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REUNION

## Calling all wolves!



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FELICIA MIMS DOUGLAS  
Special to the Minden Press-Herald

What was that sound? It was a wolf. More specifically, it was an entire wolfpack! The Webster High Alumni Association hosted its 13th Reunion of Classes during the period of August 8 -11, 2024. Marking the Centennial Plus 2 years Anniversary of ‘the’ historic Webster High School, the Webster High School Wolf Pack was back at the ‘Den’ in Minden, Louisiana. The theme for this year’s reunion was, WHS: Centennial Plus 2 Years Celebration: Keeping the Connection.

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Mrs. Virginia Bickham Jefferson (WHS Class of

1959) and Mr. Gary D. Jiles, Sr. (WHS Class of 1973) served as Chairpersons for the entire WHS 13th Reunion of Classes/Centennial +2 Years Celebration. If the strength of a wolf is its pack, then WHS Alumni are unbelievably strong! They quickly answered the call to return to the den when the WHS Alumni Association howled to the rest of the pack. Despite a 7-year hiatus, the pack howled back and came... ‘a-running’! Per Mrs. Jefferson, “For those who may not know, Webster High School was—and still is—known all over the parish, state, country and world for its academic and athletic prowess. Check the Record; The Wolf Pack is all over; so, look for the big, paw prints! ‘The’ illustrious WHS is represented in all facets of careers and professions...teachers, professors, attorneys, judges, political figures, doctors and other health care professionals, military service men and women, public servants, professional athletes, CEO’s, scientists, inventors, liaisons, stockbrokers, bankers, interventionists, activists, authors, international businessmen and women, financiers and numerous others are indelibly tied to the rich heritage and everlasting legacy of Webster High School.” In the words of Mrs. Yvette Hayes Edwards (WHS Class of 1972 and daughter of the late principal, Mr. W. Leon Hayes and late Mrs. Marguerite Adams Hayes Williams), “Everything and Everyone associated with Webster High School is what made the institution

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GREATER MINDEN CHAMBER

## Chamber supports local restaurants with Lunch Mob



WILL PHILLIPS/PRESS-HERALD PHOTO

Members of the Greater Minden Chamber and the local community showed their support for local restaurants by participating in a lunch mob at Ol’ West BBQ.

“The Greater Minden Chamber Lunch Mob will meet monthly at a chamber-member eating establishment to show our appreciation and encourage the community to support our local businesses,” said GMC President/CEO Stephanie Barnette.

“We welcome current chamber members and future members to join us each month and make some new connections, all while enjoying lunch at one of our great restaurants. Keep checking our Facebook page or our email blasts to see who we will mob next!”

CARS

## 16th Annual Car & Bike Show to rev up downtown Minden

AMBER MCDOWN  
Minden Press-Herald

The 16th Annual Car & Bike Show, titled “Cruisin’ & Groovin’ Downtown Minden,” is set to take place on Saturday, September 14 in historic downtown Minden. This much-anticipated event will showcase an array of classic and custom vehicles, promising a day of family-friendly fun for attendees from across the Ark-La-Tex region.

Organized by the Vintage Car Club of Minden, the show will feature their renowned “Show & Shine,” where car enthusiasts can admire meticulously restored and modified vehicles. The event will also include enter-

tainment, contests, and a variety of food options to ensure a memorable experience for all ages.

One of the highlights of the day will be the trophy presentation, which is touted as the largest in the area. Participants from various regions will compete for top honors, adding a competitive edge to the festivities.

With its combination of great food, live entertainment, and impressive vehicles, the 16th Annual Car & Bike Show is expected to draw large crowds to downtown Minden. The event offers a unique opportunity for the community to come together, enjoy the sights and sounds, and celebrate automotive craftsmanship.



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# WEBSTER & MORE

COMMUNITY

## Minden Oktoberfest coming to Pearl Street on October 12

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Roma Italian Bistro and Under Dawgs Sports Grill are teaming up again to host Minden Oktoberfest, set to take place on Pearl Street on Saturday, October 12, from 3 PM to 10 PM.

The event will feature a variety of food, drinks, live music, and a cornhole tournament, with more activities currently being planned. “We are hoping to have quite the growth spurt!” said event organizer Cade Adkins, noting that additional support has been secured for this year’s festival. “It should be a big, fun event.”

Minden Oktoberfest promises to bring the community together for an evening of lively celebrations and entertainment.



COMMUNITY

## Webster Parish to host disaster preparedness event in Springhill

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The Webster Parish Police Jury Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness is organizing a Disaster Preparedness Event on September 6 at the Community Activities Center Building, 301 W. Church Street in Springhill, from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM.

The event will provide the public with an opportunity to learn how to prepare for various types of emergencies. Representatives from several agencies, including the Webster Parish Office of Homeland Security and

Emergency Preparedness, the Governor’s Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP), the Louisiana Attorney General’s Office, National Weather Service Shreveport, Pafford EMS, Springhill Fire Department, Springhill Medical Center, Springhill Police Department, Webster Parish Sheriff’s Office, and Webster Parish 9-1-1, will be present to offer guidance and answer questions.

Topics to be covered include disaster preparedness for floods and tornadoes, evacuation plans and disaster kits, fire

safety and the importance of smoke detectors, key information for dialing 9-1-1, and how to properly mark residences or businesses to assist emergency responders.

“This event will ensure that our citizens have the knowledge and skills to prepare for various types of emergencies,” said Brian Williams, director of the Webster Parish Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness.

A second event is planned for south Webster Parish, with details to be announced once finalized.

CRIME

## Woman arrested for criminal trespass after disturbance involving baseball bat

STAFF REPORT  
Minden Press-Herald

A 27-year-old woman was arrested on August 9 after a disturbance involving a baseball bat led to charges of criminal trespass. Officers were dispatched at approximately 9 AM to the area of W R Reeder and Crichton Hill following reports of gunshots.

Upon arrival, officers made contact with one group at a residence on Crichton Hill, who informed them that another group had moved down the street. Officers proceeded to the 600 block of

Morrow Street, where they encountered three people.

The individuals reported that T Neshia Malone had approached their residence attempting to instigate a fight with one of them. Malone allegedly threatened the teenager by striking a stop sign at the intersection of Crichton Hill and Morrow Street with a black and blue baseball bat. Witnesses stated that Malone entered their yard, stood in their driveway, and assumed a fighting stance. According to a resident, Malone had previously been trespassed from the property by a Minden police officer.

The teen declined to press charges for the simple assault.

Officers then contacted Malone at a residence on Crichton Hill. She admitted to going to the Morrow Street address with a baseball bat but denied swinging it at anyone. Malone also confirmed on body camera footage that she had been trespassed from the residence.

Malone was arrested for criminal trespass and transported her to the Minden Police Department for booking.

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CRIME

## Minden man charged with domestic abuse and false imprisonment

STAFF REPORT  
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A Minden man was charged with domestic abuse and false imprisonment following a violent altercation with his girlfriend in the early hours of August 30.

Police responded to the 700 block of Peach Street at approximately 1:26 AM after receiving a report of a stabbing incident. Upon arrival, officers observed the male subject, identified as 27-year-old Aaron Taylor, being transported to Minden Medical Center by a privately owned vehicle. His girlfriend was found sitting on the porch

of the residence.

According to the police report, the girlfriend explained that the incident began when Taylor refused to allow her to exit their bedroom and allegedly began to batter and strangle her. She managed to escape the room, but Taylor pursued her and continued the physical assault throughout the residence. The girlfriend attempted to call 911, but Taylor allegedly grabbed her phone and threw it aside.

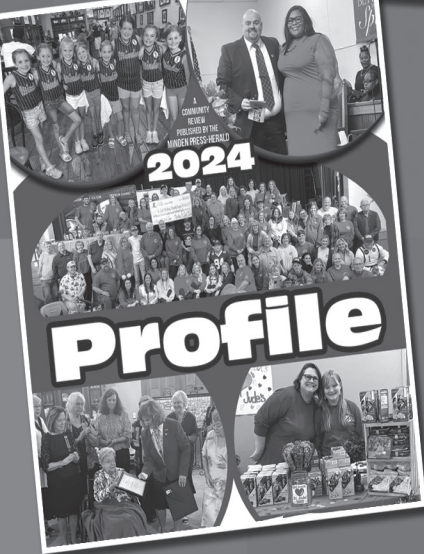
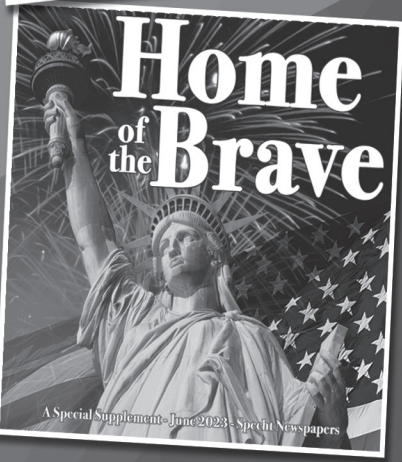
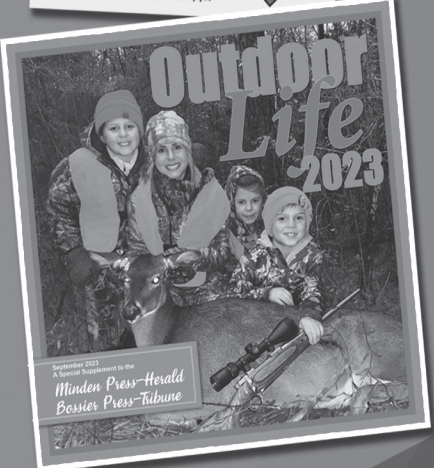
In her attempt to defend herself, she fled to the kitchen, where she armed herself with a knife. During the ensuing struggle, Taylor reportedly tried to

disarm her, resulting in a laceration to his hand when he grabbed the blade. Officers noted that the girlfriend appeared disheveled, with torn clothing and visible red marks around her neck and on her back.

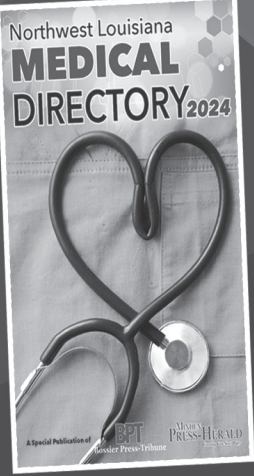
After receiving treatment for his injury at Minden Medical Center, Taylor was taken into custody and transported to the Minden Police Department where he was booked on charges of domestic abuse with strangulation and false imprisonment.

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# WEBSTER & MORE

## OBITUARIES



### James E. Thompson

James E. Thompson 74, of Minden was born April 23, 1950, in Henderson, Tennessee and entered into rest August 7, 2024, in Shreveport, Louisiana.

James was preceded in death by his parents Paul and

### Rebecca Elizabeth (Scruggs) Willcox

On August 23, 2024, Rebecca Scruggs Willcox passed away at the age of 81 after a 14-year battle with cancer. Born on July 22, 1943, in Monroe, Louisiana, Becky or Gammaw, as most knew her, spent most of her life in the North Louisiana area. At the time of her death, she resided in Athens, Louisiana.

Becky spent over 40 dedicated years in the banking industry, where she met numerous people who would later become very dear friends. She was well-known in the banking system for her sweet nature and humorous attitude. She made an impact in every facility that she was involved in.

Becky's life was marked by her love for her family. She spent numerous hours with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, following them to ballgames, family events, and extracurriculars. They were the joy and strength that kept her going for many years during her cancer fight.

Becky was preceded in death by her parents, Clar-

Ellen Thompson.

He is survived by his sons, Daniel Thompson, Richard Thompson, and Marcus Thompson; daughters, Sue Rowell, Florence Adkins, Tiffany Thompson, Renada Thompson, and Judy Chastain; sisters, Judy Jones and Carolyn Mladan; brother, Donnie Thompson, ten grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

Memorial service Saturday, September 7, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at Rose Neath Funeral Home in Minden, Louisiana with internment to follow with military rites at Gardens of Memory Cemetery in Minden.

ence and Elizabeth Scruggs, and her brother, Glenn Scruggs.

She is survived by her daughters, Tammy David of Little Rock, Arkansas and Kim (Mike) James of Minden, LA; grandchildren, Stephanie (Rance) Gantt of Athens, LA, Megan James of Minden, LA, Tyler Hudson of Dallas, TX, Mikey James of New Braunfels, TX, and Brayden Veuleman of Little Rock, Arkansas; great-grandchildren, Addison, Randon, and Weston Gantt of Athens, LA, and Louie Kourvelas and Larkyn James, of Minden, LA; and nephews, Lance, Bryan, and Chad Scruggs.

A special thank you goes to Dr. Kirtan Koticha and his amazing staff for their support and care for her over the past years.

A Celebration of Life gathering will be held at First Baptist Church - Family Life Center in Minden, Louisiana, on September 14, 2024, at 1:00 pm. Family and friends are encouraged to come honor her memory during this time.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to her favorite rescue, Misfit Farms and Sanctuary of Athens, Louisiana.

## CRIME

### Minden woman arrested on aggravated assault and weapons charges

**STAFF REPORT**  
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A Minden woman was arrested Friday on charges of aggravated assault with a firearm and illegal use of a weapon following a domestic dispute.

Chameteria Jones, 40, turned herself in to the Minden City Police Department after an active 911 call reported her involvement in an altercation in the 100 block of N. Talton Street. Dispatch had earlier advised officers that Jones had fired a gun into the air during the incident.

According to the victim, the argument escalated when Jones brandished a knife and threatened to cause bodily harm. The situation intensified when Jones armed herself with a firearm, made additional threats, and fired a shot into the air. The victim reported to

both dispatch and responding officers that he feared for his life.

Upon Jones' arrival at the police department, a gunshot residue test was conducted on her hands, which came back positive. Investigators at the scene recovered a 9mm shell casing and a knife, which was found in Jones' vehicle.

Post-Miranda, Jones admitted to engaging in a verbal argument with the victim, which escalated to her arming herself with a knife and then a firearm. Jones claimed she acted in self-defense. The dispute reportedly began over a grill.

Jones was subsequently charged with aggravated assault with a firearm and illegal use of a weapon, both felony offenses.

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# WOLVES

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so great!"

With almost 500 registered alumni and participants, WHS Alumni, past teachers and staff members, family, friends and special guests painted the City of Minden blue and white. Mr. James "Jimmy" Sims (WHS Class of 1958) and his "New Light" friends kicked off the reunion with a "Howling Good Time" pre-reunion, old-fashioned, gospel concert on Thursday evening, August 8th. He wowed the crowd with his frequent costume changes and showmanship.

Reunion activities included: registration packet and T-shirt pick-up (Chairs - Mrs. Linda Davis Watts; Mrs. Sueletha Scott Frazier; Ms. Helen Phillips and Mrs. Audrey Reed Flournoy; Mrs. Cynthia "Tan" Combs; Mrs. Jackie Lewis Rice - WHS Classes of 1966, 1968, 1965, and last three, Class of 1975 respectively); a meet-and-greet fish fry in Miller Quarters Park behind the Minden Police Station (sponsored by the Webster High School Athletic Association), a formal WHS Blue and White Sneaker Ball at the Minden Civic Center, a downtown parade, various class picnics at the Minden Forestry Building and other designated places in the city, a scholarship awards and alumni recognition banquet at the Minden Civic Center and finally, a vesper church service in the Minden Civic Center which culminated the 3-day event. Whew, what a weekend!

On Friday night, August 9, 2024, the WHS Alumni Association's Sneaker Ball Committee, Mrs. Pamela Penton, (Chair) and WHS Class of 1971) and Company rolled out the "blue" carpet for the Living Legend, Mr. Jessie O. Gooding. The Honorable Levon "Charlie" Thomas, District B Councilman (Alumnus, WHS Class of 1968) welcomed the enthusiastic audience. The audience stood and cheered as Mr. Gooding strolled to his seat. A 97-year-old resident of Dayton, Ohio, Mr. Gooding is a graduate of the WHS Class of 1945 and 1953 graduate of Wilberforce University in Ohio. With a Bachelor of Science Degree in Chemistry, he is a renown sci-

entist, author, civil rights icon, public servant, orator, leader, mentor and drum major for the voiceless, Mr. Gooding has received countless awards and honors from U.S. presidents, governors, congressional officials, civic and professional groups. He also served in the Army Air Corps.

In addition to his advocacy, Gooding served as president of the Dayton NAACP for 20 years, a trustee for 24 years in Jefferson Township, executive member of Ohio NAACP, CORE, NDA and numerous boards. He was inducted into the Ohio Civil Rights Hall of Fame and the Dayton Historical Wright Brothers' Walk of Fame. Also known as "Mr. Dayton Civil Rights," he has been honored by many local, regional, and state organizations for his servitude and leadership. Mr. Gooding is an active life member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. He has even worked on the U.S. Supreme Courts' Commission on Racial Equality; and he still drives himself around Dayton, Ohio! Mr. Gooding's life has been one of local and national service. As Mr. Gooding so eloquently stated, "I did not fight to get honors, recognition or awards, I fought because there was a need!" He is truly a Living Legend!

On Saturday morning, August 10, 2024, the WHSAA held its "Keeping the Connection" Parade. Mrs. Janell Thornton Edmonds, (WHS Class of 1974) and her committee, orchestrated the parade with about 40 groups—including bands, alumni floats, antique cars, bikers, civic and public service organizations and private citizens. The Centennial +2 Years' Celebration Honoree and Living Legend, Mr. Jessie O. Gooding served as Grand Marshal of the parade. The parade started at the Minden Water Tower, headed to downtown Minden on Broadway Street, rounded the corner--left at Pine Street, proceeded left again--back on to Main Street and ended at the Minden Civic Center. Mr. Michael Walker and his wife, Chequella—along with Ms. Lynda Rowland and Ms. Darlene Cole, served as auditors and judges for the parade. However,

winners were not announced; results were tallied and sealed—TBA later.

The WHSAA's Awards and Recognition Banquet took place later on Saturday night, August 10, 2024. WHSAA's Banquet Committee (Co-Chairs/Classmates in the WHS Class of 1973), Mrs. Essie Webb Dillard and Mrs. Linda Sparks Hudson and committee planned the activities for the evening. However, what is a banquet without mouth-watering, tasty and satisfying food? Mrs. Marie Edwards Qualls and Mrs. Marristene Davis (both in the WHS Class of 1973) and committee were the masterminds behind the delicious, appetizing, food menu. The evening commenced with a mix-and-mingle in the Civic Center foyer. Mrs. Audrey Reed Flournoy (Chair/Class of 1975) and committee members of the WHS Mix-and Mingle Event welcomed alumni and guests to the Minden Civic Center with a live, jazz saxophonist--Mr. De'Lontrell Thomas from Shreveport--and light hors d'oeuvres. The WHS Mix-and-Mingle Event also featured a silent auction with vintage and one-of-a-kind WHS items--up for grabs to the highest bidder. It was a wonderful night... alumni and guests were truly excited and honored to walk down memory lane with historical photos and memorabilia, past principals of WHS banners and Who's Who Among WHS Graduates' presentations and displays.

The banquet occurred after the mix-and-mingle. When the auditorium doors were opened, the big, bold, beautiful blue, white and silver/gold decorations that lined the tables and brilliantly decorated the Minden Civic Center stage and auditorium awed the alumni and guests. The Honorable Mayor of Minden, Nicholas A. Cox welcomed all the WHS Alumni and guests to the Reunion/Celebration and the City of Minden. He presented a proclamation—declaring August 8 - 11th, 2024, as the official dates of Webster High School's Centennial +2 Years Celebration and 13th Reunion of Classes. Retired Colonel Grover

Lewis III (Class of 1977 and son of the late Assistant Principal and Coach, Grover Lewis, Jr. and the late Mrs. Jessye H. Lewis, educator) served as the master of ceremonies and toastmaster. He skillfully emceed the evening's dinner program and kept the WHS Wolf Pack delightfully entertained, but on task.

The evening's activities included recognition of Military/Veteran Service Men and Woman. In addition, seven high school "legacy graduates" were recognized and rewarded with a total of eight academic scholarships--five from the WHSAA - Minden, and three from WHSAA - Southern California. These recipients are all "legacies" of immediate family members/relatives who graduated and/or attended Webster High School. The recipients included: Raegan Qualls-Davis (Minden High School). Raegan plans to attend LSU in Baton Rouge. Qualls-Davis was also the recipient of the Mr. W. Leon Hayes and Mrs. Marguerite Adams Hayes Williams Memorial Scholarship. In addition, she also received a scholarship from the WHSAA's (Southern California Chapter). Completing the list...Nevaeh A. Sutton (Huntington High School-Shreveport); Nevaeh will be attending Southern University in Baton Rouge. Gary Johnson III (Mount Juliet High School in Tennessee). Gary plans to attend Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, TN; Sharity Crawford (Minden High School). Sharity will attend Southern University in Baton Rouge; and Ja' Lea McKinney (Minden High School). Ja' Lea will be attending Louisiana Tech University.

The Webster High School Alumni Association's (Southern California Chapter) also awarded scholarships to Carrington Curry and Braylon Kennedy Johnson. Carrington will be attending Southern University in Baton Rouge; and Braylon graduated from Parkway High School in Bossier City and will be attending Grambling State University. Mrs. Audrey Reed Flournoy, Chair; Ms. Janett Winzer, Class of 1968, Co-Chair (Minden) and Mrs. Ether

Johnson West (WHS Class of 1962) from the WHSAA-Southern California Chapter, along with the rest of the WHS Scholarship Committees would like to thank the alumni, friends, family and guests for their participation in the auction and their generous donations to the WHS Scholarships Fund. The excitement had been building all day; and finally, the moment of truth came when the winners who participated in the parade were presented. Mrs. Janell Thornton Edmonds, along with Mr. Michael Walker and his wife, Chequella had the opportunity to award first-, second- and third-place trophies to winners in the WHS "Keeping the Connection" Parade. Some of the criteria the judges looked for were originality, creativity, most-spirited and overall appearance. In the 'Floats/Non-Antiques' Category, the float from the WHS Class of 1974 won 1st place; the float from the Class of 1967 won 2nd, and the decorated "dually" truck from the Class of 1959 won 3rd place. In the 'Antiques' Category, the 1936 Ford--red with a black top, carrying Miss Webster 1948, Mrs. Lizzie Mae Dillard Taylor placed first. A 1968, Gold Oldsmobile Cutlass, representing the Class of 1963, won 2nd place, and the Green Trolley Car (built in the 1930's), representing the Class of 1964, placed third.

August 11, 2024, Sunday's Vesper Service marked the end of this year's reunion. Mrs. Janell Thornton Edmonds (Chairperson) and her committee served as the coordinators of this religious service. Each class was represented by an attendee/graduate of the WHS classes—from the years 1945 - 1977. Keeping in stride with Sir Edward Elgar's Traditional Pomp and Circumstance Graduation Walking March, in they came; one-behind-the-other. Sometimes, more than one from the various classes proudly marched into the Civic Center Auditorium. Looking spry in their graduation caps—white caps for ladies and blue caps for men—with heads held high, beaming bright smiles and happy-waving hands, they ea-

gerly trooped, single file to their assigned seats.

Program Director and Radio Personality, Ms. Nina Montgomery from stations: FM97.3; FM100.7; FM109.2 in Shreveport, facilitated the vesper program and artfully navigated each portion. Montgomery is a "legacy" who has close ties to numerous family members who graduated from WHS.

Ms. Lillie M. Norton (WHS class of 1971), served as the speaker of the hour. A retired educator of mathematics and music, she taught in the Caddo Parish School System for 38 years. Ms. Norton's soul-stirring message; and, the WHS Memorial Choir's jubilant songs had the crowd shouting, standing and swaying. Youth Ushers from the New Light Baptist Church in Minden also assisted with vesper service.

Posthumously, longtime educator, Mrs. Gatha J. Heard Smith (Class of 1955) and former Minden City Councilman, Mr. Rodney D. Seamster (Class of 1971) were recognized for their support, love and commitment to the coordination and organization of WHS Reunions. Their efforts have irrevocably made it possible for WHS Reunions to continue, thrive and keep the connection. After a memorial/candle lighting observance for all the classes, individual gift presentations and heartfelt "Thank You's," the Centennial +2 Years Celebration/13th Reunion of Classes closed.

Mr. Gary D. Jiles, Sr. made the final remarks. He reminded WHS Alumni and guests, "Until the last alumnus/alumna is standing, we must continue to keep, honor and preserve the legacy and traditions of Webster High School. No Matter What...the 'Show' (WHS Reunions) Must Go On!" And then, in keeping with a time-honored tradition, the WHS Alma Mater began to play. Gary turned and sang along with the rest of the Alumni... melodiously ending with: To the white and blue; We'll always be true...No matter where we roam, you'll be our high-school home. Webster, We love you! The Wolf Pack returns back in 2027.



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OPINION

Congressional Filibuster Also on the Ballot November 5th Prevents ‘The Tyranny of the Majority

With so much attention being given to the presidential election itself, it is easy to overlook another critical factor that will be determined in the election: the filibuster. Let’s refresh our recollection. What is the filibuster and how is it utilized in the U.S. Senate?

The U.S. Senate website defines the filibuster and its close companion—the invoking of “cloture” (i.e., to close)—in this way: “The Senate tradition of unlimited debate has allowed for the use of the filibuster, a loosely defined term for action designed to prolong debate and delay or prevent a vote on a bill, resolution, amendment, or other debatable question ... In 1975 the Senate decided that 60 members of the 100-member Senate must vote to invoke cloture and end a filibuster.” As a result, once a filibuster is begun the individual engaged in the filibuster may continue until 60 senators vote to end the filibuster or the individual literally collapses on the Senate floor from exhaustion. Why is maintaining the 60-vote requirement to end a filibuster so important? Well, while the filibuster is not a literal part of the Constitution it is a longstanding and well-settled tradition that directly reflects what the Framers intended for the Senate to

be, and the role it was to have. After all, the U.S. Senate, which was viewed by the Framers as existing to check the heated and overwrought passions of the U.S. House, was designed to be a more methodical and deliberative body where calmer and wiser heads would prevail.

In fact, the analogy is that the U.S. House, as the body closest to the people, serves as the hot “cup” of rash and emotional legislative action and the U.S. Senate was viewed as the “saucer” onto which it spilled and cooled. This is also why the term of office of a member of the U.S. House is two years and the smaller, and, theoretically, more rational and steadier Senate, is 6 years. So why are Democrats swearing to abolish the 60-vote requirement to end a filibuster if Kamala Harris becomes president and they hold their majority? Because they want to push through their Left-wing agenda with a bare majority vote. In fact, Democrats in the Senate won’t even need a majority of 51 Senators to abol-



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ish the filibuster in a Harris presidency. They would only need 50 Senators plus a Democrat Vice President breaking the tie. What are some of the dangerous and radical steps Senate Democrats could then take in this scenario? Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer has made clear that eliminating the 60-vote filibuster in a Kamala Harris presidency is a certainty and what would follow is alarming: a strong push for a national abortion law, a federal election law (s) to protect “voting rights” that would take over most elections and make it much more difficult for states to conduct elections, including a blizzard of absentee ballots of the kind we saw during Covid, and the election fraud that would follow. Imagine the fundamental restructuring of the U.S. Supreme Court with “court packing” and other procedural changes that don’t require a constitutional amendment that would turn the Court into a third legislative body rather than the impartial, independent arbiter of law the Framers intended. Imagine banning state right-to-work laws, to say nothing of massive new tax increases and regulation. Schumer has also made clear he doesn’t have a problem with price controls for food—an historically, demonstrably

bad idea—or price controls for drugs, and massive funding of the irrational doomsday Climate Change scenario. With the 60-vote filibuster eliminated, the entire Socialist agenda becomes not just possible, but likely. It is simply unwise and reckless to allow huge and sweeping changes of policy to be based on a slim, partisan majority of Senators. If we are going to Medicare for All and are going to abolish private health insurance; or, if we are going to tax unrealized capital gains (a tax on money we haven’t even pocketed yet)—then at least 10 Senators from the opposition party should be in support of it. I recall Thomas Jefferson’s vital governmental principle that “great innovations should not be forced on slender majorities.” With four more years of destructive economic, foreign, and social policy, the America we know and love would be unrecognizable—and unrecoverable. Trump simply must win and the U.S. Senate and U.S. House gain and hold Republican majorities..

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.

FROM THE BACK PORCH

Visiting is an elixir

What ever happened to the matter of visiting family and friends on Sunday afternoons or weekday evenings?

It seems that at one time we spent many hours visiting in the homes of others, and equally inviting them into our homes for just a time of “catching up”. But now, we tell ourselves we don’t have the spare time to make such visits.

When we think about the many hours of card playing, or just talking and enjoying the company of others that we are missing out on, it makes me sad. This was brought to mind in a vivid way last week and I have since made up my mind to make a greater effort to make more visits.

One evening last week, we made a short visit, taking a supper meal for some friends who had been experiencing health problems. It seems that one problem was solved and then another cropped up creating a time of home confinement. The meal was not elaborate but just something they could eat and not have to worry about making a meal that day.

They graciously invited us in so we sat and enjoyed a short time of talking and just enjoying their company.

As we left, I experienced a sense of joy and contentment I had not sensed in a long time. My purpose in making the visit was to help someone else, however, the reverse may have been true as I felt such a quiet joy from the time spent in their home.

Hubby and I discussed how the visit made us feel, and determined at that time we were missing out on such joyful feelings by telling ourselves we were too busy to make the visits. As we looked at how we spend our days, we realized there was plenty of time, it was all in how we



FANNIE MOORE

managed it.

Trying to think of anything I had accomplished that could not have been put off till later, I could not think of a single thing.

With just the two of us now to care for, it doesn’t take that much time and effort. Cooking, on some days, is minimal. A light breakfast, a healthy lunch and light supper meal. It doesn’t take much time to clean the kitchen, do the laundry and other small tasks. The major one might be picking up the clutter. Because of severe back problems I do have help with the heavier cleaning, but overall, we can manage fairly well.

So what do we do with all that time?

I’ve come to the conclusion that we waste our time. And, at this age, time is too precious to waste. So we determined to change our habits and stop wasting so much time. This is not to say we will not take time to rest during the day, but we will not be spending so much time “resting” that we neglect things we should be doing.

To get off to a good start in

changing our ways, on Monday we got up “on time” and went to the local nursing home where we made two visits with longtime friends we had not seen in a while. We sat and talked awhile until it was about time for them to get ready for their lunch.

After we left there, we went by the home of two more longtime friends and had a good visit with them. They are both in poor health and are unable to get out much and we feel as if we have neglected to see them as much as we should.

But with our new plans in effect, we got off to a good start. We just need to maintain those plans. I am now making plans to have lunch with a couple of friends next week. We shared a lunch time a few weeks ago, a lunch that ran into about two hours. A great time of enjoying their company.

I’m hoping these short visits can be like a balm for those we visit.

And they have certainly seemed like an elixir for me.

FANNIE MORE LIVES IN SHONGALOO.

INSPIRATION

Doctor Seuss said, “never tease a weasel”

Dr. Seuss wrote “We should never tease a weasel, not even once or twice, because teasing isn’t very nice!”

According to the American Society for the Positive Care of Children, 28 percent of students between the age of 12-18, report being bullied in school.

Bullying has been and probably always will be on the school yard and sometimes in the work place.

Having been bullied as a child, along with my sister, Myrtle Alice, was very painful. Even though we survived, being taunted as a child is an experience that some children can’t take.

We were teased because we were shy and born to very poor older parents in the backwoods of Arkansas. We dressed in an old fashioned way.

We rode to town in a horse-drawn wagon.

I was called Bug Eyes because my parents couldn’t afford to buy

me a set of glasses so they had my mother’s metal frames fitted to my face in the first grade. I was called Buck Teeth because I inherited a space between my teeth. They also called me Long Socks because we wore long socks, held up by garters, over our long-handled underwear. The socks invariably slipped and fell exposing our unmentionables causing further teasing. The list seemed endless and the bully would sometimes look me in the eye in class and whisper “Sea Hag” or “Witch” while the teacher continued unaware.



SARAH HUDSON PIERCE

I believe my sister got the worst brunt of all because her first name was Myrtle, named for our maternal grandmother, who died at twenty-five months of age in 1908. She was nicknamed Myrtle The Turtle Who Lost Her Girdle. Being so humiliated she dropped out of school as soon as she turned sixteen.

Fortunately she later went back to school after we went into an orphanage. She graduated from Abilene Christian University with a degree in art. She is now known as Alice.

A few years ago two girls were arrested in Florida for teasing Rebecca Sedwick until she jumped to her death from a water tower. Not so long ago there was a tragic story in The Times about a young girl who committed suicide when she could no longer take bullying.

Bullying has risen to a new level perhaps because the bully can keep his eye on his victim

through social media and the cell phone.

Until thirty-five years ago I thought I had recovered from being teased. That’s when I went back to my grade school class reunion and was shocked at some of the unrehearsed words that came out of my mouth when meeting a few of those class mates.

I passed out a few of my published stories and was overwhelmed by a letter I received from an executive in my class. He wrote, “you may not understand this but here I am reading one of your articles as I drive to work. Tears are flowing down my cheeks and I am asking ‘how could we have been so mean to her?’”

It wasn’t my imagination!

I also learned that even though they were considered rich, by my standards, their mother was an alcoholic.

I also found out that the worst

bully in our school is an alcoholic. After drinking at our supper he was so drunk he could hardly deliver his speech.

Maybe the bullies need empathy, while being punished. Also they may need to be put into therapy because there must be something amiss in a child’s life if they delight in hurting other children and animals.

We never know what is going on behind closed doors.

Being a bully can lead to being an adult who abuses his or her children later on so this is a serious issue.

My sister and I survived. She turned to art and is an accomplished artist and architect. She physically built their two-story house. I turned to writing many years ago.

Becoming a Christian at fourteen sustained me!

Many children don’t survive.

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SPORTS

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL/COLUMN



Glenbrook scrimmaged Lakeview and Green Oaks on Aug. 22 in Shreveport. The Apaches return to Shreveport Friday to take on the Magnolia School of Excellence Mariners in their season opener.

RUSSELL HEDGES/PRESS-HERALD

Parish teams hit road in Week 1 of season

RUSSELL HEDGES  
Minden Press-Herald

After spring practice, offseason workouts, pre-season practice, scrimmages and last week’s jamborees, the 2024 season is finally here.

All four Webster Parish teams open the season Friday night on the road.

Minden visits Mansfield, North Webster is at Haynesville, Lakeside visits Arcadia and Glenbrook travels to Shreveport to face Magnolia School of Excellence.

Minden will be looking for a better start after dropping its first five games last season. The Tide lost its 2023 home opener to Class 5A Parkway 43-41.

Mansfield is a member of District 3-2A. The Wolverines went 6-6 last season, falling to No. 2 seed Sterlington 35-15 in the second round of the non-select Division III playoffs.

According to Louisiana Football Magazine, Mansfield has an experienced team led by returning starter Shamal Booker at quarterback and Terrell

Week 1 schedule
FRIDAY
Minden at Mansfield, 7
North Webster at Haynesville, 7:30
Lakeside at Arcadia, 7
Glenbrook at Magnolia School of Excellence, 7

Pegues at running back.

Senior Jaylan O’Neal had eight interceptions last season. He also plays running back and receiver.

Minden has junior quarterback Hudson Brown back along with senior running back Dunovan Robinson. A veteran line will be blocking for them. Linemen Demetrius Robinson and Jarvis Davis lead the defense along with linebacker Landyn Huddleston.

Christopher Wilson will make his debut as head coach at North Webster when the Knights take on Class 1A power Haynesville.

North Webster put up a good battle in the season opener against the Golden Tornado last season before falling 29-13. The Tors finished the season 12-2, falling to Oak Grove 62-36 in the non-select Division

coach at North Webster, John Ware will make his debut in the same position at Lakeside when the Warriors face District 1-1A’s Arcadia.

Last year, the Hornets won 26-14 in the season opener en route to a 7-4 season.

Lakeside started 3-1 last season but dropped its last six games as injuries piled up.

Brock Case returns at quarterback. Eli Santelices is a three-year starter on defense.

Glenbrook faces a Magnolia School of Excellence team that went 2-8 last season. The Mariners have moved up to District 1-2A from 1-1A.

Last season, the Apaches defeated the Mariners 55-0 in a district game in Week 7.

Several key players on that team were seniors. But quarterback Easton Sanders returns for his senior season.

NOTE: Because of an early Labor Day holiday deadline, jamboree results weren’t available at presstime. Go to press-herald.com for more on high school football.

HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS

Ronnie Coker to be inducted into La. High School Sports Hall of Fame

RUSSELL HEDGES  
Minden Press-Herald

Minden High alum-nus Ronnie Coker, who led Parkway and Captain Shreve to baseball state championships as head coach, will be posthumously inducted into the Louisiana High School Sports Hall of Fame in April.

As a player, Coker helped Minden win back-to-back Class 3A state championships in 1981 and 1982. He graduated in 1982.

Coker, who passed away at 58 after a lengthy battle with colon cancer in June of 2023, guided Parkway to the Class 4A state championship in 1998 and Captain Shreve to the 4A title in 2007.

Coker is one of nine members of the 2025 Class that will be inducted April 25 during the Hall of Fame Banquet and Induction Ceremony at the Crowne Plaza in Baton Rouge.

He was the head baseball coach at Parkway from 1991-99, compiling a record of 196-75. He spent one year as head coach at Byrd before moving to Captain Shreve, where he coached for five years.

His overall record starting with his first year at Parkway was 357-145-1



**Ronnie Coker**

in 15 seasons. He spent the remainder of his career as athletic director at Airline before retiring in 2021.

Coker was inducted into the Louisiana Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2019.

In 2021, the Parkway baseball stadium was named Ronnie Coker Field.

Joining Coker in the Class of 2025 Hall of Fame inductees are Michael Bayer (contributor), Melissa “Ashley” Aldredge Brooks (competitor), Tony Lee Cutright (competitor), Barbara Farris (competitor/coach), O.M. “Butch” Helveston (coach), Br. Martin Hernandez, S.C. (contributor) Jennifer Streiffer Mascaro (competitor) and Ruby Smith Qualls (coach).

The Hall of Fame Banquet and Induction Ceremony is set for April 25, 2025, at the Crowne Plaza in Baton Rouge.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Schedule
SATURDAY
Nicholls at LSU, 6:30 (SEC Network+)
Prairie View A&M at Northwestern State, 6 (ESPN+)
Tuskegee at Grambling State, 6 (HBCUGO Sports)
UAB at ULM, 6 (ESPN+)
NOTE: Because of an early Labor Day holiday deadline, results of last week’s games weren’t available at presstime. Go to press-herald.com for game stories.

OUTDOORS

Cross Trail Outfitters coming to the area

GLYNN HARRIS

I was one blessed little fellow growing up in the country. I had a dad who felt it important to teach his two sons all about the outdoors, not only about how to handle a firearm and how to sneak up on a squirrel. Dad was also a Christian, a deacon and active member of our church so his teaching always included the importance of Tom and me recognizing and appreciating nature and the God who created all those things about the outdoors we grew to love.

Not all kids are as fortunate as Tom and I were. There are youngsters today who don’t have a dad at home. Some of those who do have dads at home might find him preoccupied with climbing the corporate ladder to the point it’s the most important thing in his life to the neglect of his parental role of training his offspring. On the other end of the spectrum, there are dads who for whatever reason, shirk their fatherly duties.

Mark Johnson, founder of Mark Johnson and Sons Plumbing in Ruston, is one of the fortunate ones. He and his brothers were a lot like my brother and me who had a dad who saw the importance of getting involved with and teaching them about the outdoors from a Christian perspective.

Because of his convictions, Mark Johnson felt and responded to a “calling” or challenge to become involved in an organization that would have the responsibility of sharing what he grew up loving with young-



Cross Trail Outfitters offers outdoors activities from a Christian perspective.

COURTESY PHOTO

sters less fortunate who perhaps had an interest in learning to hunt and fish but never had the opportunity.

Cross Trail Outfitters (CTO) has named Johnson as the facilitator of that organization’s venture into north Louisiana. The organization’s mission statement involves guiding the next generation to Christ through the outdoors. Additionally, CTO provides the mentorship, training and assets for kids to go hunting and fishing while insuring a wholesome and fun environment in which participants can grow in their knowledge and reverence of God.

Youngsters from ages 7 to 20 are offered a wide range of year-round outdoor activities. This includes the inclusion of a summer camp experience for kids with activities including fishing, hunting, swimming, archery, paintball, shooting education and much more all the while teaching kids to develop a deeper understanding of their Creator.

“Because of the way I was brought up and the fact that now I have kids and grandkids, I know how important it was for me and I have instilled in them the desire to learn about God’s creation and how to get the most out of it just like I did,” said Johnson.

As this new organization for our area gets up and going, Johnson said he has recruited a group of guys with similar interests who will be valuable in working with these kids.

“There are several ways folks can help. We’re looking for land owners who might make their prop-

Fishing Report

**BLACK BAYOU** – No report. Contact Honey Hole Tackle Shop 323-8707 for latest information.

**BUSSEY BRAKE** – Bass fishing is slow to fair with top water lures early and plastic worms later in the day. Some big crappie are being caught on the flats on shiners and jigs. For latest information, contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

**OUACHITA RIVER** – The river is falling because of a levee issue below Columbia. Water is muddy and fishing is slow. When D’Arbonne is lowered September 1, the water should rise quickly. For latest information, contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

**LAKE D’ARBONNE** – The lake is being lowered September 1 some 5 feet beginning September 4. Crappie fishing has been good fishing jigs or shiners on the flats. Moving moving water should turn on the bass. 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 CLAI-BORNE** –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 topwater 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** – Bass are best early mornings around pads and moss on topwater lures. Later in the day, plastic worms and deep diving crank baits are working on deep drops off the channel. Night fishing is fair on dark spinners or plastic worms. For information contact Caney Lake Landing at 259-6649, Hooks Marina at 249-2347, Terzia Tackle at 278-4498 or the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

**LAKE POVERTY POINT** – Catfishing has been good while others are slow. For latest reports, call Poverty Point Marina at 318/878-0101.

**LAKE YUCATAN** – The water has fallen to pool stage. Catfish are biting; others are slow. For info call Surplus City Landing at 318/467-2259.



# Good News

GOOD NEWS

## WE ALL MUST FACE THIS LIFE AND DEATH ISSUE

It seems that some folks live on the age chart, I am realizing as if they will never die. They are more and more that ‘my days are reckless with life issues, have a are numbered.’ I know Moses ‘dare-devil’ attitude, even defy was 80 when God called him to lead the Children of Israel from Egypt to the Promised Land. Moses saw death as inevitable in a world cursed by the effects of sin. Yet, he kept strength endures; yet the best of them are but trouble and sorrow, focused on his mission – Promised Land. As he ‘wandered in the wilderness for 40 years because of the rebellious people

he was dealing with,’ he was not pessimistic. When the Israelites begged him ‘to turn around and let’s go back to Egypt,’ instead Moses said, “Let’s keep going, Canaan land is just in sight.’ As Moses aged, he asked God to ‘teach him to number his days so he could gain ‘a heart of wisdom’ (v. 12). Being satisfied with God’s mercy, he rejoiced and was glad. He asked God to show His glory and mercy to the generation yet to come (vs. 14-16). He was always ‘thinking forward, preparing for the future, knowing death was inevitable.’

Like many others we suffer from the effects of sin, knowing physical death is certain. But we can live with hope and joy, for Jesus has covered the debt of sin and provided eternal life when He conquered death by His resurrection. We can settle this ‘life and death matter’ today, by placing our faith and trust in Christ, embracing His teachings and seeking His leadership daily. If it has not been dealt with earlier in life, TODAY IS THE DAY FOR SALVATION! Yes, settle this Life-and – Death Issue today. And when it is settled, it would be wise to begin planning for your “Great Going Away Party.” What a gift you will be giving your family! ((Some thoughts gleaned from Dennis DeHaan’s devotional on Psalm 90, July 18; Together with God - Psalms Devotional)

**BILL CRIDER IS CHAPLAIN OF MINDEN MEDICAL CENTER**

### THE UPWARD LOOK

#### Stand Firm

*“Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.” Ephesians 6:13 NASB*



Max Hutto

Paul reiterates that the believer needs to be ready and prepared for the spiritual battle by taking up, by putting on, the full complete armor of God. The time to get ready for the battle is before it starts, not after the first shots are fired. The believer must be prepared every day for evil to attack. Having prepared he

will be able to resist and withstand the temptations and trials of the day. The outcome of the battle fought with the full armor of God will find the believer still standing firm, holding ground, standing strong in the faith.

Lord Jesus, with evil all around, teach me how to put on Your armor that I may be able to stand firm in the faith.

MAX HUTTO IS A BAPTIST MINISTER AND A RESIDENT OF MINDEN. MORE INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND AT [WWW.UPWARDLOOK.ORG](http://WWW.UPWARDLOOK.ORG).

### INSPIRATION

#### Focus

Most who study the Bible have heard the story of Peter’s desire to walk on the water with Jesus. However, I’m not here today to retell that story, I’m here to bring awareness to its meaning. Many people have gleaned many things from this story. For some, it is the ability to do the impossible through God, and for others, it is the fact the apostles didn’t recognize the Messiah right away. Those are two great messages to receive from this story but not the only messages. In Matthew 14:22-31, Peter asked to walk on the water and he did until he saw the turmoil around him and began to sink. It wasn’t for the wind and waves that Peter sank but it was him taking his eyes off of Jesus. The lesson



Bernard Harris

that Jesus seeks to teach us is faith and a firm focus on him, his will, and his word that will not only help you live a Godly life but also maintain one. We often focus so much on the turmoil of the world around us that we take our eyes off of God standing before us and the beautiful path he has paved for us and we sink. As I close this message I would like to implore everyone who reads this message to keep their eyes on Jesus and his promises. God is always in control, we need only a little faith.

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

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Village of Dixie Inn Special Session August 22, 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 special session on August 22, 2024, at 4:00 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 Donna Hoffoss welcomed guests.

New Business

Mayor Hoffoss introduced Dixie Inn Chief of Police applicant, Jeffrey McNeill. A motion was made by Lance Milligan and seconded by Judy McKenzie to approve hiring Jeffrey McNeill as full-time Chief of Police. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

There being no old business, a motion was made by Nell Finlay and seconded by Lance Milligan to adjourn.

Attest:

Donna Hoffoss Mayor

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SHERIFF'S SALE

FARMER BANK & TRUST VS. CHASE LOYD SLACK

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 81610.

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 9, 2024, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

Beginning at the Southwest Corner (SW/C) of Parcel No. 119964, more particularly described as: Beginning at the intersection of the Eastern Boundary of Section 25, Township 23 North, Range 11 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana, located in the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4 of SE 1/4) of Section 25, Township 23 North, Range 11 West and Kings Corner Road (Webster Parish Road #232) and thence run West 420 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence run North 210 feet; thence run East 210 feet; thence run South 210 feet; thence run West to the Point of Beginning, containing one (1) acre, more or less, together with all buildings and improvements located thereon and all rights thereto belonging, and 2014 Southern Estates 60 X 32 Multiwide Mobile Home, VIN S0U0O8833AL-ABP and all parts and attachments and accessions thereto. Bearing the municipal address of 478 Kings Corner Road, Sarepta, Louisiana, 71071 and Parcel Number 1204706A.

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

September 4, 2024 October 2, 2024

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SECTION 00020 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Separate sealed bids addressed to the City of Minden (herein referred to as Owner) will be received by the Owner for the construction of the project described as follows:

2024-2025 STREET IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Bids shall be addressed to the City of Minden and delivered to the City Clerk's Office located at 520 Broadway Street, Minden, Louisiana 71055 no later than 2:00 P.M. local time on Wednesday, October 2, 2024. Shortly after the deadline for bid submission, bids properly received will be publicly opened and read aloud in Minden City Hall Pelican Room located at 520 Broadway Street, Minden, Louisiana. Any bid received after the above time will not be accepted under any circumstances and will be returned unopened. Faxed bids cannot be accepted and will be discarded. Owner is not responsible for the timely delivery of bids by USPS or any other carrier.

The Contract Documents may be examined at the following locations:

City of Minden Department of Public Works 520 Broadway Minden, LA 71055

Riley Company of Louisiana, Inc. 112 East Mississippi Avenue Ruston, LA 71270

Copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained at the office of the engineer, Riley Company of Louisiana, Inc., 112 East Mississippi Avenue, Ruston, Louisiana 71270, telephone (318) 251-0238, fax (318) 251-0239 upon payment of \$60.00 for each set. Deposit is fully refundable to all bona fide prime bidders who submit a bid upon return of the documents in good condition no later than ten (10) days after receipt of bids. Deposit is 50% refundable to all others.

Contract documents will also be available online at [www.BidExpress.com](http://www.BidExpress.com). Contractors are provided the option to submit bid for public contracts through a uniform and secure electronic interactive system as stated in Louisiana Bid Law R.S. 38:2212.1. Electronic bids may be submitted at [www.BidExpress.com](http://www.BidExpress.com). If bidding online, all interested parties must register with Bid Express. If bidders encounter problems accessing Bid Express, please contact Bid Express at 888-352-2439.

The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any or all bids in accordance with state bid law.

Prime bidders for this work must be licensed under the classification of Highway, Street, and Bridge Construction. Any subcontractor submitting a sub-bid in excess of \$50,000 to a prime bidder is required to be licensed in accordance with the State of Louisiana requirements.

An acceptable Bid Bond, Cashier's Check, or Certified Check, payable to the Owner in an amount not less than 5% of the total and, must accompany the bid. Failure to do so will cause bid to be rejected. Negotiable Bid Bonds will be returned to the unsuccessful bidders as soon as possible or not more than 60 days after the opening of bids. Bidders failing to provide a bid bond will be considered a "no bid".

Bids shall be in a sealed envelope marked "DO NOT OPEN - SEALED BID - CITY OF MINDEN - 2024-2025 STREET IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT - BID NUMBER 01-2025 - 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.

An acceptable Performance Bond and Payment Bond equal to 100% of the contract price will be required of the successful bidder.

No bidder may withdraw his/her bid within forty-five (45) days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

Bidders will also be in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations of the Federal Government, State of Louisiana, and meet all bonding and insurance requirements.

Melaney Langford, City Clerk

September 4, 2024 September 11, 2024 September 18, 2024 Minden Press Herald

SHERIFF'S SALE

FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION VS. JUSTIN & LORI ANN LANGFORD

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 81558C.

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

Lot 7 and 7A of Palmetto Beach Estates, a subdivision of Doyline, Louisiana, as per plat recorded in Book 3, Page 49 of the records of Webster Parish, Louisiana, together with all buildings ad improvements located thereon; 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

August 7, 2024 September 4, 2024 Minden Press Herald

SHERIFF'S SALE

LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICE, LLC VS. CHRISTOPHER D. ELKINS

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 81303.

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

A 2.25 acre, more or less, tract of land located in the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, (NW/4 SW/4), Section 14, Township 19 North, Range 10 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana, more particularly described as follows: Begin at a found sucker rod located at the Northwest Corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter said Section 14; thence run South 01 degrees 40 minutes 14 seconds East for a distance of 1380.10 feet to a set 3/4 inch iron rod with T-Post Guard; thence run North 89 degrees 49 minutes 38 seconds East for a distance of 658.02 feet to a set 3/4 inch iron rod for the Point of Beginning; thence run North 89 degrees 49 minutes 38 seconds East for a distance of 125.30 feet to a set 3/4 inch iron rod; thence run South for a distance of 764.04 feet to a set 3/4 inch iron

rod located on the centerline of Dixon Road, with the next 6 calls running along said centerline; thence run North 76 degrees 17 minutes 20 seconds West for a distance of 3.38 feet to a set 3/4 inch iron rod; thence run South 76 degrees 03 minutes 27 seconds West for a distance of 49.49 feet to a set 3/4 inch iron rod; thence run South 67 degrees 21 minutes 53 seconds West for a distance of 80.15 feet to 0 set 3/4 inch iron rod; thence run North for a distance of 805.64 feet to the Point of Beginning; subject to restrictions, servitudes, rights-of-way and outstanding mineral rights of record affecting the property.

That certain manufactured/mobile home situated on the above described property, being a 2014 Fleetwood Weston, Model No. 240WE32524W, Serial No. FLE240TX14-34789A/B, which said manufactured home/mobile home was immobilized pursuant to Affidavit to Immobilize Mobile Home

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Notice

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Article IV, Section 21(D)(1) of the Louisiana Constitution, that on August 27, 2024, Entergy Louisiana, LLC ("ELL"), a public utility providing retail electric and gas service throughout the State of Louisiana, filed with the Louisiana Public Service Commission ("LPSC") its Formula Rate Plan ("FRP") Rider Schedule FRP Evaluation Report and Workpapers for Test Year 2023.

The filing reflects an earned return on common equity ("EROE") for the 2023 Evaluation Period/Test Year of 9.05%, which is below the approved FRP dead band. Pursuant to Section II.A.1 of the approved Global Settlement Stipulation Agreement, Base FRP Revenue will be increased by \$120 million.

The resulting FRP factors to be applied to the respective ELL rate classes effective for customer bills rendered on and after the first billing cycle of September 2024, are as follows:

Ln No.	Rate Class	Total ELL FRP Rate Adj.
1	RESIDENTIAL	88.7570%
2	SMALL GENERAL SERVICE	84.6158%
3	GENERAL SERVICE	86.2729%
4	MUNICIPAL PUMPING SERVICE	90.5930%
5	LARGE POWER SERVICE	78.6130%
6	HIGH LOAD FACTOR SERVICE	78.6069%
7	LARGE LOAD HIGH LF POWER SERVICE	77.6089%
8	LARGE INDUSTRIAL SERVICE	80.6670%
9	LIGHTING SERVICE	85.3435%

It is estimated that the proposed adjustment in rates will have the following effects upon applicable Legacy ELL customers' typical monthly bills: for a Residential customer using 1,000 kWh the bill would change by approximately \$3.67; for a Small General Service customer using 50 kW and 12,500 kWh the bill would change by approximately \$44.69; for a Large General Service customer using 1,000 kW and 500,000 kWh the bill would change by approximately \$1,249.63

It is estimated that the proposed adjustment in rates will have the following effects upon applicable Legacy EGLS customers' typical monthly bills: for a Residential customer using 1,000 kWh the bill would change by approximately \$10.31; for a Small General Service customer using 5000 kWh the bill would change by approximately \$28.12; for a Large General Service customer using 500 kW and 255,500 kWh the bill would change by approximately \$776.35.

For questions and comments regarding ELL's filing, please call the LPSC toll free at (800) 256-

2397. Additionally, the filing, including its attachments may be viewed in the Records Division of the LPSC at the following address:

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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	FT 2024-2025 SPECIAL FUNDS	FT 2024-2025 BUDGET	TOTAL BUDGET	FT 2023-2024 ESTIMATED ACTUALS	FT 2023-2024 REVISED BUDGET	BUDGET CHANGE	PERCENT TO CHANGE
\$ 12,797,318	\$ 25,465,809		\$ 38,263,127	\$ 35,039,646	\$ 35,039,646	\$ 3,223,481	9.200%
\$ 36,395,295	\$ 259,873		\$ 36,655,168	\$ 36,143,166	\$ 36,143,166	\$ 512,002	1.417%
\$ 68,264	\$ 15,678,239		\$ 15,746,523	\$ 27,519,392	\$ 27,519,392	\$ (11,772,869)	-27.80%
\$ 3,572,366	\$ 1,300,220		\$ 4,872,586	\$ 6,486,612	\$ 6,486,612	\$ (1,614,026)	-24.99%
\$ 52,833,273	\$ 42,704,161		\$ 95,537,434	\$ 105,198,816	\$ 105,198,816	\$ (9,661,382)	-9.184%
\$ 22,403,670	\$ 2,424,599	\$ 24,828,269	\$ 32,540,700	\$ 32,540,700	\$ (7,712,431)		-23.701%
\$ 8,358,391	\$ 2,139,184	\$ 10,557,575	\$ 12,379,240	\$ 12,379,240	\$ (1,821,665)		-14.715%
\$ 1,186,911	\$ 166,894	\$ 1,353,805	\$ 1,408,472	\$ 1,408,472	\$ (54,667)		-3.881%
\$ 600,887	\$ 9,544	\$ 610,431	\$ 3,412,442	\$ 3,412,442	\$ (2,802,011)		-22.112%
\$ 356,910	\$ 9,896,933	\$ 10,253,743	\$ 6,162,062	\$ 6,162,062	\$ 4,091,681		66.401%
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\$ 2,584,908	\$ 202,434	\$ 2,787,342	\$ 3,111,327	\$ 3,111,327	\$ (323,985)		-10.413%
\$ 1,591,857	\$ 588,669	\$ 2,180,526	\$ 5,347,000	\$ 5,347,000	\$ (3,156,474)		-58.033%
\$ 919,414	\$ 605,514	\$ 1,524,928	\$ 1,526,436	\$ 1,526,436	\$ (1,526,436)		-100.00%
\$ 420,000	\$ 17,802	\$ 437,802	\$ 5,937,629	\$ 5,937,629	\$ (5,517,827)		-92.564%
\$ 1,164,676	\$ 60,931	\$ 1,225,607	\$ 1,227,848	\$ 1,227,848	\$ (2,241)		-0.183%
\$ 4,442,672	\$ 4,201,725	\$ 8,644,397	\$ 8,505,279	\$ 8,505,279	\$ 139,118		1.603%
\$ 4,040,931	\$ 403,869	\$ 4,444,800	\$ 4,745,786	\$ 4,745,786	\$ (300,986)		-6.342%
\$ 439,880	\$ 17,802	\$ 457,682	\$ 5,937,629	\$ 5,937,629	\$ (5,517,827)		-92.564%
\$ 90,511	\$ 5,145,972	\$ 5,236,383	\$ 5,649,239	\$ 5,649,239	\$ (412,856)		-7.308%
\$ 22,000	\$ -	\$ 22,000	\$ 22,000	\$ 22,000	\$ -		0.000%
\$ -	\$ 3,704,864	\$ 3,704,864	\$ 5,829,171	\$ 5,829,171	\$ (2,124,307)		-36.443%
\$ 428,960	\$ 10,146,624	\$ 10,575,584	\$ 9,505,902	\$ 9,505,902	\$ 1,069,682		17.420%
\$ 52,833,273	\$ 40,175,628	\$ 93,008,901	\$ 106,181,510	\$ 106,181,510	\$ (13,172,609)		-12.409%
\$ -	\$ 2,828,533	\$ 2,828,533	\$ (982,694)	\$ (982,694)	\$ 3,811,227		-357.388%
\$ 4,913,255	\$ 25,497,365	\$ 30,410,620	\$ 31,403,648	\$ 31,403,648	\$ (993,028)		-3.102%
\$ -	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ -		0.000%
\$ 4,913,255	\$ 28,225,898	\$ 33,139,153	\$ 30,620,954	\$ 30,620,954	\$ 2,518,199		8.224%

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Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to fishing.  
Each number corresponds to a letter.  
(Hint: 16 = A)

A. 7 24 24 3 17

Clue: Winds fishing line

B. 11 2 16 1

Clue: Water vessel

C. 11 16 4 1

Clue: Lures prey

D. 1 16 25 6 3 24

Clue: Fishing supplies

Answers: A. reels B. boat C. bait D. tackle

SUDOKU

			8	6				3
				7				2
	6				1		9	
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			1			4		
6				4				8
7			9			5		
8			3				2	1
			4		7			

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9	8	3	7	1	7	3	8	9
				9	6	7	2	1
					3	5	6	4
					2	8	5	6
					3	2	1	8
					2	4	5	6
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					3	7	8	3
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					9	3	7	
					5	6	8	1
					8	9	5	
					2	3	1	8
					7	2	6	4
					9	6	4	2
					7	9	3	8
					4	1	7	3

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### CLUES ACROSS

1. Type of crayon

7. Fashion accessory

10. Most cerebral

12. Incline from vertical

13. Dependent on

14. Broken in

15. Strongly desires

16. Mounted soldier

17. Ad \_\_; when necessary

18. Cattle

19. Ottoman military commanders

21. \_\_ student, learns healing

22. Composed in poetic meter

27. Promotional material

28. Where people live

33. Sodium

34. Embarrassing

36. Medical man

37. Mother of Hermes

38. One who saves the day

39. Tooth caregiver

40. Not clothed

41. Slope covered with loose stones

44. Used to cook

45. Praises enthusiastically

48. Rooney is a famous one

49. Beekeeper

50. Pigpen

51. Potato chip brand

### CLUES DOWN

1. Living quarters

2. Horizontal passage

3. Attacks

4. Vietnamese offensive

5. Midway between east and southeast

6. Confined (abbr.)

7. Book of Esther antagonist

8. Port in Yemen

9. CNN's founder

10. Type of bulb

11. Prepare

12. Promoted

14. Dinner jackets

17. Partner to cheese

18. Nebraska city

20. Human gene

23. Pays no attention to

24. Lowland South American plain

25. Blood group

26. Mauna \_\_, Hawaiian volcano

29. Atomic #37

30. Unit of electrical resistance

31. Jeweled crowns

32. Nastiest

35. Traditional cars need it

36. Bowler hat

38. Robust

40. Not straight

41. Stony waste matter

42. Have an interest in

43. Jacob \_\_, journalist

44. Maintains possession of

45. Swiss river

46. Average cost of market goods

47. Spanish soldier: El \_\_

PUZZLE SOLUTION

			P	A	S	T	E	L				H	A	T			
	H	E	A	D	I	E	S	T				H	A	D	E		
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