

WEBSTER & MORE

MHS HOMECOMING

Minden High School Homecoming Parade brings alumni and community together

AMBER MCDOWN
Minden Press-Herald

The Minden High School Homecoming Parade took place on the afternoon of October 4, filling downtown Minden with celebration. Alumni from classes whose graduation years ended in “4” returned to reconnect with former classmates and show their school spirit. The parade featured a variety of floats, lo-

cal pageant queens, and marching bands, drawing crowds along the streets. With sunny weather enhancing the festivities, the community gathered to enjoy the event, creating a memorable day for all involved. The annual parade not only highlighted school pride but also underscored the strong bond between Minden High School and its surrounding community.



MINDEN PRESS-HERALD

2024 FOOTBALL CONTEST WINNERS

• WEEK FOUR •

1ST PLACE - PENNY MORGAN

2ND PLACE - DENISE CRAIG

3RD PLACE - RITA HOENKE

TO ENTER NEXT WEEK'S CONTEST, SEE PAGES 5 AND 10 FOR ALL THE DETAILS!

GOOD LUCK!

POLL WORKERS

Clerk of Court holds poll worker training ahead of November election

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Clerk of Court Holli Vining recently conducted two training workshops for election poll workers, one in Minden on September 18 and another in Springhill on September 26. The sessions aimed to prepare workers for the upcoming presidential election, scheduled for November 5. To be eligible to serve as a poll worker, individuals must be registered voters, able to vote without assistance, and willing to work from 5 AM to 9 PM on election day. Addi-

tionally, applicants must be open to serving in any precinct within the parish and must not be law enforcement officers. Compensation for each election worked is \$200, and workers are selected by random drawing. To become a certified poll worker, candidates must pass a brief, open-book test. “We have 177 total commissioners, and 20 of those are new,” Vining said. “However, we are down 31 commissioners from our previous pool.” She added that not all certified workers would be available for the presi-

dential election due to its Tuesday date, as many may be unable to take off work. Vining is hopeful more commissioners will be certified before the election and noted that new applicants are accepted year-round. Anyone interested in becoming certified should contact the Clerk of Court’s office for more information. As the November election approaches, the training ensures that Webster Parish will have a well-prepared team of poll workers to facilitate a smooth voting process.

MINDEN MEDICAL CENTER

CONGRATULATES

15 UNDER 40 AWARD WINNERS

Brandi McNeill

Kristin Reagan

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2024

15 Under 40

Young Professional Awards Honoree

Congratulations

Tamra Wichelns

We would like to congratulate Tamra Wichelns, VP Retail Lending for being nominated as a 15 under 40 nominee. Tamra's dedication and hard work have made a significant impact in Minden. We are proud to have her as part of the HFB team and congratulate her on this well-deserved nomination.

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OBITUARIES



Linda Johnston Hood

Visitation for Linda Johnston Hood will be held Wednesday, October 9, 2024, from 9:00 until 10:30 a.m. at Rose Neath Funeral Home in Minden, Louisiana with a graveside to follow at 12 noon at St. Rest Cemetery in Dubach, Louisiana.

Linda was born December 27, 1942, in Ruston, Louisiana and entered into rest October 2, 2024, in Minden, Louisiana following a sudden illness. Linda was raised in Downsville and Homer, Louisiana, graduating from Homer High School. She was a retired bank teller,

where she worked for over 40 years at Minden and Regions Bank in Minden, Louisiana. She and Reese lived a full life together enjoying working in the yard, traveling, hunting and sharing many adventures. Linda loved her cooking and taking care of her pets.

Linda was preceded in death by her parents, James and Lillie Couch Johnston, husband of 51 years, Kenneth Reese Hood, brothers, William “Billy” Johnston, Bobby Johnston, and J. Ross Johnston.

She is survived by her nieces and nephews, Paul Johnston and wife Kay, Lori Lakes and husband Jeff, Scott Johnston and wife Lisa, Aaron Johnston and wife Michelle, Lynn Johnston and Sherry Johnston

In lieu of flowers please donate to St Jude.

The family extends a special thanks to all the friends and family for their support in this difficult time.

EDUCATION

Barbering School opens for Webster Parish junior and senior students

STAFF REPORT

Minden Press-Herald

On September 3, 2024, Webster Parish School System opened the doors to its newly constructed barbering school for 16- and 17-year-old students who want a jumpstart toward earning their barber’s license. The barbering school, a state-of-the-art facility, is housed at J.E. Harper Pathways to Excellence Center. The lab is furnished with 10 fully-equipped stations, 3 shampoo bowls with chairs, 3 hair dryers with chairs, 2 towel warmers,

12 storage cabinets, and one handwashing sink. The classroom has 12 student stations and lockers and is equipped with technology to enhance the learning experience. Currently, nine students are enrolled in the program. High school principals and counselors are recruiting students for the spring semester. The facility is equipped to accommodate 20 students per semester. Walter Morgan, Jr., an experienced barber of 35 years and a local businessman, is the instructor. This Minden

native has served on the Louisiana Board of Barbering and has instructed many aspiring barbers. Students will be taught skills such as using equipment and tools properly, cutting and styling hair, using chemicals on the hair properly, and learning to run a business. The goal for students is to complete 300 barbering hours while in the high school setting. After high school, students will have the option of continuing their post-secondary work in a barbering school or assuming a

barbering apprenticeship in an effort to earn their license. The barbering school is the latest in a list of district-wide career and technical education programs offered by Webster Parish: Certified Nursing Assistant, Pre-Educator Pathway, and ProStart. An open house for the barbering school will be held in mid-October and will be open to the public. For further information concerning Career and Technical Education in Webster Parish, contact your student’s high school principal or counselor.

COUNCIL

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Laurel Circle, and Kitchens Court), Guy Miller Road from Germantown Road to the city limits, East and West Street from Lewisville Road to Elm Street, and Mignon Street from Talton Street to East Union Street.

The council also voted on the appointment of Tamra Wichelns to fill a vacancy on the commission with the term set to expire on September 8, 2026. This appointment was unanimously approved.

During the meeting, the council also voted to grant authority to Mayor Nick Cox to execute a purchase agreement for 72 acres of land located on Recreation Drive. “This is some property that we can purchase for \$600,000. The property is appraised at \$950,000. So we’re paying two-thirds of the appraised value, which is fantastic, and it borders our recreation complex which will give us area for future expansion for city and municipal use,” said Mayor Cox.

It was also approved during the meeting for the Minden Fire Department to adopt changes to its structure recommended by Fire Chief Brian Williams. The current structure has 1 part-time fire chief, two full-time assistant fire chiefs on shift work, one battalion chief, seven captains, four firefighter operators, and one firefighter recruiter. The new structure would change that to one part-time fire chief and one assistant fire chief working

Monday through Friday 8-4 pm, three battalion chiefs, six captains, and six firefighter operators.

Chief Williams was asked by Councilman Michael Roy if the current employees of the fire department are aware of the coming change, to which he replied, “They’ve been aware since I took over as fire chief that this is the structure through retirement that we would go to. Nothing takes place tomorrow.”

It’s a busy month for the local fire department in more ways than one. This week is National Fire Prevention Week, and the fire department has been taking part in both educational programs for kids in addition to giving out free fire alarms to residents who need them.

“This year’s message is, ‘Smoke alarms, make them work for you.’ The fire department so far has installed or given away 49 smoke detectors to residents of the city. We have more to give away through the Louisiana State Fire Marshall Operation Save a Life program. Residents can stop by the central fire station to get one or schedule an appointment with us for us to install it,” said Chief Williams.

“With Fire Prevention Week being in October, for the month of October, the fire department goes out to local schools and daycares to share some educational material with students. So far the fire department has educated over 300 children. We have other appointments

scheduled for the rest of the month.”

On top of all that, the fire department is also taking part in Breast Cancer Awareness Month by wearing t-shirts that support finding a cure.

During closing comments Councilwoman Latasha Anderson Mitchell let the community know about upcoming events that would be taking place for National Night Out next Tuesday throughout the City of Minden.

“Many neighborhoods in Minden will be hosting a variety of special events such as block parties, cookouts, parades, visits from police, flashlight walks, contests, youth activities, and anti-crime and anti-drug rallies,” said Councilwoman Mitchell.

Lastly, both Councilman Roy and Mayor Cox talked about initiatives at the state and local level taking place that aim to reduce the amount of litter taking place, providing a number to call to report littering as well as signs to let more people know about this number and efforts to spread them throughout the city.

“The Lt. Governor Billy Nunguesser has a litter program that he has started in the state for citizens to call and report litter. He’s got a big push going on, and I think it’s a real good thing that he’s trying to clean up the state,” said Councilman Roy. “If anybody has any questions please don’t hesitate to reach out to me, I’d be glad to help in any way.”

Mayor Nick Cox added to this information, talking more about what the city itself would be doing to stop littering.

“Public Works Director Tyler Wallace, myself, and Terry Comb the Street Department manager, we’re working to have some signage made up; we’re going to put these around the city.

The signs would essentially call on citizens to report litterers, and it would display the number to the Lt. Governor’s program through the wildlife department, that number being 1-855-525-4883. Bumper stickers for city vehicles are also being made with the same message.

“We do have some areas that we find are frequently littered on, or there’s illegal dumping going on. We’re going to get a few of these signs, and we’re going to get a few cameras to put out and try to crack down on littering throughout the city. The City of Minden is serious about joining with the Lt. Governor and cracking down on litter. So this is your sign to quit littering.”

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.

FAIR

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Poultry: Lennie Garza Results from the Rabbit Show:

Champion Rabbit Showman: Slade Lockey Reserve Champion Rabbit Showman: Peyton Saintignan Champion Rabbit: Kaylee Lindsey Reserve Champion Rabbit: Peyton Saintignan

On October 2, the livestock show continued with the Swine Show, where participants displayed their skills in presenting swine, judged based on market sale attributes. The showmanship competition highlighted participants’ abilities to showcase the animals in front of judges.

Results from the Swine Show:

Champion Swine Showman: Zander Thompson

Reserve Champion Swine Showman: Tayln Bates

Champion Swine: Zander Thompson

Reserve Champion Swine: Zander Thompson

Following the Swine Show, younger children took part in the Pee Wee pig pusher contest, herding pigs in a fun exhibition.

The livestock events continued on October 3 with the Goat and Beef Showmanship competitions, where participants demonstrated their handling and care skills for cows and goats, with animals judged on market quality.

Results from the Goat Show:

Grand Champion Goat Showman: Taylor Rayner

Reserve Champion

Goat Showman: Reace Payton

Grand Champion Commercial Doe: Reace Payton

Reserve Champion Commercial Doe: Taylor Rayner

Grand Champion Market Goat: Reace Payton

Reserve Champion Market Goat: Taylor Rayner

Results from the Beef Show:

Grand Champion Beef Showman: Riley Austin

Reserve Champion Beef Showman: Hayden Williams

Grand Champion Bull: Riley Austin

Grand Champion Steer: Kyleigh Cruse

Grand Champion Heifer: Riley Austin

Reserve Champion Heifer: Riley Austin

The final event of the evening was the Doug Sale Memorial Award competition, in which participants showed their ability to handle species they had not shown earlier in the week.

Doug Sale Memorial Premier Exhibitor:

Premier Exhibitor: Zander Thompson

The Buyer’s Luncheon and Livestock Auction were held on October 4.

Senior Citizens Day at the Civic Center was held on October 3, and the fair concluded on Saturday, October 5, with Kids Day, featuring a pizza-eating contest sponsored by Johnny’s Pizza.

The week-long celebration of agriculture and community traditions offered fun for all ages, while also allowing local youth to demonstrate their skills and compete in various livestock events.

SCHOOLS

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cerns about moving away from a no-deductible option for employees, the board ultimately approved the Silver Plan Employee Only in an 8-4 vote. Those opposed were Margaret Edens (Dist. 1), Debbie Thomas (Dist. 2), Jonathan Guthrie (Dist. 4), and Jana Watson (Dist. 6). Under this plan, the district will continue to fund 100% of the employee’s health insurance, but the cost of dependent coverage will shift to the employee.

The finance department is preparing to distribute detailed information about the new plan to employees, explaining how the HRAs will function and providing guidance on the deductible changes.

Other agenda items included the approval of field trips, professional development opportunities, and maintenance fund expenditures. The

board also authorized a study for planning a new parking lot at Doyline High School.

Toward the end of the meeting, the board entered an executive session to discuss a lawsuit brought on behalf of Tarcus Hawthorne, Jr., a North Webster High School student who died in August of 2023 after a seizure. Upon returning from session, the board unanimously voted to follow their attorney’s recommendations.

Superintendent Johnny Rowland introduced the idea of purchasing an acre of land adjacent to Brown Upper Elementary. This land would create a safer route for walking students. No action was taken at this time.

Schools will be closed on November 5 for Election Day. The Webster Parish School Board will meet next on November 4 at the school board offices. The public is welcome to attend.

FEST

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ing to commemorate the occasion with some fresh ink.

This Oktoberfest promises to be an exciting and welcom-

ing event for the whole family, with free entry for everyone. Enjoy an afternoon and evening packed with games, entertainment, and delicious food, all while supporting a great cause.

CRIME

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partment.

In addition to the bench warrant, Warren faces charges of reckless operation of a motor vehicle,

a misdemeanor; aggravated flight, a felony; and simple possession of marijuana, a misdemeanor.

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

OPINION

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OPINION

No Money for Hurricane Helene Victims Because \$1 Billion Given to Illegals

Does the Biden-Harris Administration care more about the millions of illegals coming across our southern border—500,000 or so we have now learned are criminals, including murderers and rapists—than it does about Americans in the storm-devastated United States whom it is obligated to serve and protect?

We are now learning that the Biden-Harris Administration spent over a billion dollars of FEMA money in the last two years to house illegals, tapping those funds that should be available now for Helene victims. (The illegals often stay in nice hotels, are granted gift cards, and are served “culturally appropriate” foods while our homeless veterans often sleep on the sidewalks in front of those hotels.)

Have you followed the Helene disaster on TV? Cadaver dogs are still looking for bodies. There is no water. There is no electricity. No food. People have lost their homes. They are begging for help. There is no way to communicate. Private groups—like our Louisiana Cajun Navy of which I am so proud—are ID’ing bodies and offering help and rescue much faster than any federal agency. It’s also worth noting that Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg has stated that no privately-owned drones may be operated in the devastated areas because doing so may cause

“safety issues” with the drones of federal agencies. Well, there aren’t any federal agencies using drones right now and our fellow citizens are in desperate shape. Why is Elon Musk’s Starlink system, which would immediately provide communication in these areas,



ROYAL ALEXANDER

being resisted? Is it because Musk is a Trump supporter? In response, the Biden-Harris Administration has

sent these victims, our fellow Americans, \$750. (Our federal government has spent hundreds of billions of dollars overseas in the last 24 months). It would be laughable if it weren’t so cruel. How can our government be so criminally incompetent? That’s why I was stunned to hear Alejandro Mayorkas, Secretary of Department of Homeland Security, make the statement that FEMA has no money for victims of Hurricane Helene because it’s been spent in the settlement and housing of illegal aliens in America. Mayorkas said FEMA does not have the funds to make it through the remainder of hurricane season, yet \$640 million was recently allotted to DHS specifically for issues related to illegal immigrants. (FOX

News, 10-3-24).

This is risky and dangerous, as hurricane season does not end until November 30. According to Fox News’s Chad Pergram, “Congress made sure FEMA had more than \$20 billion in last week’s emergency spending bill ahead of the storm, but last year, Congress awarded DHS \$640 million to help communities provide shelter and aid to people in the country illegally.” (Breitbart, Oct. 3, 2024)

Stunning. After Secretary Mayorkas warned that FEMA “does not have the funds” to get through hurricane season, Florida Attorney General Ashley Moody directly challenged the secretary over his comments, pointing out the more than \$1 billion spent on illegal migrants.

Moody asserted “... they have taken the FEMA emergency food and shelter program and over time siphoned off hundreds of millions of dollars into basically making it an illegal immigrant resettlement program. So, when you see these states and cities around the nation declaring emergencies ... because of what this Administration has done, encouraging more and more and more illegals, developing programs to encourage more and more and more people to come here. Due to the Biden-Harris government, right now in Florida, North Carolina, Tennessee,

Georgia, all of these states are hurting because of this truly natural disaster. They’re saying we need more money, and of course they need more money because they’ve been laundering it away from its intended purpose.” (FOX News Oct. 3, 2024).

Mayorkas and FEMA “should immediately stop funding the relocation of illegal immigrants and use the money for hurricane-affected areas instead,” Texas Governor Greg Abbott tweeted, saying that Americans should be put first. (The Economic Times, Oct 4, 2024).

The health and welfare of Americans must be the Number 1 moral, legal and policy priority of the American government to which we pay trillions annually of our hard-earned tax dollars to do those things for us that we can’t do for ourselves.

Democrats are prioritizing the needs of illegal, non-citizens over those of Americans, who are thereby neglected and stranded. Government’s number one responsibility is a sacred one—to protect its citizens. It has failed. This is outrageous. It is a scandal that touches on treason.

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

FROM THE BACK PORCH

Memorires from our earlier days of church

This morning as my mind was wandering before our pastor began his sermon, I looked around the congregation and recalled many wonderful times from days past in the little country church.

As some of you may remember I wrote recently that we had returned to our home church where we grew up and where we reared our children. It was during these earlier years that so many wonderful memories sprang from.

We recently made the move from a church where we had attended and served happily for many years. The move was made for health reasons, as we both suffered mobility problems. Entry was much easier in the

“home” church though the opportunity for service was not as great. We had both served faithfully for many years, however we were not as able to serve in our former positions. So, we decided to make the move.



FANNIE MOORE

The beautiful stained-glass windows brought back memories of families donating funds to have a window with a plaque designating the honored family. Our family window was made in honor of the Wise Family, my mother’s

family, long time members.

The first Sunday dinner after our return, brought back memories of many old-timers. A daughter of a special former member was in attendance. This older woman was always remembered by my daughter for her home-made Angel Food Cake, made especially for the day; baked with 12 eggs, tall and airy. I’m sure many, not just my daughter, enjoyed that luscious cake made by Mrs. Louise Slack.

As I thought about the Fellowship Hall I remembered the many banquets we held for the Youth. Each one had a theme, special program and dinner. One theme was “In Apple Blossom Time” and a Dad borrowed a blossom-covered “tree” from a

local nursery. It added so much to the atmosphere.

As I looked around the sanctuary, I realized Hubby and I were the oldest of those in attendance and the only ones that could recall the many years of sermons and activities. Is that a good feeling or one of sadness and sentimentality?

A former pastor returned recently to conduct funeral services for two members of that era. He was welcomed back and was honored to be invited back.

As you serve in your church, build up those good memories that will be a comfort to you in your “golden” years.

FANNIE MOORE LIVES IN SHONGALOO.

FROM THE PUBLISHER

Don’t tell ne that newspapers are dead

We’ve all heard it: “Newspapers are dead,” or, “No one reads newspapers anymore.”

Those of us in the newspaper business hear these claims often, and while we take them seriously, we’re not “buying in.”

I hear these statements several times a week. Family, friends, and people I interact with regularly ask about the health of the newspaper industry: “Are y’all OK? Are you going out of business?” My short answer is “no.” The long answer? Keep reading.

It’s true that the newspaper industry has changed, largely due to rapidly advancing technology—smartphones, digital media, and social media have reshaped the landscape, especially over the past 10 to 12 years. But has this tech-driven world reached its peak? Will the technology we enjoy today be the same in the future? Of



RANDY BROWN

course not. In reality, technology is just getting started. I truly believe we’ll see more technological change in the next decade than we’ve seen in the past. And after that, the cycle will repeat itself. That’s how technology works—it evolves, reshaping our culture and

daily lives, influencing what we consider necessities. And yes, it has already changed the newspaper industry, and that change will continue.

But we don’t need to write the newspaper industry’s obituary just yet. Newspapers remain relevant. We still have stories to tell and news to report, especially with the tremendous growth and activity in our local community. We are a community newspaper, and that’s our niche. In fact, that’s where growth is happening in the newspaper industry—through a focus on local news. Thanks to our vibrant and expanding community, we’re still here and still making an impact.

Of course, we’ve had to adapt. The way we do business today is not the way we did business 10 or 20 years ago. I vividly remember when digital and social media began transforming our industry. At first, newspapers resisted, viewing these new mediums as unwanted competition. But we had no choice but to evolve. We had to offer our audience the digital and social

media options they wanted as part of our “media mix” (a term I picked up in college—side note: my parents will be glad to know their investment in my education wasn’t wasted... LOL). Newspapers that resisted this shift struggled. Many are no longer in business today.

Let me close with this: Recently, I was contacted by the national marketing agency for one of the largest retailers in the world. In summary:

“In order to maximize their return on investment, our client remains committed to the newspaper industry. As a result of their testing and market analysis, they would like to add your publication to their newspaper marketing program.”

That sums it up for me. We are still relevant. As a community newspaper, we bring you news and events you won’t find

elsewhere. Beyond covering local government and municipal issues, we share stories from our community—club and organizational news, high school and little league sports scores, and photos. We offer so much more.

Honestly, you can’t cut out a photo of your children or grandchildren from a website or social media platform and pin it to your refrigerator or put it in a scrapbook. But with a newspaper, you can.

We are your community newspaper. We are still relevant. And we are here to stay!

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL/COLUMN

Minden, Lakeside, Glenbrook win

Crimson Tide, Warriors keep perfect records intact

RUSSELL HEDGES
Minden Press-Herald

What a difference a year makes.

At this time last year, halfway through the regular season, the Minden Crimson Tide were 1-4 and the Lakeside Warriors 2-3.

And now, halfway through the 2024 regular season? Both teams are 5-0.

Minden's unbeaten run isn't a complete surprise. Coming into the season, Minden Head Coach Spencer Heard knew he had a team that could have success.

And even though Lakeside was coming off a 3-7 season, the Warriors' success isn't completely a surprise either.

Lakeside returned several veterans at key positions. Their non-district schedule consisted of all Class 1A teams, but the Warriors still had to go out and prove themselves and

Week 6 schedule

FRIDAY

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they have done just that.

They dominated their first four opponents. It looked like the Warriors were going to win big last week against Montgomery, taking a 19-0 lead at the half.

But the Tigers made a game of it before the Lakeside prevailed 26-22.

It's the first time since Lakeside opened in 2000 that the Warriors have started 5-0. That's a great accomplishment.

Lakeside opens District 3-2A play Friday against defending champion Many. The Tigers are 0-5 against a schedule that included two 4A and one 5A teams.

Lakeside Head Coach John Ware would be the first to tell you the Warriors' toughest games are ahead of them.

"That's a huge game for us," he said. "I don't care what their record is."

It looks like the race or the district title is wide open.

"We've got as good a chance as anybody," Ware said.

Minden will get its biggest test of the season so far when they face defending District 1-4A champion North DeSoto on the road.

The Griffins are 3-2, but the losses were teams that are traditional powers, Carthage, Texas, and

West Monroe.

In a bit of a surprise, the Griffins struggled to get past Booker T. Washington 20-14 last week.

Minden defeated a good Loyola team last week, ending the Flyers three-game winning streak. The Tide will head to Stonewall as the underdog but with plenty of confidence.

And last year's 51-0 loss will no doubt serve as a little more motivation.

As expected, Glenbrook routed Plain Dealing 63-0 last week.

The Apaches (4-1) will look to go 3-0 in District 1-1A Friday against Arcadia (2-3, 1-1). The Hornets fell to Jonesboro-Hodge 16-14 last week.

North Webster fell to Garrison, Texas, 35-14 last week.

The Knights (1-4) start District 1-3A play at home against Carroll (2-2) in what is basically the start of a new season.



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Minden freshman Lucas Owens Jr. looks for yardage during the Tide's 28-13 District 1-4A victory over Loyola last week.

OUTDOORS

Thoughts on the decline of squirrel hunting

GLYNN HARRIS

We are entering the month of October and for this country boy, the arrival of October carried with it a special meaning. It's time to go squirrel hunting. Season opens in Louisiana Saturday October 5.

Growing up in rural Natchitoches Parish, we had a number of choices as to where we'd go to open season. Goldonna hunters had several hickory, oak and beech-lined creeks to choose from and when I got old enough to hunt alone, my go-to spot early in season was Molideau Creek that tricked through the hardwoods half a mile from our home. Luster Creek was another near-by choice and if you wanted to mix it up with other hunters, bigger and wider Saline Creek was available.

Christmas was special; getting to shuck shoes and go barefoot in spring was exciting; going swimming in the creek for the first time was right up there. Nothing, however, could get the little hairs on the back of my neck activated better than to be able to step into dark woods on a cool October morning for opening day of squirrel season.

A squirrel is a rodent, sometimes carelessly called "tree rats". I'm resentful when wild squirrels were

treated with such disrespect. To a kid growing up in the country who had listened to his dad describe the hunt he had that morning, outwitting a wild squirrel was as big in my young eyes as a trophy buck is to some today.

As the years have gone by, something has happened to the sport of squirrel hunting. Not many kids today get to enjoy the thrill of tagging along behind dad or being able to sneak into the woods with a .22 rifle or shotgun to try to outwit a squirrel.

Sitting in a deer stand with dad watching for a buck to step out has just about eliminated the thrill of sneaking up on a squirrel and to me, that's sad.

There are youngsters today who can sit in a stand and take a season limit of deer who would have no clue as to how to outfox a squirrel. Squirrels are usually seen as pests and nuisances as they rob feeders of deer corn or their noisy scurrying around in the woods around their deer stand disrupts enjoyment of waiting on a deer.

It's a sad fact that the excitement and fun of squirrel hunting is not what it was when I grew up. Kids today have a plethora of stuff to occupy their time. We didn't have computer-generated electronic gadgets to compete with what

youngsters have at their disposal today. Life was simpler and we learned to enjoy what was available to us then, things like digging earthworms from dried cow patties in the cow barn and catching goggle-eyes in the creek, and squirrel hunting.

After I grew up and had kids of my own, it was a tradition on opening day of squirrel season when I came home with squirrels I had gotten to save a young tender one to fry. Side note – a fried squirrel leg will best anything Colonel Sanders could offer in the fried chicken department. Just last week, my daughter was remembering those special mornings when fried squirrel, biscuits and gravy were something she looked forward to.

Maybe I've become an old fuddy duddy still longing for the good old days that have passed me by and haven't adapted to the changes of modern times. Maybe so, but it would be especially gratifying to know that there are still youngsters today who could catch the thrill of sneaking up on and downing a cat squirrel whistling beech mast, acorns or hickory nuts.

Squirrel hunting on opening day; it may be going the way of the Edsel but it carries with it memories I hope never fade away.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Louisiana Tech looks to end three-game slide

RUSSELL HEDGES
Minden Press-Herald

The Louisiana Tech Bulldogs will try to snap a three-game losing streak Thursday night against Middle Tennessee at home.

The Bulldogs then will have a short time to prepare for a Tuesday night game against New Mexico State (1-4).

It's the first of three

straight Tuesday night games for the Bulldogs, who are coming off close losses to Tulsa 23-20 in overtime and FIU 17-10.

LSU and Grambling State had bye weeks last week.

Northwestern State's tough season continued with a 59-17 loss to Stephen F. Austin.

The ULM Warhawks got a big win, rallying

from a 10-0 deficit to hand James Madison its first loss, 21-19.

The Warhawks are 4-1 for the first time since becoming an FBS school.

LSU (4-1) hosts Ole Miss (5-1) in a Southeastern Conference game Saturday.

The SEC looks wide open in the wake of then-No. 1 Alabama's 45-40 loss to Vanderbilt in Nashville.

MPH FOOTBALL CONTEST RULES:

1. Locate the 20 games on page 10 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: South Carolina vs. Alabama

Total Points: _____ (both teams)

GOOD LUCK!

GOOD LUCK!

Fishing Report

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

BUSSEY BRAKE – Bass fishing is improved with some over 10 pounds reported. Best bets are flipping structure with creature baits and topwater lures early. 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 ramps are closed. For latest information, contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

LAKE D'ARBONNE – The lake is down 5 feet and fishing has been good. Bass are best fishing the mouth of creeks where there is current using soft plastics, crank baits and spinners. Crappie are

bunched up and shiners and jigs are working on them. Bream are slow; cat-fishing good off the banks. Just be sure if you go to watch out for stumps and obstructions just below the surface. 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 with shiners seeming to work best. Stripers are starting to school and should respond to shad imitation lures. Bass should be schooling and once located will hit shad imitation lures. Some are caught 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 starting to school with shad imitation lures working best. Also early mornings they're hitting around pads and moss on topwater lures and buzz baits. Fishing the grass lines with swim baits is starting to pay off. 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 – No report. For latest reports, call Poverty Point Marina at 318/878-0101.

LAKE YUCATAN – The water is at pool stage with a slight rise coming this weekend. Catfish are biting and commercial fishermen are catching a good many buffalo. The bass and crappie are slow. For info call Surplus City Landing at 318/467-2259.

Good News

GOOD NEWS

Heroes and Sheroes of the Faith

The Doctrine of ‘being saved through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ alone’ surfaces throughout the New Testament like a knight in shining armor. The Gospels make it clear that we are saved ‘by the grace of God through the shed blood of Jesus Christ.’ John 3:16 and related passages gives the simple explanation from Jesus Himself. Paul points out in those special verses in Romans that ‘we all have sinned and cannot save ourselves (get rid of the sin spots); he also points out that the wages/rewards we get from living a life of sin is death/eternal separation from God and His heavenly awards. (Romans 3 and 6).

In the book of Hebrews, we see so many special truths about living a lift of faith. We are saved by grace through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ! Salvation does not come through inheritance from our ancestors, nor by the great faith of our relatives. It is an individual experience, uniting the heart, soul and mind with God’s Spirit, forming an eternal relationship. As we read Hebrews 11 and see the great men and women listed

here, we ponder ‘how can we be listed among these heroes and sheroes of faith in this day and time?

The writer seems to have been connecting links in a long chain of ‘people of faith’ showing how each link drew us closer to the place Jesus, the Messiah, would fit into God’s plan for mankind. Look at this list of people who etched their names in the Hall of Fame of Faith. Matthew 1 shows us all whose lives bridged the gap between ‘Abraham (v 1) and Jesus (v 16). (Consider making a list of important spiritual leaders in your life....heroes and sheroes whose lives have made a difference in shaping your Christian walk.

Some of my school teachers are on that special list, along with friends of our family as a youngster. In college there were some very special students who witnessed to me about the ‘saving power of Jesus’ showing me the plan of salvation. In my early years



Bill Crider

of teaching school in Doyline, many of the parents of students, deacons and leaders at First Baptist Church, including the pastors, all served as role-models and positive influences for me.

As young marrieds, Son-dra and I profited much from close friendships with other young couples, older Christian saints and from special Bible studies, retreats and conferences. We developed other lists of writers, conference leaders, Bible teachers and musicians that became dear to our spiritual growth. Now that we are in our senior years, we realize there is still much of life ahead for us to enjoy. There is still much to learn. New heroes and sheroes appear with each generation of leaders the Lord raises before us, such as: Max Lucado, David Jeremiah, Joni Earickson Tada, Billy/Franklin Graham, Alistair Begg and a host of others. We are continually challenged to ‘put on our spiritual armor daily’ and get ready for battles that await us.

Most recently, I have been encountered with some personal heroes that have changed my life in numer-

ous ways. In December 2019 and January 2021 (13 months apart), I faced major EMERGENCY surgery twice. Never having been in the hospital before (age of 79), I found myself confined to the ICU unit for 14 and 12 days respectively. After the second surgery, I realized how blessed God had guided me through both adventures. Both were emergency surgeries involving the same surgeon and anesthesiologist. (They have become my hero and shero – my guardian angels for sure).

That’s not all! Among others, I want to include a ‘shero’ that happened to be in the post office the second Tuesday in October 2023 (last year). I was busy licking and sticking letters to mail at one of the side-stations there. As I turned to step across the way to deposit the letters, I sensed I was free – falling, stretching out my right hand to buffet my fall. In front of me, I heard a lady say loudly ‘what is your phone number’ and yelled out ‘someone call 9-1-1.’ As I feel face-forward to the floor, I remember saying my phone number and then, I felt someone cupping my forehead in their hands

to prevent me making direct contact with the concrete floor. When I came to my senses, I realized I was being loaded into an ambulance headed for MMC ER. I often wondered who was that kind lady that ‘saved by life.’ A couple of months later, as I entered a room to visit a man awaiting for surgery, he said, “come on in, Bill Crider, and pray with me.” I asked how he knew me. He told me ‘he did not know me, but his wife did since she was the one in the post office, who shielded me from the fateful fall.’ Wow, and now I knew who that guardian angel was that rescued me at the post office. I am truly a blessed man.

I sincerely believe the Lord was watching over this helpless soul in each of these situations. I believe He ‘watches over us day and night, providing for our needs’ just as the Psalmist promised. (Psalm 121:8 and 122:1). How about listing some of those ‘heavenly heroes/ sheroes’ in your life – adding them to your prayer lists.

BILL CRIDER IS CHAPLAIN OF MINDEN MEDICAL CENTER

THE UPWARD LOOK

The Shield of Faith

“In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.” Ephesians 6:16 NIV



Max Hutto

The large shield of a Roman soldier provided the first defensive protection from the enemy’s attack. It was designed to extinguish the flaming arrows and to protect from spears and swords. Beyond saving faith in Jesus, this faith is a deep trust, confidence, and reliance on God, His sovereign power and His mighty Word. Seeing past the dire circumstances, trials,

and temptations bombarding the believer, faith says depend on the Almighty God to protect and provide what is needed for the present battle and beyond.

Lord Jesus, like the psalmist (Ps. 56:3, 18:1-3, 28:7), even when I am afraid, I will trust in You. No matter what I may face this day, You will see me through because You are my shield.

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

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

Come

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PLACE YOUR AD TODAY!

Ark-La-Tex Sales
- Wholesale delivery driver needed. No phone calls, no resumes, apply in person at 802 Homer Rd, Minden, LA 71055. Must be able to pass a drug test.

Want to buy a gasoline or diesel powered welding machine.
(318) 401-2848

SHERIFF'S SALE

REGIONS BANK VS. PATRICK MOORE & KIMBERLY MOORE

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. CV81691. 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, November 13, 2024, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

Lot no. fifty-five (55) Pine Hills Subdivision, located in the south half of the southwest quarter (S/2 of SW/4) Section 14, Township 19 North, Range 9 West, Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana, 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 2, page 122, together with all improvements thereon and all rights thereto belonging.

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

October 9, 2024
November 6, 2024
Minden Press Herald

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Police Jury of the Parish of Webster, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Webster, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), on July 2, 2024, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held within the Parish on **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2024**, and that at the said election there will be submitted to all registered voters in the Parish qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION (MILLAGE)

Shall the Parish of Webster, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), be authorized to levy a tax of 1.75 mills on all the property subject to taxation in the Parish (an estimated \$500,000 expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2025 and ending with the year 2034, for the purpose of constructing, improving, maintaining, operating and supporting facilities and programs for the elderly in the Parish through the Webster Council on the Aging?

Said special election will be held at each and every polling place in the Parish of Webster, which polls will open at seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541.

The polling places at the precincts in the Parish are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law.

The estimated cost of this election as determined by the Secretary of State based upon the provisions of Chapter 8-A of Title 18 and actual costs of similar elections is \$7,000.

Notice is further given that a portion of the monies collected from the tax described

in the Proposition shall be remitted to certain state and statewide retirement systems in the manner required by law.

The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, as provided in this Notice of Special Election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, will make due returns thereof to said Governing Authority, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, the Police Jury Meeting Room, Webster Parish Courthouse Annex, 401 Main Street, Minden, Louisiana, on **TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2025, at 10:30 A.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election. All registered voters of the Parish are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used.

September 25, 2024
October 2, 2024
October 9, 2024
October 16, 2024
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NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Police Jury of the Parish of Webster, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Webster, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), on September 3, 2024, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held within the Parish on **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2024**, and that at the said election there will be submitted to all registered voters in the Parish qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION (MILLAGE RENEWAL)

Shall the Parish of Webster, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), continue to levy a special tax of 2.78 mills on all property subject to taxation in the Parish (an estimated \$788,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2026 and ending with the year 2035, for the purpose of maintaining, operating and improving the Webster Parish Courthouse and Annex, Webster Parish Health Unit and Agricultural Extension Service?

Said special election will be held at each and every polling place in the Parish of Webster, which polls will open at seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541.

The polling places at the precincts in the Parish are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law.

The estimated cost of this election as determined by the Secretary of State based upon the provisions of Chapter 8-A of Title 18 and actual costs of similar elections is \$7,000.

Notice is further given that a portion of the monies collected from the tax described in the Proposition shall be remitted to certain state and statewide retirement systems in the manner required by law.

The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, as provided in this Notice of Special Election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, will make due returns

thereof to said Governing Authority, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, the Police Jury Meeting Room, Webster Parish Courthouse Annex, 401 Main Street, Minden, Louisiana, on **TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2025, at 10:30 A.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election. All registered voters of the Parish are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used.

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October 2, 2024
October 9, 2024
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SHERIFF'S SALE

PLANET HOME LENDING, LLC VS. PHILLIP CHARLES DAVIS

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 81660.

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, November 13, 2024, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

Lots Seventy-eight, Seventy-nine, Eighty and Eighty-one (78, 79, 80 and 81), Glendale Subdivision Number Three (3), located in the Southwest Quarter of Southwest Quarter (SW/4 of SW/4), Section 14, Township 19 North, Range 9 West, Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana, 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 2, Page 72.

And also an adjoining Tract described as beginning at the Northeast Corner of said Lot Seventy-eight (78) and run East along the South line of Ken-non Street 75 feet; thence run South and parallel to the East line of said lots 200 feet; thence run West 75' feet to the Southeast Corner of Lot Eighty-one (81); thence run North along East line of said lots 200.6 feet to the point of beginning, together with all improvements thereon and rights thereto belonging; subject to restrictions, servitudes, rights-of-way and outstanding mineral rights of record affecting the property.

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

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

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

Pam Brantley - Deputy

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SHERIFF'S SALE

21ST MORTGAGE CORPORATION VS. KENDRICK OS-HAY JACKSON, INDIVIDUALLY & AS SURVIVING SPOUSE IN COMMUNITY WITH LISA ANN JACKSON AKA LISA ANN PENNINGTON JACKSON

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 81521.

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, November 13, 2024, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

A 0.83 acre, more or less, tract of land located in the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NE/4 of SW/4), Section 26, Township 19 North, Range 9 West, Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana, being a portion of Lot No. 39, Deerfield Subdivision, Unit No. 2, as per map and plat thereof on file and of record in the Office of the Clerk of Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, in Map Book 4, at Page 17, being more particularly described as follows:

Begin at a found, small iron pipe, located on the apparent East right of way of Deerfield Boulevard, being the Northwest Corner of Lot No. 40, Deerfield Subdivision, Unit No. 2, for the Point of Beginning, and run North for a distance of 140.69 feet to a set 1/2 inch iron rod at the intersection of said East right of way, and the apparent South right of way of U.S. Highway No. 80, and run along said apparent South right of way for the next two (2) calls; thence run South 82 degrees 21 minutes 00 seconds East for a distance of 230.61 feet to a set 2 inch iron pipe; thence run South 67 degrees 06 minutes 00 seconds East for a distance of 88.41 feet to a set 1/2 inch iron rod; thence run South for the distance of 75.47 feet to a set 1/2 inch iron rod at the Northeast Corner of said Lot No. 40; thence run South 89 degrees 58 minutes 40 seconds West for a distance of 310.00 feet to the Point of Beginning.

All as more fully shown on that certain Survey by Paul W. Culpepper, P.L.S. recorded October 8, 2020, in Conveyance Records under Registry No. 585684, official records of the Webster Parish Clerk of Court, State of Louisiana.

2021 Oak Creek mobile home bearing serial numbers OCO12133593A and OCO12133593B

486 Deerfield Blvd., Minden, LA

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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LEGAL NOTICE

Kevin Joseph Washington, Tax Sale, L.L.C. And all other parties in interest

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

Legal Description: Lot 19, Block 5, South-side Subdivision, a subdivision in Webster Parish, Louisiana, as per Map Book 2A, Page 108 of the Conveyance Records of Webster Parish, Louisiana, together with all improvements located thereon, having a municipal address of 907 7th Street SE, Springhill, Louisiana, as per the assessment from the Tax Assessors of Webster Parish, Louisiana, Assessment # 125804.

This property was adjudicated to the Police Jury On May 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 in the property **will be terminated within 60 days** from the date of this publication unless you redeem the property or you may otherwise challenge in a court of competent jurisdiction the potential sale or donation.

Webster Parish Police Jury
401 Main St.
Minden, LA 71055
318-377-7564

October 9, 2024
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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The City of Minden hereby advertises for bids for the purchase of one (1)

AERIAL BUCKET TRUCK

Bid No. 02-2025

Separate sealed bids will be accepted in the office of the City Clerk, City Hall, Minden, Louisiana, until 2:00 p.m. on Monday, October 28, 2024 at Minden City Hall, located at 520 Broadway, Minden, LA. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud upon completion of administrative tasks. Late bids will not be accepted. Faxed bids cannot be accepted and will be discarded. The City of Minden is not responsible for the timely delivery of bids by the USPS or any other carrier.

Any bids received after the above time will not be accepted under any circumstances. Any uncertainty regarding the time a bid is received will be resolved against the bidder.

Only bids written in ink or type written, and properly signed by a member of the firm or authorized representative, will be accepted. Pencil and/or photo-static figures or signatures will disqualify bid. However, electronic signatures as defined in LA-R.S. 9:2602(8) may be acceptable.

Electronic Bidding: Contractors are provided the option to submit bid for public contracts through a uniform and secure electronic interactive system. Comply with electronic bidding as stated in the Louisiana Bid Law R.S. 38:2212.1.

Bid related materials may be found online and electronic bids may be submitted at www.BidExpress.com.

Bidding Documents: Bid specifications may be obtained at the City of Minden Public Works Department, 520 Broadway, Minden, LA 71055, (318)

377-2144.

Bid specifications will also be available online at www.BidExpress.com. If bidding online, all interested bidders must register for the project online. If bidders encounter any problems accessing Bid Express, please contact Bid Express, Joshua Wolboast, 888-352-2439.

Bid Proposal: Bids shall be received from bidders only on the bid form included in the bidding documents, as provided in the Louisiana R.S. 37:2162(b). A single lump-sum bid shall be submitted.

Bid Withdrawal: Bids shall not be subject to withdrawal by bidder for a period of forty-five (45) calendar days after the bid opening, except as provided for in the Instructions to Bidders.

Award, Waiver and Rejection of Bids: The contract will be awarded pursuant to the requirements of applicable local and state laws and regulations. To the extent permitted by such laws and regulations, the City of Minden reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality or irregularity in any bid received. Refer to the Instructions to Bidders for any forms required to be submitted with the bid.

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October 16, 2024
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Separate sealed BIDS for the construction of MINDEN ANIMAL CONTROL FACILITY will be received by the CITY OF MINDEN at the CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM, 520 BROADWAY, MINDEN, LOUISIANA 71055 until 2:00 P.M., Monday, November 4, 2024, and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud as permitted by public bid law. This is in accordance with La R.S. 38:2212 (A)(1)(b), the provisions of La R.S. 38:2212. Each bidder must have an active Unique Entity ID (SAM), as verified on www.sam.gov, prior to beginning of construction. THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be examined at the following location(s):
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Copies of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be obtained at the office of COTHREN, GRAFF, SMOAK ENGINEERING, INC. upon payment of \$ 75.00 for each set, which is refundable to prime bidders within 10 days after receipt of bids. Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids for just cause.

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. Bids shall be in a sealed envelope marked "DO NOT OPEN - SEALED BID - MINDEN ANIMAL CONTROL FACILITY - BID NUMBER 03-2025 - 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. Advertisement:

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The Minden Housing Authority Public Housing Program will be increasing the amount currently charged for the flat rent to reflect 80% of the Fair Market Rent for this area effective January 1, 2025. This change is being made mandatory by HUD. The agency will be accepting public comments for 45 days. You may submit your comments in person or by email. You can also view the supporting documentation regarding this change during normal business hours on Monday-Thursday, 8:30 am-4:00 pm. Please send written comments to the following address: Tosha Moore, 1209 East St., Minden, LA 71055 or to the email address of tosha@minden-housing.org.

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TNT Storage, LLC, owner of East 80 Storage, (318-377-9733) located at 14963 Hwy 80 East, Minden, LA, will have two 10 x 10 units to auction on www.StorageAuctions.com starting on 10/9/24 at 10:00 am and ending on 10/24/24 at 10:00 am. East 80 - #20 Ruth Payne - Baby Bed, bed frame, stuffed animals, misc. items: 26F Jeremy Long - Table, Olympic Barbell, 2 pair of hunting boots, lamp, misc. items

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A series of Public Hearings will be held in accordance with LA R.S. 48:231 and conducted by the Joint Transportation, Highways and Public Works Committee. Below is a list of the times and places where the hearings will be held. The purpose of the hearings is to review highway construction priorities for the state fiscal year 2025-2026. A copy of the Preliminary Program for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 will be available for review on October 1, 2024, by interested persons at the LADOTD Headquarters Building, 1201 Capitol Access Road, Room 200M, Baton Rouge, LA 70802 or online at http://www.dotd.la.gov/Inside_LADOTD/Divisions/Multimodal/Transportation_Planning/Highway_Priority/Pages/default.aspx

All interested persons are invited for the purpose of becoming fully acquainted with the proposed program and will be afforded an opportunity to express their views in person. Oral testimony may be supplemented by presenting important facts and documentation in writing. Comments may also be provided at the link above. All interested parties will be able to listen to the meeting virtually. The information to participate virtually will be posted at the link above. Written statements and comments can be handed to the committee conducting the hearing or mailed to the following address, postmarked within 45 calendar days following the final hearing:

Joint Transportation, Highways and Public Works Committee
C/O LA DOTD (SECTION 85)
P.O. BOX 94245
BATON ROUGE, LA 70804-9245

Should anyone requiring special assistance due to a disability wish to participate in this public hearing, please contact LADOTD (Attn: Ms. Mary Elliott) by mail at the address above or by telephone at (225) 379-1218 at least five days prior to the date of the public hearing.

LEGISLATIVE PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR THE HIGHWAY PRIORITY CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM (2025-2026)			
Date & Time	DOTD District	Parishes	Location
October 15, 2024 10:00 am	58	Caldwell, Catahoula, Concordia, Franklin, LaSalle, Tensas	Franklin Media Center 7293 Prairie Rd, Winnboro
October 15, 2024 2:00 pm	05	E. Carroll, Jackson, Lincoln, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, Union, W. Carroll	Monroe Civic Center Bayou Room 401 Lea Joyner Expressway, Monroe
October 16, 2024 8:30 am	04	Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, Claiborne, Desoto, Red River, Webster	Bossier Civic Center Bodcan Room 620 Benton Rd, Bossier City
October 16, 2024 2:30 pm	08	Avoynes, Grant, Natchitoches, Rapides, Sabine, Vernon, Winn	Pineville City Hall Council Meeting Room 910 Main Street, Pineville
October 17, 2024 9:00 am	07	Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, Jeff Davis	Calcasieu Parish Police Jury Council Chambers 1015 Pithon St, Lake Charles
October 17, 2024 1:30 pm	03	Acadia, Evangeline, Iberia, Lafayette, St. Landry, St. Martin, St. Mary, Vermilion	Lafayette Consolidated Government City Hall Council Chambers Auditorium 705 W University Ave, Lafayette
October 22, 2024 9:30 am	02	Jefferson, Lafourche, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, Terrebonne	NO Regional Transportation Mgmt. Ctr. Conference Room A/B 10 Veterans Blvd, New Orleans
October 22, 2024 2:30 pm	62	Livingston, St. Helena, St. John the Baptist, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Washington	Tangipahoa Council Office Chambers 206 East Mulberry St, Amite
October 23, 2024 9:00 am	61	Ascension, Assumption, E. Baton Rouge, E. Feliciana, Iberville, Pointe Coupee, St. James, W. Baton Rouge, W. Feliciana	State Capitol Basement, House Committee Room 6, Baton Rouge

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