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Webster Parish School Board recognizes Chequila Frazier

AMBER MCDOWN
Minden Press-Herald

Chequila Frazier, a special education bus driver, was honored as the Webster Parish Employee of the Month during the school board’s November meeting. Kevin Thompson of Taylor and Sons presented the award, highlighting Ms. Frazier’s commitment to her role and the positive impact she has on students.

“Every month we celebrate the exemplary acts of those school employees who go above and beyond in their duties to serve others,” said Thompson.

Ms. Frazier’s nomination letter underscored her dedication and compassionate approach. It described her as a vital asset to the school system, setting a welcoming tone for students with her warm greetings each morning. Her unique ability to connect with students, especially those facing challenges, was noted as a key aspect of her role.

Beyond her regular duties, Ms. Frazier often provides transportation during non-traditional hours and is recognized for her organizational skills and proactive problem-solving.

She is celebrated for her unwavering dedication and willingness to assist both students and colleagues.

“Ms. Frazier never hesitates to go above and beyond for her students and colleagues. Her contributions to our students and school system are truly exceptional, and she is more than worthy of this recognition,” read her nomination letter.

The Webster Parish School Board extends its congratulations to Ms. Frazier for her outstanding service and dedication to students.



CRIME

Intoxicated man found outside garage, arrested by police

STAFF REPORT
Minden Press-Herald

A Minden man was arrested on November 22 after police found him unconscious and intoxicated outside a local business.

According to a report from the Minden Police

Department, an officer responded to a call from a concerned citizen about a man lying on the ground in front of Potter’s Garage in the 600 block of East Union Street. Upon arrival, the officer discovered the man, later identified as Victor Batton, 31, unconscious but breathing.

The officer woke Batton, who appeared disoriented and exhibited slurred speech. After frisking him for weapons, the officer detained Batton in handcuffs due to his visibly intoxicated state. Batton initially gave an incoherent response when asked for his date of birth, further

indicating his impaired condition.

During the encounter, the officer found Batton leaning against the patrol vehicle for support, unable to stand on his own. A search of his belongings revealed two empty snack bags with synthetic marijuana residue on the

packaging. Batton denied consuming any intoxicating substances and refused medical attention.

For his safety and that of the public, Batton was taken into custody and transported to the Minden Police Department for booking. He was later charged with appearing

in an intoxicated condition.

Unable to post bond, Batton was subsequently transported to Bayou Correctional Center.

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

EDUCATION

Spencer Creech earns Eagle Scout rank

Special to the Minden Press-Herald

Spencer Creech of Troop 100 Bossier was presented with his Eagle Scout badge at his Court of Honor on November 10th. Only 7% of Scouts ever achieve Eagle rank. To obtain this rank, a Scout must earn at least 21 merit badges, demonstrate leadership by organizing and carrying out a significant community service project, and pass a council board of review.

Spencer’s Eagle Project was “Duffle Bags for Homeless Veterans.” He conducted a two-month supply drive by speaking with leaders of area churches, businesses, and organizations to request donations. He collected over \$2,500 worth of supplies. He and his troop used the supplies to make first aid kits and personal care kits to go into 30 duffle bags. The duffle bags were distributed by Every Warrior Network in Bossier, a nonprofit organization that assists veterans in times of need.

Spencer served his troop as a patrol leader, assistant patrol leader, quartermaster, librarian, and historian. He earned 36 merit badges: his favorites were Fishing, Swimming, Rifle, Shotgun, and the Animation badge he completed by making stop-motion videos. He completed a Photography badge by taking pictures of historic buildings in Gibsland and Mt. Lebanon to make a photo



journal called “A Walk through the Past.” On a trip to Italy, he completed an Archaeology badge by taking pictures of archaeology in progress at Pompeii and making an information guide. He and his troop completed a Nuclear Science badge by taking a guided tour of the Willis-Knighton Proton Therapy Center.

Spencer joined Cub Scouts when he was six. He attended family camps where he earned patches for marksmanship with a BB gun and a bow and arrow. He worked with a Scout mentor to complete the optional Cub Scout Nova STEM Program and

earn the Dr. Luis Alvarez Supernova Medal and the Dr. Charles Towns Supernova Medal. The medals were awarded by Norwela Scout Council. No Cub Scout in Louisiana had ever earned these awards before. Spencer completed Arrow of Light when he was 10, and crossed over into the BSA program.

Spencer is an 11th grade homeschool student, and plans to attend Louisiana Tech. His parents are Donna Sutton and Steve Creech of Minden. His grandparents are Betty Sutton and the late Jerry Sutton of Gibsland, and Sharon McComas of Smithville, Missouri.

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OBITUARIES



Opal Holder Cole

Cotton Valley, LA

Graveside services for Mrs. Opal Holder Cole, age 93, of Cotton Valley, LA, were held at 11:00 am, Friday, November 29, 2024, at the Cotton Valley Cemetery, Cotton Valley, LA, with Rev. Alicia Nichols officiating. Interment followed under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home, Springhill. Visitation was held Friday, November 29, 2024, from 9:00 am until 10:45 am at Bailey Funeral Home, Springhill. Mrs. Cole was born on October 21, 1931 to Sam B. and Gay Shackelford Holder in Jonesboro, LA and passed

away on Sunday, November 24, 2024 in Minden, LA. She was a member of Cotton Valley Assembly of God Church and was a retired retail clerk. She loved cooking, working in her yard and planting flowers. She is survived by four children, Rita Helen Brents of Vivian, LA, Donald Ray Dillard, Sr. of Cotton Valley, LA, Timmy Dillard and wife, Betty of Plain Dealing, LA, Kristy Mechelle Nix of Springhill, LA; a host grandchildren and great-grandchildren; brother, Tommy Holder, Sr. of Leesville, LA; and numerous nieces and nephews. Mrs. Cole was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Albert Wesley Cole; daughter, Patricia Orr; and ten siblings. Pallbearers were Tommy Holder, Jr., Timothy Burlison, Spencer Orr, Max Orr, Donny Dillard, Jr., Noah Nix, and Jacey Nix. Sign our online guest book at www.baileyfuneralhome.net

CRIME

Gibbsland man arrested for DWI after disturbance

STAFF REPORT
Minden Press-Herald

A Gibbsland man was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated following a disturbance at a local Walmart and a subsequent traffic stop on Fincher Road. The incident began when Minden police received a report about a possible drunk driver who had caused a disturbance at Walmart before leaving the property. The vehicle, described as a red Jeep, was reported heading southbound on Homer

Road. Officers located the vehicle and conducted a traffic stop on Fincher Road. The driver, identified as Robert Reed, 49, of Gibbsland, displayed signs of impairment. According to the police report, officers detected a faint smell of alcohol and noted that Reed had bloodshot eyes and exhibited slow pupil reaction, raising concerns about possible drug use. Reed reportedly became upset during the stop, stating he did not understand why Walmart employees had contacted

law enforcement, claiming he was there to purchase whiskey for his father. After being read his rights, Reed agreed to perform standardized field sobriety tests (SFSTs). He displayed signs of impairment during the horizontal gaze nystagmus test and struggled with the walk-and-turn and one-leg-stand portions of the evaluation. Reed was arrested and transported to the Minden Police Department, where he refused a chemical test on the Intoxi-

lyzer 9000. Officers noted Reed's continued uncooperative behavior during processing. This is not Reed's first DWI charge; records show a prior arrest for DWI first offense in 2011 in Shreveport. He has been charged with DWI. Authorities remind the public of the importance of reporting suspected impaired drivers to ensure community safety. *All subjects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*

GOVERNMENT

Biden pardons his son Hunter despite saying multiple times he wouldn't do so

(The Center Square) - President Joe Biden announced late Sunday that he is pardoning his son, Hunter Biden, who has faced federal prosecution for gun and tax-related charges. The move comes after multiple statements by the president along the campaign trail saying he would not do so if his son is convicted. Biden released a statement Sunday arguing that the charges were "instigated" by the president's political opponents in Congress. "Today, I signed a pardon

for my son Hunter," Biden said in a statement Sunday. "From the day I took office, I said I would not interfere with the Justice Department's decision-making, and I kept my word even as I have watched my son being selectively, and unfairly, prosecuted." Hunter Biden's plea agreement with the Department of Justice fell apart at the last minute earlier this year as some lawmakers called it a sweetheart deal and special treatment for the president's son. Biden argued that his

son, Hunter, was unfairly treated for political reasons, justifying the pardon. Biden had frequently dismissed media questions about his son and whether he would pardon him, outright saying earlier this year that he would not pardon his son if convicted. "Without aggravating factors like use in a crime, multiple purchases, or buying a weapon as a straw purchaser, people are almost never brought to trial on felony charges solely for how they filled out a gun form," Biden said. "Those who were late paying their

taxes because of serious addictions, but paid them back subsequently with interest and penalties, are typically given non-criminal resolutions. It is clear that Hunter was treated differently." Lawmakers in Congress and IRS whistleblowers have argued the opposite, saying Hunter Biden was given preferential treatment by federal investigators because of his father. The news comes after federal prosecutors telegraphed their intention to drop the charges against President-elect Donald

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porting local businesses throughout the season. "We encourage everyone to keep up the momentum to shop and dine local as much as possible this holiday season. Let's boost our economy and keep our small businesses thriving," she added. Although participation this year fell short of some expectations, the event still provided an opportunity for resi-

dents to engage with local merchants. Business owners remain optimistic that their unique offerings and personal service will continue to attract shoppers in the weeks ahead. Shoppers are reminded that every purchase at a small business has a meaningful impact on the community, helping to create a thriving local economy and supporting the entrepreneurs who keep Minden vibrant.

FASHION

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Entertainment for the evening was provided by Jeremy Brown (JBrown), a versatile violinist blending electric and acoustic hip-hop, pop, jazz, soul, and gospel genres. O'Neal praised the efforts of the Fashionetta committee, saying, "Their dedication and hard work have made

this event possible." Fashionetta is a cornerstone event for the Iota Rho Omega Chapter, supporting causes such as the American Heart Association, the American Sickle Cell Anemia Association, Susan G. Komen, the Joe LeBlanc Food Pantry, and more. The chapter's mission remains focused on advancing "Service to All Mankind."

COUNCIL

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have to be within those guidelines. At the end of the year, we have to close out that budget by making sure we're in that 5% variance," said Minden Mayor Nick Cox. The next budget amendment had to do with properly spending the money the city had received from the American Rescue Plan Act before the deadline at the end of the year, making sure the city could actually keep all the money it was given and not having to return it to the federal government. "Several years ago the City of Minden was given over \$4 million from the federal government for the American Rescue fund, and we have until the end of this year to make sure that every cent of it is allocated to something," said Mayor Cox. "It cannot just be allocated through a budget, it has to be nearly spent. We don't have to have the check written, but it has to be nearly spent, meaning an invoice, solid quote, or bid awarded. "Many months ago we passed a working ARPA budget and just slap ran out of time to spend it all, so we have appropriate expenditures that we already made, so we would like to amend the budget and go ahead and reimburse the city for those very appropriate expens-

es we've already spent money on and, therefore, not have to send the money back to the federal government." Next, the council authorized the mayor to be given full authority to execute and submit all documents pertaining to the Delta Regional Authority for a grant that the city had received to replace one of its oldest water lines. "Last month, we were notified that we had received \$509,000 in grant money from the Delta Regional Authority, with a city match of \$155,000. This is to replace a 100-year-old line that feeds from the water plant to the water tower on Main Street," said Mayor Cox. After that, the council approved raises for certain city elected officials which will take effect in 2027. The elected officials include the mayor, police chief, ward marshal, and the city judge. "We give city-wide raises to all the employees, generally speaking, for the cost of living and things like that," said Cox. "What happens is, ten years go by, and that pay for those elected officials just lags and lags, and we're in a time where inflation is hitting everybody so terribly hard." A significant portion of the meeting was allotted to explaining and approving various ordi-

nances that all pertained to various aspects of the fire department and fire safety rules. The first ordinance simply had to do with eliminating some references in ordinances to positions in the fire department that no longer existed. "There were positions in the past that the city had in areas of the town when it came to the structure of the fire department that no longer exist, and are no longer needed," said Mayor Cox. The second ordinance had to do with preventing the obstruction or tampering of fire hydrants. "We have rules for this already. We've added some language that would prevent people from obstructing a fire hydrant. The way this is set up is in line with the NFPA national standards," said Mayor Cox. The last one was a single ordinance but added some new rules or changes to existing ones that either help the fire department respond to emergency situations or keep emergency situations from happening in the first place. "On item one, private water sources, that is pertaining to the fire department being authorized in an emergency to use water from private ponds, swimming pools, lakes, etc. to save life and property without liability for damages," said Minden

Fire Chief Brian Williams. The next part of the ordinance had to do with access boxes that hold keys to the properties for commercial buildings and gated communities; they will have to install those to help the department gain access to buildings in the case of an emergency. "Currently, the City of Minden has a key box of forty to fifty keys, and we have to try to find a key to a building when we get there. It's just not efficient for what we're doing, so this fixes that," said Chief Williams. "The access box system is a key box on commercial buildings that has an automatic fire alarm system or an automatic fire suppression system, to have a master key for locations in the building for the fire department to have access to." Williams went on to state that existing buildings will have six months to comply, property owners will bear the cost of installation, and new commercial buildings will have to have them installed when being constructed. He also described the security measures that will be put in the place to ensure that only the proper individuals will have access to the boxes, and that they will only be used in the case of an emergency. "There is a security

plan in place so only the fire chief or the city clerk can request a key to these boxes. These boxes are only keyed for the City of Minden, and these keys will be under lock and key on the fire apparatus, and every individual has to have a security pin. They are time and date-stamped security procedures so no one can just get it off of the truck at any time," said Chief Williams. The next part of the ordinance had to do with adding rules pertaining to outdoor burning. The City of Minden did not have one, so this put some rules in place that describe what can and cannot be burned. "The City of Minden does not have an ordinance that prevents outdoor burning. What I've requested is just adding in the ordinance that we just follow the state law regarding controlling air pollution," said Chief Williams. "What it states is that the only thing you can burn inside the city of Minden is vegetative debris." The next rule was made to help the problem of the department responding to false alarms. The ordinance gives plenty of leeway for an accidental trigger of an automatic fire alarm, but if the issue persists, allow for some fees to be administered to help incentivize the faulty alarm owner to get it fixed.

"It costs the city every time we respond to these calls. That's the main issue, just trying to get these malfunctioning systems repaired," said Williams. "In twelve months, the first three times we get there are free. If we respond a fourth time, there's a \$100 fee, fifth time there's a \$200 fee, the sixth time there's a \$300 fee." Lastly, the ordinance goes into detail about the dates and times that people in the city can sell or discharge fireworks. Originally it only referenced the dates. It also clarified what fireworks sellers must display and what fire equipment they must have on-site. It includes a requirement that people obtain a permit from the City of Minden building official if they are looking to do a pyrotechnic display outside of the legal holidays that are stated in the ordinance. 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 to the public, 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."

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OPINION

Trump Will Address Global Challenges From a Position of Strength

What I’ve always found interesting is the long-held belief that “America’s enemies always test a new president to see how far they can go.” Well, I’m highly doubtful that will occur now. They won’t be testing this one.

Our enemies no doubt already know that the “appeasement” policy of the Obama-Biden Administrations is resoundingly over.

Rather, our enemies know exactly what they will be getting from Trump II and America—a decisive Commander-in-Chief and a military structure with the capacity to bring overwhelming force against America’s enemies. The result of this, ironically, will be to preserve peace. This was President Reagan’s philosophy of “peace through strength.”

New security measures will undoubtedly include Pres. Trump’s vision of possessing the technology to knock down and destroy incoming intercontinental ballistic missiles. “We will replenish our military and build an Iron Dome missile defense system to ensure that no enemy can strike our homeland,” Trump stated on the campaign.

Such a defense system will no doubt build upon the great Strategic Defense Initiative technology of Pres. Reagan in the 1980s, much as that technology has been deployed for several decades by Israel to defend

itself against endless bombing attacks.

Iran, who tried and will continue to try to have Pres. Trump assassinated, is back on its heels. The sanctions Pres. Trump imposed in his first term crushed the economy of that nation, so it was not in a position to continue funding terror campaigns—

whether directly or through its proxies like Hamas and Hezbollah—throughout the world. Those sanctions will be reimposed.

Israel, no doubt, has breathed an enormous sigh of relief. The Obama-Biden Administrations often only tenuously supported that country and then, often only due to extraordinary pressure by the American people to do so. Trump will no doubt stand behind Israel and allow it to defend itself by any and all means necessary.

China will no doubt continue to engage in cyberespionage and intellectual theft but will think twice about further dominating weaker nations or commanding new territories. This is not only due to robust U.S. military strength but also

because China cannot afford to be cut off from trade with America, even with Trump-imposed tariffs.

President Trump will also do what he said he would during the campaign and end the Russia-Ukraine war. This will probably require Ukraine to cede some portion of its territory that Russia has seized but in so doing Ukraine will remain under the protection of the U.S.; to say nothing of the hundreds of billions of dollars it has received from us already. Russia, in turn, will be looking for a face-saving way to end the conflict. Despite his statements about the use of nuclear weapons, Vladimir Putin does not want to test Pres. Trump.

Kim Jong Un in North Korea is, as always, engaged in bellicose rhetoric and saber rattling but he also doesn’t want to cross Trump.

As an aside, Elon Musk has commented that the F-35 fighter jet tries to do too many things and does nothing particularly well. Musk thinks the “F-35 fighter is an obsolete and poorly functioning weapon system whose mission is best overtaken by uncrewed aircraft.” (Air @ Space Forces Magazine, J. Tirpak, 11-27-24). In fact, Musk believes we should move to entirely unmanned fighter aircraft. If we ever do so we would no longer need to be concerned about many things, including human fighter

pilots being killed or pilots losing consciousness and passing out when G forces overwhelm them.

To that end, I am greatly interested in seeing what reductions Musk and Vivek Ramaswamy conclude can be smartly and strategically made to address the enormous but corroded U.S. military-industrial complex.

This is an exciting time on multiple fronts. The difference is America is again led by a decisive, fearless man who has been tried and has emerged victorious, not only overcoming eight years of relentless bombs and legal attacks from the corrupt Deep State and their media coven, but also surviving two assassination attempts, including one in Butler, PA where he was actually struck by an assassin’s bullet. In short, America’s domestic political and foreign enemies see a battle-tested man of combat-level courage.

At this time of year when we give thanks for living in America, we must follow Trump’s example and, as did he, we too must thank God for sparing his life and blessing the life of our nation. Happy Thanksgiving and Christmas season!

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INSPIRATION

Into Every Life, a Little Rain Must Fall

From the richest to the poorest to those in-between, a little rain must fall. To think not is to be naive. Of course the rain or the pain may be accepted differently according to how our minds have been programmed to accept or reject change within our life.

However hard we try to reject change, it still will come, as night follows day. My change came with thunderous speed when I was thirteen.

It all began on an unlit heavily wooded road just outside Noel, Missouri! I am fascinated by memories as I drive down Hall Ridge road, that is so steep, narrow and rocky, I stand amazed trying to find the little shack where I spent my last year at home with my mother and sister, Alice!

I couldn’t find the house but think I can identify where it stood for many years. When we moved there in 1961 I became lost

in thought as stared deeply into the woods while sitting on the covered cistern -- wondering what my future held.

It was on this same plot of land where a hobo family lived in a barn adjacent to our land. To this day I wonder what happened to the family of four who was so destitute. I somehow envision that the children succeeded in life even though they never sent the children to school. I may never find out what happened to the family but being the sleuth that I am I believe one day I will find out what legacy they left behind.

I hope it was a good one! Bless my poor mother’s

soul! She paid \$400 for this rundown house and 12 acres because she hated paying \$25.00 a month for rent.

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Within a few days Earnest Young and Fred Webb, the minister who baptized me,

came to school, and asked to talk to me. Unheard of today, they took me for a short ride in their car and asked if I would like to go to an orphanage.

Without thinking twice I knew this was an opportunity I must accept if I was to have a chance in life, having been born to a sweet little mother who would forever be disabled from a fall when she was only two years old.

Enough said for now but I must keep on keeping on sharing my story that I back away from just a bit and become just as fascinated by how one life can make a difference in this world!

Who knows how far the infinite ripples will keep on going when we step off the beaten path and into the unknown!

God is good, very good and always gets me to the right place at the right time.

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The Power of Shopping Local This Holiday Season

As we approach the holiday season, we’ve just wrapped up a weekend of shopping extravaganzas — Black Friday, Small Business Saturday, and Cyber Monday. These events mark the start of a critical time for businesses everywhere, but especially for local businesses that form the heartbeat of our community.

While the big-box stores and online retailers offer convenience, let’s not forget the true value of shopping locally. Local businesses aren’t just about offering products and services — they are an integral part of the fabric that makes our communities unique, vibrant, and resilient. This holiday season, I encourage you to take the time to consider where you’re spending your money. Here’s why shopping local matters more than ever.

Supporting the Community:

When you spend your hard-earned money at a local store, you’re helping to support local families. Local business owners are your neighbors, friends,



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and community members. They contribute to local charities, sponsor youth sports teams, and participate in civic events. They give back to the community in ways that large corporations often cannot. Your purchase is an investment in the people and places that make your town a great place to live.

Building Stronger Local Economies: When you shop local, more of your money stays

within the community. Studies show that for every \$100 spent at a locally owned business, \$68 remains in the local economy. Compare that to \$43 when you shop at a national chain. Local businesses provide jobs, create economic opportunities, and contribute to the unique character of our neighborhoods. When we support local businesses, we contribute to a more sustainable and resilient local economy.

Personalized Service and Unique Gifts: One of the best parts about shopping locally is the personalized service you receive. Local shop owners and employees know their customers, and they go the extra mile to provide a great experience. Whether it’s recommending the perfect gift, offering customizations, or simply making you feel like part of the family, shopping local means a more personal

touch. Plus, local businesses offer unique and one-of-a-kind items that you won’t find in the big-box stores. This holiday season, consider giving a gift that’s meaningful and local.

A Sense of Belonging: When you shop at locally owned businesses, you create a sense of community. You get to know the people who work there, and they get to know you. There’s a sense of belonging that comes with shopping locally that simply can’t be replicated at large chain stores. You’ll be supporting a business that values you and your community just as much as you value them.

Take Action This Holiday Season: As we head into the final weeks of the year, I challenge you to think about how your purchasing decisions can make a difference. Whether it’s picking up a gift for someone special or grabbing a cup of coffee,

every transaction you make locally has a ripple effect. So, this holiday season, consider shopping with intention. Buy from your neighbors, support your local entrepreneurs, and help keep your community strong.

At the Minden Press-Herald, Bossier Press-Tribune, Webster Printing Company, and BIZ Magazine, we understand how vital local businesses are to the fabric of our communities. We’re proud to support the businesses that support us, and we encourage you to do the same. When you shop local, you are investing in the future of your community. Let’s make this holiday season one of local support, growth, and success.

Happy Holidays, and thank you for supporting local!

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Minden, Doyline boys off to strong starts

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Because of the Thanksgiving week break, there wasn't much high school basketball action last week. But the Minden and Doyline boys teams continued their strong starts. The Crimson Tide defeated Gibsland-Coleman for the second time this season, winning 76-55 on the road. Minden entered this week 4-0. Doyline routed Plain Dealing 65-14 in the Decari Markray Classic at Bossier

Parish Community College. The Panthers entered this week 10-1 with a seven-game winning streak. At Gibsland-Coleman, the game was relatively close for three quarters. Tide and Bulldogs were tied at 16 after the first quarter. Minden led 37-30 at the half and 49-41 after three quarters. The Tide dominated the fourth quarter, outscoring the Bulldogs 27-14. Carmelo Smith led Minden with 27 points. Darnell Morris added 17. Jaiden

Franklin had 11 and Cameron Parker 10. At BPCC, Doyline led the outmanned Lions 21-2 after the first quarter and 50-11 at the half. The running clock kicked in during the second quarter. Jay Patterson scored 23 of his 25 points in the first half. Damarion McClendon hit three 3-pointers and scored 11 points. In the only girls game last week, Minden fell to Gibsland-Coleman 47-38. The Lady Tiders entered this week 2-2.



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Doyline Head Coach Michael Normand talks to his player during a victory over Plain Dealing last week.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Tech wins season finale, finishes 5-7

LOUISIANA TECH STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS

RUSTON — Louisiana Tech closed the 2024 season strong with a 33-0 victory over Kennesaw State last Saturday at Joe Aillet Stadium. The Bulldogs finished 5-7 overall in Head Coach Sonny Cumbie's third season. All seven losses were by 10 points or less. Three were in overtime. Tech was

4-4 in Conference USA. "I am extremely proud of our players," Cumbie said. "I am happy with the way they finished. Really proud of our coaching staff, finishing the season in the manner of which we won. It has been a long time since this program had a goose egg up there." Omiri Wiggins scored three touchdowns and the Bulldogs rolled up 210 yards rushing. Wiggins finished with 129 yards on 17

carries. Amani Givens had 71 on 13 carries and scored a touchdown. Redshirt freshman Evan Bullock, who started the season as the No. 3 quarterback, completed 23-of-30 passes for 233 yards. Jimmy Holiday had seven catches for 103 yards. Try Edwards had 10 for 84. The defense allowed just 146 yards of offense by KSU (2-10, 2-6 CUSA), pitching the program's first

shutout since the 2019 Independence Bowl. "I want to use this game as a springboard," Cumbie said. "Our goal is to win conference championships and bowl games. That is where our focus is always been. We have had a hard time getting to that moment. We were able to finish this conference season 4-4 but that is not what we are after. We have to turn our mindset to finishing the football games."

Kickoff return sparks LSU in win

RUSSELL HEDGES
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A kickoff return for a touchdown in the second quarter gave LSU a spark and the Tigers rolled past the Oklahoma Sooners 37-17 in the regular-season finale Saturday night in Tiger Stadium. LSU completed the regular season 8-4 overall and 5-3 in the SEC. Oklahoma dropped to 6-6 and 2-6 in its first season in the conference. "I'm proud of our team," LSU Head Coach Brian Kelly said. "The last two weeks they listened to the narratives out there that they weren't excited to play for anything, that the season was over, and they simply went out and played inspired football the last two weeks. They put consistent performances together over the last two weeks." Despite the four losses, Kelly said he's excited about the direction of the program. He said 21 freshmen dressed for the game

and the Tigers are adding 16 more at mid-year. He also said he expects several key players to return. "I know what the standards are here," he said. "Everybody wants to win every game. We wanted to win every game. We're not happy if we lose a game. But we're happy about the foundation of this program playing with young players that are only going to get better and we're going to supplement those players." Oklahoma took a 14-10 lead on a 2-yard run by Xavier Robinson. Aaron Anderson took the ensuing kickoff and returned it 100 yards for a touchdown. Anderson was on the return team because of an injury to Zavion Thomas. "He was really our backup," Kelly said. "That's how smart we are. It was a momentum boost for us and it carried us throughout the game." Damian Ramos' PAT gave LSU a 17-14 lead with 7:08 left in the first half.

GSU falls to Southern in Bayou Classic

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The Grambling State Tigers closed the 2024 season with a 24-14 loss to Southern in the 51st annual Bayou Classic last Saturday at the Caesars Superdome in New Orleans. Grambling finished 5-7 overall and 2-6 in the SWAC in Mickey Joseph's first season as head coach. Southern (8-4, 7-1) plays Jackson State Saturday in the conference champion-

ship game. The victory was Southern's third straight in the Classic. Despite being out-gained 397-148, Grambling State had a chance to win. Trailing 17-7 after the third quarter, the Tigers got within three on a 4-yard run by Keilon Elder with 13:19 left to play. That capped an 89-yard, 11-play drive. GSU twice forced Southern to punt twice after that. But both times the

Tigers went three-and-out. After GSU was forced to punt from its 5, Southern's Kendrick Rhymes ran 45 yards for the game's final touchdown with 3:31 left. Rhymes finished with 110 yards rushing on 12 carries. Kobe Dillon rushed for 81 yards with most of that coming on a 74-yard run. Southern jumped out to a 10-0 lead. GSU got within three on a 94-yard kickoff return by Tylon Williams in the second quarter. The Jaguars led

10-7 at the half. The only score of the third quarter was a 41-yard touchdown pass from Jalen Woods to Chandler Whitfield. Whitfield, who had five catches for 145 yards, was named the Classic MVP. Grambling State quarterbacks Deljay Bailey and Myles Crawley, combined to complete 11-of-24 passes for 99 yards. Bailey was 5-of-8 passes for 65. Crawley was 6-of-16 for 34 yards.

OUTDOORS

Baseball's triple play has nothing on fishing trifecta

GLYNN HARRIS

Baseball's triple play, though rare, is a thing of beauty. Here's one way it can be accomplished. The batter hits a hard line drive in the hole to the shortstop who stabs it, steps on second to catch the runner off base; then flips it to first before that runner can get back. Presto; you've just witnessed one of baseball's most exciting plays. You may not realize it but fishing can also feature a triple play. I know; because I once participated in one. My triple play took about four hours to complete but the results were just as exciting. Here's what happened... Eddie Halbrook, fishing guide and good friend, called me and invited me to join him for a fishing trip on Grand Bayou Lake near Coushatta. "Man, I'm catching bass; catching crappie and finishing it up with some of the prettiest chinquapins you ever saw," Halbrook announced. I cleared my calendar, the date was set and we were off to this pretty little 2,500 acre lake in Red River Parish. After launching at the public ramp just prior to sunrise, Halbrook motored only a few hundred yards before switching on a gadget on the dash of his boat. It was a GPS that showed a slowly moving arrow (that was us) approaching a dot on the chart. "The dot represents one of my brush piles; I marked it as a way point on my GPS which makes it easy to get back to. We'll be within three feet of the top when we get there," said Halbrook.



Guide Eddie Halbrook shows off our fishing "triple play" with a bonus catfish.

GLYNN HARRIS

Once the boat representing the arrow and the dot representing the brush pile were aligned, Halbrook tossed out a marker, handed me a jig pole with a Stinger jig and Berkeley Crappie Nibble added with instructions to fish near the buoy. "You'll feel the brush down there," he added. He was right. About the time I bumped brush, I felt a tap on the line, set the hook and was soon fighting a medium-sized black crappie. In short order, we caught several more before Halbrook announced we needed to move on to try our luck with bass. Before leaving the brush pile, Halbrook hooked and landed a 3 pound channel catfish that hit his crappie jig. Next, we moved to a cove where the bass had

been schooling earlier in the week. A steady breeze had the surface churned to the point that we saw very little surface schooling activity. Not to be outdone, Halbrook handed me a rod he had rigged, Carolina-style, with a 6 inch watermelon finesse worm. Half an hour later, we counted four bass we had landed with one being just above the 17 inch slot; the others just below it. "Now," Halbrook said as he started the engine, "the fun is about to begin. Have you ever caught chinquapin bream in the middle of summer?" I hadn't and was anxious to give it a try. Again, Halbrook flipped on his GPS and we motored slowly up to another "dot" on the chart. "This is where

the chinquapins are hanging out. They feed on freshwater mussels and there are lots of them here on this flat." He was right. Less than a minute after tossing my hook, skewered with a cold worm into eight foot water, the float shuddered and slid beneath the surface. It was a fine chinquapin, fat as could be. By the time an hour had passed, we put about 35 big chinquapins in the box. Thus, our triple play was completed with a catfish added as an extra, and we did it all between sunrise and noon. A baseball triple play is a fun thing to watch. However, I was as excited to participate in a fishing triple play as watching the short stop complete one in Yankee Stadium.

Fishing Report

BLACK BAYOU — No report. Spraying to kill moss. Contact Honey Hole Tackle Shop 323-8707 for latest information.
BUSSEY BRAKE — Bass fishing is best flipping soft plastics along the wind rows and tree lines. Early mornings, topwater lures are working. Some nice sized crappie are hitting shiners and jigs around deep brush along the flats. For latest information, contact the Honey Hole at 323-8707.
OUACHITA RIVER — The river is still low. Launching is possible at Joe Bob's but it's difficult. A few crappie are being caught around tops in the river. Bass are fair where there is current. For latest information, contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.
LAKE D'ARBONNE — The lake is down 5 feet with drawdown continued another 30 days. Crappie are just starting to bunch up and upcoming cold weather should put them in bunches. Some are caught along the stump lines on shiners and jigs. Bass fishing has been best fishing the points with soft plastics or crank baits. Bream are slow; catfishing good off the banks. For latest information, call Anderson Sport Center at 368-9669 or Honey

Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.
LAKE CLAIRBORNE — Crappie fishing has been good with some slabs caught fishing shiners or jigs around the deep tops. With the water cooling down, bass will be best fishing the docks with Carolina rigs, square bill crank baits and Shaky Heads. Bream are slow. For latest information, call Kel's Cove at 927-2264 or Terzia Tackle at 278-4498.
CANEY LAKE — Crappie fishing has been good with some slabs caught fishing shiners or jigs around the deeper tops. Bass are best fishing topwater lures and buzz baits early around the grass lines. Later, best fishing has been on secondary points on soft plastics and crank baits. 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 have improved around the boat slips. Catfishing is good. Bass are slightly improved. For information, contact the marina at 318/878-0101.
LAKE YUCATAN — The water is on a slow fall and fishing has been slow this week. For info call Surplus City Landing at 318/467-2259.

Good News

GOOD NEWS

THE MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS....

When the calendar is turned and we see “December”, we know that Christmas is coming soon. All year long, it has crept across the calendar, month – by –month...like a snail on a cold brick. But the week after Thanksgiving, it is as if Christmas is on a sliding board – coming too fast to stop. Suddenly, the magic of Christmas takes over and somehow we receive a new energy to go and do.

There’s shopping, visiting family and friends, cooking and partying, church programs, and ill ones to visit – yes, we need new energies to cram all of this into one short month!

For children, there is so much magic in the Spirit of Christmas and not just in Frosty’s straw hat! In the

carols we sing, the Bible readings about Jesus’ birth, angels singing and the shepherds coming to worship there’s magic! Often times our behavior, attitude and manners are given a ‘face-lift’ as that Big Day approaches. As the poet wrote: “jest before Christmas, I’m as good and I can be.” “We may even let Aunt Bertha kiss us”....well, maybe!

As we grow older and celebrate unforgettable Christmases, there’s the realization that the “Magic of Christmas is not in the presents we give or receive – but in His Presence in our daily lives”. Yes, the Spirit of Christmas melt hearts of stone, brings smiles on harden, sad faces, and dispels the Grinch

that always seem to be hanging around in the shadows seeking to spoil the magic of the season. Don’t let this happen! Let’s call on the Spirit of the Season, to help us shun the darkness of gloom. If we allow the Spirit of Christmas, He will linger with us all-year long. A promise of God!

The Magic of Christmas brings with it a ‘hope of a wonderful tomorrow in the future.’ And isn’t that the pronouncement of the first Sunday of Advent? HOPE! Jesus came to seek and save that which was lost....to give new life, new HOPE. May your Christmas be packed with NEW HOPE IN OUR LORD. (Isaiah 9: 2-6). With this truth in mind, the Hope

Candle will be lighted on the Advent Wreath.

The second Sunday of Advent focuses our attention on PEACE, the kind that only God can bring into one’s heart (Micah 4:3-4). Now the Peace Candle will be lighted. Following is the third Sunday of Advent with emphasis on JOY (Luke 2: 10-11) and the lighting of the Joy Candle.

This leads us to the fourth Sunday of Advent, lighting the candle of LOVE. (1 John 4: 7-9). Then on Christmas morning, the CHRIST Candle will be lighted....and we sing “Joy to the World, the Lord Has Come.”

Yes, Jesus came to seek and save those who were lost, giving new life and hope to all who seek Him. Not only does He bring new Hope but His

Peace is everlasting, not like the peace the world might offer. With Hope and Peace anchored in one’s heart, He plants eternal Joy so we can face the trials and stresses of life. To ‘cap it all off, sealing our salvation’ His everlasting Love is poured upon us. (John 3: 16).

With this in mind, one can see the ‘magic of Christmas’ as it springs forth to lead us from our weary and fretting lives to the ‘Star of Bethlehem’ where the Christ-child is waiting for shepherds of the ages to come and celebrate the magic of God’s eternal gift to mankind – the Savior of the World, JESUS.

BILL CRIDER IS CHAPLAIN OF MINDEN MEDICAL CENTER



Bill Crider

THE UPWARD LOOK

Pray for the Message

“Pray also for me, that the message may be given to me when I open my mouth to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel.” Ephesians 6:19 CSB



Max Hutto

Often our prayers for others revolve around physical needs including health and general welfare. Yet when Paul, the great missionary, preacher, and theologian, requested the Ephesians to pray for him, his concerns were spiritual not physical. He yearned that his spoken words would always clearly tell of the

gospel, how all people can know God through faith in Jesus Christ the Lord. He yearned for boldness and fearlessness to share the truths of the gospel.

Lord Jesus, I pray for missionaries, pastors, and all believers to boldly and faithfully share the message of the gospel. May the words spoken always tell others of Your grace, mercy, and love.

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

INSPIRATION

Common Ground

As Americans, most of us enjoy some form of leisure time activity. Those activities could include sporting events, concerts, and even movies. Though these activities might be different from one another they are also very similar. In every one of these situations, you find yourself in a large group often composed of familiar and unfamiliar people. Despite the group’s differences, they have one major similarity: they all enjoy this particular activity and they are all partaking in this shared experience. This creates common ground and an avenue for communication with people you otherwise might not talk to. This raises the question of why can’t our Christian walk provide the same experience? We are not instructed to only minister to



Bernard Harris

the people we know or feel comfortable around but we are instructed to minister to all the world. Take, for instance, the movies where we sit for 2 hours with strangers where we laugh, cry, get angry, and fall in love and we do all of this while sitting in the dark and trying to remain quiet. If we can have such a powerful experience sitting silently in the dark, imagine what we could do out loud in the light! My challenge for everyone reading this article is to go out and be the light of Jesus for at least one person this week by using common ground.

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

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WORSHIP

FIRST
ASSEMBLY OF GOD

How can we pray for you?

If you’re in need of prayer, we can help you. Contact the FBC 24-Hour Prayer Ministry at 371-PRAY.

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301 Pennsylvania Avenue • Minden, LA

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LEGALS
CITY OF MINDEN PUBLIC NOTICE
Parcel# 109934

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 December 19, 2024, at Minden City Hall, 520 Broadway Street, Minden, LA 71058 in the Pelican Conference Room. The minimum bid has been set at \$4,124.33. 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 December 16, 2024. NO faxed, telephoned, mailed or any kind of electronic submission of intent to bid will be accepted. 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 318-807-0924 or ParishPropertyInfo@parishtaxland.com
Legal : LOT #13, JACK BATTON SUBDIV. IN SE/4 OF NW/4 SEC. 21-19-9

Physical Address: 612 BATTON ST, MINDEN, LA

November 20, 2024
December 4, 2024
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NOTICE
Parcel No. 109934
Patricia Frazier Betts or Estate

Homeowners Loan Corporation
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# 109934 / Municipal Address: 612 Batton Street, Minden, LA 71055
Brief Legal: LOT #13, JACK BATTON SUBDIV IN SE/4 OF NW/4 SEC 21-19-9
Legal Description: Lot Thirteen (13) of Jack Batton Subdivision situated in the Southeast Quarter of Northwest Quarter (SE ¼ of NW ¼) of Section 21, Township 19 North, Range 9 West, Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana, per map and plat of said subdivision on file an of record in Map Book 2, Page 50 of the Official Records of Webster Parish, Louisiana, together with all improvements thereon and all rights 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)

December 4, 2024
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Minden Planning Commission Meeting
December 5, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.
Pelican Room - Minden City Hall
On the agenda is a request from Dianna Jones, real estate agent with Grand Eight Real Estate for a zoning change from R-2 (Residential) to R-5 (Multifamily Residential) on property owned by Kyndall Hawkins located at 901 Park Highway. The purpose of this zoning change request is for the proposed construction of townhomes on the property.
Legal Description: LOT #10, E/2 OF LOT #11, W/2 OF LOT #11, & , LOT #12, BLK. ""
GOODE ANNEX, STRIP 7 X 150FT. (ADJ.) (FORMERLY AN ALLEY) IN NW/4 OF NE/4 SEC. 22-19-9 & STRIP FRONTING 24 FT. ON PARK HWY. X 150 FT. (ADJ.) LOTS #10, 11 & 12 BLK. "" (FORMERLY AN ALLEY) IN NW/4 OF NE/4 SEC. 22-19-9
All interested parties will be given a chance to be heard.

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SHERIFF'S SALE

U.S. BANK TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, AS SUCCESSOR-IN-INTEREST TO U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE, FOR THE HOLDERS OF THE CIM TRUST 2021-R1, MORTGAGE-BACKED NOTES, SERIES 2021-R1 VS. KENNETH PRESTON & YOLANDA TAYLOR PRESTON
In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 81712.
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 WITHOUT the benefit of appraisal and according to law at the principle front door of the Courthouse in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana, on

WEDNESDAY, December 11, 2024.
During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:
Begin at the Northwest corner of the Northwest quarter of Southeast quarter (NW/Cor. of NW/4 of SR/4), Section 16, Township 18 North, Range 9 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana, and run Bast 290 feet to the East right of way line of Louisiana Highway Number 7, thence run South 01 degree 00 minutes East along said right of way 290.01 feet to the point of beginning of the property herein being described, thence continue South 01 degree 00 minutes East along said right of way 75 feet, thence run North 88 degrees 12 minutes East 155 feet, thence run North 01 degree 00 minutes West 75 feet, thence run South 88 degrees 12 minutes West 155 feet to the point of beginning, together with all improvements and rights thereto belonging, (Assessment #115913) The municipal address of the property is 545 N. Main St., Sibley, LA, 71073.
Begin at the Northwest corner of the Northwest Quarter of Southeast Quarter (NW/cor of NW/4 of SE/4) Section 16, Township 18 North, Range 9 West, Sibley, Webster Parish, Louisiana, and run East 290 feet to the Bast right of way line of Louisiana Highway No. 7, thence run South 01 degree 00 minutes East along said right of way 241.1 feet to the point of beginning of the property herein being described; thence run North 88 degrees 12 minutes East 185 feet, thence run South 01 degree 00 minutes East 192.5 feet, thence run South 88 degrees 12 minutes West 185 feet to Louisiana Highway No. 7, thence run North 01 degree 00 minutes Weet along right of way 68.5 feet, thence ran North 88 degrees 12 minutes East 155 feet, thence ran North 01 degree 00 minutes West 75 feet, thence run South 88 degrees 12 minutes West 155 feet to right of way line of La. Highway No. 7, theace run North along right of way 49 feet to the point of beginning, together with all improvements and 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
Pam Brantley - Deputy

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF A SPECIAL CALLED MEETING FOR THE MEMBERS OF NORTHSIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST, WHICH MEETING IS TO BE HELD ON DECEMBER 6, 2024 AT 6:00 PM AT NORTHSIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST 615 CONSTABLE ST MINDEN LOUISIANA 71055. TO CONSIDER TRANSFERRING IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES TO KIMBERLY ALGHAREEB

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INVITATION FOR BID

SEALED BIDS for construction at the Minden Airport consisting of Box Hangars, Airport Infrastructure Grant No. 3-22-0032-018-2025, will be received by the City Clerk at the City of Minden, Louisiana, located at 520 Broadway, P.O. Box 580, Minden, Louisiana 71058, until 2:00 p.m. CST on Monday, December 23, 2024. Bids will then be publicly opened and read aloud in the Cypress Room located at City Hall. Bids received after the 2:00 p.m. deadline will be returned to the bidder unopened via certified mail. Received bids will be referred to the City of Minden City Council for action and award. Sealed bids must be marked on the outside with City of Minden Bid No. 06-2025.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held on Tuesday, December 10, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in the Airport Terminal Building, 100 Aviation Drive, Minden, LA 71055. Representatives from the Owner and Engineer will be present to discuss the project. Although the meeting is not mandatory, bidders are encouraged to attend and participate in the conference.

Contract Documents including bid proposal forms, plan sheets, and specifications for the project may be viewed and downloaded free of charge at www.civcastusa.com. Addenda will be posted at www.civcastusa.com. You will be notified of addenda automatically, through email, if you downloaded your plans and specifications via www.civcastusa.com. Please submit questions for the project 72 hours prior to bid opening through www.civcastusa.com in the Q&A portal.

Bids shall be received only on proposal forms furnished by the Engineer. In no event shall proposal forms be issued later than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the hour and date set for receiving proposals.

Bidders may elect to submit bids electronically via the internet. Electronic bids for the City of Minden are available for submission at www.bidexpress.com. Bidders desiring to submit electronic bids must register with Bid Express. All bids submitted electronically shall include a digital signature as required by Louisiana State law. Bidders submitting bids electronically are not required to submit paper forms.

Bid proposals, amendments to bids, or requests for withdrawal of bids, which are received after the time specified for bid opening, shall not be considered for any cause whatsoever.

An acceptable bid bond, cashier's check or certified check payable to the City of Minden, in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the bid price, shall be submitted with each bid. The successful Bidder will be required to furnish and pay for satisfactory performance and payment bonds. Bidders are advised that Performance, Payment, and Maintenance Bond, each in the amount of 100 percent (100%) of the contract price, will be required.

On any bid submitted in the amount of \$50,000 or more, the Contractor shall certify that he is licensed under Louisiana Revised Statute 37:2150-2164 and show his license number on the bid and on the envelope. Bidders must be licensed in the following category: Building Construction (or applicable sub classification). The licensee shall not be permitted to bid or perform any type or types of work not included in the classification under which his license was issued.

Notice of Requirement for Affirmative Action to Ensure Equal Employment Opportunity
1. The Offeror's or Bidder's attention is called to the "Equal Opportunity Clause" and the "Standard Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Construction Contract Specifications" set forth herein.
2. The goals and timetables for minority and female participation, expressed in percentage terms for the Contractor's aggregate workforce in each trade on all construction work in the covered area, are as follows:
Timetables
Goals for minority participation for each trade: 29.3%
Goals for female participation in each trade: 6.9%
These goals are applicable to all of the Contractor's construction work (whether or not it is Federal or federally assisted) performed in the covered area. If the Contractor performs construction work in a geographical area located outside of the covered area, it shall apply the goals established for such geographical area where the work is actually performed. With regard to this second area, the Contractor also is subject to the goals for both its federally involved and nonfederally involved construction.
The Contractor's compliance with the Executive Order and the regulations in 41 CFR Part 60-4 shall be based on its implementation of the Equal Opportunity Clause, specific affirmative action obligations required by the specifications set forth in 41 CFR 60-4.3(a) and its efforts to meet the goals. The hours of minority and female employ-

ment and training must be substantially uniform throughout the length of the contract, and in each trade, and the Contractor shall make a good faith effort to employ minorities and women evenly on each of its projects. The transfer of minority or female employees or trainees from Contractor to Contractor or from project to project for the sole purpose of meeting the Contractor's goals shall be a violation of the contract, the Executive Order and the regulations in 41 CFR Part 60-4. Compliance with the goals will be measured against the total work hours performed.
3. The Contractor shall provide written notification to the Director of the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP) within 10 working days of award of any construction subcontract in excess of \$10,000 at any tier for construction work under the contract resulting from this solicitation. The notification shall list the name, address, and telephone number of the subcontractor; employer identification number of the subcontractor; estimated dollar amount of the subcontract; estimated starting and completion dates of the subcontract; and the geographical area in which the subcontract is to be performed.
4. As used in this notice and in the contract resulting from this solicitation, the "covered area" is Minden, Louisiana in Webster Parish.

Title VI Solicitation Notice
The City of Minden, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 USC §§ 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders or offerors that it will affirmatively ensure that for any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and no businesses will be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, national origin (including limited English proficiency), creed, sex (including sexual orientation and gender identity), age, or disability in consideration for an award.

The Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal is 12.28% of the dollar value of this contract. The DBE program also includes a small business element pursuant to 49 CFR Part 26. The Owner's award of this contract is conditioned upon Bidder or Offeror satisfying the good faith effort requirements of 49 CFR § 26.53.

As a condition of responsibility, every Bidder or Offeror must submit the following information on the forms provided herein within five days after bid opening.

The names and addresses of Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) firms that will participate in the contract;
A description of the work that each DBE firm will perform;
The dollar amount of the participation of each DBE firm listed under (1);
Written statement from Bidder or Offeror that attests their commitment to use the DBE firm(s) listed under (1) to meet the Owner's project goal;
Written confirmation from each listed DBE firm that it is participating in the contract in the kind and amount of work provided in the prime contractor's commitment; and
If Bidder or Offeror cannot meet the advertised project DBE goal, evidence of good faith efforts undertaken by the Bidder or Offeror as described in appendix A to 49 CFR part 26. The documentation of good faith efforts must include copies of each DBE and non-DBE subcontractor quote submitted to the bidder when a non-DBE subcontractor was selected over a DBE for work on the contract.

All contracts and subcontracts that result from this solicitation incorporate by reference the provisions of 29 CFR part 201, et seq, the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), with the same force and effect as if given in full text. The FLSA sets minimum wage, overtime pay, recordkeeping, and child labor standards for full and part-time workers.
The Contractor has full responsibility to monitor compliance to the referenced statute or regulation. The Contractor must address any claims or disputes that arise from this requirement directly with the U.S. Department of Labor – Wage and Hour Division.

TRADE RESTRICTION CERTIFICATION
By submission of an offer, the Offeror certifies that with respect to this solicitation and any resultant contract, the Offeror – is not owned or controlled by one or more citizens of a foreign country included in the list of countries that discriminate against U.S. firms as published by the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR); has not knowingly entered into any contract or subcontract for this project with a person that is a citizen or national of a foreign country included on the list of countries that discriminate against U.S. firms as published by the USTR; and has not entered into any subcontract for any product to be used on the Federal project that is produced in a foreign country included on the list of countries that discriminate against U.S. firms published by the USTR.
This certification concerns a matter within the jurisdiction of an agency of the United States of America and the making of a false, fictitious, or fraudulent certification may render the maker subject to prosecution under Title 18 USC § 1001. The Offeror/Contractor must provide immediate written notice to the Owner if the Offeror/Contractor learns that its certification or that of a subcontractor was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances. The Contractor must require subcontractors provide immediate written notice to the Contractor if at any time it learns that its certification was erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
Unless the restrictions of this clause are waived by the Secretary of Transportation in accordance with 49 CFR § 30.17, no contract shall be awarded to an Offeror or subcontractor: who is owned or controlled by one or more citizens or nationals of a foreign country included on the list of countries that discriminate against U.S. firms published by the USTR; or whose subcontractors are owned or controlled by one or more citizens or nationals of a foreign country on such USTR list; or who incorporates in the public works project any product of a foreign country on such USTR list. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render, in good faith, the certification required by this provision. The knowledge and information of a contractor is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
The Offeror agrees that, if awarded a contract resulting from this solicitation, it will incorporate this provision for certification without modification in all lower tier subcontracts. The Contractor may rely on the certification of a prospective subcontractor that it is not a firm from a foreign country included on the list of countries that discriminate against U.S. firms as published by USTR, unless the Offeror has knowledge that the certification is erroneous.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when making an award. If it is later determined that the Contractor or subcontractor knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) may direct through the Owner cancellation of the contract or subcontract for default at no cost to the Owner or the FAA.

All Bidders and Proposers shall comply with the provisions of Buy American Preferences, Davis Bacon Requirements, Debarment and Suspension, Lobbying Federal Employees, and Recovered Materials.

Bids may be held by the City of Minden for a period of sixty (60) calendar days after the date and hour set for the opening.

The City of Minden reserves the right to reject any or all Bids for just cause and reserves the right to waive any and all informalities.

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November 27, 2024
December 4, 11, 2024
Minden Press Herald

Public Notice
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

No. C-42558

In the 2nd Judicial District Court of the State of Louisiana, Parish of Claiborne.

Richard Labit, et al., v. State of Louisiana, Dept. of Pub. Safety and Corrections, and Dwayne Joseph, Defendants

To: The legal successor of Dwayne D. Joseph, deceased.

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED TO appear within sixty (60) days after the date of the first publication of this summons. YOU are to appear at the 2nd Judicial District Court for the Parish of Claiborne, 511 West Main Street, Homer, Louisiana 71040, and appear and substitute yourselves for Mr. Joseph within sixty (60) days of the first publication of this summons, and defend the above-entitled action in court and Answer the Petition of the Plaintiff and serve your answer upon the undersigned attorney; and in case your failure to do so, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the Petition.

GARRET S. DEREUS, attorney for Plaintiff, 3319 St. Claude Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana 70117.

December 4, 25, 2024
Minden Press Herald

SHERIFF'S SALE

JP MORGAN CHASE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION VS. BRENT A DISON AKA BRENT ALLEN DISON
In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 81087. 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 principle front door of the Courthouse in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana, on WEDNESDAY, December 11, 2024, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

The South 142.8 feet of Lot 1, Eastwood Acres Subdivision, g-tuated in the Southeast Quarter (SB/4) of Section 19, Township 19 North, Range 8 West, Louisiana, as per the plat recorded in Map Book 3, Page 139 of Conveyance Records of Webster Parish, Louisiana, said portion of Lot 1 containing 0.773 acres, more or less, shown as "Tract B" on the Map of Survey dated October 10, 2005 by Paul W. Culpepper, P.L. 8 4817, recorded in Book 1004 at Page 287 of the Conveyance Records of Webster Parish, Louisiana; as more fully shown on the Map of Survey dated July 23, 2009 by Benjamin C. Wim, P. L. 5. 4778, together with all buildings and improvements located thereon including the 2010 Clayton Independence, 38IND28443AH09 Manufactured / Modular Home bearing ALFHRH36913956A/B, HUD/Tag HWC40586600 recorded under Registry No. \$16951 in Book 1099, Page 617 of the Conveyance Records of Webster Parish, Louisiana. No. BRENT A. DISON 148 GREGORY CIRCLE MINDEN, IA 71055 No. 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 Pam Brantley - Deputy

November 6, 2024
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FUN & GAMES



Solve the code to discover words related to home decorating.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 22 = I)

A. 22 14 10 6 23 22 12 23

Clue: Inside

B. 9 6 13 12 23 16 10 6

Clue: Make something more festive

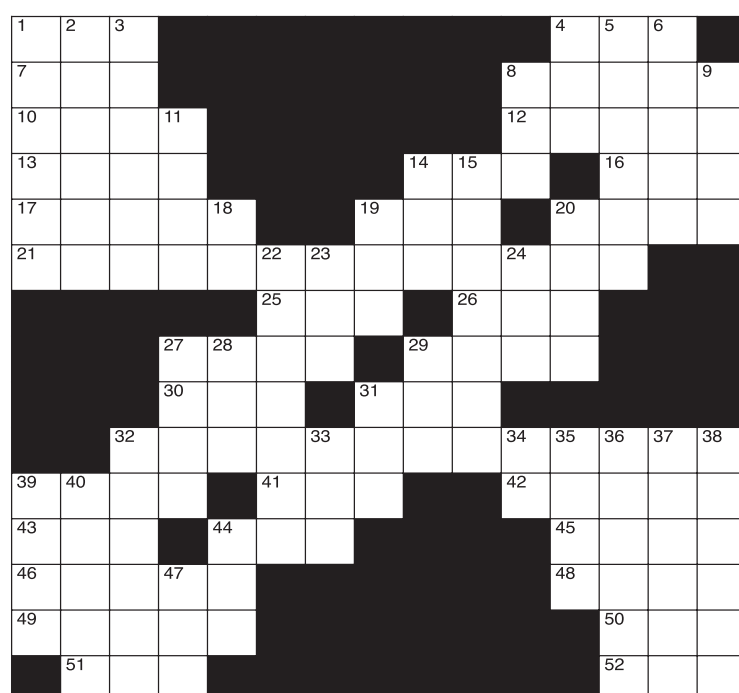
C. 21 16 10 6 23 22 16 7 8

Clue: Items used to create something

D. 22 14 8 24 22 23 22 14 17

Clue: Giving someone creative feelings

Answers: A. interior B. decorate C. materials D. inspiring



CLUES ACROSS

1. Central processing unit
4. Taxi
7. Body part
8. Papal court
10. Young women making their public debuts
12. Metal shackles
13. Joseph's wife
14. Licensed professional
16. Partner to cheese
17. Mild fruits
19. File format
20. Province of Indonesia
21. Beloved grilled foods
25. Bar bill
26. Don't know when yet
27. Whale ship captain
29. Touches softly
30. Mock
31. Red-brown Pacific sea bream
32. Summer entertainment options
39. Protective crust
41. Cool!
42. Behave in a way that belittles
43. Denial
44. A place to sleep
45. Electronic counter-countermeasures
46. Intestinal pouches
48. SE Asia family of languages
49. Sound
50. Select
51. Give the impression of dishonesty
52. Witness

CLUES DOWN

1. Of cadmium
2. Deliver a sermon
3. Inner regions of a shadow
4. Aggressive dog
5. Smells
6. Twofold
8. Former OSS
9. Computer language
11. Indian groom
14. Automobile
15. Hairstyle
18. Atomic #76
19. Guy (slang)
20. Ladies' undergarments
22. Furniture with open shelves
23. Back-arc basin
24. Partner to flow
27. A type of horse
28. Possesses
29. Split pulses
31. Small amount
32. Flat-bottomed riverboat
33. Not good
34. Atomic #31
35. Assist in committing a crime
36. Chauvinists
37. Get away
38. One of a people who speaks a Semitic language
39. Civil rights college organization
40. Combustible dark rocks
44. Grocery container
47. Central nervous system

SUDOKU

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

Level: Beginner

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

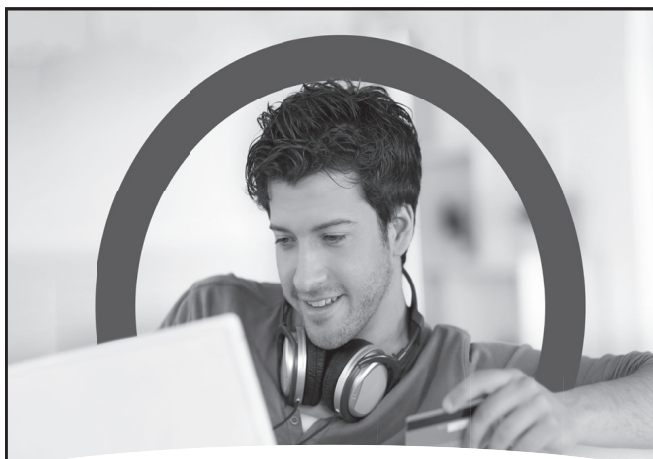
Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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

ANSWER:

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