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BUSINESS

Young entrepreneur finds success with beaded creations

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At just nine years old, Paisley McKay is proving that age is no barrier to entrepreneurial success. Through her business, Perfectly Paisley, the fourth-grader at Doyline High School crafts unique beaded items, including pens, bookmarks, make-up brushes, and more. Proudly kid-owned and operated, Paisley's venture reflects her creativity and drive.

Paisley's entrepreneurial journey began with Girl Scout cookie sales for Troop 486 in Haughton. As one of the state's top sellers, she discovered her passion for sales but wanted to create a business where she could directly earn her profits.

After receiving a beading kit for Christmas in 2023, she began making gifts for family and friends before turning her hobby into a business in January 2024.

"I came upon beaded work, but it wasn't on pens, and I got the really good idea of beading on pens," Paisley said.

Business has been brisk, allowing her to invest in a laser cutting machine to expand her offerings to include custom wooden décor. Her products are available pre-made or personalized to customer requests.

"When people visit my business, I want to make something that makes them happy. If they look at their item and smile, then I've done a good job," she said.

Paisley's father, a long-

time business owner, offers guidance, but her family ensures the business is driven by her decisions and effort. Customers are often surprised to learn she is the one running the operation.

Her achievements have garnered attention, including an invitation to teach an entrepreneurship class for LSU Continuing Education next summer.

In addition to her business pursuits, Paisley competes in national pageants, which she describes as a fun hobby. Currently, she is saving earnings for her next pageant gown.

Paisley's creations can be found at local farmers markets in Bossier, the Barksdale Market on Sundays, and recent events like the NLTC Fall Market in Minden and the East Bank Holiday Market in Bossier. Paisley will have a store set up for Shop Till You Drop at the Bossier Civic Center on



December 14. Purchases can also be made through her Facebook page, PerfectlyPaisleyAnn.

Looking ahead, Paisley aspires to become a respiratory therapist, inspired

by her mother's work helping others breathe.

"I'm not sure what I'm going to do next, but I know that whatever I decide ... it'll be Perfectly Paisley!"

GROWTH

Seeds Women's Center expands with new building

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Seeds Women's Center has purchased the former Ward Building at 308 Pine Street, doubling its current space and paving the way for expanded services. The center provides free pregnancy and family support services to the community.

Executive Director Amber Bradford expressed enthusiasm about the move and its potential to enhance the nonprofit's mission. "We offer optimal healthcare in a safe and confidential setting at no cost," she said. The center's services include pregnancy testing, nurse consultations, ultrasounds, parenting classes, and STD information.

The new facility will fea-

ture private counseling and ultrasound rooms, an expanded baby boutique, and a meeting space for parenting classes, board meetings, and prayer gatherings. It will also allow the center to wash baby boutique donations on-site.

Bradford highlighted the center's holistic approach. "Sometimes the first need isn't pregnancy. It's housing, food, or transportation," she said. Counseling and helping clients to set their priorities is paramount. "We're here, and we love you. There are other ways to get love. And God loves you."

With its proximity to the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), the new location aims to become a go-to



resource for referrals. Renovations are planned, with the center expected to open by late January or early February 2025.

Community support has already poured in

with donations such as curtains, lockers, and a kitchen table, and Bradford expects youth groups to assist with the move.

Seeds Women's Center also noted an upcoming

benefit for donors. Starting in 2025, those contributing to pregnancy centers may receive a 50% tax credit. Contributions to Seeds are tax-deductible, with options for monthly

partnerships, planned giving, and in-kind gifts.

To donate or learn more about the services offered by Seeds, visit their website at [seedswomenscenter.com/](http://seedswomenscenter.com/).

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Obituaries

**John F. Kennedy**  
John F. Kennedy of Brookline, Massachusetts. Services were held at Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle, 1725 Rhode Island Avenue NW, Washington DC on November 25, 1963 at 11:00 a.m. Interment was at Arlington Memorial Cemetery.

**Richard Belzer**  
Richard Belzer, the longtime stand-up comedian who became one of TV's most indelible detectives as John Munch in "Homicide: Life on the Street" and "Law & Order: SVU," has died. He was 78.  
Belzer died Sunday at his home in Beaulieu-sur-Mer, in southern France. There was no known cause of death, but Belzer had been dealing with circulatory and respiratory issues. The actor Henry Winkler, Belzer's cousin, tweeted, "Rest in peace Richard."  
Belzer is survived by his third wife, the actress Harlee McBride, whom he married in 1985. For the past 20 years, they lived mostly in France.

**Marilyn Monroe**  
Marilyn Monroe was born Norma Jean Mortenson on June 1, 1926, in Los Angeles General Hospital. She died on August 5, 1962, at the age of 36.  
She made only 30 films in her lifetime, but her legendary status will remain with film history forever.  
In 1942, at the age of 16, Norma Jean married 21-year-old aircraft plant worker James Dougherty. The marriage lasted four years, and they divorced in 1946. By this time Marilyn began to model swimsuits. Bit parts in the movies followed. In 1951, Marilyn got a fairly sizable role in "Love Nest." In 1952, she made "Monkey Business," where she was seen for the first time as a platinum blonde, a look that became her trademark. Over the next decade she made a several classic movies, including "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes," "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying," and "The Seven Year Itch," and became an unmatched sex symbol and superstar. In 1955, Marilyn married American baseball legend Joe DiMaggio. The union lasted only eight months.  
In "Bus Stop" in 1956, Marilyn finally showed critics that she could play a serious dramatic role. It was also the same year she married playwright Arthur Miller. After a year off in straight dramatic role, she returned to the screen the next year for the marital play "The Price of Sorrow." This was to be 1958. Marilyn returned to the screen the next year for the marital play "The Price of Sorrow." This was to be 1958. Marilyn returned to the screen the next year for the marital play "The Price of Sorrow." This was to be 1958.

**Abraham Lincoln**  
Abraham Lincoln was born February 12, 1809, in Hardin County, Kentucky. He was the son of Thomas Lincoln and Nancy Lincoln. Abraham grew up with his brother Thomas Lincoln, Jr., and his sister Sarah Lincoln Grigsby. Abraham spent his early years on a family farm in southern Indiana. Lincoln worked as a boatman, a store clerk, a surveyor, militia soldier, and eventually became a lawyer in Illinois. He was elected to the Illinois legislature in 1834. They had four sons together: Robert Todd Lincoln, Tad Lincoln, William Wallace Lincoln, and Edward Baker Lincoln. Abraham was a very loving father and husband, he always thought of his family before himself.  
Lincoln continued his political career and became the United States House of Representatives from Illinois in 1846. In 1860, Abraham was elected president of the United States. During his presidency, Lincoln is best known for abolishing slavery. As he sat in a play on April 15, 1865, at the end of the Civil War, Lincoln was shot and killed by an assassin.  
Abraham Lincoln will always be remembered — gone but never forgotten.

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Daily Report

Minden man arrested on drug charges

By Minden Press-Herald - Feb 20, 2023

A Minden man was arrested on drug charges after a Minden police officer spotted the man's erratic driving.

Jakoren Jones, 28, of the 600 block of Goodwill Street was initially seen running the stop sign at Pershing and East Street.

"I observed a silver Ford Fusion run the stop sign at Pershing and East Street," the officer reported. "The car struggled to maintain its lane and

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COMMUNITY

## Christmas in Minden: a weekend of holiday cheer

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Celebrate the Magic of the Holiday Season with Christmas in Minden. Experience the magic of the holiday season with Christmas in Minden, a festive weekend filled with events, entertainment, and community spirit in Historic Downtown Minden. The celebration kicks off on Friday, December 13, with the Tree Lighting Ceremony at the Minden Civic Center at 5:30 p.m., marking the official start of the weekend's activities. Sip and stroll during the Holiday Wine Walk from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. in Downtown Minden, where wine

tastings, snacks, and entertainment await (tickets required). For sweet treats, stop by Brick Street Coffee for hot chocolate and hot donuts from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. The evening concludes with the Holiday Trail of Lights Hayride from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., featuring a festive tractor-pulled tour through the Historic District with caroling hosted by Webster Parish Tourism and the Dorcheat Museum. On Saturday, December 14, the festivities start bright and early with a Festive Christmas Brunch at Geaux Fresh from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., while The Broken Bean offers hot chocolate and coffee from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Get your holi-

day shopping done at the Presents on Pearl Vendor Market from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at The Venue on Pearl, featuring handmade goods and arts-and-crafts vendors. Families can enjoy Photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Easley Studios Courtyard (free), and kids can join in ornament crafting from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Dorcheat Historical Museum. Children can also enjoy face painting and s'mores in The Courtyard during the same time frame, courtesy of Minden JSL. As the day unfolds, catch Santa and friends roaming Downtown Minden for photo opportunities before the high-

light of the evening—the Christmas Parade at 5:00 p.m., followed by parade awards at 6:15 p.m. The night concludes with a dazzling Fireworks Show at 7:00 p.m., lighting up the sky above Downtown Minden. The weekend wraps up on Sunday, December 15, with the Christmas Tour of Homes from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. Explore seven beautifully decorated properties, with tickets available for purchase at each location. Don't miss this opportunity to immerse yourself in the joy and traditions of Christmas in Minden. Bring your family, friends, and holiday spirit for a weekend to remember.

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## TOYS

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tude is something I will never forget, and it filled me with so much joy," said White.

"We're Here, We Care" wants to extend its deepest gratitude to all the incredible sponsors who made the event possible. The Title Sponsor for the event was Diversified Energy. The North Pole Champion was Mercy's Closet. The Rudolph Lead Sponsors included the Minden Coca-Cola Bottling Co. and Minden Family Dental. The B1 Santa Helpers included Smoking Jay's, Holmont, Graphs, Sheriff Jason Parker, and Harper's Motor. The Minden Elf Helpers included Hercules AG and Outdoor, Minden Floral Shop, Baking with Bailey, Gray's Jewelry, Interstate Building Materials,

and Webster Parish Tax Assessor Denise Edwards. Patrick White also would like to give special thanks to the individuals and organizations who helped put the event together, including Demarcus Moore of Heavy Impact Services, Wesley and Elizabeth Duck, Harmony Chapter #81, Bright Beaming Images, Living Word, Ingrid Hawk, Dale Sinnie, D.J. Ron, and Jabber Jaw. "Your generosity, dedication, and love for our community helped make this event a success. Together, we've proven the power of kindness and the magic of the holiday season. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you! We can't wait to see what we can accomplish together next year," said White.

CRIME

## Walmart disturbance leads to arrests

**STAFF REPORT**  
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A fight involving multiple individuals at the Walmart on December 2 resulted in four arrests after officers responded to an active disturbance at the store. Officers arrived to find employees and bystanders pointing toward a car in the parking lot where four individuals were gathered. Upon investigation, it was determined that a confrontation began inside the store, esca-

lating to a physical altercation. According to the police report, 23-year-old Devonta Kimble of Homer, and a relative were approached by Rotavious Drake and Kyairah Crow, leading to a verbal argument. The dispute continued into the restroom, where Kimble sustained a minor facial injury after being struck. Security footage confirmed that Kimble, his cousin, and Drake entered the restroom, followed by several

others. The altercation later moved to the store's main area, where a fight broke out near the exit. Crow, Natoya Lane, and a family member of Kimble engaged in a physical struggle while others attempted to intervene. Walmart employees helped separate the individuals, and no employees reported injuries. Kimble, Lane, and two others were arrested on charges of disturbing the peace by fighting. Kimble

was also found to have an active arrest warrant in Longview, Texas, and was transported to the Bayou Dorcheat Correctional Center to await extradition. The juvenile involved was released to a guardian, with further documentation to be completed. The other adults remain in custody pending bond. *All subjects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*

SIGNING

## USA Today bestselling author Liz Talley holds book signing in Minden

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USA Today Bestselling author Liz Talley returned to her hometown for a book signing at Red Blooms in downtown Minden on December 3. Fans and new readers gathered to meet the author and browse a selection of her more than 30 novels. Talley, a Minden native and Minden High School graduate, has been writing for nearly 20 years. "I've been published for almost 15 years, and I started writ-

ing about 5 years before that," said Talley, who previously worked as an English teacher. Known for her women's fiction and romances, Talley's stories often reflect the charm and complexity of Southern life. Her first novel, a romance set in East Texas, features a librarian as the main character. After writing 15 books for Harlequin, Talley transitioned to Montlake and later to Hallmark Publishing. Now, Talley is exploring new genres. "I'm currently writing a dark comedy,

which I may publish under another name," she said, noting that, as her maiden name was Amy Talley, she may use Amy Talley and keep Liz Talley as her pseudonym for women's fiction and romance. Talley's roots run deep in Minden, where her parents still reside. "I married a guy from Minden — we were childhood sweethearts," she said, recalling her days as Amy Rogers. For more information about Talley's work or to purchase her books, visit [LizTalleyBooks.com](http://LizTalleyBooks.com).



## RUN

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den, LA, took second and third with times of 35:26.6 and 44:46.0, respectively. Among the Male 40 to 49, Mark Nelson of Shreveport, LA, finished first with a time of 20:14.5, followed by Mark Wilson (25:38.3) and Alex Kirk of Dubberly, LA (29:05.4). The Female 40 to 49 category saw Kayla Chandler of Minden, LA, finish at 27:14.7, with Trisha Brown (28:16.6) and Amber Barton (29:34.3) following close behind. In the Male 50 to 59 category, Bruce Miles from Minden, LA, topped the chart with a time of 25:58.5, while Randy Culpepper from Sibley, LA, took second at 35:17.4. For the Female 50 to 59 category, Terri Guin of Minden, LA, led with a time of 39:18.9. In the Female 60 to 69 category, Sandra Dixon from Stamps, AR, secured first place with a time of

28:03.4, while Kathy Wise of Springhill, LA, finished second at 51:41.5. In the Male 70 and Over category, Ray Shepherd of Minden, LA, came in first at 37:06.6, followed by Robert Beadle of Benton, LA, in second with a time of 40:45.3. The group of runners was shining bright that night, with plenty of the runners wearing lit-up necklaces, glow sticks, and other things to brighten up the night. After the run, the participants were able to enjoy an afterparty with fruit, snacks, and hot chocolate while they waited for the results. Every year the Reindeer Run is an event that not only introduces the community to some of what Minden Medical Center has to offer but also provides a space and activity that brings the community together during the Christmas season.





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OPINION

Biden Pardon Reeks of Hypocrisy, Deceit and Self-Protection

There is alot to consider about the broad presidential pardon granted to Hunter Biden this past week but virtually all of it involves lies and hypocrisy.

First, President Biden lied, yet again, when asked if he would pardon Hunter for his crimes. He flatly said “no” and that he would “abide by the jury’s decision.” However, millions of us believe he said that only to keep the prospect of a family pardon from becoming an election issue. However, it’s not the pardoning of his son, in and of itself, that offends.

It’s the fact that in his pardon message Biden states he sought to correct a “miscarriage of justice” and blamed his so-called “political opponents” in Congress for Hunter’s problems. That is just laughable! We may forgive a father for protecting a son—particularly one who has struggled with addiction and other personal problems as his son has—but Hunter’s problems were caused by Hunter! He is a criminal.

Further, in his pardon message Biden also stated that “no reasonable person who looks at the facts could reach any other conclusion.” That’s an astounding statement. Many Americans have drawn very different conclusions about Hunter’s conduct and the legitimacy of this pardon.

For context, let’s look at

some other Biden whoppers.

He denied meeting Hunter’s business associates or having knowledge of his overseas business dealings. (In fact, it’s never really been determined whether Biden, “the big guy,” actually received money himself from his son’s business dealings).



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False, he did meet them as revealed on a number of calls and emails with Hunter’s business associates. Biden also endorsed and repeated the total fabrication by the 51 dishonorable former intelligence officials that the damning information on the Hunter Biden laptop was “Russian disinformation.” Biden fully knew that the claim was false at the time.

That lie likely changed the course of American history because a full 17% of those who voted for Biden in 2020 said they would not have done so had they known of the contents of the laptop. Given the very narrow margin Biden won by, Trump would likely have won the electoral college and the presidency. However, voters did not know of the laptop’s

contents just before the 2020 election because national media and major social media platforms like Facebook and Twitter were complicit in completely suppressing that information.

What’s really difficult to swallow about the pardon doesn’t really have anything to do with Hunter himself. It has to do with other Americans like the J6ers, most of whom have been treated terribly by their government and their president. They would never be offered a pardon. This is also reminiscent of the fact that the “Summer of Love” 2020 rioters and looters were never arrested or brought to justice for the billions of dollars of damage and great harm they caused. This is what is called a “two-tiered” system of justice.

Again, with Biden attempting to justify his pardon due to his “political opponents” the hypocrisy is rich and deep. In the persecution by lawfare—and near assassination, twice, of Trump, Biden demonstrated the very worst actions of a so-called “political opponent.” He also allowed the ugly and unprecedented raid of Trump’s Mar-A-Lago home over some documents that Trump alone had the power to declassify in the first place.

As Miranda Devine points out in the New York Post, “What’s surprising is that

anyone is surprised that Joe Biden is a liar. He has lied his way into office. He is renowned in his life as a plagiarist; ... he was even caught plagiarizing when he was at university back in 1965. And one of his presidential bids failed due to his plagiarism,” Devine said. “And so, it’s fitting that he’s lying on his way out of office about whether or not he was going to give Hunter a pardon.”

We really shouldn’t be surprised if the next Biden pardons go to Jim Biden and other corrupt family members.

All of this contributed to President Trump receiving the overwhelming victory and mandate that he received in the election. The Bidens may not have a bottom regarding the depths to which they will sink for personal or political gain, but the American people certainly have a limit to their tolerance of it.

Thank God for Trump and let us all pray that the Secret Service is not so corrupted that his life is again placed in mortal danger.

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INSPIRATION

The biggest turning point in my life

I have a beautiful poem that was saved in my grand parent’s trunk that began with the line; “in the backwoods of Missouri in the days of long ago when religion was religion and not a dressy fashion show!”

At the age of seventy-six I like to revisit the backwoods of Arkansas and Noel, Missouri not far from where I was born at home. I sense I have a mission to tell as many stories as I can about my life as a legacy for anyone who might need encouragement.

A major turning point in my life occurred at the age of fourteen in 1962, only weeks before I left my home on those thickly wooded country roads.

That moment of change began when my mother and I started to walk the two and a half miles back home from buying groceries. As we headed down Main Street some neighbors who we hadn’t seen since daddy died in 1958 asked if they could give us a ride home.

It was Earnest and Natalie Young, a Christian couple who allowed God to use them to

impact and change our lives forever.

Then they asked if they could pick us up for church the following day – and thus my life began to change – to take on a new meaning in a fast sort of way!

After only a few weeks of attending church services I stepped out as a frightened, shy,

undersized girl, of fourteen, and I was baptized into Christ that cold winter night.

Back then we heard preaching that pricked our hearts, that kept me awake at night while I mustered up courage to make my decision to become a Christian.

Things began to change. Everyone at church took an interest in my life as a budding teenager.

They knew I needed some

direction – a real home – and yes more of the necessities of life because we were “go to bed hungry poor”

A few days later Earnest Young and Fred Webb, the minister who had baptized me, came to school and asked if they could take me out of school for a short meeting.

As we visited they asked me if I would like to go into an orphanage in Tulsa, Oklahoma!

I was shocked as they described the immaculate condition of the institution!

I was ready to grab the brass ring – as I am today!

Immediately I responded “yes” without a moment’s hesitation!

They also told me that there wouldn’t be a vacancy at the home until school was out so I would first go into a foster home with Cullen and Martha Adair at Grove, Oklahoma, who also had two adopted children!

I had to shut down my emotions as I prepared to leave home because I knew that my mother loved me so much even though she was unable to function as a mother. I cannot begin

to describe how I felt but knew I had to go.

Nothing could have prepared me for the bonding that took place between my foster parents and myself because I’d never known this experience that can only be described as a Donna Reed home where the father whistled and joked and the mother hugged her children and me so easily.

Even though I never became adjusted to the abusive environment that I found myself in at the home I never blamed God because I had been taught that “all things work together for good to them that love the Lord.” and I had loved Him enough to at least step out and become a Christian.

I also believe that it takes deep pain to help us grow! Until we hit rock bottom can we really appreciate what matters most!

If I had my life to live over again I wouldn’t take anything for the memories that embellish my life – giving me a knowledge that God is in control and that He pulls strings for us even while we are asleep!

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Seeing Minden Through the Eyes of a Visitor

Last week, I had the opportunity to travel around Minden with what I call the “eyes of a visitor.” It’s a perspective that allowed me to see our community in a completely new light. What I saw was not just the daily routine but a thriving, welcoming town full of Christmas spirit and growth.

As I drove around, I couldn’t help but notice the festive decorations adorning businesses and storefronts. The holiday cheer is evident, with twinkling lights, wreaths, and red ribbons that immediately evoke a sense of joy and warmth. There’s a tan-

gible feeling of community as Minden embraces the season. The “Christmas cards to the community” displayed under Min-



DAVID SPECHT

den’s iconic water tower are a beautiful touch, creating a picture-perfect setting that highlights the heart and spirit of this town.

But it wasn’t just the holiday decorations that caught my eye. It was the visible growth and activity

happening across the city. Construction crews are hard at work building a new strip center on Homer Road, signaling the continued growth of our local economy. Downtown Minden is bustling with energy, and you can feel the vibrancy of our community from every corner. From small businesses to new developments, it’s clear that Minden is on the rise.

It made me think: How often do we get so caught up in our day-to-day lives that we forget to truly appreciate what’s around us? When you see something every day, it’s easy to over-

look the beauty, progress, and opportunities that surround us. Sometimes, we need to step back, put on the “eyes of a visitor,” and take in everything with a fresh perspective.

I encourage you, this holiday season, to take a moment to appreciate the town we call home. We are fortunate to live in a place where businesses thrive, the community comes together, and there’s a palpable sense of progress. Minden is not just a town—it’s a place full of potential, energy, and heart.

As we celebrate the holidays, let’s remember to

appreciate what we have and recognize the hard work that has gone into building our community. There’s so much to be proud of, and sometimes all it takes is a shift in perspective to see it.

Here’s to a bright future for Minden, and may we continue to celebrate the growth, unity, and Christmas spirit that makes our community so special.

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Six Minden players make All-District 1-4A first team

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Six Minden players have been named to the All-District 1-4A first team. They are senior offensive linemen Jonathan Bradford and Garrett Dooly, senior defensive linemen Demetrius Robinson and Jarvis Davis, junior defensive back Kameron Harris and senior kick returner Brayden Britton. They helped the Crimson Tide finish 8-3 after going 3-8 in 2023. Minden finished third in the district behind champion North DeSoto and Northwood. Bradford and Dooly

blocked for a team that averaged 211.8 yards rushing per game. Robinson, Davis and Harris helped limit opponents to 118.5 yards rushing and 223.8 total yards per game. Harris had four interceptions. Britton had a 75-yard kickoff return for a touchdown. He also returned six punts for an average of 12.3 yards. Minden's second-team selections were junior running back Caylien Aubrey, senior offensive lineman James Williams, junior offensive lineman Grayson Gorum, freshman linebacker Javen Calloway, junior linebacker Landon Huddleston and junior

defensive back Treshun Young. Minden's honorable mention selections were Lucas Owens, Jaylon McKinney, Hudson Brown, Bryson Ranger, Jamall Carey, Mikey Shepherd and Denarius Crowe. North DeSoto junior Kenny Thomas, who rushed for 1,932 yards and 41 touchdowns, was named the Offensive MVP. Northwood senior linebacker Christian Blackmon was named the Defensive MVP. North DeSoto's Dennis Dunn, whose team finished 10-3 overall and 7-0 in the district, was named Coach of the Year.

Ten Lakeside players make All-District 3-2A first team

RUSSELL HEDGES  
Minden Press-Herald

Ten Lakeside players have been named to the All-District 3-2A football team. Players selected on offense were junior Kentra-vion Miller at running back, senior Taron Riley at tight end/wide receiver, senior Trevor Tharpe at tight end/wide receiver, senior lineman Jamarion Evans and senior lineman Willie Jenkins. Players selected on defense were junior lineman Bryce Parker, sophomore linebacker Caleb Barber, junior James Maxie at defensive back, senior Eli Santelices at flex and junior Brock

Case at punter. Riley rushed for 1,192 yards and scored 10 touchdowns in the regular season. He also had 16 receptions for 141 yards and two TDs. Miller rushed for 1,044 yards and 19 touchdowns. Evans and Jenkins opened holes for Riley and Miller. Barber led the defense with 65 tackles. Santelices had four interceptions along with 47 tackles and a fumble recovery for a touchdown. Parker had 41 tackles, including five for loss, and one sack. Maxie had 29 tackles and two interceptions. Case was also named

second-team quarterback. He passed for 583 yards and seven touchdowns and ran for 154 and two. Other second-team selections were Senior Noah Redding at tight end/wide receiver, senior offensive lineman Eli Campbell, senior defensive lineman Shavell Randell, sophomore linebacker Eric Jones and senior defensive back Jacobe Rankin. Senior lineman Fred Danzy was named honorable mention. The Warriors finished 9-3 with a playoff victory after going 3-7 in 2023. Lakeside finished third in the district at 2-2 behind champion Red River and Mansfield.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Minden, Doyline boys continue to roll; Lady Tiders, Lady Knights get wins



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The Minden Lady Tiders picked up two victories last week.

RUSSELL HEDGES  
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The Minden Crimson Tide and Doyline Panthers continued to roll last week. Minden picked up two wins. The Crimson Tide went into Tuesday's game against Airline 6-0. Doyline won three games. The Panthers went into Monday's game against Stanley 13-1 with a 10-game winning streak. Minden started the week with a 64-33 victory over Lakeside in Sib-

bley and ended it with a 63-29 victory over Byrd at home. Four Crimson Tide players scored in double figures against Lakeside. Cameron Parker and Darnell Morris had 12 each. Jaiden Franklin had 11 and Christian Lofton 10. Minden led Byrd 23-5 after the first quarter and 40-7 at the half. Morris led the Tide with 24 points. Parker, Franklin and Kameron Harris all scored nine. Doyline notched

three road victories, defeating North Webster 73-58, Summerfield 49-29 and Plain Dealing 59-26. Jay Patterson the Panthers against Summerfield with 21 points. It took him a little while to heat up. After scoring just one point in the first half, he had eight in the third quarter and 12 in the fourth. Damarion McClen-don and Rod Clark scored 11 each. The Minden and North Webster girls picked up two wins each

last week. Minden defeated Lakeside 47-34 and Byrd 39-18. North Webster won twice, defeating Doyline 52-28 and Byrd 54-52. Brooklyn Jefferson led the Lady Tiders against Lakeside with 19 points and 10 rebounds. She also had seven assists and three steals. Travesti Byrd had 14 points, eight rebounds, five assists and three steals. Minden went into Tuesday's game against Airline 5-3.



DOUGLAS BLOW/SPECIAL TO THE PRESS-HERALD  
Minden's Darnell Morris goes in for two points against Byrd last week.

OUTDOORS

Awesome trophy buck on display at Bass Pro

GLYNN HARRIS

Kay and I once attended a writer's conference that remains in my bank of memories. However as we left Ruston for our trek to the conference I was left with a bad taste in my mouth. Our last stop before heading for Springfield, MO to attend the 40th annual meeting of the Southeastern Outdoor Press Association was at one of our local burger joints. I drove away fuming at the sloppy service; the rudeness and indifference of the server; the fouled up orders, vowing from this point on to steer clear of that particular franchise.

Once we got to Springfield, my yearning for a breakfast sandwich got the best of me and I reluctantly pulled up to a drive-through of the same franchise as the one back home that had raised my hackles. To my surprise and delight, the servers were friendly – downright cheerful – and our orders were filled promptly and correctly. After nearly a week in Springfield, I learned that this is the way most folks are up there. We came away from every store; every hotel; every eatery with good feel-



COURTESY PHOTO  
The "Hole in the Horn" buck found in 1940 is one of the most famous buck mounts ever collected.

ings that these folks know how to treat customers and seemed to genuinely appreciate our business. You can probably guess which stop in this Missouri town captivated my attention the most. Springfield is home to the original Bass Pro Shop and to an outdoorsman, it's like turning a kid loose in a candy store. While the friendly sales folks there made the shopping fun, I stumbled upon a display in the store that left me dumb-struck. Springfield's Bass Pro Shop is headquarters for

the traveling display of the most awesome buck mounts ever assembled anywhere. It's the King of Bucks display and fortunately, the collection of most of the country's most astounding trophy buck mounts just happened to be "in house" that week. Bass Pro's King of Bucks display includes 200 of the world's greatest whitetail bucks. Among the trophies are three of the current world records, 24 state and provincial records, 30 typical racks scoring above 230 and 53 non-typical

that scored above 230. I also saw 10 of the top 13 Pope and Young (archery harvest) non-typical racks. These are not replicas; they're the real thing and they're awesome. Two racks in particular caught my attention because of their popularity among deer hunters the world over. One was the "Hole in the Horn" buck that was collected in Ohio way back in 1940. This buck is generally considered the most famous whitetail in the world with a Boone and Crockett score of an astounding 328 2/8. It consists of 45 points and the main feature is a mysterious hole in one of the palmated drop-tines, a hole that was first thought to have been caused by a .22 bullet. However, George Winters, a witness who helped untangle the dead buck from a chain length fence next to a railroad track recalls seeing a piece wire from the fence that had pierced the porous tip of the antler. Another buck that captivated me was taken in Louisiana in 1958 by Sammy "Peanut" Walker near Grosse Tete in south Louisiana. This buck's bizarre array of headgear is

indescribable. In fact, the mass of bone with no main beams, weighing more than 10 pounds, has never been officially measured simply because it defies all the rules for antler measuring. Walker had put out standers and released his hounds when the buck bounded out past him. One load of buckshot dropped the monster buck in his tracks. Walker discovered the antlers were still covered in velvet, which meant

the buck never dropped his antlers in late winter but kept adding on to the unbelievable array of mass. The next time you have the chance to travel to Springfield, be sure and go see the King of Bucks display at Bass Pro. When the display makes its way to one of Louisiana's Bass Pro Shops, don't miss seeing it. To help your day get off on the right foot, though, I suggest you eat breakfast at home before heading out.

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. Very few are trying the fish so reports this week are spotty. For latest in-

formation, contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.  
**LAKE D'AR-BONNE** – The lake is down 5 feet with drawdown continued another 20 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; cat-fishing good off the banks. For latest information, call Anderson Sport Center at 368-9669 or Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

**LAKE CLAIBORNE** – Crappie fishing has been 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.  
**CANEYLAKE** – 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.

**1169 Sheppard St. • Minden, LA**  
**Owner: Richard Randle**  
**318-382-0900**

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

**Jay Patterson**  
Doyline, So.

**Patterson has led the Panthers to a 13-1 start. He scored 28 points in a win over Plain Dealing on Nov. 26 and 21 in a win against Summerfield on Dec. 3.**

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

# Good News

GOOD NEWS

## CHRISTMASES OF LONG AGO

When I was a kid (mid 1940's), Christmas was quite different than now. Gifts might be rag dolls and mittens for my sisters, a few marbles or a pair of socks for the boys. If there was a Christmas tree, it was a sickly pine stuck over in a corner with popcorn garlands, sweet gum balls covered with foil (chewing- gum wrappers). and homemade ornaments made at school from various things. No lights, fancy ornaments or angels to top the tree! Just a simple tree: a Charlie Brown look-a-like for sure!

Most gifts were homemade or bought at the "5 and 10 store." One of our prized possessions now is a bird figurine my mother gave us our first Christmas. It still had the price tag on it - \$1.00. We displayed it for several years until it became chipped. Then Sondra spray-painted it chalk white and it fits perfectly among our special decorations. Why do these things have such sentimental value as we grow older?

Growing up on a farm way out of town, Christmas was very simple. What happened at school was always so very

exciting - coloring pictures and decorating the rooms, pulling names, exchanging gifts and giving special gifts to the teachers. Poor teachers: having to settle for a box of 'nothings!' My most disappointing gift was a pair of socks (7 th Grade) and it was from my teacher's daughter! I thought it should have been a much better gift (a box of chocolates, a pocket - knife, or an ink pen). Mama told me though "the teacher knew just what I needed - not a box of candy." But I was not interested in what I needed; I wanted what I wanted! Disappointment for sure! In retrospect, but Mama and my teacher were right!

Christmas Eve was always a magic night, we thought! We never could understand how Santa could manage to squeeze down our little chimney with enough goodies for seven children and then sort them out, filling shoe boxes with dried raisins, a few nuts, several pieces of hard candy, an apple, orange and banana. And he always got the gifts in

the right boxes too! And how he managed to 'get away' before any of us could see him in the sky or hear those reindeer tapping on the tin roof was a mystery to us. I still have two of those early childhood toys: a yellow plastic dachshund; just pull his tail out and release it, he would race across the floor. The other one is a handheld collapsing black cat puppet, controlled by strings being pulled to make it stand, kneel or collapse. Both are 70 plus years old and still work.

Remember those delicious popcorn balls, the tasty-sticky taffy, and pralines that never turned out right? There always were cakes and pies to last throughout the holidays. A favorite was the fruitcakes, made before Thanksgiving, then wrapped in a towel and stored away with sliced apples around them until they 'ripened'. My favorite was mince-meat pie. (Still is). Other pies included pecan, sweet potato and butter-milk. You know, I never saw a cooked turkey until I went

to college. A big fat hen was good enough for us, with lots of dressing. Christmas morning, after the presents were opened, my daddy took command in the kitchen. A dozen eggs (yolks and whites separated), sugar, cream, vanilla and a little of Jack Daniels whipped up real fluffy - his egg nog. Wow, just one small sip sent the children far, far away from the kitchen until lunch time.

We learned some Christmas carols at school, along with the traditional holiday songs (Frosty, Deck the Halls, etc). But my favorites were the old carols sung slowly and meaningful. (Silent Night, O Holy Night, The First Noel, and O Little Town of Bethlehem. Occasionally we would hear them on the old radio and sing-along.

Yes, customs and routines concerning Christmas have changed. Gift cards have replaced shopping for the 'right gift,' cash is preferred over homemade ties or knitted gloves. Everyone has an electronic game today, (and wants a couple of the newer ones). But the one thing that has not changed is "The

Greatest Story Ever Told" - about Jesus' birth, how it all happened and why it happened. Yes, the account in Luke's Gospel is still the same. The Christ-child was born in Bethlehem, in a cattle stall; the Shepherds nearby were visited by the angels; Mary and Joseph pondered these things in their hearts, taking Jesus back to Nazareth to raise him. Luke 2: 52: "Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, in favor with God and men." He became our Redeemer and Savior, the Giver of Eternal Life.

So this Christmas, let's put Jesus right back in the middle of our celebration. And may the mystery of Christmas and the magic of the season be as fresh to each of us now as it was when we were small children. This King born in Bethlehem, a babe lying in a manger! He was God's gift to the world! That's why we can joyfully sing with the children, 'Joy to the World, the Lord has come' as we relive our special Christmases.

BILL CRIDER IS CHAPLAIN OF MINDEN MEDICAL CENTER

### THE UPWARD LOOK

## An Ambassador in Chains

*"For this I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I might be bold enough to speak about it as I should." Ephesians 6:20 CSB*

An ambassador is the diplomatic representative of a foreign government or sovereign or the spokesperson for a specific group. Paul is an ambassador for King Jesus. He is in chains, in prison, under arrest, for representing the Lord Jesus by boldly preaching the gospel of Christ. He asks the Ephesians to pray for him, not for his release



Max Hutto

from imprisonment or his physical circumstances, but that he would boldly, fearlessly, and effectively speak the gospel even in his imprisonment.

Lord Jesus, give me strength and courage to be Your ambassador, to represent You in everything I do. May I boldly and effectively speak the gospel of Your mercy, grace, and love.

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

### INSPIRATION

## The Reason for The Season

It's the Christmas season and everyone is in the spirit. Gifts are being purchased, lights are being strung, and hallmark movies are being watched. While all these things are the traditions commonly known for this season, they are not the reason. Jesus and his birth are the reason for the season. Jesus came with one intention and that was to be born, suffer, and ultimately die for our sins. In all the hustle and bustle of this season, we sometimes forget to acknowledge the sacrifices that were made for us and the

ones we love. The world we live in due to societal changes and the influence of current events has tried to actively remove Christ from Christmas and that should never be acceptable to us as Christians. That's why I want to conclude this message by encouraging everyone to share the story of Jesus and his sacrifice, the true reason for the season.

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



Bernard Harris

Come

WORSHIP

How can we pray for you?

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LEGALS

SHERIFF'S SALE

Suit number **651659** in the 1st Judicial District Court of Louisiana  
WINNSBORO STATE BANK & TRUST COMPANY  
Versus  
UNOPENED SUCCESSION OF RONALD J. MORGAN AKA RON J. MORGAN COURTNEY A. MORGAN  
By Virtue of Writ of Seizure and Sale to me directed from the Honorable 1st Judicial District Court of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, in the above numbered and entitled cause, I have seized and will sell at Public Auction for cash according to law with benefit of appraisement in Room G-20, or any other place within the Caddo Parish Courthouse in said City of Shreveport designated by notice posted in the lobby prior to the sale, during the legal hours of sales on Wednesday, January 15, 2025 beginning at 10:00 A.M.  
PROPERTY ALREADY SOLD ON NOVEMBER 20, 2024; NOT OFFERED FOR SALE;  
LOT 11, BLOCK 6, CITY OF SHREVEPORT, CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA, AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN BOOK 250, PAGE 100 OF THE CONVEYANCE RECORDS OF CADDO PARISH, LOUISIANA, TOGETHER WITH ALL BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS LOCATED THEREON BEARING SAID GEO# 181437-111-0011-00. ALL THAT PART OF EAST 690 FEET OF THE SOUTH HALF OF NORTHWEST QUARTER OF NORTHWEST QUARTER (S/2 OF NW/4), SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 20 NORTH, RANGE 10 WEST, WEBSTER PARISH, LOUISIANA, LYING NORTH OF WEBSTER PARISH ROAD 17; LESS AND EXCEPT:  
BEGIN AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (SE/C OF NW/4) OF NW/4), SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 20 NORTH, RANGE 10 WEST, WEBSTER PARISH, LOUISIANA, AND RUN NORTH 8 FEET TO THE NORTH SIDE OF ASHLEY ROAD FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE RUN NORTH 8 DEGREES 01 MINUTES WEST ALONG THE NORTH SIDE OF ASHLEY ROAD 211 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 420 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 80 DEGREES 01 MINUTES EAST 211 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 420 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 2.00 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, TOGETHER WITH ALL IMPROVEMENTS LOCATED THEREON AND ALL RIGHTS THERETO BELONGING. ALSO  
ALL THAT PART OF THE EAST HALF OF NORTHWEST QUARTER (E/2 OF NW/4) SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 20 NORTH, RANGE 10 WEST LYING NORTH OF WEBSTER PARISH ROAD 17 (ASHLEY ROAD), CONTAINING 45.79 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, TOGETHER WITH ALL IMPROVEMENTS LOCATED THEREON AND RIGHTS THERETO BELONGING.  
Said Property to be sold as belonging to the above defendant to pay and satisfy debt specified in said writ together with attorney's fee, interest and costs.  
Henry L. Whitehorn, Sheriff and Ex-Officio Auctioneer.  
Attorney  
W. BROOKS WATSON  
The Inquisitor

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SHERIFF'S SALE

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST OF JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., FKA BANK ONE, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR CENTEX HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST 2001-B  
VS.  
CANARY M. STERLING, (A/K/A CANARY MARKRAY, CANARY MARKRAY STERLING, CANARY STERLING  
In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 81809.  
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 appraisement and according to law at the principle front door of the Courthouse in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana, on WEDNESDAY, January 15, 2025,  
During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:  
LOT NO. FIVE (5), BLOCK NUMBER THREE (3), OF THE C.O. HOLLAND SUBDIVISION IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SW/4 OF SE/4), SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 9 WEST, LOCATED IN THE CITY OF MINDEN, WEBSTER PARISH, LOUISIANA, TOGETHER WITH ALL BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS LOCATED THEREON.  
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  
Prm Brantley  
Pam Brantley - Deputy

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SHERIFF'S SALE

FEDERAL HOME LOAN MORTGAGE CORP, AS TRUSTEE FOR FREDDIE MAC SEASONED CREDIT RISK TRANSFER TRUST, SERIES 2023-1  
VS.  
MELBA HOLCOMB MORGAN  
In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. **81272**.  
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 appraisement and according to law at the principle front door of the Courthouse in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana, on WEDNESDAY, January 15, 2025,  
During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:  
A CERTAIN PIECE OR PORTION OF GROUND, TOGETHER WITH ALL THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, AND ALL THE RIGHTS, WAYS, PRIVILEGES, SERVITUDES,

ADVANTAGES AND APPURTENANCES THEREUNTO BELONGING OR IN ANYWISE APPERTAINING, SITUATED IN THE PARISH OF WEBSTER, STATE OF LOUISIANA, LOT TWENTY (20), PRAIRIE GROVE ESTATES, A SUBDIVISION, LOCATED IN THE NORTH HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER (N1/2 OF NE 1/2), SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 18 NORTH, RANGE 9 WEST, A SUBDIVISION OF WEBSTER PARISH LOUISIANA, AS PER THAT PLAT RECORDED IN BOOK 4, PAGE 1 OF THE CONVEYANCE RECORDS OF WEBSTER PARISH, LOUISIANA; SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS, SERVITUDES, RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND OUTSTANDING MINERAL RIGHTS OF RECORD AFFECTING THE PROPERTY.  
547 SE 6TH AVE., SIBLEY, LA 71073  
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 Branth  
Pam Brantley - Deputy

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SHERIFF'S SALE

BANKS FACTOR, LLC  
VS.  
JAQUEL DAMAAL HARRISON & VICTORIA FREELON HARRISON  
In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 81787.  
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 appraisement and according to law at the principle front door of the Courthouse in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana, on WEDNESDAY, January 15, 2025,  
During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:  
LOT NO. FIVE (5), BLOCK H, HILLCREST SUBDIVISION, a subdivision located in the West Half of the Northwest Quarter (W1/2 of NW/4), Section 22, Township 19 North, Range 9 West, Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana, as per map and plat thereof on file and of record in the Office of the Clerk of Court, Webster Parish, Louisiana, in Map Book 2, Page 17. Municipal address being 106 Washington, Minden, LA 71055.  
106 WASHINGTON ST., MINDEN, LA 71055  
SOLD SUBJECT TO ANY SUPERIOR LIENS, MORTGAGES OR PRIVILEGES THERETO.  
Said property seized is that of the defendant and will be sold to satisfy a judgment rendered in our Honorable Court.  
JASON R. PARKER  
Sheriff & Ex-Officio Auctioneer  
Webster Parish, Louisiana  
Pam Brantley  
Pam Brantley - Deputy

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SHERIFF'S SALE

LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC  
VS.  
REX S. SHELEY  
In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. CV80799.  
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 appraisement and according to law at the principle front door of the Courthouse in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana, on WEDNESDAY, January 15, 2025,  
During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:  
LOT ELEVEN (11) MADDRY ADDITION, UNIT NO TWO (2), A SUBDIVISION LOCATED IN THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTH-EAST QUARTER (SE/4 OF NE/4), SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 9 WEST, MINDEN, WEBSTER PARISH, LOUISIANA, AND IN THE SOUTHWEST SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF NORTHWEST QUARTER (SW/4 OF NW/4), SECTION 23, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 9 WEST, MINDEN, WEBSTER PARISH, LOUISIANA, AS PER MAP AND PLAT THEREOF ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT, WEBSTER PARISH, LOUISIANA, IN MAP BOOK 3, PAGE 70, TOGETHER WITH ALL IMPROVEMENTS LOCATED THEREON AND ALL RIGHTS THERETO BELONGING; subject to restrictions, servitudes, rights-of-way and outstanding mineral rights of record affecting the property.  
402 GOODE AVE., MINDEN, LA 71055  
SOLD SUBJECT TO ANY SUPERIOR LIENS, MORTGAGES OR PRIVILEGES THERETO,  
Said property seized is that of the defendant and will be sold to satisfy a judgment rendered in our Honorable Court.

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

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MINUTES

VILLAGE OF DOYLINE  
COUNCIL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 4, 2024

Meeting was called to Order by Mayor Gates. Invocation was led by Jackie Daniels, Pledge of Allegiance by Steve Bridwell. Roll was taken, present were Mayor Gates, Clerk Kilburn, Alderman Bridwell, Alderman Daniels, Alderwoman Muniz.

Motion was made by Rachael Muniz, seconded by Steve Bridwell to accept the October 2024 Minutes as offered. Motion carried. Motion was made by Rachael Muniz, seconded by Jackie Daniels to accept the October 2024 Financials as offered, motion carried.

The upcoming survey for the property on College/ Fuller was discussed for the possible location of the new Maintenance Barn.

The Mayor reports ongoing repairs to the road, grass cutting, drainage issues and more within the maintenance department. She also reported the completion of the well at the Sewer Pond location. Reporting that Mike Dunaway was still yet to arrange the plumber to tie all the remaining lines into the chlorine shed; but expected to have that completed soon.

Motion was made by Steve Bridwell to Adjourn, seconded by Jackie Daniels, motion carried.

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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. 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 318-807-0924 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, 11, 2024**

STATE OF LOUISIANA  
PARISH OF WEBSTER  
VILLAGE OF DIXIE INN  
RESOLUTION #07-11122024

WHEREAS, THE Village of Dixie Inn, Louisiana requests assistance from the Webster Parish Police Jury to allow for fill dirt and labor cost to the Baseball Park in the Village of Dixie Inn, Louisiana, and  
WHEREAS, the total project materials and cost are to be funded by the Webster Parish Police Jury.  
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, this resolution be adopted and sent to Webster Parish Police Jury to be placed on the agenda prior to the Jury's regular meeting in November 2024.  
THUS, DONE UPON MOTION BY Lance Miligan, duly seconded by Judy McKenzie, and carried by the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Village of Dixie Inn in regular session convened on November 12, 2024.  
YEAS: ( 3 ) NAYS: ( 0 ) ABSTAIN: ( 0 )  
ABSENT ( 0 )

Donna Hoffoss, Mayor

I, Alicia Ware, Clerk of the Village of Dixie Inn, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Village of Dixie Inn in regular session convened on November 12, 2024.  
Given under my official signature and seal of office on this 12th day of November 2024.

Alicia Ware, Clerk Village of Dixie Inn

**December 11, 2024  
Minden Press Herald**

NOTICE  
Parcel No. 121806

ROGER DALE HENSLEY OR ESTATE

THIS NOTICE BY PUBLICATION IS NOTIFICATION THAT YOUR RIGHTS OR INTEREST IN THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY LOCATED IN WEBSTER PARISH, LOUISIANA MAY BE TERMINATED BY OPERATION OF LAW IF YOU DO NOT TAKE FURTHER ACTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW:  
Parcel# 121806 / Municipal Address: 607 East Road, Sarepta, LA 71071  
Brief Legal: LOT 105 X 210 FT IN NW/4 OF NW/4 SEC 30-23-10  
Legal Description: Beginning at the Northwest corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NW cor of NW/4 of NW/4), Section 30, Township 23 North, Range 10 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana, then run East 315 feet to the point of beginning of the property herein conveyed; thence run East 105 feet; thence run South 210 feet; thence run West 105 feet, thence run North 210 feet to the point of beginning, together with all improvements located thereon and 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.  
Webster Parish Tax Collector  
410 Main Street  
Minden, LA 71055  
318-377-1515 (ext.228).

**December 11, 2024  
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NOTICE

The 26th Judicial District Attorney's Office has scheduled a public hearing to be held December 19th, 2024, at 1:00pm, in room 204, Webster Parish Courthouse, Minden, LA, to consider amendments to the 2024 Operating budget and to adopt the 2025 proposed operating budget for the 26th Judicial District Attorney's Office.

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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](http://www.civcastusa.com). Addenda will be posted at [www.civcastusa.com](http://www.civcastusa.com). You will be notified of addenda automatically, through email, if you downloaded your plans and specifications via [www.civcastusa.com](http://www.civcastusa.com). Please submit questions for the project 72 hours prior to bid opening through [www.civcastusa.com](http://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](http://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  
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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 employment 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 §§ 2000a to 2000a-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.

Melaney Langford  
City Clerk  
City of Minden  
Telephone: (318) 377-2144

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1148

AN ORDINANCE TO ADJUST THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN ELECTED OFFICIALS STARTING IN 2027

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Council of the City of Minden to ensure that the salaries of elected officials are adjusted in a manner consistent with those of other city employees; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to establish an ordinance that provides for a standardized method of salary adjustment for the following elected officials: Mayor, Chief of Police, Ward Marshal, and City Judge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Minden, Louisiana, that, effective January 1, 2027, the annual salaries of the Mayor, Chief of Police, Ward Marshal, and City Judge shall be adjusted as follows:

Annual Adjustment: The salaries of the aforementioned elected officials shall, at a minimum, be adjusted annually to reflect the same percentage increase received by other City of Minden employees for that fiscal year.

Effective Date: This ordinance shall take effect beginning with the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2027, and shall continue thereafter unless amended or repealed by the City Council.

Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

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

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

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

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Minden on this 2nd day of December, 2024, by the following vote and upon motion and second of Carlton Myles and Andy Pendergrass, respectively:

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

Nicholas A. Cox, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melaney Langford, City Clerk

December 11, 2024  
Minden press Herald

ORDINANCE NO. 1149

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REENACT THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF MINDEN, STATE OF LOUISIANA, CHAPTER 2, ADMINISTRATION: ARTICLE III, OFFICERS: DIVISION 5, PART-TIME FIRE CHIEF: PART-TIME ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF: PART-TIME MINDEN DISTRICT FIRE CHIEFS, SECTION 2-117. – APPOINTMENT

AN ORDINANCE amending and reenacting Chapter 2 of the Minden Code of Ordinances, Administration, Article III – Officers, Division 5. – Part-Time Fire Chief: Part-Time Assistant Fire Chief: Part-Time Minden District Fire Chiefs, Section 2-117. – Appointment, as provided herein.

WHEREAS, Article III – Officers, Division 5. – Part-Time Fire Chief: Part-Time Assistant Fire Chief: Part-Time Minden District Fire Chiefs, Section 2-117. – Appointment, is to be renamed "Article III – Officers, Division 5. – Part-Time Fire Chief; Section 2-117. – Appointment" to remove the positions of Part-Time Assistant Fire Chief and Part-Time Minden District Fire Chiefs; and

WHEREAS, Article III – Officers, Division 5. – Part-Time Fire Chief, Section 2-117. – Appointment is to be revised to remove language referring to the positions of Part-Time Assistant Fire Chief and Part-Time Minden District Fire Chiefs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Minden, in legal session convened, that Chapter 2 of the Minden Code of Ordinances, Administration, Article III – Officers, Division 5. – Part-Time Fire Chief; Part-Time Assistant Fire Chief: Part-Time Minden District Fire Chiefs, Section 2-117. – Appointment, be amended and reenacted as provided herein to read as follows, to-wit:

ARTICLE III.

OFFICERS

DIVISION 5.

PART-TIME FIRE CHIEF

Section 2-117. – Appointment

There shall be a part-time fire chief and a part-time assistant fire chief appointed by the mayor, subject to city council approval, at the first regular meeting of the city council after their election. Both Appointment shall be for a term of four years.

At the first regular meeting of the city council after their election, the fire chief shall appoint part-time position of Minden District Fire Chiefs, subject to city council approval. These appointments shall be for a term of four years.

The person holding the position of fire chief, assistant fire chief and Minden District Fire Chiefs will be subject to removal by the city council for just cause.

If the position of fire chief or assistant fire chief shall become vacant, the mayor shall appoint, subject to city council approval, a new fire chief or assistant fire chief to serve for the remainder of the unexpired, four-year term.

If the position of a Minden District Fire Chief shall become vacant, the fire chief shall appoint, subject to city council approval, a new Minden District Fire Chief to serve for the remainder of the unexpired four-year term.

The above part-time appointed position shall be retroactive to January 1, 1935. The compensation for the part-time appointed position of fire chief, assistant fire chief and Minden District Fire Chiefs shall be requested by the fire chief in his/her annual budget request, in writing, before the annual December regular session of the city council. The mayor and city council may accept or reject the recommendation of the fire chief at the December regular session of the city council.

Should this division contain a provision that is declared invalid or unconstitutional by any court, the remaining provisions of this division shall remain in effect.

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

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

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall be binding and shall become effective thirty (30) days after the first publication in the official journal of the City of Minden.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Minden on this 2nd day of December, 2024, by the following vote and upon motion and second of Michael Roy and Andy Pendergrass, respectively.

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

Nicholas A. Cox, Mayor  
ATTEST:

Melaney Langford, City Clerk

December 11, 2024  
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ORDINANCE NO. 1150

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REENACT THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF MINDEN, STATE OF LOUISIANA, CHAPTER 34, CRIMINAL CODE: ARTICLE II, OFFENSES AFFECTING GOVERNMENTAL FUNCTIONS: SECTION 34-54. – FIRE HYDRANTS; TAMPERING WITH, OPERATING, OBSTRUCTING

AN ORDINANCE amending and reenacting Chapter 34 of the Minden Code of Ordinances, Criminal Code, Article II, Section 34-54 of the Code of Ordinances, as provided herein.

WHEREAS, Article II – Offenses Affecting Governmental Functions, Section 34-54. – Fire Hydrants; Tampering with, Operating, is to be renamed "Article II – Offenses Affecting Governmental Functions, Section 34-54. – Fire Hydrants; Tampering with, Operating, Obstructing" and revised to add subsection (b) outlining the obstruction of fire hydrants and subsection (c) outlining the operation of hydrants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Minden, in legal session convened, that Chapter 34 of the Minden Code of Ordinances, Criminal Code, Article II, Section 34-54, be amended and reenacted to read as follows, to-wit:

ARTICLE II.

OFFENSES AFFECTING GOVERNMENTAL FUNCTIONS

Section 34-54. – Fire Hydrants; Tampering with, Operating, Obstructing.

It is unlawful for anyone, except a member of a fire department duly authorized by the chief of the fire department, employees of the public works department, or anyone authorized by the mayor and board of aldermen, to tamper with or in any way attempt to operate any of the fire hydrants located within the city.

No person shall place or keep any fence, growth, trash, or other structure or material within (3) feet of any fire hydrant that would prevent such hydrant from being immediately discernible or in any other manner hinder the fire department from gaining immediate access to the fire hydrant. No person shall install any sign or other structure which would hinder or obstruct in any way the full and complete operation of the fire hydrant. All fire hydrants shall be viewable from roadway upon approach. (NFPA 1 Chapter 18 (18.5.7); R.S. 14:206 (A)2; R.S. 32:143 (A) 4).

No person shall use or operate any hydrant or other valve installed on any water system intended for use of the fire department for fire suppression purposes and which is accessible to any public highway, alley, or private way open to, or generally used by, the public unless such person first secures a permit for such use.

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

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

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall be binding and shall become effective thirty (30) days after the first publication in the official journal of the City of Minden.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Minden on this 2nd day of December, 2024, by the following vote and upon motion and second of Latasha Mitchell and Carlton Myles, respectively.

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

Nicholas A. Cox, Mayor  
ATTEST:

Melaney Langford, City Clerk

December 11, 2024  
Minden Press Herald

ORDINANCE NO. 1151

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REENACT THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF MINDEN, STATE OF LOUISIANA, CHAPTER 42, FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION: ARTICLE II, FIRE DEPARTMENT: SECTION 42-34. – PRIVATE WATER SOURCES, SECTION 42-35. – ACCESS BOX SYSTEM, SECTION 42-36. – SECURITY GATES AND LIMITED AC-

CESS GATES; ARTICLE III, FIRE PREVENTION CODE: SECTION 42-61. – CODE ADOPTED, SECTION 42-69. – OUTDOOR BURNING, SECTION 42-70. – FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS, SECTION 42-71. – FIREWORKS

AN ORDINANCE amending and reenacting Chapter 42 of the Minden Code of Ordinances, Fire Prevention and Protection, Articles II and III, Sections 42-34, 42-35, 42-36, 42-61, 42-69, 42-70, and 42-71, for clarification as provided herein.

WHEREAS, Article II – Fire Department, Section 42-34. – Private Water Sources, authorizes and outlines the Minden Fire Department's use of water from private sources; and

WHEREAS, Article II – Fire Department, Section 42-35. – Access Box System, outlines the applicability of access box systems to commercial buildings; and

WHEREAS, Article II – Fire Department, Section 42-36. – Security Gates and Limited Access Gates, requires that the Minden Fire Department be granted emergency access to gated residences and commercial areas; and

WHEREAS, Article III – Fire Prevention Code, Section 42-61. – NFPA Code Adopted, currently refers to fireworks when clarification requires that the regulation of fireworks be set forth in a separate Code Section, Section 42-71; and

WHEREAS, Article III – Fire Prevention Codes, Section 42-69. – Outdoor Burning, prohibits outdoor burning of certain materials; and

WHEREAS, Article III – Fire Prevention Code, Section 42-70. – Fire Alarm Systems, outlines penalties for false fire alarms; and

WHEREAS, Article III – Fire Prevention Code, now contains Section 42-71. – Fireworks, which outlines the sale and use of fireworks.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Minden, in legal session convened, that Chapter 42 of the Minden Code of Ordinances, Fire Prevention and Protection, Articles II and III, Sections 42-34, 42-35, 42-36, 42-61, 42-69, 42-70, and 42-71, be amended and reenacted as provided here to read as follows, to-wit:

ARTICLE II.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Section 42-34. – Private Water Sources.

Use of water from private source – Authorized. The chief of the fire department or his authorized representative is hereby authorized to use water from private swimming pools, ponds, lakes, stream or any other private body of water when it is deemed necessary to use such water to attempt to save life and property threatened by fire.

Same – No liability for damages. The city, its officers, agents, and employees engaging in or attempting to engage in the conduct authorized shall be held harmless and not be liable in damages to any person or thing for any damage done while engaging in or attempting to engage in the conduct authorized.

Section 42-35. – Access Box System.

Definitions. For the purposes of this chapter, the following terms shall have the indicated meanings:

Access Box means a key lock box manufactured by the Knox Company of Irvine, California, or any successor company which manufactures a compatible system. The Knox Box systems conforms to NFPA 1 Chapter 18 – Fire Department Access and UL 1037.

Commercial building means any building in the city used or designed for commercial, industrial, or multi-family purposes that is protected by an automatic alarm system or automatic suppression system, or such structures that are secured in a manner that restricts access during an emergency. The following buildings are exempted: Any such building protected and/or patrolled at all times by security guards. Multi-family residential complexes which do not have locked doors or gates which protect a common corridor or other means of providing access to the living units. Nursing homes. Buildings owned or occupied by any local, state, or federal unit of government. Buildings that are open for business 24 hours per day.

Owner means the owner of record, tenant, lessee, or other person having a possessory or proprietary interest in a commercial building.

Existing commercial building means a commercial building which was constructed prior to adopting this section.

New commercial building means a newly constructed commercial building completed on or after adoption of this section.

Applicability to new buildings. The owner of each new commercial building shall install an access box near the main entrance of the building or located at such specific location as the fire department deems appropriate before occupying the building. No occupancy permit shall be issued for a new commercial building until an access box has been installed as required by this chapter.

Applicability to existing commercial buildings. The owner of each existing commercial building shall install an access box near the main entrance of the building or located at such specific location as the fire department deems appropriate within 180 days of adoption of this section.

Applicability to other Commercial Buildings. For any commercial building without an automatic alarm system or suppression system or any exempted building, the owner is encouraged to comply with this ordinance to facilitate rapid entry of the fire department to quickly mitigate emergency situations and minimize property damage.

Contents. Each access box on each commercial building shall contain a properly labeled key or keys which will allow access by fire department to the building and any locked areas in the event of an emergency at that location. The cost of purchasing, installing, and maintaining, along with any cost associated with implementation of the program at a specific property, will be borne by the property owner. The access box shall be installed near the front entrance of the building at the 5-foot level.

Violation/Penalties. Non-compliance with this ordinance will find the responsible party in violation and guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable in accordance with section 1-13.

Section 42-36. – Security Gates and Limited Access Gates.

Access controlled gates for apartment complexes, gated communities, pedestrian gates and industrial receiving areas shall be equipped with an approved key switch for emergency override.

When gates are not controlled electronically, an approved Knox padlock consistent with the Knox Box system shall be used in lieu of an electronic key switch.

All existing gated communities and gated premises shall be in compliance with this section within 180 days of adoption of this section.

ARTICLE III.

FIRE PREVENTION CODE

Section 42-61. – NFPA Code Adopted.

The city council has adopted, for the purpose of prescribing regulations governing conditions hazardous to life and property from fire and explosion, that certain code known as the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), being particularly the NFPA codes current editions thereof, and the whole thereof, or subsequent editions, changes or amendments to subject code as published by the National Fire Protection Association; save

and except as to the section pertaining to "fireworks". The sale, discharge, use and possession and the manufacture and storage of fireworks shall be prohibited within the city with the exception of allowing the placing, storing, locating or displaying of fireworks in conformity with the provisions of state law concerning fireworks, for the periods of 15 days prior to the Fourth of July and 15 days prior to New Year's Day. The city council shall itself be the appeals board instead of having a special board as recommended in the section of the code, of which not less than three copies have been filed in the office of the city clerk; and the same is hereby adopted and incorporated as fully as if set out in length herein, and the provisions thereof shall be controlling within the limits of the city.

Section 42-69. – Outdoor Burning.

No person shall cause or allow the outdoor burning of waste material or other combustible material on any property owned by him or under his control except as provide in the state administrative regulations.

Section 42-70. – Fire Alarm Systems.

Territorial applicability. The provisions of this section apply only in the city.

False alarms; tampering with alarms. It shall be unlawful for any person to give a false fire alarm, or to tamper or interfere with the municipal fire alarm system of the city or the fire alarm boxes, key guard, glass, wires, or any part or portion of the fire alarm system, except for the purpose of giving an alarm of fire.

False alarms.

Purpose. The purpose of this section is to reduce the number of false fire alarms received from automatic fire alarm transmitting equipment, to allow for the more efficient mobilization and allocation of the resources of the fire department to provide effective response to actual fire situations instead of false fire alarms, and to prescribe penalties for the repeated transmission of false fire alarms by automatic fire detection and alarm transmission equipment.

Definition of false fire alarm. For the purpose of this section, any signal transmitted by automatic fire detection and alarm transmission equipment which falsely indicates a fire shall be considered a false fire alarm, whether caused by equipment malfunction, by human error, or by any other means. The determination as to whether a fire has occurred or is in progress at the location of the alarm system shall be made by the fire officer in charge at that location.

False alarm exemptions. The owner shall not be held accountable for a false alarm caused by the following; however, the alarm user shall have the burden of proof: Natural or manmade disaster Vandalism Telephone line outage A lightning strike, electrical surge or an act of nature that caused physical damage to the alarm system. To assert this defense, the owner must provide receipts or invoices for corrective work performed or written statements testifying to the stated cause of damage on letterhead of the licensed alarm business or agent who repaired the damage.

Penalties: The owner of any automatic fire detection or alarm transmission equipment which transmits more than three false fire alarms from any one location in any consecutive 12-month period shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable as follows: In any consecutive 12-month period, three false alarm signals shall be permitted without penalty. Upon receipt of the third false alarm within a consecutive 12-month period, a letter shall be forwarded by the fire department to the owner of the premises which letter shall cite this section and give notice that there have been three false fire alarms within a consecutive 12-month period. For the fourth false alarm signal in any consecutive 12-month period, the penalty shall be a fine of \$100.00. For the fifth false alarm signal in any consecutive 12-month period, the penalty shall be a fine of \$200.00. For the sixth or any subsequent false alarm signals in any consecutive 12-month period, the penalty shall be a fine of \$300.00.

Nothing in this section shall require any personnel of the fire department to remain

on the location of a fire alarm after the fire officer in charge at that location has determined that no fire has occurred or is in progress at that location.

Appeals

The Fire Chief shall have the authority to review the false alarm at the request of the owner and determine whether a false alarm has occurred. The Fire Chief may consider extenuating circumstances, such as documented repeated repair attempts, factory defective systems or other uncontrollable events. If the Fire Chief finds that no violation of this article has occurred or that a violation has occurred but one or more defenses set forth in this section is applicable, the Fire Chief may dismiss the fine and release the owner from the liability thereunder or may reduce the fine associated therewith.

After the Fire Chief has made his findings and declares such findings to the owner, the owner shall have the right to appeal to the city council within 20 days therefrom. If an appeal is not made to the city council from the owner within 20 days, the decision shall be final. Such appeal shall be perfected by a letter addressed to the city council and delivered to the Mayor's Office stating that an appeal from the decision of the Fire Chief is desired. The council, as soon as practicable after receiving such notice of appeal, shall grant or deny a request for a hearing on the appeal and, after the hearing of the appeal, shall sustain, modify or reverse the findings of the Fire Chief, and shall notify the Fire Chief of its findings. The findings of the city council shall be final, subject to any applicable legal processes.

The city council shall conduct a hearing in those matters requested for appeal that have been ruled on negatively by the Fire Chief. The city council shall consider evidence offered by any interested person(s), including, but not limited to, evidence that a false alarm dispatch was caused by a bona fide fire emergency or criminal offense. The city council shall make its decision on the basis of a preponderance of evidence presented at the hearing and the investigative findings of the Fire Chief. The city council must render a decision within 45 days of receiving the findings of the Fire Chief. The city council's decision is final as to administrative remedies with the city.

An assessment in the amount of \$25.00 shall be charged for each case where the city council denies the appeal.

Defenses, which may be considered to mitigate or dismiss a violation, shall include: The false alarm signal for which the fine had been assessed did not originate at the alarm site of the owner who has been assessed the fine. The false alarm signal for which the fine was assessed was, in fact, not false, but was the result of a fire emergency. Such other mitigating circumstances, as may be determined by the Fire Chief or the City Council.

Administrative Procedures

The city finance department/clerk shall collect all fines.

Section 42-71. – Fireworks.

Definition. The term "fireworks" whenever used in this section shall be held to mean a division 1.4 firework, to include but not limited to, sparkler, squib, rocket, firecracker, roman candle, signal lights, fireworks, or other devices or composition used to obtain visible or audible pyrotechnic displays.

Retail Sales. A license fee for the sale of fireworks in the City of Minden shall be required as stated in Chapter 66, Article III, Sec. 66-61 – 66-78.

Any temporary use structures, buildings used for seasonal sales of products, shall be placed a minimum of 25 feet from the front property line and 5 feet from any side property line, or in the case of a corner lot 20 feet. The temporary structure shall not be placed more than 15 days prior to operation and shall be removed no later than 15 days after operation ceases.

There shall be no open flame heating devices in any location from which the sale of fireworks is made at retail.

There shall be no sleeping within the facility in which fireworks are sold, offered for sale, or stored.

Any facility for the sale at retail or storage of fireworks shall have available one serviceable fire extinguisher in accordance with the regulation of the National Fire Protection Association and Louisiana Administrative Code 17-4:21.

At all places where fireworks are stored or sold there shall be signs posted with the words "Fireworks.....NO Smoking" in letters not less than four inches high.

At all places where fireworks are sold there shall be signs posted notating the dates listed in (d)3 and times listed in (e) that fireworks may be discharged.

No person shall offer to sell or sell fireworks to a child known to be under the age of fifteen years or to any person known to be intoxicated or any person known to be irresponsible.

Possession or sale prohibited. It shall be unlawful for any person to have, keep, store, use, manufacture offer to sell, handle, or transport any pyrotechnics within the city except as herein provided, it being the intention of this section to prohibit the sale of, distribution of, or discharge of pyrotechnics of any kind or description whatsoever within the city. In addition to those fireworks, the possession, sale, and use of which is prohibited in this section and R.S. Title 51, it shall be unlawful for any person to, at any time, possess, sell or use any type of bottle rockets or sky rockets with sticks.

Exceptions. Nothing contained in this section shall be held to apply:

To the possession or use of signaling devices for daily consumption by railroads, trucks, or vessels requiring them.

To pyrotechnic display of fireworks in public parks or other open places where a permit for such display has been issued by the Fire Chief of the City. Such displays shall be governed by the most current editions of the Louisiana State Fire Marshal's Act, National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1123 Code for Fireworks Display, Life Safety Code 101, NFPA 1 Fire Prevention Code, and any other applicable codes.

To the discharging of permissible fireworks between June 12th and July 5th, inclusive, and December 15th and January 1st, inclusive.

Other restrictions of retail sales or use. Fireworks shall not be discharged prior to 8:00 a.m. nor later than 10:00 p.m. (Exception – New Year's Eve 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. on January 1st.)

Permit Applications. Applications for permits to discharge fireworks outside dates in Sec. 42-71 (c) 3 and Sec. 42-71 (d) shall be made in writing to the Fire Chief of the City and delivered to the City of Minden Building Official's Office at least 15 days before 5:00 p.m. in advance of the date of event. The issuance of a permit by the Fire Chief shall not relieve the applicant from the responsibility of obtaining additional approval or permits from other agencies, including but not limited to, the Louisiana Office of State Fire Marshal or Federal Aviation Administration. The Fire Chief has the authority to waive fees for said application.

Application for permit shall be accompanied by a check that is nonrefundable in the amount of \$250.00.

If after 5:00 p.m. of the 15th day in advance of the display date, there will be a \$500.00 penalty fee assessed in addition to the permit fee.

There shall be no permits issued if less than 5 days prior to the event.

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

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

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance

shall be binding and shall become effective thirty (30) days after the first publication in the official journal of the City of Minden.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Minden on this 2nd day of December, 2024, by the following vote and upon motion and second of Michael Roy and Levon Thomas, respectively.

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

Nicholas A. Cox, Mayor  
ATTEST:

Melaney Langford, City Clerk

December 11, 2024  
Minden Press Herald

ORDINANCE NO. 1152

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AN ACT OF SALE BY THE CITY OF MINDEN TO SELL CERTAIN ADJUDICATED PROPERTIES (PARCELS 110359 & 113906) BY PUBLIC AUCTION; AND, FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the immovable properties described below were adjudicated to the City of Minden, for nonpayment of taxes; and purchased at a public auction by high bidder:

PARCEL #110359: LOT NO. THIRTY (#30), L.T. BROWN SUBDIVISION, LOCATED IN THE WEST HALF OF SOUTHEAST QUARTER (W ½ OF SE ¼), 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; MUNICIPAL ADDRESS: 709 HORTON STREET, MINDEN, LA; ADJUDICATED TO THE CITY ON 06/01/2007 Purchaser: Catrenia Scott Bid: \$26,000.00 Auction Date: November 26, 2024  
PARCEL #113906: 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; MUNICIPAL ADDRESS: 1008 WESTMINSTER STREET, MINDEN, LA, ADJUDICATED TO THE CITY ON 5/17/2023

Purchaser: Tametha Weatherspoon Bid: \$2,933.33 Auction Date: November 26, 2024

WHEREAS, LA R.S. 47: 2202 et seq. provides that the City may sell adjudicated property in accordance with law after the expiration of the period for redemption; and

WHEREAS, the City of Minden has declared the property described below surplus and not needed for a public purpose and to dispose of said property in accordance with LA R.S. 47:2202, et seq.; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with L.A. R.S. 47:2202, the City of Minden has set a minimum bid for public sale for each property; and

WHEREAS, the City has offered these properties to the highest bidder at the time of sale; and WHEREAS, the property described herein above was offered at public auction on listed dates.

NOW BE IT ORDAINED by the Minden City Council, that any Act of Sale of the below described property shall contain the following conditions and requirements:

The properties shall be sold in accordance with LS-R.S. 47:2201 et seq., without any warranty, from either the City or Management Company, whatsoever, even as to the return of the purchase price.

The sale shall be on a form approved by the City Attorney and that the sales price is paid by certified funds at or near the time of the sale.

The sale shall include a reservation of all mineral rights to the City but shall convey all surface rights.

The following shall be completed prior to closing of sale:

E&P Consulting Services, LLC shall certify in writing to the City Attorney that they have examined the mortgage records, conveyance records, probate and civil suit records of the Parish of Webster and that attached to this certification will be a written list of names and last known addresses of all owners, mortgagees, and any other person who may have a vested or contingent interest in the property, or who has filed a request for notice as provided in the former provisions LS-R.S. 33:4720.17(B), as indicated in those records.

E&P Consulting Services, LLC has provided notice to those persons identified in accordance with LS-R.S. 47:2201 et. seq. Proof of said notice will be filed in the records of Webster Parish immediately after the Act of Sale.

At the time of closing, E&P Consulting Services, LLC will certify in writing to the City Attorney and the Clerk of Court that the number of days mandated by LS-R.S. 47:2201 et. seq. has elapsed since the above required notice was made or attempted and that the property has not been redeemed by the payment of the taxes owed.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, by the Minden City Council, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute a Cash Sale of the above described adjudicated properties to the highest acceptable bidder as named. The Cash Sale shall contain all of the above conditions and requirements and shall be executed within the timelines specified.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Minden on this 2nd day of December, 2024, by the following vote and upon motion and second of Latasha Mitchell and Levon Thomas, respectively.

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

Nicholas A. Cox, Mayor  
ATTEST:

Melaney Langford, City Clerk

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Solve the code to discover words related to Halloween.  
Each number corresponds to cooking.  
(Hint: 10 = E)

**A. 25 4 2 12 10 21 25 10 4 7 26**

Clue: They make a meal

**B. 7 25 19 25 4 2**

*Clue: Duration*

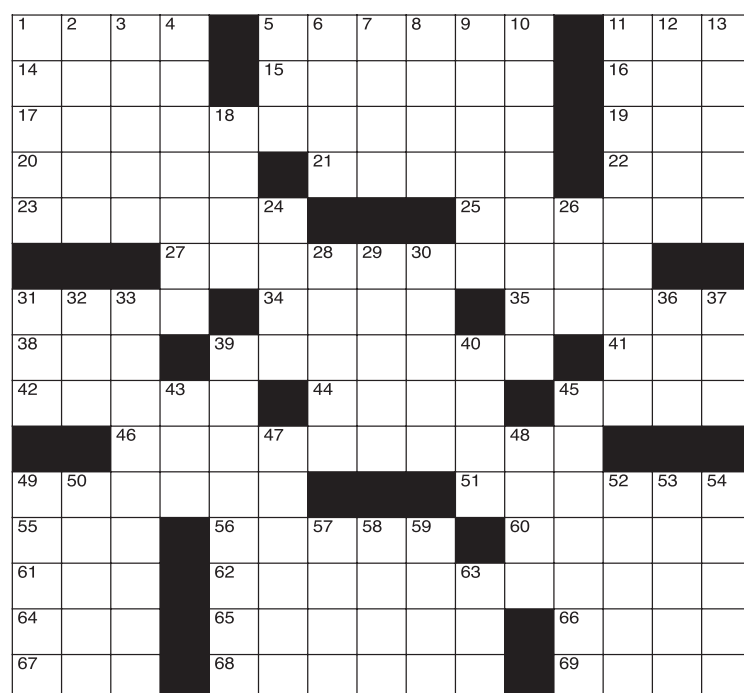
**C.      19    10    9    17    26**

Clue: Dinner and breakfast are two

**D.      20   12   10   20   9   12   10**

Clue: Get ready

Answers: A. ingredients B. timing C. meals D. prepare



## CLUES ACROSS

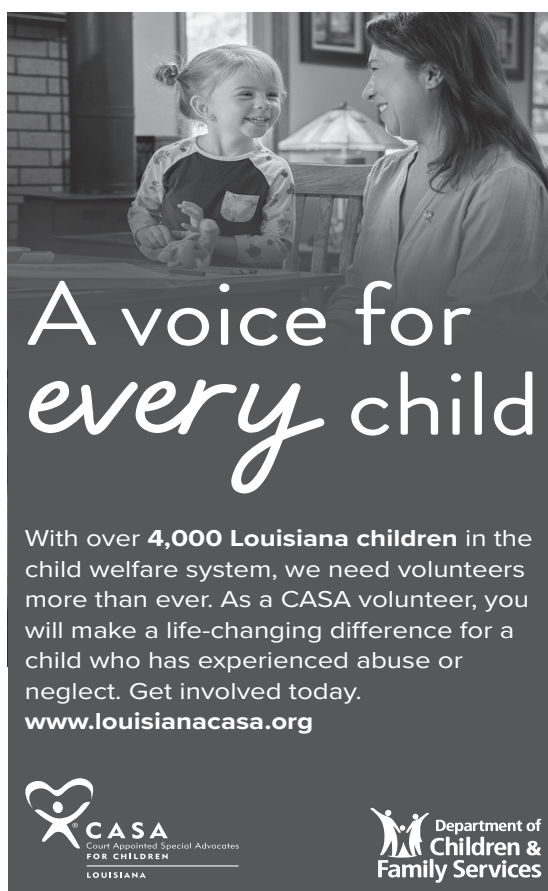
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|---|--|
| 1. Separate with an instrument            | 41. Small amount                               |
| 5. State clearly                          | 42. Mother of Perseus                          |
| 11. One-time MLB speedster<br>Gordon      | 44. Ornamental waist box                       |
| 14. Broad in scope                        | 45. Officials                                  |
| 15. Lacking social polish                 | 46. Uncertain                                  |
| 16. Amount of time                        | 49. A cotton fabric with a satiny<br>finish    |
| 17. Frame                                 | 51. Extensive, treeless plains                 |
| 19. Automobile                            | 55. Your consciousness of your<br>own identity |
| 20. Caps                                  | 56. Consumer advocate Ralph                    |
| 21. High school dances                    | 60. Notable Spanish sports club                |
| 22. Utilize                               | 61. Body part                                  |
| 23. Checked                               | 62. One's responsiveness                       |
| 25. One-sided                             | 64. Woman (French)                             |
| 27. Having an extreme greed<br>for wealth | 65. Ready and willing to be taught             |
| 31. Potted plants                         | 66. Muslim ruler title                         |
| 34. We all have one                       | 67. Unhappy                                    |
| 35. Lake north of the Kalahari            | 68. Gradually disappeared                      |
| 38. Unidentified flying object            | 69. Able to think clearly                      |
| 39. Aging persons                         |  |

### CLUES DOWN

1. Brushed
2. Water sprite
3. Ones to look up to
4. Monetary units
5. We all have one
6. Marine invertebrate
7. One who institutes a legal proceeding
8. Outer
9. Parallelograms
10. Uncomfortable feelings
11. Cross to form an X
12. Remove
13. Some pages are dog-\_\_
18. Capital of Ukraine
24. A citizen of Denmark
26. Eighth month (abbr.)
28. Hindu queens
29. Acids structurally related to amino acids
30. Rider of Rohan in Tolkien
31. Wet dirt
32. Russian city
33. Observed
36. Irrate
37. Travelers need them
39. Musical composition
40. Auction
43. Form of "to be"
45. Women
47. Inspire with love
48. Think Japanese ankle sock
49. Appears
50. Old World lizard
52. The lead dancer: \_\_ ballerina
53. Protein involved in motion
54. Rosalind Franklin biographer
57. Popular 1920s style art \_\_
58. \_\_ Blyton, children's author
59. Abnormal breathing
63. A place to rest



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# CHRISTMAS GREENERY... A GOOD MATERIAL FOR THE HOLIDAY

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LSU AgCenter  
December 2024*

With Thanksgiving now history for this year and your search for specials on black Friday probably over, it's time to complete your decorations for Christmas. If you have more decorating to do because you've been busy with last minute shopping and cooking for the big Christmas dinner, there may be a bit more decorating required to put on the finishing touches.

When decorating for the Christmas holidays, many persons like to use a good bit of greenery to tie their decorations together. What kind of greenery you choose will depend on personal preference, availability, price and maybe other things. There are really only two types of greenery that are suitable for Christmas decorating and these are artificial and natural. Each has certain advantages.

First, let's see what advantages there are for artificial greenery. While most people prefer the greenery to be green, the artificial is available in white, yellow and purple and possibly other colors. The artificial type is also available in various textures. One other advantage is that it is very durable and if properly stored when the holidays are over, it can be used for several years. This quality effectively reduces the cost per year which offsets the original purchase price.



However, in small homes it might create a storage problem. One other advantage of the artificial is that you don't have to be concerned about it drying out or collapsing before the holidays are over. Another plus is that it can be used where there are drafts which can't be done with natural greenery because in that situation the natural greenery dries out and can become a fire hazard.

With natural greenery there are some limitations, but there's just something about it that makes it kind of special. It may be its soft texture, its looks and, if fresh, its smell. But when all of these things are combined, it becomes a favorite of many people. Once the holidays are over it can be used to make fish habitats or to stop erosion of the soil. It can also become a temporary sanctuary for birds. While most natural greenery has a rather short life span, it can occasionally deteriorate before the holiday season is over thus requiring replacement.

Persons who have extra space in their landscape or who own property where trees can be grown can grow their own greenery.

Cold climate species such as spruces and firs that are generally prevalent during Christmas will not succeed this far south. However, there are several species that are adapted here. The leaves of Southern Magnolias are frequently used in decorations, but the tree is not suitable to serve as a Christmas tree. Berried branches of American and Chinese hollies make good decorations and both are well adapted to our climate. Both of these species must have both male and female trees nearby for the female to bare those pretty berries. Other species that can be grown for Christmas trees or greenery include Leyland Cypress, various cedars and several pine species. The pines are only good for a source of greenery, however.



JOE W. WHITE, Ph.D.

## THESE COLORFUL COOKIES ARE TAILOR-MADE FOR FAMILY BAKING SESSIONS

Baking during the holiday season is a tradition in many households across the globe. Family baking sessions provide a perfect holiday season bonding activity, and the payoff is both cherished family time and delicious, indulgent foods once the items are ready to eat. Holiday hosts know they'll need to feed their guests over the course of their stay, and that includes snacks. This holiday season, hosts can involve their guests in family baking sessions and whip up a batch of these delicious and colorful "Christmas Biscuits" from Lines+Angles.

### CHRISTMAS BISCUITS Makes approximately 24 cookies

#### FOR THE DOUGH:

- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour, sifted, plus extra for dusting
- 1 1/3 cups confectioner's sugar, plus extra for dusting
- 3/4 cup almond meal
- 1 cup unsalted butter, cold and cubed
- 1 large egg yolk
- 1 tablespoon cold water
- 1/2 teaspoon fine salt

#### FOR THE ICING AND DECORATION:

- 4 cups confectioner's sugar
- 3 tablespoons meringue powder
- 7 tablespoons warm water, combined with 1 teaspoon vanilla extract, assorted food color (e. g., red, pink and turquoise), assorted colored sugar crystals (e. g., red, pink and white)



1. For the dough: Preheat oven to 350 F. Grease and line two large baking sheets with parchment paper.
2. Combine flour, confectioner's sugar and almond meal in a large mixing bowl. Stir well to mix.
3. Add butter, egg yolk, water, and salt, and mix well with an electric mixer with spiral attachments until mixture starts to come together as a dough.
4. Turn out onto a floured surface and knead briefly until even. Wrap in plastic wrap and chill for 30 minutes.
5. After chilling, roll out dough on a lightly floured surface to approximately 0.25" thickness.
6. Use assorted star-shaped cookie cutters to cut out approximately 23 variably sized star shapes. Arrange between prepared sheets, spaced apart.
7. From remaining dough, cut out one teardrop and two semi-circles of dough, using appropriate cutters or working freehand with a paring knife. Arrange on one of the baking sheets.
8. Bake cookies for 12 to 15 minutes, until golden and dry to the touch. Remove to cooling racks to cool.
9. For the icing and decoration: Thoroughly stir together confectioner's sugar and meringue powder in a large mixing bowl.
10. Gradually beat in warm water and vanilla extract mixture using an electric mixer until icing is smooth and of a flooding consistency; you may not need all of the water.
11. Divide icing between three bowls. Color two bowls pink and red, respectively, by beating in enough pink and red coloring to achieve uniform colors. Leave the third bowl uncolored.
12. Spoon pink and red icing into separate piping bags fitted with small, round-tip nozzles.
13. To ice the cookies, pipe around their perimeters with the icings to create borders. Fill in middle of cookies with more icing; you can use a damp, warm offset palette knife to spread out icing to an even finish.
14. Carefully transfer iced cookies to cooling racks, decorating with the sugar crystals in festive patterns.
15. Using same technique as in steps 13 and 14, ice teardrop cookie with red and white icing for Santa's hat and beard, respectively. Ice the two semi-circle cookies with white icing.
16. Before icings have set, carefully attach semi-circle cookies to teardrop cookie to fashion Santa's mustache. Color any remaining white icing with turquoise coloring and then dab onto teardrop cookie for Santa's eyes. Pipe some pink icing below eyes for his nose.
17. Let cookies set and harden before serving.



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