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MINDEN AIRPORT

Minden airport welcomes Molly Fowler as interim manager amid expansion plans

WILL PHILLIPS
Minden Press-Herald

The Minden Airport has appointed Molly Fowler as the interim airport manager following the departure of the previous management. With a deep-rooted passion for aviation and a vision for the airport's future, Fowler is poised to lead Minden Airport through an exciting phase of growth

and development. "I was appointed interim airport manager after the previous airport management left. I have worked at Minden Airport for three years, where I was fortunate enough to have a great mentor, Steven Burdeaux, who taught me the ins and outs of how an airport operates," said Fowler. Fowler's career in aviation spans four years, dur-

ing which she has earned a commercial pilot certificate. "I have been involved in aviation for four years as a pilot, and I hold a commercial pilot certificate. I am also in school for Aviation Management and will graduate in the fall of 2024," she shared, highlighting her dedication to both the

practical and academic facets of the field. Looking toward the future, Fowler shared some of the projects that Minden Airport is set to embark on. "The airport has a lot of potential for growth and development. Currently, we are working to build more hangars, which will increase the

number of aircraft here. I would also like to add a full wildlife fence," Fowler explained. These developments aim to enhance the airport's capacity and safety, making it a more attractive destination for aircraft owners to house their planes. Fowler's vision extends beyond immediate infrastructure improvements. "My long-term goal is to install more sophisticated

approach systems so aircraft can land in less-than-ideal weather conditions," Fowler stated. As Fowler steps into her new role, she has outlined her commitment to upgrading the airport's technological capabilities to ensure safer and more reliable operations. With her blend of experience, education, and a clear vi-

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FOWLER

EDUCATION

16th Annual Pack the Bus a big success

AMBER MCDOWN
Minden Press-Herald

The Webster Parish School Board held its 16th Annual Pack the Bus supply drive on July 26 in Minden and July 27 in Springhill. The donations gathered play a crucial role in helping students start the upcoming school year with the necessary supplies. "Pack the Bus was a success again this year. Over \$1,000 was raised for the event and over half of the bus was packed with supplies. We are appreciative of the support and look forward to servicing our students next Sunday," said Community Liaison Ursula Hullaby. Supplies will be distributed at the Back to School Bash on Sunday, August 4, from 3 PM to 6 PM at Webster Jr. High School in Minden and the CAC Building in Springhill. The Back to School Bash will feature supplies, clothes, raffles,



AMBER MCDOWN/PRESS-HERALD PHOTOS
The Webster Parish School Board will host its 16th Annual Supply Drive Back to School Bash on Sunday, August 4, from 3 PM. to 6 PM. In Minden, the event will take place at Webster Jr. High School, while in Springhill, it will be held at the CAC Building.

games, snacks, and entertainment. The first 50 students will receive a free Back to School Bash t-shirt. For the first time since COVID restrictions were lifted, ten barbers will be at Webster Jr. High School to provide free standard haircuts for students pre-K through 12th grade. Haircuts will be provided by Woo's Barber and Style Shop and Boss

Man Barber College. Organizers aim to create a memorable event where students can reconnect with friends and meet dedicated teachers and administrators. The Pack the Bus initiative continues to demonstrate the community's commitment to supporting local students, ensuring they have the tools needed for a successful



school year. It's not too late to contribute to this event. For more information, contact Mrs. Hullaby at (318) 377-7052. The first day of school for public schools in Webster Parish will be Friday, August 9.

MPD

Minden Police Department enhances training and facilities

AMBER MCDOWN
Minden Press-Herald

The Minden Police Department is undergoing a series of updates and improvements. "We're beefing up our training as a department," McIver said. The department's enhanced training program includes advanced first-aid, tactical first-aid, CPR, defensive tactics, firearms, less-lethal tactics, driving training, and more. "Our goal is to have in-house instructors for everything that we're required to do, but also to do more advanced training," McIver added. Police departments must certify and recertify officers in specific areas annually. "Training" is considered to be anything beyond what is required by the state. McIver emphasized the importance of training, stating, "We're going to react to situations how we're trained to do. The more we train, the more it becomes second nature." The department also has one officer starting academy training and another on the verge of graduation. Deputy Chief Tokia Harri-

son is scheduled to deliver a speech at the Shreveport Graduation Academy on August 2, offering words of encouragement to the graduating officers. Facility improvements are also underway, including the expansion of the training room to accommodate more personnel. Additionally, the department is working on acquiring more vehicles, with the city council's support playing a key role. Chief McIver is addressing traffic safety concerns, particularly the high number of accidents on Homer Road. "We have too many wrecks on Homer Road," McIver said, attributing the accidents to drivers running red lights and not paying attention. The most problematic areas are the five-way intersection by the library, in front of Brookshires, the Fincher Road intersection by Walgreens and CVS, and the area near Sonic. The department is collecting data to develop solutions and improve safety. "We're constantly looking at ways to improve safety around the city," McIver said.



MCIVER

WPSB

Webster Parish School Board welcomes 37 new teachers with breakfast

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Minden Press-Herald

The Webster Parish School Board held a New Teacher Breakfast on July 29 at Harper Pathways to Excellence to welcome 37 new teachers to the parish. Members of the administration, district staff, the Greater Minden Chamber, and sponsor Bonvenu Bank attended to greet the new educators, provide breakfast, and show appreciation for those teaching Webster Parish children this year. The orientation included essential topics such as software programs for recording grades, attendance, and other administrative tasks. Teachers also learned about differentiated instructional strategies to address di-



AMBER MCDOWN/PRESS-HERALD PHOTO

New teachers in Webster Parish gather for the New Teacher Breakfast. The event welcomed 37 new educators and provided orientation on essential teaching tools and strategies.

verse learning needs and effective classroom management techniques for a positive and productive environment. The event also allowed new faculty members to network and form connections, strengthening their support system for the upcoming school year. The first day for students is August 9.



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WEBSTER & MORE

OBITUARIES



Alan Dale
Cameron, D.V.M

Dr. Alan Dale Cameron was born on April 28, 1940, in Wesson, Arkansas. He died in the comfort of his home, in Minden, Louisiana, on Friday, July 26, 2024.

Alan was preceded in death by his parents, Alvis Henry and Annie Pearl McDonald Cameron of Smackover, Arkansas, his brother, Donald Cameron of Haynesville, Louisiana, and his step-daughter, Jamie McCoy Averitt, of Haughton, Louisiana.

He is survived by his wife of 28 years, Sharon East-erling Cameron of Minden, three daughters, Christi Ann Cameron Owen and husband, David, of Minden, Mary Ashley Cameron Hamlin and husband, David, of Springhill, Louisiana, and Alexis Brooke Cameron Barnes and husband, Burt, of Celina, Texas, and sister, Saralyn Cameron Ontis and husband Earl of Smack-over, Arkansas.

Alan’s legacy continues in the lives of his grandchil-dren, Brittany Owen and husband, Alex, of Youngsville, Louisiana, Cameron Owen of New Orleans, Louisiana, Hayden Frye and wife, Jessica, of Bossier City, Louisi-ana, Marshal Frye and wife, Madeline, of Fairhope, Ala-bama, Bryson Barnes of Celina, Texas, and step-grand-daughter Megan Averitt Teutsch and husband, Hunter, of Ringgold, Louisiana. His blessings continue with five great grandchildren, Quinn Hoover, Gabe Hoover, Em-malyn Frye, Mason Frye, and Anniston Frye.

He was loved by an extended family of step-grand-children, step-great grandchildren, cousins, nieces and nephews, along with a host of close friends.

Alan gave his heart to Jesus as an early age at First Baptist Church of Smackover. He loved the Lord, study-ing His word, and serving Him. He gave his talents in service as a Sunday school teacher and deacon. He shared the love of Jesus on numerous mission trips from Angola prison to Costa Rica, supported foreign missionaries, and was a member of Gideons Interna-tional. He was most currently a member at First Baptist Church, of Minden.

Alan was a life-long learner. He graduated in 1958 from Smackover High School, and after joining the Army Reserves and completing basic training at Fort Leonardwood, Missouri, he attended and gradu-ated from Louisiana Tech University. From there, he achieved a doctorate degree in veterinary medicine at Auburn University in Auburn, Alabama. In 1967, he graduated and moved his young family to Minden, to intern with Dr. Tom Alley. He later worked alongside Dr. Wilkins, bought the practice, and founded Cam-eron Veterinary Hospital. His pursuit of excellence and continued education defined his practice at Cameron Veterinary Hospital for over 50 years. Here, he served many devoted clients, caring for their animals, large and small.

As a small business owner, Alan demonstrated an active life of community service, and was an avid sup-porter of other local small businesses. He was an active member of the Lions Club since 1970, and was a past member of the Jaycee’s, Minden Tennis and Aquatic Club, and the Chamber of Commerce. He supported various Minden High School sporting events, and held season football tickets for decades, two of which he was a proud Louisi-Anne Dad and Granddad. He also cheered his grandchildren in their pursuits in football, baseball, softball, and swimming.

Alan was known for the pride he felt in his Scottish heritage. This interest was peaked on a trip to Scotland in the 1980’s, when he attended an international veteri-nary convention. He discovered a great love for gene-alogy and Scottish Highland Cattle. In the early 1990’s he purchased his farm outside of Minden, and devel-oped the beautiful Scotland Farms of Louisiana. Here he raised registered Scottish Highland Cattle, a novelty breed, at the time in our area. These uniquely beauti-ful creatures were the beginnings of numerous herds, sought by and sold to many throughout the south. He was blessed to attend the International Highland Cattle Meeting in New Zealand with the Highland Cattle As-sociation of North America. Alan felt it important to share his knowledge of his Scottish heritage with his family and community. He became a co-founder of the Scottish Society of the Louisiana Highlands in Novem-ber of 1995. He founded the Annual Tartan Festival, which he hosted on his farm for 20 years. He traveled back to Scotland on two other occasions, highlighted by the 2009 International Clan Cameron Gathering

Though his work, church, farm, and family required tireless hours, Alan enjoyed several hobbies. He loved to bass fish, ever chasing the elusive “double-digit” bass in Jonesboro’s Caney Lake, and quail hunting on leases in West Texas and Kansas. He hosted many fam-ily members and friends on these hunts, few of whom could keep up with him, and his highly skilled bird dogs, through the brush. He loved the outdoors, but also found joy in competition badminton. This Senior Olympian won numerous medals in state and national tournaments.

Alan was a unique man, with unique talents and pur-suits. He lived, learned, and loved big, with big ideas and a tenacity and work ethic to bring them to reality. This larger than life persona earned him the name, “Big Granddaddy.” His legacy lives in his beloved spouse, his daughters, and his grandchildren.

Though we are sad today, we claim Psalm 30:5. “...joy comes in the morning.” Until we meet again...

A visitation was held Sunday, July 28, 2024, 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. at Rose Neath Funeral Home in Minden, Louisiana with funeral services Monday, July 29, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Minden, Louisiana with Bro. Steve Gilley officiated. Interment followed at Rocky Mount Cemetery in Ringgold, Louisiana under the direction of Rose Neath Funeral Home in Minden, Louisiana.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Holy An-gels School, 10450 Ellerbe Road, Shreveport, Louisiana 71106.

Marie was born November 22, 1929, in Winnfield, Louisiana and she joined her husband Thomas in heaven on July 25, 2024, in Minden, Louisiana.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas E. Parker, Jr. son Steven Parker, daughter Terri Parker, and grandchildren Casey and Marci Adcock.

She is survived by her daughters Cheryl Whatley and husband Ronnie of Minden and Sally Pope and hus-band John of McKinney, Texas, additionally she loved each of her five grandchildren and eleven great-grand-children and a host of relatives and friends.

The family is forever grateful to Passages Hospice and the caring staff at Town and Country.

siana and entered into rest July 28, 2024, in Minden, Louisiana.

She was preceded in death by her husband’s Carl L. Tharpe, Sr. and W. H. Pilcher and infant son, John Lyn Tharpe

She is survived by her son, Carl Tharpe, Jr. of Shreve-port, daughters, Carla Prioux and husband Rusty of Sibley, and Sheri Davis and husband Mark of Orange, Texas, sister-in-law, Rita McBroom of Minden, grand-children, Rebecca, Brenda, Sarah, Rocky, Matthew, Jeremy, Austin, and Dillon, numerous great-grand-children and nieces, Jennifer McBroom and Connie Brown.

Pallbearers will be Dillon Tharpe, Don Tharpe, Cody Procell, Robert Jones, Lane O’Rear, and Matt Ellis.

AIRPORT

Continued from Page 1 Fowler is set to guide
sion for progress, Molly Minden Airport to new
heights.

EDUCATION

NLTCC joins Complete
College America initiative
to boost student success

Northwest Louisiana Technical Commu-nity College (NLTCC) is proud to announce its selection to partic-ipate in the Bill and Melinda Gates Founda-tion’s Intermediaries for Scale Initiative (IfS), led by Complete Col-lege America (CCA). The project, led by CCA, is called the “Complete College Accelerator.” This five-year initiative will engage NLTCC in efforts to transform its institutional practices to improve student suc-cess.

NLTCC recently had the pleasure of welcom-ing Dr. F. Janelle Han-nah Jefferson, Ph.D. (Alliance Engagement Director) and Dr. Akilah Martin, Ed.D. (Strategy Director) from CCA for an all-day training ses-sion. Twelve members of NLTCC’s faculty and staff participated in the training, which in-cluded an overview of CCA’s Strategic Pillars and Complete College Accelerator Project, breakout discussions to define student success and institutional trans-formation, strategic planning sessions, and a thorough review of data.

“We are so excited to join the Complete Col-lege America team and utilize the resources available through this initiative,” said Kelli Robinson, NLTCC Min-den Campus Director and Director of Student

Services. “Our goal is to improve student suc-cess, and create a last-ing positive impact on our college and our stu-dents.”

This partnership with CCA is a significant step forward in NLTCC’s commitment to provid-ing quality education and support for stu-dents. The college looks forward to collaborating with CCA to create an environment where stu-dents can achieve their full potential and suc-ceed in their academic and career goals.

About NLTCC:

Northwest Louisiana Technical Community College is a public in-stitution of higher edu-cation that provides high-quality academic, workforce training, and transfer opportunities through the delivery of associate degrees, tech-nical diplomas, and certificates that inspire students to enter to-day’s competitive global workforce.

About Complete Col-lege America:

Complete College America is a bold na-tional advocate for dra-matically increasing college completion rates and closing institutional performance gaps by working with states, sys-tems, institutions, and partners to scale highly effective structural re-forms and promote policies that improve student success.



Marie Griffin
Parker

Graveside services for Marie G. Parker were held Sunday, July 28, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. at Gardens of Memory in Minden, Louisiana under the direction of Rose Neath Funeral Home in Minden. Officiat-ing was Bro. Richard Methvin, her

long-time pastor and friend.



Annie Faye
Pilcher

Funeral services celebrating the life of Annie Faye Pilcher will be held Wednesday, July 31, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. at Rose Neath Funeral Home Chapel in Minden, Louisi-ana with Bro. Jeff Flenniken offi-ciating. Interment will follow at Lane Memorial Cem-etery in Sibley, Louisiana. The family received friends from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 30, 2024, at Rose Neath Funeral Home in Minden.

Annie was born February 13, 1939, in Laran, Loui-

BLOTTER

Recent Arrests
in Webster Parish

■ Jamarea Manning, 31, of the 200 block of Miller Street, was ar-rested for failure to ap-pear in court.

■ Connie Dixon, 58, of the 600 block of Brad-ford Street, was arrest-ed for failure to appear in court.

■ William Theus, 37, of the 200 block of Goode Avenue, was arrested for possession of fen-tanyl with intent to dis-tribute and failure to ap-pear in court.

■ Christopher Evans, 36, of the 6500 block of Highway 531, was ar-rested for being a fugi-tive of the Webster Par-ish Sheriff’s Office.

■ Caitlin Mixon, 39, of the 200 block of West Union Street, was ar-rested for failure to ap-pear in court.

■ Lakita Miller, 56, of the 200 block of B.F. Martin Drive, was ar-rested for theft.

■ Richard Ellis, 36, of the 700 block of Plum Street, was arrested on multiple warrants.

■ Darvis Johnson, 19, of the 700 block of Co-lumbia Street, was ar-rested for principal to theft of a firearm.

■ Russell Jones, 46, of the 100 block of Milton Street, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

■ Teadrien Burris, 26, of the 800 block of Peach Street, was ar-

rested for simple crimi-nal damage to property.

■ Steven Cooper, Of the 600 block of High-way 531, was arrested for failure to appear in court.

■ Cassie Guillory, 37, of the 4000 block of Highway 160, was ar-rested on a warrant.

■ Nikki Lyons, 33, of the 900 block of Caroli-na Street, was arrested on multiple warrants.

■ Branden Martin, 30, of the 400 block of Chestnut Street, was arrested for being a fugitive of the Bossier Parish Sheriff’s Office.

■ Laterrance Perry, 30, of the 600 block of Ore-gon Trail, was arrested for theft.

■ Bruce Rushing, 30, of the 100 block of Davis Loop, was arrested for domestic abuse battery with strangulation and child endangerment.

■ Ronnie Hemphicc, 36, of the 100 block of Pine Street, was ar-rested for possession of a schedule I substance.

■ Frederick Allen Jr., 26, of the 700 block of Carolina Street, was arrested for reckless operation of a motor vehicle, no headlight, failure to dim, obscured driver view, expired MVI, modified exhaust, window tint, and unsafe vehicle.

■ Anthony Watt, 37, of the 600 block of Con-stable Street, was ar-rested for driving while intoxicated first offense,

resisting an officer, hit and run, improper lane usage, driving under suspension, no gas cap, color of plate light, running a red light, and driving with an open container.

■ Jarrod Stoute, 38, of the 800 block of Clai-borne Street, was ar-rested for two counts of second-degree bat-tery and simple criminal damage to property.

■ Kenny France, 38, of the 100 block of Milton Drive, was arrested for theft and possession of a schedule I substance.

■ Herbert Brooks, 58, of the 1600 block of Fuller Road, was ar-rested for failure to ap-pear in court.

■ Jewan Alexander, 44,

of the 200 block of Pe-canview Drive, was ar-rested for being a fugi-tive of the Dallas Police Department.

■ Malik Hill, 27, of the 200 block of N. Fairview Street, was arrested for possession of a sched-ule I substance with intent to distribute and general speeding.

■ Wesley Haynes, 46, of the 3000 block of Goodwill Road, was ar-rested for driving under suspension and win-dow tint.

■ Alonzo Cister, 24, of the 700 block of Plum Street, was arrested for flight from an officer, two tail lights required, general speeding, fail-ure to signal, running a stop sign, and head-lights required.

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OPINION

Netanyahu Address to Congress was a Powerful Display of Leadership

The speech of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to a joint session of Congress this past week was as inspiring as it was striking. His recounting of the slaughter of 3,000 Israelis on Oct. 7, 2023, was gripping and heartbreaking.

America has always been close friends and allies with the Jewish state and millions of Americans love and are devoted to Israel. This was the plea of a small nation—Israel is comprised of a mere 8.6 million citizens—for help.

As Netanyahu reminded us, “We meet today at a crossroads of history...This is not a clash of civilizations. It’s a clash between barbarism and civilization. It’s a clash between those who glorify death and those who sanctify life.

Netanyahu sincerely acknowledged his gratitude to the Biden Administration for its support of the 9-month Gaza War but also firmly urged the U.S. to “fast track” additional weapons the Biden Administration has inexplicably held up. “Give us the tools and we will finish the job,” stated Netanyahu. “Give us the tools faster and we will finish the job faster.”

Netanyahu highlighted the existential risk of terrorism to every civilized nation stating that “our enemies are your enemies. Our fight is your fight. And our victory will be your victory.”

Netanyahu pointedly called out anti-Israel, pro-Hamas protesters, a mob of whom were at the very time of his speech burning the Israeli and the American Flag and desecrating monuments at Washington D.C.’s historic Union Station, a three-minute walk from the U.S. House Chamber where he spoke. U.S. flags were burned and the replica of the Liberty Bell and the Columbus Memorial in front of Union Station were vandalized with pro-Hamas graffiti.



ROYAL ALEXANDER

Further, all 3 flag poles in front of Union Station had their American flags torn down from them and Palestinian flags put up in their place.

It makes your blood boil. And it made the Prime Minister’s blood boil as well:

“I have a message for these protesters: when the Tyrants of Tehran, who hang gays from cranes and murder women for not covering their hair, are praising, promoting and funding you, you have officially become Iran’s useful idiots It’s amazing, absolutely amazing. Some of these protesters hold up signs proclaiming “Gays for Gaza.” They

might as well hold up signs saying “Chickens for KFC.”

He declared that all of these terror groups are merely proxies for Iran, the world’s greatest sponsor of terrorism, now flush with cash due to the weakness and appeasement of the Biden Administration.

He also forcefully denied that Israel had ever targeted civilians in any military mission or in any way inhibited humanitarian aid from reaching Gaza. He stated, “if there are Palestinians in Gaza who aren’t getting enough food, it’s not because Israel is blocking it, it’s because Hamas is stealing it.”

He concluded his speech to a standing ovation: “As we defend ourselves on all fronts, I know that America has our back.”

I was disappointed but not surprised that Vice President Kamala Harris, whose duty it is to preside over a joint session of Congress, was absent (so she could address a sorority). So were dozens of Democrat lawmakers. One Democrat, U.S. Rep Rashida Tlaib, held up a two-sided sign while Netanyahu spoke. One side stated “war criminal” and the other side “guilty of genocide.” Had these Democrats attended, the Wall Street Journal points out, they could have really pondered “how the ability of all democracies to fight terrorism will be imperiled by the constraints

international institutions seek to impose on Israel.” (WSJ, July 25, 2024).

I do acknowledge that VP Harris met with Netanyahu privately later but that in no way matches the perception and symbolic value of her having personally attended the speech and it was cowardly and dishonest of her to suggest there is any moral equivalence between Hamas and Israel.

I was grateful that Netanyahu simply acknowledged the truth, which is that President Trump had brokered the historic Abraham peace accords that established relations between Israel and the United Arab Emirates and other Arab countries. He also expressed great gratitude for Trump recognizing Israel’s right to the Golan Heights, for moving our American Embassy to Jerusalem and for opposing the constant aggression of Iran.

This address highlights what strength and leadership look like, and the necessity of maintaining America’s strong bond with Israel while underscoring the nature of the evil forces that seek to destroy it.

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

INSPIRATION

It’s as if a hurricane has wiped out the family

According to syndicated columnist Cal Thomas, “a new Wall Street Journal/ NBC News poll lends credence to this way of thinking, especially where Generation Z/millennial’s (those born in the mid-1990’s to mid-2000’s) and Generation X (those born in the early-to-mid 1960’s to the early 1980’s) are concerned. The conclusionn was drawn from a poll of 1,000 adults earlier this month found that “younger generations rate patriotism, religion and having children as less important to them than did young people two decades ago.”

The poll contrasts with a similar survey conducted by the Journal 21 years ago. When asked them which values were most important, respondents sounded like their parents and grandparents, saying “hard work, patriotism, commitment to re-

ligion and the goal of having children.”

It appears that the more things we possess the less likely we are to feel a dependence upon God.

No amount of re-modeling or building larger more impressive houses, or wearing fine clothes will make up for a lack of class, of bad manners, or an ugly abusive, unloving personality that tends to want to



SARAH HUDSON PIERCE

show off all that we own.

Living beyond our means causes us to covet what our neighbors, our families, even our parents own, wanting to take our parents money to build bigger and great-

er houses to impress our neighbors not caring how our parents or siblings feel about what we are doing and in the same breath lording it over the poor, the homeless, who are “worthless, who are no account, even planning prepared speeches, to insult those who work for an honest living, unaware that pride goes before destruction and a haughty spirit before a fall.”

I’ve seen it happen as one disaster after another happens, causing more problems, all the while blaming others for our problems -- as husbands and wives fight non-stop, causing children to run late if at all to family reunions, trying to escape the conflict the minute inside the door because they are sick and tired of bickering, of being put down until there’s no turning back.

As if a hurricane wiped out the family at its core, greed

overtakes the family leaving them destitute, out in the street, just like the the ones they criticize on the evening news,who live under the bridges, in boxes or rental property where tenants can be evicted for not paying.

Where does it all end? It can only end when we turn back to God, to falling upon our knees and turning our lives over to Jesus and remembering “a little with contentment is great gain.”

It’s what we own that ends up owning us, keeping us awake as we strive to accumulate more and we end up with less of what matters most, being loved and caring for each other as we count our blessings at the end of the day

Will we ever get there? CONTACT SARAH AT SARAH9957@AOL.COM

OPINION

Universal Basic Income News: Good Or Bad Depending On What The Goal Is

THOMAS L. KNAPP
Special to the Minden Press-Herald

“Bad News for Universal Basic Income.” The “bad news,” per Reasons Eric Boehm. is that a non-profit’s three-year, 1,000-person, \$1,000-per-month trial of the idea “resulted in decreased productivity and earnings, and more leisure time.”

Is that really bad news? Well, it depends on who you are and what you want.

UBI advocates like Andrew Yang predict the idea would, in part, “enable all Americans to pay their bills, educate themselves, start businesses ... relocate for work.”

Bad news indeed ... on those metrics, anyway.

But Yang also predicts a

UBI would let recipients “be more creative, stay healthy ... spend time with their children, take care of loved ones ...”

Call it a tie at most. The education/productivity/work side of Yang’s equation seems like so much window dressing to soothe real economic concerns.

The real marketing sizzle lies in a utopian vision aimed at people who would -- quite understandably -- rather spend eight hours a day in front of the television set than on the service side of a fast food drive-thru window, and be willing to take a bit of a pay cut (probably offset by reduced costs of transportation, etc.) for it.

I’m opposed to “guaranteed income” schemes for a number of reasons, but

those reasons don’t really include the economic side.

I suspect we may be on our way toward the possibility of something like Aaron Bastani’s “Fully Automated Luxury Communism” -- an economy in which AI-powered robots become quite capable of handling most, if not all, aspects of economic production, leaving us (at least in theory) with no more strenuous work to do than picking drone-delivered pizza up from the porch and remembering to put the boxes out for robot sanitation workers to whisk away.

In that scenario, a Universal Basic Income would simply serve as a rationing mechanism. Scarcity would still exist. Letting everyone order a new Ferrari each week (after crashing the old

one for fun) could bring the system down pretty quickly. You’d have to decide between three pizzas or one ribeye dinner, etc., so as not to strain our robot servants’ productive capacity.

I’m not an economist, and I apologize for playing one on the Internet, but I hope you see my point: Inspiring economic activity may not be a necessary feature of a UBI.

The trial results are GREAT news for Fully Automated Luxury Communism types ... and for authoritarians who prefer fewer limits to their power over other people.

A UBI wouldn’t really be “universal.” Some groups (prison inmates, for example) would find themselves excluded from the start, with political dissidents, sooner

or later, following them into the “no money for you” abyss. The latter would be too busy working (if there were any jobs to be had) or starving to inconvenience our “benevolent” rulers. That threat would leave them with an entirely free hand (holding a robot-manufactured whip).

Would I love to receive a “subsistence wage,” gratis, no questions asked? Who wouldn’t? But the devils in the details sound more like hell than like utopia.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL



Louisiana Tech practices at Freedom Fields in April. Tech Head Coach Sonny Cumbie and two of his players spoke at Conference USA Media Day last week in Frisco, Texas.

Tech defense big topic at CUSA Media Day

RUSSELL HEDGES
Minden Press-Herald

Louisiana Tech Head Coach Sonny Cumbie, senior defensive lineman Jessie Evans and redshirt junior quarterback Jack Turner answered a variety of questions during the Bulldogs’ media session at Conference USA Media Day last week in Frisco, Texas.

But much of the focus centered on the defense and new coordinator Jeremiah Johnson. That wasn’t a big surprise considering the Bulldogs allowed 33.4 points per game in last season’s 3-9 campaign. Obviously, the improvement of that unit will be key to turning things around this season.

Johnson was hired in December and Cumbie praised the way he and other members of the defensive staff have performed so far.

“I think as we went through the process of making the change on defense we really thought it was important that we listen to our players — what were they looking for from a new defensive staff and from a new defensive coordinator. And I think from a schematic standpoint hearing our players out, I think those things are very important. And I’m really excited about the multiplicity of our schemes and what we’ll be able to do with

Coach JJ and our staff.”

Cumbie said the No. 1 thing the defensive staff has done is make a strong connection with the players.

“And that’s one of the cornerstones in our program is the connection piece,” he said. “And I think what play we call on special teams, defense or offense is very, very important with the ability to connect with these young men. The ability to engage their heart and mind is the No. 1 thing our players were looking for. And that’s what we try to go out and accomplish.”

Evans said Johnson has made a big difference.

“I feel like I’ve learned a lot from Coach JJ,” he said. “As soon as he set foot in the team room he kind of made an impact then and kind of got the whole defense ready to play for him. I feel like we’re really excited about what’s going to come up for the next fall. We’ve all bought into it. Now like we really want to ride with Coach JJ. He’s just a great guy to have around.”

Tech’s new-look defense is expected to allow players more freedom to make plays on their own within a scheme.

“On a day-to-day basis it means a lot to know that we don’t have to think before we make a play,” Evans said. “We’ve just got to go. Our defense, we have a lot of great athletes out there

so now that I know we can just go out there and play free and just make plays. I feel that will make our defense way much better than it was last year.”

Cumbie agreed.

“I think we have the pieces in place in terms of the personnel we have and I think Coach JJ and his defensive staff we’ve assembled will get the most out of those kids from a relationship standpoint, yes, but also on the field.”

Of course, Tech will be looking for improvement on offense and the Bulldogs have an experienced quarterback in Turner.

He saw plenty of playing time last season subbing for starter Hank Bachmeier. He appeared in eight games, passing for 1,017 yards and five TDs.

Turner said he is looking for more consistency this season.

“I would say the biggest thing personally is just consistency, being able to go through the whole season playing at a high level for myself,” he said. “But ultimately winning is big for us. That’s just a standard that we haven’t met for ourselves the past two years. And that’s something that’s incredibly important for us. So that’s the big focus for us just as a team is to make sure we win a little bit more.”

Last season, Tech had a chance to win a lot more

than three games. Four of the losses were by eight points or less, including two by three.

Cumbie believes the 2024 Bulldogs have what it takes to get the program on the right track this season after back-to-back 3-9 seasons.

He believes his players took the lessons of last year’s tough losses to heart and will be better equipped to finish games strong.

“I think when you’re going into our third season as we are as a staff I think that the alignment in our program has never been greater from top to bottom from coaches to players,” he said. “As we speak right now we’re having a workout going on and I have very little heartburn about how that workout will go just because I know that our players, the intent of what they’re going to show up with every single day, the intent that they show up in terms of the improvement they want to see.

“And so the optimism that I have for this team, our staff has for this team is the work we’ve seen under the surface the last two years from the standpoint that you have two guys here that represent the 118 players that we have back and the No. 1 thing they represent is a group that’s hungry to win. And I think the group is determined to win.”



Louisiana Tech quarterback Jack Turner, shown above during a practice at Freedom Fields in April, spoke at last week’s Conference USA Media Day. He said the Bulldogs ultimate goal this season is winning more games. Tech went 3-9 the last two seasons.

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Bob Gray back as head coach at Lakeside; takes over for son Will

RUSSELL HEDGES
Minden Press-Herald

Lakeside Head Baseball Coach Will Gray recently accepted a position as assistant principal at the school.

A familiar name has replaced him. Gray’s father, legendary coach Bob Gray, has been named head coach, Will Gray confirmed earlier this month.

Will Gray was head coach for nine seasons, taking over when his dad retired after the 2015 season.

The elder Gray, who assisted his son as a volunteer coach after his retirement, was inducted into the Louisiana High School Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame earlier this year.

Gray served as head coach at Sibley High from 1985-2000 and Lakeside from 2000-2015.

His overall record was 627-302. He guided Sibley to back-to-back Class B state championships in 1990 and 1991.

In 1995, Sibley finished runner-up in Class

1A. Gray’s teams reached the semifinals seven other times.

His teams won 10 district championships, compiling a record of 227-54 in district play.

Baseball at Sibley/Lakeside has always been a family affair for the Grays.

Will’s son, rising senior Peyton, was a first-team All-District 1-2A selection last season. He was also named honorable mention on the LSWA Class 2A All-State team.

In a 2017 profile of the Gray family in The Press-Herald, then principal Denny Finley said the following about the family.

“The Gray family revolves around baseball, and when talking to them baseball is never far from the conversation. I feel they have helped maintain something for this area that other small areas have lost. When you lose your sports from a small town, the entire town suffers.”

Lakeside finished 16-15 last season and advanced to the quarterfinals of the non-select Division IV playoffs.



COURTESY OF LAKESIDE JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL
Bob Gray is back as Lakeside’s head coach. He was inducted into the LBCA Hall of Fame earlier this year.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Eight LSU players named to preseason All-SEC team

MICHAEL BONNETTE
LSU Associate Athletic Director/Communications

BATON ROUGE – Offensive tackle Will Campbell and linebacker Harold Perkins Jr. lead a list of eight LSU players who have been named preseason All-SEC according to a poll of media covering SEC Football Media Days in Dallas earlier this month.

Campbell and Perkins, along with all-purpose player Zavion Thomas, were named first-team by the media.

LSU players on the second-team include a trio on offense in tackle Emery Jones, tight end Mason Taylor and wide receiver Kyren Lacy, safety Major Burns on defense, and Thomas as the return specialist.

Senior long snapper Slade Roy earned third-team recognition.

Campbell, also a first-team preseason All-America, has twice earned All-SEC honors in his two years with the Tigers. He was a second-team selection in 2022 as a true freshman and he earned first-team honors a year ago. Campbell, one of the

most dominant offensive linemen in LSU history, has started 26 games in two years.

Perkins, a second-team preseason All-America heading into 2024, is one of the top defensive playmakers in college football. In two years with the Tigers, Perkins has tallied 26 tackles for loss, 13 sacks and forced seven fumbles.

Thomas, a transfer from Mississippi State, averaged 33.7 yards on six kickoff returns and 11.7 yards on 14 punt returns for the Bulldogs in 2023.

The predicted order of finish in the SEC according to the media had Georgia first, followed by Texas, Alabama, Ole Miss and LSU. It’s the first time since 1991 that the SEC will not be divided into divisions.

The top two teams in the 16-team league standings based on winning percentage advance to the SEC Championship Game.

LSU opens its third season under head coach Brian Kelly on Sunday, Sept. 1 against USC in Las Vegas. LSU’s home-opener against Nicholls on Saturday, Sept. 7 begins a season-long celebration of 100 years of Tiger Stadium.

SPORTS

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Demons share belief, excitement at SLC Opening Drive

JASON PUGH
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Assistant Athletic Director
for External Relations

SAN ANTONIO – Belief – a simple word that carries a much larger impact, especially for the North-western State football team.

That concept – and an atmosphere of excitement – permeated the Demons’ time at last week’s South-land Conference Opening Drive event at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center.

“I wouldn’t say it came quickly,” junior linebacker Cadillac Rhone said. “We grew that belief through spring ball and the off-season, going to work each and every day, being around each other each and every day. That belief started to grow, and you started to see more and more confidence in each of the players.”

That confidence will be paramount for a Demon team that first-year head coach Blaine McCorkle pointed out has gone “625 days as of today” between victories.

“They’ve been through as much as any college football player should ever have to go through,” McCorkle said. “They’re still reeling and hurting from missed opportunities last year. One of the best things these guys can do is go out and play some foot-ball. That’s the best medicine for them.”

Northwestern State was chosen ninth in the nine-team preseason poll, but that talking point was simply that.

“That’s exactly where we belong,” McCorkle said. “We haven’t done anything to be in any other



JASON PUGH/NSU SPORTS INFORMATION
(Left to right) Cadillac Rhone, head coach Blaine McCorkle and Chance Newman represented Northwest-ern State at the Southland Conference Opening Drive event in San Antonio last week.

position with the history of the last few years and the unknown of players coming back. To be picked anywhere other than last would be a shocker. It helps us realize how far we have to go to earn respect, and the best way to do that is by putting wins on the scoreboard. That’s what we’re trying to do.”

As much as the De-mons’ trio who attended the two-day affair put on by the Southland Confer-ence talked about belief, they shared also enjoyed a shared sense of excitement for a season that is less than six weeks away from the Aug. 29 kickoff game at Tulsa.

Senior athlete Chance Newman joined Rhone and McCorkle in San An-tonio, part of the byprod-uct of the premature end of the 2023 season, which extended the senior’s col-

Southland Conference Preseason Poll
First-place votes in parentheses
1. Nicholls (9)
2. UIW (8)
3. Southeastern
4. Lamar (1)
5. Stephen F. Austin
6. McNeese State
7. Houston Christian
8. Texas A&M-Commerce
9. Northwestern State

lege career by a season.

Like his teammate and his new head coach, New-man spent the two days soaking up the excitement of the upcoming season and trading good-natured meetings with the players he and the Demons will see on the field in 2024 – all of which served to whet his appetite for NSU’s 12-

game schedule that quick-ly is drawing near.

“Going through the day to days we’ve gone through and will go through with fall camp, getting one per-cent better every day is the goal,” he said. “Two seasons ago, we were 4-0 in conference and if we win either of our last two games, we’re co-champ-ions or outright champions depending on who beat. Tulsa is our main focus, but the ultimate goal is to win a conference champi-onship by going through the process with (strength and conditioning) coach (Jason) Smelser in the off-season and the summer.

“You see the leaders of some of the other teams and meet the coaching staffs. It’s a great experi-ence, and Cadillac and I are grateful to be here. It means the seasons right around the corner.”

GSU QB named SWAC preseason Player of the Year

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Athletic Communications

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Grambling State quar-terback Myles Crawley was named the Southwestern Athletic Conference pre-season Player of the Year.

The conference an-nounced the honor earlier this month.

Crawley solidified him-self as one of the best up and coming quarterbacks in the SWAC during the 2023 campaign.

He threw for 2,303 yards with a 16 touch-downs last season. He was the first Grambling State quarterback to throw for at least 2,000 yards since Devante Kincaid in 2017.

With Crawley at start-er, GSU’s passing offense improved from 11th in the SWAC in 2022 to 5th in 2023. GSU overall of-fensive production also increased under Crawley, with GSU offense moving from 10th to 2nd in the SWAC.

GSU offensive line-man Tahj Martin garnered first team recognition as a member of a Tiger offen-sive line that was statisti-cally the best offensive line in the SWAC.

With Martin on the of-fensive line, GSU was the best at protecting its quar-terback, surrendering the least number of sacks in the SWAC (15). The offen-sive line also helped GSU rank second in rushing yards per game, churning our 162.2 yards per contest.

Javon Robinson, the reigning SWAC Freshman of the Year, earned second team honors after a 2023 season that saw him domi-

SWAC Preseason Poll
First-place votes in parentheses
EAST
1. Alabama State (11)
2. Florida A&M (6)
3. Jackson State (2)
4. Alabama A&M (4)
5. Bethune-Cookman
6. Miss. Valley State (1)
WEST
1. Alcorn State (11)
2. Prairie View A&M (8)
3. Grambling State (4)
4. Southern (1)
5. Arkansas-Pine Bluff
6. Texas Southern

nate opposing defenses by showcasing his big play ability and blazing speed.

The Homestead, Fla., native made 30 receptions for 368 yards and two touchdowns.

Robinson’s breakout game came against Prairie View A&M in the State Fair Classic, racking up 7 catch-es for 69 yards to help the Tigers defeat the SWAC West Champs. He also returned kicks for GSU, fielding 10 kickoffs for 190 yards and returning seven punts for 53 yards.

Grambling State is pro-jected to finish third in the SWAC West Division. Al-corn State was picked to win the West Division, fol-lowed by defending SWAC West Champion Prairie View A&M. Southern was picked fourth behind GSU and followed by Arkan-sas-Pine Bluff and Texas Southern.

Alabama State is pre-dicted to finish atop the SWAC East Division. De-fending SWAC Champion Florida A&M was tabbed for second place.

OUTDOORS

State’s turkey population on the upswing

GLYNN HARRIS

For the past few years, it was looking like Louisi-ana’s turkey hunters would have to reluctantly put away their shotguns and turkey calls and go back to doing what we were doing a couple of decades ago. It seemed the only outdoors springtime activity would be fishing. All the statis-tics pointed to a steady de-cline in turkey populations, back like it was when only a handful of local diehards, like Blue Parkman, Pete Brister and L.W. Hamner went out morning after morning hoping they might find a turkey track or actu-ally hear a gobble.

Then something hap-pened. According to a press release by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF), Loui-siana’s turkey hunters en-joyed the best year by far from a harvest standpoint in 2024. They reported tak-ing 3695 birds during the recently completed hunting season.

This year, for the first time since the harvest re-ported was mandated in 2009, turkey hunters re-ported taking more than 3,000 birds. In fact, the past three seasons were the best ever reported since harvest data was compiled. Last year, an astounding 2833 birds were taken but for the 2024 season, the take was 30.4 percent high-er than that.

What happened? Why did the harvest data take a jump in the right direc-tion over the past three years? In 2018, the LDWF staff recommended that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission push back the opening date for turkey season to give gob-blers and hens more time to take care of the business of breeding and putting more baby turkeys on the ground.

Cody Cedatol is Tur-



JEFF PEROT
Wild turkeys are continuing to flourish in Louisiana, partly due to pushing back opening date of turkey season, giving hens and gobblers more time to breed.

key Program Manager for LDWF and he believes that giving turkeys more time to do what they naturally do in spring before hunters take to the woods played a big role in the improve-ment of the number of gob-blers being taken. “This clearly indicates increasing turkey populations in many areas of the state and pro-vides additional evidence that the season change is working,” said Cedatol. “Many hunters indicated increased encounters with jakes (juvenile turkeys), which is an indicator of good reproduction. Similar reports were noted in 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023.”

Jason Lupardis, na-tive Kentuckian, has been named CEO of an up and coming organization, Tur-keys for Tomorrow, that has the goal of trying to pinpoint problems nation-

wide having to do with the overall decline in wild tur-key populations around the country.

We visited with Lupar-dis recently to ask about Turkeys for Tomorrow and get his take on what he sees as some of the main problems and why he be-lieves Louisiana has beat the odds, in a manner of speaking, by having such good results over the past 2-3 years while other states continue to struggle.

“Reports from brood surveys of Louisiana tur-keys have shown a higher poult-to-hen ratio which means that there has been good production of young turkeys. That is partly due,” said Lupardis,” to the pushing back opening day to allow gobblers and hens to breed.” To find out how Turkeys for Tomorrow works, visit turkeysforto-

morrow.org.

He also noted a new regulation Louisiana will implement beginning the 2025 season that will protect young gobblers. “The new regulation means only youth hunters may take one jake per season. For re-maining hunters, only ma-ture gobblers may be taken and jakes will be off limits. A mature gobbler is de-scribed as an adult with tail feathers the same length, beard longer than 6 inches and spurs at least ½ inch long,” he said.

It is troubling to real-ize that in so many areas, Louisiana is at or near the bottom in rank. However, when it comes to wild tur-keys, our state because of more restrictive regula-tions, is setting standards that hopefully will see our wild turkey population con-tinue to thrive.

Fishing Report

BLACK BAYOU – Lots of moss and pads. Bream fair on crickets. Contact Honey Hole Tackle Shop 323-8707 for latest information.

BUSSEY BRAKE – Big bass continue to come in on jigs and oversized plastic worms with topwater lures best early. Crappie fishing has been good fishing around deep brush. Bream fishing has slowed. For latest information, contact the Honey Hole at 323-8707.

OUACHITA RIV-ER – Bass fishing has improved fishing shad imitation lures in the cuts. Crappie fishing has been quite good fishing shiners or jigs in the sloughs. Some bream are being caught up the bayou. For lat-est information, contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

LAKE D’AR-BONNE – Bass have been best early morning on topwaters. swim baits and square billed crank baits fished around the edge of the grass. Soft plastics and crank baits working best later. Crappie are good on the flats and along the edges of the channels and hit-ting shiners and jigs. Bream are off the beds and scattered. Catfish-ing 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 CLAI-BORNE – Bass fishing is best at night fishing

soft plastics and crank spinners and dark baits. Some have been caught early morn-ings on topwater lures fished along the edges of grass and around boat docks. Crappie have moved deep and are best around submerged brush on shiners and jigs. Bream are scattered and fair on crickets and worms. No report on stripers or catfish. 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 11 inch plastic worms and deep diving crank baits with some big fish reportedly caught. During the day, deep diving crank baits and soft plastics fished on underwater humps is producing. Bream fish-ing has slowed as the fish are scattered. Crap-pie are best fishing jigs or shiners around sub-merged tops. For infor-mation contact Caney Lake Landing at 259-6649, Hooks Marina at 249-2347, Terzia Tackle at 278-4498 or the Hon-ey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

LAKE POVERTY POINT – Catfish-ing has been good and bream are fair. No re-port on bass or crappie. For latest reports, call Poverty Point Marina at 318/878-0101.

LAKE YUCATAN – The water is on a slow fall. Catfishing is good while crappie are fair. For info call Sur-plus City Landing at 318/467-2259.

Good News

GOOD NEWS

DEAR GOD, NO MATTER WHAT TODAY BRINGS....I TRUST YOU WITH IT!

This can be a dangerous of thanksgiving and praise.’ prayer sometimes. Some What a difference that would days seem to be loaded make for each of us! The key ‘bombs,’ ready to explode at to the effectiveness of this a moments’ notice. Other prayer is days may bring joyful tunes found in and meaningful experiences. the state- It is so important and help- ment, ‘I ful if we begin each day with will re- this promise of God record- joyce and ed in Psalm 118:24.”This is be glad! No questions, no the day the Lord has made, doubts, no buts and if’s... I will rejoice and be glad in ..I WILL REJOICE AND BE it.” It has been said if ‘each GLAD IN IT! (period)! believer would repeat this A cross-plaque with this 5 time in the first hour after reading (title) was a gift sev- awakening, the tone for the eral years ago from a spe- day would be set with a spirit cial friend. The words are

very meaningful to me, even More mountains for God to – you see; opens the door to move! More prayer time each God’s blessings for you and day and more power from the me.”(Luke 11:9-10)*

No matter where you are, what circumstance may block your spiritual vision to- day or what storm winds may blow your way – remember, “our God is willing and able to bring about a victory in your life.” Claim these prom- ises today and allow the Lord to show His strength for you.


*(Words from song written by Kurt Kaiser).

much truth in this short title Father to depend upon and from which we all can profit more victories to celebrate! by a quick pause, a bowed Why, I am so wealthy and head, a contrite heart and a didn’t even realize it. God has willing spirit. The Lord can showered His love, mercy, take these elements and mix grace and forgiveness upon them with a measure of His my family in so many unusu- love to move every mountain al ways during my life-time. we need moved. It only takes Jesus offers this invitation for a tiny measure of faith on our us to use when praying in His part – let Him do what He has name to the Father: “Keep on promised. (Luke 17:6). A-sking; Keep on S-eking; and keep on K-nocking for The older I get, the more He will answer. “Three little problems and questions letters (A-S-K) when joined seem to ‘pop-up’ day-by-day.

THE UPWARD LOOK

Work’s Reward

“knowing that whatever good any- one does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether he is a bondservant or is free.” Ephesians 6:8 ESV



Max Hutto

Whether he is a servant or free, a believer ultimately works for the Lord, not for men. The believer’s moti- vation to work obediently, diligently, dependably, re- spectfully, considerably, sincerely, and wholeheartedly is to please and honor the Lord in every- thing he does. It is the Lord who will judge a person’s work and life and who

will reward the believer accordingly. The Lord will judge and reward both here on earth and in eter- nity in Heaven.

Lord Jesus, while I work in the midst of the trials and tur- moil of this world, You have rewarded me with abundant inner peace, comfort, and joy. I await the final reward in Heav- en.


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INSPIRATION

Patience is a Virtue

Most of us have heard the old platitude that “patience is a virtue” and recognize it as something regurgitated by the vari- ous people we encounter throughout our lives. In most cases, we are hurt- ing or distressed and seeking comfort from the storm we are currently weathering and the last thing we want is some half- baked four-word phrase. How- ever recently I have had to face the reality that there is truth and profound value in those four words. While waiting for God’s plan, I grew distressed, weary, and honestly impatient. I want- ed to know why God would make me work so long for something I felt I needed so desperately. After many hours of prayer and fellowship, God re- vealed the folly in my thinking. I was re- cently given a kind word from a trusted

and very Godly friend, and with it came a scripture. 1 Corinthians 2:9 NLT “No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has pre- pared for those who love him.” These words were written by the apostle Paul to explain to believers that understanding God’s plans can only come from a relationship with his spirit. In conclusion, Patience in prayer, study, and fellowship is mandatory for developing a strong connection with the holy spirit. I implore anyone seeking God’s plan to do it pa- tiently in his spirit.



Bernard Harris

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

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Tuesday, August 27th, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.

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All bids may be held forty-five (45) days.

Hon. Ashley Williams-Jones, Mayor
Town of Cotton Valley

July 24, 2024
July 31, 2024
August 7, 2024
Minden Press Herald

Town of Cotton Valley
Monthly Meeting
Meeting Date: July 10, 2024

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Ashley Williams Jones Invocation and Pledge was led by Mayor Ashley Williams Jones and in unison. Roll call by municipal clerk, Tiffany Parish

1. Alderman R. Shaw (absent)
 2. Alderman J. Carter (present)
 3. Alderman E. Parish (present)
 4. Alderman C. Lewis (present)
 5. Alderman D. Hawkins (present)
- We have a quorum (4) present (0) absent.

Motion to amend the July 2024 agenda to add Mr. Larry Sanders to New Business. Motioned by Alderman J. Carter and 2nd by Alderman C. Lewis. Motion Passed

Motion to accept the July 2024 agenda. Motioned by Alderman J. Carter and 2nd by Alderman D. Hawkins. Motion Passed

Motion to accept June 2024 meeting minutes, motioned by Alderman D. Hawkins and 2nd by Alderman J. Carter. Motion Passed

Motion to pay July

2024 bills, motioned by Alderman J. Carter and 2nd by Alderman D. Hawkins. Motion Passed

Alderman R. Shaw is late but present.

Committee Report: Mayor’s Report: received a 25,000 grant for water tower maintenance and new chlorine house, Calumet donated new body camera’s to the police department, LMA conference August 1-3 in Shreveport, worked with LSU on census totals and Cotton Valley will remain a Town. Citizens’ input on the current agenda matters only. None

- Old Business
New Business
1. Lane Hedrick – Industrial Board – E.L. Williams expanding and looking for employees
 2. Larry Sanders – Propose to move 2 water meters that are leaking because of being run over numerous times.

Police Report – Donald Dillard – Adjournment – Motion made by Alderman J. Carter and 2nd by Alderman C. Lewis, meeting adjourned.

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DECLARATION OF ELECTION RESULTS

Be it known and declared that the governing authority of (i) the Webster Parish School District, Parish of Webster, Louisiana and (ii) Springhill School District No. 8 of the Parish of Webster, State of Louisiana (the “Districts”), did meet in open and public session to examine the official certified tabulations of votes cast at the special elections held in the Districts on Saturday, April 27, 2024, and did examine and canvass the returns of the said elections, there having been submitted at said elections the following propositions, to wit:

WEBSTER PARISH SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSITION (MILLAGE RENEWAL)

Shall the Webster Parish School District, Parish of Webster, Louisiana (the “District”), continue to levy and collect a special tax of 2.81 mills on all property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated \$743,102 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2026 and ending with the year 2035, for the purpose of giving additional support to public schools in the Parish of Webster, including acquiring, constructing, improving, maintaining or operating the public school system of the District?

SPRINGHILL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8 PROPOSITION NO. 1 OF 2 (MILLAGE CONTINUATION)

Shall Springhill School District No. 8 of the Parish of Webster, State of Louisiana (the “District”), continue to levy a special tax of 7.69 mills on all property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated \$328,450 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2025 and ending with the year 2034, for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, repairing, improving, maintaining and/or operating schools and school related facilities, equipment and programs for the District, said millage to represent a .60 mills increase (due to reappraisal) over the 7.09 mills tax authorized to be levied through the year 2024 pursuant to an election held on November 16, 2013?

SPRINGHILL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8 PROPOSITION NO. 2 OF 2 (BOND)

Shall Springhill School District No. 8 of the Parish of Webster, State of Louisiana (the “District”), incur debt and issue bonds not exceeding \$11,000,000, in one or more series, to run not exceeding 20 years from date thereof, with interest at 7% per annum, for the purpose of financing capital expenditures for school purposes for the District, including constructing, acquiring and/or improving schools and other school related facilities, together with equipment and furnishings therefor, title to which shall be in the public; which bonds will be general obligations of the District and will be payable from ad valorem taxes to be levied and collected in

the manner provided by Article VI, Section 33 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974 and statutory authority supplemental thereto, with an estimated increase of 12.75 mills to be levied in the first year of issue above the 28.50 mills currently being levied to pay General Obligation Bonds of the District?

There was found by said count and canvass that (i) there was a total of 1,012 votes cast **IN FAVOR** of the Webster Parish School District Proposition and a total of 534 votes cast **AGAINST** the Webster Parish School District Proposition, as hereinabove set forth, and that there was a majority of 478 votes cast **IN FAVOR** of the Webster Parish School District Proposition as hereinabove set forth, (ii) there was a total of 235 votes cast **IN FAVOR** of Springhill School District No. 8 Proposition No. 1 and a total of 144 votes cast **AGAINST** Springhill School District No. 8 Proposition No. 1, as hereinabove set forth, and that there was a majority of 91 votes cast **IN FAVOR** of Springhill School District No. 8 Proposition No. 1, as hereinabove set forth, and (iii) there was a total of 219 votes cast **IN FAVOR** of Springhill School District No. 8 Proposition No. 2 and a total of 161 votes cast **AGAINST** Springhill School District No. 8 Proposition No. 2, as hereinabove set forth, and that there was a majority of 58 votes cast **IN FAVOR** of Springhill School District No. 8 Proposition No. 2 as hereinabove set forth. Therefore, it has been declared by the governing authority of the Districts that the Propositions as hereinabove set forth were duly **CARRIED** by a majority of the votes cast by the qualified electors voting at the said special elections held in the Districts on Saturday, April 27, 2024. Results by precinct are available from the Secretary of the School Board during regular business hours or via the Louisiana Secretary of State’s website (voterportal.sos.la.gov). The actual cost of the elections as determined by the Louisiana Secretary of State in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 8-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, is \$60,781.91.

Webster Parish School Board, State of Louisiana

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PROCEEDING OF THE VILLAGE OF HEFLIN, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN IN REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JULY 11, 2024.

The Hefflin Town Council met at Town Hall, Hefflin, Louisiana beginning at 8:11 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Ralph James council members Matt Austin, Hallie DeMoss, Water System Operator Jesse Williamson, and Village Clerk Sherry Limosnero. Absent council member Robert Stachowicz. The meeting was opened with prayer offered by Matt Austin, and Hallie DeMoss led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Ralph James welcomed everyone to the meeting. Upon motion by Matt Austin and duly seconded by Hallie DeMoss, the council adopted the Minutes from June 2024 at Council Regular Meeting held on July 11, 2024, as presented; the motion was approved unanimously. Hallie DeMoss moved to accept June 2024 Operating Financial Statements as presented; the motion was duly seconded by Matt Austin. The motion was approved unanimously. Upon motion by Matt Austin and duly seconded by Hallie DeMoss, the council unanimously approved Water System Reports for June 2024. Hallie DeMoss moved to accept the June 2024 Police Department Reports as presented; the motion was duly seconded by Matt Austin. The motion was approved unanimously. Matt Austin moved to accept the June 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 Matt Austin

Attest by: Sherry Limosnero, LCMC, Village Clerk
Respectfully posted:

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July 31, 2024
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Each bidder must have an active Unique Entity ID (SAM), as verified on www.sam.gov, prior to beginning of construction.

A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at 10:00 A.M. on the 8th day of August, 2024 at the City Hall Conference Room located 520 Broadway Street, Minden, Louisiana, 71055.

Copies of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be obtained at the office of Building and Inspections Department located in the City of Minden at 520 Broadway Street, Minden, LA, 71055. Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids for just cause.

Bids shall be in a sealed envelope marked “DO NOT OPEN – SEALED BID – MINDEN ANIMAL CONTROL FACILITY – BID NUMBER 05-2024 – 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.

July 31, 2024
August 7, 2024
August 14, 2024
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SHERIFF’S SALE

COMMUNITY LOAN SERVICING, LLC, A DELAWARE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY VS. THE UNOPENED SUCCESSION OF NORMA ELIZABETH FORD COKER AKA NORMA ELIZABETH FORD COKER AKA NORMA ELIZABETH FORD COKER AKA NORMA ELIZABETH FORD COKER AKA NORMA ELIZABETH FORD COKER AKA NORMA ELIZABETH FORD COKER AKA NORMA ELIZABETH FORD COKER AKA NORMA ELIZABETH FORD COKER

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 79662

By virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued out of the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, in the above styled and numbered suit and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder for cash WITH-OUT the benefit of appraisal and according to law at the principal front door of the Court-house in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana on WEDNESDAY, September 4, 2024, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

The following described property, to wit: Immoveable property located in Webster Parish, Louisiana, more particularly described as follows: Begin at a point 165.95 feet south of and 312.48 feet east of the northwest corner of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter (NE/cor. of NE/4 of SE/4), Section 14, Township 17 North, Range 9 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana, for the point of beginning; (said point being on the north right of way of Louisiana Hwy. No. 531) thence run south 59 degrees 14 minutes west along said R/W 235.00 feet; thence run north 34 degrees 58 minutes 30 seconds

west 137.70 feet; thence run north 34 degrees 34 minutes west 145.60 feet; thence run north 55 degrees 10 minutes east 239.10 feet; thence run south 33 degrees 52 minutes east 300 feet to the point of beginning, containing 1.59 acres, together with all improvements thereon and all rights there to belonging, as per survey prepared by Wayne Williamson, Registered Land Surveyor dated February 18, 1987.

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 31, 2024
August 28, 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 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 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.

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
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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 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 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

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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
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SHERIFF’S SALE

FEDERAL HOME LOAN MORTGAGE CORP. AS TRUSTEE FOR FREDDIE MAC SEASONED CREDIT RISK TRANSFER TRUST, SERIES 2023-1 VS. MELBA HOLCOMB MORGAN

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 81272.

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 7, 2024, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

A CERTAIN PIECE OR PORTION OF GROUND, TOGETHER WITH ALL THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, AND ALL THE RIGHTS, WAYS, PRIVILEGES, SERVITUDES AND APPURTENANCES THEREUNTO BELONGING OR IN ANYWISE PERTAINING, SITUATED IN THE PARISH OF WEBSTER, STATE OF LOUISIANA, LOT TWENTY (20), PRAIRIE GROVE ESTATES, A SUBDIVISION LOCATED IN THE NORTH HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER (N1/2 OF NE 1/2), SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 18 NORTH, RANGE 9 WEST, A SUBDIVISION OF WEBSTER PARISH, LOUISIANA, AS PER THAT PLAT RECORDED IN BOOK 4, PAGE 1 OF THE CONVEYANCE RECORDS OF WEBSTER PARISH, LOUISIANA; SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS, SERVITUDES, RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND OUTSTANDING MINERAL RIGHTS OF RECORD AFFECTING THE PROPERTY.

547 SE 5TH AVE., SIBLEY, LA 71073

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

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

Legal Description: Lot 48/49/50 Palmetto Beach Sub Div

Assessment# 103687, as per the assessment in the records of the Tax Assessor of Webster Parish, Louisiana.

This property was adjudicated to the Police Jury on July 8, 2024. The three year redemptive period has passed. Tax sale title to the above described property has been sold for failure to pay taxes. You have been identified as a person who may have an interest in this property. Your interest in the property will be terminated within 60 days from the date of this publication unless you redeem the property or you may otherwise challenge in a court of competent jurisdiction the potential sale or donation.

Webster Parish Police Jury
401 Main St.
Minden, LA 71055
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Legal Description: Lot 50 x 50 Ft. out of Lot #8, Mariah Leary Est. Part in SE/4 of NE/4 Sec. 27-19-9

Assessment# 112293, as per the assessment in the records of the Tax Assessor of Webster Parish, Louisiana.

This property was adjudicated to the Police Jury on July 10, 2024. The three year redemptive period has passed. Tax sale title to the above described property has been sold for failure to pay taxes. You have been identified as a person who may have an interest in this property. Your interest in the property will be terminated within 60 days from the date of this publication unless you redeem the property or you may otherwise challenge in a court of competent jurisdiction the potential sale or donation.

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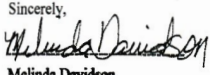
Webster Parish Community Action Agency is now accepting food service bids for the upcoming school year, 2024-2025. Sealed bids will be received until: 10:00a.m. August 5, 2024. All bids will be publicly opened at this time and read for the following items:

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
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Louisiana District Attorney’s Association holds board meeting

The Louisiana District Attorney’s Association recently head their annual board meeting in July. Photos from this meeting are shown here. The Louisiana District Attorney’s Association’s MISSION STATEMENT is: To improve Louisiana’s justice system and the office of District Attorney by enhancing the effectiveness and professionalism of Louisiana’s District Attorneys and their staffs through education, legislative involvement, liaison, and information sharing.

The organization lists its CORE VALUES as:

We believe that the Louisiana Constitution requires, and Louisiana citizens favor, locally-elected, independent prosecutors. We believe that prosecutor discretion must be protected from interference through manipulative funding or legislative restrictions. Finally, we believe that prosecutors are the best and most trustworthy resource for legislative improvements to the criminal justice system.

(BELOW) ADA Chance Nerren (center) was elected by his peers to serve as Region 1 Representative for the State LDAA ADA Board. He will represent 7 jurisdictions including the 26th JDC which encompasses both Bossier and Webster Parish. As the Region 1 Representative Chance will advise on legislation and help develop curriculums to help further educate the State’s Prosecutors and Law Enforcement.

Nerren said, “It is an honor further serve the people of our great parishes and state. I want to thank our District Attorney Schuyler Marvin for trusting me and encouraging me to be a part of the LDAA ADA Board. I look forward to working with great Prosecutors from across the State to help make our communities safer and our future brighter.”

Pictured with ADA Nerren are ADA’s Richard Ray (left); and First Assistant District Attorney, Andrew Jacobs.



(ABOVE)Bossier-Webster District Attorney Schuyler Marvin.



(BELOW) Pictured From far Right: Billy Joe Harrington, Louisiana District Attorneys Association (LDAA) President, and District Attorney (DA) for Natchitoches Parish; and Zachary T. Daniels, Executive Director of LDAA open the meeting.



(LEFT) Bossier-Webster DA’s staff meets with Louisiana Supreme Court Associate Justice Jay B. McCallum, and Louisiana Attorney General Liz Murrill.

From the Left to Right: Andrew Jacobs, First Assistant District Attorney to DA Schuyler Marvin; Attorney General Liz Murrill; Associate Justice Jay B. McCallum (third from left); ADA Richard Ray; ADA Jessica Davis; and ADA Christopher Warren.



(RIGHT) Seated from Left to Right: ADA Jimmy “Jimbo” Yocom; ADA Christopher Warren; and ADA Ian Pope, all with the 26th Judicial District Attorney’s Office.



(LEFT) DA Schuyler Marvin meeting with Louisiana Attorney General Liz Murrill.

(RIGHT) Hugo Holland, ADA for the 26th Judicial District delivered a presentation on Brady and how prosecutors can avoid repeating history.



(LEFT) Britney Green (center), ADA with the Caddo District Attorney Office served as a panelist on the complex process of jury selection, along with panelists ADA Kirk Wall, 21st Judicial District, Livingston, LA (left); and Jacob L. Johnson, ADA Section President, and First Assistant District Attorney for the 14th Judicial District in Lake Charles, LA.

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.

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, September 9, 2024 at 6pm 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.

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