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COMMUNITY

Mayor, police chief address Minden double murder at press conference

AMBER MCDOWN
Minden Press-Herald

A press conference was held on September 3 in the Minden city courtroom by Minden Mayor Nick Cox and Minden Police Chief Jared McIver to release details regarding the double murder of Joe Cornelius and his daughter, Keisha Miles.

At approximately 6:30 AM on Sunday September 1, 2024, officers responded to a scene at 111

Austin Street in Minden, where they discovered two individuals deceased from multiple gunshot wounds. The victims were identified as 82-year-old Joe Cornelius, a former Minden mayor, city councilman, and ward marshal, and his daughter, 31-year-old Keisha Miles.

An 11-year-old relative of the victims is currently in custody. "This is a somber day for our community as we face this tragedy that has deeply affected

us all," said Mayor Cox. "Our hearts and prayers are with the Cornelius family and their friends during this unimaginable time."

Two weapons, believed to be the murder weapons, were recovered on the property and are undergoing forensic testing. The juvenile suspect, who was present at the scene when officers arrived, initially provided a conflicting account but later confessed to the crimes

after being interviewed with a guardian present. A motive has not yet been established, and the case remains under investigation.

The juvenile is being held at Ware Youth Center on two counts of first-degree murder with a bond set at \$500,000—\$250,000 for each count. The prosecuting attorney's office is reviewing the case, and it is currently unknown if the juvenile will be
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COMMUNITY

Clarence 'Cat' Cox: A lifetime of service to Webster Parish

AMBER MCDOWN
Minden Press-Herald

Clarence "Cat" Cox, a fixture of Webster Parish, has dedicated his life to public service. Over the decades, Cox has worn many hats, leaving a legacy of leadership, hard work, and dedication that has impacted Cotton Valley and the parish as a whole.

Cox, now 95 years old, began his journey of service at a young age. Born in 1929, Cox started working at 15, making \$1 a day at a local service station. His path toward public service started after a pivotal decision to leave school when his father barred him from playing football for missing curfew. "He said, 'Hang up your suit, because you're never going to play football again,'" Cox recalled. With his football dreams dashed, he began working full-time at Sid Maxwell's pool hall, making \$15 a week.

By age 19, Cox had saved enough money to purchase his first business—the Cities Service Station, which he



AMBER MCDOWN/PRESS-HERALD PHOTO

Clarence "Cat" Cox reflects on a lifetime of service at his home in The Columns on Germantown.

owned and operated for 10 years. Over the years, Cox's work extended beyond business. He held a series of public service roles that spanned multiple decades. He served as the Cotton Valley police chief for 26 years, as well as on the Webster Parish Police Jury for 26 years. He also spent two years each as a Cotton Valley councilman and mayor. Additionally, Cox

drove a Webster Parish school bus for 46 years, a role that brought him into the lives of generations of students. Beyond that, he has served on the Webster Parish Office of Community Services Board of Directors for nearly 50 years.

In 1949, Cox married Gladys Loriece, and together they had two daughters: Naomi Cox Coyle and Ouida Cox

Garner. Their family life was centered in Cotton Valley, where Cox has remained a beloved community figure. He has been a member of Cotton Valley's Masonic Lodge #338 for almost 75 years, contributing to the community's social fabric while also deepening his ties to his faith as a member of First Baptist.

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WPSB

Webster Parish School Board holds monthly meeting, approves stipends and policies

AMBER MCDOWN
Minden Press-Herald

The Webster Parish School Board (WPSB) convened for its regular monthly meeting on September 5 at Harper Pathways to Excellence, with board members Linda Kinsey (District 7) and Jonathan Guthrie (District 4) absent. All agenda items were approved unanimously.

Following routine business, three pre-educator students, along with sponsors Mrs. Amy Phillips (North Webster High School French teacher) and Mrs. Ashanti Cooper (assistant principal at Webster Junior High School), presented an overview of their experience at the Educators Rising Conference in Washington, D.C., which they attended in June. The students expressed gratitude for the opportunity and shared how the experience deepened their

commitment to pursuing careers in education. A future Minden Press-Herald article will provide additional details.

The board adopted the 2024 Tax Millage rate and approved the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budgets without discussion.

The WPSB approved the Back to School COVID Resurgence Stipend, using remaining COVID-19 relief funds. This stipend, set to be distributed by September 30, will provide \$1,200 to all eligible full-time employees, including those who retired during the current fiscal year. Custodians working five months will receive \$600.

Additionally, the board approved the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) stipend, funded by the state and to be distributed by October 31. All eligible full-time exempt employees, such as teachers, will receive \$2,000.

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ROWLAND

CITY COUNCIL

Minden City Council opts out of emergency housing program, lowers EV charging prices, and makes key appointments

WILL PHILLIPS
Minden Press-Herald

The Minden City Council meeting took place Tuesday evening where the council voted on various items of city business including opting out of a program from the governor's office, the adoption of an ordinance to change the pricing on the city's electric vehicle charging stations, appointments to the Minden Main Street/Downtown Development Board, and new hires for the city's fire and police departments.

One of the first agenda items voted on was whether to opt-in or opt-out of the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness' Temporary Housing and Shelter Assistance Program.

"This is an item we vote on annually. It's optional to opt-in or opt-out. You can opt-out and, in the event of an emergency, you can opt-in at any time, so in the past, the city has always opted to opt-out," said Mayor Nick Cox. The council voted unanimously to opt-out of the program.

The council also voted unanimously to lower the price of the city's electric vehicle charging stations, hoping to spur more use of the stations by lowering the prices.

"We passed an ordinance last year pertaining to our new city electric vehicle charger. We set the electric rate. They gave us a choice between one and ten. We didn't know how the charging station

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BUSINESS

Minden Jiu-Jitsu open for business



WILL PHILLIPS/PRESS-HERALD PHOTO

The Greater Minden Chamber along with local supporters gathered for a ribbon cutting to welcome Minden Jiu-Jitsu and owner Mike Braswell into the local business community. This will be the business's third location also having programs in Bossier and North Desoto. Minden Jiu Jitsu offers a variety of programs including kid's martial arts, Brazilian jiu-jitsu, and fitness kickboxing. The business is located at 123 Chevrolet Street, and more information about the company and programs can be found at bossierjiujitsu.com.



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Barbara Nell Valentine

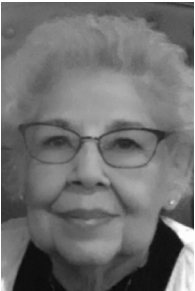
On September 4th, 2024, at 7:45 am, at the age of 88, Barbara Nell Valentine left her grieving loved ones on earth to join her loved ones in Heaven. Barbara took her last breath with both her children at her side and a prayer in her ear.

Born Barbara Nell Preston on August 16th, 1936, she was the eldest of four. She was adventurous and brave, as well as intelligent and beautiful. Her beauty led to a young soldier reaching out to her via letter. He saw her photo in a newspaper clipping sent to him during the Korean war. The clipping contained information about Minden, including the Miss. Minden pageant contestants, one of which was the lovely Barbara Preston. She lost the pageant but won a husband, CE Valentine, who preceded her in death.

Together they had two children, Teresa Streetman and Chuck Valentine. They also welcomed their spouses into the family, Mike Streetman and Brenda Valentine, all of Minden, LA . She will forever be in the hearts of her six natural grandchildren and two bonus ones. Tara Streetman and her spouse Marcie Fowler

who now reside in Boston, MA, Shane Streetman also in Boston, Sara Streetman and Chancy Wilson in Minden, LA along with spouse Matt Wilson, Stormy Valentine in Dallas, TX, and the youngest, Savanna Valentine of Minden. She also had the pleasure of being a great grandmother to Ava Grace Wilson and Colton Wilson.

CE and Barbara together created a local business, Ad Sign Service, which continues today with their children at the helm. Barbara was deeply spiritual and very involved with her church, North Acres Baptist. She also left us with beautiful paintings and photographs to document her love of nature and family. She loved to travel, solo or with loved ones. Her favorite trip was a spiritual pilgrimage to Israel. Barbara was a daughter, a sister, a daddy's girl, a gardener, a paralegal, a secretary, a phone operator, an artist, a photographer, a traveler, a hunter, a wife, a role model, a Matriarch, a woman of God, a mother, a Granny, a great grandmother and so much more. She and CE were generous with the success they found in life. They helped their loved ones and community. Barbara had a sense of humor and a mischievous streak. She was a gift to her family and friends in all her eras. She will be deeply missed by her community, her friends, and her family. All services will be at Rose Neath in Minden. Visitation service will be held Friday September 13 at 5pm. Funeral services will be held at Rose Neath on September 14th at 1:30 pm, followed by burial services at Gardens of Memory in Minden.



Margaret H. Thomas

Funeral services for Margaret H. Thomas will be held Thursday, September 12, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. at Rose Neath Funeral Home in Minden, Louisiana. Interment will follow at Whitehall Cemetery in Haynesville, Louisiana. The family will receive friends from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 11, 2024, at Rose Neath Funeral Home.

Margaret was born June 2, 1944, in Shreveport, Louisiana and left this world September 8, 2024, in Shreveport, Louisiana.

Margaret was preceded in death by her parents, Andrew and Juanita Hernandez, sister, Mary Darnell, brother, Andrew Hernandez II, and special niece, Melanie Johnson-Aiken.

She is survived by her husband, Bill Thomas of Leton, son Jason Thomas of Leton daughter, Lisa Nelson of Leton and special daughter, Renne Thomas, sisters, Ginny Hernandez of Frierson, Gertrude Johnson of Frierson, and Peggy Allen and husband David of San Francisco, grandsons, Holton and Easton, granddaughters, Brittnee, Lauren, and Erin, and multiple great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Andrew Hernandez, Stephen Hernandez, Michael Hernandez, Thomas Bumgardner, Ben Thomas, and Randy Thomas.

Honorary pallbearers will be Buddy Thomas, Robert Slack, Gerald Thomas and Daniel Thomas.

The family extends special thanks to all the nurses and doctors on the 5th floor of Willis Knighton Greenwood, Dr. Zaunbrecher, Dr. Cavanah, Dr. McCarthy, and paramedic Logan.

DONATION

b1BANK hosts LifeShare blood drive on Homer Road

AMBER MCDOWN
Minden Press-Herald

Blood donations are essential to the health and well-being of the community and, on September 6, b1BANK hosted a LifeShare blood drive on Homer Road to give citizens an opportunity to help others.

Blood transfusions are a common medical need, with one in three people requiring one during their lifetime due to accidents, surgeries, or health issues such as cancer. Blood do-

nations play a vital role in saving lives, as there is no substitute for human blood. Drives like the one held by b1BANK help ensure that those in need have access to this lifesaving resource.

For those who missed the event, two more blood drives are scheduled in Minden. Minden Medical Center will hold a drive from 7 AM to 4 PM on September 10, and the Webster Parish Sheriff's Office will host theirs from noon to 4 PM on September 18.



AMBER MCDOWN/PRESS-HERALD PHOTO
Samantha Kramer of b1BANK made an impact by donating on Friday.

CRIME

Minden man arrested on felony domestic abuse charges

STAFF REPORT
Minden Press-Herald

A 21-year-old Minden man was arrested on multiple felony charges following a domestic disturbance. The suspect, identified as Larry Dyess Cook, was accused of assaulting his girlfriend and threatening her with a firearm.

According to police, of-

ficers responded to a call on August 28 where the victim reported that Cook had physically assaulted her and brandished a gun. Upon arrival, officers observed visible injuries on the victim, including swelling, bruising, and fresh lacerations on her face and neck.

Officers located Cook on Clerk Street, where the incident occurred. He was

taken into custody and informed of his rights under Miranda. A firearm described by the victim was found in the room from which Cook was exiting when officers arrived. The firearm was later confirmed to be stolen, according to state and National Crime Information Center (NCIC) records. Additionally, multiple strands of the victim's hair

were discovered in the suspect's bedroom.

Cook was charged with domestic abuse aggravated assault with child endangerment and domestic abuse battery with child endangerment and strangulation. Both charges are felonies.

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

COX

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tist Church for nearly 70 years.

One of Cox's most memorable moments in history was surviving a deadly tornado that hit Cotton Valley in 1947. "The tornado was December 31, 1947. It killed my brother. I was in the pool hall playing dominoes, and he left. That's when the tornado hit. I'll never forget it," Cox said somberly.

Cox's journey into law enforcement began by chance. He was "volunteered" to be the Cotton Valley chief of police after his uncle, who held the position, was severely injured in an auto accident. Though it wasn't a job he sought, Cox quickly adapted and spent 26 years protecting his community. "I drove [the school bus] for 47 years. They paid me \$80 a month. And back then, they paid me \$200 a month to be chief of police," Cox said. "Back

in 1972, when Gus Hollingsworth became the mayor, he got me \$400 a month and a brand-new car."

His time as police chief brought its share of humorous and serious moments. Cox recalled an unusual incident in which a man was fined for driving with his feet out the car window. "He must've been crazy to drive down my street with his feet hanging out the window," Cox said with a chuckle. On a more serious note, Cox once faced a dangerous situation while transporting a prisoner to the Springhill jail. "He hit me at the red light, tried to get me in the back seat," Cox recounted. "I got out, didn't have my gun on me. He took off, but we got him later. Cost him \$500."

Cox's tenure as police chief was part of a close-knit network of law enforcement across Webster Parish, where small towns often relied on one another. He worked alongside other notable

figures such as Sarepta Chief Charles Grappe, Cullen Chief Jack Litton, and Springhill Chief Jerry Stephens. Cox's contributions to law enforcement were honored by Shreveport Police Department's "Boss Hogg" Gray in a poem titled "Saga of 'Cat' Cox," which recognized him as a clever and unforgettable leader.

Over his 26 years in law enforcement, Cox worked under six different sheriffs, developing a deep respect for those in the role. "I've worked with a lot of sheriffs; they were all great men, but the sheriff who stands out to me as the greatest is Sheriff Jason Parker. He's just a God-sent man; he takes care of the people," said Cox.

Beyond local leadership, Cox interacted with several governors of Louisiana, including Edwin Edwards, John Bel Edwards, and Bobby Jindal. Through these connections, he successfully advocated for a retirement plan for Louisiana police

chiefs and acquired radar speed detectors to improve road safety.

In honor of his lifetime of service, a section of Highway 371 running through Cotton Valley is named after Clarence "Cat" Cox—a testament to his impact on the community.

From driving school buses to running a service station, and from serving as police chief to sitting on the Police Jury, Clarence "Cat" Cox's contributions to Webster Parish are far-reaching. His lifetime of service, marked by humor, heart, and history, is an inspiration to all who know him.

Today, Cox resides at The Columns on Germantown, where he enjoys telling stories to those who visit. Reflecting on his life, Cox shared, "I've lived a good life; I've helped a lot of people." His commitment to Cotton Valley and Webster Parish is a legacy that will be remembered for generations.

SCHOOLS

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while nonexempt employees, including support staff, will receive \$1,000. The board decided to include Pre-K teachers in this stipend, paying them \$2,000 from district funds. Five-month custodians will receive \$500.

The board also approved the 2024/2025 Webster Parish Parent and Family Engagement Policy and the 2024/2025 Webster Parish Homeless Policies and Procedures with no discussion.

Maintenance expenditures across multiple schools were approved, with the only amendment being the removal of the word "low" before the bid for installing insulation at North Webster Junior High School.

Dr. Rebecca Wilson, personnel director, introduced Andre Washington as the new Child Welfare Supervisor. Washington previously served as principal of Browning Elementary for 10 years and will replace the late Kevin Washington, who served the district for decades.

Dr. Wilson also introduced a new initiative through Reach University aimed at helping paraprofessionals and support staff become certified teachers. "At this time, we have 16

paras in this program to get their college degree," said Wilson, emphasizing that the program costs participants only \$75 per month.

Amy Howard has been named the new principal at Browning Elementary School.

Community Liaison Ursula Hullaby announced a \$1,500 donation of school supplies from Walmart. "This was on top of the \$1,500 and \$500 they gave leading up to the Bash," said Hullaby. "We are grateful to have this community relationship."

Hullaby also reported attending a safety conference at Grambling University, noting her satisfaction that Webster Parish schools meet or exceed the safety standards discussed at the event. "We're taking care of our business," she said regarding the district's preparedness.

Superintendent Johnny Rowland presented a bid for lawn maintenance services for the northern campuses of Webster Parish, but the board deferred a decision, citing the cost. However, the board authorized Rowland to address immediate mowing needs while exploring other options.

The next WPSB meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 3, at 6PM. The public is welcome to attend.

COUNCIL

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would perform so we picked the number five," said Mayor Cox.

"Since we picked the number five, I've received a good bit of feedback that indicated that we were one of the highest charging places in the country. Which I'm suspecting might contribute to the low participation we've had on that. So, in an effort to try and get sales up, we're going to lower prices."

The council also voted unanimously to appoint and re-appoint, respectively, Kathy Cropper and Claudine Thomas to the Minden Main Street/Downtown Development Board with their terms set to expire on September 8, 2027.

The council also voted to hire Nathan Randle as a full-time firefighter/

operator for the Minden Fire Department as well as Erikka Means as a full-time police officer for the Minden Police Department. Both candidates were approved unanimously to fill their respective positions. The hiring of Randle also means that the Minden Fire Department is fully staffed with fifteen firefighters ready to leap to action whenever an emergency strikes.

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

MURDER

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charged as an adult.

Chief McIver acknowledged the community's grief, stating, "The city

is mourning. Everyone knew Mr. Joe. He always had a joke to tell and was always smiling. He was just a great-natured man." McIver also commended

his investigators for having a suspect in custody within six hours of the crime being reported, saying, "They did an outstanding job."

A GoFundMe account has been established to help cover the funeral costs of Keisha Miles at: <https://gofund.me/160d65de>.

OPINION

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OPINION

Reagan movie well worth the watch
It highlights the need for a strong American president

From the days of my youth, I recall with great fondness the presidency of President Ronald Reagan. Full disclosure—my brother Tom was working on the White House Staff at the time, and I was attending The Heights Preparatory School in Potomac, Maryland. So, on the weekends, I rode the Metro down to D.C. to meet my brother at the White House where we would often remain in his office late on Saturday nights as he wrapped up his work for the week.

I clearly remember Pres. Reagan's unbounded optimism about America and its place in the world, his strong domestic record including record employment and an economy exploding with growth, his focus on the traditional family unit and the conservative social values that were its foundation, and his view of the need for America to be militarily strong.

It is with that background that I saw the Reagan biographical drama last week starring Dennis Quaid who I felt fairly captured the late president better than I thought he might.

Without giving away too much, let me simply say that the movie reminds us of the historic events that took place during the Reagan presidency, with three caveats: 1). Much of Reagan's life prior to his presidency, including his youth, is promi-

nently included in the film affording the viewer a much fuller sense of him. 2). Quite interestingly, I thought, the story is told from the standpoint of a KGB agent in the former Soviet Union. 3). President Reagan's unshakable faith in God not only provided the prism by which and through he viewed



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the evils of communism, but it anchored his life as a whole and influenced his view of the Soviet Union which he accurately referred to as 'The Evil Empire.'

President Reagan's two terms were from 1980-1988 and in those 8 years he confronted many tumultuous occurrences at home and across the world. President Reagan won the presidency in a landslide due to his contagious hopefulness about America's future that stood in stark contrast to the perception of American weakness on the international stage, malaise, and the economic turmoil we experienced during the administration of President Jimmy Carter.

The turmoil notably included the nuclear ambitions of the former Soviet

Union and how Pres. Reagan understood that the way to break and end the Soviet nuclear threat was first to simply outspend that nation in the military and defense race and, secondly, to devise a way to not solely rely on an offensive nuclear response to an attack upon the United States but to also devise a way to block—shoot down—nuclear weapons before they reached our country. President Reagan wisely concluded that in the nuclear age the traditional deterrence strategy of 'mutual assured destruction' (MAD) was, in fact, insane and amounted to a global suicide pact between the United States and the Soviet Union.

As a result, President Reagan launched an initiative that became known as the Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI) and it was based upon his recognition that the most effective strategy against the former Soviet Union's ever-increasing number and capacity of ballistic missiles was to develop a technology by which such missiles could be shot down from space. While the U.S. has never created a space-based system, the same technology developed because of that initiative has been stunningly successful. (I note again that the individual who saved Israel several months ago from direct attack by Iran was President

Reagan based upon this SDI technology).

Perhaps more than anything, the movie reminded me of the critical importance of strong and decisive American leadership.

Recall that Iran released the American hostages as soon as Pres. Reagan took the oath of office. In fact, the plane carrying the 52 American hostages who had been held by the Iran Revolutionary Guard for 444 days cleared out of Iranian airspace only minutes after President Reagan took the Oath of Office and during his Inaugural Speech. The Ayatollah clearly didn't want to test what a bold and fearless American president would do without the immediate release of those hostages.

That is the example of leadership our country desperately needs—Peace Through Strength. Like millions of Americans, I am grateful for the strength and character of President Reagan and comforted to be reminded of it. Such leadership not only stabilizes the United States, it also returns order to the world.

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INSPIRATION

There will only be one of you and one of me

There will only be one of you and one of me!
God makes no duplicates!
Even in twins there are always some differences. Down to the finger prints there are no two just alike just as it has been said there are no two identical snow flakes.

Cherish your friends, your family, yourself. We are classics! There will never be a replica of any one of us.

Even with our so called flaws we should be grateful for our uniqueness. It is in our differences that we are set apart and often remembered.

God must have loved variety! Just today I had a visit with one from the past, with my dear departed lifelong friend, Joyce Duke Moore of Oil City, who passed away in August 2010.

I ran into her friend from Gilliam. I met her at Joyce's funeral in Vivian. We both gave eulogies from our seats at her funeral conducted by the minister Bill Keith.

Her friend spoke about how people often confused them for each other because of their similarities in looks and personal-

ity. Joyce would joke her friend, "Now you be careful what you do when your are out in public" not wanting to be blamed for what the other had done.

It was such a blessing when I met her friend and have only seen her a few times since the funeral but I continue to be amazed at how much those two resemble each other. More than physical traits

they both are women of faith who were and are unafraid to affirm their faith to even strangers they meet in Wal-Mart.

Emotions washed over my spirit after seeing her friend. I still feel Joyce's presence from our brief visit. I always look her friend in the eye and say "Hello, Joyce!"

God knew what He was doing when He made these two wom-

en to look so much alike.

I met Joyce in 1979 when we lived in Vivian. Our children attended the same school. We became fast friends.

I often quipped "all I have to do is plug in my coffee pot and Joyce will appear!" We spent so much time together drinking coffee around the table discovering more about who we are.

Once Joyce sent me a beautiful story with a woman walking out in the water while she slightly lifted her skirt to keep from getting wet. Under the picture were the words "our friends help us test the waters."

Joyce helped me test the waters and helped me to feel safe to voice my stories aloud before I began to write them down.

I read a beautiful quote from George Eliot that said : "Oh, the comfort, the inexpressible comfort of feeling safe with a person, having neither to weight thoughts nor measure words, but pouring them all out, just as they are, chaff and grain together, certain that a faithful hand will take and sift them, keep what is worth keeping and with a breath of kindness blow

the rest away."

Because I was so insecure then, only thirty-one, I needed a friend like Joyce because she helped free my personality. I found myself during those two years while we were living in Vivian.

I learned to be open in my conversation and empty my bottled up pain from my childhood. I told her things I had never told anyone - like about my mother's head injury that stunted her emotional and intellectual growth resulting in us going into an orphanage after daddy died at home in 1958.

I read that the difference between a therapist and a friend is that a friend keeps coming back and listening without being paid.

God knew what He was doing when He sent Joyce my way along with Estelle, because Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever and He always gets me to the right place at the right time.

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KEEP THIS IN MIND

9-11: Don't let today pass you by without pausing to remember

It seems everyone has their own September 11 story. For some, they remember where they were when the first plane struck the first tower of the World Trade Center. They remember wondering what tragic factor could have caused such an accident. We would all learn that it was no accident.

Emotions ran high for all of us. We were shocked. We denied that it could be happening. We wanted revenge.

I was at the Minden Press-Herald, making a stop on my way to the Bossier Press-Tribune that morning. I was in my dad's office when he told me about the first crash.

As we watched the video from that clear, blue day I saw the second plane hit. "Is that video from the first crash?" I asked Dad.

"I don't think so."

Once we realized what was

happening. I knew I needed to get to the Press-Tribune and coordinate whatever coverage was necessary. While on the road, I heard about the Pentagon attack on the radio.

My heart was racing and I couldn't get to Bossier fast enough. I called Clint Land, my editor at the time, and got him working on what was happening locally. Little did I know this would become even more of a local news event.

Within a couple of hours, we had a plan: Try to learn what we could from Barksdale Air Force Base, and look for people with

ties to New York City. The best-laid plans...

A call from a reader came to my office. The voice on the other end of the line said, "Air Force One has been cleared to land at Barksdale."

"Air Force One can probably land wherever it wants to," I replied.

Our office in the flight path of Barksdale, so if Air Force One were to land here, we'd know.

I told our receptionist to keep a watch on the sky above the building. Within minutes she came running into my office. "It's here! It's here!"

At that moment I heard the engines above us and caught a glimpse of the blue underbelly of the President's 747.

Clint and I rushed to the main gate of Barksdale, and that was as far as we got. No one was getting on the base. No one was coming off the base.

All the local news media were gathered in a median across from the gate. We were all fuming. We'd been to every "lame" event on Barksdale, and now when it was big-time news, we were denied access.

After what seemed an eternity, a single SUV emerged from the main gate and approached our group. A uniformed man and a nicely dressed woman got out of the vehicle and approached the KSLA News 12 van.

"Is this a 'Sat' truck?" the lady asked.

"Yes it is."

"Good, I am a producer with CBS and I have the president's remarks recorded and need to uplink to the world." As the world was hearing a recorded video message from President George W. Bush, Air Force One climbed back into the September sky.

When I reflect on those events and my emotions, I find that they are still as vivid as that day in 2001.

Today, as we mark 23 years since that fateful day, it's a sobering thought that there are adults now who weren't alive when these events took place. Yet, the significance of September 11, 2001, continues to resonate deeply across generations. It reminds us of the fragility of life, the strength of our nation, and the enduring spirit of resilience.

In addition to September 11 being such a historical day for the nation, it is also my parents' anniversary. Since their passing, this date is always a little awkward. But it is also a time to reflect and remember.

DAVID SPECHT IS PRESIDENT OF SPECHT NEWSPAPERS, INC.



DAVID SPECHT

SPORTS

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

LSU, GSU, ULM win; NSU comes up just short

STAFF REPORTS
Minden Press-Herald

The LSU Tigers, Grambling State Tigers and ULM Warhawks posted victories last week. Northwestern State came up a yard short of potentially getting its first victory since 2022.

LSU 44, Nicholls 21: Garrett Nussmeier tossed six touchdown passes and the Tigers broke open a tight game in the third quarter en route to the victory over the FCS team in their home opener.

LSU (1-1) led 23-14 at the half. Collin Guggenheim scored on a 67-yard run to get Nicholls (0-2) within two with 13:52 left in the third quarter.

But the Tigers put the game away with three unanswered touchdowns in the quarter, all on touchdown passes.

Nussmeier hit Kyren Lacy for touchdowns of 6 and 7 yards. He completed a 4-yard pass to Zavion Thomas for the final touchdown.

Nussmeier completed 27 of 37 passes for 302 yards with no interceptions.

LSU opens SEC play at 11 a.m. Saturday on the

road against South Carolina. The Gamecocks (2-0) defeated Kentucky 31-6 Saturday.

Prairie View A&M 37, Northwestern State 31: A fast start had Northwestern State feeling fine in its 2024 home opener in Turpin Stadium.

Unfortunately for the Demons, the final play of their matchup with Prairie View A&M delivered the opposite emotion.

Northwestern quarterback JT Fayard was ruled to have been stopped short of the goal line on a sneak on an untimed down, allowing the visiting Panthers to hold on for the victory in front of a crowd of 9,132.

NSU (0-2) returns to action Thursday against South Alabama in Mobile. The Jaguars (0-2) fell to Ohio 27-20 last Saturday.

Grambling State 37, Tuskegee 20: Myles Crawley threw four touchdown passes as the Tigers cruised to victory in their home opener at Eddie G. Robinson Memorial Stadium. The Tigers led 37-3 at the half.

Crawley completed 16 of 26 passes for 302 yards with no interceptions.

Javon Robinson caught

four passes for 151 yards, including a 53-yard touchdown reception in the second quarter. Eight other GSU players had catches.

Crawley's other touchdown passes went to Co-vadis Knighten (2 yards), Nicholas Howard (9 yards) and Tony Phillips (4 yards).

Tre Bradford led the Tigers on the ground with 52 yards on 13 carries. Reed Harradine kicked a 36-yard field goal. Josh Darling returned a fumble 19 yards for a touchdown.

Grambling State (2-0) visits Texas A&M-Commerce Saturday.

ULM 32, UAB 6: The Warhawks rolled up 209 yards rushing and limited the Blazers to 259 total in the home victory. ULM (2-0) also forced three turnovers, including a pick-six.

The game was close at the half with ULM leading 13-6. Max Larson kicked two field goals and Ahmad Hardy scored on a 26-yard run.

ULM has an open date this week.

Louisiana Tech: The Bulldogs (1-0) had an open date last week. They return to action Saturday at N.C. State at 11 a.m. The Wolf-pack (1-1) fell to Tennessee 51-10 last Saturday.

OUTDOORS

Learning to hunt squirrels by watching how dad did it

GLYNN HARRIS

My message box last week contained a note advertising a Beginners Squirrel Hunt Seminar to be held in Minden September 21 at the office of Wildlife and Fisheries at 9961, Highway 80 in Minden. Those interested should call 337-735-8685 to pre-register as space will be limited.

The seminar outlined the subjects to be covered during the session. It includes such things as equipment needed, firearm selection, rules and regulations, proper squirrel hunting techniques and cleaning squirrels.

There were no seminars available to learn how to hunt squirrels when I was growing up in rural Natchitoches Parish. Our learning was at the feet of our dads, older brothers or maybe uncles who took youngsters like myself under their wings to teach them the ropes.

It was my dad who was my tutor in the squirrel woods and he started me and my brother out when we were just little mop-haired kids. When Tom and I learned that daddy was going squirrel hunting and invited us to go with him, it was like Christmas in Octo-

ber. I remember the excitement of actually getting to go to the woods with dad and watch him as he did battle with wild squirrels. When we started going with him, he carried the only gun; we weren't allowed to even take our BB guns.

The weather in early October was usually cool and our jackets felt cozy and good as we followed him step by step as he gingerly eased through the woods.

"Watch out for that stick....you step on it and it cracks and it'll scare every squirrel in the woods," he'd whisper.

We would finally make our way to a fallen log that lay beneath a grove of oaks or hickories where squirrels were likely to be hanging out. I remember how much fun it was just to be sitting there on a log, my brother and me, next to our dad. If Tom or I said anything, we'd get a "shush" from him. "Just stay quiet and keep your eyes on the trees and look for movement."

A branch would jiggle and Tom and I would get excited. Dad would whisper for us to watch the jiggling branch and how it moved and he'd ask if we saw what was shaking the branch. Thinking I was looking at a squirrel, a blue jay fluttered

away.

"A bird moves a branch differently than a squirrel does. If it's a squirrel, it will likely be on the end of the branch getting an acorn or hickory nut and if you looked closely, you could see it move to a larger branch and begin eating. A bird just bounces around there and then flies away," he whispered.

Momentarily, we would hear a sound for which our young ears were not trained. It sounded like something scratching. Dad would point to the source of the sound as a squirrel scurried up the trunk.

"Y'all sit still and watch," he'd say as he eased up from the log, his shotgun at port arms and he'd ease along, using other trees and saplings as a shield until he stopped, raised the gun and fired. A fat fox squirrel would tumble to the ground to the delight of two little guys.

As we grew older, we were allowed to take our .22 rifles and under dad's watchful eye, we tried to mimic what we had learned until finally with practice, both Tom and I learned to successfully hunt squirrels and we owe it all to a dad who took the time to teach us.

Fishing Report

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

BUSSEY BRAKE – Bass fishing is best fishing buzz baits around the pads as well as jigs, soft plastics around the wind rows. Some big crappie are being caught on the flats on shiners and jigs. For latest information, contact the Honey Hole 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 was lowered September 4, 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 some 5 feet as the gates were opened September 4. Crappie fish-

ing 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 CLAIBORNE – Crappie fishing has been best early mornings on shiners or jigs. Stripers are starting to school and should respond to shad imitation lures. 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.. Bream are slow. 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 and buzz baits. 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. Crappie are fair fishing shiners or jigs around the submerged tops. For information contact Caney Lake Landing at 259-6649, Hooks Marina at 249-2347, Terzia Tackle at 278-4498 or the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

LAKE POVERTY POINT – 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.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL/COLUMN

Three parish teams win season openers

RUSSELL HEDGES
Minden Press-Herald

The 2024 season got off to a good start in Webster Parish for the most part.

Minden, Lakeside and Glenbrook all won season openers on the road last week.

The Crimson Tide edged Mansfield 34-33 in two overtimes, the Warriors downed Arcadia 32-14 and Glenbrook routed Magnolia School of Excellence 58-6.

Last year, only Glenbrook started the season 1-0.

Short-handed North Webster fell to Class 1A power Haynesville 35-7 on the road.

Minden hosts Homer, North Webster is at North Caddo, Lakeside hosts LaSalle and Glenbrook visits Bossier Friday.

At Mansfield, Minden led 21-13 early in the fourth quarter then had to come from behind to tie it with 1:20 left. The Tide stopped a two-point conversion attempt in the second OT to win it.

Minden showcased a strong running game led by Denarius Crow, Caylien Aubrey, Lucas Owens Jr., Porter Neal and Kaiden Shine.

Minden and Homer met in the Pineland Jamboree with the Tide coming out on top 14-12. But that matters little now.

Homer gave Class 5A Houghton all it wanted last week before falling 48-46. Running back Gregory Williams will be tough to stop.

North Webster faces a North Caddo team that



RUSSELL HEDGES/PRESS -HERALD
Jackson Waller scored two touchdowns in Glenbrook's 58-6 season-opening victory over Magnolia School of Excellence last week.

Week 2 schedule

FRIDAY

Homer at Minden, 7
North Webster at North Caddo. 7
LaSalle at Lakeside, 7
Glenbrook at Bossier, 7

struggled last season. The Titans took advantage of some turnovers in the second half to defeat Bossier 37-16 last week.

The Knights, who suffered some costly injuries in the jamboree, got down 21-0 early against Haynesville and couldn't rally.

Lakeside won its first game since Week 4 of last season and its first under new Head Coach John Ware. Ken'travion Miller and Taron Riley combined for five touchdowns and both rushed for more than 100 yards.

The Warriors have

a good chance of starting 2-0 against LaSalle, which lost its opener to Delta Charter 36-6. The District 3-1A Tigers went 4-6 last season.

Glenbrook had no trouble with Magnolia, scoring early and often. Six Apaches scored touchdowns with Seth Mangrum and Jackson Waller scoring two each.

Glenbrook defeated Bossier 28-6 last year. Despite the loss to North Caddo, the Class 4A Bear-kats look to be improved. It's definitely a step up in competition for the Apaches.

MPH FOOTBALL CONTEST RULES:

1. Locate the 20 games on page 12 and circle the team you think will win. Games will be numbered 1-20.
2. Print the winning team name in the corresponding blank below. Be sure to match the numbers correctly.
3. Predict the TOTAL number of points you think will be scored in the tie breaker game and enter in the space provided below.
4. Complete and cut out the entry form and deposit at the Minden Press-Herald, 203 Gleason Street, Minden, LA 71055 or mail to Football Contest, P.O. Box 1339, Minden, LA 71058.
5. Entries must be dropped off no later than 12:00 pm on Fridays. Entries received after 12 pm on Friday will not be accepted.
6. WE WILL NO LONGER ACCEPT FAXES.
7. Prizes awarded will be \$25 for first place, \$15 for second place and \$10 for third place.
8. One entry per person per week.
9. Employees, independent contractors and families of MPH employees are not eligible.
10. NO PHOTOCOPIED ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.

*****FOOTBALL CONTEST ENTRY FORM*****

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Tie Breaker: Kent State v Tennessee

Total Points: _____ (both teams)

GOOD LUCK!

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Good News

GOOD NEWS

Living on the Edges and Margins of Life

The speeding, reckless driver, the dare-devil walking a tight-rope, the wayward youth breaking all ties with his family to chase his dreams – these are just some examples of folks living on the edges of life, testing the margins to see how far the limits can be stretched. It reminds me of the pie-maker who continues to roll the pie crust thinner and thinner until it falls apart. There will always be folks testing life to see how far they can venture beyond the accepted limits. Christians are guilty of this also, testing God’s patience.

Great men of God in Old Testament days lived on the edge of life much of the time. Abraham could not quite trust God enough to ‘treat Sarah as his wife’ instead of claiming her as his sister’ This got him into trouble several times. But he did take his son, Isaac, upon the mountain as God directed, preparing to sacrifice him on the altar. He was willing to follow God’s command, putting him on the edge of life where no one had ever ventured to go. When God saw Abraham’s willingness to live near the edge of life and follow Him, God provided a ram in the bushes for the sacrifice,

thus sparing Isaac.

Moses let his anger get the best of him when he struck the rock, demanding water from it. (Exodus) He stepped beyond the limits God had placed for him in the desert. And we see Moses ‘tight-roping’ life for some forty years as he dealt with the everyday issues of those millions of ‘nomads’. Headaches, heartaches, and painful decisions were always on his daily menu. It was enough to drive anyone beyond the accepted limits! This was God’s testing time for everyone. Not only Moses, but the Children of Israel were constantly pushing the limits and causing great stress for Moses. We would have “lost our ‘religion’ from time to time, too!” Just once Moses got too close to the margins of life and it cost him the privilege of settling in the Promised Land. Only Joshua and Caleb, from the



Bill Crider

original group, passed the test and ‘tasted the land of milk and honey promised them.’

David flirted with the “God-given” moral limits when he overstepped boundaries and seduced Bathsheba. And he paid dearly. But out of this all came the rich prayer of contrition and confession found in Psalms 51, which has ministered to countless men and women through the years who foolishly broke through the barriers God established. David seemed to have hind’s feet as he tip-toed through life, especially when he was on the run from Saul. He lived on the very edge of life, sometimes sensing he would not make it through another challenge alive. Haven’t we had those times as well? Only with the Lord’s help, David made his journey through life slipping and sliding with the strong arm of the Lord providing him security and strength. For us, without the constant presence of the Lord, His rich promises to never leave us, we would wander way beyond the ‘limits of life’ He has set for us.

On the other hand, Jesus was one who pushed His followers up to the limits, moving them

beyond the Law – “not to destroy it but to fulfill it.” But He never tempted man to go beyond limits God mapped out for him. When He called his disciples, it was a call to ‘walk the narrow road, to live on the margins of life but to entrust their total being to Him and follow His commands.’ Often they questioned him, balked at some teachings and even denied Him when He needed them the most. But Jesus knew this was all part of the Master Plan designed before the beginning. God promised that “He would watch over Israel and would neither sleep nor slumber.” That meant, don’t be afraid of walking near the cliffs of life, near the edge of dangers, nor attempting the impossible tasks (as seen by men); just follow His commands. If He sends, He will provide the way!

Paul admonished his readers to ‘stand firm, run the last mile with all your might, never give up in this battle for truth and right.’ Stand firm on the firing line, be brave, be true to the cause - even when we feel we are standing on dangerous ground, for with Christ as our source of strength, His mighty hand can securely hold us and gently lead

us away from the edges of danger back into the safety zone of His tender care. We battle many issues of life and sometimes feel we might be living too close to the edges. We might wonder if God is aware of where He has planted us! But we know, we can’t just sit still and wait for Jesus to come back! There is much to do. “Rescue the perishing, care for the dying, weep over the erring one, lift up the fallen! Snatch them from Satan’s hand! Tell them of Jesus, the Mighty to save!”

Let’s join Paul and fight to the very end! Let’s run fast to the last finish line! Let’s fight with all our strength and might until the final bell sounds! The crown and trophy awaits us there. The Great Master is watching from His exalted position and is among the crowd calling our name and urging us on. So, If you are on the edges of life, ask the Lord to gently ease you back into His presence and show you where the limits are, beyond which you must not venture.

BILL CRIDER IS CHAPLAIN OF MINDEN MEDICAL CENTER

THE UPWARD LOOK

Walking Instructions

“The instruction of his God is in his heart; his steps do not falter.”
Psalms 37:31 HCSB



Max Hutto

The righteous person will have a lifelong desire to learn God’s Word. His entire life will be guided and directed by God’s instructions. He will love to read and study the Bible. God’s Word will fill his thoughts and will guide his actions in wisdom, justice and holiness. His steps, his coming and goings, his conduct and manner of life, his lifestyle, will not falter. He

will not slip and slide into evil but will walk sure-footed, unwavering and confident in obedience to God’s Word.

Lord Jesus, I treasure Your Holy Word and long to learn its instructions and to be guided by its truth. Direct my steps, my life, so that I will not slip but that I would steadily walk in Your righteousness.

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

INSPIRATION

Perseverance

Joseph the youngest son of Jacob was a man with a dream. God gave Joseph a dream of being a ruler over many. This includes his brother’s and also his father. Naturally, this dream doesn’t go over well with his family and ultimately ends in his brother’s selling him into slavery and faking his death. However, this doesn’t defer the dream. Joseph lived for the Lord and never lost faith and his dream became reality. Joseph not only became the ruler of Egypt but the ruler of his family. Joseph had many qualities that we should emulate. However, the one I want to focus on in this Writing is perseverance. Joseph was put into what would seem like an impossible situation

but instead of quitting he persevered. Joseph’s dream was always fated to be a reality because it was also God’s dream. This fact brings us to my challenge for this message. I challenge everyone to go into the future asking God what his dream is for their life. The journey might be difficult but the destination will be glorious and all you need to do is have faith and Persevere. Because we serve a God that always keeps his promises.




Bernard Harris

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

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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. 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. 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
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1999 International, 4 Door Pumper, 1500 GPM Pump, 1000 Gal Tank

Please contact Chief Kyle Mosley with any Bids on Truck at Cullenfire600@yahoo.com

**September 11, 2024
September 18, 2024
September 25, 2024
October 2, 2024
Minden Press Herald**

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE WEBSTER PARISH POLICE JURY WILL MEET ON THE 1ST DAY OF OCTOBER 2024 10:30 AM, IN THE POLICE JURY MEETING ROOM, WEBSTER PARISH COURTHOUSE ANNEX, 401 MAIN STREET, MINDEN, LA 71055 TO HEAR ANY AND ALL PROTESTS FROM TAXPAYERS ON THEIR 2024 ASSESSMENTS.

THE BOARD OF REVIEW SHALL CONSIDER THE WRITTEN OR ORAL PROTESTS OF ANY TAXPAYER DESIRING TO BE HEARD THAT HAS TIMELY FILED HAND-DELIVERED OR CERTIFIED MAIL PROTESTS NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 24, 2024.

PLEASE NOTE: YOU MUST SUBMIT ALL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE VALUE OF YOUR PROPERTY TO YOUR ASSESSOR BEFORE THE DEADLINE FOR FILING AN APPEAL WITH THE BOARD OF REVIEW. THE FAILURE TO SUBMIT SUCH INFORMATION MAY PREVENT YOU FROM RELYING ON THAT INFORMATION SHOULD YOU PROTEST YOUR VALUE.

DENISE G. EDWARDS, CLA
WEBSTER PARISH ASSESSOR

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

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

Legal Description: Lot# 93 & 96, H.J. Coyle Subdivision #1 114 East Rd Assessment 122268, as per the assessment in the records of the Tax Assessor of Webster Parish, Louisiana

This property was adjudicated to the Police Jury on 05-24-2017. The three year redemptive period has passed. Tax sale title to the above described property has been sold for failure to pay taxes. You have been identified as a person who may have an interest in this property. Your interest will be terminated within 60 days from the date of this notice unless you redeem the property or you may otherwise challenge in a court of competent jurisdiction the potential sale or donation.

Webster Parish Police Jury
401 Main St.
Minden, LA 71055

Name:
Anthony Sims
Clark Harris
Elmora Johnson Jones

Legal Description: 50 x 100 FT IN SW/4 of SE/4 Sec. 24-23-11 Assessment: 122264

The property was adjudicated to the Police Jury on 05-25-2016

Name:
Patrick McGuire

Assessment:
122407

Legal Description: 100x85x102.82x84.95 FT. IN SW/4 of SE/4 SED. 24-23-11

Property adjudicated to the Police Jury on 05-26-2015

Name:
Willie Hutcherson
Noble Hutcherson
Johnny Scott
Genell Hutcherson
Christell Hutcherson
Gene Hutcherson

Assessment:
121958

Legal Description: All That Part of Lot 354x167x100x6x150x 64x100x108FT. lying East of Ditch which commences at SW Corner & Runs NE/Ly to a point approx. 95FT. W. of NE Cor. of said lot IN NW/4 of SW/4 SEC. 19-23-10

Property adjudicated to the Police Jury on 05-23-2014

Name:
Aaron Fizer

Assessment: 121858

Legal Description: Lot #4, Rhone Subdivision 108 Abbott Circle

Property adjudicated to Police Jury on 05-16-2019

**September 11, 2024
Minden Press Herald**

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING WEBSTER PARISH POLICE JURY September 3, 2024

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

PUBLIC HEARING (10:30A.M.)

PUBLIC HEARING: To hear comments and concerns:
To consider levying additional or increased millage rates without further voter approval or adjusted millage rates after reassessment and rolling forward to rates not to exceed the prior year's maximum. The estimated amount of tax revenue to be collected in the next year from the increased millage is \$2,857,790 and the amount of increase in taxes attributable to the millage increase is \$157,265.

**Denise Edwards, Assessor explained the millage rates after adjustment and roll forward rates to the jury and audience.

NO COMMENTS- HEARING CLOSED

PUBLIC HEARING: To hear comments and concerns: The Police Jury of the Parish 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.

NO COMMENTS- HEARING CLOSED

Mr. Jim Bonsall called the meeting to order 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. LaTanya Grigsby moved, seconded by Ms. Beverly Kennon to approve invoices for payment pending review by juror LaTanya Grigsby. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Beverly Kennon moved, seconded by Ms. Nancy Hines to adopt the minutes of the August 6, 2024, Road Committee, Finance Committee and Regular Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Nancy Hines moved, seconded by Ms. LaTanya Grigsby to approve to adopt the adjusted millage rate Parish Resolution 004A-2024. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Mike Griffith moved, seconded by Ms. Nancy Hines to approve Webster Parish Police Jury Resolution 005-2024 which calls for a Special Election for Courthouse 2.78mil tax Renewal on December 7, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Adam Lee moved, seconded by Ms. Beverly Kennon to approve to accept a Doyley Library Branch Capital Outlay Project Construction Bid that will be opened on September 17, 2024, pending approval by

the Architect Prevot Design and upon legal review. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMENTS:
Melinda Davidson
WPOCS Director
Wanda Finley
WPPJ Head Start
Savannah Jones
Webster Parish Library
Johnnye Kennon
WP C.V.B. (Tourism)
Allen Mosley
WP Coroner
Carl Thompson
WP Assessor, Denise Edwards
K'Landie Gordon
LSU Ag/Extension Office
Brian Williams
WPPJ OEP/HS Director
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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PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF MINDEN, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN IN REGULAR SESSION HELD ON SEPTEMBER 3, 2024

The Minden City Council met at City Hall in Minden, Louisiana, beginning at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Nick Cox, Carlton Myles, Levon Thomas, Latasha Mitchell, Michael Roy, and Andy Pendergrass. Absence(s): None. Mayor Cox welcomed everyone to the meeting. Prayer was offered by Andy Pendergrass and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Carlton Myles. At this time, a moment of silence was observed in remembrance of Joseph "Joe" Cornelius, Sr., who previously served on the Minden City Council and as interim mayor. It is noted for the record that Mayor Cox allowed both council and public comments prior to every vote.

Michael Roy moved to adopt the minutes of the Minden City Council Regular Session held on August 5, 2024, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Latasha Mitchell and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Michael Roy moved to opt out of the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness' Temporary Housing and Shelter Assistance Program, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Andy Pendergrass and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Upon motion by Latasha Mitchell and duly seconded by Michael Roy, the council unanimously adopted Ordinance No. 1146 – An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 90 – Utilities, Article IV. – Rates and Charges, Section 90-138(b). – Service to Electric Vehicles through City-Owned EV Charging Station(s).

The usage rate for electric energy provided by the City's municipal electric vehicle (EV) charging station(s) shall prevail:

a) Commercial electric rate (per kwh for the first 50 kwh) plus Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) Rate multiplied by a factor of two (2). The so calculated rate will fluctuate monthly.

In addition to the usage rate, the following idling fee will apply:

b) A \$0.30 idling fee per minute (after a 10-minute grace period after charging is complete). The idling fee shall not exceed \$30.00.

Program/Downtown Development Commission for the term beginning on September 9, 2024, and expiring on September 8, 2027, as presented. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Andy Pendergrass moved to confirm Nathan Randle as a full-time firefighter/operator in the Minden Fire Department, subject to passing all applicable tests. The motion was duly seconded by Carlton Myles and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

City Clerk Melaney Langford presented the Budget/Financial Report for the month of July 2024. No motion was required.

Fire Chief Brian Williams presented the Fire Report for the month of August 2024. No motion was required.

The Police Report for the month of July 2024 was unanimously accepted, as presented, by motion of Latasha Mitchell and second by Levon Thomas. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Announcements and council comments were heard. The meeting was then adjourned.

Nicholas A. Cox,
Mayor

ATTEST:

Melaney Langford,
City Clerk

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ORDINANCE NO. 1146

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 90 – UTILITIES, ARTICLE IV. – RATES AND CHARGES, SECTION 90-138(b). – SERVICE TO ELECTRIC VEHICLES THROUGH CITY-OWNED ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATION(S), OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF MINDEN, STATE OF LOUISIANA

AN ORDINANCE amending Section 90-138(b). – Service to Electric Vehicles through City-Owned EV Charging Station(s) to adjust the multiplier number.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Minden, in legal session convened, as follows, to-wit:

ARTICLE IV. RATES AND CHARGES

Section 90-138(b). – Service to Electric Vehicles through City-Owned EV Charging Station(s).

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The City shall have the right to change the above-mentioned calculation formula at any time through newly adopted ordinances. The City will make every effort to provide uninterrupted energy service (not guaranteed in emergencies) to its EV Charging Station(s).

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid, illegal or unconstitutional, the remainder of this ordinance and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the ordinance are hereby repealed.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this

ordinance shall be binding and shall come into effect thirty (30) days after the first publication in the official journal of the City of Minden.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that it is the intention of the City Council and it is hereby ordained that the provisions of this ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Code of Ordinances, City of Minden, Louisiana and the sections of this ordinance may be numbered to accomplish such intention.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Minden on this 3rd day of September, 2024, by the following vote and upon motion and second of Latasha Mitchell and Michael Roy, respectively:

AYE(S): 5
NAY(S): 0
ABSENCE(S): 0
ABSTENTION(S): 0

Nicholas A. Cox,
Mayor

ATTEST:

Melaney Langford,
City Clerk

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

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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	SPECIAL FUNDS BUDGET	TOTAL BUDGET	FY 2023-2024 ESTIMATED ACTUALS	FY 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	9.200%
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	\$ 3,572,296	\$ 1,300,220	\$ 4,872,516	\$ 4,496,612	\$ 4,496,612	\$ (1,623,995)	-34.569%
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 55,833,273	\$ 42,704,161	\$ 98,537,434	\$ 105,198,816	\$ 105,198,816	\$ (9,661,382)	-9.184%
II. EXPENDITURES							
A. REGULAR PROGRAM	\$ 22,403,670	\$ 2,424,599	\$ 24,828,269	\$ 22,540,700	\$ 22,540,700	\$ (2,287,569)	-9.216%
B. SPECIAL PROGRAMS	\$ 9,350,391	\$ 2,199,184	\$ 11,549,575	\$ 12,379,240	\$ 12,379,240	\$ (829,665)	-7.273%
C. VOCATIONAL PROGRAMS	\$ 1,186,911	\$ 166,894	\$ 1,353,805	\$ 1,408,472	\$ 1,408,472	\$ (54,667)	-4.036%
D. OTHER INSTRUCT. PROGRAMS	\$ 600,887	\$ 9,544	\$ 610,431	\$ 3,412,442	\$ 3,412,442	\$ (2,802,011)	-82.122%
E. CULTURALLY DEPRIVED (CDEA)	\$ 356,910	\$ 9,896,833	\$ 10,253,743	\$ 6,162,062	\$ 6,162,062	\$ 4,091,681	65.407%
F. ADULT ED. PROGRAMS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	ND/ND
G. PUPIL SUPPORT PROGRAMS	\$ 2,584,908	\$ 202,434	\$ 2,787,342	\$ 3,111,327	\$ 3,111,327	\$ (323,985)	-10.413%
H. INSTRUCT. STAFF SUPPORT	\$ 1,591,857	\$ 598,669	\$ 2,190,526	\$ 5,347,000	\$ 5,347,000	\$ (3,156,474)	-59.033%
I. GEN. ADM. PROGRAMS	\$ 919,414	\$ 605,514	\$ 1,524,928	\$ 1,526,436	\$ 1,526,436	\$ (1,508)	-0.099%
J. SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION	\$ 4,200,495	\$ 390,270	\$ 4,590,765	\$ 4,714,629	\$ 4,714,629	\$ (123,864)	-2.622%
K. BUSINESS SERVICES	\$ 1,144,676	\$ 60,931	\$ 1,205,607	\$ 1,227,848	\$ 1,227,848	\$ (22,241)	-1.848%
L. OP. & MAINT. SERVICES	\$ 4,442,672	\$ 4,201,725	\$ 8,644,397	\$ 8,505,279	\$ 8,505,279	\$ 139,118	1.608%
M. TRANSPORTATION SERVICES	\$ 4,040,931	\$ 403,869	\$ 4,444,800	\$ 4,745,786	\$ 4,745,786	\$ (300,986)	-6.742%
N. CENTRAL SERVICES	\$ 439,480	\$ 17,802	\$ 457,282	\$ 593,977	\$ 593,977	\$ (136,695)	-29.890%
O. FOOD SERVICE OPERATIONS	\$ 90,511	\$ 5,145,872	\$ 5,236,383	\$ 5,649,239	\$ 5,649,239	\$ (412,856)	-7.885%
P. COMMUNITY SERVICES	\$ 22,000	\$ -	\$ 22,000	\$ 22,000	\$ 22,000	\$ -	0.000%
Q. FACILITY ACQ. & CONST.	\$ -	\$ 3,704,864	\$ 3,704,864	\$ 5,829,171	\$ 5,829,171	\$ (2,124,307)	-57.323%
R. OTHER USES OF FUNDS	\$ 428,960	\$ 10,146,624	\$ 10,575,584	\$ 9,005,902	\$ 9,005,902	\$ 1,569,682	17.429%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 52,833,273	\$ 40,175,628	\$ 93,008,901	\$ 106,181,510	\$ 106,181,510	\$ (13,172,609)	-12.408%
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY)	\$ -	\$ 2,528,533	\$ 2,528,533	\$ (982,694)	\$ (982,694)	\$ 3,511,227	357.306%
EST. FUND BALANCE 7/1/24	\$ 4,913,255	\$ 25,497,365	\$ 30,410,620	\$ 31,403,648	\$ 31,403,648	\$ (993,028)	-3.162%
ADJUSTMENTS	\$ -	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ -	0.000%
EST FUND BAL. 6-30-2025	\$ 4,913,255	\$ 28,225,898	\$ 33,139,153	\$ 30,620,954	\$ 30,620,954	\$ 2,518,199	8.224%

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CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to camping.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
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A. 9 6 7 9

Clue: Camping shelter

B. 8 24 23 2 9 5 24 7

Clue: Spot on map

C. 1 6 2 14

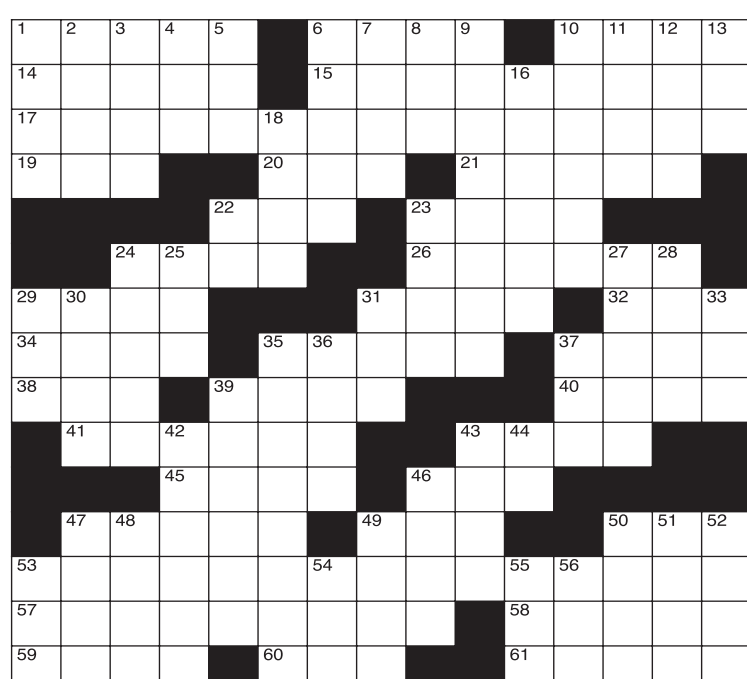
Clue: Equipment

D. 24 13 6 14 7 5 1 3 9

Clue: Lasting one evening

Answers: A. tent B. location C. gear D. overnight

FUN & GAMES



CLUES ACROSS

1. Type of cat
6. Weaponry
10. Western Christian Church service
14. Significant eruption of pustules
15. Baltic nation
17. Start of American holiday season
19. Unhappy
20. Maintains possession of
21. Metrical foot of one long and three short syllables
22. Mountain pass
23. Vestments
24. Type of dish
26. Escaped quickly
29. Zoroastrian concept of holy fire
31. Wings
32. Political action committee
34. Touches lightly
35. Stood back from
37. Philippine Island
38. Popular winter activity
39. Type of amine
40. Small freshwater duck
41. Filled with love
43. Without (French)
45. Vetch
46. Swiss river
47. Describes a sound
49. Sign language
50. Hair product
53. Have surgery
57. Quality of being imaginary
58. Far-right German party
59. Drove
60. Former French coin of low value
61. Hard, durable timbers

CLUES DOWN

1. Body art
2. Middle East military title
3. Actor Pitt
4. Container
5. Speak incessantly
6. Relating to algae
7. Jacob ___, journalist
8. Rock TV channel
9. Boat's cargo
10. Most wise
11. Within
12. Chinese industrial city
13. Scotland's longest river
16. Not capable
18. Footwear
22. Savings account
23. Capable
24. Vaccine developer
25. Tax collector
27. Fencing swords
28. Native religion in China
29. Promotional materials
30. A shot in a film production
31. Afflict in mind or body
33. A passage with access only at one end
35. Breathing devices
36. Employ for wages
37. Kids' TV channel (abbr.)
39. Popular Boston song
42. Made amends
43. Selling at specially reduced prices
44. Atomic #18
46. With fireplace residue
47. Unleavened cornbread
48. Draw out
49. Southwestern Alaska island
50. Where the Pyramids are
51. People of Nigeria
52. Smaller quantity
53. Destroy the inside of
54. City
55. Chivalrous figure (abbr.)
56. No (Scottish)

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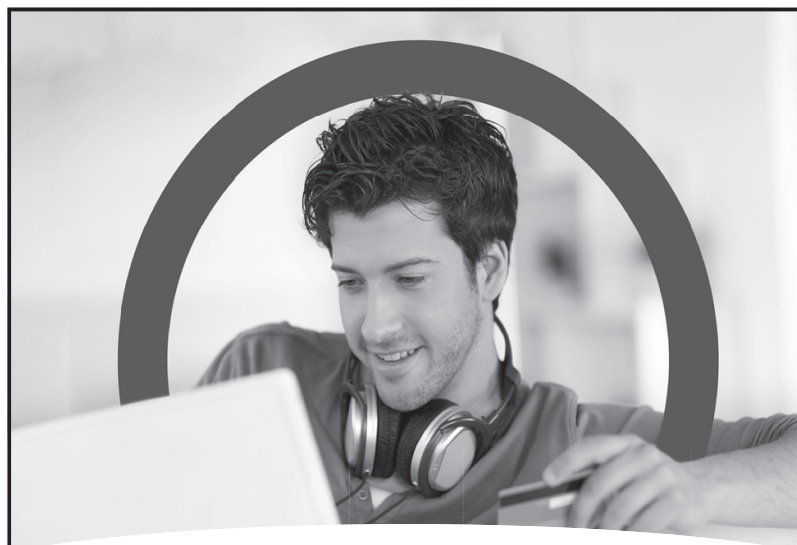


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DATE: Tuesday, October 1, 2024

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LINE UP: 3:30 P.M.

NAME OF GROUP:

NAME OF SPONSOR (IF ANY):

ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE:

APPROX. NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN
GROUP:

DESIGNATE:

DRILL TEAM	FLOAT	BAND
MARCHING GROUP	AUTO OR TRUCK	

SEND ENTRIES BY SEPTEMBER 21, 2024

MAIL TO: Alvin Maynor
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OR EMAIL: alwanynor@gmail.com

INFORMATION: Alvin Maynor
PHONE: 318-268-0954

NOTE

THE PARADE'S PACE WILL BE SLOW
ENOUGH FOR YOUR GROUP TO
PERFORM ROUTINES. THEREFORE,
WHEN THE PARADE IS STARTED THERE
WILL BE NO STOPPING OF ANY GROUP.
A CLOSE INTERVAL MUST BE
MAINTAINED AT ALL TIMES. IF ANY
GROUP CANNOT COMPLY WITH THIS
REQUEST YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED
TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY FUTURE FAIR
PARADES. IF PLANNING ON HAVING
THROWS YOU MUST HAVE WALKERS
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