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GOLF TOURNAMENT

UCAP Golf Tournament raises funds for community assistance

AMBER MCDOWN
Minden Press-Herald

The 2024 UCAP Golf Tournament, held at the Pine Hills Country Club on June 29-30, successfully raised funds to support the United Christian Assistance Program (UCAP). The tournament featured multiple flights of competitors in two-man scrambles, all contributing to a cause

dedicated to aiding those in need within the community.

The winners of the Championship Flight were Lance McGuire and Dalton Gould, with Brian Grubbs and Gage Burnham in 2nd place, and Jason Chandler and Drew Bennett in 3rd place.

In the Presidential Flight, Kevin Anders and Peyton Wells took 1st place, Hays Branch and

Jackson McCormick took 2nd place, and Jay and Halverson Halverson took 3rd place.

In the 1st Flight, Marvin Jones and Mike Harper won 1st place, Clay Simonton and Spencer White took 2nd place, and Blaine Couch and Richie McKissack came in 3rd.

In the 2nd Flight, Austin and Troy Booth won 1st place, Mike Jewel and Murl Procell came in 2nd

place, and Jay Kumar and David Dumas came in 3rd place.

In the 3rd Flight, Tim Jones and Steve Allen took 1st place, Andy Pendergrass and John Christler took 2nd place, and Richard Carruth, and Tommy Smith came in 3rd.

In the 4th Flight, Philip Lenard and George Booth won 1st place, Mike and Tommy Elshout won 2nd

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AMBER MCDOWN/PRESS-HERALD PHOTO

The UCAP Golf Tournament and raffle was held this weekend, bringing together avid golfers in spirited competition while raising funding to support UCAP's services.

COMMUNITY SPORTS

Downtown Minden thrives with excitement at 6th annual Duck Derby

WILL PHILLIPS
Minden Press-Herald

Downtown Minden was abuzz with excitement this past Sunday due to the Greater Minden Chamber's Sixth Annual Duck Derby. The event featured many ways to stay entertained that afternoon, including activities for kids such as bouncy houses, face painting, games, etc., and activities that were fun for everyone, such as live music, shopping at vendors, a fireworks show, and, of course, the much-anticipated Duck Derby itself.

"The 6th Annual Duck Derby presented by Home Federal Bank concluded as another successful community event in downtown Minden. Despite threatening rain, we were blessed with a nice breeze and cloud cover, creating fantastic weather," said CEO/President of the Greater Minden Chamber Stephanie Barrette.

The event started off strong with the Children's Parade, where kids gathered in patriotic or duck-themed attire to march down Main Street. The fun didn't stop there either.



WILL PHILLIPS/PRESS-HERALD PHOTOS

On Sunday, the Greater Minden Chamber hosted its sixth annual Duck Derby Extravaganza, where local residents gathered downtown on the brick road of Main Street to enjoy a fun-filled evening that included plenty of activities for kids, food, vendors, and, of course, the highly anticipated duck derby itself with cash prizes for the winners.

There were a plethora of bouncy houses and water slides, as well as little side competitions such as hula hooping and dance contests to keep the young ones entertained.

Event-goers were also treated to the sight of local elected officials, CEOs, and even Miss Minden seated at a table for a celebrity Food Eating Competition. The contestants

included Miss Minden, Maison Wilbanks; Minden Mayor Nick Cox; Police Chief Jared McIver; Deputy Police Chief Tokia Harrison; School Board Vice President Johnnye Kennon; and Minden Medical Center CEO Keith Cox. The task set before the contestants was to see how many slices of pizza they could eat within a five-minute time. At the

end of the five minutes, it was clear that the champion for this year's contest was none other than Tokia Harrison.

The Duck Derby was as intense as ever. Heat after heat of plastic ducks zoomed by eager watchers, all hoping that the duck with their ticket number would be the

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CITY COUNCIL

Minden City Council highlights successful legislative session and approves key appointments and promotions

WILL PHILLIPS
Minden Press-Herald

The July session for the Minden City Council Meeting was a relatively straightforward one. The council and mayor, of course, tended to various matters of city business, including the selection of the official city journal, some appointments to boards and commissions, and a couple of promotions. At the end of the meeting, the city took the time to introduce their guests: Senator Adam Bass, Representative Wayne McMahan, and the City of Minden's lobbyist, Caroline Mladenka, to shine a light on the important work they do representing Minden in Baton Rouge.

Each year, the city has to select an official journal to use for advertisements and publications of legal matters. The council voted unanimously for the Minden Press-Herald to

once again be the Official City Journal. The council also unanimously voted to reappoint Ricky Thomas and Charlotte Jones to the Minden Downtown/Residential Historic Commission, with their terms set to expire on 12/31/2027.

Upon the recommendation of Minden Police Chief Jared McIver and having passed the Fire and Police Civil Service Board Police Lieutenant Examination, the council unanimously voted to promote Police Sergeant Jason Smith to the rank of Police Lieutenant. A new employee position and job description were proposed, that of a Battalion Chief for Fire Department 12. The council unanimously approved the position and description along with someone to fill it, Tony Hall, who has been with Minden's Fire Department since 2003.

At the end of the meeting,

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COX

COMMUNITY

Simply Southern Cottage hosts Point of Grace for inaugural Sips and Songs

AMBER MCDOWN
Minden Press-Herald

On June 28, Sara McDaniel of Simply Southern Cottage welcomed Grammy-nominated, Dove Award-winning trio Point of Grace to the Fuller-White House for her inaugural Sips and Songs.

The event included a guided tour of the historic home, featured on the Magnolia Network's "In with the Old." Guests enjoyed snacks and drinks while hearing stories about the home's past and the recent remodeling. The evening culminated with a private concert by Point of Grace on the third floor, in a room

rumored to have been a speakeasy during the Prohibition era.

Point of Grace is an all-female contemporary Christian music vocal group consisting of Shelley Breen, Denise Jones, and Leigh Cappillino. The group, which started as a quartet in 1991, has gained acclaim for their harmonious sound and inspirational music.

"We're in Minden with our new circle of friends, and we're so excited about it," said Shelley Breen of Point of Grace.

Attendees had a wonderful time, making the event a resounding success.



AMBER MCDOWN/PRESS-HERALD PHOTOS

Point of Grace performs during the inaugural Sips and Songs event at the historic Fuller-White House, hosted by Simply Southern Cottage.

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COUNCIL

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ing, Mayor Mick Cox recognized some guests who had been invited due to the hard work they do in Baton Rouge representing the City of Minden. This year's session, in particular, was a long one, lasting nearly half a year from January 15 to June 3. During that time, Senator Bass, Representative McMahan, and Minden's lobbyist Mladenka worked as a team not only to secure funding for the city of Minden but also to help get bills passed that would aid the city and keep bills from passing that would hinder it.

"I'm happy to report that we had a very successful session this past year," said Mladenka. "We secured Minden about 3.51 million dollars in cash during this session. Of that 3.51 million, we accomplished our number one goal, which was for Minden's capital outlay project, the water ground storage tank. We got that fully funded, which is a big deal. Repre-

sentative McMahan and Senator Bass did a wonderful job securing that. Between the 3.51 million for this session and last year's session in 2023, which was a success too, the city of Minden secured about 5.26 million dollars in cash."

She went on to elaborate that securing this funding was a matter of cooperation and highlighted how she, the city, and the representatives worked together to make it happen. "To be able to be successful in that, it takes a lot of planning, strategy, relationship building, leadership, and persistence, and I'm proud of our team between the city, the state, and our legislators," said Mladenka. "I've been working very well with Mayor Cox, and he is a true leader for Minden, working from point A to point B on every single project that we worked on together in the capital. Your vision for Minden is moving in the right direction, and Minden has a

great reputation in Baton Rouge and statewide."

After she was done speaking, Councilman Andy Pendergrass of District E shared some words expressing the importance of the city having representation during these sessions. "While we're fielding calls for busted water lines and trying to get people's power restored in storms, we can't be in Baton Rouge going to these meetings; we just can't. Minden is almost as far away as possible from Baton Rouge while still being in the state of Louisiana," said Pendergrass. "All of us pay our state taxes, and it goes to Baton Rouge. The team of Caroline, Representative McMahan, Senator Bass, Hailey, and Matt K, we rely on them to be down there in Baton Rouge, reminding everybody else in Baton Rouge that we did pay those taxes and that those aren't Baton Rouge's to have, that those need to come back here to us."

"It's just so important

for the city's budget, for the government to work the way that it's supposed to, for the City of Minden to be represented in Baton Rouge."

"The city right now has a really great city council, and I appreciate y'all and everything y'all do. Every day I thank the good lord for the council we have. We also have very good representatives in Baton Rouge," said Mayor Cox. "I'm being as sincere as I know to be; these two guys are gold for us, and we don't spend enough time thanking them for what they do."

For each bit of appreciation that was shared towards the representatives, the representatives shared back in turn to the mayor and council. "The council has done a great job. I feel like y'all are working together to make Minden all it can be. If we continue to do that, I think we'll see some great things ahead. I truly think Minden has a bright future," said Representative McMahan. "We

had a really good session. Obviously, last fall, when we had the elections, we elected a governor who is very aggressive on changing our state and making our state better," said McMahan. "This session has been a session of change. We didn't get everything we thought we could do, but we made a pretty good start. I think we did some really good things. I think y'all are in a great place in Minden. I'm happy to help in any way I can."

Senator Bass also shared his thoughts about working with everyone to help fight for Minden in the past session. "I want to thank the council, and I want to thank the mayor. Each one of you guys has been great at communicating what you guys need, how you need it, and why it's important, because what I have found is that it's our job to go down there and tell that story," said Senator Bass. "So my hope is that we've been effective at going down and telling that story, telling why Minden

is such a great place to locate your business, locate your family, and most importantly, to Councilman Pendergrass's comments, remind them that taxes are paid above I-10 and that we have needs up here and we want to continue to go after those. Last but not least, I want to thank the town of Minden. I feel like you've kind of embraced a boy from Bossier and helped me find out what's important to you and why you love the place you live, and to be quite honest, you guys have helped me fall in love with where you live too."

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

CRIME

Minden traffic stop leads to arrest of convicted felon

STAFF REPORT
Minden Press-Herald

On June 28, at approximately 11:24 AM, a Minden police officer initiated a traffic stop on a white Chevrolet Tahoe for loud music at the intersection of Weston Street and Shreveport Road. The driver, Damahjae Harris, pulled into the Circle K parking lot on the 1400 block of Shreveport Road. Upon approaching the vehicle, the officer identified Harris and noted the

presence of Kavion Hill, 23, a backseat passenger known to be a convicted felon and former gang member of TTS. Hill was wanted on a warrant for Principle Aggravated Burglary. Three other juveniles were also in the vehicle, one in the front and two in the back seat.

Harris provided his driver's license via a photo on his phone but was unable to produce proof of insurance. As Harris searched for the insurance information, the

officer returned to the patrol unit to check for active warrants on all passengers. Harris was later frisked, and a tobacco vape product was found on him, which he was not permitted to possess due to being under 21.

Due to Hill's criminal history and the presence of minors, the officer requested consent to search the vehicle, which Harris denied. While waiting for the insurance verification and warrant check, the officer had all passengers

exit the vehicle and called for K-9 Tigo to sniff the vehicle. The K-9 alerted on the rear passenger side and the front driver's seat.

Harris was read his Miranda rights, and a search of the vehicle ensued. The search yielded a marijuana cigarette in the front ashtray, another on the rear passenger floorboard, and a green Glock Model 19, 9mm handgun with a laser and extended magazine in the rear hatch. The firearm was within reach of all three

rear passengers.

The two juvenile rear passengers and Hill were detained and transported to Minden Police Department (MPD) for interviews. Harris was cited for loud music and possession of natural marijuana cigarettes. Before leaving the scene, Harris's aunt arrived and asked about the firearm, to which Harris, in an excited utterance, attributed ownership to "KD," a nickname for Kavion Hill.

Despite Hill's denial

of ownership, the combination of the firearm's location, Hill's criminal history, and Harris's on-scene statement led to Hill being charged with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. The juvenile interviews provided no further useful information.

Hill remains in custody at MPD awaiting further proceedings. Harris and the juveniles were released after the incident.

WPSB

Webster Parish School Board approves IT job descriptions and salaries

AMBER MCDOWN
Minden Press-Herald

The Webster Parish School Board convened for a special called meeting on June 27 to address

several key agenda items. The board reviewed and approved the job descriptions and salary schedules for the assistant IT coordinator and IT technician positions, as

well as revisions to all certificated job descriptions. The consideration for the superintendent's contract was removed from the agenda and will be revisited at the next meeting on July 8.

The next scheduled meeting is set for July 8 at 6 PM at the school board office. The public is welcome to attend.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Article 7, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B) that a public hearing of the Town of Sibley will be held at its regular meeting place at the Sibley Town Hall located at 345 North Main St., Sibley, LA on Monday, August 12, 2024 at 6:00pm to consider levying additional or increased millage rates without further voter approval or adopting the adjusted millage rates after reassessment and rolling forward to rates not to exceed the prior year's maximum. The estimated amount of tax revenues to be collected in the next year from the increased millage is \$76,295, and the amount of increase in taxes attributable to the millage increase is \$4,083.

GREATER MINDEN CHAMBER

Discount Appliance of Louisiana has ribbon cutting



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The Greater Minden Chamber welcomed Discount Appliance of Louisiana and its owner Brian Conditt into the local business community with a ribbon cutting held at 1112 Homer Road on June 25.

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Mary “Bebe” Whitlock

Visitation for Mary “Bebe” Whitlock was held Tuesday, July 2, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at Point Chapel Assembly of God in Doyline, Louisiana with a graveside to follow at 11:00 a.m. at Point Chapel Cemetery under the direction of Rose Neath Funeral Home in Minden, Louisiana. Officiating was her grandson Kyle Garrison Spears, and Kyle Swain.

Mary was born May 4, 1937, in Shreveport, Louisiana and entered into rest June 27, 2024, in Doyline, Louisiana.

Mary was preceded in death by her first husband, Ernest McCormack and her second husband, Keith Whitlock; her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Burge; sisters, Ferne Burge White and Bobbie Burge Reeve, and brothers James Robert Burge and Leon “Bo” Burge.

She is survived by her daughter, Haley Spears (Scott) of Doyline, sister, Linda B. Montgomery of Doyline, and grandchildren, Kyle Spears (Anna) of Ruston and Noah Spears of Doyline.

Pallbearers were Rob Burge, Mike Burge, Stephen Reeve, Shawn White, Matthew White, Todd Spears, and John Madison.

The family extends their gratitude to DCI Clinic of Shreveport, Passages Hospice of Minden and Rebecca Greene for her comfort and care in her final moments.



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COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

Minden celebrates Juneteenth with record turnout and enthusiasm

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On the evening of Saturday, June 22 on Martin Luther King Drive, the citizens of Minden gathered to celebrate Juneteenth. While only becoming a federal holiday a few years ago, Minden was quick to adopt celebrations for the holiday the same year and have held them ever since.

Juneteenth as a holiday recognizes the day on June 19, 1865 when thousands of African Americans were given their long-due freedom. “On June 19, 1865, nearly two years after President Abraham Lincoln emancipated enslaved Africans in America, Union troops arrived in Galveston Bay, Texas, with news of freedom. More than 250,000 African Americans embraced freedom by executive decree in what became known as Juneteenth or Freedom Day. With the principles of self-determination, citizenship, and democracy magnifying their hopes and dreams, those Texans held fast to the promise of true liberty for all,” read an excerpt on Juneteenth from the National Museum of African American History and Culture.

“Today, Juneteenth cel-



WILL PHILLIPS/PRESS-HERALD PHOTO

Citizens of Minden gather on Martin Luther King Drive to celebrate Juneteenth with Mayor Nick Cox proclaiming June 19th as an official city holiday, featuring a vibrant community event with vendors, entertainment, and a new fireworks show.

brates African American resilience and achievement while aiding in the preservation of those historical narratives that promoted racial and personal advancement since Freedom Day.”

As in years past, this Juneteenth was also officially recognized by the City of Minden with Mayor Nick Cox attending the event and reading a proclamation officially declaring June 19, 2024, in Minden as Juneteenth. “Juneteenth symbolizes freedom, the end of slavery, and the enduring pursuit of equality and justice for all, celebrating African American culture, heritage, and contributions to our nation; and whereas, the City of Minden recognizes the

importance of reflecting on its citizens’ shared history, acknowledging the struggles and achievements of African Americans, and fostering a spirit of unity and understanding among its citizens; and whereas, Juneteenth provides an opportunity for the citizens of Minden to engage in educational and cultural activities, to remember the past, and to work towards a more inclusive and equitable future,” said Mayor Cox. Michael Walker, the organizer for this year’s Juneteenth event, stated that this year’s event was a great success, seeing as many as 300 attendees come out to support the event. “Let me start out by thanking the citizens

of Minden for showing up and supporting this event. I had a great team that helped put this all together. It started out slow but as the sun went people came from all over. This year was 100 percent better than last year. We had vendors with something for everyone and jump houses for the kids. We made sure everyone stayed hydrated and we gave out plenty of water. We added a fireworks show this year and it was great. I love my city. Like I always say, we are a small town with a big heart. I can’t leave out my wife, Chequella, who people never see out front but she works behind the scenes with everything I do. Again, thank you Minden!” said Walker.

TOURISM

Webster Parish Tourism to hold public forums on Miller Quarters project

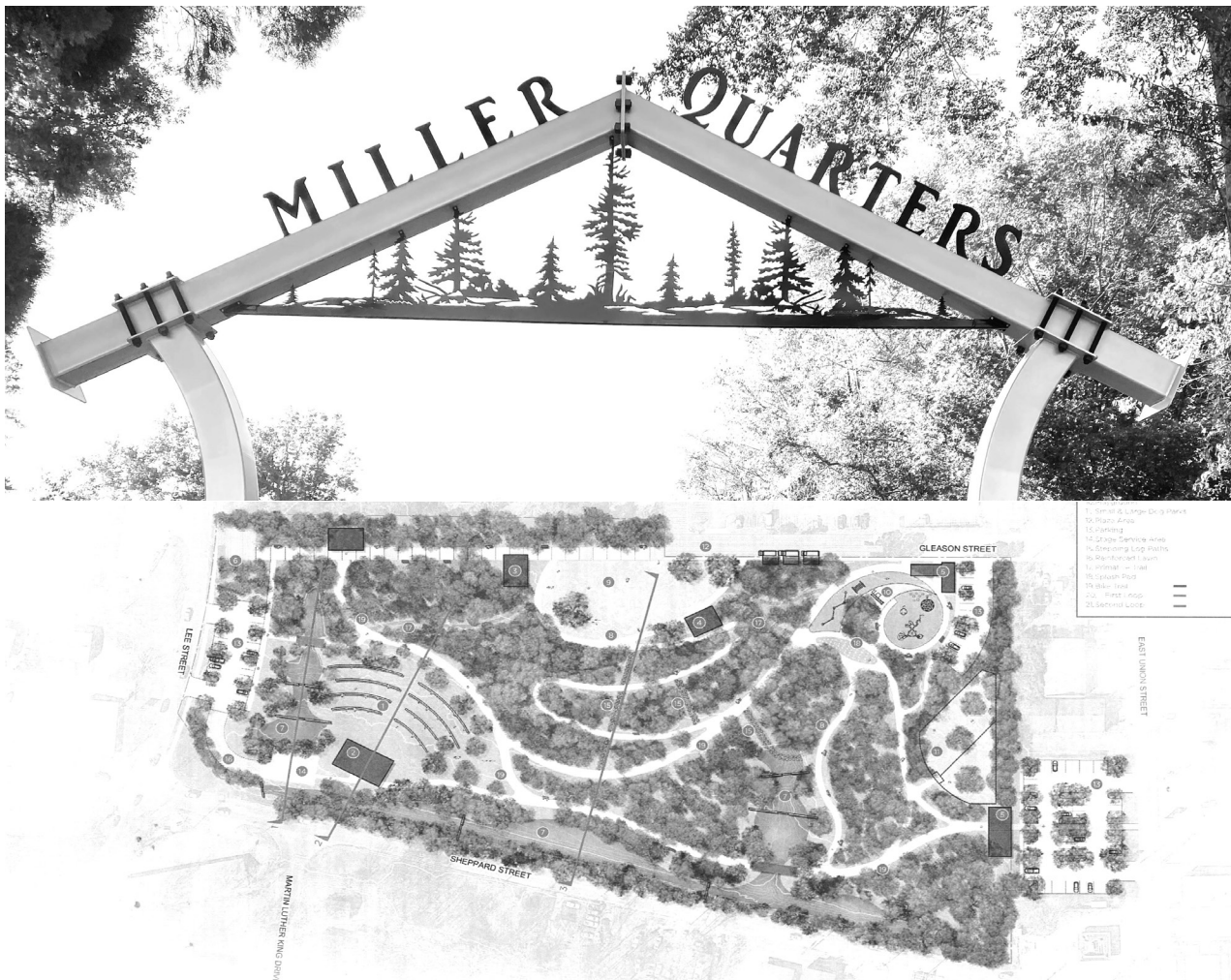
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The Webster Parish Convention & Visitors Commission (Tourism) has scheduled two public forums on July 18 to present project plans for Miller Quarters. The forums aim to gather public input on prioritizing development phases and to answer questions about the project.

Miller Quarters, purchased by the Commission in 2022, dates back to the 1930s when Joe Miller built 60 low-income houses and rented them for \$5 a week. The new development plan includes a small museum to educate the public about this history.

The proposed design features a promenade at the main entrance and various walking and biking trails offering different experiences throughout the park. Water features such as bridges and low-head dam barriers will help with flood management and provide crossing points. An amphitheater, playground with a water fountain pad, and multiple restroom facilities are also part of the

plan. The design includes entrances from various sides of the park and explores additional parking options. Shaded areas at a food truck pavilion, a dog park with separate zones for small and large dogs, and the use of natural materials like bald cypress and raw steel aim to create a cohesive look that reflects the area’s history. The architecture will mirror local styles, including shotgun houses and butterfly roofs. Projected costs for the park range from \$7 million to \$10 million, with the project designed to be built in stages. Executive Director Serena Gray is researching grants and potential sponsorships to fund the project. “We went into this project saying, ‘Let’s dream big, and if we need to scale it back, we can,’” said Gray. The forums will be held at the Minden Community House, located at 711 Gladney Street, on Thursday, July 18. The first forum will take place from 10-11 AM, and the second from 5:30-6:30 PM. The public is encouraged to participate in this discussion about the future of Miller Quarters park.



AMBER MCDOWN/PRESS-HERALD PHOTOS

Residents are invited to attend a public forum at the Minden Community House to discuss the future development plans for Miller Quarters park, which include walking trails, an amphitheater, and a small museum highlighting the area’s history.

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place, and Clifford Scott and Frank Villard came in 3rd place.

This fundraiser also featured a raffle. John Earnhardt won the fish fryer, Danny Clanton won the backpack blower, Steve Allen won the staycation, Eric Brown won the dad’s package, and Adam Hurley won the Blackstone.

UCAP, a non-profit and non-denominational cooperative effort, collaborates with churches, businesses, civic organizations, and compassionate individuals in the Minden area. Their services encompass vital assistance, such as providing food, rent

and utility aid, clothing for adults and children, and emergency support for stranded motorists and individuals requiring temporary lodging. The proceeds from the auction and tournament will directly benefit UCAP and its mission to support the local community.

The UCAP Golf Tournament not only brought together avid golfers for a spirited competition but also reinforced the community’s commitment to helping those in need. The funds raised will ensure that UCAP continues to provide essential services, strengthening the support network for Minden residents.

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first to cross the finish line. However, only three ducks out of hundreds would be the winners. The winners of this year’s Duck Derby included first place going to Maddie Robinson, second place to Mimi Jordan, and third place to Terri Pudak.

The presenting sponsor for this year’s Duck Derby was Home Federal Bank. The Quacktastic sponsor was Rhett Edwards, Republican State Central Committee Member 31C. The Pond Sponsors included b1Bank, Bonvenu Bank, Catherine Hunt — Realtor, Fibrebond Corp., Gibsland Bank & Trust, Interstate Building Materials, Mike’s Hometown Spirits, Minden Ace Hardware, Shug’s Minden, and UnderDawgs Sports Grill. The Duckling sponsors included Adam Bass — State Senate District 36, Denise Edwards — Webster Parish Assessor, Geaux Fresh, Minden

Athletic, and the Villas at Spanish Court. “These events are successful thanks to our dedicated behind-the-scenes partners, volunteers, sponsors, and supporters. Multiple departments from the City of Minden, including the police and fire departments, played crucial roles. Our chamber board members and volunteers consistently rise to the occasion. I cannot go without thanking the Youth Challenge Cadets from Camp Minden who helped us so much. They were awesome,” said Barnette. “Hosting such a large community event requires substantial effort, but witnessing the community unite and enjoy themselves is incredibly rewarding. From the duck races, music, and kids’ activities, to the vendors, contests, and fireworks, we hope everyone had a memorable time and will join us again next year!”

OPINION

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OPINION

The presidential debate showed the world what many of us already knew about Biden

What I witnessed this past Thursday was not what I expected. At the conclusion of the debate I thought, do Democrats who support Pres. Biden actually believe he is capable and competent to be president? That he can actually serve as Commander of Chief?

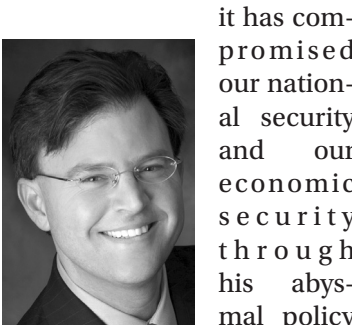
I have been watching presidential debates for probably 30 years and I have never seen a presidential candidate—much less an incumbent president—perform as poorly as Pres. Biden did.

I anticipated we would hear Biden struggle to defend “Bidenomics” regarding our high food costs, high gasoline costs, high interest rates and the punitive inflation we are living with every day. I expected to hear Biden have to answer about the Afghanistan debacle, the Russian invasion of Ukraine and the slaughter of twelve hundred Jews in Israel on October 7, 2023. I expected Biden to attack Trump for Jan 6th, Roe v. Wade, and Trump’s willingness to abandon any NATO country that has not paid its required funding to the organization.

What I did not expect was to see in a live, literal, and unmistakable manner how cognitively impaired Pres. Biden is. He stumbled and muttered most of the debate but, most glaringly, at approximately the 12-minute mark he completely froze, completely lost his train of thought. However,

even when he wasn’t speaking his facial expressions and staring were bizarre.

I actually felt sorry for him. But that feeling was tempered by my realization that his egotism and thirst for power have not only put himself in a dangerous and embarrassing situation, but



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which put himself, his family and his own financial interest first, rather than putting America first.

We have witnessed Biden have these moments numerous times before, but the so-called national media always covered it up and explained it away, including labeling these episodes as “deep fakes” by Republicans.

We also recall the report of Special Counsel Robert Hur regarding Biden’s handling of classified documents that he could be charged but he was mentally so feeble that he likely could not aid in his own defense, so Hur declined recommending criminal charges.

No longer.
Do we think that the Chi-

nese President, Russian President, North Korea, and Iran with its nuclear ambitions, as well as terror groups like Hamas and Hezbollah, were not also watching the debate? Pres. Biden is debilitated. He is simply not mentally or physically able to manage what is arguably the most difficult job in the world.

CNN and its hosts were not as objectively anti-Trump as I had expected but perhaps it wouldn’t have mattered as I don’t know that Pres. Biden can perform any better. I acknowledge that later in the debate Biden had a few more coherent, succinct moments but at that point were undecided voters even still open to considering him—or even still watching?

My guess is that the national Democrat Party is panicking now.

The Biden Campaign asked for this debate and asked for it to occur much earlier compared to traditional presidential debates which typically occur in October right before the election. I suspect the Biden Team did this because they see the polling in the swing states reflecting that President Trump is leading in all of them and the early debate was a calculated risk to change the narrative and arc of the race. It clearly didn’t work.

Now, Democrats are faced with a very difficult proposition. How to replace Pres.

Biden. My understanding is Biden would actually have to agree to step aside and release his presidential primary delegates. A big “if.” If he did, the Democrat Party could then nominate another candidate at its convention. If he were to resign before the election, Vice President Kamala Harris would become president and run as an incumbent president, but polling reflects that she is even less popular than Biden.

Forget the many stark policy differences between these two incumbent presidents; after tonight, as a matter of national security, do we feel safe and secure about the current state of our nation with Pres. Biden as our leader—and potentially over the next 4 years? I think millions of Americans will answer with a resounding “no.”

But forget the election. Let’s focus on the here and now and ask the scarier question: with Biden deteriorating and likely incapacitated, who is actually running our country?

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FROM THE BACK PORCH

How does your garden grow?

How many of you have enjoyed a sliced red ripe tomato with your vegetable meals this summer? Or better yet, a large slice of tomato between two slices of bread slathered with mayonnaise?

These have been some rare treats for us this summer. They have been treasured more this summer because they have been special gifts from some successful gardeners who shared generously with us.

We grew up in farming families who always grew an abundance of vegetables. So we always had an ample supply of any type of vegetable we desired. We ate them fresh and we canned or froze them for use throughout the year.

When we were raising our family, we had a vegetable garden every year. One of

my favorite veggies was one of the hardest things to harvest, but was well worth it. Butter beans. But we had a variety much like our parents used to grow.



FANNIE MOORE
gan with squash, cucumbers, turnip greens, onions, tomatoes, potatoes, purple hull peas, butter beans (speckled and white ones) cantaloupes and water melons. I’m sure there were others that I have omitted, but it was a full garden. It was a lot of hard work but as my Mama would say, “It will be good this winter.”

As we aged, we had to give up our gardening, little by little until it finally became a thing of the past.

This year we have been blessed by our younger family members who took up the gardening skills. Our daughter and son in law have excelled with their garden and have also added fruit trees, blueberries, blackberries and have even tried a hand a raising sugar cane. With all of this produce available, she has been busy canning and freezing all manner of foods. It reminds me of my Mama who stayed in the kitchen preserving all the goodies we raised because, “It will be good this winter.”

They have been generous to share beginning with the squash which came in first. The most recent was beautiful ripe tomatoes. I have had

vegetable soup and tomato sandwiches, along with sliced tomatoes with our meals.

One of my nephews also inherited the gardening gene. Yesterday he left a message that said, “I left you some things on your front porch.”

Not only did he leave a lot of ripe tomatoes, but also a dozen lovely brown yard eggs.

Even though we can no longer provide our own treasures of farm life, we are blessed by those who can.

I hope you are enjoying the fruits of a good garden, if not your own then from a good neighbor.

So let me ask you. “How does your garden grow?”

FANNIE MOORE LIVES IN SHONGALOO.

FROM THE PUBLISHER

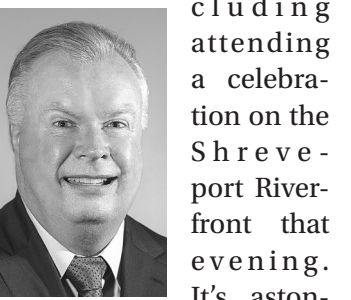
Celebrating the Fourth of July: A Reflection on Our Freedom and History

This Thursday is the Fourth of July, one of my favorite and most memorable holidays of the year. This year, July 4, 2024, marks America’s 248th birthday. It was on July 4, 1776, that Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence, though history shows that it was actually voted on and signed in the Second Continental Congress on July 2, 1776.

As I mentioned, July 4th has always been a favorite holiday of mine because of what it represents. I vividly remember celebrating America’s Bicentennial on July 4, 1976, when I was in junior high school. The

months of historical celebration and promotion leading up to the Bicentennial were unforgettable.

I recall exactly what our family did on that day, including



RANDY BROWN
attending a celebration on the Shreveport Riverfront that evening. It’s astonishing to think that 48 years have passed since then.

A few years later, I remember my dad bringing me two

Susan B. Anthony silver dollars, originally minted by the United States Mint in 1979. I still have them somewhere. These coins were only minted in 1979, 1980, 1981, and again in 1999. One day soon, I hope to find them, as they may be valuable.

If you have a flag, I hope you display it proudly on July 4th. If you attend church around this time, I hope your church celebrates patriotism both in message and song and gives thanks to God for the many freedoms we enjoy in our country. America is truly a blessed nation, and we should give constant thanks and praise to

God for the greatness He has bestowed upon us. We are mighty and we are free.

Not all nations can say this. Sometimes, I worry about the erosion of some of our freedoms in this country. It often seems that some of our rights and privileges are slipping away. As U.S. citizens, we are guaranteed certain rights and privileges by our Constitution, particularly those outlined in the Bill of Rights. To suggest that our Constitution is a “work in progress” or that our rights can be taken away based on a political leader’s aspirations or beliefs is a stark departure from the intentions

of our Founding Fathers. This kind of political philosophy harks back to the tyranny our founders sought to escape when they established our nation.

We are the United States of America. We are proud, mighty, and free.

I hope you and your families have a happy, safe, and fun Fourth of July. Most importantly, let’s come together on July 4th to celebrate what makes our nation great!

RANDY BROWN IS VICE PRESIDENT OF SPECHT NEWSPAPERS, INC., AND PUBLISHER OF THE MINDEN PRESS-HERALD

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PREP SOFTBALL

Devin White Hosts Youth Football Camp

RUSSELL HEDGES
Minden Press-Herald

Springhill, LA – Philadelphia Eagles linebacker Devin White brought excitement and inspiration to over 500 young athletes this past weekend at his football camp held at Baucum-Farrar Stadium in Springhill, Louisiana. The event, which took place on June 29, was a major highlight for the community and local youth football enthusiasts.

White, renowned for his exceptional skills and leadership on the field, partnered with North Webster Knights to host the camp. The Facebook post from North Webster Knights captured the anticipation and enthusiasm surrounding the event: “On tomorrow... All eyes will be in Sunny Springhill, Louisiana as we host over 500 kids to teach them the game we all love hosted by one of the best to EVER play in Baucum-Farrar Stadium.”

The camp provided an opportunity for young athletes to learn from one of the best in the sport. White, who has made a name for himself with his outstanding performances in the NFL, took the time to coach, mentor, and share his experiences with the attendees. The focus was on teaching fundamental football skills, teamwork, and the importance of dedication both on and off the field.

Participants engaged

in various drills, exercises, and scrimmages designed to improve their techniques and understanding of the game. White’s presence and hands-on approach motivated the kids to put in their best effort, and his words of encouragement left a lasting impression on everyone involved.

The event also fostered a sense of community pride and unity, as families and local supporters gathered to watch the future stars of football in action. White’s dedication to giving back to his roots and investing in the next generation of athletes was evident throughout the day.

As the sun set on a successful camp, the smiles on the faces of the young participants and the sense of accomplishment they felt were a testament to the positive impact of White’s visit. The North Webster Knights, along with the entire Springhill community, expressed their gratitude for White’s commitment to nurturing young talent and his contribution to the local sports scene.

The Devin White football camp at Baucum-Farrar Stadium was more than just a day of training; it was an unforgettable experience for the aspiring football players of Springhill, leaving them inspired to chase their dreams with the same passion and determination that has made White a standout in the NFL.



PHOTO COURTESY NORTH WEBSTER HEAD COACH CHRISTOPHER WILSON
Philadelphia Eagles linebacker Devin White brought excitement and inspiration to over 500 young athletes this past weekend.

YOUTH BASEBALL/SOFTBALL

Championship Squads
Minden DYB teams fare well in district tournaments, eye state tournaments

RUSSELL HEDGES
Minden Press Herald

Minden Diamond (formerly Dixie) Youth softball and baseball teams enjoyed success in All-Star district tournaments recently and are now preparing for state tournaments next month.

In softball, the Minden Dixie Ponytails, the Minden Angels X-Play and Minden Darlings won their respective district championships. The Minden Sweetees finished runner-up in their tournament.

The Minden Angels Traditional finished runner-up in their state tournament. All district softball tournaments were played in Ruston.

The Ponytails, Darlings and Sweetees tournaments all begin July 12 in Alexandria. The Angels X-Play state tournament begins July 12 in St. Tammany Parish.

In baseball, the Minden 7U team qualified for the state tournament with a runner-up finish in its district tournament held at the Minden Recreation Center.

The 7U state tournament is July 4-7 in Tioga.

The Minden Recreation Center will host the 9U and 11U State tournaments July 5-8.

Results Wanted

Help us tell their story: Report tournament results and submit team photos.

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PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE MINDEN REC CENTER

(TOP) The Minden Ponytails won their district tournament and will begin play in the state tournament July 12 in Alexandria.
(BOTTOM LEFT) The Minden Angels X-Play won their district tournament and will begin play in the state tournament July 12 in St. Tammany Parish.
(BOTTOM RIGHT) The Minden Darlings won their district tournament and will begin play in the state tournament July 12 in Alexandria.

Grambling greats to hold baseball camp

A free baseball camp featuring notable instructors Ralph Garr and Gary Eave is set to take place on Saturday, July 27, 2024, at Fraser Field in Ruston. The event, organized by Hall of Famer Wilbert Ellis, will run from 8 AM to 2 PM and is open to boys and girls aged 4 to 15.

The camp schedule includes registration from 8 AM to 9 AM, followed by instruction and teaching sessions from 9 AM to noon. After a lunch break

at noon, a closing ceremony will be held from 1 PM to 2 PM. Sessions will cover conditioning tips, connecting and developing relationships, and life skills. A special session titled “Just for Parents” will also be available.

The camp instructors include Wilbert Ellis, Hall of Famer and former Grambling State University (GSU) head baseball coach; Gary Eave, former GSU player and Major League Baseball (MLB) player and Hall of Fam-

er; Ralph Garr, former GSU player, MLB player and Hall of Famer; and Davin Pierre, GSU head baseball coach and 2024 SWAC Champion.

There will also be a number of former GSU players and MLB players such as John Lewis, Ronnie Lewis, Bobby Dupree, and Ira Tuell. In addition, the 2024 GSU baseball champions will be present along with former players such as James Randall, Arthur Herbert, Larry Wayne,

and Angelo Eave.

The event is sponsored by Squire Creek, Ruston Housing Authority, Wing Stop-Ruston & Monroe, Origin Bank, Louisiana National Bank, True Care Dental, and JPMS, LLC.

Participants can begin registering for the camp on June 30. For more information, they can contact Mr. Ronnie Lyons at 318-607-7407. All campers will receive a t-shirt.

GLYNN HARRIS OUTDOORS

More worms than you can shake a stick at

Growing up in the country, we often had to “make do” when we needed a tool, toy, do-hickey or whatchamacallit.

I can still vividly recall the intricate system of roads, bridges and hills my brother, two cousins and I fashioned underneath our house, which sat high enough off the ground to allow crawl space. Using nothing but youthful vocal chords, we created the sound of engines whining, gears clanking and brakes squealing as our vehicles made their way over sandy roads and across bridges.

There, however, wasn’t a Tonka to be found. In fact, I doubt this popular brand of toy trucks and earth movers had yet been invented. Our vehicles? Brown snuff bottles. Our grandmother, who lived next door, was an avid snuff dipper and dipped and spat enough Garrett during her lifetime to half fill the Big Gully, a deep

and wide chasm in the woods near our house. Thus, brown snuff bottles were never in short supply.

Then there were our handy flow-through fish baskets. Before collapsible wire baskets made their way to Goldonna, we used burlap bags, (toesacks, to us) to keep our fish fresh.

Before heading to the creek for a mess of fish, we didn’t drive to the bait shop for a basket of crickets; we’d dig our own bait out behind the cow barn. Flipping cow patties with a sharp shooter shovel, it was no trouble to extract enough red wigglers to catch all the goggle-eyes and stump perch we cared to clean.

I was abruptly thrust back to the snuff bottle – toe sack – cow patty days recently when my daughter and her family came for a visit. Keith, my son-in-law, was anxious to show me an intriguing contraption for catching fish bait, a device introduced to him by his brother.

“First, you find two sticks,” Keith explained as he walked me through the process of building a

worm-catcher. Picking up two small branches from where I’d trimmed the hedge, he removed the leaves and cut each off to about a foot in length.

“Then you take your knife and whittle out notches in one of the sticks. That’s all there is to it,” he added as he serrated the stick with his pocket knife.

The proof was when Keith took his wormfinder to one of Kay’s flower beds and went to work. First, he planted the notched stick firmly against the ground, holding it in his left hand. With his right hand, he rapidly raked the smooth stick up and down over the serrated stick to produce a fluttering, whirring sound, something not unlike the sound a brown snuff bottle truck makes when it’s climbing a hill.

“Just wait,” Keith said, assuming I was starting to question my daughter’s wisdom in selecting her life’s mate. “You’ll see.”

He was right. Within a minute after beginning his worm-charming episode, night crawlers begin emerging from the mulch by the dozens, apparently agitated by the vibration.

I became interested enough in the idea of “charming” worms that I headed for the internet. I learned that worm charming is nothing new; in fact, they even have worm charming championships in England that have been in effect for decades.

This competition is to see who can entice the most worms out of the ground within a designated time period. How do they do it in jolly ole England?

The ground is banged with garden forks or sticks and because of the vibration of the soil, the worms come to the surface. There was even a man playing a saxophone near the ground.

Why am I just now finding out about these innovative methods of catching fish bait? You think I couldn’t have impressed the cow patty/sharp shooter crowd back then if I’d been able to charm up some fishing worms with a couple of sticks, or a garden rake, or a kazoo? Life ain’t fair.

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

FISHING REPORT

BLACK BAYOU –Lots of moss and pads. Not many fishing this week. Contact Honey Hole Tackle Shop 323-8707 for latest information.

BUSSEY BRAKE – Summer pattern is starting and bass are scattered and overall bass fishing has been fair. Crappie fishing has been good fishing around deep brush. Bream fishing has slowed. For latest information, contact the Honey Hole at 323-8707.

OUACHITA RIVER –Crappie are best fishing shiners or jigs in the sloughs. Bream are still bedded in the backwaters. Bass fishing has been good fishing the mouth of sloughs. For latest information, contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

LAKE D'ARBONNE – Bass have been best early morning on topwaters with soft plastics, swim baits and crank baits working best later. Crappie are good on the flats and along the edges of the channels and hitting shiners and jigs. Bream are fair to good 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 – There have been some reports of stripers starting to school and hitting shad

imitation lures. Bass fishing is best early mornings on topwater lures with night fishing best fishing dark colored plastic worms and spinners. 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 is beginning to slow down as the weather and water temperatures are heating up. Plastic worms and crank baits are picking up some good sized bass in deeper water around the secondary points especially at night. 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 – Fishing overall has been quite slow this week except for catfish. For latest reports, call Poverty Point Marina at 318/878-0101.

LAKE YUCATAN – The water is falling and fishing is on the verge of getting good. Bass, crappie and catfishing are all beginning to improve. For info call Surplus City Landing at 318/467-2259.



HARRIS

Good News

GOOD NEWS

DEALING WITH LIFE’S NUISANCES

It seems there’s always ‘a minnow nibbling at my heel.’ Do you sense that too? It’s not the whales in life that destroys a man’s worth, kills his spirit or makes him want to fight back – but the little nuisances we constantly deal with, robbing us from ‘living the fulfilled kingdom life.’ It is like a minnow, biting, nibbling and always disturbing us. (Dr. Peter McLeod, late pastor/ convention speaker).

For instance, the bully is ‘after’ for the kid who reads more, makes better grades or runs faster than him; the monthly reports that must be completed on time, required meetings one has to attend, or just doing a routine job over and over with a good at-

titude! It may be the way ‘they do things at church’ that annoys us. All of these are ‘minnows,’ and always around us. When our hearts are out of tune – every little ‘nibble’ disturbs and stings.

Mosquitoes are one of life’s ‘big’ nuisances – at least right now! People all over the world are swatting at that little ‘booger’ with purpose. We know the dangers lurking with every bite, buzz, and drop of blood. Bring back the old mosquito bars/nets that we hung all around our beds at night.... the big spray cans...or the



Bill Crider

plastic swatters! Let’s get rid of them! In our Christian lives there are small habits, tendencies and temptations that are disturbing. We know when we are being ‘led out into the left- field bleachers of life,’ step by step. We know how ‘one small lie leads to another’ and soon it has ballooned out of shape. A sharp tongue just keeps biting and cutting without control – they are just like minnows or mosquitoes...never letting up! Paul, no doubt, experienced these distractions too. Though he spoke about the virtues of the Christian life, he was ‘preaching to himself.’ He knew how easy it was for one to get ‘side-tracked’ and

veer off the main road, to yield to a weakness and slack-off. But he knew well what to do: pray, serve the Lord, and invest himself in sharing the Word with others. He focused attention on God and not on himself. He employed the Scripture teachings: “love one another, serve and honor one another, etc.” When those blues and depressed feelings play on your heart strings, when circumstances are pulling you into a hole, when others are out to get you, or you feel life is passing you by consider using this proven plan Paul used: Col 4: “Devote time to prayer, be watchful and thankful. Pray for others; be wise in ways you act toward

others; make the most of every opportunity, let your conversation always be full of grace; season your life with salt; and depend on God to know how to respond to those around you.” During this season, on the beaches of life wherever you find yourself - watch out for the whales and sharks that make a lot of noise and scare everyone....just beware of the mosquitoes that buzz around you and minnows nibbling away at your soul. “Be strong in the Lord.” Eph 6:10.

BILL CRIDER IS CHAPLAIN OF MINDEN MEDICAL CENTER

THE UPWARD LOOK

Fathers, Instruct

“Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.” Ephesians 6:4 NASB



Max Hutto

The parents’ job is to instruct, to teach their children how to behave and live an honorable and righteous life. This instruction starts with a newborn and continues into adulthood. The father is to be the spiritual leader of the home, instructing, nurturing, guiding, training, and encouraging his children to honor the Lord in all that they do.

This instruction must include teaching them the Bible, for it is the ultimate source to know God and His saving grace and to know how to live righteously.

Lord Jesus, help me to be the example for my children in how to live following Your Word. Help me to instruct them how to live righteously, to know and follow You.

MAX HUTTO IS A BAPTIST MINISTER AND A RESIDENT OF MINDEN. MORE INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND AT WWW.UPWARDLOOK.ORG.

INSPIRATION

Life’s Composition

I would like everyone to think of the last time they prepared anything using a recipe. Did you follow it to the letter or did you take some creative liberties? Have you ever wondered if this recipe could be better? I’ll confess that I have been guilty of making some substitutions. For example, the substitution of yogurt or pudding for milk in most cake recipes imparts significantly more moisture creating a more robust texture. I’ve said all this to plant the idea in your mind that maybe we can change the composition of our lives. We spend so much time trying to



Bernard Harris

make our lives into what we feel they should be that we rarely ask God what he wants our lives to consist of. We live in a world where it’s become easy to put God on a shelf for a rainy day and if we aren’t careful we will forget to include God altogether. Therefore I’m ending this writing with a challenge. I would like everyone to find something in their lives that is non essential and replace it with more God time. I hope you all have a very blessed week.

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

Come

WORSHIP

How can we pray for you?

If you’re in need of prayer, we can help you. Contact the FBC 24-Hour Prayer Ministry at 371-PRAY.

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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
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PROCEEDING OF THE VILLAGE OF HEFLIN, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN IN REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JUNE 6, 2024.

The Heflin Town Council met at Town Hall, Heflin, Louisiana beginning at 7:45 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Ralph James council members Hallie DeMoss, Robert Stachowicz, Water System Operator Jesse Williamson, and Village Clerk Sherry Limosnero. Absent council member Matt Austin and Chief of Police Paul Migues. The meeting was opened with prayer offered by Hallie DeMoss, and Robert Stachowicz led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Ralph James welcomed everyone to the meeting. Upon motion by Robert Stachowicz and duly seconded by Hallie DeMoss, the council adopted the Minutes from May 2024 at Council Regular Meeting held on June 6, 2024, as presented; the motion was approved unanimously. Hallie DeMoss moved to accept May 2024 Operating Financial Statements as presented; the motion was duly seconded by Robert Stachowicz. The motion was approved unanimously. Upon motion by Robert Stachowicz and duly seconded by Hallie DeMoss, the council unanimously approved Water System Reports for May 2024. Hallie DeMoss moved to accept the May 2024 Police Department Reports as presented; the motion was duly seconded by Robert Stachowicz. The motion was approved unanimously. Robert Stachowicz moved to accept the May 2024 ARP Report as presented; the motion was duly seconded by Hallie DeMoss. The motion was approved unanimously. Council comments were heard, public comments were heard. There being no further business to come before this Council, meeting adjourned by Council Member Hallie DeMoss

Attest by: Sherry Limosnero, LCMC, Village Clerk
Respectfully posted: 6/13/2024
Adopted:

July 3, 2024
Minden Press Herald

SHERIFF'S SALE

LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING LLC VS. JOHN E RAY

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

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

WITH the benefit of appraisalment and according to law at the principal front door of the Court-house in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana, on WEDNESDAY, July 10, 2024, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

LOTS EIGHTEEN (18), NINETEEN

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

604 BATTON STREET
MINDEN, LA 71055

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

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

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

Pam Brantley - Deputy

June 5, 2024
July 3, 2024
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NOTICE OF INTENT

Pursuant to La. R.S. 13:782, the Clerk of the 26th Judicial District Court of Webster Parish gives notice of intent to amend his/her compensation in accordance with law. This office is a self-funded entity which receives no tax dollars for operation.

July 3, 2024
July 10, 2024
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THIS NOTICE BY PUBLICATION IS NOTIFICATION THAT YOUR RIGHTS OR INTEREST IN THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE PARISH OF BOSSIER, LOUISIANA MAY BE TERMINATED BY OPERATION OF LAW IF YOU DO NOT TAKE FURTHER ACTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW:

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OCCUPANT/TENANT; GIBSLAND BANK & TRUST, MELINDA SAID, MELISSA ROGGE, MELANIE STEPHENS, JASON CARRIS
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WEBSTER PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE
PO BOX 877
MINDEN, LA 71058
(318) 377-1515

July 3, 2024
July 10, 2024
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SHERIFF'S SALE

CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC VS. ROBERT SUTKA AKA ROBERT STEVE MARK SUTKA, JR

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 81423.

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

public auction to the last and highest bidder for cash WITH the benefit of appraisalment and according to law at the principal front door of the Court-house in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana on WEDNESDAY, August 7, 2024, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

LOT 43, HICKORY RIDGE ESTATES, A SUBDIVISION OF WEBSTER PARISH, LOUISIANA, AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN MAP BOOK 4, PAGE 40 OF THE CONVEYANCE RECORDS OF WEBSTER PARISH, LOUISIANA, TOGETHER WITH ALL BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS LOCATED THEREON.

TOGETHER WITH A 2009 RIVERBIRCH HOMES MOBILE HOME MODEL #4041-1 SERIAL #RB08AL13886-A/B

312 DOGWOOD DR, DOYLINE, LA 71023

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

July 3, 2024
July 31, 2024
Minden Press Herald

SHERIFF'S SALE

WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY FSB, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE OF CSMC 2021-RPL4 TRUST VS. KAREN KEY

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 81406.

By virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued out of the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, in the above styled and numbered suit and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder for cash WITH the benefit of appraisalment and according to law at the principal front door of the Court-house in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana on WEDNESDAY, August 7, 2024, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

LOT THIRTY-FOUR (34) of the RE-SUBDIVISION of HACKETT SUBDIVISION, located in the Southwest Quarter of Southeast Quarter (SW/4 of SE/4) of Section 15, Township 19 North, Range 9 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana, as per map and plat thereof on file and of record in the Office of the Clerk of Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, in Map Book 2, Page 99-A, together with all improvements located thereon and all rights thereto belonging; subject to restrictions, servitudes, rights-of-way and outstanding mineral rights of record affecting the property.

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A. 26 22 26 5 4 10 2 3 17

Clue: Persisting

B. 3 13 3

Clue: Storm center

C. 17 4 8 4 20 3

Clue: Ruin

D. 22 1 16 11 11 5

Clue: Move forcefully

Answers: A. sustained B. eye C. damage D. uproot

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Database management system

5. Medical procedures

11. ___ Clapton, musician

12. Defender

16. Exert oneself

17. Indicates position

18. Prevents river overflow

19. Atrocities

24. Mister

25. Ends

26. Slope or tilt

27. Taxi

28. The very ends

29. Actor Sean

30. Japanese persimmon

31. Sours

33. Beneficiary

34. Baseball official

38. Muddy, boggy ground

39. Not worldly

40. Actress Lathan

43. Soil

44. ___-Cola

45. Asleep

49. ___ Angeles

50. Give birth to a child

51. Beach shelter

53. Commercial

54. Taste property

56. Local jurisdictions

58. It cools your home

59. Dismounted from a horse

60. Charge with a crime

63. Close in

64. Spoke

65. Famed garden

CLUES DOWN

1. Draw a scene

2. Its sultan is famous

3. Unlucky accident

4. A way to ski

5. Abba __, Israeli politician

6. Saw

7. "Westworld" actor Harris

8. Belonging to me

9. Shoelace tube

10. Takes to court

13. Early multimedia

14. In a way, produces

15. Bowlers

20. Of I

21. Equally

22. Gets some sun

23. A place to stay

27. Town in Galilee

29. Aronofsky film

30. Klingon character, "Star Trek"

31. Equal to 100 square meters

32. Atomic #58

33. Arrived extinct

34. Loosen grip

35. A distinctive odor that is unpleasant

36. Membranes

37. Some is poisonous

38. Partner to Pa

40. Small brown gray rail

41. A salt or ester of acetic acid

42. Sodium

44. Military official (abbr.)

45. Lighted

46. Took off

47. All

48. Ohio city

50. More abject

51. A radio band

52. Controversial tech product (abbr.)

54. Monetary unit

55. Passed with flying colors

57. A way to win a boxing match

61. The Golden State

62. Home of the Longhorns

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Typically, July is one of the hottest months of the year, but who knows for sure after the unusual weather we've had so far in 2024. But assuming a more normal July with its consistently high temperatures, what do you plan to accomplish garden-wise? You might be tempted to take a vacation to some cool mountain retreat or find some other way to stay cool. But I know that there are some gardeners who will defy the heat and continue gardening in spite of the weather. For those who continue to work in their gardens and landscapes, here are some potential jobs to add to your list.

As early vegetables finish, clean out the space they occupied, fertilize lightly and re-plant with heat-tolerant crops.

Do the same with flower beds. For sunny spaces try angelonias, blue daze, wishbone flower, lantana, pentas and narrow-leaf zinnias. For more shaded places try coleus, caladiums, begonias and impatiens.

Complete any necessary pruning before the middle of the month. It's not a good idea after that time.

Top new blackberry canes to a height of four or five feet to encourage branching.

The early part of this month is a good time to put a light application of fertilizer on your lawn. The best choices are fertilizers that have high nitrogen, low phosphorus and low-to-medium potassium. Apply dry granular fertilizers to dry grass and then water heavily.

Monitor potted plants regularly for watering.

Although the crape myrtles have blossoms that last

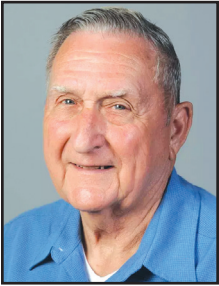


for long periods, in time they dry and need to be cut off before they form seed and lose their beauty. Remove flower clusters at their base and that will often result in further blooms.

If you have the misfortune of poison ivy invading your landscape plants, and especially if you are allergic to this vine, there is a technique that is usually successful which will get rid of it. It's called the double glove method. And here is how it works: Place a moisture/chemical impervious glove on the hand you use and put a cheap cotton glove over the top of the first glove. Make up a strong herbicide in an open pail (preferably one made of plastic) and dip the gloved hand into the herbicide. Press the saturated glove against the inside of

the pail to remove excess solution. Then, carefully wipe the ivy leaves with the herbicide being careful not to touch the leaves of your landscape plant. Keep a bucket of clean water handy to quickly rinse off any chemical that accidentally drips on the good plant.

Make a trip to a hardware or farm store (preferably during the heat of the day) and buy any needed garden essentials or fuel



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