





# WEBSTER & MORE

## RIBBON CUTTING

### Concrete Krewe open and ready for business



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The Greater Minden Chamber hosted a ribbon cutting at their office for Matt & Karissa Hewitt and their business Concrete Krewe, a contractor specializing in concrete needs as well as building needs for both residential and commercial projects. For more information contact them at ConcreteKrewe@gmail.com, call them at 318-584-3279, or visit their Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/ConcreteKreweLLC/](https://www.facebook.com/ConcreteKreweLLC/).

## BURN BAN

### Webster Parish issues burn ban amid extreme fire conditions

AMBER MCDOWN  
Minden Press-Herald

The Webster Parish Police Jury has declared a state of emergency and issued a burn ban effective immediately, prohibiting all outdoor burning and open fires throughout Webster Parish due to extreme fire conditions caused by a lack of rainfall.

The Webster Parish Fire Chiefs Association requested the ban, citing a significant threat to life and property from fires. The dry conditions, combined with recent increases in grass and woods fires, prompted officials to take preventive measures to ensure public safety.

“Due to an increase in grass/woods fires lately, coupled with the lack of rainfall, and no significant rainfall in the near future, the Webster Parish Fire Chiefs Association has requested a burn ban for all of Webster Parish to prohibit all outdoor burning and open fires (including fire pits),” stated Brian Williams, director of the Webster Parish Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness.

The burn ban does not apply to prescribed burns conducted by the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry. The ban will remain in effect until local fire chiefs determine that

weather conditions have improved.

The Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act grants parish authorities the power to declare emergency conditions and enact safety measures such as this ban. The parish urges residents to comply with the ordinance and refrain from outdoor burning until conditions improve.

The declaration was signed by Webster Parish Police Jury President Jim Bonsall on October 16, 2024.

For more information, residents are encouraged to follow updates from local authorities and emergency services.

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OBITUARIES



## Freda Joan Ratcliff

Freda Joan Ratcliff was born February 1, 1945, in Beaumont, Texas and passed away on October 15, 2024, after a brief illness. Freda grew up in Shreveport, Louisiana and made Minden, Louisiana her home after marrying Don Ratcliff on January 29, 1966. Freda graduated from Fair Park High School in Shreveport and Louisiana Tech University.

Freda was preceded in death by her parents, John and Iona Parsons, her sister, Dr. Claire Parsons, her brother, Wade Parsons, and her daughter, Christi Ratcliff.

She is survived by her husband of 57 years, Don Rat-



## Bettie Jean Hock

Jan. 7, 1943-Oct. 16, 2024

Bettie Jean Hock has ended her wonderful life journey on God's beautiful earth on October 16, 2024. Her new life with no pain or suffering has begun with God in heaven. This brings her magnificent peace which she has desired for so long.

Loved by everyone, Miss Bettie as she was known, never knew strangers and so loved even more in return. It will never be known how much she helped others and never wanted anything in return, except peace.

Her glowing smile, sincere appreciation, and genuine words will be missed beyond measure. Written words will never be able to convey what this truly southern lady was in this life. She was exceptionally blessed by



## William (Bill) L. Stanberry, Sr.

William "Bill" L. Stanberry, Sr., beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend, passed away peacefully on October 15, 2024, in Minden, Louisiana, at the age of 92. Born on March 1, 1932, in Baird, Texas, Bill was raised in Haynesville, Louisiana, where his roots ran deep and his love for family, storytelling, and adventure flourished.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, October 23, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Minden, Louisiana, officiated by Dr. Randy Hales and Bro. Brett Cook. Interment will follow at Friendship Cemetery in Haynesville, Louisiana, under the direction of Rose Neath Funeral Home. The family will receive friends at the church starting at 8:30 a.m., before the service.

A proud graduate of Haynesville High School, Class of 1951, Bill continued his education at Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, earning a degree in Agriculture. In 1951, he married his high school sweetheart and homecoming queen, Marilyn Spivey, beginning a love story that would last over 72 years. Together, they built a life filled with laughter, family, and countless adventures.

Bill's career took him from the oilfields of Louisiana to a remarkable 31-year journey with the Boy Scouts of America. He served in councils across the country,

cliff of Minden, son and daughter-in-law, Wade and Kellye Ratcliff of Ruston, granddaughter, Marley Ratcliff of Little Rock, Arkansas and granddaughter, Sydney Eccleston and husband Rylie of Lowell, Arkansas. She is also survived by her twin sister, Frances Jones of Bossier City, Louisiana, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Services celebrating the life of Freda were held Friday, October 18, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church West Chapel in Minden, Louisiana with Bro. Leland Crawford officiating. Visitation was at 1:00 p.m. prior to the service time. Interment followed at Gardens of Memory under the direction of Rose Neath Funeral Home in Minden.

Pallbearers were Gary Haynes, Victor Jones, Wesley Jones, Doug McDaniel, Jack Montgomery, and Jeff Mourad.

Honorary pallbearers were the We Care Sunday School Class of FBC, Minden, Elton Dugan, Bob Gorman, O.H. Haynes, III, and Bobby Mourad.

God in all she did, even to the end here as He called her home.

Miss Bettie leaves one special project to be completed, which is the deepest love of her life, her husband Bruce. She has received full comfort from God as he told her that Bruce would be cared for and comforted always.

Grateful to have had her in their lives are daughter Debbie Cottle (Dennis), son Bill Weeks (Shannon), daughter Lisa Giles, five grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. Also faithful friend to the gracious end Sandra Moorehead and special friend Sherry Sparks.

You will be missed, Miss Bettie.

Services celebrating the life of Miss Bettie were held Saturday, October 19, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. at First Baptist Church Minden in Minden, Louisiana with Bro. Leland Crawford officiating with visitation beginning at 9:00 a.m. Interment followed at Woodland Haven Family Cemetery, 1383 Hwy 531, Minden, Louisiana 71055.

including Little Rock, AR; Jackson, MS; Columbia, SC; North Platte, NE; and New Iberia, LA. As a Scout Executive, Bill led numerous camps and national events, including the 1981 National Jamboree. His dedication to scouting left a lasting legacy, and he cherished the countless friendships he made along the way.

In retirement, Bill and Marilyn enjoyed their time between Lake Bistineau and Haynesville, spending their days fishing, watching Haynesville High football, and doting on their grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Bill was an avid fisherman, an enthusiastic traveler, and a master storyteller who loved recounting tales from his life and the history of his hometown. His pride in his heritage and love for his family was evident to all who knew him.

Preceding Bill in death were his parents, Hugh and Alma Stanberry; his brother, H.A. Stanberry; and one great-grandchild.

Left to carry on his memory are his devoted wife, Marilyn Stanberry of Minden, and their sons, William L. Stanberry, Jr. and wife Angela of Ponchatoula, Terry Stanberry and wife Rachel of Lafayette and Brady Stanberry and wife Kimberly of Heflin. Bill is also survived by his nine grandchildren and seventeen great-grandchildren, who will forever treasure the love and laughter he brought to their lives.

Pallbearers will be his grandsons: Jeremy Stanberry, Trey Stanberry, Wade Stanberry, Christopher Stanberry, Bryant Stanberry, and Jacob Jarreau.

Bill's life was full of love, adventure, and a commitment to family and community. His memory will live on in the hearts of those who knew him, and his stories will continue to bring joy for generations to come.



## Willaim F. Barnett

William F. Barnett, born August 31, 1939, in Magnolia, Arkansas passed away October 19, 2024, in Minden, Louisiana after a brief illness. William served in the United States Army and was a deacon of Eastside Missionary Baptist Church of Minden, Louisiana. He was a long-term member of the Minden Chapter of the Civitans and also served as Captain and EMT of the fire department at the Louisiana Army Ammunition plant for 27 years.

He is preceded in death by his father, Willie F. Barnett; mom, Edna Juanita Barnett; brother, Samuel Barnett; sister, Billie Ann Mays; son, William Shawn Barnett; granddaughter, Aliyah Barnett; and former wife, Delois Ann Barnett.

He is survived by his wife, Margie Barnett; sons, DeWayne and wife, Charlotte, Benjamin, Wesley and wife Jamie, and Clint; brother, John Barnett and wife Gail; grandchildren, Kelsey, Shelby and husband Keith Shannon, William Shawn Barnett, Jr., Carter and Wife Mallory, and Lexi.

Pallbearers will be Butch Lewis, Billy Ray, Keith Shannon, Carter Barnett, William Shawn Barnett, Jr. and Charles Buckner.

Services will be held Wednesday, October 23, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. at Eastside Missionary Baptist Church with Bro. Chet Johnson and Bro. Michael Wilkes officiating. Interment will follow at Whispering Pines Cemetery in Minden, Louisiana under the direction of Rose Neath Funeral Home in Minden, Louisiana. The family will receive friends at the church beginning at 9:00 a.m. prior to the service time.

Donations can be made to LMBIS, 102 Seminary Lane, Minden, Louisiana 71055.

## NNO

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led by Pastor Brett Cook. "It's been pretty good. Matt Little told me we should do this, so we're getting back into it," Cook said.

Minden City Councilman Buddy Myles expressed appreciation for the gatherings in his district. "I'm happy to have three parties in my district. It's always good when the community can come together. Kids are out playing. Adults are out meeting one another. These are the things that a strong community is built on. I love to see it every year," Myles said.

Minden Police Chief Jared McIver was also pleased with the turnout. "I saw a lot of happy kids, happy faces," McIver said. "I was glad to see everyone who participated. I appreciate all the hard work everyone put in to make this a success. My officers got to meet a lot of parents and kids, and they got to meet us. It was a great time."

As NNO continues to grow in Minden, organizers are hopeful for even greater participation in the future.

CRIME

## Suspect apprehended for Hillside Apartments murder

**STAFF REPORT**  
Minden Press-Herald

The suspect in the fatal shooting at the Hillside Apartments last week has been apprehended, according to the Minden Police Department.

Detectives say the incident appears to have been a robbery gone wrong. On Wednesday, October 9, around 11 PM, police responded to a call reporting a man found dead at the apartments. Officers discovered 36-year-old Dequincy Jones lying in the parking lot with a gunshot wound to the left side of his head. A firearm was found near his feet.

"Evidence on scene made it look like a suicide," said Detective Sergeant Lee. "However, training says to treat all suicides like homicides until proven otherwise."

Through multiple sources, police learned that Jones had arranged to meet someone from Shreveport to purchase a gun. Autopsy results later revealed that the bullet responsible for Jones' death was from a different caliber than the firearm found at the scene, giving detectives evidence that it was a homicide.

Witnesses helped identify the suspect as 23-year-old Michael Kingston. By Saturday night, police obtained a warrant for his arrest. Kingston was apprehended by U.S. Marshals in Shreveport on October 15.

Kingston faces charges in Minden of first-degree murder, armed robbery, and felon in possession of a firearm. He also faces charges in Shreveport, including felon in possession of a firearm, flight from police, and forgery.

"It was 72 hours, roughly, between the time that we got the call and the time we got the warrant signed," said Detective Lee, crediting the fast resolution to the team's tireless work, which included interviews, door-to-door inquiries, and reviewing surveillance footage.

This investigation is ongoing.

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

COMMUNITY

## Highway 80 sale shows miles of shopping



WILL PHILLIPS/PRESS-HERALD PHOTO

The Historical Highway 80 Sale took place once again this past weekend, with countless vendors setting up shop to sell all varieties of knick knacks along a shopping spree that spanned miles.

COMMUNITY

# Trunk or Treat road closures, shuttle service

AMBER MCDOWN  
Minden Press-Herald

Webster Parish Libraries is preparing for its annual Trunk or Treat event on October 28 at the Minden main branch, with changes to traffic and parking plans to accommodate the large crowds expected. This year's event will feature road closures and a shuttle service to enhance pedestrian safety.

The City of Minden and the Webster Parish Police Jury have approved the temporary closure of the following streets:

East and West Street, between Elm Street and Buchanan Street (front of the library)

Ferguson Street, between Elm Street and Buchanan Street (behind the library)

"Due to the anticipated large crowd, road closures, and limited parking availability on the day of the event at our Minden location, we are pleased to offer a complimentary trolley shuttle service from the public parking in front of the Civic Center. The 27-passenger trolley will run from 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM, with the shuttle



pickup and drop-off at the corner of Broadway and Union. We encourage the public to utilize this free service for a smoother and more convenient event experience.

"A special thank you to the City of Minden and the Webster Parish Police Jury for providing these designated parking options," said Kim Sentell, director of marketing for Webster Parish Libraries.

The trolley route will travel down Broadway Street and turn onto Buchanan Street before reaching the drop-off location at the intersection of Buchanan Street and East and West Street. The shuttle will continue to loop back to the designated parking areas throughout the event.

This year's Trunk or

Treat aims to provide a safe and enjoyable experience for the community, with the new measures helping to manage the flow of traffic and improve accessibility for all attendees. The library encourages participants to review the new road closures and parking options to ensure a smooth experience for everyone.



OPINION

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FROM THE PUBLISHER

OPINION

Kamala Harris wants to ‘turn the page on her own administration, but can’t think of one thing she’d change

I don’t know how the election will turn out Nov 5th, but many reliable metrics indicate that Pres. Trump is surging. As are millions of Americans, I am prayerfully hopeful that the election will be conducted honestly and that he and his policies prevail.

Whatever the outcome, I think there are certain events and watershed moments that will, in the fullness of time, prove to have directly impacted the race.

The first of these was the June presidential debate in which millions of Americans witnessed for the first time—due to the willful deceit of those around Pres. Biden—how mentally and physically deteriorated Biden had become.

The 2nd event was the forcing of Biden out of the race to be replaced by VP Kamala Harris who, while perhaps best positioned to step in as the Democrat nominee, was likely not the best suited to do so. Nor, honestly, does she have the moral credibility to lead given her central role in the three-year cover-up of Biden’s declining faculties. There are other national Democrats who would have been stronger candidates.

VP Harris has demonstrated no willingness or ability to defend the policies of the Administration of which she

has been a part for over 3.5 years—many of which are broadly unpopular. On one hand, she can claim that she supports Pres. Biden’s policies and as a result must live with the negative view of millions of Americans about those policies. On the other hand, if she tries to break cleanly with Pres. Biden, she offends her far Left base, upon which her only hope in this election rests.

In her first major, individual decision she chose Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz as her running mate, passing over the popular Gov. Josh Shapiro of the critically important swing state of PA. There may be several reasons for this decision but one of them may have been VP Harris’s desire to avoid inflaming the Israel-Palestinian conflict by choosing a Jewish running mate. In hindsight, Shapiro would have been a far preferable choice to the quirky and cartoonish Walz. And Shapiro isn’t known for putting tampons in high school boys’ locker rooms or for claiming to have fought in combat when he was never anywhere near the battle.



ROYAL ALEXANDER

Of course, this is to say nothing of the Vance-Walz debate between the two VP candidates. Walz was outmaneuvered and overmatched by Vance which helped form the nation’s impression of Walz.

The assassination attempt of Pres Trump in Butler, PA is another moment of great symbolic importance. In an already iconic photo, Trump, bleeding from the ear—blood covering half his face—rose and exhorted the crowd to “fight, fight, fight!” If it was possible to top that event, Trump’s dramatic return to Butler, a mere 30 days before the election, electrified the crowd, if not much of the nation.

VP Harris’ appearance on The View was a colossal error. This is particularly so given her response to the question of how she distinguishes herself from Pres. Biden’s policies and decisions. She couldn’t think of anything she would do differently. “There Is Not A Thing That Comes To Mind,” said Kamala. This was stunning. Her response removed any doubt regarding whether she would continue the Biden policies that have the country in the shape it is in. She will.

As Bret Baier asked her on the FOX interview, “You say you want to ‘turn the page.’ But turn the page from

what? You’ve been in office for the last 4 years.”

Perhaps the most disqualifying trait of VP Harris is her relentless effort to deflect when any substantive questions are posed to her. Her unwillingness to address in detail what her plans are for the country beyond the generic and unavailing bromides she regularly offers, leaves voters with very little information about her based upon which to make a voting decision.

When you contrast this deflection and evasiveness with the countless unscripted interviews in which Pres. Trump and Sen. Vance have vigorously participated—and the simple, concrete, and repetitive articulation of plans and policies by those men—the candidacy and stature of VP Harris are diminished.

I think all of these factors will weigh on voters’ minds as they head to vote on or before Nov. 5th. All we can do in the meantime is to continue to pray for our nation.

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.

INSPIRATION

If I’m not for myself, who will be for me?

Hillel, a noted philosopher, asked the poignant question, “If I’m not for myself, who will be for me, if not now, when; but if I’m only for myself, what am I?”

Because we, to a degree, invent our own destiny, create it, make it happen, manufacture it within our own brain, then believe it into existence by diligent work, creative energy that drives us to our goals, we must devise a plan of action to reach our desired destinations.

Someone has said that in order to achieve any goal, there are only two things we must do. First we must decide exactly what it is that

we want and secondly, and just as important, we must determine what price we are willing to pay to make that goal a reality.

Not much if anything happens by accident.

Ralph Waldo Emerson said, “The world makes way for the man who knows where he is going.”



SARAH HUDSON PIERCE

Being rejected in any endeavor isn’t the end, doesn’t define us as a failure. Just as Fran Tarkington, the famed football player, held the record for touch downs, he also held the record for more sacks than anyone else.

Another interesting fact is that President Ronald Reagan, was turned down when he applied for a job at Montgomery Ward. Being upset he mentioned not getting hired to a total stranger, on an elevator, who suggested that he go down to the local radio station who was hiring.

Immediately he was hired. The rest is history.

It’s now what happens to us, or how many defeats we encounter, but how many time we get up, dust ourselves off, keep trying, each time rising a little further up from which we came.

Perhaps we know deep inside that the time has come that we must reach inside, develop our gifts or die in despair.

Life has never been easy but visualizing our dreams as a reality, before the first step is taken, is what makes the difference!.

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Don’t tell me that newspapers are dead

Don’t Tell Me 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 are sensitive to these claims, and we take them seriously. In short, we’re not “buying in.”

I hear those words several times a week. I’m often asked about the health of the newspaper industry by family, friends, and people I interact with daily: “Are y’all OK? Are you going out of business?” My short answer is “no.” The long answer? Well, keep reading.

It’s true that, due to rapidly advancing technology (e.g., smartphones, digital media, social media), the newspaper industry has changed, especially over the past 10 to 12 years. Has this tech-driven world reached its peak? Will the technology we enjoy today be the same in the



RANDY BROWN

future? Of course not.

In reality, technology is just getting ramped up. I truly believe we’ll see more technological change in the next 10 to 12 years than we’ve seen in the past decade. And after that, the cycle will repeat itself. That’s how technology works. It changes our culture and daily lives, affecting the things we depend on and consider necessities. As mentioned, technology has changed the newspaper industry—and this trend will continue.

However, we don’t need to write the newspaper industry’s epitaph just yet. Newspapers

are still relevant. Yes, we still have stories to tell and news to report, especially with the tremendous growth and activity in our community. We are a community newspaper. As I learned in my college marketing class, 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 are still here and still relevant.

Of course, we’ve had to change too. The way we do business today isn’t the way we did business in the past. I vividly remember when digital media, and then social media, began transforming our industry many years ago. Newspapers resisted this change, seeing it as unwanted and unnecessary competition. But we had no choice but to adapt. We had to offer our audience the digital and social media options they

desired as part of our “media mix” (another marketing 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 fought this dynamic shift struggled. Today, those still resisting the changes in the newspaper industry are no longer in business.

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

“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 that you won’t find elsewhere. Beyond covering local government and municipal bodies, we share stories from our community, from club and organizational news to high school and little league sports scores and photos. And we offer so much more.

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

A fun weekend for boys catching gators

GLYNN HARRIS

Alligator season is on in Louisiana and if you have tags, you can catch them. Such was the case this past weekend for five youngsters and a handful of adults as the gators put on a show for these kids who likely had never had the thrill of catching, dispatching, skinning and fleshing out seven alligators.

The event took place in northeast Louisiana on property owned by Wesley McConnell who was joined on the outing by adults, Mark Johnson, Milt May and George Seacrist. The gathering was arranged as a special weekend by an organization, Cross Trail Outfitters, (CTO)a national group with the stated purpose “Guiding the Next Generation to Christ through the Outdoors.”

The state’s first and only chapter of CTO is headquartered in Lincoln Parish with Mark Johnson, owner of Mark Johnson and Sons Plumbing, as the Director and Facilitator for the organization’s fledgling work in Louisiana.

“It’s really a blessing for me to be part of this,” said Johnson. “When we get boys into the outdoors, we get their attention, and having fun leads to discussions about Christianity.” Of the seven youngsters who participated in this weekend’s event, two made professions of faith in Christ while there.

Visiting with George Seacrist earlier this week, he shared details of how the weekend came together.

“There are four of us, Mark, Milt and Wesley and



Seven youngsters enjoyed the fun of catching seven alligators as part of a Cross Trail Outfitters event held last week..

I who are the leaders of the group who put the event together. The Director of a CTO group in North Carolina, came and brought four youngsters with him. Mark contacted the principal at Choudrant and he suggested three boys he felt would benefit.

“Milt has a hunting lodge near Waverly which was our headquarters and Wesley owns the property where we hunted gators. He had received 20 tags for trapping alligators and we thought that the boys would really enjoy what it’s like to trap for gators since likely none of them had trapped alligators before,” Seacrist explained.

To ensnare alligators, a heavy line is attached to a stout tree branch and the line includes a big hook to which a chicken quarter is impaled. The enticing bait hangs several inches to a foot or more above the water and alligators show no hesitation at leaping from the water to snare the tasty morsel. Too late, the hook is also swallowed and next morning, the gator has no choice but to wait until

hunters arrive.

“We ended up catching seven alligators with the longest being about eight feet in length. The boys got to finish the task by dispatching caught gators with a single round from a .22 rifle, the gator are then hoisted to the bank where the tag is attached and then the fun begins,” Seacrist said.

The gators are skinned and fleshed out with the boys having trophies to take home along with packages of gator meat.

Thinking back to the stated purpose of Cross Trails Outfitters, during the fun weekend, devotionals around the campfire are shared with the kids with an opportunity to accept Christ.

“We have another outing slated for January when we’ll host a duck hunt for the boys,” Johnson said. “We hope to be able to offer a number of fun events down the road for them.”

To learn more and get your son involved for future events, contact any of the four local leaders or go to [www.TeamCto.org](http://www.TeamCto.org) for more information.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL/COLUMN

Warriors suffer first loss; Tide, Apaches win

RUSSELL HEDGES  
Minden Press-Herald

No Webster Parish will go undefeated, but three are having very good seasons as the regular season hits the home stretch.

The Lakeside Warriors suffered their first loss of the season last week, falling to Red River 30-6 in a District 3-2A game in Coushatta.

The Minden Crimson Tide bounced back from their first loss, routing BTW 41-16 in a District 1-4A game in Shreveport.

The Glenbrook Apaches held off Lincoln Prep 24-20 in a District 1-1A game in Grambling.

Minden, Lakeside and Glenbrook are all 6-1 heading into Week 8.

North Webster’s tough season continued with a 49-0 loss to

Week 8 schedule

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defending District 1-3A champion Sterlington. The Knights dropped to 1-6.

Lakeside led most of the first half against Red River. The Bulldogs took an 8-6 lead on a touchdown pass and two-point conversion with just 18 seconds left in the second quarter.

Trailing 22-6 going into the fourth quarter, the Warriors were still in the game but a turnover ended their comeback attempt.

Lakeside should return to the win column Friday against Ringgold. The Redskins (3-3) are coming off a 30-6 victory over Magnolia

School of Excellence.

Minden had a dominant defensive effort at BTW. Both of the Lions’ touchdowns came on fumble returns. The Tide limited the Lions to 79 total yards and seven first downs, per stats kept for the KASO/KBEF radio/web broadcast.

The Tide should improve to 7-1 against a struggling Bossier team that is 3-3 with a forfeit win.

Glenbrook recovered three onside kicks and jumped out to a 24-0 lead against Lincoln Prep then had to hold the Panthers off in the second half.

The Apaches have an open date this week.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

LSU, Grambling State win

RUSSELL HEDGES  
Minden Press-Herald

The LSU Tigers face the Texas A&M Aggies Saturday at 6:30 p.m. in College Station, Texas, with first place in the SEC on the line.

The game will be broadcast on ABC.

LSU (6-1, 3-0) defeated Arkansas 34-10 last Saturday night in Fayetteville, Ark.

The Tigers are a half-game behind Texas A&M (6-1, 4-0) in the standings. Arkansas dropped to 4-3 and 2-2.

The LSU defense turned in an outstanding performance. The Tigers held the Razorbacks to just 38 yards rushing and 277 total yards.

Elsewhere last week, the Grambling State Tigers ended a two-game slide with a 31-21 homecoming victory over Arkansas-Pine Bluff last Saturday.

The Tigers (4-3, 1-2 SWAC) rolled up 310 yards on total offense with 175 coming through the air and 130 coming via the run game.

The Louisiana Tech Bulldogs suffered a tough

Conference USA loss to New Mexico State 33-30 in double overtime last Tuesday in Las Cruces, N.M.

With the score tied at 24 and 3 seconds left, New Mexico State blocked a 27-yard field goal and went on to win in the second overtime with a touchdown.

Tech (2-4, 1-2) was scheduled to host UTEP (1-6, 1-3) Tuesday night.

Northwestern State turned in a good defensive performance, but the Demons tough season continued with a 20-0 Southland Conference loss to Nicholls last Saturday in Thibodaux.

Fishing Report

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

**BUSSEY BRAKE** – Bass fishing is best fishing the wind rows with soft plastics with some in the 8-10 pound range reported. A slow presentation is best. Crappie are still hitting shiners and jigs around deep brush. For latest information, contact the Honey Hole at 323-8707.

**OUACHITA RIVER** – The river is low because of a levee issue below Columbia. Launching is possible at Joe Bob’s. A few crappie are being caught around deep brush in the river. Bass are fair in the cuts. 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 on the channel edges and shiners and jigs are working on them. Bream are slow; catfishing 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 late afternoons with shiners seeming to work best. No report on stripers. Bass have been caught early mornings on top-water lures fished along the edges of grass. Bream are slow. For latest information, call Kel’s Cove at 927-2264 or Terzia Tackle at 278-4498.

**CANEY LAKE** – Bass are best fishing topwa-

ter lures early around the grass lines. Later, best fishing has been on secondary points on soft plastics and crank baits. Crappie are good 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** – Crappie are improving in deeper water on the south end as well as some being caught on the north end. Catfish are fair to good. No report on bass. For latest reports, call Poverty Point Marina at 318/878-0101.

**LAKE YUCATAN** – The water has fallen back to pool stage. 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.



Brogan Waters, 5, killed his first deer during the 2024 Youth Hunt on Oct. 12 in Webster Parish.

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: **Nebraska vs. Ohio State**

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

GOOD LUCK!

GOOD LUCK!



# Good News

GOOD NEWS

## BUIDLING OUR FAITH IN TODAY’S CULTURE

How are we going to put Biblical teachings into practice so we can have spiritual discernment and wisdom to ‘mount our wings as eagles & fly in a society that seeks to keep our noses in the miry mud of a desperate time?’ All around us, as in Biblical times, we are confronted with those ‘lovers of themselves more than they love God & others.’ We are surrounded by those who speak out of both sides of their mouths & build their life’s foundation on false and damaging ideas contrary to the Gospel truth. We seem to be living in a time when ‘anything goes,’ believing everything is relative and changing with the times. For some, even the Word of God needs to be ‘adjusted, updated or altered,’ believing there is a need to re-interpret it to fit the needs of today’s demands.

WHAT IN THE WORLD ARE WE TO DO? WHERE DO WE FIND DIRECTION? HOW ARE WE TO APPLY THESE TEACHINGS TODAY? What does the Bible have to say about living a life above the cares and temptations of the day? Can we, or do we want to apply these teachings to our modern day living?

It is important to know what you believe about the Bible. Is it the truth and nothing but the truth? Is it God-breathed? Consider these 66 books, with some 40 authors, spanning some 1600 years, with a consistent message all the way through, with no contradictions, no mistakes, translated in more than 2500 languages! Consider it to be the best seller of all times and each year it sells millions of copies more than any other

book or series. Do you believe this? Listen to this testimony of the Bible, God’s Holy Word.

To be a student of the Bible, we need to be trained and equipped just like a soldier would be as he goes forth to defend his country. As we step out in faith to be an Ambassador for Christ, to fight against the spiritual war, we need to be equipped as best as we can be, with protective gear (gospel armor – Eph 6). “Be strong in the Lord - in His mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that we can take our stand against the devil’s schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers and authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Put on the full armor God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the Gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all flaming arrows of the evil one. Then, take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Lord which is the Word of God. Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.



Bill Crider

With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.”

Paul gives young Timothy encouragement in how to use God’s Word in a young, troubled congregation, facing a hostile society around it. “Use the things you have heard and are convinced of to be the Divine Truth set forth from Scriptures of old, by God’s Spirit working in you all these years from childhood; all the wise teachings you have heard from your mother, grandmother, me and others who are trustworthy. You can trust these teachings for they are given for specific reasons to leaders in our churches”. 2 Tim 3: 14-17

Paul’s last instructions to Timothy (the last letter he wrote before his death). “Tim, my son, you know what I teach; how I live; what I want to do and what I believe. You have seen how patient and loving I am; how in the past I put up with trouble and suffering wherever I went. Yet the Lord rescued me from all those terrible troubles. Those believers belonging to Christ Jesus, wanting to live for Him, will have trouble from evil people (those pretending to be what they are not.) They will become worse than ever, as they fool others and even themselves. V 14: “So keep on being faithful to what you were taught and learned; become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned them - that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for

reproof, correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.”

He reminds Timothy and us to ‘let our minds filled with Scripture and our thoughts be controlled by the Word.’ It helps us to alter our thinking, change our behavior which then will change everything. This moves us closer to the truth on God’s timeline. Remember, Truth never changes, but we will change as we move closer to Him. See, both Paul and Timothy knew what it was like to live in a world where hate and anger was so visible. They knew the pressures of the hostile society that clashes with the truths of the Holy Scriptures.

Paul: “Timothy, you know the ultimate source of power to withstand the acts of Satan is to stand firm and fight with the truth of God. What you have learned (Scriptures) is reliable & sufficient. You’ve been taught what you need to know - how to be firmly grounded in the Word of God.” Paul was confident Timothy was equipped to continue in his leadership of the church. He told the young preacher..’You’ve been taught from childhood by your mother and grandmother (Eunice and Lois) to follow teachings, conduct, purpose, faith, patience, love, perseverance and by watching persecutions and suffering of others. So, continue to practice what you’ve been taught - it’s evident you’re convinced it is the truth.’ Paul had complete trust in the Holy Script. Paul thought the holy writings were 100% trustworthy for Timothy to use. I believe,

don’t you, they are still reliable. We can recommend the Bible as the ‘best seller of all times’...yes, more than Danielle Steele, John Grisham, Zane Gray or Oprah. In fact, there are more Bibles sold in 1 year than all these combined. It is the best book to read to ‘change our lives,’ to influence people or marriage enrichment, to transform our thinking, behavior and our destiny. Where else can we find such a book?

Yes, this is the story of an eternal promise of everlasting life with God in His heavenly kingdom; it is a redemption story for everyone who will place their faith and trust in Him to be their heavenly Father, to embrace Jesus Christ as their loving Savior. By trusting Him, we all can be forgiven! The story ends with Jesus returning in a cloud of glory with the heavenly hosts to claim His bride, the Church He established here on earth. Then, we all will be rewarded and given a place in His eternal kingdom.

This is not ‘JUST ANY BOOK’...but it is THE BOOK... most all-important book of all. This is the Holy Word of God. Handle it with care. Today, let’s commit to each other we will read the Bible more consistently, we will wipe the dust off of our Bibles and never let it collect there again. May this be our prayer: “That when we die, our fingerprints will be on all the pages of this book, for our family to find special passages marked with notes and prayer requests all through it!”

BILL CRIDER IS CHAPLAIN OF MINDEN MEDICAL CENTER

### THE UPWARD LOOK

## The Sword of the Spirit

*“and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God,” Ephesians 6:17 ESV*



Max Hutto

The Roman soldier used his sword to defend himself against the enemy’s attack and to offensively attack the enemy. Likewise the believer uses the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God, as a defensive and also an offensive weapon. Guided by the Holy Spirit the believer claims the promises and proclaims the truths found in the Bible. The power of Scripture can defeat the enemy’s advances (Matt. 4:3-

11) and can pierce the soul, judging the thoughts and intentions of the heart (Heb. 4:12).

Lord Jesus, help me to take a firm grasp, holding tight to the Word of God. Fill my heart, mind, and thoughts with Scripture so that I may stand firm and may proclaim Your Word, accurately handling the truths of the Word.

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

### INSPIRATION

## Matters of Perspective

I would like everyone to take a moment to reflect on their childhood. Do you remember the hidden image puzzles that they would let you do in school or at the doctor’s office? Do you remember how to solve those puzzles? You have to press the image right against your face and slowly move it out. This allowed you to see things otherwise not visible at first glance. These puzzles were fun and extremely educational because they made you change your perception. The way we choose to look at things is very important. We sometimes look at our lives as chaotic and unbalanced. While other times we see




Bernard Harris

our lives as happy and fulfilled. What we don’t realize all too often is that God is painting a portrait with our lives and he sees the end result. We need to do what we did as children. We need to step back and refocus on God and his plans. Jeremiah 29:11 NLT “For I know the plans I have for you,” says the Lord. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.”

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

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Minden Planning Commission Meeting

November 7, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.

Pelican Room - Minden City Hall

On the agenda is a request from Mr. Gary Brown for a zoning variance on property belonging to him located on Chaffee St. This property is zoned R-2 (Residential). The purpose for this zoning variance is to place a storage building on the property for First Methodist Church of Minden.

Legal Description: LOT FRONTING 74.4 FT. ON CHAFFEE ST. X 225 X 51 X 95 X 170 X 94 FT. IN NW/4 OF SW/4 SEC. 22-19-9

All interested parties will be given a chance to be heard.

**October 23, 2024**  
**November 6, 2024**  
**Minden Press Herald**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Minden Planning Commission Meeting

November 7, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.

Pelican Room - Minden City Hall

On the agenda is a request from Mr. Charlie Smith for a zoning variance on property owned by him located at 480 Moore Street. This property is zoned R-3 (Residential). The purpose for this zoning variance is to place a 2nd residential (mobile home) dwelling on the property. The City of Minden Zoning Ordinance currently requires 1 residential dwelling per lot.

Legal Description: LOTS #9 & SOUTH 7 FT. OF LOT #6, PART. OF HEIRS OF NANCY HEATH IN SE/4 OF NW/4 SEC. 27-19-9, & LESS LOT #11 SOLD

All interested parties will be given a chance to be heard.

**October 23, 2024**  
**November 6, 2024**  
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**Public Notice**

26th Judicial District Judicial Expense Fund

In accordance with provisions of the Local Government Budget Act, this shall serve as notice that the judges of the 26th Judicial District Court will hold a public hearing at 12:00pm Thursday, November 14, 2024 in Courtroom 4B of the Bossier Parish Courthouse located at 204 Burt Boulevard, Benton, Louisiana. The purpose of said hearing shall be to receive public input on the proposed budget for the FY 2025. The proposed budget is available for public inspection Monday through Friday from 8:30am until Noon and from 1:00pm until 4:30pm in office of the District Court located in the Bossier Parish Courthouse or the Webster Parish Courthouse.

**October 23, 2024**  
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**CITY OF MINDEN PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Parcel# 113906**

Notice is hereby given that the City of Minden has received a request to sell their respective tax interest in the following listed property. This property has previously been adjudicated to the City of Minden for unpaid taxes. A public sale of this property will begin at 10:00 A.M. on November 26, 2024, at Minden City Hall, 520 Broadway Street, Minden, LA 71058 in the Pelican Conference Room. The minimum bid has been set at \$2,933.33. Anyone intending to bid must deliver your intent letter and processing fee to E & P Consulting Services, LLC, at 1030 N 9th Street, Monroe, Louisiana 71201 by November 25, 2024. NO faxed, telephoned, mailed or any kind of electronic submission

of intent to bid will be accepted. Any intent to bid letter received by the above deadline will allow 1 party into the bid session. If more than one offer for any particular piece of property is received, all parties who have submitted a written offer will be allowed to bid on the property. For additional information, please contact Parish Adjudicated Property Program at E&P Consulting Services, LLC at 318-907-0924 or ParishPropertyInfo@parishtaxland.com Parcel# 113906 Municipal Address: 1008 Westminster Street, Minden, LA 71055

Brief Legal: LOTS #9 & 10, BLK I, WEST-GATE ADDN

Legal Description: Lots nine (9) and ten (10), Block I, West Gate Addition to the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana, in East Half of Southwest Quarter, Section 28, Township 19 North, Range 9 West, 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, together with all improvements thereon and all rights thereunto belonging.

**October 23, 2024**  
**November 20, 2024**  
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**CITY OF MINDEN PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Parcel# 110359**

Notice is hereby given that the City of Minden has received a request to sell their respective tax interest in the following listed property. This property has previously been adjudicated to the City of Minden for unpaid taxes. A public sale of this property will begin at 10:00 A.M. on November 26, 2024, at Minden City Hall, 520 Broadway Street, Minden, LA 71058 in the Pelican Conference Room. The minimum bid has been set at \$3,483.55. Anyone intending to bid must deliver your intent letter and processing fee to E & P Consulting Services, LLC, at 1030 N 9th Street, Monroe, Louisiana 71201 by November 25, 2024. NO faxed, telephoned, mailed or any kind of electronic submission of intent to bid will be accepted. Any intent to bid letter received by the above deadline will allow 1 party into the bid session. If more than one offer for any particular piece of property is received, all parties who have submitted a written offer will be allowed to bid on the property. For additional information, please contact Parish Adjudicated Property Program at E&P Consulting Services, LLC at 318-907-0924 or ParishPropertyInfo@parishtaxland.com Parcel# 110359

Municipal Address: 709 Horton Street, Minden, LA 71055

Brief Legal: LOT #30, L.T. BROWN SUBDIV Legal Description: Lot No. Thirty (#30), L.T. BROWN SUBDIVISION, located in the West Half of Southeast Quarter (W 1/2 of SE 1/4), Section 28, 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 of Webster Parish, Louisiana in Map Book 3, Page 71, together with all improvements located thereon and all rights thereto belonging.

**October 23, 2024**  
**November 20, 2024**  
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**NOTICE**  
**Parcel No. 110676**

James Clipson Cotton aka James Clipson Cotton Jr. or Estate Belinda Celeste Staples Cotton or Estate

THIS NOTICE BY PUBLICATION IS NOTIFICATION THAT YOUR RIGHTS OR INTEREST IN THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY LOCATED IN MINDEN, LOUISIANA MAY BE TERMINATED BY OPERATION OF LAW IF YOU DO NOT TAKE FURTHER ACTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW: Parcel# 110676 / Municipal Address: 617 and 619 Sunset Lane

Brief Legal: LOTS #11 & 12, WARSAW ADDN IN NE/4 OF NE/4 SEC 27-19-9

Legal Description: Lots 11 and 12, Warsaw Addition to the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana, together with all improvements thereon and all right thereto belonging.

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 if you do not redeem the property by making all required payments to the tax collector listed below or file a lawsuit in accordance with law within sixty (60) days of the date of the first publication of this notice, or the recording of an act transferring ownership, if later. City of Minden 520 Broadway St.

Minden, LA 71058-0580  
318-377-2144 (ext 433)

**October 23, 2024**  
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**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

CITY OF MINDEN Owner 520 BROADWAY Address MINDEN, LA 71055 City, State, Zip 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](http://www.sam.gov), prior to beginning of construction. The CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be examined at the following location(s): COTHREN Graff Smoak Engineering, Inc., 6305 Westport Avenue, Shreveport, LA 71129. 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](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. 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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**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

WEBSTER PARISH POLICE JURY

**2025 ROAD CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS**

The Webster Parish Police Jury solicits sealed proposals for: 2025 Road Construction Materials

The proposals must be in the hands of the undersigned no later than 2:00 p.m., Thursday, November 14, 2024 - in the Courthouse House Annex meeting room of the Webster Parish Police Jury, 401 Main Street, Minden, Louisiana 71055. The bid forms and specification sheets are available at no charge in the office of the Secretary-Treasurer, Webster Parish Policy Jury. Successful bids will be approved at the Regular Meeting, Webster Parish Police Jury on December 3, 2024.

The Webster Parish Police Jury is a tax-exempt governmental agency.

The Webster Parish Police Jury abides by the requirements of the Louisiana Bid Law.

ALL BIDS SUBMITTED MUST BE CLEARLY MARKED.

Webster Parish Police Jury  
Lisa Balkom  
Secretary-Treasurer

**October 16,23,30 2024**  
**November 6, 13 2024**  
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**ORDINANCE NO. 1147**

Be it known that the City of Minden, acting in accordance with the laws of the State of Louisiana, posts the following data covering City of Minden bridges:

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By motion and second of Michael Roy and Latasha Mitchell, the motion was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

AYE(S): 5

NAY(S): 0

ABSENCE(S): 0

ABSTENTION(S): 0

Nicholas A. Cox, Mayor

Melaney Langford, City Clerk

**October 23, 2024**  
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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF MINDEN, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN IN REGULAR SESSION HELD ON OCTOBER 7, 2024**

The Minden City Council met at City Hall in Minden, Louisiana, beginning at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Nick Cox, Carlton Myles, Levon Thomas, Latasha Mitchell, Michael Roy, and Andy Pendergrass. Absence(s): None. Mayor Cox welcomed everyone to the meeting. Prayer was offered by Carlton Myles and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Levon Thomas. It is noted for the record that Mayor Cox allowed both council and public comments prior to every vote. Michael Roy moved to amend the printed agenda to add Item (5) Adopt Resolution – Amending the City of Minden 2024-2025 Budget and place this item before Item (6) Authority for Mayor Cox to Execute a Purchase Agreement for 72.886 Acres Located on Recreation Drive. This addition to the agenda and change in the order of agenda items was necessary in order for the council to appropriately vote to authorize Mayor Cox to execute the purchase agreement. The motion was duly seconded by Latasha Mitchell and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None. Carlton Myles moved to amend the printed agenda to add Item (13) Adopt Changes to the Structure of the Minden Fire Department. The motion was duly seconded by Michael Roy and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None. Andy Pendergrass moved to adopt the minutes of the Minden City Council Regular Session held on September 3, 2024, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Carlton Myles and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None. Carlton Myles moved to approve the appointment of Tamra Wichelns to the Minden Main Street Program/ Downtown Development Commission to fill the vacant term, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Michael Roy and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None. Upon motion by Andy Pendergrass and duly seconded by Levon Thomas, the council unanimously awarded Bid No. 01-2025, 2024-2025 Street Improvements Project, to the lowest qualified bidder meeting all requirements, T.L. Construction, LLC. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None. Latasha Mitchell moved to authorize the City Clerk to advertise for bids for the purchase of one

(1) new 55-foot bucket truck, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Michael Roy and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None. Upon motion by Carlton Myles and duly seconded by Andy Pendergrass, the council unanimously adopted a Resolution to Amend the City of Minden 2024-2025 Budget, as presented. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None. Upon motion by Carlton Myles and duly seconded by Levon Thomas, the council unanimously authorized Mayor Cox to execute a purchase agreement for 72.886 acres of land located on Recreation Drive, as presented. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None. Michael Roy moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1147 – Annual Bridge Maintenance Report, a Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development requirement to annually review the posting of city bridges, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Latasha Mitchell and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None. Andy Pendergrass moved to adopt a Resolution for Annual Certification of Compliance with State of Louisiana Off-System Bridge Replacement Program, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Michael Roy and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None. Upon motion by Michael Roy and duly seconded by Andy Pendergrass, the council unanimously adopted a Resolution Requesting that the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LA DOTD) Division of Aviation Provide Funds Required to Complete the Airport Improvements at the Minden Airport Specifically as Described in the Capital Improvement Program Application for State Financial Assistance Dated September 2024, as presented. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None. City Clerk Melaney Langford presented the Budget/Financial Report for the month of August 2024. No motion was required. Fire Chief Brian Williams presented the Fire Report for the month of September 2024. No motion was required. The Police Report for the month of August 2024 was unanimously accepted, as presented, by motion of Levon Thomas and second by Latasha Mitchell. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None. Carlton Myles moved to adopt the changes to the structure of the Minden Fire Department. The motion was duly seconded by Michael Roy and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None. Announcements and council comments were heard. The meeting was then adjourned.

Motion was made by Rachael Muniz, seconded by Jackie Daniels to approve the August minutes as offered, motion carried. Motion was made by Rachael Muniz to accept the August financials as offered, motion carried.

National Night Out/ Meet the Panthers participation and preparation was discussed. Alderman Bridwell reported there is no longer electricity to the brown building on main street and that the trailer and other electric needs would have to come from some other source. The date is October 25th, 2024. Resolution was offered to add the inmate labor for an extra day each week on Thursdays at an additional cost of \$1000.00 per month. Motion was made by Jackie Daniels, seconded by Rachael Muniz, motion carried. Mr. Dunaway was not present so therefore there was no sewer report for this month. The Clerk reported the Well for the sewer pond should be completed this month or no later than early October 2024. Chief Hayden reports things are seemingly quiet and he has seen no fluctuation in normal routine calls. Rachael Muniz volunteered to try and solve the issue of the Center-point Entergy damage developed at the First Baptist Church property when the gas line had to be previously dug up.

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**Village of Dixie Inn Regular Session**

October 8, 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 October 8, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, Dixie Inn, Louisiana with the following members present: Mayor Donna Hoffoss, Aldermen Judy McKenzie, Nell Finlay, and Lance Milligan. The meeting was called to order and the invocation and pledge of allegiance were given. There were no public comments. Mayor Hoffoss welcomed guests. A motion was made by Judy McKenzie and seconded by Nell Finlay to adopt the minutes of the regular session of September 10, 2024, and special session of September 23, 2024. Vote on the motion was unanimous. Financial statements of all funds, including a current budget vs. actual, were presented. A motion was made by Judy McKenzie and seconded by Lance Milligan to adopt all financial statements for September 2024. Vote on the motion was unanimous. Department Reports: Mike Chreene reported all is well with the water department. Police Chief Jeffrey McNeill presented the council with an activity report of all traffic stops, citations, and

arrests made by his department during the month of September. Mayor Hoffoss reported the Highway 80 Sale will be held October 18-20, 2024. Main to Main sale will be held the first weekend of November. There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Nell Finlay and seconded by Judy McKenzie. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

ATTEST:  
Donna Hoffoss  
Mayor

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**MINUTES**

VILLAGE OF DOY-LINE COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 9, 2024

Meeting was called to Order by Alderman Steve Bridwell. Invocation was offered by Jackie Daniels, with the Pledge of Allegiance lead by Rachael Muniz. Roll was taken, present was Rachael Muniz, Jackie Daniels, Steve Bridwell, Chief Hayden, Clerk Myra Kilburn; absent was Mayor Gates and Mike Dunaway-Sewer Superintendent.

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October 14, 2024  
The Sibley Town Council met in regular session on Monday, October 14, 2024, at 6pm at Sibley Town Hall. Members present were Mayor Robert Smart; Aldermen: Wayne Bolton, Helen Chanler, Richard Davis, Keith Merritt and Alan Myers. Mayor Smart opened the meeting in prayer; then led the Pledge of Allegiance. Keith Merritt motioned to adopt the minutes to the September 9, 2024 Regular Meeting as read, Richard Davis seconded. Motion carried. Richard Davis motioned to add Sibley Police Chief Jeremy Robinson to the agenda under New Items. Alan Myers seconded. Motion carried with a unanimous vote. There were no Public Comments. Richard Davis motioned to adopt Resolution No. 12-2024 approving the purchase of a new F-550 brush truck for the Sibley Volunteer Fire Department, Wayne Bolton seconded. Motion carried. Alan Myers motioned to act on Chief Jeremy Robinson's recommendation to hire Tommie Boddie as a part-time officer. Richard Davis seconded. Motion carried. Asst. Fire Chief Richard Davis gave the September 2024 activity report for the Sibley Volunteer Fire Department. Chief Jeremy Robinson gave the September 2024 activity report for the Sibley Police Department. The Board acknowledged receipt of the September 2024 Financial Statements. Alan Myers motioned to adjourn; Keith Merritt seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned. Attest: Robert Smart Mayor Robert Smart Mayor Sherry McCann Town Clerk This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer 1

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CRYPTO FUN

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Solve the code to discover words related to fall.  
Each number corresponds to a letter.  
(Hint: 13= L)

A. 15 14 8 14 9 10

Clue: Another name for “fall”

B. 13 19 15 4 19 3

Clue: Parts of trees

C. 20 2 13 2 11 23 14 13

Clue: Vivid

D. 20 1 24 13 13

Clue: Feels cool

Answers: A. autumn B. leaves C. colorful D. chill

## SUDOKU

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Level: Intermediate

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

ANSWER:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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### CLUES ACROSS

1. Long piece of squared timber  
5. Emaciation  
10. “Bewitched” boss Larry  
14. Combining form meaning “different”  
15. Current unit equal to 10 amperes  
16. Older  
17. Large, stocky lizard  
18. Ringworm  
19. Actor Pitt  
20. Indian hand clash cymbals  
22. Data at rest  
23. Jeweled headdress  
24. Indicators of when stories were written  
27. Check  
30. Cigarette (slang)  
31. Arctic explorers (abbr.)  
32. Yearly tonnage (abbr.)  
35. Delivered a speech  
37. A place to bathe  
38. Postmen deliver it  
39. Surface in geometry  
40. More (Spanish)
41. \_\_\_ and Venzetti  
42. Exclamation at the end of a prayer  
43. Hawaiian dish  
44. Aggressively proud men  
45. Fellow  
46. Mark Wahlberg comedy  
47. Mock  
48. When you expect to get somewhere  
49. Songs  
52. Pair of small hand drums  
55. Play  
56. Sword  
60. Evergreens and shrubs genus  
61. Filmed  
63. Italian Seaport  
64. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea  
65. Pores in a leaf  
66. U. of Miami mascot is one  
67. Snake-like fishes  
68. Pretended to be  
69. Body part

### CLUES DOWN

1. Piece of felted material  
2. Ancient Greek City  
3. Aquatic plant  
4. Potentially harmful fungus (Brit. sp.)  
5. Body art (slang)  
6. One who follows the rules  
7. Ordinary  
8. Honorably retired from assigned duties and retaining one's title  
9. Relaxing space  
10. Japanese socks  
11. Indian city  
12. Rip  
13. Icelandic book  
21. Satisfies  
23. Where golfers begin  
25. Small amount  
26. Snag  
27. Determine the sum of  
28. A distinctive smell  
29. Exposed to view  
32. Stain or blemish
33. Small loop in embroidery  
34. River herring genus  
36. Large beer  
37. Deep, red-brown sea bream  
38. Partner to cheese  
40. At a deliberate pace  
41. Gurus  
43. Of each  
44. Angry  
46. Popular beverage  
47. Flower cluster  
49. Blocks  
50. Those who benefitted from efforts of relatives (slang)  
51. Polio vaccine developer  
52. A (usually) large and scholarly book  
53. Popular soap ingredient  
54. NBAer Bradley  
57. Popular movie about a pig  
58. Musician Clapton  
59. Not a sure thing  
61. Recipe measurement (abbr.)  
62. Father

### PUZZLE SOLUTION

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