





# WEBSTER & MORE

15 UNDER 40

## Greater Minden Chamber announces 2024 Class of 15 Under 40 award winners

**WILL PHILLIPS**  
Minden Press-Herald

The Greater Minden Chamber officially announced its 15 Under 40 Awards Class of 2024, recognizing some of the most influential young professionals in the community. These individuals have demonstrated exceptional leadership and dedication to their

respective fields on top of making a significant impact in their local business community.

The honorees for 2024 include:  
Ryan Barnette - GBT - Gibbsland Bank & Trust  
Chris Bordelon - Recland Realty, LLC  
Elizabeth Campbell - City of Minden  
Jordan Cupples - AEP - American Electric Power

Michael Davis, Jr. - The Michael Anthony Creative Agency  
John-Joseph “Jay” Grigsby - Webster Jr. High  
Marcus Harmon - Carrier Enterprise  
Halea Lipinski - Wise, Martin, and Cole CPA's  
Brandi McNeill - Minden Physician Practices  
Twyla Mims - Webster Parish Assessor's Office  
Morgan Monday -

b1BANK  
Sarah Overall - Ochsner LSU Health System  
Braley Raborn - Mission Creek Resources  
Kristin Reagan - Minden Medical Center  
Tamra Wichelns - Home Federal Bank  
Mandi Hart, Greater Minden Chamber Board Chair, expressed her admiration for this year's class: “This is a dynamic

group of young leaders who are making significant impacts in their respective industries. Their dedication and passion to not only their careers, but the greater Minden community is admirable, and we look forward to seeing the continued impact they make in the years to come.”  
The 2024 honorees will be celebrated at an

awards dinner on Thursday, October 10, at the Minden Civic Center. This special event is presented by TG Companies, LLC, and tickets are now available online or at the Chamber office. For more details about the event and the 15 Under 40 Awards, visit their website at [greatermindenchamber.com/15under40/](http://greatermindenchamber.com/15under40/).

### EXPANSION

## Fibrebond begins construction on new electrical integration facility

**AMBER MCDOWN**  
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Fibrebond has commenced construction on a new 297,000-square-foot electrical integration facility, which was first announced in April 2024. Expected to be fully operational by July 2025, this expansion will boost the company's total space to over 1 million square feet on its 254-acre site.

The construction of this facility will bring over 100 additional workers to the Fibrebond site, increasing the total number of individuals on campus to ap-

proximately 1,000, which includes direct employees, contract workers, and the construction team.

Fibrebond specializes in the manufacturing and integration of sophisticated electrical and mechanical systems for data centers, fiber, industrial, and utility sectors. The growing demand for Fibrebond's electrical solutions is fueled by advancements in artificial intelligence, cloud services, and increased investment in energy infrastructure. This year, over 90% of the company's production will be shipped out-

side of Louisiana.

From 2022 to 2025, Fibrebond is investing \$125 million in capital expenditures, expanding its capacity by 200%.

Preparation for the project began in February 2023, with 20 acres of land undergoing precision leveling to accommodate the “M3” facility. Local firms Aillet, Fenner, Jolly, & McClelland, Inc. and Kevin Bryan Architect were responsible for the design and engineering aspects. After a competitive selection process, Brinkmann Constructors, a St. Louis-based firm listed in the



ENR Top 100, was chosen as the general contractor. Several subcontractors

from the Minden area are also involved. For more details or to

explore employment opportunities, visit [www.fibrebond.com](http://www.fibrebond.com).

# WEBSTER PARISH FAIR

## 2024 WEBSTER PARISH FAIR DAILY EVENTS

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1

FAIR PARADE DOWNTOWN MINDEN AT 5:00 P.M.  
LIVESTOCK WEIGH-IN AT 5:00 P.M.  
POULTRY AND RABBIT SHOW AT 6:00 P.M.  
NO RIDES UNTIL WEDNESDAY

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2

RIDES START AT 6:00 P.M. "ARMBAND NITE"  
4-H SWINE SHOWMANSHIP AT 6:00 P.M.  
THEN SWINE WEIGHT CLASSES (LIVESTOCK ARENA)

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3

SENIOR CITIZENS DAY 9:00 A.M. UNTIL 1:30 P.M. (CIVIC CENTER)  
RIDES START AT 6:00 P.M. "ARMBAND NITE"  
4-H GOAT, LAMB, BEEF SHOWMANSHIP AT 6:00 P.M.  
4-H DAIRY, AND DOUG SALE SHOWMANSHIP AT 7:00 P.M.

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

BUYER'S LUNCHEON AT 11:30 A.M.  
LIVESTOCK AUCTION AT 1:00 P.M. (4-H SHOW BARN)  
RIDES START AT 6:00 P.M.

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

FAIR GATES OPEN AT 1:00 P.M.  
KIDS DAY! 1:00 TO 5:00 P.M.  
PIZZA EATING CONTEST AT 2:00 P.M. SPONSORED BY JOHNNY'S PIZZA

(Dates are subject to cancellation)

## WEBSTER PARISH FAIR PARADE

DATE: Tuesday, October 1, 2024  
START TIME: 5:00 P.M.  
LINE UP: 3:30 P.M.

NAME OF GROUP: \_\_\_\_\_  
NAME OF SPONSOR (IF ANY): \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_  
APPROX. NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN GROUP: \_\_\_\_\_

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MARCHING GROUP      AUTO OR TRUCK

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**\*\*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 ON EACH SIDE OF FLOAT FOR CROWD CONTROL. IF PARADE IS STOPPED, THEN YOU MUST STOP GIVING OUT THROWS UNTIL FLOAT IS MOVING.  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

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## 2024 FOOTBALL CONTEST WINNERS

### WEEK ONE

1ST - KENNETH QUARLES  
2ND - PENNY MORGAN  
3RD - TOM MCGEE

**TO ENTER NEXT WEEK'S CONTEST, SEE PAGES 5 AND 12 FOR ALL THE DETAILS! GOOD LUCK!**



# WEBSTER & MORE

## OBITUARIES



### Gwendolyn Rose Cook

Gwendolyn Rose Cook, age 84, passed away peacefully on September 15, 2024. Born on a snowy Easter Sunday, March 24, 1940, she began her life in Castor, Louisiana, where she would grow up and graduate from Castor High School in 1957. As the first-ever Miss Castor High, Gwen left a lasting legacy of grace and kindness in her hometown.

After high school, Gwen moved to Minden, Louisiana, where she lovingly raised her four daughters—Shelly, Stacey, and twins Jennifer and Jessica. Her life was marked by dedication to her family, community, and faith. Throughout her career, she held various jobs, ultimately retiring from her work with the State of Louisiana. But her true vocation was as a devoted mother and grandmother, roles she cherished above all.

Gwen’s heart was full of love for her family, and she especially adored her time as “Memaw.” She took great joy in cooking for her loved ones, creating cherished memories around her dining table where the family would gather to share meals, stories, and laughter. Christmas was a special time in the Cook household, with Gwen leading a tradition of singing carols and the beloved “12 Days of Christmas” with her children and grandchildren before opening gifts. These joyful moments remain treasured memories of love, laughter, and togetherness.

A passionate traveler, Gwen’s adventurous spirit took her to all 50 states, as well as parts of Europe and Canada. She documented these trips in beautiful photo books, preserving memories that her family will hold dear for generations. Her love for exploration was only matched by her deep connection to the people she shared those experiences with.

Gwen was known to everyone as a woman of unmatched kindness, gentleness, and warmth. She embodied the grace of a true Southern lady, always willing to lend a helping hand or bring comfort to those in need. Whether through a homemade meal or her compassionate spirit, she touched the lives of so many.

## EDUCATION

# Webster Parish students shine at national Educators Rising conference in D.C.

AMBER MCDOWN  
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During the September Webster Parish School Board meeting, three pre-educator students and their sponsors, Mrs. Amy Phillips, a French teacher at North Webster High School, and Mrs. Ashanti Cooper, assistant principal at Webster Junior High School, presented on their recent trip to Washington, D.C., where they attended the Educators Rising National Conference in June.

Educators Rising, a national movement under PDK International, focuses on increasing teacher diversity and quality by guiding students from school-based chapters into teacher preparation programs at institutions of higher education. With support from local funders and state departments of education, the initiative provides a clear pathway for students to

pursue teaching careers. The students, enrolled in dual-enrollment education courses through the University of Louisiana at Monroe, had the opportunity to compete at the national level after placing at the state Educators Rising conference. Out of 3,300 aspiring educators in attendance, two of the North Webster students placed in the top 10 in their respective categories.

“They were able to learn so much,” said Phillips during the presentation. The conference experience not only broadened the students’ knowledge of education but also solidified their passion for pursuing teaching careers.

Mrs. Cooper announced plans to launch an Educators Rising club at Webster Junior High School, stating, “We’re here to grow our own. Get them excited about teaching, so when they go to 9th grade and they can start working on

those credentials for high school, they already have a background, they already have a foundation.”

Phillips elaborated on the significance of the program, noting that students take dual-enrollment courses titled Multicultural Learning Communities and Foundations of Education under the guidance of Dr. Amy Weems. Successful completion of the courses results in two college credits. Through this program, the students also joined the National Educators Rising Club, which led them to the national competition.

The five students who attended the conference were Cailey Nail, Callie Lewis, Allison Lorenz, Gabrielle Cooper, and Abrianna Gardner. Lorenz competed in the Children’s Literature category, where she wrote and illustrated a children’s book. Nail and Lewis, referred to as the “Dynamic Duo”

at North Webster, placed 10th nationally in the Inside Our Schools category with a video on innovative technology at their school. “We in Webster Parish are committed to the ‘Grow Our Own’ philosophy,” said Phillips. “We seek to inspire our students to embrace the love of learning and joys of teaching, in order for them to hopefully return as educators to our parish.”

Beyond the competition, the students visited several historical landmarks, including the Smithsonian Museums, Mount Vernon, and Ford’s Theater. Each student left with a favorite memory of the trip, enhancing their educational journey.

With the success of this year’s participants, Webster Parish is optimistic about the future of the Educators Rising program and its potential to cultivate the next generation of educators.

teams. “I can’t tell you how thrilled we all are to have a happy ending to this,” Parker said. “A lot of prayers were answered today. We are grateful to all the agencies and volunteers who helped bring Peyton safely home.”

Peyton was found safe after a daylong search that ended just over 24 hours after her disappearance.

the goats’ usefulness, as well as their willingness to return to work, thanks to a helpful group of community members.

Northwest Louisiana Goatscaping can be contacted for goat-powered brush removal services at (318) 510-1436.

## CARS

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vette Class (2020-Present) with his 2023 Chevy Corvette. The People’s Choice award went to Tommy Bourn for his 1965 Shelby Cobra, while 11-month-old True was recognized as the youngest participant of the event.

The show featured a variety of other vehicle categories, including trucks, street rods, and motorcycles. In addition to the vehicle displays, visitors enjoyed great food, entertainment, and the lively atmosphere that has become a hallmark of the annual event.

With perfect weather and a strong turnout, the Vintage Car Club’s “Show & Shine” once again proved to be a hit with car enthusiasts of all ages. Here is the complete list of winners:

Antique Class A2 (1926-1959 Original)  
1st: Danny & Shelley Francis — 1931 Ford Model A  
2nd: Charlotte Cornelius — 1957 Chevy Bel Air  
3rd: Rick Wolfe — 1939 Ford Model A

Antique Class A5 (1926-1959 Modified)  
1st: Dennis Bryant — 1955 Chevy  
2nd: Warren Anderson — 1957 Chevy  
3rd: Mike Griffith — 1955 Chevy

SMCI Sport & Muscle (1960-1975)  
1st: Charles Morganthall — 1970 Chevy Chevelle  
2nd: Bruce Puckett — 1967 Chevy Nova  
3rd: Larry Morgan — 1971 Chevy Chevelle SS

SMC2 Sport & Muscle (1976-1985)  
1st: Brandon Murrell — 1985 Monte Carlo

SMC3 Sport & Muscle (1986-2000)  
1st: Monica Moore — 1986 Buick  
2nd: D. J. Morris — 1987 Buick  
3rd: Quinten McCoy — 1987 Buick

SMC5 Sport & Muscle (2011-Present)  
1st: Jared Harper — 2024 Camaro  
2nd: Robert Riley — 2019 Cadillac

Corvette Classes:  
C1 Corvette Class (1952-1962)  
1st: Robert Blake — 1962 Chevy Corvette

C2 Corvette Class (1963-1967)  
1st: Roy Scoggins — 1963 Chevy Corvette

C3 Corvette Class (1968-1982)  
1st: Dr. Edrene Frazier — 1970 Chevy Corvette  
2nd: Joshua Adams — 1982 Chevy Corvette  
3rd: Les Sadler — 1978 Chevy Corvette

C5 Corvette Class (1997-2004)  
1st: Brian Wescott — 2002 Chevy Corvette  
2nd: Kathy Staton — 2000 Chevy Corvette  
3rd: Perry Sample — 2000 Chevy Corvette

C6 Corvette Class (2005-2013)  
1st: L. T. Gipson — 2009 Chevy Corvette  
2nd: Victor Airizme — 2013 Chevy Corvette  
3rd: James Walker — 2010 Chevy Corvette

C7 Corvette Class (2014-2019)  
1st: Calvin Williams — 2014 Chevy Corvette  
2nd: Teddy Washington — 2014 Chevy Corvette  
3rd: Connie & Arthur Bibbs — 2016 Chevy Corvette

C8 Corvette Class (2020-Present)  
1st: Dean Smith — 2023 Chevy Corvette  
2nd: L. J. Langois — 2023 Chevy Corvette  
3rd: Larry Modest — 2023 Chevy Corvette

Mustang Classes:  
M1 Mustang Class (1964 1/2-1967)  
1st: Poncho Coderre — 1966 Ford Mustang  
2nd: Jim McGee — 1965 Ford Mustang  
3rd: Michael Harris — 1965 Ford Mustang

M2 Mustang Class (1968-1970)  
1st: Tony Hamilton — 1970 Ford Mustang

M5B Mustang Class (1984-1993)  
1st: Julian Griffith — 1986 Mustang

M7 Mustang Class (1999-2004)  
1st: Jay Jennies — 1965 Ford Cobra

M8 Mustang Class (2005-2009)  
1st: Billy Jackson — 2007 Mustang

Mopar Class (1962-1978)  
1st: Corey Singetery — 1968 Plymouth Fury

Import & Miscellaneous Cars (All Years)  
1st: Dale Smith — 1981 Datsun  
2nd: Dale Smith — 1984 Mazda  
3rd: Dale Smith — 1977 Datsun

Truck Classes:  
T1 Truck Class (Original, Any Year)  
1st: Rodney Festervan — 1957 Ford  
2nd: Teary Gray — 1981 Chevy  
3rd: Joseph Rayner — 1966 Chevy

T2 Truck Class (Customized, Any Year)  
1st: Charles Morganthall — 1951 Chevy  
2nd: Larry Rasberry — 1956 GMC  
3rd: Eric Hubson — 1990 Chevy

Motorcycle Classes:  
MC1 Class (Harley-Davidson, Any Year)  
1st: Gerald White — 2012 Harley  
2nd: Rusty Myers — 2011 Harley

MC2 Class (Crotch Rocket, Any Factory Street Bike)  
1st: Allison Arrington — 2021 Jeep Wrangler

MC3 Class (Shadow, Any Upright Motorcycle)  
1st: Derrick Harris — 2005 Honda  
2nd: Farris Baughman — 1955 Cushman

MC5 Class (Motorcycle Trike, Any Three-Wheel)  
1st: Najan Shakir — 2021 Polaris  
2nd: Leroy Frost — 2021 Polaris  
3rd: Terry Johnson — 2015 Goldwing

Off-Road Class:  
1st: Marsha Glasscock — 1975 Toyota  
2nd: Quine Plucket — 1970 Ford  
3rd: David Elliott — 1986 Ford

Special Awards:  
Best of Show: Charles Morganthall — 1956 Chevy  
People’s Choice: Tommy Bourn — 1965 Shelby Cobra  
Youngest Participant: True, 11 months  
Oldest Participant: Farris Baughman  
Farthest Traveled: Michael Harris — Memphis, Tenn.

With another successful event in the books, the Vintage Car Club looks forward to continuing this cherished tradition in the years to come.

## SEARCH

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morning.

The search, led by the Webster Parish Sheriff’s Office, intensified throughout the day. Sheriff Jason Parker confirmed that Peyton was found at around 11 PM with the help of thermal imaging drones provided by Drone Management Services LLC, a Magnolia, Arkansas company that offered

assistance after hearing of the search.

“We had the DeSoto Parish helicopter in the air, and when it was possible to use drones, Josh Klobber, Matt Ramos, and Micah Carter brought their equipment and successfully located the young girl,” Parker said. “She was asleep when we found her. EMS checked her, and she’s fine—back home and hungry.”

The search involved multiple agencies, including the Minden Police Department, Minden Fire Department, Homeland Security, and sheriff’s offices from DeSoto and Bienville parishes. Other participants included the Louisiana State Police, Webster Parish School Board, Advanced Ambulance, Crossroads Canine Search and Rescue, and numerous drone and dog

cally, including poison ivy. Once the goats have eaten all the leafy parts, the humans come back through and cut the tough vine stems. “It takes about three to four days to clear an acre,” Lane said.

The unexpected adventure at MMC showcased

clear an overgrown arena. “In about three days, the brush was gone, just down to dirt,” he said.

The Spanish goats, which Lane primarily uses, are known for their ability to clear difficult terrain. The goats can eat most plants found lo-

## GOATS

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side of the fence.” Apparently, on Monday, they all decided to tour Minden.

Goatscaping is a new business for Coleman, although he’s been raising goats for around 15 years. He first got the idea after using a small herd to



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OPINION

# Who won the debate?

## No real surprises came from the candidates, media

Along with millions of Americans, I watched the Trump-Harris debate this past Tuesday night. I generally saw what I expected to see.

After the Trump-Biden debate in June with Biden being exposed as the addled staggerer he has become, the bar for Vice President Kamala Harris was a low one, which she met. President Trump performed as I expected he would and if he came across as somewhat defensive it may be because the debate was essentially 3 on 1 with debate “moderators” David Muir and Linsey Davis not challenging the Vice President past their initial questions while simultaneously purporting to “fact check” Trump. The bias was transparent but that also didn’t surprise me.

What I found interesting was two different things: 1) what both Trump and VP Harris needed to accomplish in the debate; and 2). How Independents viewed the debate.

Firstly, the Harris presidential campaign has labored mightily to protect her from any unscripted moment with the media. While the Trump-Vance team has done over 60 wide ranging interviews together and separately, the Harris-Walz team has done only a handful, and they were not substantive or policy-based but showcased the “vibes”

and “joy” of the Harris candidacy.

Nevertheless, the VP stated, “my values haven’t changed.” However, with no specifics about her policy positions all a reasonable undecided voter can do is conclude from this statement that she embraces the Biden policy, or she still embraces the views she has held for years in her Leftist California. Neither is good for her politically.

This is my point. The questions a voter may have include whether she still favors banning fracking; whether she still favors unlimited abortion; whether she still supports a single-payer (i.e., government run) health care system in which private health insurance is abolished. Whether she still supports the invasion of illegals on our southern border; whether she still favors mandatory gun buybacks and/or maintains her general hostility to the right to keep and bear arms? Or, what she proposes to do about the inflation that is still punishing average Americans daily; How does she view the debacle of the U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan? Perhaps most



**ROYAL ALEXANDER**

importantly, voters may wonder what she means when she speaks of all of the things she will accomplish “on day one” when she has been Vice President for almost 4 years? In the debate, she provided no guidance.

To my second point: did the debate affect the view of Independent voters of Harris? I reference the remark of political pundit Charlie Kirk who stated on X that “Reuters interviewed 10 undecided voters after the debate. Six said they are now voting for Trump or leaning that way. Three said Harris. One remains unsure. This wasn’t a debate about who delivered the zingers or one-liners. It was about who could move the middle. Trump won.”

I also found it interesting how closely Independents aligned with Republicans—at times even overlapping—as they watched the debate in real time using knobs with colors; blue (Democrat), red (Republican) and yellow (Independent) to register agreement or disagreement as the candidates spoke.

Post debate, a focus group was hosted by Fox News journalist Harris Faulkner who was joined by pollster Lee Carter. Carter stated that “I didn’t expect this. Independents are tracking very much with Republicans. They’re looking for a couple of things. They’re looking for answers on immigration,

they’re looking for answers on the economy. (And also fracking and abortion). They want to hear that things will get better for them, and they also want change from what is happening right now,” Carter continued. “One of the most important things they were looking for last night from Kamala Harris is ‘how are you going to make it different’?”

This is why the uber-liberal tool of the Democrat party, the New York Times, concluded, ‘Pundits Said Harris Won the Debate. Undecided Voters Weren’t So Sure ... They want to see the fine print.’ Further, the highly-regarded Democrat data analyst and statistician/pollster, Nate Silver, gives Harris a slight boost to her chances of winning after Tuesday’s debate. But, as of Thursday, following the debate, the pollster projects Trump has a 60.6 percent chance of victory, while Harris has 39.2 percent.

Why would this be?

Because Harris did not substantively answer any questions and that is likely going to send the majority of undecided voters to Trump. Regardless of how inartfully, Trump made his positions clear. I think he will benefit from this debate.

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INSPIRATION

# Changing seasons brings back childhood memories

I woke up almost freezing and realized that our electricity was off due to surrounding storms.

My memory flashed back to January, 1962 when we lived in the country, often without heat after our daddy died.

I was thirteen and living two and a half miles out in the woods from Noel, Missouri.

I found myself in what I sensed as a dangerous situation with some older teenagers in an apartment in town. With no cell phone, home phone or means of transportation for my mother to come and get me I saw only one way of escape.

I put on my coat and scarf, bare-legged, and headed home on the dark country road, which fortunately had no turns as I sped home to our house in the woods. With no street lights and only three or four houses on that road I looked straight ahead being able to follow my sense of direction because we walked the road to buy groceries in town.

Getting home is still fresh in my mind now over sixty-three

years later. My poor child-like mother, who had suffered a head injury as a child, was so scared she hardly knew what to say when she saw me standing there barely able to talk. I asked her to fix me something hot to drink.

I was just grateful to have arrived safely with no physical harm.

Within a few hours I was really sick and my mother headed down that same road at night to call Doctor Silas Fountain, our family doctor in Noel, Missouri, who had delivered me at home in 1948 while we lived five miles from South West City, Missouri in the same backwoods country area.

The little red-headed, mustached country doctor put us in his car and took us into town to further check me out, giving



**SARAH HUDSON PIERCE**

gave me shots and medicine, before taking us back home.

Those were the days when doctors made house calls.

A few days later I made my decision while sitting on the floor in the unheated cabin in the woods when I said “I will rise up from whence I came,” not knowing where those words came from or what that would entail.

My mother and I were in town getting ready to carry our groceries home when Earnest and Natalie Young, a young Christian couple, asked if they could take us home and then if they could come back and take us to church the next day. The answer was yes. Within about a month I made my decision to be baptized at the Grove, Oklahoma church where Fred Webb was the minister.

It took courage for this underweight, shy girl, to have the courage to answer the invitation but that simple decision wasn’t simple after all!

That decision made all the difference in our lives because Fred Webb and Earnest Young came to my school in Noel and

asked to take me out for a conference in their car and asked me if I would like to go to an orphanage because they sensed the danger that our family was in due to our mother’s inability to function as a mother.

Its difficult to raise yourself.

My immediate answer was yes.

At the age of seventy six, 1962 seems as though it were yesterday and I know that God wants me to share my story because He has always pulled me through the tight places in life when I have gotten in over my head and faced situations that were daunting.

I tell my stories to not only leave a legacy for my friends and family but to give you the courage to share your life experiences because we never know who may just need to open up to others.

We all have a story. Jesus always gets me to the right place time. Without Him I can do nothing.

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FROM THE BACK PORCH

# Celebrating 72 years as ‘One’

About three weeks ago, we celebrated an amazing opportunity. We observed an anniversary marking 72 years as one.

Our children took us out for dinner to mark the special occasion. Dinner was topped off with a beautiful and delicious cake baked and decorated by our daughter.

The evening was also marked by a little storm that passed through the area. It was one to remember.

Hubby and I decided to get married at a young age. In fact, we were teenagers ,19 And 16. He was working and I was registering as a junior in high school, active in school activities including basketball and softball teams.

The Big Day arrived, as did



**FANNIE MOORE**

The Labor Day weekend just prior to school registration. We casually went about our usual routine.

We met the minister at his home following an evening service joined by only a few family members.

This weekend included a large family gathering on Sunday, celebrating my Daddy’s birthday. This was an annual event when Mother invited all the relatives on both sides of the family, plus any of the neighbors who wished to join

us. It was always a big event held the last Sunday in August and this year was no exception. Things went on as usual.

Tuesday following Labor Day, rolled around and it was the first day of school for this newly married “student”. When our home room teacher called roll, I didn’t answer to the name I had registered under. He was shocked. “Why didn’t you register under this name “. he asked. “ Because that wasn’t my name when I registered.”

School progressed as usual and I continued to participate in all my regular activities, including basketball, which created a little problem later in the year.

During this time, Hubby was drafted to go serve with

his Uncle Sam. I became attending classes more irregularly, which actually bothered the basketball coach more than anyone. He came to my parents’ house and tried to persuade me to come back to school, but I felt by that time, I was too far behind and could not catch up (which actually wasn’t true) but he couldn’t convince me.

In several months Uncle wanted his boys to be transferred and that meant Hubby would go to Germany for several months.

I decided to take a job with a small salary which kept me busy until he returned.

We built a house here on our home place and started our family, which consisted of three children. When the

third one started school, so did I. I picked up a few hours and earned my GED, then started college at SAU, graduated Cum Laude and taught school 20 years/

The years passed quickly. We shared fun times with our children, traveled extensively. A sad event took our middle child at the age of 45, marking the saddest time in these 72 years but we celebrated 50 years with the three of them. A big party with friends and family marked our 70 years together, and just a short while ago, just the 5 of us (including 1 in law) marked the special day making number 72 seem as one.

**FANNIE MOORE LIVES IN SHONGALOO.**



SPORTS

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL/COLUMN

# Three parish teams win in Week 2

## Minden, North Webster face off Friday in Springhill

**RUSSELL HEDGES**  
Minden Press-Herald

For the second week in a row, three Webster Parish teams won.

Minden defeated Homer 39-20 at home, North Webster edged North Caddo 14-6 in Vivian and Lakeside crushed LaSalle 46-22 at home.

Gknbrook was the only team that lost. The Apaches fell to a Class 4A Bossier team hungry for a win 28-9 in Bossier City.

What a difference a year has made for Minden. Last year, the Crimson Tide lost their first two games by a combined eight points, including a 26-20 loss to Homer.

This year, Minden won a close game on the road against Mansfield and avenged the loss to the Pelicans.

Minden Head Coach Spencer Heard believes his team's maturity is one reason for the early success. Against Homer, any time the Pelicans looked like they were going to make a game out of it, the Tide had an answer.

After Homer's outstanding running back broke a long run for a touchdown, Brayden Britton returned the kickoff for a TD.

"I feel like this team is a very mature team, a team that has a mindset that we're going to go out there and grind it out," he said. "We don't panic when things like that happen. We just come back, next play. We've got a really good

### Week 3 schedule

#### FRIDAY

Minden at North Webster, 7  
Plain Dealing at Lakeside, 7  
Glenbrook at Acadiana Renaissance Charter, 7

mindset about that."

Minden travels to Springhill to battle North Webster in a matchup of parish teams Friday. The Knights won 28-21 last year at The Pit.

North Webster gave new Head Coach Christopher Wilson his first victory last week. The Knights had an outstanding defensive performance against North Caddo and did enough on offense to win.

"It feels good because the kids have put the work in," Wilson said. "I'm happy for them that they can reap that benefit of what we've been trying to preach to them on doing things the tight way and being together as a team and how that pays off. And it's gratifying for me that the kids were able to earn their first win in a game like that. They had to fight for everything and they made the decision to fight for each other."

Friday, the Knights defense will be tested by a Minden team with a strong offensive line and several backs who can take advantage of it.

North Webster (1-1) is still trying to figure things out offensively as senior running back Braedon Robertson sat out again because of a knee injury. Minden will go into the

game as the favorite but it should be a good contest.

Lakeside is off to a 2-0 start for the first time since 2021. The Warriors will almost certainly be 3-0 after Friday's home game against Plain Dealing. The Lions (0-2) fell to Ringgold 64-0 last week.

Lakeside's Taron Riley scored on a 74-yard run on the first play of the game against LaSalle. He finished with 269 yards on 20 carries.

Riley and James Maxie scored two touchdowns each. Kentravion Miller scored three and has six on the season.

Glenbrook lost to Bossier for the first time after two straight victories. The Bearkats (1-1) broke a 10-game losing streak dating back to Week 2 of last season.

The Apaches have been dealing with injuries. They will look to bounce back Friday against Acadiana Renaissance Charter Academy in Youngsville. ARCA's game last week against Hanson Memorial was canceled because of Hurricane Francine. It was supposed to be the Eagles' season opener.

ARCA started a football program last year consisting of junior high through freshman players.



KELSEY CHANLER/SPECIAL TO THE PRESS-HERALD  
Minden's Hudson Brown fires a pass during the Tide's victory over Homer last week at home.



RUSSELL HEDGES/PRESS-HERALD  
The Lakeside defense stops a LaSalle ballcarrier during last week's victory.

COLLEGE FOOTBAL

# LSU rallies past South Carolina; Grambling State wins in OT

**STAFF REPORTS**  
Minden Press-Herald

The LSU Tigers rallied from a big first-half deficit to defeat South Carolina in their SEC opener last Saturday.

The Louisiana Tech Bulldogs came up just short against North Carolina State, and the Grambling State Tigers won in overtime

**LSU 36, South Carolina 33:** At Columbia, S.C., LSU trailed 17-0 with 12:19 left in the second quarter before rallying for the victory.

The victory tied for the second-largest comeback win in program history away from home. The record is 21 vs. Ole Miss in Jackson in 1976

LSU (2-1) returns to Tiger Stadium Saturday for a 2:30 p.m. kick against UCLA. The game will be televised on ABC.

With 2:03 to play, Garrett Nussmeier found Kyren Lacy for a 29-yard gain to the USC 4. Josh Williams put the Tigers on top with 1:12 remaining with a 2-yard touchdown rush, giving LSU the 36-33 lead.

Alex Herrera's 49-yard attempt with 5 seconds to play was wide left.

**North Carolina State 30, Louisiana Tech 20:** The Bulldogs led 17-6 at the half before the Wolfpack rallied for the victory in the second in Raleigh, N.C. The game was tied at 20 going into the fourth quarter.

Louisiana Tech dropped to 1-1. North Carolina State improved to 2-1. Tru Edwards registered a career-high 148 receiving yards. Jack Turner completed 19-of-36 passes for 281 and one touchdown with one interception:

**Grambling State 28, Texas A&M Commerce 21, OT:** The Tigers came from behind to get the overtime victory in the first-ever meeting between the two teams in Commerce, Texas

GSU got the ball first in

overtime. It took the Tigers five plays to go the 25 yards for a touchdown.

GSU converted a third-and-7 on Myles Crawley's 17-yard pass to Ke'travion Hargrove. One play later Tre Bradford scored from the three.

The Lions' OT possession

lasted one play. Patrick Marshall intercepted a pass and Grambling State improved to 2-1.

**South Alabama 87, Northwestern State 10:** South Alabama started fast and the Jaguars maintained that edge throughout, delivering a victory in Mobile, Ala.



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**Minden Press-Herald & Holcomb's**  
**ATHLETE OF THE WEEK**



**Taron Riley**  
**Lakeside, Sr.**  
Riley rushed for 133 yards and two TDs in a 32-14 season-opening win over Arcadia. He scored two TDs, including a 74-yard run on the first play of the game, in a 46-22 win over LaSalle in Week 2.

The Press-Herald Athlete of the Week feature is brought to you every other Wednesday by Holcomb's Body Shop in Minden.



## 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.
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10. NO PHOTOCOPIED ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.

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Tie Breaker: Georgia Southern v Ole Miss

Total Points: \_\_\_\_\_ (both teams)

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Lakeside vs. LaSalle, Minden vs. Homer



Minden's Kameron Harris (1) and Brayden Britton celebrate a touchdown last week against Homer.



Lakeside's Ken'travion Miller scored three TDs against LaSalle.



The Minden defense brings down a Homer running back during last week's victory



Jacobe Rankin (3) is among several Lakeside players making a tackle during a victory over LaSalle last week.

OUTDOORS

Giles' new book for turkey hunters a must-read

GLYNN HARRIS

I have known Mike Giles since he first tried his hand at writing outdoors columns. I have followed his path and watched him progress from a fledgling writer into a genuine professional who not only writes columns for newspapers and magazines but has successfully delved into writing top notch books.

Passion of the Wild was Giles' first book published in 2013 and he has just released his second book, Legends of the Spring, Masters of the Call.

Not only is he a fine wordsmith, Giles is an avid hunter and fisherman with his love for turkey hunting emerging as his favorite thing to do in the realm of hunting. Personally, I have been amazed not only in his ability to outsmart a number of wary gobblers but by the fact he could leave his turkey calls at home because he can make all the calls necessary to fool a gobbler without the use of mechanical calls. He can produce them all with his voice.

His latest book involves his interviewing some of the best turkey hunters around the country and having them share with him a favorite hunt they may have had. The stories that emerged have been translated into 21 chapters with some of the best known hunters telling about what they did – or didn't do – to waylay gobblers.

Avid hunter and renowned wildlife photographer, Tes Jolly, tells a story that will tug at your heart strings. We first learn who she is, having been reared by parents who were avid



Mike Giles' new book, Legends of the Spring, Masters of the Call is now on the market for turkey hunters.

hunters and her frustration at a hunting club rule that was for men only. A "tomboy" at the age of nine, Tes' parents came up with a ploy that enabled her to get to hunt. They dressed her in oversized clothes and a floppy hat and was given the nickname of "Harvey",

enabling her to fit in undetected with her brothers as she enjoyed success as a hunter.

Jolly's interest over the years has zeroed in on mentoring and passing on the hunting tradition to women, youth and the physically challenged. In 1998, she

was introduced to Ashley, a 10 year old girl, who had endured surgery for a brain tumor but wanted to turkey hunt. Jolly was able to travel to Florida to take Ashley hunting and watched her down a big gobbler. Sadly, she returned to Florida a few months later to pay last respects to Ashley who lost her battle with brain cancer.

There is a story about avid turkey hunter and writer, Jim Spencer describing his frustrating hunt for a hard-headed Texas Rio Grand gobbler. The way Spencer tells a story will captivate the reader as he overcame all sorts of obstacles to finally at the last minute, bested the stubborn Texas gobbler.

Then there's Med Palmer's story about hunting with his son, Gunner, who was lost in a boating accident. The following season was rough on Palmer but he felt he had to go hunting in honor of his son.

"What are the odds of me going into the woods before daylight and realize I was sitting against the same tree Gunner had sat by on his last hunt when he killed his last gobbler," said Palmer.

Space limitations prohibit me sharing some of the other fascinating stories but you can get your own hard cover copy of "Legends of the Spring; Masters of the Call by finding Michael O. Giles on Facebook or emailing him at mikegiles18@comcast.net.

If you're a turkey hunter, this is one book that is hard to put down once you start reading and one you absolutely must have for your library.

### 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. Since 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 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** – 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 topwater 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 with a few bass and crappie being caught. For info call Surplus City Landing at 318/467-2259.



# Good News

GOOD NEWS

## Using The Leftovers in Life!

Life is full of wonderful blessings directly from God, our Father. Each day He crowns us with these ‘gifts of love’ though we fail to see them all. A soft pillow to rest our head at night, a supper of comfort food to help with a good night of sleep, or beautiful sunrise or sunset to remind us “God is still at work” – these and many more such wonders await us each day. How wonderful life is when we look at it through the lens of God’s blessings.

Many of us grew up surviving on leftovers: hand-me-down clothes, leftover biscuits and cold chicken legs, gleaning the crops at the end of the season, and other such ‘blessings that come to those willing to take seconds as gifts directly from God Himself’. Little Jimmy Dickens sang about ‘taking an old cold ‘tator and waiting’ until the adults ate at the table. Reba McIntyre sang about “living on love, hope and a hand-me-

down.’ And who can forget the songs of Dolly Parton and Loretta Lynn and their childhood struggles?

I don’t know how it is these days ‘growing up in the country, being a poor dirt farmer,’ but as a young kid we learned to be survivors, picking up crumbs, eating leftovers and stretch-it gravy! (add more water).

With older brothers and sisters, we learned early in life, that ‘new is not always the best’. I don’t remember when I first got new ‘britches’ to wear to school. It fell my lot to get all the clothes James (two years older) outgrew. Hey, these gifts came quite often throughout the year. I got new shirts, overalls, underwear and shoes.



Bill Crider

What more could a kid want or need? The same was true for my sisters. Maybe a patch here and there transformed an old worn skirt or blouse into a ‘outfit of many colors’.

Go, count the pairs of shoes, the jackets or suits you have in your closet; browse through your dresses, belts and dress pants....then count your blessings for how the Lord is blessing you. Think back and count the number of nights you have gone to bed ‘hungry’...can you count a few more blessings.

After school an afternoon treat was to take a cold biscuit, make a hole in it with your pointer finger, fill it with syrup and eat it on the way to the cotton patch. At night, there might be left-over baked sweet potatoes, sliced and fried in butter, with a sprinkle of sugar to dress it up. “Food for angels,” grandma would say. When we ran out of fresh sweet milk, there was al-

ways a jug of buttermilk for us. Crumbled left-over cornbread in a tall glass, topped it with cold buttermilk – a great supper ‘float’ to prepare us for a good night of sleep.

Using ‘left-overs’ – in the Bible is referred to as gleaning. (Lev 19:9; Deut. 24: 20-22; Judges 8:2). We read of Moses providing a liberal treatment of the poor at harvest time. The owner was not to ‘wholly reap the corners of the fields’ but offer it to poor and distressed. Ruth, the Moabite daughter-in-law of Naomi, returned to Judah with her to live. She was sent to glean the fields of Naomi’s relative Boaz, for grain for their use. Boaz was so impressed with her diligence and manner in which she worked, he offered her to join the reapers and take some of the fine grain to use. (Ruth 3: 1-13). Later they married and she is mentioned in the lineage of Jesus Christ.

I learned early to hustle the berry patches around our farm for dewberries, blackberries, mulberries, mayhaws, huckleberries, muscadines, and gather figs, pears and peaches. All of these were treats to eat or make wonderful jellies and jams. When the Good Lord makes bountiful harvests of such, how can we not pick up the leftovers to use and share with those in need. What better gift than treats from the Mother Earth?

Don’t throw out those leftovers! Put a sprinkle of honey, syrup or sauce on them and treat them as a gift from God Himself --it really is that. Be thrifty and thankful!

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

## THE UPWARD LOOK

### The Belt of Truth

*“Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness,” Ephesians 6:14 ESV*



Max Hutto

Paul begins detailing the spiritual armor with the belt of truth. The Roman soldier’s belt or girdle was a large six inch leather strap that went around his waist. It was designed to be the foundation that held other pieces of the armor in place. The foundation for the believer’s armor is truth found in Jesus and in the Word of God, the Bible. He must stand

firm, entrenched in this truth. The believer must also be a person of truth, walking in integrity, honesty, sincerity, faithfulness, and truthfulness.

Lord Jesus, You are the foundation of my life. Being firmly grounded in Your Word, help me to walk each day in truth with a character that displays integrity and truthfulness.

**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

### Set Sail

While sitting at home one day one of my best friends handed me a fortune cookie. I aggressively break open the lack luster cookie to reveal the message inside. The message read “ships are safest in harbor, but that’s not why ships are made”. I must admit I put no stock in fortunes but this message struck a chord. Think about all the ships that have been used throughout history. They were used to move people, conquer nations, and provide goods and services. To sum it up, ships have shaped our world and history. In Matthew 28:18-19NLT, Jesus came and told his disciples, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth.




Bernard Harris

Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.” We are all ships created by the lord. We are not meant to sit in the harbor where we can be shiny and safe. We are called to go out and give our all, spread his love to others, and love him with all our hearts. So let’s set sail, leave the harbor, and change the world.

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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.

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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.

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

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bonding and insurance requirements.

Melaney Langford,  
City Clerk

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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](mailto:Cullenfire600@yahoo.com)

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September 18, 2024  
September 25, 2024  
October 2, 2024  
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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.

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DENISE G. EDWARDS, CLA  
WEBSTER PARISH ASSESSOR

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Liquor Permit

I am applying to the Commission on Alcoholic Beverage Control of the State of Louisiana for a permit to sell beverages of high and low alcoholic content at retail in the Parish of Webster at the following address:

Minden Market LLC  
D/B/A Southern Market  
505 Union Street  
Minden, LA 71055  
Member: Hardial Kang

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SHERIFF'S SALE

21ST MORTGAGE CORPORATION VS. SARAH FAYE DANCE

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. CV81629.

By virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued out of the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, in the above styled and numbered suit and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder for cash WITH-OUT the benefit of appraisal and according to law at the principal front door of the Court-house in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana on WEDNESDAY, October 2, 2024, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

2022 Cappaert 32 x 50 mobile home bearing serial numbers CHVM36509A and CHVM36509B

1303 Blue Run Rd., Minden, LA 71055

SOLD SUBJECT TO ANY SUPERIOR LIENS, MORTGAGES OR PRIVILEGES THERETO.

Said property seized is that of the defendant and will be sold to satisfy a judgment rendered in our Honorable Court.

JASON R. PARKER  
Sheriff & Ex-Officio Auctioneer  
Webster Parish, Louisiana

Pam Brantley - Deputy

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SHERIFF'S SALE

B1 BANK VS. DEBORAH ANN. HADNOT COOK-SEY

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 80363.

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Deborah Cooksey property:

170 Watson Street, Doyline, LA

LOT 13 and the East 50 feet of LOT 14, BLOCK 4, WEBSTER INVESTMENT, INC. SUBDIVISION, a subdivision of the Town of Doyline, Webster Parish, Louisiana, as per plat recorded in Book 2, Page 13, records of Webster Parish, Louisiana, together with all buildings and improvements thereon.

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Cotton Valley Fire Dept  
Fire Dist #8  
20947 Hwy 371  
Cotton Valley, LA 71018

For Sale - Surplus Satellite Fire Station sealed bids will be taken for 40ft by 40ft brick station. Has roll up doors on front and heaters. Located at 1256 Marathon Rd Cotton Valley adjacent to SW corner of XTO Plant. Building is on slab and does not include lot. No land included! Please submit bids by October 15, 2024. Bids will be opened at regular board meeting November 19, 2024. Remit to CVFD Dist #8, P.O. Box 238, Cotton Valley, LA 71018.

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AT&T Mobility, LLC is proposing to construct a 265-foot overall height self-support lattice telecommunications structure located near 218 Shirley Drive, Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana (32° 37' 58.2" N, 93° 17' 51.2" W). The proposed tower is anticipated to utilize FAA Style E (medium intensity, dual red/white strobes) lighting.

AT&T Mobility, LLC invites comments from any interested party on the impact the proposed undertaking may have on any districts, sites, buildings, structures, or objects significant in American history, archaeology, engineering, or culture that are listed or determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under National Historic Preservation Act Section 106. Comments may be sent to Environmental Corporation of America, ATTN: Annamarie Howell, 1375 Union Hill Industrial Court, Suite A, Alpharetta, GA 30004 or via email to [publicnotice@eca-usa.com](mailto:publicnotice@eca-usa.com). Ms. Howell can be reached at (770) 667-2040 x 108 during normal business hours. Comments must be received within 30 days of the date of this notice.

In addition, any interested party may also request further environmental review of the proposed ac-

tion under the FCC's National Environmental Policy Act rules, 47 CFR §1.1307, by notifying the FCC of the specific reasons that the action may have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment. This request must only raise environmental concerns and can be filed online using the FCC pleadings system at [www.fcc.gov](http://www.fcc.gov) or mailed to FCC Requests for Environmental Review, Attn: Ramon Williams, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554 within 30 days of the date that notice of this proposed action is published on the FCC's website. Refer to File No. A1291646 when submitting the request and to view the specific information about the proposed action. 24-002064 DMG

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Village of Dixie Inn  
Regular Session  
September 10, 2024

NOTICE: THESE MINUTES HAVE NOT BEEN FORMALLY APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen for the Village of Dixie Inn met in Regular Session on September 10, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, Dixie Inn, Louisiana with the following members present: Mayor Donna Hoffoss, Aldermen Judy McKenzie, Nell Finlay, and Lance Milligan.

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

Mayor Donna Hoffoss welcomed guests.

A motion was made by Nell Finlay and seconded by Judy McKenzie to add, "Item E: Approve Purchase of Four New Body Cameras for \$20,920.00", to the agenda. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

A motion was made by Judy McKenzie and seconded by Lance Milligan to adopt the minutes of August 13, 2024 Regular Session and August 22, 2024 Special Session. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

A motion was made by Lance Milligan and seconded by Judy McKenzie to adopt the financial statements for August 2024. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

Department Reports:

Mike Chreene reported all is well with the water department.

Chief Jeffrey McNeill reported things are coming along well at the station since stepping into his new position as Chief of Police.

Mayor Donna Hoffoss reported submitting a Water Rate Study to LRWA on August 26th, 2024, to ensure that the village is adhering to their guidelines and charging enough on water rates.

New Business:

A motion was made by Nell Finlay and seconded by Judy McKenzie to approve opting in on GOHSEP's temporary housing assistance program, meaning that during a declared disaster any land use requirements would be temporarily waived that would prevent a homeowner from placing an RV or mobile home adjacent to their property. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

A motion was made by Nell Finlay and seconded by Judy McKenzie to approve paying part-time police officers \$18.00 per hour. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

A motion was made by Judy McKenzie and seconded by Lance Milligan to approve hiring part-time police officer, Michael Dickey. Vote on the motion is unanimous.

A motion was made by Nell Finlay and seconded by Lance Milligan to approve tabling voting on two VP5430 portable radios at \$1,762.80. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

A motion was made by Lance Milligan and seconded by Judy McKenzie to approve the purchase of four

body cameras for the police department in the amount of \$20,920.00. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

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

ATTEST:  
Donna Hoffoss  
Mayor

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MINUTES  
AUGUST 5, 2024  
VILLAGE OF DOYLINE  
COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting was called to Order by Mayor Gates. Invocation was offered by Jackie Daniels and the Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Mike Dunaway. Roll was taken, present were Jackie Daniels, Rachael Muniz, Mike Dunaway, Myra Kilburn, Mayor Gates; absent, Steve Bridwell.

Motion was made by Jackie Daniels, seconded by Rachael Muniz to move Mrs. Edwards to speak to us regarding Millage Rates. Motion carried. After a brief discussion a Resolution was offered to Adopt the Millage rates for the Village of Doyline, Motion was made by Rachael Muniz, seconded by Jackie Daniels, motion carried. Motion was made by Rachael Muniz, seconded by Jackie Daniels to accept the July financials as offered, motion carried.

Motion was made by Rachael Muniz, seconded by Jackie Daniels to accept the Ordinance 4-2-2 Amendment A, Animals at Large, originally introduced on July 1, 2024, motion carried. Motion was made by Rachael Muniz, seconded by Jackie Daniels to accept the Ordinance 4-2-1 Amendment A, originally introduced on July 1, 2024, motion carried.

Motion was made by Jackie Daniels, seconded by Rachael Muniz to approve the Letter of Engagement with Cook & Morehart to conduct the Village of Doyline 23-24 Legislative Audit, motion carried. Mike Dunaway informed the Council he had met with the contractor for the water well at the Sewer Facility and that we are scheduled to begin as soon as the state submits the necessary permit. Mike also suggested that we would need a pumphouse built as well. Mayor Gates said we would have our maintenance people do that when the time came. Mayor Gates reports continued progress on the grass, weeds, and trash removal. Mayor Gates also reports more is being done to move the citizens of Doyline to clean and maintain their properties according to Village Ordinances. Motion was made by Rachael Muniz, seconded by Jackie Daniels to adjourn, motion carried.

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SHERIFF'S SALE

B1 BANK VS. D.H. COOKSEY PROPERTIES, LLC, ETAL

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 80348.

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 30, 2024, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

Mortgage 1:

731 Main Street

A lot or parcel of land in the City of Minden, Louisiana, bounded on the front by North Main Street and in the rear by Monroe Street, more particularly described as follows:

Begin at the Southernmost corner of lot formerly owned by B.F. Griffith, now owned by Stella Kalpakis, et al, and from said corner run in a Southwesterly direction along Main Street a distance of 27 feet 4 inches to the corner of property owned by Mrs. Lucy Mai Means; then run in a Northwesterly direction along the Means property to Monroe Street; thence in an Easterly direction along Monroe Street to the property line of the Kalpakis property; thence in a Southeasterly direction along the Kalpakis property line to the point of beginning, together with all improvements thereon and all rights thereunto belonging, and being the same property acquired by A.S. Drew from G.A. Hightower on October 1, 1927, by act of conveyance which appears recorded in Volume 77, Page 7, Conveyance Records of Webster Parish, Louisiana.

Mortgage 2:

713 Main Street

A lot fronting 27' 11" on the North Main Street which has a southern corner lying approximately 171' North of the intersection of the North side of West Union Street and the West side of North Broadway, or North Main Street, the Northern boundary of said lot bordering on Monroe Street, and situated in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana, together with all improvements thereon and rights thereto belonging.

715 Main Street

From the point where the North side of West Union Street intersects the East line of Monroe Street, run Northeasterly 220.02 feet, more or less, to the northwest corner of the lot owned by the Estate of Gus Kirkikis; thence easterly along the North line of the Kirkikis lot 175 feet, 8 inches to North Broadway; thence northwesterly along North Broadway a distance of 10 feet; thence westerly and parallel with the North line of the Gus Kirkikis lot a distance of 85 feet; thence northwesterly and parallel with North Broadway 16 feet, 5 inches; thence southwesterly and parallel to the North line of the Gus Kirkikis lot 74 feet 4 inches to Monroe Street; thence southwesterly along the East side of Monroe Street 30 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning, together with all improvements located thereon and all rights thereto belonging, including any and all rights to any party wall that exists or may exist between the above described property and property presently owned by Achillea G. Kirkikis, et al, and this sale is subject to any prior recorded agreements concerning party walls affecting the above described property. This sale also includes two parking spaces behind the building.

Mortgage 3:

611 Weston Street

LOT NUMBER THIRTY-NINE (39), SUNNYBROOK SUBDIVISION, located in the East Half of the Southeast Quarter, Section 20, Township 19 North, Range 9 West, as per map and plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Clerk of Court, Webster Parish, Louisiana, in Map Book 3, Page 132.

Mortgage 4 and Mortgage 5:

901 Clay Street

THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY LOCATED IN MINDEN, PARISH OF WEBSTER AND STATE OF LOUISIANA.

LOTS SIXTY (60), SIXTY-ONE (61), SIXTY-TWO (62), AND SIXTY-THREE (63) OF BABB ADDITION, A SUBDIVISION IN THE CITY OF MINDEN, WEBSTER PARISH, LOUISIANA, AS PER MAP AND PLAT THEREOF

ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN MAP BOOK 2, PAGE 82 OF THE OFFICIAL RECORDS OF WEBSTER PARISH, LOUISIANA, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT OF SAID PARISH, TOGETHER WITH ALL IMPROVEMENTS THEREON AND ALL RIGHTS THERETO BELONGING.

TAX MAP OR PARCEL ID NO.: 111050

Mortgage 6:

1396 Allen Drive (21 Acres)

A. A 6.00 acre, more or less, tract of land located in the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, (NW/4 NW/4), Section 29, Township 19 North, Range 9 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana, more particularly described as follows:

Begin at the Southeast Corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter said Section 29; thence run North 00 degrees 03 minutes 24 seconds West for a distance of 1399.84 feet to a set 3/4 inch iron rod for the Point of Beginning; thence run North 81 degrees 53 minutes 51 seconds West for a distance of 899.65 feet to a set 3/4 inch iron rod; thence run North 31 degrees 00 minutes 02 seconds East for a distance of 269.74 feet to a set 3/4 inch iron rod; thence run North 00 degrees 03 minutes 24 seconds West for a distance of 20.00 feet to a set 3/4 inch iron rod; thence run East for a distance of 751.38 feet to a set 3/4 inch iron rod; thence run South 00 degrees 03 minutes 24 seconds East for a distance of 378.01 feet to the Point of Beginning.

B. An 11.22 acre, more or less, tract of land located in the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, (SW/4 NW/4), and in the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NW/4 NW/4), Section 29, Township 19 North, Range 9 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana, more particularly described as follows:

Begin at a found concrete monument located at the Southeast corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter said Section 29; thence run North 00 degrees 03 minutes 24 seconds West for a distance of 1100.00 feet to a found 5/8 inch iron rod for the Point of Beginning; thence run North 84 degrees 58 minutes 52 seconds West for a distance of 489.31 feet to a set 3/4 inch iron rod; thence run South 06 degrees 49 minutes 26 seconds East for a distance of 214.76 feet to a found 3/4 inch iron rod; thence run North 69 degrees 48 minutes 46 seconds West for a distance of 185.53 feet to a set 3/4 inch iron rod; thence run North 71 degrees 22 minutes 36 seconds West for a distance of 136.50 feet to a set 3/4 inch iron rod; thence run North 67 degrees 11 minutes 59 seconds West for a distance of 230.68 feet to a set 3/4 inch iron rod; thence run North 40 degrees 25 minutes 26 seconds West for a distance of 68.30 feet to a found 3/4 inch iron rod; thence run North 67 degrees 18 minutes 01 seconds West for a distance of 274.68 feet to a set 3/4 inch iron rod near a gate post; thence run North 08 degrees 30 minutes 56 seconds West for a distance of 24.07 feet to a set 3/4 inch iron rod near a gate post; thence run North 54 degrees 10 minutes 58 seconds East for a distance of 83.56 feet to a set 3/4 inch iron rod; thence run North 39 degrees 59 minutes 38 seconds East for a distance of 444.37 feet to a set 3/4 inch iron rod; thence run North 61 degrees 50 minutes 39 seconds East for a distance of 197.22 feet to a set 3/4 inch iron rod; thence run South 00 degrees 03 minutes 24 seconds East for a distance of 32.91 feet to a found 3/4 inch iron rod; thence run South 31 degrees 00 minutes 02 seconds West for a distance of 269.74 feet to a set 3/4 inch iron rod; thence run South 81 degrees 53 minutes 51 seconds East for a distance of 899.65 feet to a set 3/4 inch iron rod; thence run South 00

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