

WEBSTER & MORE

LIONS CLUB

Glenbrook coach highlights relationship-driven approach at Lions Club meeting

AMBER MCDOWN
Minden Press-Herald

Reagan Smith, head coach of the Glenbrook Apaches football team, spoke at the Lions Club meeting on August 22, emphasizing his relationship-focused coaching style. Smith, who has previously coached at West Monroe High School and Evangel High School, shared his commitment to being the type of coach he wished he had in school.

“I want to be someone who will take time to talk to every player, no matter their athletic abilities,” Smith said. “I want to motivate through praise as often as I can. I want to

teach players fundamentals, skills, and strategies that they find intelligent.”

Despite losing several first-string players to graduation last year, Smith expressed pride in the upcoming team. The Glenbrook Apaches have 40 varsity players and a total of 70 players across grades 7-12, including 16 returning seniors.

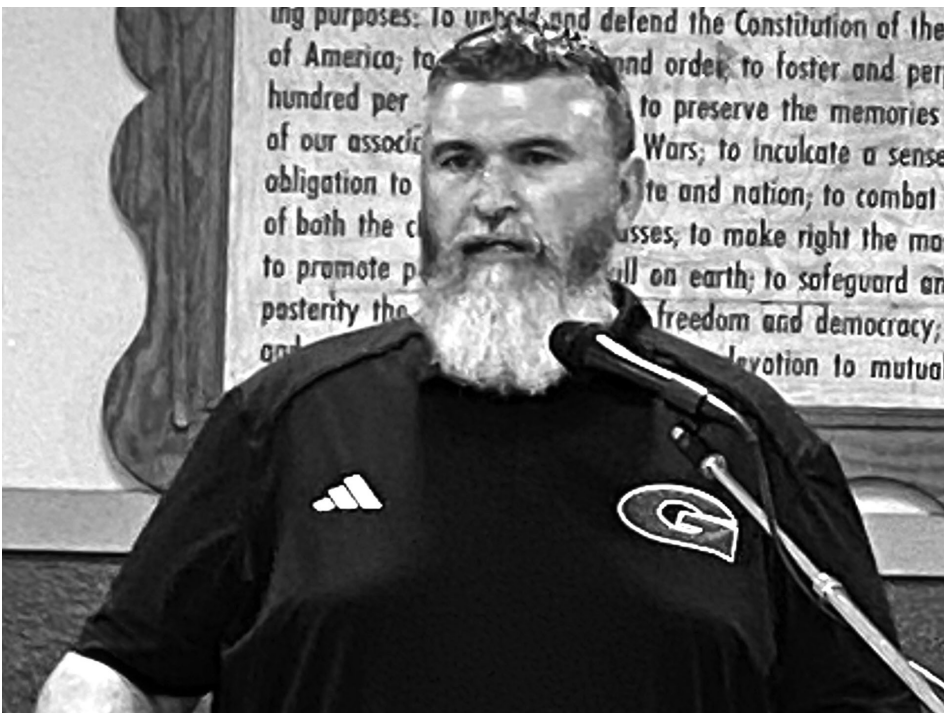
“This is the strongest team I’ve ever coached,” Smith said. He added that his daily focus is on improvement, urging his players to identify and work on the three most pressing areas for growth.

Smith also discussed his emphasis on weight training, nutrition, and

sleep to build stronger players. “The one thing that you can affect more dramatically in a football program than anything else is the level of strength in your team,” he noted.

Smith believes in the power of motivation through understanding. “The why is motivation,” he explained. “If I tell them why to make that block, they become a little more motivated. If I teach them how to make that block, they’re a little more empowered. Then I have an empowered, motivated player.”

Looking ahead to the upcoming football season, Smith is confident in his team’s preparation, stating, “This year’s Glen-



brook football team will be strong, well taught, in shape, and more knowledgeable than they were yesterday. But most of all, I want them to know that

I really care about them.”

The Lions Club meets every Thursday at noon at the American Legion Memorial Hall, located at 119 W. Pine Street, Minden.

Membership is open to those interested in giving back to the community and making a difference.

COMMUNITY

Families of Courage host potluck dinner with Christmas play



AMBER MCDOWN/ PRESS-HERALD PHOTO

Families of Courage held a potluck dinner at the Civic Center on the evening of August 22, featuring a Christmas play titled *A Christmas Yarn*. The event drew a large crowd as the youth took the stage, delivering an outstanding performance. The play centers around Sam Ebenezer, the founder of the world’s leading supplier of ugly Christmas sweaters, and his team at U.G.L.Y. As they work to fulfill a large order due the day before Christmas, they encounter a series of challenges. With the help of three mysterious visitors, Sam and his team navigate these obstacles and discover the true beauty of Christmas.

Families and community members enjoyed the creative storyline and the message of the play, celebrating the talents of the young performers.

CRIME

Witness intimidated at Minden Medical Center, suspect charged

STAFF REPORT
Minden Press-Herald

A Minden resident was charged with intimidating a witness following an incident at Minden Medical Center on August 14. The charges stemmed from a series of threats made toward a witness who had been involved in assisting at a local accident scene earlier that day.

According to a report filed by the Minden Police Department, the witness, who had arrived at the scene of a wreck at approximately 5:07 PM to render medical aid, observed a physical altercation between two parties, one of whom was identi-

fied as a 20-year-old male. After providing a written statement about the altercation, the witness later visited the emergency room at Minden Medical Center to check on the injured party.

While at the hospital, the witness encountered the same individual involved in the earlier altercation. The suspect, upon recognizing the witness, made several aggressive remarks questioning her presence at the hospital and her involvement at the accident scene. The situation escalated when the suspect demanded the witness’s personal information, leading the witness to fear for her

safety.

To ensure her safety, the witness requested assistance from hospital staff and was escorted out of the building. As she was being escorted, the suspect shouted a threatening remark at her. The incident was captured on body camera footage and corroborated by a written witness statement.

The suspect has been charged with intimidating a witness and is currently facing legal proceedings. The Minden Police Department is continuing its investigation into the matter.

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

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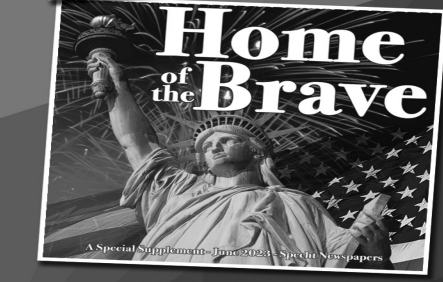
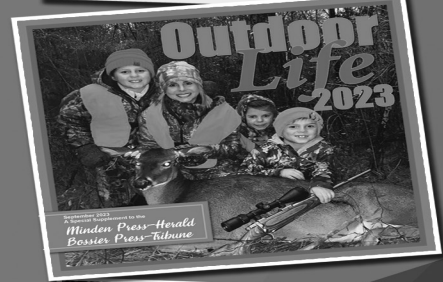
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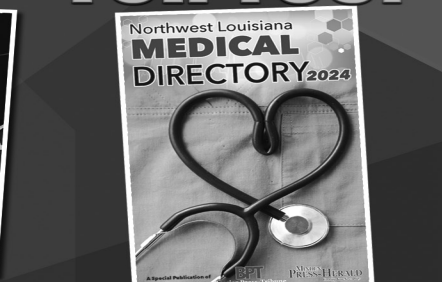
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Minden Main Street hosted its second-ever Food Truck Night at Miller Quarters in downtown Minden. Whether sweet or savory, there was a little something for everyone at the event with the Red Man’s BBQ, Big O’s Burgers & Wings, and ice-cold snow cones to enjoy. While the event goes ate, they were treated to a live musical performance of country and southern rock classics by Casey Martin. The organizers thanked Home Federal Bank for sponsoring the event along with all who attended for their support, and plans are in the works for a third Food Truck Night soon.

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OBITUARIES



John Webster Odum, Jr.

John Webster Odum, Jr., 72, of Benton, LA, passed away peacefully after battling an extended illness and went to be with his Lord and Savior on Sunday, August 11, 2024. A memorial service was held at 11:00 am on Saturday, August 17, 2024 at Hill Crest Memorial Funeral Home in Haughton, LA. Visitation began at 10:00 am, prior to the service. Interment was held at Hill Crest Memorial Park.

John, also known as Johnny by childhood friends, was a loving husband of 50 years to his wife, Myra, a wonderful dad to his daughter, Becky, and son, Jay, and a fantastic Papaw to 2 grandboys, Dayne and Brady. John always brought joy to everyone he met and had a joke to share or a funny story to bring laughter to anyone he encountered; he never met a stranger. He always had a positive attitude towards life. Despite grappling with multiple health battles over the last few years, he consistently brought joy and laughter to the nurses, doctors, and therapists as he diligently worked to recover. All his healthcare professionals enjoyed working with him and were constantly amazed by his willpower and strength to recover. John’s zest for life, humor, love for his family and friends, and infectious smile enriched the world.

He was an avid outdoorsman, his face lighting up whenever he was in nature. He always looked forward to hunting trips to Colorado, New Mexico, or West Texas with his friends. One of his favorite hunting trips was to Maine for bear hunting. When he became a grandpa, he found a new outdoor passion: cheering on his two grandsons from the side of the pitch as they played soccer. He was always happy to go on a road trip to see them play. The family always enjoyed many trips together, giving him ample time to share his stories and jokes. With his son living in Orlando for many years and two grandchildren, he found a new form of hunting: the closest bench in the shade at Disney World on the many trips there.

When he wasn’t hunting, camping, fishing, or traveling, he enjoyed working with his guns and reloading, being an amateur ham radio operator, and studying history and family genealogy. The many years of researching family genealogy led him to find an ancestor who helped him become a member of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

John was born on February 20, 1952, in Shreveport, LA, to John (Jay) Webster Odum, Sr. and Faye (Honey) Richardson Odum. He grew up in Mansfield, LA, where

he graduated from Mansfield High School. He then attended and graduated with a degree in law enforcement from Northeast Louisiana University (ULM). After marrying Myra, the love of his life, they moved to Benton, LA, their home ever since.

He served the State of Louisiana for 21 years as a state trooper, a role he embraced with the same passion and joy he found in the outdoors, helping to protect and serve the Troop G community. While working as a state trooper, he also developed a business supporting telecommunications. He was one of the first to help install the bag cell phone in your car when they first came out and required an antenna on your vehicle. After retiring from the State Police, he took both experiences and worked in surveillance for Horseshoe Casino. As the cell phone industry took off, he moved to work for CenturyTel (Verizon Wireless) as a cell site engineer. When he decided to retire from Verizon Wireless, he became an enforcement officer with the State Plumbing Board of Louisiana. He maintained this role until 2023, when he officially retired to focus on his health.

John is preceded in death by his mother, Faye Richardson Odum; his father, John (Jay) Webster Odum, Sr.; his mother-in-law, Natalie Gates Burr; and his father-in-law, Clifton Gates.

Left to treasure his beautiful memories are his loving wife, Myra Odum, of Benton, LA; his daughter, Becky Odum Reed, and her husband, Shane Reed, and their two children, Dayne and Brady Reed, all of Benton, LA; and his son, Jay Odum, of Silver Spring, MD, and his sister-in-law, Theresa Spears, and her husband, James Spears of Greenback, TN, and two nieces, Alisha Mulkey (Henry) of Annapolis, MD and Mandi (Jason) Ledbetter of Knoxville, TN and numerous cousins.

Honoring John, pallbearers are Shane Reed, Dayne Reed, Brady Reed, Henry Mulkey, Jason Ledbetter, Steve Jayroe, and Grayson Morgan. Alan Powell, Steve Stellman, Dayton DeSoto, and Mickey Frazier serve as Honorary Pallbearers. Senior Adult Pastor Tommy Patton, Cypress Baptist Church; Pastor Danny Moffett, Believers Worship Center; and Kids Pastor Amy Hollis, Believers Worship Center, will officiate.

The family would like to thank the caregivers dedicated to his care: Dr. Ricky Davidson, Dr. John Harris, Dr. William Eaves, Dr. Raja Zabaneh, and Dr. Ahmed Virani; the nursing staff at Willis Knighton Bossier; the ICU nurses at Intensive Specialty Hospital Bossier; the Willis Knighton Rehabilitation Institute (inpatient and outpatient) therapists; and the nurses, CNAs, therapists, and staff at Cypress Point Rehabilitation and Skilled Nursing.

The family asks if anyone would like to donate in John’s memory; they can do so to the American Heart Association, the American Lung Association, or the National Kidney Foundation.

Susan Diane Barnes

Graveside services for Susan Diane Barnes was held Tuesday, August 27, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. at Brushwood Cemetery in Dubberly, Louisiana with Bro. Leland Crawford officiating. Visitation was on Tuesday from 9:30 till 10:15 a.m. at Rose Neath Funeral home.

Diane was born October 25, 1957, in Minden, Louisiana and entered into rest August 23, 2024, in Shreveport, Louisiana. Diane was loved by everyone who knew her, and she possessed a compassionate spirit and was always willing to give. She loved her animals, and her greatest joy was spending time with her family,

especially her grandchildren. She will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

She was preceded in death by her parents, James and Margie Plunkett and infant daughter, Holly Barnes.

She is survived by her sons, James Steven Barnes of Dubberly and Bradley Dayton Barnes of North Carolina; sisters, Judy Moorehead and husband Bobby of Minden and Kathy Lynn Rogers and husband Richard of Florida; grandchildren, Tyler Barnes, Tayler Barnes, Kennedi Washington, and Miken James Barnes, and one great-grandchild, Alori Symone Barnes.

Pallbearers will be Tyler Barnes, Tayler Barnes, Maurice Rabb, and Tamerion (Tank) Phenix.

GOVERNMENT

Louisiana starts process to reorganize state’s transportation agency

(The Center Square) — Louisiana lawmakers and Gov. Jeff Landry say the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development is not completing transportation projects efficiently and a restructure could be in the offing.

Landry issued an executive order in May calling for a complete restructuring of the department and the Joint Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works met this week to discuss the possibility.

Louisiana hired an outside consulting firm to assist with the reorganization plan, Boston Consulting Group, which handles business strategies globally in many different markets for both the

public and private sectors. The firm is involved 3,000 transportation and infrastructure projects, according to their website. The consulting firm met with the committee Monday to discuss their progress in improving efficiency and quality of work at the DOTD.

Mel Wolfgang, the senior partner with Boston Consulting, says so far they’re still analyzing the current internal systems to see how they can be improved. Along with that, they are also comparing the Louisiana DOTD practices to other states.

This includes interviews with the staff and industry groups like construction along with the Legislature. The firm is

analyzing data to create proper benchmarks that the department might not meet at present.

The group expects to present a roadmap to the DOTD based on those assessments by the end of September. The governor mandated in his executive order that the Secretary of DOTD to submit a feasibility report based on the recommendations from the consulting group.

Sen. Patrick McMath. R-Saint Tammany, felt that beyond project efficiency and productivity, the department could also reduce specialization among its employees.

“Employment flexibility based on performance is important,” McMath said regarding the number of administrators in the de-

partment.

Sen. Gary Carter, D-Jefferson, felt employment flexibility will also help lawmakers correctly appropriate monies.

“We’ve taken many steps in the Legislature the last several years, I believe, to try to make certain the Department of Transportation and Development was spending its money on actual projects as opposed to administration,” Carter said.

Lawmakers asked the group what they have done other states and its effectiveness. Although Wolfgang said they can’t get into details due to confidentiality agreements, he said he believe there are some areas in need of improvement.

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ed and arrested. During the arrest, an unknown white substance was found in his back pocket. A subsequent search of the residence led to the discovery of loose methamphetamine shards and an unknown powder inside a makeup bag found in the purse of Shannon Ward-Redwine, 52. Ward-Redwine was charged with possession of methamphetamine. Bailey faced four warrants for distribution of a controlled dangerous substance Schedule II (methamphetamine).

Willis Surrender

At approximately 1:30 PM, Demarcus Willis turned himself in at the Minden Police Department. Willis, who had three active warrants for the distribution of a controlled dangerous substance Schedule II (methamphetamine), was advised of his rights per Miranda, booked, and placed in a holding cell awaiting transfer to BDCC.

If you have further information that may help law enforcement, please contact the Minden Police Department.

CRIME

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The resident provided officers with a copy of the protective order, which prohibits Carr from being within 100 yards of her or her residence. The order was issued on August 16 and remains in effect until October 25.

According to the resident, Carr was waiting in the backyard when she arrived home with her children. As she attempted to secure the front door, Carr allegedly forced his way inside, pushed her, and took her phone when she tried to call 911. The resident managed to make a second call to emergency services, but Carr reportedly regained

control of the phone and turned it off.

Security camera footage and call logs presented to the police corroborated the resident’s account. Carr is facing multiple charges, including home invasion, violation of a protective order, simple battery, and interfering with emergency communication. Additionally, Carr had an outstanding warrant from Bossier Parish and was considered a fugitive by the Webster Parish Sheriff’s Office.

Carr was transported to the Minden Police Department for booking and will be transferred to Bossier Correctional Center due to the felony nature of the charges.

FAIR

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scored the importance of ensuring that Louisiana’s seniors are well-informed and supported in maintaining their health and well-being.

This Senior Adult Fair

in Minden reflects ongoing efforts to prioritize the needs of older residents by connecting them with critical resources and fostering community engagement.

INTERNET

Louisiana lawmakers receive update on state’s federally-funded broadband program

(The Center Square) — Broadband expansion into rural areas of Louisiana is a major priority for the state House Commerce Committee.

During the committee’s meeting on Monday, the Louisiana office of broadband development and connectivity, or ConnectLA, discussed Granting Unserved Municipalities Broadband Opportunities 1.0 and 2.0. Both are grant programs intended to improve internet connection for the underserved and unserved statewide.

Veneeth Iyengar, the executive director of ConnectLA, said Gumbo 1.0 was a federal grant of \$176

million. The office must spend those funds by December 2026 in order to receive the full amount.

The majority of the funds have already been dispersed for projects, with \$131 million appropriated. Last time the committee met in March, nearly 58% of those projects were in construction or complete. As of Monday’s meeting, that number shot up to 88%.

Iyengar said a map on ConnectLA’s website shows customers exactly where those projects are happening.

ConnectLA is now on the verge of a new grant program called GUMBO

2.0, which at full usage would be worth \$1.355 billion. Iyengar said in order to fully take advantage, the U.S. Department of Commerce requires the money be assigned to a service provider for broadband infrastructure by the end of the year.

As in any GUMBO 2.0, steps were taken to improve on the first grant program. For example, in GUMBO 1.0 ConnectLA allowed internet service providers define project areas or zones that lack high speed internet service. That led to some rural areas missing out on the grants.

In GUMBO 2.0, the of-

fice made its own map of project areas so they can ensure there are no “donut holes,” as Iyengar called them.

He says they are still having conversations on how many project areas exist in the state, but so far they have found broadband-serviceable locations in every single parish, with around 141,000 total specific addresses. About 100,000 of those are households, 35,000 are businesses, and the rest are public service establishments like schools, fire stations, libraries and other government buildings.

Iyengar also specified

that in the event service providers don’t bid on an area due to cost, his office has the authority to go and talk to companies and ask them what they need to encourage a bid on the area.

“Frankly, look there are project areas which might have just two locations, two addresses, where the cost of building fiber is gonna be \$60,000,” Iyengar said. “And so in some of those cases, if there’s not a taker, then we’ll ensure that we find a solution for those folks.”

A new map for GUMBO 2.0 showing what provider is serving each location should be up by mid No-

vember, and public comment on the matter will begin around the same time.

Legislators on the committee commended Iyengar and ConnectLA, saying their work has made Louisiana a leader in improving internet infrastructure.

“Louisiana is number one in the country when it comes to our broadband deployment. We’re ahead of the other states,” said Rep. Daryl Deshotel, R-St. Landry.

OPINION

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OPINION

Iran May Be Behind the Trump Assassination Attempt

I have never been able to make sense of the details of the assassination attempt of President Donald Trump.

I focus here on the lack of details and information regarding the shooter himself. All indications are that Thomas Matthew Crooks was an unknown and unremarkable individual. How did he manage the things he did relative to the assassination attempt and how is his digital footprint so vague, and, we are told, impenetrable?

The New York Post states that "Trump rally gunman Thomas Matthew Crooks used encrypted messaging accounts on various platforms located in Belgium, New Zealand, and Germany, according to a member of a task force investigating his assassination attempt against President Donald Trump. U.S. Rep. Michael Waltz (R-Fla.) stated that the 'overseas accounts' piqued his suspicion immediately regarding the shooter's motives. Why does a 20-year-old kid who is a health care aid need encrypted platforms not even based in the United States but based abroad - where most terrorist organizations know it is harder for our law enforcement to get into?"

Why, indeed. My first thought was that whoever motivated and supported Crooks was a highly sophisticated yet completely invisible 3rd Party. I remained perplexed until I read an article recently that

points the finger directly at Iran.

Dr. Walid Phares, a Middle East expert, has written an article entitled "Iran Wants Trump Eliminated by Election Day," which is as sobering and ominous as its title suggests.

In the article, Dr. Phares makes the point that multiple sources have informed him that "the Islamic regime in Iran is trying to assassinate former President Donald Trump ... by Nov. 5, Election Day." (New York Post, Walid Phares, August 21, 2024).

Dr. Phares continues "the ayatollahs' mortal animus against Trump is not a secret. After Trump ordered a Baghdad drone missile strike in January 2020 that successfully killed Qassem Soleimani, head of the IRGC (Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps), Tehran vowed bloody revenge. Now, with the U.S. election race close, the power figures believe Iran's growing status as a regional Mideast powerhouse will be at serious risk if the former president returns to the White House. Throughout his campaign, Trump has repeatedly promised that if elected, he will stop the regime's

nuclear weapons program and defund it with crippling sanctions." (NY Post)

Phares concludes that "Trump blames the Biden administration for the resurgence of Iran's nuclear program and its misdeeds across the region in the wake of Oct. 7 and has vowed repeatedly to use sanctions and make that regime broke, a result the mullahs cannot accept. Today, killing Trump remains Tehran's safest option and its highest priority next to growing the country's nuclear program." (NY Post).

This is a real and imminent threat.

However, after the appeasement of the Biden and Obama Administrations, Iran has no real fear of repercussions for any of its actions. Iran has used its oil money—made available by the reckless actions of the Obama and Biden Administrations—to fund terrorism around the world, mostly deploying its proxies like Hamas, Hezbollah, and the Houthis.

But this is much more direct.

If true, this is one country attempting to assassinate the leader of another country. I close with this thought. America is thought to possess the best intelligence agencies in the world. However, we have witnessed these agencies become highly politicized at the very top. President Trump is likely not their preferred candidate, so can we assume they

will keep him safe? Do they even want to keep him safe?

This assassination attempt investigation is being conducted by the Department of Justice (DOJ), Secret Service, and FBI, well known Trump-hating federal agencies (to a lesser extent the Secret Service) that were responsible for the Russia hoax, the Hunter Biden laptop suppression, the Ukraine call impeachment and resulting weaponization of the Department of Justice lawfare hoax, and others.

Yet, we are supposed to trust these agencies with ferreting out the truth when with all the technology in the world they have supposedly not been able to crack the code of the encrypted foreign messaging apps that a 20-year-old loner had on his phone? How were they so ineffectual as to be defeated by a 20-year-old with no military experience and potential emotional problems?

I don't believe that they have been unable to crack this code. I believe information is being withheld.

We are in a perilous time and need both prayers and a strong, forceful American leader.

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FROM THE BACK PORCH

A letter to my third, and last born child

You, our third and last born, came into our life at the end of January to join an older brother and sister in our home. You were born after several weeks of my being placed on "bed rest", and therefore it was our choice that you would be our last born.

Just because you were born later doesn't mean you were any less wanted and loved. It was just that God planned it that way and gave you two older siblings to make your life better. You probably thought many times they were put here to make your life more miserable, but I can assure you that isn't true.

Being the youngest surely caused you to endure much teasing and "the baby" certainly isn't a choice moniker for anyone. However, you

withstood it well, and soon showed them both who was bigger.

Your arrival brought the ultimate joy into our lives and now our family was complete. We had the perfect family and loved each of you with all our hearts. You were all different with

different personalities, and certainly different likes and dislikes.

We watched you progress from a tiny "preemie" to a tall young man. We watched you grow in your athletic ability, as you chose to par-

ticipate in sports, and we reveled in your successes. We hurt with you when you suffered defeats but knew that was all a part of growing up. Without some difficulties in life, one would never appreciate the good times.

We took you to church and tried to introduce you to a loving and forgiving God. It was our desire that you would come to know a loving God and make a place in your heart for Him.

All too soon your school days were behind you and soon you brought us a lovely little daughter-in-law. We were so happy for you to find the one perfect mate, even though we may have thought you both too young. Parents are never ready to admit their children are old enough to get along without them.

In the next few years you two blessed our lives with two beautiful grandchildren, who, through the years have brought us much joy.

As you guided them through their early years, I'm sure you found that child rearing does not come with a set of instructions, it is a trial and error process. And we can only pray that the errors also provide learning experiences.

As you watched them grow up, it is our hope that you recall your youth with more fondness than regret.

It was our intent to provide happy memories for each of you children.

Hopefully we have at least partially succeeded.

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INSPIRATION

Your story matters: Life doesn't have to end after a tragedy

Jaycee Lee Dugard, a kidnapping victim, was interviewed by Diane Sawyer. Jaycee said "there is life after something tragic happens. Life doesn't have to end if you don't want it to. It's all in how you look at it. Somehow, I still believe that we each hold the key to our own happiness and you have to grab it where you can in whatever form it might take."

Jaycee was snatched in 1991 when she was eleven years old. She was held captive in their backyard for eighteen years before she was discovered in 2009. She gave birth to two daughters by the time she was in her early teens. With only a fifth grade education she home schooled her little girls who

are now in college.

In addition to writing two books, there was also a television movie made of her life.



SARAH HUDSON PIERCE

She is a survivor of the highest order!

When asked by Diane Sawyer, in her first television interview, why she had such a nice complexion she quipped "I didn't get out in the sun very much."

Having grown up in an orphanage I too, have my story and I endeavor to make the

public aware of what often goes on behind closed doors.

I speak for those who have no voice.

As an activist I've used my writing to cope and to somehow make a difference in other people's lives. I know that Jaycee is trying to do the same thing by sharing her story.

It's not what happens to us but how we grab hold of it and work it into the canvas of our lives.

We each have a story -- we have burdens that we may be afraid to share but it is only when we begin our journey of openness one day at a time -- timid -- frightened -- scared -- that we remove the shutters that hide our fears and we are able to embrace

each other.

One way of sharing is by writing. I dare you, the reader, to pick up your pen and write your story.

Our stories make a difference. They help us connect to each other, giving others the courage to open up and share their secret fears, as well as leaving a legacy for our families.

Maya Angelou, the black poet from Stamps, Arkansas, wrote I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings. She also spoke at President Clinton's inauguration in 1993. She said "we are far more alike than we are different. We all want a healthy family, nice homes and a job that pays a little bit more than we are worth."

She was also raped as a young girl. She made a difference.

From the richest to the poorest, to those in-between, our emotions are our common bond.

Just as there are no two snow flakes alike, there will never be another you.

Share your story -- not just for today's market but for future generations who need to know where they came from.

What is your story? Everyone has one.

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL



RUSSELL HEDGES/PRESS-HERALD
The Glenbrook Apaches competed in a three-team scrimmage against Lakeview and Green Oaks last week in Shreveport

Local jamborees to offer preview of parish teams

RUSSELL HEDGES
Minden Press-Herald

With season openers set for next week, Friday’s two jamborees in Minden will give fans a taste of what’s to come.

The annual Pineland Jamboree at Minden’s W.W. Williams Stadium starts at 6 p.m. with Lakeside taking on Haynesville. That “game” will be followed by Lakeside vs. North Webster, Minden vs. Haynesville, North Webster vs. Homer and Homer vs. Minden.

The Minden Medical Center Apaches Jamboree starts at 6 at Glenbrook with the Apaches, Montgomery and Loyola competing.

Last week, coaches got a chance to see their teams in game-type situations in scrimmages. Friday’s “games” will be a chance to further fine-tune things in preparation for the season openers.

Every team will still be o-o after Friday’s action. The scores won’t be remembered by most.

But don’t get the idea that teams aren’t trying to win.

For some teams, a jamboree “win” can provide momentum heading into season openers. However, most coaches will tell you that the best thing about a jamboree is getting through it without injuries.

Jamboree schedule

FRIDAY

Pineland Jamboree

At W.W. Williams Field, The Pit, 6 p.m.

Lakeside vs. Haynesville

Lakeside vs. North Webster

Minden vs. Haynesville

Homer vs. North Webster

Minden vs. Homer

Minden Medical Center Apache Jamboree

At Glenbrook, 6 p.m.

Montgomery, Loyola and Glenbrook

Being at full strength or as close to it as possible for Week 1 is crucial.

Last week, Minden scrimmaged former District 1-4A rival Benton at home. Head Coach Spencer Heard, who became the school’s all-time wins leader last season, liked what he saw.

“I thought it was one of the better ones I’ve been around over the years,” he said. “I thought both sides got a lot of good work out of it. We played more situational stuff that’s kind of typical in a scrimmage. So I thought it was good. We did live special teams and everything so we got a look at that.

“I thought our special teams looked good. One returning kicker and two new kickers all did well. I thought overall it was good. Obviously things to work on.”

Minden’s jamboree opponents will provide different challenges.

Haynesville, the 2023 non-select Division IV runner-up, usually prefers to keep the ball on the ground. Homer, which has moved up from Class 1A to 2A, prefers a more wide-open attack.

In many jamborees, teams face only one opponent and can focus on that team.

“Being that we have five teams we have to play two different teams,” Heard said. “We’re playing Haynesville and Homer so it’s two drastically different offenses. So that’s always kind of tough. It’s a challenge. We’re looking forward to it.”

Heard said it’s good the Tide gets another opportunity to work on special teams. Plus, he said he and his staff are going to try out a couple of personnel changes.

Otherwise, he just wants to see his team do

the little things right.

“Nothing major though,” he said. “Minor things. And then just try to get better schematically on both sides of the ball.”

Minden faces Homer in Week 2 of the regular season in their home opener. The Tide open the season Sept. 6 at Mansfield.

North Webster also plays Homer in Week 4. The jamboree will be the first for the team with Christopher Wilson as head coach.

North Webster opens the season at Haynesville Sept. 6.

John Ward was part of many Pineland Jamborees as head coach at North Webster. But this will be his first as head coach at Lakeside.

According to a report in The Ruston Daily Leader, the Warriors had an impressive performance in last week’s scrimmage against Cedar Creek.

Lakeside visits Arcadia in its season opener Sept. 6.

Glenbrook’s jamboree opponents, Loyola and Montgomery, will be looking for improvement this season.

The Flyers, who have moved up from 2A to 4A, went 4-6 last season. The Tigers went 5-5.

Glenbrook opens the season Sept. 6 in Shreveport against Magnolia School of Excellence.

HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS

Participation in high school sports tops 8 million for first time in 2023-24

NFHS PRESS RELEASE

INDIANAPOLIS — More than eight million participants competed in high school sports in the 2023-24 school year — an all-time record and the first time ever that total participation has exceeded the eight-million mark.

The NFHS High School Athletics Participation Survey indicated that 8,062,302 participants were involved in high school sports in 2023-24, which is up 210,469 from the previous year and tops the previous record of 7,980,886 set in 2017-18. The total includes 4,638,785 boys and 3,423,517 girls — both record highs — according to figures obtained from the 51 NFHS member state associations, which includes the District of Columbia.

The 2023-24 total marked the second consecutive increase after numbers tumbled during the pandemic. Since the initial survey after the pandemic, participation in high school sports has increased 444,248 in two years and represents a turnaround from the decline that started the year before the COVID-19 pandemic.

“We are thrilled to learn that participation in high school sports has exceeded eight million for the first time,” said Dr. Kari Niehoff, CEO of the NFHS.

“The comeback from the pause of school sports during the pandemic has been so gratifying and certainly indicates the staying power of education-based sports in our nation’s schools. We salute coaches, athletic directors and other school administrators for making these experiences happen for student-athletes.”

Two of the biggest storylines are the increases in all forms of high school football — boys and girls — and the continued rise in both girls and boys wrestling.

Eleven-player football remained the most popular boys sport and registered an increase for the second consecutive year from 1,028,761 to 1,031,508. There also was an increase in 8-player football participation from 23,812 to 26,420.

The biggest gains in football, however, came on the girls side, particularly with the emerging sport of flag football. The number of participants in girls flag football more than doubled from 2022-23 to 2023-24. A total of 42,955 girls participated in flag football in 2023-24

compared to 20,875 the previous year — a 105 percent increase. And from the 15,716 participants in 2021-22, there has been an increase of 173 percent. There also was an increase in the number of girls competing on 11-player football teams from 3,654 to 4,094.

Including boys and girls competitors in 6-, 8-, 9- and 11-player football, and girls and boys participants in flag football, the overall football total for 2023-24 was 1,118,705 — an increase of 28,825 from 2022-23.

Another highlight is the sizeable jump in wrestling — boys and girls — for the second consecutive year. An additional 32,443 boys were involved in wrestling last year, jumping from 259,431 to 291,874. Since the 2021-22 season, there has been a gain of 60,000 in boys wrestling — an amazing 25 percent increase. And participation on girls teams has continued its historic rise as well with 64,257 participants last year — an increase of 102 percent from the 31,654 in 2021-22.

Outdoor track and field, volleyball and soccer all registered increases and remained the top three participatory sports for girls. Track and field increased four percent to 506,015, followed by volleyball at 479,125 and soccer at 383,895. Although the number of participants was down about 6,000, basketball (367,284) remained in the No. 4 spot followed by fast-pitch softball (345,451), tennis (195,766), cross country (192,989), competitive spirit (181,023 — up 20 percent), swimming and diving (138,174) and lacrosse (101,204).

Outdoor track and field, and soccer had significant gains on the boys side as well. After 11-player football and outdoor track and field (625,333), the rest of the boys top 10 includes basketball (536,668), baseball (471,701), soccer (467,483), wrestling (291,874), cross country (239,381), tennis (157,835), golf (155,174) and swimming and diving (116,799).

The number of participants in Esports and Unified Sports also registered increases in 2023-24. A total of 27,051 students participated in Esports last year, which included 23,041 boys and 4,010 girls — an increase of 3,129 participants from the previous year. The survey indicated a total of 51,502 participants in the 15 Unified Sports, up from 42,010 in 2022-23.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

LSU, area teams set to begin seasons

RUSSELL HEDGES
Minden Press-Herald

The 2024 season is here.

Four area teams and LSU kick off their seasons this week.

Two new head coaches — Northwestern State’s Blaine McCorkle and ULM’s Bryant Vincent — make their debuts Thursday night. The Demons visit Tulsa and the Warhawks host Jackson State.

New Grambling State Head Coach Mickey Joseph makes his debut Saturday when the Tigers visit Louisiana.

Louisiana Tech opens its third season under Head Coach Sonny Cumbie Saturday at home against Nicholls.

LSU faces USC in a battle of nationally-ranked teams Sunday at Allegiant Stadium in Las Vegas.

Louisiana Tech is coming off its second straight 3-9 season under Cumbie. Nicholls, a member of the Southland Conference, went 6-5 last season.

Tim Rebowe enters his 10th season as head coach at Nicholls. The Colonels have eight starters returning on offense and nine on

Schedule

THURSDAY

Northwestern State at Tulsa, 7 p.m. (ESPN+)

Jackson State at ULM, 6 p.m. (ESPN+)

SATURDAY

Nicholls at Louisiana Tech, 7 p.m.

Grambling State at Louisiana, 7 p.m. (ESPN+)

SUNDAY

LSU vs. USC at Las Vegas, 6:30 p.m. (ABC)

defense.

Pat McQuaide completed 180-of-318 passes for 2,196 yards and 13 touchdowns with 12 interceptions last season. Collin Guggenheim and Jaylon Spears combined for 1,586 yards on the ground. Quincy Brown caught 29 passes for 301 yards.

Jack Turner makes his debut as Tech’s full-time starter at quarterback. The defense has a new look under new coordinator Jeremiah Johnson.

Grambling State is coming off a 5-7 season. Louisiana went 6-7 last season.

This is the first meeting between the teams since 2018 when the Ragin’ Cajuns won 49-17.

Louisiana placed two players on the preseason All-Sun Belt first team —

touchdowns last season.

LSU went 10-3 last season in Brian Kelly’s second year as head coach. Garrett Nussmeier has replaced Heisman Trophy winner Jayden Daniels at quarterback.

The Tigers were ranked No. 12 in the preseason coaches’ poll and No. 13 in the AP Top 25. USC was ranked No. 23 in both.

USC Head Coach Lincoln Riley announced last week that Miller Moss will be the starter at quarterback. He was 2022 Heisman winner Caleb Williams’ backup for two seasons.

ULM is coming of a 2-10 season. The Warhawks will go into their opener with a 10-game losing streak.

Vincent announced last week that redshirt junior General Booty will be the starting quarterback.

Booty is the son of former Evangel Christian and LSU receiver Abram Booty and the nephew of former Evangel and LSU quarterback Josh Booty. His grandfather is former Woodlawn star quarterback Johnny Booty.

Jackson State went 7-4 last season in Head Coach T.C. Taylor’s first season.

BASEBALL

Local players shine in Legion World Series

RUSSELL HEDGES
Minden Press-Herald

Despite an outstanding performance by Glenbrook senior Easton Sanders, the Bossier Phillies came up just short of a semifinal berth in the American Legion World Series.

After completing a 1-0 victory over Billings, Mont., on Sunday, Aug. 18, the Phillies lost a heartbreaker to Wilmington, Del., 3-2, in Shelby, N.C.

Bossier completed play in the Stripes Division 1-2. Wilmington (2-1) was runner-up to Midland, Mich. (3-0) in the division and fell to eventual champion Troy, Ala., 4-0 in the semifinals.

Sanders went the dis-

tance against Wilmington. He allowed five hits, struck out five and walked one.

Wilmington’s Brady Fox allowed three hits in six innings. He struck out seven and walked three.

Sanders also had a leadoff single in the fifth when the Phillies scored a run to get within 3-2.

Former Minden star Brody Bower started against Billings and went 2 1/3 innings. He and two other pitchers limited Billings to three hits.

Bower and Sanders both helped Bossier win the Louisiana state and Mid-South Regional championships. The Phillies finished the summer 24-6-1.

SPORTS

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Glenbrook scrimmage



The Glenbrook Apaches scrimmaged the Lakeview Gators and Green Oaks Giants last week at Northwood’s Jerry Burton Memorial Stadium.
Photos by Russell Hedges/Press-Herald



OUTDOORS

Setting fire to your woods works if done right

GLYNN HARRIS

Let’s say you have a 40-acre tract of forested property and you want your land to be more attractive to deer, turkeys and other wildlife. What can you do to make that happen?

Burn it. Say what? You’ve nurtured this tract for a long time so why would you want to set fire to it? On the surface, that doesn’t sound like it makes any sense but when done properly and under the guidance of people who know what they’re doing it’s maybe the best tool at your disposal to convert a standing tract of timber into something that attracts wildlife.

Jesse Davis is President of the Piney Hills Prescribed Burn Association (PBA) and this organization stays busy helping property owners improve their habitat by utilizing a prescribed, or controlled, burn.

“When done properly,” said Davis, “prescribed fire is the cheapest and most effective way to improve your habitat. Removing undesirable brush and ground litter exposes grasses and forbs and seeds that would otherwise never sprout. A prescribed fire removes things that wildlife never eat.”

When fire goes through a piece of property, how long does it take before wildlife can began using it?

“We’ve seen wild turkeys come to a fresh burn before the smoke even clears. They start finding things like acorns that be-



COURTESY PHOTO

Controlled fire is the best way to improve your property by removing unwanted brush and leaf litter..

come exposed when the brush and duff is removed,” Davis added.

When a fire goes through such areas, he noted that lots of native seeds and grasses that have laid dormant begin sprouting once sunlight begins to penetrate the forest floor. When desirable things begin to replace those that wildlife won’t eat, deer and turkeys are quickly attracted to the area.

When is a good time to run a controlled fire through a piece of property?

“Almost anytime is a good time but especially after a timber thinning or any time like after a storm causes damages that ground becomes exposed to sunlight,” Davis said.

What are some precautions that must be taken into account before planning a prescribed burn?

“The first thing that must be done is to have adequate fire breaks that will stop fire from going where you don’t want it to go. Wind direction and velocity is also important. It is also important to consider neighboring property and which direction smoke will travel. You especially don’t want to send smoke over neighbors, especially those with health problems,” Davis added.

Other than deer and turkeys, do other species of wildlife benefit from a prescribed burn?

“There are no wild creatures that won’t benefit from a prescribed burn.

Birds and squirrels benefit as often, den trees are left for nesting as well as having foods they prefer begin growing,” said Davis.

Are you interested in learning more about prescribed burning on your property and if it might benefit you? There is a meeting scheduled for September 12 at 6:00 at the Lincoln Parish Sheriff’s Office where anyone interested in this method of property management is invited to attend.

“We invite anyone who has an interest in what prescribed burning is all about,” Davis said, “and we want more people to realize just what a controlled fire can do to enhance what you already have.”

Fishing Report

- BLACK BAYOU** – No report. Contact Honey Hole Tackle Shop 323-8707 for latest information.
- LAKE CLAIRBORNE** –Bass fishing is best at night fishing soft plastics and dark spinners and crank baits around lighted piers. Some have been caught early mornings on top-water lures fished along the edges of grass. Crappie are in deep water and are best around submerged brush on shiners and jigs. Bream are slow. No report on Stripers. For latest information, call Kel’s Cove at 927-2264 or Terzia Tackle at 278-4498.
- CANEY LAKE** – 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 D’ARBONNE** – The lake is being lowered September 1 and moving water should turn on the bass. Crappie are hitting shiners and jigs on the flats now but will move to the channel once the water begins dropping. 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 POVERTY POINT** – Catfishing has been good while others are slow. For latest reports, call Poverty Point Marina at 318/878-0101.
- LAKE YUCATAN** – The water is on a slow fall. Catfish are biting; others are slow. For info call Surplus City Landing at 318/467-2259.

Good News

GOOD NEWS

Ringing those Golden Bells!

Over the past few years I have heard a lot of those “golden bells” ringing, welcoming home some weary travelers making their way across “stormy Jordan into the Promised Land”. Isn’t it interesting, the older we get the more important the obituary section in the paper becomes? We turn there to check it out, after the comics and sports pages, of course! Well, if it is true when a believer departs this world the angels sing, the saints lift their praises and the bells of heaven ring - there has been a lot of beautiful music in glory lately.

We often hear of some saintly person being ushered into glory after living a long and fulfilling life. Just recently, at a memorial service, I heard about a dear lady who learned the gift of service and ministry early in life, then she lived in selfless manner racing past 90 in high fashion. Don’t you know the angels were singing their best to welcome

her home? And those darling children who seem to depart with so much “unfinished work to be done”! Yet, because we place complete faith and trust in our God (Sovereign and All-knowing), we can but trust that “we will understand it better by and by”. Our purpose is not to question Him in times like these, but to use these as opportunities to grow in faith and trust that God is sufficient, even in the hardest of times. Read the story of how the great hymn, “It is Well With My Soul” was birthed, and then find a quiet corner to allow God to minister and doctor our sick and weak spirits. He will!

Jesus compared life to a flow-

er springing up, blooming beautifully and then wilting away, so briefly! Shakespeare wrote, “life is a poor player that struts and frets it’s hour upon the stage and then is heard no more”. We all are in the large cast of life’s drama, getting ready for our final act to “make our strut across the stage of life... and then the curtain call.” One day soon, we will march toward center stage to take our final bow and head for the exit door! Yes, we will walk right out of this life (into the next) regardless where we are. Then, our future course will be out of our hands. Our family will be responsible for the ‘last rights’; then the Lord takes over! Hello Eternity!

To help your family in that mournful hour, consider making an “End of Life file”. What a gift to give one’s family! By jotting’ some thoughts, desires and wishes, many anguish questions will be answered ahead of time.

The location of special papers, deeds, accounts, policies (and what to do with them) is so important. And how about some thoughts of your desires about funeral plans, people to call, agencies to notify, etc. (A good lawyer can set your mind at ease, followed by a family conference)! Many refuse to make such preparations, but just still sit tight and do nothing. Final decisions, as difficult as they are, are left for a shocked family to act in quick response. This is neither fair nor wise!

It is true, there are so many decisions to consider as we look down this narrow tunnel: Finalize our Will, prepare a living will, power of attorney, funeral plans and decisions about cemetery, family to notify, pastor and church family, agencies to contact and many more. What a gift we can give our family, just by investing in a couple of hours. Yes, and what a releasing effect

for everyone!

When our ‘number comes up’ and the shroud of death is pulled over us, We Believers can lie down unafraid, waking up in glory with the Master and all the saints that have gone before us, knowing it is well with our soul, our family and our Lord. So, the next time we hear the death bell tolling, may we be reminded of unfinished business we need to complete. Let’s let this be a warning. Don’t wait too late. Do it NOW!

One day, and it may be soon, the Lord will call our names. What a day, glorious day that will be! We will join the “eternal caravan” of God’s children coming home. Can’t you hear the bells now ringing? Can’t you hear the angels singing? What a blessed Jubilee!

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Bill Crider

THE UPWARD LOOK

Spiritual Battle

“For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.” Ephesians 6:12 NASB



Max Hutto

Believers are in the midst of a spiritual battle. While the forces of evil use people to spout their wicked and vile hatred of God and all that stand with Him, this fight is not against other people, flesh and blood. Believers must be mindful that God loves all people and desires them to come to

a saving personal relationship under the Lordship of Christ. However people without Christ will face the judgment meant for the spiritual forces of darkness, wickedness, and evil.

Lord Jesus, help me to tell others that the only hope for people caught up in the snares of evil is repentance of sin and complete trust in the redeeming grace found in Christ.

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

INSPIRATION

Recipe for success

If you’re like me and you like to bake you’ve probably used a recipe. In theory, if you follow the same recipe you should get a consistent result. However, that isn’t always the case. It’s been my experience that I can be consistent and still fail. I have found that in some instances the failures are due to mistakes in my execution. However, I have also had to face the fact that some factors are beyond my control. Several things can affect the outcome. For instance inconsistent oven heat, changes in barometric pressure, or even faults in your ingredients. The situations in our lives can be viewed similarly. We as humans often go through our lives making plan after plan.




Bernard Harris

This is fine because it aids in organization. However, you need to ask yourself a question. What will I do when one of my plans fails? Jeremiah 29:11 NLT Says “I know the plans I have for you,” says the Lord. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.” As humans and children of God, we have to learn to let go of our plan and seek out God’s. This could be the difference between rising to the occasion or falling flat.

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

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Village of Dixie Inn Regular Session August 13, 2024

NOTICE: THESE MINUTES HAVE NOT BEEN FORMALLY

APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen for the Village of Dixie Inn met in Regular Session on August 13, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, Dixie Inn, Louisiana with the following members present: Mayor Donna Hoffoss, Aldermen Judy McKenzie, Nell Finlay, and Lance Milligan.

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

There were no public comments.

Mayor Hoffoss welcomed guests.

A motion was made by Judy McKenzie and seconded by Lance Milligan to adopt the minutes of the June 6, 2024 Special Session, July 9, 2024 Regular Session, and July 18, 2024 Special Session. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

A motion was made by Nell Finlay and seconded by Judy McKenzie to adopt all financial statements for July 2024. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

New Business:

A motion was made by Judy McKenzie and seconded by Lance Milligan to approve Mayor Hoffoss to sign the 2023-2024 Audit and SAUP Engagement Letter with Cook & Morehart. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

A motion was made by Nell Finlay and seconded by Judy McKenzie to accept Donald Myers' resignation as Chief of Police. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

A motion was made by Nell Finlay and seconded by Judy McKenzie to approve the bid on a parking canopy for the municipal building, with the CWF Grant covering \$15,000 and the village paying the \$4,500 balance. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

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

ATTEST:
Donna Hoffoss
Mayor

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING WEBSTER PARISH POLICE JURY August 6, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Bonsall, President; Steve Ramsey, Vice President; Beverly Kennon, Mike Griffith, Steve Lemmons, LaTanya Grigsby, Nancy Hines, Randy Thomas, Daniel Thomas, Allen Gilbert, Bruce Blanton and Adam Lee

Mr. Jim Bonsall called the meeting to order at 10:45am and asked Mr. Steve Lemmons to open the meeting with prayer and asked Mr. Mike Griffith led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Jim Bonsall then asked for additions to the agenda. There were no comments from the audience concerning the agenda.

Ms. Beverly Kennon moved, seconded by Mr. Adam Lee to approve invoices for payment pending review by juror Beverly Kennon. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Daniel Thomas moved, seconded by Ms. Beverly Kennon to adopt the minutes of the July 2, 2024 Road Committee, Finance Committee, Environmental Committee, Intergovernmental Committee and Regular Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Jennie Henry, CPA with Allen, Green & Williamson, CPA presented the 2023 Audit of Financials for the Webster Parish Police Jury.

Mr. Steve Ramsey moved, seconded by Mr. Daniel Thomas to approve the Board Appointments for the Evergreen Fire Protection District to Reappoint April Shaw as Chairman and Emmett Jones as member, for a 2-year term to expire 12/31/2026. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bruce Blanton

moved, seconded by Ms. Beverly Kennon to approve the precinct survey forms of Webster Parish voting precincts having less than 300 active registered voters. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Mike Griffith moved, seconded by Ms. LaTanya Grigsby to approve donation of immovable property to St. James Water System, Inc. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Steve Ramsey moved, seconded by Ms. LaTanya Grigsby to approve to Call for a Public Hearing: Notice is hereby given that at its meeting to be held on Tuesday, September 3, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. at its regular meeting place, the Police Jury Meeting Room, Webster Parish Courthouse Annex, 401 Main Street, Minden, Louisiana, the Police Jury of the Parish of Webster, State of Louisiana, plans to consider adopting a resolution ordering and calling an election to be held within the Parish of Webster, State of Louisiana to authorize the levy an ad valorem tax therein. Motion Carried unanimously.

COMMENTS: Melinda Davidson WFOCS Director Wanda Finley WPPJ Head Start Savannah Jones Webster Parish Library Johnnie Kennon WP C.V.B. (Tourism) Allen Mosley WP Coroner Carl Thompson WP Assessor, Denise Edwards Brian Williams WPPJ OEP/HS Director Kathy Babers Congressman Mike Johnson Jessica Gorman Dorcheat Historical Museum

Mr. Steve Ramsey moved, seconded by Mr. Steve Lemmons to approve the action taken at the Road Committee Meeting held earlier today. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Beverly Kennon moved, seconded by Mr. Adam Lee to approve the action taken at the Finance Committee Meeting held earlier today. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Jim Bonsall then gave Presidents' closing remarks. There being no further business to bring before the Jury, the meeting adjourned.

/s/ Lisa C. Balkom Secretary-Treasurer

/s/ Jim Bonsall President

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SHERIFF'S SALE

21ST MORTGAGE CORP. VS. CHRISTOPHER CORBIT & NANCY M. CORBIT

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 81604.

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 11, 2024. During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

2021 Fleetwood 28 x 54 mobile home bearing serial numbers MSFLY25A42685 and MSFLY25B42685

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

August 28, 2024
Minden Press Herald

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, October 2, 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, ADVANTAGES AND APPURTENANCES THEREUNTO BELONGING OR IN ANYWISE APPERTAINING, 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 (N 1/2 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

Pam Brantley - Deputy

August 28, 2024
September 25, 2024
Minden Press Herald

SHERIFF'S SALE

DEERE & COMPANY VS. JAMORRIS J FRAZIER

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 81417.

By virtue of a WRIT OF SEQUESTRATION 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, September 11, 2024. During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

2020 JOHN DEER 400E LOADER, S/N: 1P0400EX-PLX058878
2021 FRONTIER AB12E 3TBALSPE 300/400/500EX, S/N: 1XFAB12E-JM0011620
2021 JOHN DEERE 4044E TRACTOR, S/N: 1LV4044M-CLM112408

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

August 28, 2024
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The following resolution was offered by Debbie Thomas and seconded by Ronald Rhymes:

RESOLUTION

A resolution recognizing the final form and execution of the Bond Purchase Agreement in connection with the issuance and sale of \$11,000,000 of General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2024, of the Springhill School District No. 8 of the Parish of Webster, State of Louisiana; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

WHEREAS, the Parish School Board of the Parish of Webster, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority (the "Governing Authority") of Springhill School District No. 8 of the Parish of Webster, State of Louisiana (the "Issuer"), adopted a resolution on May 20, 2024 (the "Bond Resolution"), authorizing the issuance of Eleven Million Dollars (\$11,000,000) of General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2024 (the "Bonds") of the Issuer; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of the Governing Authority has executed the Bond Purchase Agreement providing for the sale of the Bonds, as authorized by the Bond Resolution; and

WHEREAS, a copy of the executed Bond Purchase Agreement is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**; and

WHEREAS, this Governing Authority hereby finds and determines that the terms of the Bonds are within the parameters permitted by the Bond Resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Parish School Board of the Parish of Webster, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of Springhill School District No. 8 of the Parish of Webster, State of Louisiana, that:

SECTION 1. Confirmation of Bond Purchase Agreement. The sale of the Bonds has met the parameters set forth in the Bond Resolution, and accordingly the terms of the Bonds contained in the Bond Purchase Agreement are incorporated herein, and the Bond Purchase Agreement is hereby accepted as executed and attached as **Exhibit A** hereto.

Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meaning given such terms in the Bond Resolution.

SECTION 2. Official Statement. The Issuer hereby approves the form and content of the Preliminary Official Statement dated as of July 16, 2024, pertaining to the Bonds, which has been submitted to the Issuer, and hereby ratifies its prior use by the Underwriter as Purchaser in connection with the sale of the Bonds. The Issuer further approves the form and content of the final Official Statement pertaining to the Bonds, which has been submitted to the Issuer, and hereby ratifies its execution by the Executive Officers and delivery of such final Official Statement to the Underwriter for use in connection with the public offering of the Bonds.

SECTION 3. Deposit of Premium. The net premium of \$575,453.20 to be received by the Issuer upon the delivery of the Bonds shall be deposited in the construction fund to be established pursuant to the Bond Resolution and used to pay costs associated with any purpose for which the Bonds are being issued.

SECTION 4. Execution of Documents. The Executive Officers are hereby empowered, authorized and directed to take any and all action and to execute and deliver any instrument, document or certificate necessary to effectuate the purposes of this resolution and the Bond Resolution. If at any time of the execution of any such documents either of the Executive Officers is absent or otherwise unavailable to sign, the Vice-President shall be expressly authorized to execute such documents on behalf of the Governing Authority.

SECTION 5. Bond Insurance. This Governing Authority hereby makes the findings required by Section 505 of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, of the benefit from entering into a contract with Assured Guaranty Inc. for the acquisition of a Municipal Bond Insurance Policy for the Bonds. The provisions of **Exhibit B** hereto are hereby adopted and shall be incorporated in this resolution and the Bond Resolution as if fully set forth herein and therein, and the Executive Officers, or either of them, are hereby authorized and directed to execute all documents related thereto.

SECTION 6. Repealing Clause. All resolutions, or parts thereof, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 7. Effective Date. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

School Board Members	Yea	Nay	Absent	Abstaining
Margaret Edens	X		X	
Debbie Thomas	X			
Charles Strong	X			
Jonathan Guthrie	X			
Ronald Rhymes	X			
Jana Wilson	X			
Linda Kinsey			X	
Glenda Broughton	X			
Jerrie Lee	X			
Johnney Kennon	X			
Jerry Lott	X			
Susan Addington	X			

And this resolution was declared adopted on this, the 5th day of August, 2024.

/s/ Johnny Rowland, Jr. Secretary

/s/ Charles Strong President

Exhibits to this resolution have not been published. Exhibits are on file with the minutes of the Webster Parish School Board and are available for inspection during regular business hours.

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
PROCLAMATION NUMBER 50 JML 2024

SPECIAL ELECTION – MAYOR, VILLAGE OF SHONGALOO,
PARISH OF WEBSTER

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the office of Mayor, Village of Shongaloo, Parish of Webster, because no one qualified for this office during the July 17-19, 2024 qualifying period for the November 5, 2024 election;

WHEREAS, R.S. 18:602 requires the Governor to call a special election to fill the vacancy in an office of a member of a parish or municipal governing authority when more than eighteen (18) months of the term remain unexpired in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 18:602 and/or the dates for elections set forth in R.S. 18:402.

NOW THEREFORE, I, JEFF LANDRY, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:


- Section 1:** A special primary and general election for the unexpired terms shall be held throughout the jurisdiction of Mayor, Village of Shongaloo, Parish of Webster, for the purpose of electing a mayor to fill the vacancy in the office.
- Section 2:** Any qualified person desiring to become a candidate for the office shall file a notice of candidacy, accompanied either by a qualifying fee or a nominating petition, as required or authorized by law, with the appropriate election official in the manner and form, and under the procedures and conditions, provided by R.S. 18:461 *et seq.*, and all other applicable provisions of the Louisiana Election Code, R.S. 18:1 *et seq.*, during the period commencing Wednesday, January 29, 2025 and ending at 4:30 p.m. Friday, January 31, 2025.
- Section 3:** The special election shall be held and conducted under the applicable provisions of the Louisiana Election Code, R.S. 18:1 *et seq.*
- Section 4:** The primary election shall be held Saturday, March 29, 2025, and the general election shall be held Saturday, May 3, 2025, at the times and places and in the manner, prescribed by law.
- Section 5:** The Secretary of State, Commissioner of Elections, Parish Board of Election Supervisors, Clerk of Court, Registrar of Voters, and all other persons charged with any power, function, right, duty or responsibility in conducting elections in the jurisdiction of Mayor, Village of Shongaloo, Parish of Webster, are hereby authorized, requested, directed and empowered to exercise every lawful function and to do every act necessary to conduct the special election, to cause the returns to be made, to canvass and promulgate the results, and to perform all related and incidental functions.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Louisiana in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 14th day of August 2024.

Jeff Landry
GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTEST BY THE
SECRETARY OF STATE

Nancy Landry
SECRETARY OF STATE
August 28, 2024
Minden Press Herald



State of Louisiana

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
PROCLAMATION NUMBER 52 JML 2024

SPECIAL ELECTION – TWO (2) ALDERMEN, VILLAGE OF
SHONGALOO, PARISH OF WEBSTER

WHEREAS, two vacancies exist in the office of Alderman, Village of Shongaloo, Parish of Webster, because no one qualified for these offices during the July 17-19, 2024 qualifying period for the November 5, 2024 election;

WHEREAS, R.S. 18:602 requires the Governor to call a special election to fill the vacancy in an office of a member of a parish or municipal governing authority when more than eighteen (18) months of the term remain unexpired in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 18:602 and/or the dates for elections set forth in R.S. 18:402.

NOW THEREFORE, I, JEFF LANDRY, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

Section 1: A special primary and general election for the unexpired terms shall be held throughout the jurisdiction of the Village of Shongaloo, Parish of Webster, for the purpose of electing aldermen to fill the vacancies in the office.

Section 2: Any qualified person desiring to become a candidate for the office shall file a notice of candidacy, accompanied either by a qualifying fee or a nominating petition, as required or authorized by law, with the appropriate election official in the manner and form, and under the procedures and conditions, provided by R.S. 18:461 *et seq.*, and all other applicable provisions of the Louisiana Election Code, R.S. 18:1 *et seq.*, during the period commencing Wednesday, January 29, 2025 and ending at 4:30 p.m. Friday, January 31, 2025.

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Section 5: The Secretary of State, Commissioner of Elections, Parish Board of Election Supervisors, Clerk of Court, Registrar of Voters, and all other persons charged with any power, function, right, duty or responsibility in conducting elections in the jurisdiction of the Village of Shongaloo, Parish of Webster, are hereby authorized, requested, directed and empowered to exercise every lawful function and to do every act necessary to conduct the special election, to cause the returns to be made, to canvass and promulgate the results, and to perform all related and incidental functions.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Louisiana in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 14th day of August 2024.

Jeff Landry
GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTEST BY THE
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Nancy Landry
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Notice of Public Hearing

The Webster Parish School Board will hold a Public Hearing on the 2024-2025 Operating Budget on September 5, 2024 at 5:00 P.M. in the Board Room of the School Board Office located at 1442 Shepard Street in Minden, Louisiana. The Public is invited and encouraged to attend the meeting and provide input into the spending of educational dollars.

A copy of the Budget will be available for Public inspection between the hours of 7:30 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., Monday thru Friday, at the front desk of the School Board Office.

WEBSTER PARISH SCHOOL BOARD CONSOLIDATED BUDGET SUMMARY 2024-2025							
	GENERAL FUND BUDGET	FT 2024-2025 SPECIAL FUNDS BUDGET	TOTAL BUDGET	FT 2023-2024 ESTIMATED ACTUALS	FT 2023-2024 REVISED BUDGET	BUDGET CHANGE	PERCENT TO CHANGE
I. REVENUE							
A. LOCAL	\$ 12,797,318	\$ 25,465,809	\$ 38,263,127	\$ 35,039,646	\$ 35,039,646	\$ 3,223,481	8.200%
B. STATE	\$ 36,395,295	\$ 259,873	\$ 36,655,168	\$ 36,143,166	\$ 36,143,166	\$ 512,002	1.417%
C. FEDERAL	\$ 68,264	\$ 15,678,259	\$ 15,746,523	\$ 27,519,392	\$ 27,519,392	\$ (11,772,869)	-42.780%
D. OTHER	\$ 3,572,396	\$ 1,300,220	\$ 4,872,616	\$ 6,496,612	\$ 6,496,612	\$ (1,623,996)	-24.98%
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 52,833,273	\$ 42,704,161	\$ 95,537,434	\$ 105,198,816	\$ 105,198,816	\$ (9,661,380)	-9.160%
II. EXPENDITURES							
A. REGULAR PROGRAM	\$ 22,403,670	\$ 2,424,599	\$ 24,828,269	\$ 32,540,700	\$ 32,540,700	\$ (7,712,431)	-23.70%
B. SPECIAL PROGRAMS	\$ 8,358,391	\$ 2,199,184	\$ 10,557,575	\$ 12,379,240	\$ 12,379,240	\$ (1,821,665)	-14.71%
C. VOCATIONAL PROGRAMS	\$ 1,186,911	\$ 166,894	\$ 1,353,805	\$ 1,408,472	\$ 1,408,472	\$ (54,667)	-3.81%
D. OTHER INSTRUCT. PROGRAMS	\$ 600,887	\$ 9,544	\$ 610,431	\$ 3,412,442	\$ 3,412,442	\$ (2,802,011)	-22.12%
E. CULTURALLY DEPRIVED (ESSA)	\$ 356,910	\$ 9,896,833	\$ 10,253,743	\$ 6,162,062	\$ 6,162,062	\$ 4,091,681	66.41%
F. ADULT ED. PROGRAMS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	ND/0%
G. PUPIL SUPPORT PROGRAMS	\$ 2,584,908	\$ 202,434	\$ 2,787,342	\$ 3,111,327	\$ 3,111,327	\$ (323,985)	-10.47%
H. INSTRUCT. STAFF SUPPORT	\$ 1,591,857	\$ 598,669	\$ 2,190,526	\$ 5,347,000	\$ 5,347,000	\$ (3,156,474)	-59.03%
I. GEN. ADMN. PROGRAMS	\$ 919,414	\$ 605,514	\$ 1,524,928	\$ 1,526,436	\$ 1,526,436	\$ (1,508)	-0.09%
J. SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION	\$ 4,200,695	\$ 390,270	\$ 4,590,965	\$ 4,714,629	\$ 4,714,629	\$ (123,664)	-2.62%
K. BUSINESS SERVICES	\$ 1,164,676	\$ 60,931	\$ 1,225,607	\$ 1,227,848	\$ 1,227,848	\$ (2,241)	-0.18%
L. OP. & MAINT. SERVICES	\$ 4,442,672	\$ 4,201,725	\$ 8,644,397	\$ 8,505,279	\$ 8,505,279	\$ 139,118	1.58%
M. TRANSPORTATION SERVICES	\$ 4,040,931	\$ 403,869	\$ 4,444,800	\$ 4,745,786	\$ 4,745,786	\$ (300,986)	-6.34%
N. CENTRAL SERVICES	\$ 439,880	\$ 17,802	\$ 457,682	\$ 593,977	\$ 593,977	\$ (136,295)	-22.94%
O. FOOD SERVICE OPERATIONS	\$ 90,511	\$ 5,145,672	\$ 5,236,383	\$ 5,649,239	\$ 5,649,239	\$ (418,856)	-7.30%
P. COMMUNITY SERVICES	\$ 22,000	\$ -	\$ 22,000	\$ 22,000	\$ 22,000	\$ -	0.00%
Q. FACILITY ACQ. & CONST.	\$ -	\$ 3,704,864	\$ 3,704,864	\$ 5,829,171	\$ 5,829,171	\$ (2,124,307)	-36.44%
R. OTHER USES OF FUNDS	\$ 428,960	\$ 10,146,624	\$ 10,575,584	\$ 9,005,902	\$ 9,005,902	\$ 1,569,682	17.42%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 52,833,273	\$ 40,175,628	\$ 93,009,901	\$ 106,181,510	\$ 106,181,510	\$ (13,172,609)	-12.40%
EXCESS <DEFICIENCY>	\$ -	\$ 2,528,533	\$ 2,528,533	\$ (982,694)	\$ (982,694)	\$ 3,511,227	-357.30%
EST. FUND BAL. 6/30/2024	\$ 4,913,255	\$ 25,497,365	\$ 30,410,620	\$ 31,403,648	\$ 31,403,648	\$ (993,028)	-3.16%
ADJUSTMENTS	\$ -	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ -	0.00%
EST FUND BAL. 6-30-2025	\$ 4,913,255	\$ 28,225,689	\$ 33,139,153	\$ 30,620,954	\$ 30,620,954	\$ 2,518,199	8.224%

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CONSIDER USING
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GRASSES IN YOUR
LANDSCAPE

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To some people the word “grass” means a pretty lawn that ties together the plants in a landscape and makes the home the focal point of it all. To others it reminds them of a highly manicured green on which they play golf. But there are other types of grasses that serve another purpose which is to add some different textures to a landscape. These grasses also are attractive in their own right plus they introduce different colors, different forms and most will move in the wind thus providing a new element to the landscape. Some even have flowers.

Not too many of the ornamental grasses are evergreen and most are actually perennials which reveal their beauty during the growing season. But being a perennial you don’t have to plant them but one time. And they give a different color as they move into the winter months. Some people don’t like the tans and browns of their winter foliage and cut them back. And most have to be cut back in the break between winter and summer. When doing this, make the cuts above any emerging foliage to save the spring and summer beauty.

Most of the ornamental grasses require little attention and usually will survive in harsh environments with little watering. However, they may perform somewhat better if they receive an occasional rain or



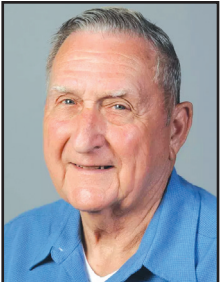
some supplemental water is provided. Large and dense species are good screening plants that can block undesirable views. Depending on what you need you can get ornamental grasses that range in size from less than a foot to up to 15 feet. Some species have additional qualities to offer such as fountain-like or rounded forms and eye-catching colors. But the most unique quality of many is their motion in the wind. Few other plants can duplicate this quality.

Still another feather that most gardeners and homeowners like about ornamental grasses is their ease of maintenance. They’re relatively disease free nor do most insects like them which translates into less spraying for pest control. Once established, little fertilization is needed. Another feather that most homeowners like is that they tend to be very adaptive. Thus, it’s usually no problem to find one that is tolerant of full or part sun. Some can even handle a little shade

while a few will adapt to somewhat heavier shade.

When planting ornamental grasses in existing beds, little improvement to the soil is needed. Planting is also easy. Just plant at the same level your clump of grass was growing in its container and water heavily. They can also be planted in the heat of summer... successfully.

Since most ornamental grasses do not form runners like Bermuda grass, but rather develop clumps they do not become a problem invader. The clumps just continue to get larger and when too big can be divided.



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