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Walker Holding Group's annual fan drive still collecting fans

AMBER MCDOWN

Minden Press-Herald

The Walker Holding Group held its 9th Annual Michael & Chequella Walker Fan Drive on June 15. As the sweltering heat 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.

The drive was a big success this year, and fans are still being donated. The Walkers plan to start distributing the fans as soon as possible.

"Chequella and I like to

thank everyone who gave and still giving," said Michael Walker. "The fans do really help people and we don't stop until we give the last one out. A special thanks goes out to Kyle and Jessica Allums for setting out helping us collect fans when we couldn't be there. Thanks again to Minden and the surrounding area."

The Walkers' commitment to ensuring that everyone has access to cooling relief during the summer continues to be a beacon of hope for the community. If you would like to donate to this initiative, they are still accepting fans and monetary donations, which can be made via CashApp at \$Warehousemike.



COMMUNITY SPORTS

Minden St. Jude Dixie Open hits a home run for a cause

WILL PHILLIPS

Minden Press-Herald

The Minden St. Jude Dixie Open took place at the Rec Center over the weekend, transforming the grounds into a bustling hub of baseball excitement and community spirit. Teams across five different divisions competed, celebrating America's beloved pastime while supporting a noble cause.

The tournament is held in memory of Stanton Haynes, who passed away from neuroblastoma just one day short of his fourth birthday in 2005. Stanton was the cherished son of Tina and Jeff Haynes, the tournament's founders.

"The tournament was a great success. We had more teams than ever before sign up," shared Jeff Haynes. "We started this tournament in memory of our son Stanton, and it has grown every year we have had it. My family and numerous volunteers come out in the heat to collect money for St. Jude!"

The competition was fierce across the five di-



The Minden St. Jude Dixie Open took place this past weekend with teams competing across five different divisions, all while supporting a worthy cause.

visions, which included T-ball, 7-8 coach pitch, 9-10 AAA, 11-12 O-Zone, and 13-14 Dixie. In the Tball division, the Benton Americans triumphed the Shreveport. The Astros clinched victory against Shreveport LL 8U in the 7-8 coach pitch division. Ruston 10U emerged victorious over Shreveport's Shock in the 9-10 AAA division. The Pelicans from Baton Rouge defeated

Ruston 12U in the 11-12 O-Zone division. Finally, in the 13-14 Dixie division, H-town secured a North.

"Thanks to the City of Minden and all the Rec workers for helping this weekend. We will set a new record for this year's tournament! Again, everyone," thanks to Havnes added, expressing his gratitude for the community's unwavering support.

The tournament not only provided thrilling sports action but also win against Louisiana underscored the community's commitment to supporting St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The growing participation and enthusiasm highlight the enduring legacy of Stanton Haynes, ensuring that his memory continues to inspire and make a differ**EDUCATION**

Ben Bower named principal of Minden High **School**

BOWER

AMBER MCDOWN

Minden Press-Herald

The Webster Parish School Board (WPSB) has announced Ben Bower as the new principal of Minden High School, effective July 1.

"We are excited about the appointment of Mr. Ben Bower as our next principal at Minden High School,"

said WPSB Superintendent Johnny Rowland. "He is passionate in his approach to serving all of our students there. Mr. Bower is a hard worker and is driven to continue to grow Minden High School in every aspect. It is easy to detect his love and pride for Minden High School

as well as the City of Minden, which is imperative when it comes to meeting the demands in a position such as this. We eagerly anticipate the upcoming school year under his leadership."

> Bower has spent almost 20 years working in Webster Parish, serving as a teacher, coach, and assistant principal at both Webster Jr.

High and Minden High School. He holds a bachelor's degree in education from Southern Arkansas University and a master's degree in curriculum and instruction from Louisi-

Bower replaces Dr. Rebecca Wilson, who is moving into the role of personnel director for WPSB.

ana Tech.

COMMUNITY

Webster Parish Libraries kicks off summer Discovery Camp with Science Week

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AMBER MCDOWN

Minden Press-Herald

Webster Parish Librarbegan their summer program, Discovery Camp, last week with a fun and educational Science Week. The event featured a variety of activities designed to engage and inspire young minds.

A highlight of the week was a visit from Devan and her animal friends from Wild World Texas at the Minden Branch. Campers had the chance to meet and learn about a diverse array of animals, including a gentle tortoise, an adventurous coatimundi, a vibrant bluethroated macaw, a playful ferret, an inquisitive porcupine, a slithery snake, a charming prairie dog, and a friendly service dog. The coatimundi particularly delighted the crowd by climbing from one camper's shoulder to the next, sparking laughter and awe. Meanwhile, the curious porcupine and playful ferret explored the Quad, mingling with campers and creating an exciting,

In addition to the animal encounters, campers enjoyed captivating fulldome presentations from the Houston Museum of Natural Science. These included "Dynamic Earth," "Starry Night Express," and "Dawn of the Space

interactive environment.

Age." This week, the camp



AMBER MCDOWN/PRESS-HERALD PHOTOS

Discovery Camp with Webster Parish Libraries began last week, kicking off the four-week extravaganza with

Science Week and an opportunity to get up close to some exotic animals. will focus on technology, followed by Engineering Week next week. For more details on the Discovery Camp activities, visit the

Webster Parish Libraries. Webster Parish Libraries' Discovery Camp continues to offer engaging and educational experi-

ences for children, fostering a love for science, technology, engineering, and more. The camp promises more exciting

weeks ahead, ensuring a

summer filled with dis-

covery and fun.



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COMMUNITY

22 Hands-up inaugural Food Fest a huge success

AMBER MCDOWN

Minden Press-Herald

22 Hands-up, a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing education, employment, and empowerment opportunities for youth, held its first annual Food Fest on Saturday, June 15. The event was a roaring success, drawing significant community support.

The Food Fest featured a wide variety of delicious foods, with tickets priced at \$40 per person. Tickets were in high demand and sold out quickly. In addition to the food offerings,

the event included an auction of sports memo-

"We're raising money," said 22 Hands-up President Darrell Hampton. "Our interest is all about the youth, but, you know in this day and time, it takes money to do everything."

Calvin Young, who developed the program for 22 Hands-up, highlighted the event's broader scope. "This is a multi-parish, and even multi-state endeavor. The main thing is to raise funds so we can have a very successful youth program for the kids of northwest Louisiana and the surrounding states."

Highlighting the event was legendary Grambling State University Hall of Fame retired baseball coach Wilbert Ellis. Ellis, a long-standing Kappa Alpha Psi member, is also a deacon at the Zion Travelers Baptist Church in Ruston, an associate member of the HBCU Boosters, and an administrator of the Eddie Robinson Museum.

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.

Event organizers are already starting to plan for the second Food Fest. For more information about 22 Hands-up or to donate to this cause, contact Darrell Hampton at (318) 268-2223.



CRIME

Minden man arrested for disturbing the peace

STAFF REPORT

Minden Press-Herald

On June 16, a Minden police officer responded to a disturbance in the 300 block of South Middle Landing Street, accompanied by two other officers. Upon arrival, the officers observed Jerome Mitch-

ell, 43, in the street using profane language and behaving violently. Mitchell was attempting to charge and fight his uncle, whom he had choked prior to the officers' arrival.

The officers exited their patrol units, one armed with a department-issued less-lethal shotgun and

another with a department-issued Taser. Mitchell was advised to back up and calm down, but he continued using profane language and threatening his uncle. When instructed to put his hands behind his back, Mitchell refused and began to walk away. An officer deployed his Taser, allowing them to handcuff Mitchell and place him under arrest.

During the arrest, Mitchell sustained a chin injury from the fall. Despite being advised of his rights per Miranda, he remained violent and profane. EMS was contacted but refused to

transport Mitchell due to his continued aggression. Consequently, an officer transported him to Minden Medical Center ER.

At the hospital, Mitchell continued his disruptive behavior, using profane language loudly in front of staff and patients. Once cleared by the medical staff, he was transported to BDCC.

Jerome Mitchell has been charged with simple battery, two counts of disturbing the peace through language, and resisting an officer.

All subjects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

CRIME

Minden police arrest local man during early morning raid

STAFF REPORT

Minden Press-Herald

The Minden Special Response Team (SRT), in collaboration with the Minden Narcotics team, executed a search warrant on the 400 block of Park Avenue early on

June 13, 2024. The target of the operation was Deotis Germany, 29, who had five active distribution warrants.

approximately 6:15 AM, SRT officers breached the residence and detained its occupants, including Germany. During the search, officers discovered a small baggie of ecstasy tablets in the bedroom, a small baggie of marijuana in the living room, another small baggie of marijuana in the kitchen, and a large bag of synthetic marijuana under the kitchen

Germany was transported to the Minden Police Department and placed in a holding cell. He was read his Miranda rights and booked on three warrants for distribution of synthetic marijuana, two warrants

for distribution of methamphetamines, and two additional charges: possession of controlled dangerous substance Schedule I synthetic marijuana with intent to distribute and possession of controlled dangerous substance Schedule I ecstasy.

Following the booking, Germany was transported to the Bayou Dorcheat Correctional Center.

All subjects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

CRIME

Cyclist arrested for possession of firearm

STAFF REPORT

Minden Press-Herald

On June 13, Minden Police Officer patrolling the area of South Middle Landing near McCausland Street observed a male subject riding a bicycle against the flow of traffic without illuminated lights. The officer activated his overhead lights, signaling the rider to stop.

The officer made contact with the male subject, identified as Bruce Jones, 50. After frisking Jones for weapons, the officer asked for consent to search his backpack. Jones consented to the search, and inside the backpack, the officer located a silver revolver. Jones was then placed in handcuffs, and the officer advised him of his rights

per Miranda.

The officer requested dispatch to check Jones' criminal history and to determine if the firearm was stolen. Dispatch confirmed that Jones was prohibited from possessing a firearm due to a guilty conviction for simple burglary on January 9, 2023. Jones was placed in the back seat of the officer's unit, and his bicycle was released to a nearby family member.

Jones was charged with felon in possession

of a firearm, no required lamps on bicycle, and riding left of center. He was transported to the Minden Police Department and later to BDCC.

All subjects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

COMMUNITY

Juneteenth celebration set for June 22 in Minden

AMBER MCDOWN Minden Press-Herald

A Juneteenth celebration will take place on Saturday, June 22, from 5 to 8 PM on Martin Luther King Drive in Minden. The

event, titled "Juneteenth Celebration @ Woo's," will feature Juneteenth history, music, special performances, food trucks, a bounce house, and a fireworks display provided by Beyond Burgers and Woo's Daiquiri Shop.

Residents are encouraged to come out and enjoy this community celebration. For more information, contact Michael Walker at (318) 210-





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OBITUARIES



Albert W. "Bill" Berry

A memorial service will be held at a later date for Albert. W. "Bill" Berry of Heflin, Louisiana. Bill was born October 18, 1937, in Natchitoches, Louisiana and entered into rest June 11, 2024, in Heflin, Louisiana. He was a carpenter for McIn-

nis Brothers for over 40 years and he served his country in the United States Marines.

Bill was an avid sportsman and enjoyed the outdoors. He was a long-time member of Leatherman Creek Hunting Club near Athens, LA. Favorite places to fish were spent on Toledo Bend and Lake Fork, TX. Bill is sadly missed by friends and family.

Bill was preceded in death by his father, William Thomas Berry, mother Mildred Barnhill Berry, sisters, Sharon Sibley and Janice Berry, brothers, Ken Berry and Claude Berry, son, Billy Wayne Berry, and step son, Ryan Gibbs Hord.

He is survived by his wife Ginny Gibbs Berry, son William Shannon "Shane" Berry, daughters Debra Ann "Debbie" Berry, Cynthia Louise "Cindy" Berry and Tammy Renee Berry, grandchildren, Kristi Berry, Matthew McCain. Dylan Berry, Joshua Stewart, Mckenna Berry, Emma Berry, and great grandchildren, Hanna Fuselier, Lily Fuselier, and Derek McCain. He is also survived by two stepchildren, Leah King and Shelby Hord and three step grandchildren, Blaine Hord, Kyleigh Hord, and Karson Hord..



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MISS LOUISIANA 2024

Olivia Grace George crowned Miss Louisiana 2024

Monroe, LA, June 17, 2024 - The 2024 Miss Louisiana Competition finals took place on Saturday at the Monroe Civic Center's W.L. Jack Howard Theater, featuring 32 of Louisiana's most talented and intelligent young ladies competing for over \$64,000 in scholarships and the prestigious title of Miss Louisiana.

home the Taking crown was Olivia Grace George, a Texarkana, Texas native and student at Louisiana Tech University, representing the Miss Louisiana Watermelon Festival local title. Olivia, who was last year's first runner-up, plans to complete her bachelor's degree in education and pursue a career as an educator. Throughout the three days of competition, Olivia and her fellow contestants competed in private interview (30%), health & fitness (20%), on-stage conversation (10%), talent (20%), and evening wear (20%). Olivia was also awarded the \$1000 Women in Education scholarship during Thursday's preliminary competition.

Olivia shared her vision through her Community Service Initiative (ČSI), Education is

Key, stating, "I plan to empower Louisiana students to become strong leaders in and outside of the classroom. I want to help students grow their love for learning."

The Miss Louisiana Organization awarded a total of \$64,000 in cash scholarships and made available over \$850,000 in in-kind scholarships. The fourth runner-up was Gabrielle McLeod, University Miss Louisiana at Monroe; third runner-up was Leah Thompson, Miss Ouachita Parish; second runner-up was Lily Gayle, Miss Louisiana Port City; and first runner-up

Felicia McGill, Miss

Natchitoches Parish. The Miss Louisiana Organization is part of the Miss America Organization, the world's largest provider of scholarships for women. Corporate sponsors for Miss Louisiana include The City of Monroe Discover Monroe-West Monroe, the University of Louisiana Monroe, Propane Dealers of Louisiana, Louisiana Office of Tourism, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana, TownePlace Suites by Marriott, and New Beginnings Well-

ness Center and Spa.

CRIME

Minden man arrested for aggravated assault and domestic abuse battery

STAFF REPORT

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Stiles, 24, was arrested on June 16, for aggravated assault with a firearm and domestic abuse battery following an incident involving his sister and girlfriend.

At approximately 9:18 PM, Minden police were dispatched to the 1500 block of Shreveport Road regarding a disturbance. The complainant, Stiles' sister, reported that Stiles had arrived at her residence with his girlfriend, appearing to hit her from

exiting the vehicle, Stiles, who appeared intoxicated, refused to return the car keys to his girlfriend, leading to an altercation.

According to the sister, Stiles brandished a small silver .22 caliber firearm, pointed it at her, and made threats. She contacted their father, prompting Stiles to take the driver's seat and leave with his girlfriend.

Authorities notified surrounding police and sheriff's departments. Shortly after, the Webster Parish Sheriff's Department lo-

the passenger seat. Upon cated the suspect vehicle and detained Stiles on Allen Drive, approximately two miles from the initial disturbance.

During the investiga-tion, Stiles' girlfriend recounted that Stiles had hit her on the chest, taken the car keys, and pointed the firearm at his sister. After leaving the sister's house, they stopped on Allen Drive where Stiles "flipped out," threw items from the car, and disappeared into the woods with the firearm, returning without it.

Despite an extensive

search involving K9 Tigo, the firearm was not recovered. Stiles denied possessing a firearm but was found with four live .22 long rifle rounds and one spent round in his pocket.

Stiles was taken into custody, transported to the Minden Police Department, and subsequently placed under arrest. He faces charges of aggravated assault with a firearm and domestic abuse battery.

All subjects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

LOCAL BUSINESS

John Michael Cristler joins the team of **Meriwether Wealth & Planning**

AMBER MCDOWN

Minden Press-Herald

Meriwether Wealth & Planning is pleased to announce the addition of to its team.

Before joining Meriwether, John Michael worked for a local accounting and consulting firm, with a specific focus on the financial services industry. A native of Stonewall, he is a graduate of North Desoto High School and earned his bachelor of science degree in finance from Louisiana Tech University

John Michael is training to be a financial advisor with Meriwether and will begin by supporting existing advisors and clients with special projects. John Michael resides in Ruston and will work primarily out of Meriwether's Ruston office. Outside of work, John Michael enjoys fitness, the outdoors, and spending time with family and friends. He attends The Bridge Community Church in Ruston.

"We are thrilled John Michael has joined our team. He comes highly

recommended and has already demonstrated he will add significant value to our clients through his thoughtfulness and insight," said Jeremy Pen-Meriwether dergrass, president and financial advisor. "I have no doubt John Michael will grow to be an invaluable asset to our team and an exceptional advisor."

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COMMUNITY

DAR holds annual spring luncheon

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Special to the Minden Press-Herald

Dorcheat-Bistineau Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution held its annual spring luncheon and chapter awards ceremony at St. John's Episcopal Church in Minden on May 30, 2024. Lunch was provided by Hugh Woods Catering and by this month's hostesses: Cara Beth Buie, Margaret Evans, Nancy Procell, Donna Sutton, and Cindy Walker.

Our guest speaker was DAR State Regent Cheryl Gott. Her State Project called "Remember Gertsner Field". Gertsner Field was a World War I military airfield near Lake Charles. It was one of thirty-two military flight training camps in the nation. It is now on private property, and a small portion of the airstrip is all that still exists. Mrs. Gott has been raising funds to help build a memorial for Gertsner Field at Veterans Memorial Park in Lake Charles. The memorial will be dedicated on November 8, 2024.

We are excited to welcome Mrs. Harol Thompson as a new member installed by State Regent Cheryl Gott and Chapter Vice Regent and Registrar Donna Sutton. Harol is a descendant of Revolutionary War patriot Charles Sansing who was born around 1756 in North Carolina. His father was James Sansing who emigrated from Germany and received a land grant of 400 acres in North Carolina from Lord Granville. Charles supported the Revolution by donating supplies to the local troops. He died in 1831 in Henry County, GA. Many of his descendants migrated to Claiborne Parish.

Chapter Regent Cindy Madden recognized our membership anniversaries. Linnye Wimberly Daily and Margaret Baird Evans have been DAR members for 50 years. They were each presented with a 50 Year pin and framed certificate from National. Lisa Jackson Campbell, Jane Wylie Sistrunk, and Libbey Moseley Watkins are 30 year members, Kathleen Wilson Johnson is a 20 year member, and Shirley Royce Aaron Cobb, Nancy Stewart Craig, Linda Dunn Wood, and Rachel Wood

of our chapter! She was Harrington are 10 year members. Each of these members received flowers, and a certificate from National. Their total number of years in DAR was

Our chapter and indi-

vidual members received

dozens of awards from the Louisiana Society Daughters of the American Revolution for outstanding participation in numerous projects. Our Project Patriot Committee received First Place at the State level for sending 1,870 birthday and holiday cards to veterans and active duty service members in 2023. Our chapter also received a DAR National award for 22% increase in membership in 2023. They received an award for participating in the 250th anniversary of the Boston Tea Party by sending tea to be part of the reenactment of the Tea Party in December 2023. Our chapter was awarded 1st Place National Defense for "setting the bar of Patriotic Excellence through schools, community." Our chapter also won 1st Place Outstanding Chapter Project - First Armed Forces Celebration and 1-20 Highway Vietnam Veterans Memo-

rial Marker. The chapter was awarded a Certificate of Recognition in Literacy for donating enough materials for 47 Literacy Bags, 95 books, and other items to the Minden and Springhill Libraries. Our chapter regent Cindy Madden was awarded Excellent Chapter Monthly Magazine and is the first Louisiana DAR member to receive the Sons of the American Revolution Gold Medal for Outstanding Service to Veterans. This award was approved by the SAR National President.

One of our Junior members, Ashln Benamati, crocheted 50 poppy pins in remembrance of service men and women who have passed away. Members of our chapter made small donations for the pins, which will be used for chapter veterans' outreach programs. Members also donated packages of socks to Spencer Creech for his Eagle Project, which will provide supply kits in duffle bags to local homeless veterans. Spencer is a member of Fort Jesup Society Children of the American Revolution. Mrs. Mary Beth Edwards awarded 4 seniors from the various high schools the NSDAR Good Citizen

Award and Mrs. Madden

awarded the JROTC medal to a local student. The chapter also awarded their two-chapter winners from Glenbrook School with the Louisiana Society DAR medal which they won over other essays all over the state.

Any woman aged 18 years or older who can prove lineal, bloodline descent from an ancestor who aided in achieving American independence from Great Britain during the Revolutionary War (1775-1783) is eligible to join DAR. For more information, contact Cindy Madden at cindymaddendar@gmail.com.

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OPINION

Cynically Using the False Narrative of Climate Change to Do Social Engineering

I periodically return to this topic because of the intensity and frequency with which the narrative is pushed by the Climate Change Religionists, this time regarding the UN (United Nations) and the World Economic Forum (WEF) which continuously promote hysteria and the supposed "apocalyptic" nature of climate change to push an agenda that will essentially remake humanity and human beings.

What do I mean?

The WEF and the UN previously signed a formal agreement entitled United Nations Agenda 2030: Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDG). There are 17 goals identified that they want to have accomplished by 2030.

However, while many of the proposed goals are salutary and broadly supported by much of the planet-such as reducing or ending poverty, creating a healthy planet, and ending violence and inequality for girls and women—the scary part is contained in the fine print upon which those plans are based.

The result is a small number of elites trying to force the implementation of their ideas regarding how the world we live in should look and function. In other words, social engineering. This social engineering will cause enormous and unneeded suffering and the only way to force these changes is by scaring people about the "ominous" heating and cooling of the planet.

Climate change is indisputable. Our climate has always changed including long before man was ever on the earth! The literature broadly reflects that the earth's temperature occurs in certain rhythmic cycles and did so long before humans ever appeared on earth, approximately 200,000 years ago.



ROYAL ALEXANDER

So, honest science reflects that huare mans principal cause climate change, the but Climate Change Religion-

fanatically focused on it anvway. And we are endlessly told that carbon dioxide levels are higher than they have ever been—dangerously high levels causing the warming of the planet—and the planet will die shortly!

This is simply false.

"While there is an increase in carbon dioxide, that increase is not being driven largely by human industry. We are contributing to it ... but 90% of global warming is occurring in the ocean causing the internal heat of the waters to increase." So, the oceans are "warming from underneath. The glaciers are melting from underneath." (Gregg Braden, Geologist, Computer Scientist, expert in Applied Earth Sciences). Braden continues "... and the reason the oceans are warming from underneath is due to a phenomenon that occurs about every 12,000-13,000 years and this phenomenon is forcing molten mantle up and into the crust of the earth in places where the crust is weak and thin under the oceans ... resulting in an increase in earthquakes and volcanoes."

During this phenomenon, the oceans rise and at other times "super volcanoes" erupt. This phenomenon beneath the earth warms the oceans and releases CO2 into the atmosphere causing climate change. (Id.) In fact, Braden concludes, we don't currently "have the greatest CO2 levels we've ever had. In fact, we are on the low end in

light of geologic history."
So, to frighten the U.S. and the planet into accepting such jarring and fundamental changes to our culture, lives, and world, this phenomenon is being weaponized—as the national so-called news media and politicians simply repeat lies.

What lies? Climate Change Religion-ists have been advancing doomsday scenarios for decades now. Acid rain would deforest large swaths of the

globe; there would be another ice age; the ozone would disappear; global warming would melt the world's glaciers. Now, the "world is on fire!" but the percentage of globe that burns each year has been declining since 2001. (B. Lomborg, Wall St. Journal, 8-1-23). None of it has happened. In fact, in the last 200 years the temperature of the earth has increased, slightly and erratically, by only about 1.8 degrees Fahrenheit. (Richard Lindzen, MIT Physicist. 04-18-2016)

Obviously, their goal is to eliminate all fossil fuels. However, renewable energy-whether solar, wind or other—is nowhere near being able to energize our country or planet. We are not going to be able to be free of fossil fuels for decades if not genera-

We must not allow the lie of man-made climate change to be used to force the equivalent of a new world order on

P.S. The hypocrisy of these elite climate alarmists is unmistakable as they take hundreds of private jets to posh worldwide locations to discuss climate change, creating huge amounts of CO2 as a re-

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INSPIRATION

Keep Your Blinders On

I think the best way to succeed in life is to listen to Danny Thomas who told his daughter, Marlo Thomas Donahue "to keep her blinders on" when she was struggling to be an actress as well as a renowned author.

The Bible says "a word fitly spoken is like pictures of gold, in apples of silver."

Having just read The Right Words at the Right Time, edited by Marlo Thomas, who tells how her father, Danny Thomas, told her how to win the race by keeping her blinders on, which made all the difference in her life as an actress, reminding me of Nicholas Sparks who said "we sit silently and watch the world around us. This takes a lifetime to learn. It seems only the old are able to sit next to one another and not say anythingsar and still feel content. The young, brash and impatient, must always break the silence. It is a waste, for silence is pure. Silence is holy. It draws people together because only those who are comfortable with each other can sit without speaking.. This is the great paradox."

Max Ehrmann, born in 1872, the author of Desiderata said "Go placidly amid the noise and haste, and remember what peace there may be in silence. As far as



SARAH **HUDSON**

possible without surrender be on good t e r m s with persons. Speak your

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PIERCE

others, even the dull and the ignorant; they too have their

I have had this poem in my collection since high school in Tulsa, back in the 60's when my speech teacher, Shirl White, gave it to us.

If he wanted us to know something he would read it aloud. He was a master at keeping our attention and a role model in many ways, never counting the hours and effort he spent in nurwhether in acting or writing. I have found one of the

best ways to be happy with myself is to be "comfortable in my own skin."

It took me a lifetime to learn that but it also liberates me, giving me a feeling of acceptance but also tends to help control blood pressure problems!

Why don't we know more of these great truths when we are young? Perhaps insecurity is a great driving force in our life that helps us to achieve our goals while we learn these truths as we go along.

The problem of nit picking has been an age old issue considering that the Pharisees in Jesus time thought they had it down even accusing Jesus of sin because He ate with the publicans and sinners!

This is how it is and probably always will be.

I've observed that those who are often critical will sooner or later commit the same mistakes as the ones that they were most critical. That's my take on life.

This attitude in churchturing our creative streak es often turns the "un-

churched" away.

Some of these thoughts came to me after an accident in 2013. While leaning on my crutches, with pins still in my foot, I stopped to scribble down these thoughts that have become a part of my philosophy.

Napoleon Hill, famous American motivational speaker, said "we become what we think about."

Our thoughts and those of others impact our lives.

Max Ehrman also said "be gentle with yourself. You are no less than the trees and the stars. You have a right to be here."

I feel at peace when I struggle with "situations" in my life that somehow have always worked out, giving me security in life even when I've felt all alone.

With all of my struggles, I am so blessed!.

As I pillow my head I know that Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever and He always gets me to the right place at the right time.

CONTACT SARAH AT SARAHP9957@

FROM THE BACK PORCH

It's OK to Say, 'I'll Do That Tomorrow'

"I'll do that tomorrow"?

That seems to have become my ususal comment. I get out of bed with good intentions and before I can get started, I find reasons why I can't do it now.

Since I have been able to be back in the kitchen, I have been wanting to cook something to repay some of the friends who brought food for us when we needed it. Before I can get started, I find a reason not to do it today.

Blueberry bread was at the top of my list but I noticed I did not have all the ingredients I needed. So I would pick up the necessary items the next time I went to the store. Since our trips to town

Do you ever tell yourself are limited that won't be easy. I sometimes find when I get home that I have forgotten to put an item on my list. So, all of you ladies who



might enjoy a loaf of warm blueberry bread with your coffee, forgive and don't give up. I will just do that

tomorrow.

Another item that is always a hit for people who are feeling poorly is a pot of Cheesey Potato Soup, with a hot pan of Jalepeno Cornbread. I have made this for friends

" Since I have been able to be back in the kitchen, I have been wanting to cook something to repay some of the friends who brought food for us when we needed it. Before I can get started, I find a reason not to do it today. "

who really enjoyed it. When I look in my pantry, I find that it has been almost depleted while I was out of the kitchen. I need to replenish it but I will do that tomorrow.

After being home from the hospital for sometime, I still haven't mailed "thank you" cards to all my "angels" who were so caring and helpful

during the time I needed them. "I'll get some cards when I go back to town." Have you heard that before?

Well, I finally got some cards but I was making copies of a newspaper column to include in each one and I have not completed that task. So as usual "I'll do that tomorrow".

I never liked to be called names, but I'm beginning to think you all will be calling me a procrastinator.

In order to avoid this, I must tidy up my desk, write my column, write a note in my thank you cards, finish copying the column and include them in the cards, make my list to refill my pantry, go to town and remember to take the list, get everything on the list and put them away when I get home.

Then I will stop and enjoy a cup of coffee. And the other things...

I'll do that tomorrow.

FANNIE MOORE LIVES IN SHONGALOO.

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Former Doyline star

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SPORTS

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Four parish players make LBCA All-State teams

RUSSELL HEDGES

Minden Press-Herald

players from Webster Parish schools have been named to Louisiana Baseball Coaches Association All-State teams in their respective divi-

Minden's Brody Bower, a 2024 graduate who signed with BPCC, was selected at utility in Division

Glenbrook has two players on the Division IV team. Rising senior Easton Sanders, a Louisiana Tech commit, was selected at utility. Landry Powell, a 2024 graduate, was selected at designated hitter.

Doyline rising senior

Noah Spears was selected at pitcher in Division V.

Bower had a 2.148 ERA with 75 strikeouts in 58 2/3 innings pitching against some of the Tide's toughest competition. He was the starter in 11 games and appeared in another.

An infielder when not pitching, Bower led the Tide with a .467 batting average. His 14 doubles and 32 RBI were also team highs.

He helped Minden reach the non-select Division II quarterfinals.

Sanders pitched three complete games in the playoffs in victories over the No. 6, No. 3 and No. 2 seeds.

He finished 9-2 overall.

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

Powell, who played a variety of positions, batted .427 for the full season. He had 18 RBI in the regular

Sanders and Powell were also first-team selections on the Louisiana Sports Writers Association's Class 1A All-State

They helped Glenbrook reach the select Division IV state championship game.

Spears was 4-5 pitching against some of Doyline's toughest competition. He had an ERA of 1.382 with 101 strikeouts in 76 inLSWA honorable mention

Bower and Spears were both named honorable mention on the Louisiana Sports Writers Association's Class 4A and Class B teams, respectively.

Minden rising senior Bryson Ranger was also named honorable mention on the Class 4A team. An infielder, he batted .409 with 12 doubles, three triples and 18 RBI.

Lakeside rising senior Peyton Gray was named honorable mention on the Class 2A team.

A second baseman, Gray batted .405 with 36 hits. He also had 19 stolen

TRACK AND FIELD

RUSSELL HEDGES

Izayla Harris' remark-

able high school career

may be over, but the for-

mer Doyline star's domi-

nance on the track con-

State signee, won the Girls 17-18 100- and

200-meter races in the

USATF Southern Associa-

tion Championships on

River Cities Track Club,

took the 100 in 11.90 sec-

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Harris, an Alcorn

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tinues.

Seven Bulldogs earn Phil Steele Preseason

HUNTER CORNELIUSEN

Director Strategic

Led by Demarcus Griffin-Taylor, Bert Hale and Zach Zimos' second-team selections, seven Bulldogs received preseason All-Conference USA honors from Phil Steele, the publication announced last week.

cornerback,

After transferring from Houston in the spring of 2023, Griffin-Taylor returns for his second season as a Bulldog. The Redshirt senior made three starts last season, tallying 17 tackles, a forced fumble and four pass breakups.

Hale has been a mainstay on the Bulldogs' offensive line with 18 starts and 37 appearances during his four seasons in Ruston. The Oak Grove product started 11 games last season and was part of a LA Tech offense that ranked second in CUSA with 243 first downs last

Zimos made an imme-

pass breakup. Evans arrived at Tech after transferring from Prairie View A&M prior to the 2023 season. The senior ap-

peared in all 11 games and

made two starts while tal-

lying 32 tackles, including

6.5 for loss and 2.5 in ad-

dition to a pass breakup. Fields garnered praise from teammates and coaches during spring practice as a linebacker. He sat out the 2023 season after transferring from LSU. During the 2022 season at LSU, he played in 11 games while

registering four tackles. Richard earned Freshman All-America honors after ranking seventh nationally among FBS freshmen with seven pass breakups in 2023. Opponents completed just 40 percent of passes (14-35) against him last season, allowing just one touchdown in 249 defensive snaps. His 83.5 coverage grade was the fourth-best mark among all CUSA defensive backs.

Davenport arrives at Louisiana Tech after spending his junior year at Texas State, where he appeared in all 13 games, registering 458 rushing yards and two touchdowns on 90 carries. The McComb, Miss., native averaged 5.1 yards a carry while also recording 11 receptions for 102 yards and two touchdowns.

Davenport spent his freshman and sophomore seasons at Kilgore College, earning NJCAA First-Team All-American honors in 2022 after ranking second nationally with 1,203 rushing yards and 18 touchdowns.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

All-CUSA honors

Louisiana Tech Associate

Communications

Griffin-Taylor, Hale

and Zimos earned second-team distinction at offensive guard and linebacker, respectively. Jessie Evans (defensive end), Kolbe Fields (linebacker) and Michael Richard (safety) all earned third-team recognition, while Donerio Davenport (running back) was selected to the fourth

season.

diate impact during his first season as a Bulldog in 2023 after transferring from Arkansas. The redshirt senior linebacker registered 60 tackles, including 3.5 for loss and one sack, in addition to a

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Minden players hit camp at ULM



June is a big month for high school football players to participate in camps at colleges. Minden's Jonathan Bradford (left) and Jarvis Davis attended at camp at ULM. Bradford was a first-team All-District 1-4A selection last season. Davis is a defensive end and tight end.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

North Webster competes in NWLA 7-on-7 Charity Invitational in Bossier City





ROBERT SUMMERLIN/PRESS-HERALD

The North Webster Knights competed in the NWLA 7-on-7 Charity Invitational tournament last week at Freedom Fields in Bossier City. The Knights didn't win a game but came close to several victories in pool play, falling to Byrd 15-6, Junction City, Ark., 22-14, Benton 22-15 and Fontainebleau 18-14.

Chronic wasting disease 100 percent fatal to deer

GLYNN HARRIS

It sounds like something you might see in a horror movie. A monster attacks helpless defenseless people who have no way of escape as it mutilates and destroys

everyone in its path. There is a disease spreading across the country among cervids including whitetailed deer, elk, moose that is strikingly similar to the fictitious monster from the movies. When an animal contracts the Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD), they die; there is no cure.

The Ruston Rotary Club last week heard ULM Professor, Dr. Kim Marie Tolston, share grim details of what happens once deer become affected by CWD. The disease has been documented in 22 states and as of January, 2022, Louisiana was added to that list. The malady so far has only been found in Tensas Parish but neighboring parishes are likely to learn the disease has spread to their locales.

Just exactly what is Chronic Wasting Disease? Dr. Tolston explained it and why it is impossible to cure.

"It is caused by prions that cause the brain of affected animals to form holes much like a sponge. These prions are proteins, not living organisms which means you can't kill them," she

"How does a deet get these proteins? It has to be ingested and spreads from one animal to another from saliva, urine, feces or other body fluids. If an infected deer feeds at a feeder and for instance drops a grain of corn or two and another deeIt sounds like something vou might see in a horror movie. A monster attacks helpless defenseless people who have no way of escape as it mutilates and destroys everyone in its path.

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has published regulations concerning deer that are taken in the control area, which includes all of Tensas Parish along with portions of Madison, Concordia, Franklin and E. Carroll Parishes. These controls include prohibiting of baiting, placement of bait or hunting over bait. In addition, only meat that has been cut, boned out and wrapped with no part of the spinal column or head may be taken from the con-

trol area. Eddie Barnes, Ruston businessman, has a hunting lease in Tensas Parish and he shares his impression of what he has observed since CWD entered Tensas.

"There have been 22 deer that have tested positive in Tensas, our club has shot 16 of them," said Barnes. "The only way to stop it is to reduce the number of deer. We have some 800 deer on our club and we have been instructed by LDWF to get the number down to 400. We hate to have to do it but it seems the only way we can reduce the spread is to take

out lots of deer. "After we shoot them, they are placed in coolers and LDWF comes and removes the heads and tests them for CWD. The deer that are cleared as not having it are quartered with bones removed, meat pack-

LAKE CLAIBORNE

aged and are taken to the Deer Factory in Dubach which processes the meat and donates it to Hunters for the Hungry."

According to Dr. Tolston,

the prions can remain active for at least ten years. "There was a pen where infected elk that had tested positive for CWD and were all shot and removed. Ten years later, more elk were put in the pen and they all contracted CWD because the prion was still active on the ground where they were penned," she said.

The disease affects not only mature deer but even fawns have been found with CWD. The only way to help control it is to reduce the number of deer in affected area because if one gets it, likely as not the entire herd will," she noted.

The monster in the movies that wipes out victims is bad, but it's just a movie. Chronic Wasting Disease is worse because it's real. The entire deer hunting industry in Louisiana could eventually be subject to restrictions if CWD continues to spread.

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 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-

D'AR-**BONNE** – 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.

There have been some good reports of stripers starting to school and hitting shad imitation lures. Bass fishing is best fishing around the boat docks and piers with spinners, crank baits and soft plastics. Crappie have moved deep and are best around submerged brush on shiners and jigs. 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-

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.

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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

Village of Dixie Inn Special Session June 6, 2024

NOTICE: THESE MINUTES HAVE NOT BEEN FORMALLY APPROVED BY TH

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen for the Village of Dixie Inn met in special session on June 6, 2024, at 4:15 p.m. in the Village Hall, Dixie Inn, Louisiana with the following members present Mayor Donna Hoffoss, Aldermen: Judy McK-enzie, Nell Finlay and Lance Milligan.

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

There were no public

Mayor Donna Hoffoss welcomed guests that included Lieutenant Chase Walsworth with the Webster Parish Sheriff's Office. Lt. Walsworth discussed with the council, alternative ways to cut costs on police expenses, that could benefit both the village

New Business:

A motion was made and seconded by Judy McKenzie to approve allowing the administrative role of Police Chief to be an administrative part-time position. Vote on the motion was unani-

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

ATTEST:

Donna Hoffoss Mayor

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Village of Dixie Inn Regular Sessior June 11, 2024

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

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen for the Village of Dixie Inn met in regular session on June 11, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, Dixie Inn, Louisiana with the following members present: Mayor Donna Hoffoss, Aldermen Judy McK-enzie, Nell Finlay, and Lance Milligan.

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

There were no public comments.

Mayor Donna Hoffoss welcomed guests.

A motion was made by Judv McKenzie and seconded by Nell Fin-lay to close the regular session and open a public hearing for the 2024-2025 Budget. was unanimous.

Mayor Hoffoss read aloud Ordinance No. 133 - An Ordinance Adopting the Annual Budget of Revenues, Expenditures and Appropriation for the Village of Dixie Inn, Louisiana in Budget Year July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025. Mayor Hoffoss asked for public comment from attendees, but there were noné

A motion was made by Judy McKenzie and

seconded by Lance Milligan to close the public hearing for the 2024-2025 Budget and reopen the regular session. Vote on the mo-

tion was unanimous

A motion was made by Lance Milligan and seconded by Judy McKenzie to adopt minutes of the Regular Session held on May 14, 2024. Vote on the motion was unani-

A motion was made by Lance Milligan and seconded by Judy McKenzie to adopt the financial statements for May 2024. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

Department Reports:

Mike Chreene reported all is well with the water department. Mayor Hoffoss

reminded municipal employees of the up-coming LMA Banquet scheduled for June 25, 2024 at 6PM in Haughton, LA.

New Business:

A motion was made by Judy McKenzie and seconded by Lance Milligan to adopt Ordinance No. 133. An Ordinance Adopting the Annual Budget of Revenues, Expenditures, and Appropriation for the Village of Dixie Inn, Louisiana in Budget Year July 1, 2024, to June 30 2025. Vote on the motion was unanimous. Vote on the motion was as follows: Yeas: 3 (Judy McKenzie, Nell Finlay, and Lance Milligan) Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0

A motion was made by Judy McKenzie and seconded by Lance Milligan to adopt the Minden Press Herald as the official journal for the Village of Dixie Inn for 2024-2025. Vote on the motion

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

ATTEST: Dona Hoffoss

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Webster Parish Police Jury will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, June 25, 2024, beginning at 10:00 a.m., in the Police Jury's meeting room located at the Police Jury's Office, Minden, Louisiana or items related to its FY 2021 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) Program (Contract No. 2000623470).

The purpose of the public hearing will be to obtain views on the submission of Program Amendment No. 2. The Webster Parish Police Jury was allowed \$474,300.00 for the proposed two water wells, related raw water mains, and a new 48,000-gallon ground storage tank. After the grant award, the Salt Works Water System and the Town of Sibley received a Water Sector Program grant to merge the two systems and eliminate the Salt Works pump station storage facility. In addition, the system spent \$186,000 stheir spent \$186,000 finds construction funds to construct two test holes which did not prove an adequate source of water at the

proposed well sites Iready acquired. Due to the circumstances described above, the Webster Parish Police Jury proposes to delete the proposed ground storage, as the Salt Works customers will be provided storage from Sibley's excess existing storge capacity.
Also, the Police Jury proposes to construct a new water well (\$150,000) at a site on Sibley's property which has proven to produce water of a good quality and in a quantity comparable to what was anticipated from the combined Salt Works wells. It is additionally proposed that a portion of the construction funds be utilized to construct a raw water line and related control/powe circuits, (\$138,300) from the new Sibley site to the Town's exist

All of this work will be accomplished through a change order to the existing contract between the water well contractor and the Webster Parish Police Jury. Upon completion of the project, as amended herein will satisfy the intent of the project and will not change the project beneficiaries.

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sion or LPSC) General Order dated July 1, 2019, the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, and Article IV, Section 21(D) of the Louisiana State Constitution, that Southwestern Electric Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO), an electric public utility supplying retail electric service to approximately 231,000 customers in eleven Parishes in the State of Louisiana the State of Louisiana through its retail business, and who also serves customers in Arkansas and Texas; that SWEPCO filed two that SWEPCO filed two annual Formula Rate Plan (FRP) filings. The first filing was made on April 1, 2023, for the 2022 test year and the second filing was made on April 1, 2024, for the 2023 test year, in accordance with Commission Order Commission Order Commission Order No. U-35441 dated February 17, 2023. Supporting testimony was subsequently filed June 4, 2024, in Commission Docket No. U-37155, In Re-Formula Bata Plan Formula Rate Plan Annual Report for Test Year 2022. The eleven Parishes through which SWEPCO's service area extends in Louisi-ana are: Bossier, Bien-ville, Caddo, DeSoto,

SWEPCO's filing was then republished in the June 7, 2024, Com-mission Bulletin No. 1325. The proposed rate changes affect all parishes served by SWEPCO. The proposed rate adjustments are sought to address operating costs, transmission costs needed in connection with the Southwest Power Pool, necessary funding for vegetation management costs to help maintain and improve service, and investment in utility plant infrastructure needed to provide for improvements and support the growth in SWEPCO's service area. SWEPCO's most recent FRP annual filing, will be effective August 1, 2024, and will be reviewed by the Commission and Staff. The rate filing may be viewed in the Office of the Commission in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and on the Commission's website (www.lpsc.louisiana. gov). The Commission may be contacted at 800-256-2397, and SWEPCO may be con-tacted at 888-216-3523

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The budget of the Webster Parish Sher-iff's Office covering fiscal year 2024/2025 after a public hearing held on June 11, 2024 This notice serves as certification that all statutory require-ments have been met in accordance with RS

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Public Notice

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the Loui-siana Public Service Commission (Commisto **MPH** at (318) 377-

years was previously published in the Commission Bulletin on April 12, 2024, in Bulle-tin No. 1321. Notice of

Grant, Natchitoches, Red River, Sabine,

Webster, Winn, and

Notice of SWEPCO's FRP rate filings for the 2022 and 2023 test



ORDINANCE NO. 133

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND APPROPRIATION FOR THE VILLAGE OF DIXIE INN, DIXIE INN, LOUISIANA IN BUDGET YEAR JULY 1, 2024 TO JUNE 30, 2025

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Village of Dixie Inn, Dixie Inn, Louisiana, convened in regular session on June 11, 2024 the following:

I: The attached detailed estimate of revenues as reflected in the consolidated statement, and such other fiscal exhibits and information as required by Louisiana Local Government Budget Act, be and the same is hereby adopted to serve as the Budget of Revenues for the Village for July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

SECTION II: The attached detailed statement of anticipated expenditures as

reflected in the consolidated statement, and such other fiscal exhibits and information as required by Louisiana Local Government Budget Act, be and the same is hereby adopted to serve as the Budget of Expenditures for the Village for July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

SECTION III: The adoption of the Budget of Expenditures as reflected in the attached line-item budget containing object of expenditure classifications shall be declared to be the appropriation of the am set therein as established in each budget classification by object of expenditure.

SECTION IV: The amounts appropriated for all accounts shall not exceed amounts fixed therein the Budget of Expenditures. Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to prohibit the eauthority from amending or making an appropriation to and contingent funds to be used in cases of emergency. This ordinance having been read section by section and having been considered in the same manner, on a motion of _______, seconded by ______, the

vote thereon was as follows Yeas: () Nays: (0) Abstain: (0) Absent: (0)

This ordinance was declared adopted on this the 11th day of June 2024.

Donna Hoffoss ATTEST:

CERTIFICATE

the attached Ordinance is a true and correct copy of Ordinance No. 133 passed by the

Alicia Ware Municipal Clerk I, the undersigned Village Clerk for the Village of Dixie Inn do hereby certify that

Alicia Ware, Village Clerk

Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Village of Dixie Inn at the regular meeting, with a Dixie Inn, Louisiana this 11th day of June 2024.

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> TOWN OF SIBLEY **2024 AMENDMENT ORDINANCE NO. 126-T**

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF SIBLEY, LOUISIANA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024.

projected revenues and other sources for the remainder of the year are failing to meet the total budgeted revenues and other sources by five percent or more.

The budget must also be amended when the total actual expenditures and other uses in addition to projected expenditures and other uses for the remainder for the year are exceeding the total budgeted expenditures and other uses by five percent or more

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Sibley, Parish of Webster, State of Louisiana, that the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024 be amended as follows:

SECTION I.

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GENERAL FUND

Line Item: Beginning Fund Balance Total Revenue

Budgeted Amendment: \$153,000 \$250,000 \$526,400 \$623,400

\$ 30,623

\$526,400

Expenditures: Contingency Fund: Total Expenditures:

\$127,623 \$623,400

SECTION III. If any provision or item of this amendment or application thereof is held invalid such invalidity

shall not affect any other provisions, items or applications of this ordinance or of the original ordinance, which could be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable

SECTION III.

This amendment to Ordinance No. 126-T was introduced on May 13, 2024, a public notice was posted on May 14, 2024 and a Public Hearing was held on June 10, 2024. This amendment was read, considered and adopted on ___June 10, 2024 regular session of the Board of Aldermen. Upon a motion made by Keith Merritt seconded by Richard Davis the following vote was taken:

YEAS: 5 - Wayne Bolton, Helen Chanler, Richard Davis, Keith Merritt, Alan Myers ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 NAYS: 0

original signed Robert Smart

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Sherry McCann, Town Clerk Robert Smart, Mayo June 19, 2024

> Town Of Sibley 345 N Main Street Sibley, Louisiana 71073 Phone (318) 377-0345 Fax (318) 377-0361

June 10, 2024 The Sibley Town Council met in regular session on Monday, June 10, 2024 at 6pm at Sibley

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Attest:

original signed

Sherry McCann

Members present were Mayor Robert Smart, Aldermen: Wayne Bolton, Helen Chanler, Richard Davis, Keith Merritt and Alan Myers.

Mayor Smart opened the meeting in prayer; then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Richard Davis motioned to accept the minutes to the May 13, 2024 Regular Meeting as read, Wayne Bolton seconded. Motion carried.

Richard Davis motioned to add WPPJ Request Resolution to the agenda under New Items, Alan Myers seconded. Motion was unanimous.

There were no Public Comments

Alan Myers motioned and Richard Davis seconded to enter into a Public Hearing for the following proposed ordinances:

a) Proposed 2024 Amendment to Ordinance No. 126-T titled AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF SIBLEY.

LOUISIANA FOR THE FISCAL YAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024

LOUISIANA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025

c) Proposed Ordinance No. 147-G titled <u>AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION FOR MUNICIPAL</u> ELECTED OFFICIALS AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES FOR THET TOWN OF SIBLEY, LOUISIANA, AND PROVIDING IN CONNECTION THEREWITH;

Richard Davis motioned to exit the public hearing and return to the Regular Meeting, Wayne Bolton seconded, Motion was unanimous,

Keith Merritt motioned to bring to a vote, proposed 2024 Amendment to Ordinance No. 126-T titled AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF SIBLEY.

LOUISIANA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024, Richard Davis seconded.

YEAS: 5 - Wayne Bolton, Helen Chanler, Richard Davis, Keith Merritt, Alan Myers ABSENT: 0

The 2024 Amendment to Ordinance No. 126-T was adopted.

Wayne Bolton motioned to bring to a vote, proposed Ordinance No. 126-U titled <u>AN</u> ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF SIBLEY, LOUISIANA FOR

THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025, Richard Davis seconded Roll Call vote: YEAS: 5 – Wayne Bolton, Helen Chanler, Richard Davis, Keith Merritt, Alan Myers NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0

Ordinance No. 126-U was adopted. Richard Davis motioned to bring to a vote, proposed Ordinance No. 147-G titled AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION FOR MUNICIPAL ELECTED OFFICIALS AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES FOR THE TOWN OF SIBLEY, LOUISIANA. AND PROVIDING IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, Helen Chanler seconded. Pell Call vote:

YEAS: 5- Wayne Bolton, Helen Chanler, Richard Davis, Keith Merritt, Alan Myers NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: Ordinance No. 147-G was adopted.

Alan Myers motioned to adopt Resolution No. 09-2024 requesting assistance from the Webster Parish Police Jury in purchasing a load of SB-2 rock. Helen Chanler seconded. Motion carried. Helen Chanler motioned to act on Chief Jeremy Robinson's recommendation and hire Chase Walsworth to fill the part-time officer position, Richard Davis seconded. Motion carried. Assistant Fire Chief Richard Davis gave the May 2024 activity report for the Sibley Volunteer

Police Chief Jeremy Robinson gave the May 2024 activity report for the Sibley Police

The Board acknowledged receipt of the May 2024 Financial Statements. Alan Myers motioned to adjourn, Richard Davis seconded. Motion carried Meeting adjourned.

original signed Robert Smart

Robert Smart

Attest:

Sherry McCann

Sherry McCann

June 19, 2024 Minden Press Herald

ORDINANCE NO. 147-G

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION FOR MUNICIPAL ELECTED OFFICIALS AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES FOR THE TOWN OF SIBLEY, LOUISIANA, AND PROVIDING IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Sibley, Louisiana, in regular session duly convened on June 10, 2024 as follows, to-wit:

Effective July 1, 2024, the compensation and salary of the Mayor, Board of Aldermen, Chief of Police and Town Clerk is hereby set, as required by La. R.S. 33:404.1 and 404G as follows:

Alderman

\$26,000 annually \$6900 each annually

Police Chief

Town Clerk SECTION II.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

\$48,880 annually

SECTION III.

If any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid such invalidity shall not affect any other provisions, items or applications of this ordinance or of the original ordinance, which could be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

SECTION IV.

This ordinance shall be effective on July 1, 2024.
This ordinance was introduced on May 13, 2024, a public notice was posted on May 14, 2024 and a Public Hearing was held on June 10, 2024. This ordinance was read, considered and adopted on June 10, 2024 at an open regular session of the Board of Aldermen. Upon a motion made by <u>Richard Davis</u>, seconded by <u>Helen Chanler</u> the following vote was taken:

YEAS: 5 - Wayne Bolton, Helen Chanler, Richard Davis, Keith Merritt, Alan Myers NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0

original signed Robert Smart

Robert Smart.

Attest:

original signed Sherry McCann

Sherry McCann, MMC, Town Clerk June 19, 2024 Minden Press Herald

TOWN OF SIBLEY ORDINANCE NO. 126-U

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF SIBLEY **LOUISIANA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Sibley, Parish of Webster, State of Louisiana, that the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, be and it is hereby adopted as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 126-U

SECTION I.

GENERAL FUND			
REVENUE:	2024 - 2025 Budget	EXPENDITURES:	2024 - 2025 Budget
Property Tax	\$70,000	Mayor's Salary	\$26,000
Sales Tax	\$136,000	Alderman's Salary	\$34,500
Franchise Tax	\$10,000	Other Salaries	\$57,040
Occupational License Tax	\$55,000	Payroll Tax	\$8,993
Rent Income	\$4,800	Employee Benefits	\$14,830
Miscellaneous	\$1,500	Office Supply & Postage	\$15,000
Interest Income	\$1,000	Utilities	\$50,000
Civic Center Revenue	\$19,000	Audit & Accounting	\$6,000
Mayor's Court	\$13,000	Legal Fees	\$5,000
Beginning Fund Balance	\$100,000	Office Publications	\$3,000
LAMP Oil & Gas, Edward Jones	\$22,000	Building Maintenance	\$10,000
		Insurance	\$25,000
TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUE	\$432,300	Dues	\$1,000
		Travel	\$3,000
		Employee Training	\$9,000
		Uniforms	\$1,000
		Mayor's Court	\$2,100
		Parks & Beautification	\$11,000
		Miscellaneous	\$2,500
		Equipment Maintenance	\$6,000
		Coroner	\$4.000

Capital Outlay

IRA	\$1,470
TOTAL GF EXPENDITURES	\$432,30

TOWN OF SIBLEY ORDINANCE NO. 126-U

SECTION II.

REVENUE:	2024 - 2025 Budget	EXPENDITURES:	2024 - 2025 Budget
Sales Tax	\$34,000	Police Chief Salary	\$23,460
Transfer from General Fund	\$65,500	Other PD Salaries	\$84,045
PD Fines	\$124,750	Payroll Tax	\$7,961
Miscellaneous	\$0	Supplemental Pay P/R Tax	\$460
Donations	\$0	Employee Benefits	\$10,920
Patrol Car Savings	\$0	Supplies	\$1,950
Beginning Fund Balance	\$3,640	Insurance	\$24,000
TOTAL PD REVENUES	\$227,890	Dues	\$200
		Office Supplies & Postage	\$900
		Gasoline	\$10,000
		Vehicle Maintenance	\$6,444
		Uniforms	\$1,000
		Equipment	\$1,500
		Kologic	\$7,500
		Miscellaneous	\$7,000
		Patrol Car Loan	\$10,300
		Ticket Expense	\$20,000
		Donation Expense	\$0
		Transfer to GF (Court Cost)	\$6,000
		Travel	\$750
		Audit & Accounting	\$3,500
		Contingency	\$0
		TOTAL PD EXPENDITURES	\$227,890

TOWN OF SIBLEY ORDINANCE NO. 126-U

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REVENUE & OPERATING		police the second of the territory	
REVENUE:	2024 - 2025 Budget	EXPENDITURES:	2024 - 2025 Budget
Collections	\$350,000	Salaries	\$65,790
DHH Safe Drinking Water	\$7,400	IRA	\$995
Sales Tax (Commercial)	\$2,000	Superintendant Salary	\$31,494
Tapping / Service Charges	\$4,500	Payroll Tax	\$7,450
Miscellaneous	\$1,000	Employee Benefits	\$37,890
Interest Income	\$150	DHH Safe Drinking Water	\$7,400
Grant Income	\$0	Sales Tax (Commercial)	\$2,000
Beginning Fund Balance	\$67,000	Utilities	\$25,000
Waterworks Cash	\$27,000	Office Supplies & Postage	\$6,500
		Audit & Accounting	\$5,500
		Office Publications	\$400
		Insurance	\$20,000
TOTAL R/O REVENUE	\$459,050	Dues / Certifications	\$1,500
		Uniforms	\$850
		Miscellaneous	\$5,000
		Gasoline	\$5,000
		Vehicle Maintenance	\$3,000
		Maintenance & Repair	\$35,000
		Vehicle Fund LAMP	\$5,000
		Chemicals & Supplies	\$80,000
		Add'l Transfer to SOM	\$15,000
		Grant Expense	\$0
		Contingency	\$98,281
		TOTAL R/O EXPENDITURES	\$459,050

ORDINANCE NO. 126-U

Page 4 of Ordinance No. 126-U 2024 - 2025 Budget SECTION IV.

REVENUE:	2024 - 2025 Budget	EXPENDITURES:	2024 - 2025 Budget
Collections	\$160,000	Superintendant Salary	\$15,742
Add'l Transfer from R/O	\$15,000	Payroll Tax	\$1,205
Interest Income	\$25	Employee Benefits	\$4,552
Beginning Fund Balance	\$900	Utilities	\$30,000
TOTAL SOM REVENUE	\$175,925	Office Supplies & Postage	\$500
		Audit & Accounting	\$900
		Insurance	\$7,000
		Dues / Certifications	\$200
		Uniforms	\$125
		Miscellaneous	\$3,000
		Gasoline	\$5,500
		Vehicle Maintenance	\$2,000
		Maintenance & Repair	\$40,000
		Chemicals & Supplies	\$10,000
		Lab Fee	\$5,000
		Bond Payments	\$33,000
		Contingency	\$17,201

TOTAL SOM EXPENDITURES

\$175,925

\$650,175

SECTION V

REVENUE:	2024 - 2025 Budget	EXPENDITURES:	2024 - 2025 Budget
Fire Insurance Rebate	\$12,000	Utilities	\$4,500
Sales Tax	\$68,000	Audit / Accounting	\$1,600
Fire District #2	\$70,000	Insurance	\$40,000
Interest Income	\$175	Miscellaneous	\$2,000
Grant Income	\$0	Capital Outlay	\$5,000
Beginning Fund Bal. + LAMP	\$500,000	Supplies	\$10,000
		Gasoline	\$2,500
		Maintenance & Repair	\$25,000
Total Fire Department Revenue	\$650,175	Fire Truck Expense	\$6,000
		Truck Lease Payment	\$77,372
		Firefighter Annual Reimb	\$25,000
		Grant Expense	\$0
		Contingency	\$451,203

TOWN OF SIBLEY **ORDINANCE NO. 126-U**

TOTAL FD EXPENDITURES

SECTION VI.

REVENUE:	2024 - 2025 Budget	EXPENDITURES:	2024 - 2025 Budget	
Collections	\$340,000	Salaries	\$111,966	
DOTD	\$3,100	Payroll Tax	\$8,566	
Interest Income	\$90	Employee Benefits	\$16,936	
Miscellaneous	\$0	Audit & Accounting	\$1,800	
Beginning Fund Balance	\$400,000	Insurance	\$10,000	
TOTAL SALES TAX REVENUE \$743,190		Uniforms	\$595	
		Miscellaneous	\$1,000	
		Capital Outlay	\$68,000	
		Streets	\$40,000	
		Gov't Capital Loan Tractor	\$7,071	
		Gov't Capital Loan - Land	\$40,575	
		Transfer to General Fund	\$136,000	
		Transfer to Police Dept.	\$34,000	
		Transfer to Fire Dept.	\$68,000	
		Contingency	\$198,681	
		TOTAL ST EXPENDITURES	\$743,190	

TOWN OF SIBLEY ORDINANCE NO. 126-U

SECTION VII.

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SECTION VIII

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Upon a motion made by Wayne Bolton and seconded by Richard Davis with the following roll call

YEAS: 5 - Wayne Bolton, Helen Chanler, Richard Davis, Keith Merritt, Alan Myers NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0

Robert Smart

original signed

Robert Smart, Mayor

Attest

original signed Sherry McCann

Sherry McCann, MMC - Town Clerk

June 19, 2024 Minden Press Herald

NOTICE

The Webster Parish Police Jury will be accepting sealed bids until the hour of 10:00 A.M. Friday June 28, 2024. Bids will be received by SEALED BID ONLY. There is a \$25 bid fee per assessment listing. Bid fee is NON-REFUNDABLE! (For Example: If a bidder bids on parcel numbers 123456, 123467 & 123467 & 1234678, then the bid fee will be \$75) Bids will be read aloud in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Webster Parish Courthouse Annex, 401 Main Street, Minden, Louisiana, for the following: To sell the adjudicated interest of the Webster Parish Police Jury in the following described properties, having been declared as surplus property by the Webster Parish Police Jury in the following described properties, having been declared as surplus property by the Webster Parish Police Jury in the following described properties, having been declared as surplus property by the Webster Parish Police Jury in the following described properties, having been declared as surplus property by the Webster Parish Police Jury in the following described properties, having been declared as surplus property by the Webster Parish Police Jury in the following described properties, having been declared as surplus property by the Webster Parish Police Jury in the following described properties, having been declared as surplus property by the Webster Parish Police Jury in the following described properties, having been declared as surplus property by the Webster Parish Police Jury in the following described properties, having been declared as surplus property by the Webster Parish Police Jury in the following described properties, having been declared as surplus property by the Webster Parish Police Jury in the following described properties, having been declared as surplus property by the Webster Parish Police Jury in the following described properties, having been declared as surplus property by the Webster Parish Police Jury in the following described properties, having been declared as surplus property by the Webster Parish Police Jury in

sessment #	City	Street Name or Subdivision	Min. Bid
101547	Doyline	Mallard Lane	1,623.60
101597	Heflin	Bossier St.	592.98
102101	Heflin	183 Webster St.	1,511.30
102561	Minden	Goodwill Rd.	717.34
102929	Doyline	132 Palmetto Dr.	1,286.96
102962	Heflin	Off Claiborne St.	531.78
102970	Helfin	Davis St.	552.28
103686	Heflin	153 Mattie Lane	2,681.98
103687	Heflin	Mattie Lane	577.48
103983	Heflin	Hwy 163	1,041.20
104385	Heflin	Hwy 531	537.49
105728	Heflin	Webster Rd.	555.24
106709	Heflin	Mattie Lane	691.68
108257	Doyline	219 Lakeview Dr.	4,264.92
108467	Heflin	Mattie Lane	546.71
108629	Heflin	Mattie Lane	427.50
109539	Minden	609 Chestnut St.	6,952.11
110817	Minden	200 Edna St.	1,283.05
111941	Minden	212 Hall St.	1,057.64
112095	Minden	305 Walnut	11,044.54
112245	Minden	201 Gum St.	6,099.53
112293	Minden	Plum St.	523.73
112669	Minden	402 N. Roosevelt	4,034.76
113006	Minden	Constable	549.77
114277	Minden	113 Marshall St.	3,579.57
114580	Minden	408 N. Roosevelt	7,164.82
115027	Minden	924 Lewisville Rd.	8,587.10
117525	Springhill	108 Percy Burns/JD Clayton	598.83
119689	Sarepta	Short Rd.	1,710.77
120888	Cotton Valley	Greenard St.	749.47
120929	Cotton Valley	533 McArthur Loop	1,691.38
120946	Cotton Valley	222 Resident Rd.	1,234.01
121105	Cotton Valley	191 McClanahan Dr.	818.51
121137	Cotton Valley	363 Lewis Loop	731.48
121283	Cotton Valley	Mullens St.	623.26
121415	Cotton Valley	328 Bellevue Rd.	1,328.90
121455	Cotton Valley	171 McClanahan Dr.	2,695.17
121521	Cotton Valley	Church St.	528.64
121589	Cotton Valley	Lum St.	544.33
121715	Cullen	Newsom St.	3,608.71
121748	Cullen	202 Stewart St.	2,099.81
121765	Cullen	Thomas St.	614.72
121770	Cullen	North Curtis St.	584.80
121806	Cullen	607 East Rd.	4,003.38
121815	Cullen	Plymouth St.	801.92
121858	Cullen	Abbott Circle	640.74
121958	Cullen	Behind 106 White St.	610.32
122033	Cullen	Off Of Burnham	403.59
122044	Cullen	615 East Rd.	2,588.41
122167	Cullen	Williams St.	491.44
122230	Cullen	Woods & Henrietta White	5,330.58
122236	Springhill	306 Orr St.	1,219.96
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122260	Cullen	125 Payne St.	2,774.20 531.04
122264	Cullen	Henrietta White Blvd	6,163.30
122268	Cullen	114 East Rd.	562.00
122407	Cullen	Abbot Cir & Henrietta White (behind Rhone)	4,916.82
122422	Cullen	617 East St.	541.65
122547	Sarepta	Bolton St.	653,46
123322	Springhill	Fredrick St.	1,370.27
123665	Springhill	Spruce St.	5,363.89
123780	Springhill	302 3rd St. SE	
124524	Springhill	718 Church St.	3,943.22
124888	Springhill	911 1st St. SE	1,510.03
124901	Springhill	800 Reynolds St.	1,251.62
125532	Springhill	Reynolds St.	1,126.85
125804	Springhill	907 7th St.	2,129.89
125807	Springhill Springhill	910 7th St. SE Off of Center St.	2,129.89 2,115.14
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Upon acceptance of the highest responsive bid, and receipt of the bid amount, the acquiring person needs to publish Opon acceptance of the ingress resonance of an otice in the official journal that any tax sale party has sixty (60) Days or (6) months to redeem the property or otherwise challenge the sale in a court of competent jurisdiction. The fact of this ad does not create or reestablish a right to redeem the property that has otherwise expired. The successful bidder is responsible for determining those tax sale parties whose interest the successful bidder intends to terminate. The successful bidder will produce payment within five (5) days of notice of award or the bid could be awarded to the next highest bidder.

The sale shall comply in all respects with Ordinance 996 and La.R.S.47:2201-2292. The terms of the sale include that such sale is for cash or cash equivalent, that such sale if without warranty of title and without any warranty of merchantability of fitness; that such sale is "as, where is"; that the buyer is responsible for obtaining title insurance at buyer's cost, if it is desired; and that the Police Jury reserves the mineral rights to the greatest extent possible.

Webster Parish Police Jury

Lisa Balkom, Secretary-Treasurer Jim Bonsall, President If you have any questions call Angie at 318-377-7564

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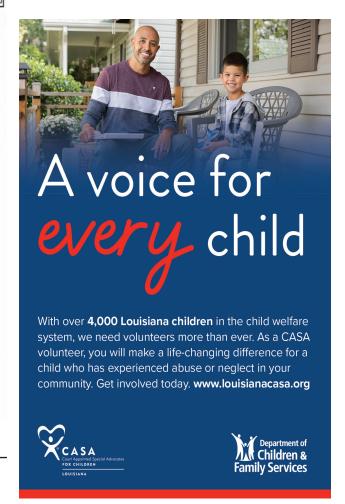
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C. claws D. stretch

A B C D E F G H i J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

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Solve the code to discover words related to cats. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 11 = E)

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Clue: Cat

12 7 В.

Clue: Spring off ground

25 C. **17** 6 2

Clue: Sharp nails

D. **23 13**

Clue: Extend limbs/body

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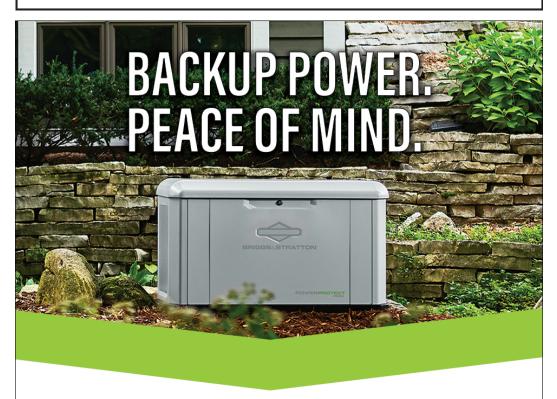
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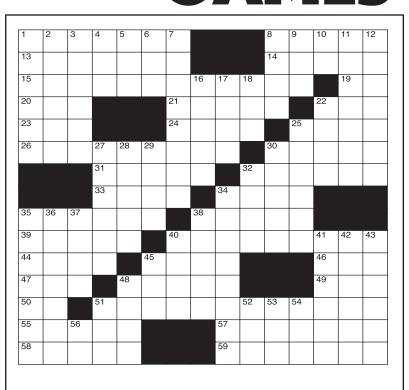


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- 8. Soap opera actress Patsy
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- 14. Dangerous mosquitos 15. Exaggerated and
- sensationalized 19. Military policeman
- 20. Touch softly
- 21. Wrap
- 22. A story of one's life 23. Midway between east and
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- region 25. A list of dishes available
- at a restaurant
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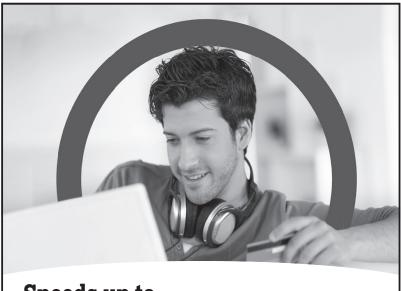
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- 1. A type of pool 2. Malaise
- 3. Seasoned
- 4. A pair
- 5. Young male 6. Make a mistake
- 7. Experienced
- 8. It often accompanies injury
- 9. Old world, new 10. Commercial
- 11. Course of lectures
- 12. Promote 16. Female horses
- 17. Greek mythological figure 18. Small amount
- 22. Orthodox church altar
- 27. Excited
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- 29. Popular cold desserts

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- 35. Becomes less intense
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- 40. Vistas
- 44. Take care of
- 45. Traditional rhythmic pattern
- 46. S. African political party
- 47. Cologne
- 48. Men
- 49. The Science Guy
- 50. Gospel author (abbr.)
- 51. Act of signing up
- 55. Human feet
- 57. A very short time
- 58. Streetcars
- 59. Cuplike cavities
- 30. More reasonable
- 32. Disk above the head of a saint
- 34. Devoted to the extreme 35. Make an effort
- 36. It's in the surf
- 37. Member of aboriginal
- people of Japan
- 38. Discounts 40. Cliff in Hawaii
- 41. Extremely wild person
- 42. All persons
- 43. Aromas
- 45. Popular kids' game
- 48. A difficult situation 51. Popular Georgia rockers
- 52. It's in all living cells
- Unspoken language
- 54. 'Talk to you' abbreviation 56. Influential lawyer

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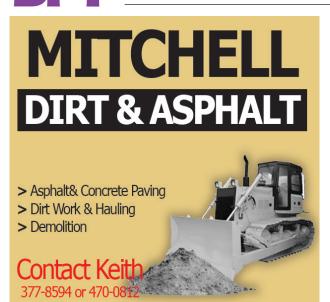
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JOE W. WHITE, PH.D.

Extension Horticulturist, (ret) LSU AgCenter June 2024

t's always good when we find something that will serve more than a single purpose such as a couch that can be a bed should there be a need, a stool that has steps that make it a small step ladder or a tool that can be used as a plier or a wire cutter. Well, or add flavor to ice cream.

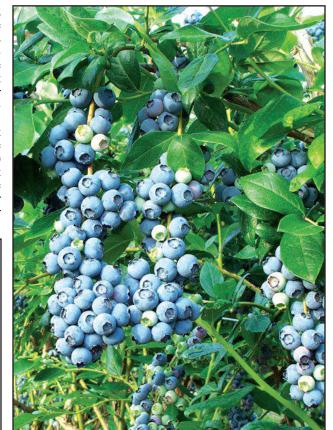
there are several plants that have that ability and offer multiple benefits.

Blue berries which are typically in season during our summer months are excellent as a source of several substances known to contribute to a heathy diet. But they are also a delicious fruit with a good taste and may be eaten as a snack right off of the plant or mixed into muffins... even used to garnish pancakes

When properly grown and maintained, they develop into an attractive ornamental plant that can be part of almost any landscape. Very much like azaleas they do best when grown in an acid soil and will tolerate light shade, but full sun is their preference. Full sun, however, is where they produce the most berries.

The blueberry plants that are grown in Louisiana are the rabbiteye types which means they will mature at a height of about 10 - 12feet and therefore could be used for screening purposes when they reach their maximum height. In order to be most productive of fruit it is necessary to plant two or more varieties for cross pol-

Grapes is another plant that provides more than one benefit. Many (if not most) home gardeners like to eat them fresh right out of the vineyard or where ever they are located and their



fruits are typically the most common source of jelly and wine. Since they are capable of rapid growth and usually demonstrate this feature over a many-year period, they make excellent cover for arbors, fences and exterior walls. There are several varieties and kinds of grapes and in addition to the bunch type such as 'Concord' which is better suited to cooler climates, we now have the 'Sunbelt' which resembles the 'Concord' in flavor but is a much better choice for the South. Muscadine grapes are well suited to our local climate and many of the newer varieties are much sweeter than those growing in the wild. Muscadine vines are superior to most other grapes for constructing baskets.

One more plant that offers more than one purpose is the hot pepper. Although an annual plant, there are several cultivars each with its

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own characteristics. They are especially well-adapted to the high temperatures of summer and have attractive dark green foliage plus they produce peppers that can be used to spice up foods while also making a colorful spot in the landscape.

Pecan and black walnut trees along with several other fruit bearing trees are clearly multipurpose since they not only produce "fruit", but also provide shade. Certain species when mature are the source for expensive lumber.



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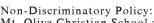
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