the month of April 2024 was unanimously accepted, as presented, by motion of Andy Pendergrass and second by Carlton Myles. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

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

Nicholas A. Cox,  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Melaney Langford,  
City Clerk

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Village of Dixie Inn  
Special Session  
May 30, 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 special session on May 30, 2024, at 4:15 p.m. in the Village Hall, Dixie Inn, Louisiana with the following members present: Mayor Donna Hoffoss, Aldermen Judy McKenzie, Nell

Finlay, and Lance Milligan.

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

Mayor Donna Hoffoss welcomed all guests.

New Business:

A motion was made by Judy McKenzie and seconded by Lance Milligan to accept Chief of Police Robert Davis's resignation, effective May 31, 2024. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

Mayor Hoffoss introduced Ordinance No. 133: 2024-2025 General Fund Budget and Utility Fund Budget for the Village of Dixie Inn.

A motion was made by Nell Finlay and seconded by Judy McKenzie to approve spending \$15,000 from village funds to cover additional costs that exceed the \$125,000 Dixie Inn received from the LLOP Grant, to put restrooms in at Mc-Clanahan Park. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

A motion was made by Judy McKenzie and seconded by Lance Milligan to amend the 2023-2024 General Fund Budget. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

Old Business:

A motion was made by Lance Milligan and seconded by Judy McKenzie to table the discussion on health insurance for village employees. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

A motion was made by Judy McKenzie and seconded by Nell Finlay to table discussing the amount of police officers needed in the department. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

A motion was made by Judy McKenzie and seconded by Lance Milligan to table the discussion of changing the police officers' shifts, so that they are more visible by citizens of Dixie Inn. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

A motion was made by Judy McKenzie and seconded by Lance Milligan to continue purchasing new vehicles for the Village of Dixie Inn rather than entering a lease program. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

A motion was made by Nell Finlay and seconded by Judy McKenzie to adjourn. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

Donna Hoffoss  
Mayor

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MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEBSTER PARISH  
POLICE JURY  
June 4, 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 District 2 Recreation Funding to the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

There were no comments from the audience concerning the agenda.

Mr. Steve Ramsey moved, seconded by Mr. Mike Griffith to approve invoices for payment pending review by juror Jim Bonsall. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Randy Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Bruce Blanton to adopt the minutes of the May 7, 2024 Road Committee, Finance Committee, Intergovernmental Committee and Regular Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Daniel Thomas moved, seconded by Ms. Beverly Kennon to Approve the Official Journal and Publication Journal for July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025 for the Webster Parish Police Jury. Official Journal-Minden Press-Herald and Publication Journal-Springhill News and Press Journal. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Johnny Johnson, Director of Webster Council on Aging addressed the intent to call an election that was the next item on the agenda. Discussion

followed.

Mr. Mike Griffith moved, seconded by Mr. Adam Lee to Approve to Call for a Public Hearing: Notice is hereby given that at its meeting to be held on Tuesday, July 2, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. at its regular meeting place, the Police Jury Meeting Room, Webster Parish Courthouse Annex, 401 Main Street, Minden, Louisiana, the Police Jury of the Parish of Webster, State of Louisiana, plans to consider adopting a resolution ordering and calling an election to be held within the Parish of Webster, State of Louisiana to authorize the levy of an ad valorem tax therein. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Allen Gilbert moved, seconded by Mr. Bruce Blanton to approve Recreation Funding for District 2, \$800 for Cullen Police Department for body cams to use in the department. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMENTS: Melinda Davidson WPOCS Director Wanda Finley WP Head Start Christie Cox Allen Moseley/Coroner COL Carl Thompson Denise Edwards-Assessor K'LaNie Gordon LSU Ag/Extension Service Brian Williams WPPJ OEP/HS Director Angie Chapman E911 Director Jessica Gorman Parish Historian/ Dorcheat Historical Museum

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. Adam Lee to approve the action taken at the Finance Committee Meeting held earlier today. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Jim Bonsall then gave Presidents' closing remarks. There being no further business to bring before the Jury, the meeting adjourned.



/s/  
Lisa C. Balkom  
Secretary-Treasurer

/s/  
Jim Bonsall  
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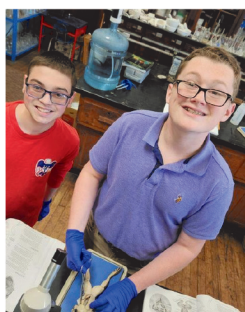
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