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EDUCATION

Lakeside High School FBLA members attend national conference

AMBER MCDOWN
Minden Press-Herald

Qualifying members of Lakeside High School's Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) organization attended the national conference in Orlando, Florida, during the last week of June. These bright students represented Webster Parish well by competing in the areas of Business Calculations, Spreadsheets, Help

Desk, Organizational Leadership, and Political Science. The participants, Edgar Silva, Joshua Hasty, Cameron Murray, Ethan Patterson, and Kamryn Goodson, also had the opportunity to spend a few days at Walt Disney World before heading to the competition. Lesa Ward served as sponsor, and Amy Ray served as a chaperone. The members extend a

huge thank you to all of their corporate sponsors: Clerk of Court Holli Vining, Assessor Denise Edwards, Sanders Machine, River Cities Machinists, Country Market, Meriweather Wealth and Planning, Gibsland Bank and Trust, and the Krewe of Ambassadors. If you or your business would like to be a part of Lakeside's FBLA organization, call the school at 318-377-2133.



WPSB

Webster Parish School Board approves superintendent's contract with incentives

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The Webster Parish School Board (WPSB) met for their regular meeting on July 9, following a postponement due to inclement weather on July 8. All board members attended, either in person or via livestream, and unanimously approved all agenda items. A significant focus of the meeting was the approval of Superintendent Rowland's contract. The standard four-year contract, presented by Attor-

ney Jon Guice, included notable changes reflecting the upcoming assessment system for teachers and administrators set to begin in the 2025-26 school year. Performance-based incentives were a key addition to the contract. Guice emphasized the importance of these incentives in promoting school performance and improvement. Goals outlined for the incentives include raising end-of-course scores, increasing the number of highly

effective teachers, and boosting the high school graduation rate. Board Member Susan Addington of District 12 supported using no cap on the incentives, stating, "I personally think that, if he meets all six of these objectives for incentive pay, he should get the full incentive. If you can do all of this in a year...those are some pretty phenomenal goals." The board approved the contract with no cap on the incentives. Additionally, Board Member Jonathan Guth-

rie of District 4 proposed a \$5,000 increase in the base salary for the superintendent, marking the first raise in seven years. This proposal was approved. Guthrie also suggested increasing the technology allowance from \$25 per month to \$150 per month, which the board also passed. In other business, the board approved proposals from Homeland Safety for security cameras at Harper Pathways to Excellence Center totaling \$96,469.30. The funding

for this project will come from various maintenance tax funds, allocated based on student enrollment from different high schools in the parish. Superintendent Rowland addressed the board regarding traffic cameras in Springhill, highlighting an agreement with the Springhill Police Department to share revenue generated by the cameras outside the high school. Police Chief Will Lynd reported an average monthly revenue of \$3,000-\$5,000 from these

cameras and requested consideration of using this revenue for salary raises for Springhill police officers. The board will discuss this proposal in the next month's meeting. Various expenditures for campus repairs and improvements using maintenance funds were also approved. The next WPSB meeting is scheduled for August 5 at 6 PM at the school board offices located at 1442 Sheppard Street. The public is welcome to attend.

4-H LEADERSHIP

Webster Parish youth shine at 4-H University, earn leadership roles

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The 2024 4-H University, held from June 18 to 21 at Louisiana State University (LSU), provided an exceptional platform for Junior High and High School 4-H members to showcase their talents and engage in leadership activities. Webster Parish had a notable presence, with five youth delegates selected for leadership positions for the 2024-2025 year. Webster Parish delegates, chosen after interviews with the board advisory committee, include: Luke Butcher, Shooting Sports Ambassador; Emmersyn Demmon, Shooting Sports Ambassador

Camryn Nail, Shooting Sports Ambassador; Cailey Nail, Shooting Sports Ambassador; Haylon Maddox, Wetlands Ambassador; Madison McGraw, a returning Shooting Sports Ambassador from Webster Parish, was also selected as one of the National Shooting Sports Ambassadors for the state, highlighting her continued excellence and commitment. The Shooting Sports Ambassadors program allows teens to demonstrate leadership, citizenship, and community service skills through activities promoting the 4-H Shooting Sports Program. The Wetland Ambassadors aim to inspire youth to become leaders in wetland-related issues

within their communities by promoting wetlands literacy through field studies, mentorship, service-learning, and public outreach. 4-H University, a competition-based camp, features over 40 competitive categories and a variety of educational tracks, including a fashion show, motivational speeches (with Olympic track star DeeDee Trotter speaking this year), campus exploration, dancing, and networking opportunities. The event is designed to provide youth with numerous opportunities to be involved and develop their leadership skills. For more information about the 4-H program, contact the LSU AgCenter at 318-371-1371.

CRIME

Police arrest local teen for alleged theft and fraud

STAFF REPORT
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On July 9, Minden police officers responded to a report in the 200 block of College Street regarding Devon Rascoe, 19, allegedly stealing medication from his grandmother and the family cat. Upon arrival, officers spoke with the grandmother, who discovered the missing medication that morning. She and her daughters found both human and cat medications gone.

The grandmother reported that two days earlier, Rascoe attempted to cash stolen checks from her and her daughter's accounts at a bank. When the bank denied the transaction, he discarded the checks and left. Additionally, Rascoe reportedly took his grandmother's car without permission during the night on July 9. Officers questioned Rascoe about the incidents. He admitted attempting to cash the checks and consuming

the medications. Rascoe was placed under arrest, read his Miranda rights, and transported to the Minden Police Department. Rascoe was booked on three counts of theft, two counts of access device fraud, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, and prohibited acts related to controlled substances. He was later transferred to Bayou Dorcheat Correctional Center. *All subjects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*

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OBITUARIES



Eva Deirdre Nettles Hutchinson Martin

Our beautiful mother, Eva Deirdre Nettles Hutchinson Martin, went peacefully to her heavenly home surrounded by her children on July 7, 2024. She was born October 5, 1931, in Ringgold, La. to Obie Lester “O.L.” Nettles and Danny Eva Tipton. She was a resident of Minden, La. and spent her entire career with South Central Bell Telephone Company. She retired with 34 years of service working as a telephone operator, dispatch clerk, and maintenance administrator in the Minden and Shreveport offices. As children, we have fond memories of calling her at work while she was on the switchboard only to have her answer “Operator,” and then give a stern reminder to quit playing on the phone! She was the Chief Operator in our lives for many years, and she will be dearly missed. She was a member of the First United Pentecostal Church of Minden, La. She was preceded in death by her husband, William Dean Martin. The father of her children, Raymond David Hutchin-

son, one grandson, Lance Anthony Hutchinson, and a special nephew, Carl Nettles, also preceded in her death. She leaves to cherish her memory two sons, Randy (Donna) Hutchinson, Daniel Hutchinson, two daughters, Kathy (Billy) Potter, Jill (Phillip) Dick and her grandchildren, Haley (Preston) Ivey, Holly (Sam) Roubique, Rachael (Thom) Creel, Chase (Autumn) Potter, Landon Dick, Courtney (Daniel) Duck, and the following great grandchildren who brought her great joy, McKenna Ivey, Addison Ivey, Maverick Ivey, McCartney Roubique, Harrison Roubique, Nolan Creel, Eva Kate Creel, Graeme Potter, Eleanor Potter, Jude Ksir, Brenner Dick, Benton Duck, Elizabeth Kate Duck, and one sister, Linda Entrekin. Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. on Wed., July 10, 2024, at Rose Neath Funeral Home in Minden, La., with Rev. Michael Gray officiating. Interment will follow at Springhill Cemetery, Ringgold, La., under the direction of Rose Neath Funeral Home. Visitation were held at 12 p.m., on Wed., July 10, 2024, at Rose Neath Funeral Home, Minden, La. Pallbearers were Preston Ivey, Sam Roubique, Thom Creel, Chase Potter, Landon Dick, Daniel Duck, Nolan Creel, and David Nettles. The family would like to thank Alan Borne, M.D., Stuart Blum, M.D, Jonathan Davis, M.D., John Carmody, M.D., and care provider, Janice Allen, for the excellent care provided to our mother.



Norma Jean Mills Ferguson

Funeral services for Norma Jean “Poodle” Mills Ferguson were held Saturday, July 13, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at Rose Neath Funeral Home Chapel in Minden, Louisiana with Bro. Dee Anders officiating. Interment will follow at Gardens of Memory Cemetery in Minden, Louisiana under the direction of Rose Neath Funeral Home in Minden, Louisiana. Visitation were July 12, 2024, from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. at Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Minden. Norma Jean Mills Ferguson, affectionately known as “Poodle” walked into the Glorious Kingdom with Jesus Christ July 4, 2024. She was born on August 16, 1940, in Haynesville, LA by her late parents James and Florence Josephine Mills. She married George Ferguson on November 10, 1955, and became a devoted Wife, Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother, Great-Great Grandmother, loving Aunt and friend. She was quick to laugh and enjoyed story telling. Full of laughter and

smiles, this homemaker enjoyed powder puff racing and watching family dirt track races. She enjoyed traveling with her husband and participating in the “Perch Jerkers” Fishing Club. She loved entertaining her family and never liked an empty house. Her favorite thing to do was dancing with her children and grandchildren in the kitchen to her favorite vinyl records. She loved growing and tending to her flowers and plants. She was preceded in death by her parents James Willie and Florence Josephine Allen Mills. Beloved siblings James Thurman Mills, Obidee Mills, Mary “Sister” Lee Mills Croswell Restivo, Willie Edward Mills, Frank “Bud” Allen Mills, Joe “Boots” Crawford Mills and Peggy “Tootsie” Ruth Mills Baldree Pope. She is survived by her husband George “Sonny” William Ferguson and brother Cecil “Pete” Ray Mills. Her loving daughters are Sherry (Randy) Allen, Loretta (Robert) Callender, Connie (Kevin) Martin, Georgia Myers, Donna (Randy) Roberts, Patricia (Jeff) Chanler, 12 Grandchildren, 21 Great Grandchildren and 3 Great-Great Grandchildren. Honoring Norma as pallbearers are Joey Callender, Ed Watson, Wyatt Whorton, Steven Russell, Cameron Hooper and Wesley Haynes. Honorary pallbearers are Will Chanler and Jeremy Anderson.



Helen K. Jones

October 3, 1933 - July 9, 2024 Bossier City Funeral services for Helen Keeth Jones, 90, were held on Saturday, July 13, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at Rose-Neath Funeral Home, 2201 Airline Dr., Bossier City, Louisiana. A visitation was held from 9:00 a.m. until the time of service. Officiating the service will be Brother Chad Hardbarger. Helen was born on October 3, 1933, to Sam Mann Keeth and Clarice Hembree Keeth in Bossier City, Louisiana, and went to her heavenly home on Tuesday, July 9, 2024. Helen graduated from Bossier High School in 1952 and later received her master’s degree from Baptist Christian College. She married the love of her life, Marshall Marion Jones, and was his loving wife for 50 years. During that time, they owned/operated Baldwin Music Company for 33 years and had a thriving business selling pianos and organs. Later after leaving the piano/organ business, Helen began a new career in the funeral business and became a licensed Funeral Director for Rose-Neath and remained with them for 10 years. She’s known to her grandchildren and great-grandchildren as “Nana” and “Nannie,” and affectionately known as “Auntie Helen” to her nieces and nephews, and many others that aren’t related. As a Baptist Christian, she enjoyed sharing her faith and the plan of salvation with everybody. Helen and Marshall were faithful members of Emmanuel Baptist Church until his immobility kept them at home. Even then, they would watch the live stream from Emmanuel Baptist on her phone. She enjoyed watching all of the Sunday services on TV; Charles Stanley, David

Jeremiah, James McMenis of Word of God, Haughton Baptist Church, Texarkana Baptist Church, and Broadmoor Baptist Church. She loved listening to music on her phone, especially Ivan Parker and the Gaithers. In her earlier years, Helen enjoyed getting her brushes and oil paints to create beautiful paintings on canvas. Many were given to friends and others were hung all over the house. She also enjoyed sitting down at a piano and playing for hours. Meeting her in heaven are her husband, Marshall Marion Jones; mother, and daddy; sister, Mary-Ruth Keeth; son, Robert Keeth Harris; daughter, Carman Staci Jones-White, and stepdaughter, Jennifer Denise Jones-Barker. Left to cherish her memory are her brother, Buddy Keeth, and wife, Brenda; son, Steven Ray Harris, and wife, Karen; daughter, Kimberly Richard, and husband, Ellis; special niece who was more like a daughter, Sandra Guidry-Insley; fur baby, KiKi; step-daughters, Diane Ferras (Ignacio), and Deborah Solice; step-sons, John David Jones (Cheryl), and Ronnie Dale Jones (Kimberly) and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and many friends. The family would like to express their sincere appreciation to Dr. Anthony Stuart and his nurse, Gail, for many years of care and friendship. Dr. Kiser, Willis Knighton Health Systems, Intensive Specialty Hospital, the techs, the therapists, and everyone who assisted Helen on this journey, thank you. The family suggests donations may be made to Shriners Hospital, donate.lovetotherescue.org, Saint Jude Hospital, www.stjude.org, or any charity of your choice. Psalm 19:14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be pleasing to you, Lord, my rock and my redeemer. To order memorial trees or send flowers to the family in memory of Helen K. Jones, please visit our flower store.



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We make sure that we have enough money in the budget each year so if we have an opportunity to send a deputy off to specialize in something that we know is going to make us better at serving the citizens, then that’s what we’re going to do. “Even after four years as sheriff, I’m still learning. The things that have helped me over the last four years are the relationships I have developed with other sheriffs across the state and our elected officials.” Parker talked about how much he valued the network both for the aid that they provide and also for being able to help other departments when they’re in need. These relationships that the sheriff has developed over the past few years also help in the sense that Parker has the proper connections so that, when the parish needs something, he can contact the right people, giving an example of when Governor Landry called to check up on him and his office. “As a sheriff it makes me feel good that he is checking on our parish and making sure we have what we need, it means a

lot,” said Parker. Coming into his second term, there are twenty-plus new sheriffs who have been elected, so now, instead of being one of the new guys, Sheriff Parker is the one that other sheriffs may be coming to for some guidance. “I’ve offered every one of those new sheriffs my phone number and told them if they need someone to call they can reach out to me. It’s always good to have someone to bounce stuff off of, especially if you have a situation that you’re really not sure of, you have someone you can call who has been there, done that, and can share some guidance,” said Parker. Despite the challenges, Sheriff Parker expresses his dedication to serving the community for years to come. His active involvement in community activities and his commitment to accessibility distinguish him as a sheriff deeply rooted in his community. “Being sheriff is an honor and I appreciate the citizens’ confidence in me. I’m going to continue to do all I can to be here and serve until I think it’s my time to go or the citizens think it is,” said Parker.

CRIME

Minden police apprehend teen in high-speed chase on I-20

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A Minden police officer conducted a traffic stop on Interstate 20 eastbound near the 49-mile marker after observing a black Dodge car traveling at 85 mph in a 70 mph zone. The incident led to a high-speed chase that concluded with the arrest of the driver, identified as Kobe Elkins, 17. The officer activated emergency lights and sirens, but the vehicle maneuvered from the left lane to the right lane, using an 18-wheeler to obscure the pursuit. The vehicle then moved onto the right shoulder with no headlights or tail lights illuminated. The officer notified dispatch and continued the pursuit, with the vehicle switching between the shoulder and the left lane. Traffic conditions were moderate, with three 18-wheelers and two passenger vehicles present during the chase. The suspect’s vehicle reached speeds up

to 120 mph before stopping on the right shoulder due to engine damage. The officer ordered all occupants to place their hands outside the vehicle and for Elkins to exit the vehicle. Elkins complied, was handcuffed, and advised of his Miranda rights. The two passengers, both 17-year-olds, were also frisked, advised of their rights, and questioned. A secondary officer arrived, and the passengers contacted a parent, who took them from the scene as the vehicle was towed. Elkins was transported to Minden Police Department for booking. Elkins was charged with two counts of exceeding the maximum speed limit, aggravated flight, failure to use illuminating devices, and passing on the right. Elkins was found to possess a valid license and had no prior criminal history according to NCIC records. All subjects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

BLOTTER

- Recent Arrests in Webster Parish**

 - Alex Odom, 40, of the 700 block of Plum Street, was arrested for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and illegal possession of stolen things.
 - Miranda Adam, 39, of the 200 block of Beck Street, was arrested for domestic abuse battery and criminal damage to property.
 - Jacob Disstell, 19, of Wills Street in Doyline, was arrested on multiple warrants.
 - Michkeal Johnson, 29, of the 400 block of Columbia Street, was
- arrested for failure to appear in court.
 - Miles Carter, 56, of the 500 block of Midland Street, was arrested for being a fugitive of the Bossier Parish Sheriff’s Office.
 - Devon Rascoe, 19, of the 200 block of College Street, was arrested on three counts of theft, two counts of access device fraud, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, and prohibited acts.
 - Felicia Sims, 47, of the 500 block of Moore Street, was arrested for failure to appear in court.
 - Darrick Gavin, of the

- 700 block of Mignon Street, was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia, pedestrian in roadway, and obstruction.
 - Lakendall Davison, of the 900 block of Bayou Avenue, was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia, pedestrian in roadway, and possession of a Schedule II substance.
 - Shannon Shine, 55, of the 500 block of W R Reeder Street, was arrested for attempted second-degree murder and possession of a firearm by a felon.
 - Michael Waddell, 53, of the 300 block of SE
- 2nd Avenue, was arrested for resisting an officer, possession of a Schedule I substance, traffic laws applying to bicycles, and littering.
 - Shelly Dance, 42, of the 1300 block of Blue Run Road, was arrested for simple battery.
 - Tony Walker, 40, of the 700 block of Plum Street, was arrested for failure to appear in court.
 - Dedrick Miller, 41, of the 100 block of Shreveport Road, was arrested for failure to appear in court.
 - Jamarea Manning, 31, of the 200 block of Miller Street, was ar-

- rested for failure to appear in court.
 - Connie Dixon, 58, of the 600 block of Bradford Street, was arrested for failure to appear in court.
 - William Theus, 37, of the 200 block of Goode Avenue, was arrested for failure to appear in court and two counts of possession with intent to distribute a schedule II substance.
 - Christopher Evans, 36, of the 6500 block of Highway 531, was arrested for being a fugitive of the Webster Parish Sheriff’s Office.
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OPINION

With a Great Need for National Unity, the Olympics Approach

It is oppressively hot in most of the U.S. and certainly here in Louisiana. We are also in the midst of an acrimonious presidential race, now exacerbated by the assassination attempt of Pres. Trump (which I will address next week). And then, like a cool breeze on a hot summer day, the 2024 Paris Olympics, slated to run from Jul 26-Aug 11, arrive.

I watched several parts of the Olympic trials and marveled at how hard each athlete competed to make the national team. You could see the utter elation in the eyes and smiles of those who made it and the abject sadness in those who did not.

Begun in Greece over 2000 years ago as a hoped-for substitute for the continual warfare between the Greek city states, the Olympics are an interesting global phenomenon. The organization succinctly proclaims that “the Olympic Games are the world’s only truly global, multi-sport ... athletics competition. With more than 200 countries participating in over 400 events across the Summer and Winter Games, the Olympics are where the world comes to compete, feel inspired, and be together.” This, of course, prominently includes the Paralympic Games which “provide a platform for Para

athletes with a diverse range of impairments to showcase their outstanding abilities to millions of spectators and billions of TV viewers.”

The head of the Paris 2024 organizing committee, Tony Estanguet, described what the event would look like: “The entire city of Paris has been turned into a vast



ROYAL ALEXANDER

The opening of the games is, itself, fabulous. Various news sources have noted that “the opening ceremony will take place along the Seine River in the heart of Paris. It will mark the first time in the history of the Summer Games that the ceremony will not be held inside a stadium.”

I have always loved the Olympics, and for several distinct reasons. Firstly, in my youth I was a competitive swimmer for a number of years and when I watch the young American swimmers at the Olympics, I am warmly and fondly reminded of those grueling but memorable days.

I am also always moved when one of our Olympians finishes a race or competition, is struggling to catch their breath, has a microphone shoved in their face and gushes “I am so proud to represent my country!” I think it touches most of us.

I am also captivated by the distance runners at 5-, 10- and 15,000-meter distances. I still marvel at the heptathlon, and at how much raw natural talent is necessary to be able to compete at the Olympic level in multiple—and completely different—sports. Talk about cross training! The gymnasts also amaze me with their ability to do multiple somersaults during the floor exercise and then fly HIGH into the air and stop just short of stepping out of bounds! Or on that balance beam, when they somehow do a flip and land on that seemingly very small beam, not breaking their necks! And I find it riveting to watch the men’s 100 meter final and see those ten men load themselves into their blocks to determine the fastest man in the world.

I also love the 4 x 100 and 4 x 400 track relays. To watch each competing nation not only have to run as fast as they possibly can but also be sure the baton is not dropped during the precarious, high-speed exchanges between runners.

I am always inspired by the level of commitment and preparation demanded from these athletes over many years for the mere chance of making the team. I fervently hope for—and often shout out loud for—the American athlete attempting to win the gold medal. I think these are some of the most uniquely American emotions we feel.

As Jefferson recognized in the Declaration of Independence, America takes its place in the world based upon “the separate and equal station to which the laws of nature and Nature’s God entitle it” and we do so proudly because we are Americans first, last, and always.

As President Reagan said, ‘the Olympics provide the ultimate experience in watching athletes strive through honest effort, fair play, discipline, and determination to reach the top ... It’s the personal striving, the ability to achieve the fullest measure of human potential that counts most.”

Amen.
Let’s go America! USA!
USA! USA!

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INSPIRATION

How long will it take us to return to God?

A friend recently asked me “could it be that God is trying to talk to us?”

President Ronald Reagan, quoted II Chronicles 7:14 in his 1981 Inaugural address when he said “If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.”

It seems to me that affluence can deaden our hearts, lessening our dependence upon God?How long has it been since our nation really cared what God thinks about much of anything? If we don’t take a stand, what can we expect to happen to our nation?

We want God to heal our land but let us continue down the same path, to allow us to maintain our lifestyles that we have grown

accustomed to, but do we really want to humble ourselves, pray and seek His face and turn from our wicked ways?

We want to be blessed without really caring what God thinks about much of anything. In light of all of this I must add that it doesn’t matter what I think because God’s Word doesn’t change even though we may have changed our opinion.

When I wake up in the night, to the roar of thunder, I think that maybe God is trying to say to us, “hello, I am not asleep, I am still in control whether you know it

or not.”

We may think “we are masters of our own fate, captains of our own destiny” but in the twinkling of any eye our worlds can be torn apart whether by death, divorce, disaster or loss of our homes.

No one is exempt. To think so is to be naive. Whatever has happened to another can just as easily happen to us. If not why not?

When we, as a nation, disregards what God says how can we continue being blessed. It may take a national disaster such as a depression to cause us to realize that we are not in control.

It’s easy to look down on those less fortunate, especially the homeless and say “they are homeless because they want to be homeless.” I have actually heard a couple of church people make that very comment while talking about homelessness.

The Bible still teaches that there are three categories of sins; the lust of eye, the lust of the flesh and and the pride of life.

We can reach a point of no return.

When I was a child, in the backwoods of Arkansas, minister’s preached a different message. There was right and wrong, no gray areas. As a ten year old child, I knew that this life is not forever.

That is so contrary to what we are being taught today. Now grace covers everything.

We may change our mind but God remains the same. This life is just too short to not go to heaven.

It is easy to be hardened, to turn a deaf ear, but eternity is just too long to miss being in the presence of God.

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FROM THE BACK PORCH

Tornadoes and ‘getting to be that age’

Shongaloo has been very fortunate in the past to miss the area tornadoes but last week was an exception.

We had just arrived at the cemetery to lay my sister in law to rest and it began to rain. The worker who was helping with the service came over to the car and suggested we move around on the other side as a tornado was about to hit. Since we had been inside at the service, we had not heard the weather report. Instead of moving to where she suggested, we chose to go home. This re-

sulted in a good choice as the storm later hit the direction she suggested.

We later learned that when the family left, the



storm hit the exact site. The workers crouched under the canopy, holding it to keep it from blowing away. It folded in half and they lost it so their next move was to run to the cars. They hovered there until the storm

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passed over and then they could survey the damage around them.

This was a terrible week for the family, as not only did they lose one grandmother that week, but two days later, they lost the other one.

Not just storms, that week but Shongaloo lost

another long-time resident, with her service held on Saturday.

The sister in law was my age and the other friend was a few years older. When we arrived at her funeral we learned a long-time friend from Springhill had passed and her funeral will be Tuesday.

A friend sat behind me at the funeral Saturday and told me she had lost a brother that week. After the storm passed on Monday, we surveyed lots of wind damage nearby.

Thankfully, no one was hurt.

As we are losing so many friends and family someone at church this morning reminded me, “You know we’re getting to be that age.”

I don’t have to be reminded.

FANNIE MOORE LIVES IN SHONGALOO.

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YOUTH SOFTBALL

Three Minden Dixie teams win state titles

RUSSELL HEDGES
Minden Press-Herald

Minden Dixie Youth Softball made history last week with three teams winning state tournaments in Alexandria.

Ponytails X-Play

Minden won the Ponytails (12U) X-Play state tournament with a dramatic comeback in the championship game, rallying from a 3-1 deficit against Winn-

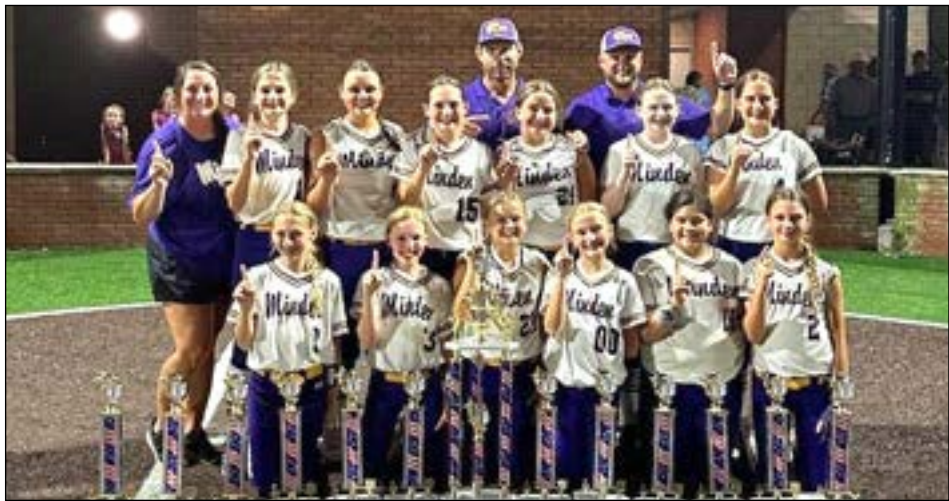
boro in the final inning. Members of the state championship team are Moose Jernigan, Erin Danzy, Brayleigh Lewis, Layla Holford, Chloe Gregg, Ella Wood, Rhea Waller, Emaline Harmon, Jayla Joyner, Karlee Brewer, Kenzie Pamintuan and Lola Huddleston. Coaches are Brittany Smith, Chase Huddleston and Marcus Harmon. Minden will represent Louisiana in the World Series in Prince George, Va.,

starting Friday. Angels X-Play Minden captured the Angels X-Play (10U) state tournament. Minden defeated Monroe 5-4 in the championship game of the double-elimination tournament at the Johnny Downs Sports Complex. That came just after Minden dropped a 5-4 heartbreaker to Monroe, its first loss of the tournament. Members of the state

championship team are Willow Still, Sadie Powell, Peyton Wood, Kynlee Garms, Eme Jernigan, Fal-lyn Hollingsworth, Aniston Igo, Montgomery Ingles, Marian Wimberly, Ellie Kate Perryman, Eastyn Pate and Brooklyn Sunderland. Minden will represent Louisiana in the World Series in Prince George, Va., starting July 26 Darlings Minden won the Dar-

lings (8U) state tournament in Alexandria, going 5-0. Members of the state championship team are Laikyn Hollingsworth, Laikyn Lewis, Aubrey Chanler, Harper Barnette, Annabel Sunderland, Avery Mills, Cheslie Darden, Lexie Perryman, Marley Bogues, Stella Perryman, Ryan Gordon and Andi Brooke Hollingsworth. Coaches are Logan Hollingsworth, Tyler Lewis, Matt Chanler, Jason Sunderland and Kyle Darden

Minden will represent Louisiana in the World Series in Prince George, Va., starting July 26 Sweetees X-Play The Minden All-Stars finished runner-up in the Sweetees (6U) X-Play state tournament in Alexandria and qualified for the World Series which begins July 26 in Monroe. Minden opened the tournament with wins over Ruston and West Monroe.



COURTESY OF THE MINDEN RECREATION CENTER
The Minden Ponytails X-Play (12U) All-Stars won their state tournament last week.



COURTESY OF THE MINDEN RECREATION CENTER
The Minden Sweetees X-Play (6U) All-Stars finished runner-up in their state tournament last week.



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The Minden Darlings (8U) All-Stars won their state tournament last week.



COURTESY OF THE MINDEN RECREATION CENTER
The Minden Angels X-Play (10U) All-Stars won their state tournament last week.

OUTDOORS

A friend and colleague gone too soon

GLYNN HARRIS

I saw the name William Kinnison Haddox in an obituary and it didn't ring a bell until I realized this was the real name for one of my best friends in the outdoors media. His nickname was one I could grasp as could thousands of others who have read and appreciated his work down through the years. Everybody knew him as Kinny Haddox. The month of July marked the beginning and the end for this remarkable man, who was born on July 30, 1952 and passed away on July 1, 2024. Kinny graduated from what was then NLU and began work as an outdoor writer, first for the News Star in Monroe. After several years, he began working for International Paper in Bastrop handling that company's communications. When he left the News Star, I was hired as his replacement, writing weekly outdoors columns for that publication for 13 years. Once he retired from International Paper, he dove head first into free lance writing for magazines and ultimately was named editor of the most popular outdoors magazine based in Louisiana, the Louisiana Sportsman, a position he held until his death. The July 2024 issue of that magazine carried two stories written by Haddox. My relationship with Kinny Haddox has continued through the years chatting via phone about outdoor story possibilities. I picked his brain; he picked mine as in addition to his commanding duties as magazine editor, he continued to churn out excellent free-lance work. Kinny and I were



COURTESY PHOTO
Hunters and anglers have lost a good friend in the recent death of the popular Kinny Haddox.

members of the Louisiana Outdoor Writers Association (LOWA). Most of the members of LOWA lived in south Louisiana. On more than one occasion at annual conference he and I and the other north Louisiana member, Terry Jones, would be honored with writing awards. The three of us became jokingly the Piney Woods Mafia, a title we were honored to claim. I could go on and on about what this guy has meant to me down through the years but nothing is more outstanding in my mind than when I decided to write a book last year. I was asked by the editor to have people I knew who would be willing to write endorsements for my book, "Bamboozled By A Bobcat". The first name I thought of was my friend, Kinny, and

he was completely willing to do this for me. In his own whimsical way, as only Kinny Haddox could do, he wrote "When he picks one out to write about it and you read it, you feel like you've been there with him the whole way. I swear one time after reading one of his tales about catching and cleaning some big old bluegill bream, I thought I could smell fish on my own hands." Kinny Haddox never backed away from writing about controversial matters and he dove into the topics headfirst. Whether it had to do with the proliferation of black bears and the hesitance of state officials to declare a hunting season for bears, or what to do about the rapid spread of feral hogs around

the state, Kinny called 'em as he saw 'em and was not afraid to call officials out when they needed calling out. On the flip side, he wrote about introducing kids to fishing and hunting and his upbringing and being tutored by his elders. He loved to write about his favorite fishing hole, Bussey Brake and his stories about how this fantastic fishery evolved make fascinating reading. The outdoors world has lost a true disciple of all things outdoors and the thoughts in his mind that were transferred to his fingers as the millions of words he wrote over the years will remain in the hearts of Kinny Haddox's fans for ages to come. I, for one, will never forget my special friend.

Fishing Report

BLACK BAYOU – Lots of moss and pads. No report this week. Contact Honey Hole Tackle Shop 323-8707 for latest information. BUSSEY BRAKE – Big bass continue to come in on jigs and oversized plastic worms. 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 – Bass fishing has improved fishing shad imitation lures in the cuts as well as back in the sloughs. Crappie fishing has been quite good fishing shiners or jigs in the sloughs. Some bream are being caught up the bayou. For latest information, contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707. LAKE D'ARBONNE – Bass have been best early morning on topwaters fished around the edge of the grass. Topwater lures are best early mornings 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 off the beds and scattered. 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 CLAIRBORNE – Bass fishing is best at night fishing

soft plastics and dark spinners and crank baits. Some have been caught early mornings on topwater lures. Crappie have moved deep and are best around submerged brush on shiners and jigs. Better fishing has been late afternoons. Bream are fair 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 – Bass fishing has been good at night on oversized plastic worms and deep diving crank baits with some big fish reportedly caught. Bream fishing is beginning to slow down as the weather and water temperatures are heating up. 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 – Bream and catfish are biting best on the south end of the lake. Bass and crappie have slowed. For latest reports, call Poverty Point Marina at 318/878-0101. LAKE YUCATAN – The water is on a slow rise with crappie, bream and catfish slow. However, lots of catfish and bar fish are being caught. For info call Surplus City Landing at 318/467-2259.

Good News

GOOD NEWS

Sundays on the Farm in the Summertime

Field work usually stopped on the farm at Saturday noon. Daddy would wash up, shave and go to town. He would take care of business and bring ‘groceries’ home for the week. The kids ‘cleaned up’ later after getting the evening chores done. We had two # 3 wash tubs (for washing clothes) but on Saturday they were ‘reserved’. The girls used one; the boys the other. Both tubs had water in them all morning basking in the sun, warming up for the big splash sometime after lunch. The older teens usually had dates or other plans for Saturday night. “Gun Smoke” and “Have Gun Will Travel” were popular television western shows we never missed – before the 10:00 curfew. Lights out!

A couple of my sisters went to church on Sunday morning, but it usually was a ‘lazy moving’ for the rest of us. Mama and Grandma had plenty of time to

‘throw together Sunday dinner.’ Usually it involved ‘wringing the neck of a chicken’; gathering peas, beans, tomatoes, or okra from the garden, mixing up a fresh pan of biscuits or cornbread. Oh, and a nice sliced onion always spiced things up. Desserts were extra ‘treats’: rice or biscuit pudding, pear cobbler, or butterscotch pudding from daddy’s Watkins products. Often times, we settled for a fig/biscuit, jelly or syrup on a slice of toasted cornbread. It was a ‘rare day in June’ when we had banana pudding. (Usually a stack of bananas disappeared fast at the Crider house...with 7 children moving through the kitchen with ‘grab one’ on their minds).



Bill Crider

You’ve got to remember: we only saw bananas a couple of times a year, so when they were ‘smiling at you as you passed through the kitchen,’ temptation was just too much to resist! This was during the time families didn’t eat ‘the pyramid scale.’ They ate what was available... and were very thankful! Whatever it was we had, it was good! ‘Cause my daddy said it was good! That’s how I knew it. No complaining allowed about the food at our table! “Just be thankful!”

After dinner, Mama and my sisters would clean the dishes, clear the table of leftovers, and cover the bread, vegetables on the table with a special cloth. (Refrigerator would come later). Throughout the afternoon, kids would make trips through the kitchen, snitching an onion, a piece of corn bread or a left over chicken leg for a snack. Times were good! No poor folks living

in our neck of the woods. We ate ‘high on the hog or chicken whichever it was that week.’

Later in life, my parents were ‘saved’ and begin attending church on Sunday nights. Daddy loved the men’s class (Church Training). Guess he was making up for all that he missed in earlier years. They were the first to arrive and the first to leave – backing into the parking place so he could leave in time to see Bonanza at 8:00 PM. I became a Christian on Easter Sunday, my first year in college and enjoyed attending church with them when I was home on Sunday nights. But Sunday Dinner remained pretty much the same through the years. Mama never really learned to scale down her proportions for 10 to 2 servings after we all left home. That meant leftovers for several days for them. Poor daddy! Ha.

Simple folks living simple lives; loving God and their

neighbors! Remember the hit song by The Judds: “Grandpa, Tell Me About the Good Old Days?” Sometimes I think we lost something in the search for the good life. Seems we discarded a lot of character building traits as we climbed up the ladder for success. Fast food stops satisfy our hurried appetites on Sunday; gardens have been replaced by the supermarkets; neighbors are too busy to stop by and visit on Sunday afternoons, few people ‘just ride around seeing their neighbors and crops.’ Everyone’s inside air-conditioned homes, sending text messages or face-booking folks around the world. What does your Sunday look like in the summer?

BILL CRIDER IS CHAPLAIN OF MINDEN MEDICAL CENTER

THE UPWARD LOOK

Work Wholeheartedly

“Don’t work only while being time, whether anyone sees him or not. watched, as people-pleasers, but as slaves of Christ, do God’s will from your heart.” Ephesians 6:6 CSB



Max Hutto

Some workers only work hard, doing a good job, when they are being watched by the boss. They seek to simply please when seen by the boss, making a good impression. Then when the boss is gone, it is play time. Yet Paul teaches that the believer is to work hard and do a good job all the

He is to consistently, conscientiously, and wholeheartedly do his work, do God’s will, because he is a servant, a slave, a follower of Christ.

Lord Jesus, I seek to please You by doing my very best at whatever job or task has been given to me. May I bring You honor and glory in all that I do.

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

INSPIRATION

Be The Change

I debated with myself quite a bit about what I would say in this week’s message and the topic of change comes to mind. I have been involved in the church for a while and you hear it said so many times “ I wish things would change”. I have ministered in the world around me for years and I hear one common complaint “I wish things would change”. In my message for this week, I would like to encourage everyone to stop wishing and start doing. Jesus made a habit of leading by example. Everything Jesus taught he lived without compromise. We need to be the change




Bernard Harris

we want to see in the world. If we live out the example Christ lived out for us I honestly believe we could change the world. I know that there are many that would say this ideal is impractical or even impossible but I know that nothing is impossible when God is involved. As I close this article I encourage everyone to walk by faith and stay steadfast in the word and the rest of the world will follow.

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

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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
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WEBSTER PARISH WOMEN'S JAIL
WEBSTER PARISH, LOUISIANA

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed Bids for the construction of the WEBSTER PARISH WOMEN'S JAIL will be received, by WEBSTER PARISH POLICE JURY, at the office of the WEBSTER PARISH POLICE JURY, 401 Main Street, West Entrance, Minden, Louisiana 71058, until 2:00 PM local time on TUESDAY, JULY 30TH, at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read. The Project consists of constructing Webster Parish Women's Jail.

Bids will be received for a single prime Contract. Bids shall be on a lump sum and unit price basis, with additive alternate bid items as indicated in the Bid Form.

In accordance with Act No. 590 of the 2008 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, bids may be submitted electronically at <https://www.bidnetdirect.com>. Vendors/Contractors who decide to submit electronic bids will also have to pay an annual fee for digital signatures as required by state law.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is: COTHREN, GRAFF, SMOAK ENGINEERING, INC., 6305 WESTPORT AVENUE, SHREVEPORT, LA, 318-687-3732, D. B. Graff, dbgcgs@bell-south.net, Engineer. Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Mondays through Fridays between the hours of 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM, and may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office as described below.

Bidding Documents also may be examined at the Webster Parish Police Jury, on Mondays through Fridays between the hours of 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM; and the office of the Engineer, Cothren, Graff, Smoak Engineering, Inc., on Mondays through Fridays between the hours of 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

Printed copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from the Issuing Office, during the hours indicated above, upon payment of a deposit of \$100.00 for each set. Bidders who return full sets of the Bidding Documents in good condition (suitable for re-use) within 30 days after receipt of Bids will receive a full refund. Non-Bidders, and Bidders who obtain more than one set of the Bidding Documents, will receive a refund of \$.50.00 for documents returned in good condition within the time limit indicated above. Checks for Bidding Documents shall be payable to "Cothren, Graff, Smoak Engineering, Inc.". Upon request and receipt of the document deposit indicated above plus a non-refundable shipping charge, the Issuing Office will transmit the Bidding Documents via delivery service. The shipping charge amount will depend on the shipping method selected by the prospective Bidder. The date that the Bidding Documents are transmitted by the Issuing Office will be considered the Bidder's date of receipt of the Bidding Documents. Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office. Neither

Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including Addenda if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office.

Bid security shall be furnished in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

"Section 746 of Title VII of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2017 (Division A - Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017) and subsequent statutes mandating domestic preference applies an American Iron and Steel requirement to this project. All listed iron and steel products used in this project must be produced in the United States. The term "iron and steel products" means the following products made primarily of iron or steel: lined or unlined pipes and fittings, manhole covers and other municipal castings, hydrants, tanks, flanges, pipe clamps and restraints, valves, structural steel, reinforced precast concrete, and construction materials. The minimis and minor components waiver apply to this contract."

WEBSTER PARISH POLICE JURY
By: Title: Date: June 25, 2024

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

CITY OF MINDEN
Owner

520 BROADWAY
Address

MINDEN, LA 71055
City, State, Zip

Separate sealed BIDS for the construction of MINDEN PUBLIC WORKS FACILITIES OFFICE BUILDING will be received by the CITY OF MINDEN at the CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM, 520 BROADWAY, MINDEN, LOUISIANA 71055 until 9:00 A.M. Monday, August 5, 2024, and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud as permitted by public bid law. This is in accordance with La R.S. 38:2212 (A)(1)(b), the provisions of La R.S. 38:2212.

Each bidder must have an active Unique Entity ID (SAM), as verified on www.sam.gov, prior to beginning of construction.

The CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be examined at the following location(s): Cothren Graff Smoak Engineering, Inc., 6305 Westport Avenue, Shreveport, LA 71129.

Copies of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be obtained at the office of COTHREN, GRAFF, SMOAK ENGINEERING, INC. upon payment of \$ 75.00 for each set, which is refundable to prime bidders within 10 days after receipt of bids. Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids for just cause.

Contract documents will also be available online at www.BidExpress.com. Contractors are provided the option to submit bid for public contracts through a uniform and secure electronic interactive system as stated in Louisiana Bid Law R.S. 38:2212.1.

Bids shall be in a sealed envelope marked "DO NOT OPEN - SEALED BID - MINDEN PUBLIC WORKS FACILITIES OFFICE BUILDING - BID NUMBER 04-2024 - ATTN: CITY CLERK". Bidder shall include their full company name, address and license number, as issued by the State of Louisiana Contractors Licensing Board on the outside of the envelope containing said bid documents.

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Army National Guard in coordination with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6 and Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality is issuing this solicitation of interest in establishing a Restoration Advisory Board Former Louisiana Army Ammunition Plant (LAAP) Camp Minden, Webster and Bossier Parishes, Louisiana

Federal Facility No. LA0213820533

Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality Agency

Interest No. 8993

Army National Guard (ARNG), in coordination with the Louisiana Military Department, Environmental Protection Agency, and Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, recognizes the importance of stakeholder participation and community outreach regarding the ongoing Installation Restoration (IR) and Military Munitions Response (MMR) Programs at the former LAAP, now known as Camp Minden. Therefore, ARNG is soliciting interest in the establishment of a Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) to provide expanded opportunities for stakeholder relations and two-way communication between ARNG and the community.

The RAB is intended to include members who represent the diverse interests of the local community. The RAB will be asked to review and comment on plans and activities relating to the ongoing environmental studies and restoration activities at Camp Minden. Members will have the opportunity to provide input on activities that may accelerate the restoration. Members will also be expected to serve as a voluntary liaison between the RAB and community members, and be available to meet with community members and/or other interested parties. The RAB meetings will be open to the public.

Interested persons must be local residents of Bossier or Webster Parishes. Members will be expected to serve a 2-year term and attend RAB meetings regularly. Members will determine the frequency and preferred location of their meetings.

For more information on the environmental restoration programs at Camp Minden, or if you are interested in the establishment of a RAB and participating, contact Lt. Col. Noel Collins at noel.collins@la.gov or 318-290-5027.

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MINUTES VILLAGE OF DOYLINE
JUNE 3, 2024
COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting was called to Order by Mayor Gates. Invocation was offered by Jackie Daniels and the Pledge of Allegiance by Rachael Muniz. Roll was called; present were Mayor Gates, Alderman Bridwell, Alderman Muniz, Alderman Daniels, Chief Hayden and Municipal Clerk Mrs. Kilburn. None Absent.

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

Introduction of the 2024-2025 Budget was made. Mike Dunaway was unable to make the meeting so the Mayor offered discussion regarding the condition of the sewer plant improving and the water nuisance improvements on Roy Hill Road.

Ms. Kilburn let the council know the inmate crew may be coming available to us for a second day a week, possibly Mondays. The fire department has agreed to offer us assistance with cleaning culverts and hopefully relieving even more of the water conditions around town. Chief Hayden reports things are well in his department and he anticipates no serious conditions.

Motion was made by Steven Bridwell, seconded by Rachael Muniz to adjourn, motion carried.

Myra Kilburn, Clerk

Mayor Crystal Gates

July 17, 2024
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Public Notice is hereby given that the City of Minden's 2024-2025 Proposed Budget is available for public inspection in the Office of the Mayor at Minden City Hall, located at 520 Broadway Street, Minden, Louisiana 71055. The public will be able to view the proposed budget between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. A Public Hearing will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, August 5, 2024, in the Council Chambers at Minden City Hall; the August 2024 Regular Session

City Council Meeting will immediately follow the hearing. The public is hereby invited to attend and provide input. City Clerk Office City of Minden

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SHERIFF'S SALE

21ST MORTGAGE CORPORATION VS. KENDRICK OS-HAY JACKSON, INDIVIDUALLY & AS SURVIVING SPOUSE IN COMMUNITY WITH LISA ANN JACKSON AKA LISA ANN PENNINGTON JACKSON

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 81521.

By virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued out of the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, in the above styled and numbered suit and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder for cash WITH the benefit of appraisal and according to law at the principal front door of the Court-house in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana on WEDNESDAY, August 21, 2024. During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

A 0.83 acre, more or less, tract of land located in the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NE 1/4 of SW 1/4), Section 26, Township 19 North, Range 9 West, Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana, being a portion of Lot No. 39, Deerfield Subdivision, Unit No. 2, 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 4, at Page 17, being more particularly described as follows:

Begin at a found, small iron pipe, located on the apparent East right of way of Deerfield Boulevard, being the Northwest Corner of Lot No. 40, Deerfield Subdivision, Unit No. 2, for the Point of Beginning, and run North for a distance of 140.69 feet to a set 1/2 inch iron rod at the intersection of said East right of way, and the apparent South right of way of U.S. Highway No. 80, and run along said apparent South right of way for the next two (2) calls; thence run South 82 degrees 21 minutes 00 seconds East for a distance of 230.61 feet to a set 2 inch iron pipe; thence run South 67 degrees 06 minutes 00 seconds East for a distance of 88.41 feet to a set 1/2 inch iron rod; thence run South for a distance of 75.47 feet to a set 1/2 inch iron rod at the Northeast Corner of said Lot No. 40; thence run South 89 degrees 58 minutes 40 seconds West for a distance of 310.00 feet to the Point of Beginning.

All as more fully shown on that certain Survey by Paul W. Culpepper, P.L.S. recorded October 8, 2020, in Conveyance Records under Registry No. 585684, official records of the Webster Parish Clerk of Court, State of Louisiana.

2021 Oak Creek mobile home bearing serial numbers OCO12133593A and OCO12133593B

486 Deerfield Boulevard
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

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July 9, 2024

Webster Parish Community Action Agency is now accepting food service bids for the upcoming school year, 2024-2025. Sealed bids will be received until: 10:00a.m. August 5, 2024. All bids will be publicly opened at this time and read for the following items:

Processed Foods, Meat and Meat Products, Produce, Bread and Bread Products and Milk and Milk Products.

The undersigned reserves the right to reject any and all bids or waive informalities and accept the bid which best serves their interest. Individuals representing accept bids will be notified by telephone or by mail if not present at the bid opening. Please include a certification stating that vendor has not been debarred or suspended from receiving Federal Dollars. Be sure to complete all enclosed forms and return no later than. Please indicate on the outside of the bid envelope "Food Service Bid".

Mail or Hand Deliver bids to: Webster Parish Community Action Agency
Office of Community Services
P.O. Box 876 / 208 Gleason St.
Minden, LA. 71058-0876

Please direct all questions to Webster Parish Head Start / Early Head Start at 318-377-7022 ext. 212.

Sincerely,
Melinda Davidson
Melinda Davidson
Executive Director

MD/VD
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July 24, 2024
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PUBLIC NOTICE

July 15, 2024

Notice is hereby given that Webster Parish Police Jury Office of Community Services intends to apply for a federal grant for operating assistance and/or capital assistance to provide Rural Public Transportation of a non-emergency, ambulatory nature for the FY 2024-2025 program year. The application for assistance is pursuant to the Non-Urbanized Area Formula Program of 49 CFR 5311. Services will generally be between Mon - Fri and 6 am to 6 pm. in the area encompassing Webster Parish, Louisiana. Transit services are provided without regard to race, color, and national origin in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act.

Written comment on the proposed services may be sent within 15 days to Webster Parish Police Jury Office of Community Services P.O. Box 876 Minden, LA 71058, and to Program Manager, Department of Transportation and Development, P. O. Box 94245, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9245. Comments must be received by (15 days after date of publication).

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July 8, 2024

The Sibley Town Council met in regular session on Monday, July 8, 2024, at 6:00 PM in the Sibley Town Hall Meeting Room.

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

Mayor Smart opened the meeting with prayer and he led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Wayne Bolton motioned to adopt the minutes of the June 10, 2024, regular meeting as written; Keith Merritt seconded. Motion carried.

There were no new items added to the agenda nor public comments.

Assistant Fire Chief Richard Davis gave the June, 2024, activity report for the Sibley Volunteer Fire Department.

Police Chief Jeremy Robinson gave the June, 2024, activity report for the Sibley Police Department.

The Council acknowledged receipt of the June, 2024, financial reports.

Mayor Smart reported that funds have been received to replace the water treatment facility, to install water distribution lines in the Salt Works system, and to resurface Weatherston Street and Crichton Road.

Alan Myers motioned to adjourn; Helen Chanler seconded. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.

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Notice if hereby given pursuant to Article 7, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B) that a public hearing of Webster Parish Police Jury in Webster Parish, Louisiana will be held at its regular meeting place in the Webster Parish Courthouse Annex, 401 Main Street, West Entrance, Minden, Louisiana, 71055 on Tuesday, September 3, 2024 at 10:30a.m. to consider levying additional or increased millage rates without further voter approval or adjusted millage rates after reassessment and rolling forward to rates not to exceed the prior year’s maximum. The estimated amount of tax revenue to be collected in the next year from the increased millage is \$2,857,790, and the amount of increase in taxes attributable to the millage increase is \$157,265.

GARDENING WITH DR. JOE WHITE

A SECOND SEASON FOR VEGETABLE GARDENS

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

Here in the deep South we have learned that twice a year we have weather suitable for growing vegetables. Well, the time has come again to plant some vegetables. But like the spring there are those that need to be started while it’s still hot while others must not be planted until later after cooler weather arrives. However, there are a few crops that can survive the summer season from a spring planting...crops such as sweet potatoes, okra, southern peas and hot peppers. Fortunately, nearly three fourths of the vegetables we plant in the spring months can be grown successfully in fall gardens.

Before starting a fall garden, you should be well aware of two important factors that play a major role in such a garden being successful. First, water is crucial. It must be supplied as often as needed and in the amount needed. Some vegetable crops require more water and possibly more often than others. Secondly, destructive insects are usually present in peak numbers and must be controlled. Thus, monitoring your crops daily for insect damage should be a regular practice. But be careful not to kill any bees or other useful insects. Failure for insects to visit and pollinate flowers will result in the inability for the plant to set fruit.

Persons who grow vegetable gardens in north Louisiana should expect some success when planting the following crops during the time periods shown:

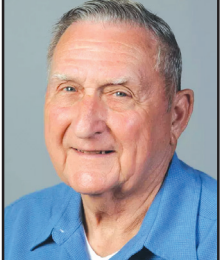
Snap beans (bush types only) August 25 to Sept. 1

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Garden beets
Broccoli (seed)
Broccoli (transplants)
Brussels sprouts (seed)
Cabbage
Carrots
Swiss chard
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Kale
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Lettuce
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Onions (seed)
Onions (sets or transplants)
English peas
Radishes
Shallots
Spinach
Turnips

August 20 to Sept. 5
August 20 to Sept. 15
August 1 to August 25
August 25 to Sept. 10
August 1 to August 25
August 15 to Sept. 10
Sept. 1 to Oct. 1
August 15 to Oct. 1
July 20 to Sept. 15
July 15 to Sept. 15
Sept. 20 to Oct. 20
August 15 to Oct. 15
August 15 to Oct. 15
August 25 to Sept. 15
August 1 to Oct. 25
Sept. 25 to Oct. 30
Dec.1 to Feb. 15
August 25 to Sept. 10
August 25 to Oct. 25
July 15 to Dec 1
Sept. 15 to Nov. 1
August 1 to Oct. 25

When you select specific cultivars or varieties of vegetables to plant in your fall garden, it’s generally best if you choose those which have the shortest maturity dates. While not a guarantee, this strategy will more nearly enable you to harvest the more tender, warm season vegetables before they are destroyed by an early frost or freeze.


Several of the vegetables planted in the fall thrive in the cooler weather of late fall and a few will even tolerate light frosts without much damage. Unfortunately, these are often the same ones that require the most care in their early stages of growth.



JOE W. WHITE, Ph.D.

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 Webster Parish Fire District No. 3 Board of Commissioners in Webster Parish will be held at its regular meeting place, in the Office Building at Station #1, located at, 349 Main Street, Doyline, LA on Tuesday, September 10, 2024 at 6:30p.m. 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 \$182,530.00, and the amount of increase in taxes attributable to the millage increase is \$17,330.00.

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