





# WEBSTER & MORE

## FLOODING

### Flood warning issued for Bayou Dorcheat; minor flooding forecast

AMBER MCDOWN

Minden Press-Herald

The National Weather Service has extended a Flood Warning for Bayou Dorcheat near Springhill, affecting portions of Webster and Columbia Parishes, as minor flooding continues in the area.

As of 10 AM Friday, the river stage measured 12.6 feet, surpassing the flood stage of 11.0 feet. The maximum stage recorded in the past 24 hours was 12.7 feet. Forecasters pre-

dict the river will gradually recede to 11.0 feet by Wednesday morning.

Minor flooding has been reported along the bayou, impacting private boat ramps and low-lying areas. Residents with livestock near Bayou Dorcheat are urged to move animals to higher ground to avoid potential hazards.

The current water level is comparable to a previous crest of 12.6 feet recorded on January 27,

2016.

The Flood Warning includes areas near Springhill, Dixie Inn, Lake Bistineau, and Bayou Dorcheat, all within Webster Parish. The National Weather Service advises residents to monitor conditions closely and take precautions as necessary.

For updates on the river's status and flood forecasts, visit the National Weather Service website or tune in to local weather reports.



## CRIME

### Man arrested for domestic abuse, drug possession on Christmas Day

STAFF REPORT

Minden Press-Herald

A Minden man was arrested on Christmas Day following a domestic dispute that turned physical at Hillside Lane Apartments, according to police reports.

Officers responded to the complex after receiving a call about an active domestic altercation.

While en route, they were informed the incident had escalated. Upon arrival, officers were directed to the suspect, identified as Latavion Kardell Seamster, 32, walking through the complex.

Officers repeatedly ordered Seamster to stop, but he initially ignored their commands. He eventually complied and was taken into custody.

During a search, authorities found 18 ecstasy pills hidden in a cigarette pack in Seamster's pants pocket. He was transported to the Minden Police Department and booked.

The victim, who was interviewed after Seamster's arrest, recounted the events leading up to the altercation. She stated she was at home with Seamster and her two

children, one of whom is Seamster's daughter. An argument reportedly began for unknown reasons, escalating when Seamster allegedly choked her to the point she feared for her life. The victim called 911, but Seamster fled the scene before officers arrived.

The victim expressed continued fear of Seamster and requested to

leave her residence despite being informed of his arrest. She stated this was the first physical altercation between them and chose to pursue charges.

A review of Seamster's criminal history revealed three prior arrests for domestic abuse battery, with the most recent in July 2020. He also has a 2012 arrest for possession

of a Schedule II controlled substance.

Seamster faces charges of domestic abuse battery with child endangerment and strangulation, possession of a Schedule II drug, and resisting an officer.

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

## GOVERNMENT

### Speaker Johnson reelected as Speaker of the House

STAFF REPORT

Minden Press-Herald

On the first day of the 119th Congress, the U.S. House of Representatives reelected Speaker Mike Johnson on the first ballot, securing his position as the 56th Speaker of the House.

Following the vote, Speaker Johnson addressed the chamber,

highlighting a shift in the political climate and outlining priorities for the new Congress.

"But in recent months, we have witnessed something happening, something that's really remarkable. A political moment in modern history. A groundswell of Americans from every state, race, and religion who now demand that we put

the interests of Americans first again. And we will," Johnson said.

He emphasized the need to reject past policies, stating, "This is a powerful new coalition of our country, it's a coalition that insists that we purge the policies of 'America last' and we bury them in the graveyard of history's mistakes. To that end, this Congress

will renounce the status quo, and we will listen to the voices of the people. We will act quickly, and we will start by defending our nation's borders. That's the number one priority."

Johnson's reelection marks the continuation of his leadership as he seeks to address key legislative goals in the 119th Congress.



## SPRINGHILL

### Springhill's historic downtown to get a boost with Paul Bruhn Revitalization Grant

Springhill, LA — December 18, 2024 — The Springhill Main Street Program is thrilled to announce that the historic Branch Brothers building, located at 301 S Main Street, will soon undergo a transformative rehabilitation thanks to the Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Subgrant awarded by Louisiana Main Street. This \$55,000 grant, secured by the Lofton family, who recently purchased the building, underscores the commitment of local citizens and organizations to preserving Springhill's rich history while paving the way for a vibrant future.

"We couldn't be prouder of the Loftons for their vision and initiative in pursuing this grant," said Amie Poladian, Director of Springhill Main Street. "This project is a shining example of what's possible when we combine our community's passion for its heritage with the resources to bring that vision to life. This is just one of many positive improvements we see on the horizon for downtown Springhill, and I'm confident that a bright future lies ahead for our town."

The Paul Bruhn His-

toric Revitalization Subgrant is a competitive program aimed at supporting the preservation of historic buildings in rural communities. The funds awarded to the Branch Brothers building will help ensure that this iconic structure retains its historic charm while adapting to meet modern needs. As one of Springhill's architectural gems, the building's revitalization promises to enhance the downtown area's aesthetic appeal and functionality, attracting more visitors and businesses to the heart of our town.

While the grant's implementation timeline reflects the deliberate pace of government processes, with construction set to begin in the latter part of 2025, the anticipated results will be well worth the wait. The rehabilitation will include structural and cosmetic updates that honor the building's historic integrity while making it a viable space for future use.

"These improvements will not only preserve our history but also energize our economy by creating spaces that draw in entrepreneurs, shoppers, and community members,"

added Amie. "Projects like this remind us that investing in our past is investing in our future."

The renovation of the Branch Brothers building marks an exciting chapter in Springhill's ongoing efforts to revitalize its downtown district. By combining historic preservation with forward-thinking initiatives, Springhill continues to position itself as a community that values its roots while embracing growth and opportunity.

For more information about the Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Subgrant or other Main Street initiatives, please contact Amie Poladian at (318)578-3909 or mainst@springhill-la.us

About Springhill Main Street:

Springhill Main Street is dedicated to the revitalization and economic development of Springhill's historic downtown district. Through preservation efforts, community engagement, and collaboration with local businesses, Springhill Main Street strives to create a vibrant and welcoming environment for all.

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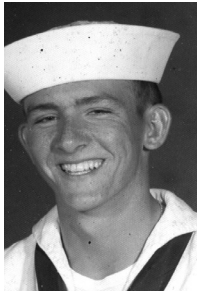
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OBITUARIES



Roger Alan Newsom

Graveside services celebrating the life of Roger Alan Newsom will be held Saturday, January 18, 2025, at 11:AM at Pilgrim's Rest Cemetery, 1080 LA Alt 2, Shongaloo, Louisiana.

Roger was born on November 17, 1953, in Haynesville, Louisiana and entered into rest peacefully on December 28, 2024, at his home. He served his country

in the United States Navy. Roger was talented in that he could make or fix most anything, he loved dogs and kids which always brought a smile to his face.

He was preceded in death by his parents Douglas and Faye Newsom and his younger brother, Joel Newsom.

He is survived by his sister, Brenda Maxey, nephews, Jeremiah and Levi Newsom, and Greg Austin: Newsom and Duke cousins, and friends.

In lieu of flowers donations in memory of Roger may be made to the Pilgrim Rest Cemetery Association, 489 Cowboy Morgan Road, Shongaloo, Louisiana 71072.

CRIME

Doyline man charged with felony after missing juvenile found

STAFF REPORT  
Minden Press-Herald

An 18-year-old Doyline man was arrested on January 4 after a missing juvenile from St. Tammany Parish was located at his residence.

According to the Webster Parish Sheriff's Office, deputies were dispatched to the 300 block of Clark Circle after St. Tammany authorities pinged the

juvenile's phone in that area. Upon arrival, deputies spoke with an elderly resident who reported that a female matching the description of the missing juvenile was in his grandson's camper.

Deputies made contact with Landon Gallman, 18, and confirmed the juvenile was present. The juvenile was placed in a marked patrol car while

deputies questioned Gallman. After being advised of his rights under Miranda, Gallman admitted to traveling to Slidell to pick up the juvenile after meeting her online.

Gallman also admitted to providing the juvenile with marijuana and stated that they had smoked marijuana and engaged in sexual activity the previous night.

Gallman was taken into custody and booked into the Webster Parish Jail. He faces charges of carnal knowledge of a juvenile, a felony, and contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

The juvenile was safely recovered.

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SCHOOLS

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grants. Key approvals include:

Lakeside Jr./Sr. High School: Purchase of 12 desktop PCs for \$19,668.12 and several repairs totaling \$3,630.

Minden High School: Boiler maintenance contracts and HVAC repairs exceeding \$14,000, plus power washing services for \$4,236.78.

North Webster High School: Replacement of a commercial water heater for \$12,547 and other repairs totaling \$11,225.

Springhill Schools: Upgrades to outdated phone systems and boiler maintenance.

These projects reflect the board's continued in-

vestment in maintaining safe and functional learning environments across the parish.

The board entered an executive session to discuss insurance matters. Upon returning, they approved a measure to provide up to two-thirds of the workman's compensation insurance as recommended by legal counsel.

Dr. Rebecca Wilson, director of personnel, reported on recruitment efforts for the upcoming school year. The district is actively seeking qualified candidates, including a school secretary for Brown Upper Elementary.

Community liaison Ursula Hullaby high-

lighted holiday support efforts. The Salvation Army served 89 families, benefiting 168 students. Walmart stores in Minden and Springhill contributed gifts for local students, while Brushwood Methodist Church provided Christmas dinners for 13 Central Elementary families.

"My prayer is that people will see the benefit of people who truly care about people," Hullaby said. "I feel like I work for one of the best districts; I live in a community that loves to serve people."

Superintendent Johnny Rowland reminded attendees that students return to school on Wednesday, January 8.

He also noted potential bad weather on Thursday evening, advising parents to monitor the district's Facebook page for updates on possible closures.

"I'm looking forward to 2025," Rowland stated optimistically.

The board's next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 3, 2025, at 6 PM at the school board offices. The public is invited to attend.

As the board progresses into the new year, the focus remains on providing quality education, supporting staff development, and maintaining district facilities to enhance the learning environment for all students.

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ing or programs when requested," Parker said.

Training Enhancements

Both departments are prioritizing officer training. The Minden Police Department will increase firearms training frequency and introduce sessions on defensive tactics, legal updates, and traffic stops. "We will react to a situation with how we train," McIver stated.

The Sheriff's Office has completed a training facility at its firing range and plans to expand in-house and external training courses. "We not only train and certify our deputies but also other parish law enforcement officers," Parker said.

Technology and Data

Technology upgrades are central to both departments' strategies. McIver is pursuing grants to help fund citywide surveillance cameras, license plate readers, and an additional drone. "Surveillance is key, not to invade privacy, but to identify persons or vehicles and establish timelines," McIver explained.

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lic works complex to consolidate employees and equipment in one location. This consolidation is expected to improve operational efficiency, reduce costs, and enhance responsiveness to community needs.

Economic development in Minden will take a unique turn in 2025 as the city explores becoming a sports tourism destination. Plans are underway to transform the recreation complex into a tournament hub capable of hosting regional and national sports events. According to Mayor Cox, "This initiative could attract regional and national sports events, bringing in visitors and boosting local businesses such as hotels, restaurants, and retailers. It also has the potential to add many new businesses and restaurants to Minden, with a particular focus on developing Industrial Drive, which is one of our top goals."

The project will also focus on developing Industrial Drive and enhancing recreational facilities for the city's youth. "This project is an investment in our children, providing them with improved recreational facilities and opportunities to participate in competitive sports close to home. By creating a space for youth to thrive and grow, we are building a stronger foundation for Minden's future," said Mayor Cox.

"Currently, we are

Parker highlighted the adoption of software to connect suspects across jurisdictions and plans to expand the functions of the department's computer-aided dispatch system, including patrol vehicle tracking.

Traffic and Event Safety

Traffic safety remains a priority for both departments, especially during community events. McIver noted heightened security measures, including additional officers at barricades and major gatherings, in response to national trends.

Sheriff Parker reiterated the department's support for municipal police at parades and festivals, ensuring that events remain secure for attendees. "We have a great working relationship with our fellow parish law enforcement agencies, and we will continue to provide support during parades, festivals, and special events."

Both leaders underscored their commitment to creating a safer environment for Minden and Webster Parish residents in 2025 through strategic planning, collaboration, and innovation.

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John F. Kennedy of Brookline, Massachusetts. Services were held at Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle, 1755 Rhode Island Avenue NW, Washington DC on November 26, 1963 at 11:00 a.m. Burial was in Arlington Memorial Cemetery.

**Richard Belzer**  
Richard Belzer, the longtime stand-up comedian who became a TV star, died on November 26, 1963 at the age of 80. He was born in New York City and was married to actress Jane Fonda. He was a member of the Kennedy family and was a close friend of John F. Kennedy.

**Marilyn Monroe**  
Marilyn Monroe was born Norma Jeane Mortenson on June 1, 1926, in Los Angeles, California. She was a famous actress and model. She was married to Joe DiMaggio and Arthur Miller. She died on August 5, 1962, at the age of 36. Her death was ruled a suicide.

**Abraham Lincoln**  
Abraham Lincoln was born February 12, 1809, in Hardin County, Kentucky. He was the 16th President of the United States. He was assassinated on April 4, 1865, in Washington, D.C. He was buried in Springfield, Illinois.

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**Daily Report**

**Minden man arrested on drug charges**  
By Minden Press-Herald - Feb 28, 2025

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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OPINION

Terror Attacks Highlight that Border Security is National Security

‘A nation without borders is not a nation.’

As I write this, the FBI is still gathering information regarding the likely ISIS-inspired New Year's Day terror attack in New Orleans. The individual, with an ISIS flag in his vehicle, crashed his truck into pedestrians, causing multiple fatalities. He has been identified as Shamsud-Din Jabbar, an American citizen and Army veteran who has obviously been radicalized as his social media posts indicate. Of great concern is that authorities also found weapons and Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) in the vehicle itself, as well as in other places in the French Quarter.

All of this is to say nothing of the Tesla cyber truck that exploded outside of the Las Vegas Trump Hotel, which left one dead and seven injured. It appears that a highly decorated Army soldier and Green Beret, Matthew Livelsberger, drove the cyber truck that exploded outside the Trump property. Livelsberger apparently shot himself in the head just prior to detonation. Evidence suggests that Livelsberger likely was suffering from combat induced PTSD and may have planned a more damaging attack, but the steel-sided vehicle contained much of the force from the explosive device.

What is going on?

As The Wall Street Journal has stated, “a particular concern is the porous U.S. border with Mexico and we know people on the U.S. terror watch list have entered the U.S. during the Biden Administration. What about others we don't know about?” (WSJ, Jan 2, 2025). It is gripping to begin the new year with the thought that the U.S. could be on the front end of a new wave of domestic terror. To that point, WSJ further suggests “another lesson is that it's still vital to stay on offense against jihadist groups abroad, lest they be able to establish sanctuaries from which they can plan attacks on the West as they did on 9/11.” (ID.)



ROYAL ALEXANDER

I have written before about the great danger generally of the illegal invasion of our southern and, increasingly, northern, U.S. borders, to include illegals of the very worst kind—including murderers and rapists and the daily harm they do—child and human traffickers, and mountains of drugs including fentanyl that kills Americans daily. But this is terror-

ism.

No nation is or can consider itself a sovereign if it doesn't know who is coming over its borders into its country. How can we not know who is in our country?

FBI Director Christopher Wray (who I am delighted to see leaving and being replaced by nominee Kash Patel) has stated that his agency has been on high alert since the Oct 7th massacre in Israel, and he would be “hard pressed to think of a time where so many threats to our public safety and national security were so elevated all at once.”

What conclusions can we draw?

Well, the first is that ISIS is back. Another conclusion is that President Biden's humiliating withdrawal from Afghanistan not only left approximately \$86 billion of American military equipment in the hands of the Taliban—and 13 dead American service members—but the most dangerous and damaging effect of this disaster was America appearing weak and indecisive.

Further, as James Carafano has recently stated “Beijing, Tehran, and Moscow know that Trump is going to take his heavy hand off the Bible in a few weeks and lay a meaty fist on them. They will be scrambling for underhanded ways to push

back. Terrorism will be one of them. In fact, they are already doing this. Russia contracted for terrorist attacks in Germany. China dumped Israel on October 7. Iran has put out hit contracts on Americans” (Carafano, Fox News, January 2, 2025).

Our enemies are no less committed to damaging America than they have ever been. Perhaps President Trump will revive the Bush Preemption Doctrine articulated after 9-11 when President George W. Bush stated that America is not going to wait to be attacked—that if there is reliable intelligence of an imminent attack on our country, America will strike first. The key is having a strong president who will enable his government to prevent such attacks in the first place and then move with overwhelming force to crush an enemy when an attack is made. We have one now.

America must only survive a few more days, until noon on January 20th, 2025. Then our government will finally make America strong, powerful, safe, and first again.

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

INSPIRATION

Am I an Accident Waiting to Happen?

According to the National Safety Council 53.6 percent of accidents happen at home.

Since most of my accidents occurred at home maybe you can avoid my careless pitfalls.

Where shall I start? Where shall I begin?

On January 6th, 2020, while spending time with my older friend, I found ways to relieve my back pain that has plagued me for years. While lying on the floor with my legs high up against the wall I fell asleep. A few hours later I noticed a blister on my left knee cap.

Because I had no clue what it was before talking with a friend who insisted I go to see Doctor Carter Boyd, my beloved primary physician, who diagnosed me with a poisonous spider bite.

Not only did he give me antibiotics but for various reasons the bite took six

months to heal.

On March 3rd I tripped over an exercise machine, leaving me badly bruised and in the emergency room three hours later.



SARAH HUDSON PIERCE

friend.

A few days later the corona-virus lock down officially began, keeping us all out of circulation for a year, but being an introvert I am rarely became bored, as I enjoy being a homebody. Listening to myself think, I thrive on writing my thoughts

down.

On June 4th I fell out of bed, leaving me shaken but not seriously hurt but I went to my doctor and was assured I didn't suffer bleeding on the brain.

On September 2nd I tripped and fell rushing into an AT&T store in Shreveport -- but not seriously injured.

Nobody's to blame except me. I tend to become careless when I walk too fast, as is my genetic nature!

You should have seen my four feet eleven inch mother who run-walked every where she went.

And on December 30th I tripped over a pair of shoes, fracturing three toes on my right foot, hopefully giving me a wake up call that I need to slow down, leading me to ask am I an accident waiting to happen?

Trying to be more careful I have obtained a cane, a walker but the best piece I have found is a shopping

cart because not only makes me feel more stable and allows me to run walk wherever I go!

I hope the readers will find some answers to the challenges that the golden years provide.

At the age of 76 my children want me to live to 107, because my oldest son, Perry, says he won't miss me so much because he will be in his eighties.

It does make me feel more secure to be loved.

I appreciate my children's encouragement.

I know that Jesus is in control because He the same yesterday, today and forever and He always gets me to the right place at the right time.

Without Him I can do nothing.

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Embracing New Beginnings in 2025: Minden's Momentum Continues

As we usher in 2025, many of us are filled with a sense of new beginnings. January often brings with it the promise of fresh starts, a time to reset and focus on the possibilities the new year holds. This feeling of renewal couldn't be more fitting for Minden, as we've already seen incredible momentum in 2024. From the record-breaking success of the St. Jude Auction, which raised over \$2.5 million for cancer research, to the expansion and growth of local businesses like Fibrebond, Minden has much to be proud of.

The St. Jude Auction is a testament to the heart of our community, showcasing our collective commitment to supporting life-changing causes. The generosity of our residents and businesses reflects the very spirit of Minden—a town that understands the importance of coming together for a common good. This

year's auction was a milestone, not just in the amount raised but in the unified spirit of compassion that it sparked across our region.



DAVID SPECHT

This expansion will not only create jobs but will also position our community as a leader in industries that are critical to the region's future. It's an exciting development, one that reinforces Minden's ability to adapt and thrive in an ever-changing

Similarly, Fibrebond's announcement to begin construction on a new electrical integration facility highlights Minden's growing economic potential.

economic landscape.

But the achievements of 2024 don't end there. Minden has seen growth and progress in various sectors, from infrastructure improvements to community initiatives. New businesses are opening, and longstanding institutions are evolving to meet the needs of the present. What's most exciting about all of this is that these are just a few examples of the forward momentum we've witnessed over the last year.

As we look ahead to 2025, it's important to reflect on the foundation that has been laid. The challenges of the past year, both expected and unforeseen, have only made us stronger. We've weathered difficulties, but we've also emerged more resilient and more determined than ever to continue moving forward.

In times of success, it's easy to focus solely on what we've accomplished, but we must also

remain vigilant and forward-thinking. As we continue to grow, we must stay adaptable and prepared for whatever challenges come our way. This is the beauty of momentum—it's not just about where we are, but about what lies ahead and how we maintain that forward motion.

Minden's story is one of progress, and as we continue into 2025, we should be intentional about building on what we've achieved. Our success is rooted in collaboration, in the collective efforts of our community, businesses, and organizations. It's about partnerships, whether it's a local business like Fibrebond expanding, or the hundreds of people coming together for a cause like St. Jude.

The coming year will undoubtedly bring new opportunities, challenges, and milestones. But if 2024 taught us anything,

it's that we have what it takes to meet those challenges head-on. We have a community that is strong, resilient, and ready to grow.

Let's take the momentum from 2024 and carry it into 2025. Whether it's continuing to support our local businesses, finding new ways to give back, or supporting our leaders, we all play a part in the continued growth of our community. Together, we can make this year even better than the last. The possibilities are endless, and together, we can turn them into reality.

Here's to a prosperous, productive, and fulfilling New Year. Let's keep pushing forward, Minden!

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FOOTBALL/COLUMN

Preseason predictions featured some hits, whiffs

RUSSELL HEDGES  
Minden Press-Herald

Now that the college football season is over for LSU and area teams, let's go back and take a look at how our predictions in the pre-season football tab fared. We'll start with colleges. LSU — Our prediction: 10-2. Final regular-season record: 8-4. We weren't far off on the Tigers. After losing to USC in the season opener, LSU won six in a row. But the season went off the rails after that with three straight losses. The Ti-

gers rebounded with three straight wins to end the season, including a Texas Bowl victory over Baylor. Louisiana Tech — Our prediction: 6-6. Final regular-season record: 5-7. We were very close on this one. But Louisiana Tech could've easily won five more games. They lost six by 10 points or less, including three in overtime. In two of the overtime losses, it looked like they were going to win in regulation. A blocked field goal and Hail Mary on the final plays forced the overtimes.

Because of an unusual set of circumstances, Tech received an invitation to the Radiance Technologies Independence Bowl. The Bulldogs fell to Army 27-6 and finished 5-8. Grambling State — Our prediction: 7-5. Final record: 5-7. Again, we weren't that far off. Like Tech, the Tigers' record could have been much better. GSU lost six by 10 points or less. The Tigers lost five by seven or less, including two by two points, one by three and one by five. One of the two-point losses was

in five overtimes. Northwestern State — Our prediction: 5-7. Final record: 0-12. We definitely whiffed on this. NSU was coming off a very tough abbreviated 2023 season. The Demons had a new head coach, Blaine McCorkle, who basically had to build a new team from scratch with the exception of a few returning players. The lineup on both sides of the ball was filled with young, inexperienced players. That made things tough. As of the sports deadline

for this edition, the New Orleans Saints and Dallas Cowboys had one game to play. Suffice it to say that regardless of the outcomes of the final games, we did not come close on these predictions in the preseason preview. Our prediction for the Saints was 10-7. New Orleans was 5-11 going into Sunday's game at Tampa Bay. The Saints were hit by numerous injuries. Head Coach Dennis Allen was fired on Nov. 4 after a 23-22 loss to Carolina.

Our prediction for the Cowboys was 13-4. Dallas was 7-9 going into Sunday's game against Washington at home. The Cowboys lost starting quarterback Dak Prescott to a torn hamstring during a 27-21 loss to Atlanta in Week 9. Even at that point the season was not going well. So if we put an overall grade on all the predictions in the preview section, it would probably be no better than a C+. But being unpredictable is one thing that makes sports great.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Parish players make All-State teams

RUSSELL HEDGES  
Minden Press-Herald

Lakeside junior running back/receiver Taron Riley has been named to the Louisiana Football Coaches Association Class 2A All-State second team. Riley rushed for 1,192 yards and 10 touchdowns in the regular season. He also caught 16 passes for 141 yards and two touchdowns. He was also a defensive standout. In the Warriors' 37-12 victory over Bogalusa in the first round of the non-select Division III playoffs, Riley had five interceptions. Honorable mention selections were Bryce Parker (defensive line), Jamarion Evans (offensive line) and Kentravion Miller (running back). North Webster defensive back Donte Owens, who had nine interceptions, was named All-State Class



Lakeside senior Taron Riley was named to the LFCA Class 2A All-State second team.

3A second team. Minden senior offensive lineman Jnathan Bradford was named honorable mention on the Class 4A team. Minden senior defensive

lineman Demetrius Robinson was named honorable mention on the Louisiana Sports Writers Association Class 4A All-State team. Robinson, Bradford,

offensive lineman Garrett Dooly and defensive back Brayden Britton competed for the West team in the LFCA All-Star Game in Ruston last month.

OUTDOORS

Kids and the outdoors

GLYNN HARRIS

My outdoors experiences began before I was old enough to handle a fishing rod or even a BB gun. I was fortunate to have a dad who was an outdoors-oriented person. My dad was a career employee of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and he took my brother and me on outings not only related to his job but also on fishing and hunting trips. I can still remember tagging along, sitting next to dad on the creek bank while he fished. Other times, my "tag along" experiences involved sitting beside him on a log while he watched the tree tops for a squirrel. I will forever be indebted to him for realizing the need to get us interested and involved in the outdoors before we were old enough to actually participate. It wasn't long before he put a fishing pole in my grubby little hands, instructing me how to watch the cork and set the hook when it bobbed and went under. The thrill of the pulsating light of my first fat bluegill lingers even today. As we grew older, we graduated to casting rods,

again under the watchful eye of dad. I can't count how many times he'd have to take the rod from my hand and yank the lure out of an overhanging limb I'd nailed with an errant cast. It was the hunting trips, though, that were the most exciting. While my short legs were hard pressed to step in dad's footsteps, I tried to keep up. He's shush me if I stepped on a stick or made too much noise rustling fallen leaves as I walked. I learned as I went along the value of being quiet and sneaky when trying to outwit a squirrel. The day finally came when he handed me a single shot 22 rifle, unloaded, to carry to the woods with him. Dad laid his shotgun across a shoulder as he sneaked; I laid my 22 across my shoulder just like he did as I tried to be just like him. If a squirrel was an easy target, he'd let me take a crack at it with my 22. Usually, he'd have to down the fleeing squirrel with his 12 gauge because my marksmanship had not yet reached a proficient level. Nevertheless, I was there in the woods with him, serving my hunting apprenticeship under his

watchful eye. Eventually, I was permitted to hunt alone. At first, dad would sit me down on a log in a grove of oaks with the ground littered with cuttings while he slipped off to hunt alone, never too far to hear my call if I needed him. I watched for squirrels while fighting the feeling of fear and abandonment. Time would take care of this latter concern and I came to realize that dad only left me to hunt alone after he was sure I had learned enough to be responsible and safe. Still later, dad bought a new shotgun for himself and he placed in my hands his trusty old 12 gauge Stevens double barrel. The gun was heavy but that didn't matter. I was now the owner of a shotgun I could call my own. I wish I still had that old double. I kept it until I was grown, eventually trading it for an automatic. The Stevens double knocked many a fox squirrel from the tall pines of the woods where we hunted and later, served as my first duck gun. I can still hear the sturdy "ping" when I opened the breech to drop to high brass #6 shells into the

barrels; the solid "clink" when I snapped it shut. Time marches on. My daughters are grown, married and gone from home but when they were younger, I had a covey of fine grandchildren to spoil and pamper. On a particular squirrel hunt with dogs, I was an interested observer as another hunter and his grandson shared the woods with a group of us as we followed squirrel dogs on a hunt. Dr. Robert Pirtle, Shreveport dentist, had his 9 year old grandson, Jake Rodgers, visiting from Houston. Watching Pirtle instruct, assist, caution and teach young Jake was like turning back to a page from my past. I doubt that Jake realizes at this point in his young life just how special these moments were. Eventually, he will and he'll be forever thankful that he had someone willing to take the time and effort to teach him the ways of the outdoors. I was fortunate; Jake is fortunate. We all had the privilege of being introduced to and nurtured in the outdoors by someone who cared enough about us to offer us that opportunity.

Fishing Report

**BLACK BAYOU** – No report. 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. 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 information, contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

**LAKE D'ARBONNE** – The lake is still down some 5 feet. Crappie are scattered a bit but return to colder weather will cause them to bunch up again. Some are caught along the stump lines on shiners and jigs. Bass fishing has been best fishing the points with soft plastics or crank baits. Bream are slow; catfishing good off the banks. For latest information, call Anderson Sport Center at 368-9669 or Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.  
**LAKE CLAIBORNE** – Crappie fishing has been good with some slabs caught fishing shiners or jigs around the deep tops.

Bass are best with Carolina rigs, square bill crank baits and Shaky Heads working best. Bream are slow. For latest information, call Kel's Cove at 927-2264 or Terzia Tackle at 278-4498.  
**CANEY LAKE** – Crappie fishing has been good with some slabs caught fishing shiners or jigs around the deeper tops. Bass are best fishing topwater lures and buzz baits early around the grass lines. Bass fishing has been best fishing 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 on both ends of the lake with some big slabs reported. Catfishing is good. No report on Bass. For information, contact the marina at 318/878-0101.  
**LAKE YUCATAN** – The water is rising which should help the fishing. Right now, fishing is quite slow. For info call Surplus City Landing at 318/467-2259.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

LSU closes season with Texas Bowl win

RUSSELL HEDGES  
Minden Press-Herald

The LSU Tigers closed the 2024 season with a 44-31 victory over the Baylor Bears last week in the Kinder's Texas Bowl at NRG Stadium in Houston. LSU finished 9-4 in its third season under Head Coach Brian Kelly. Baylor finished 8-5. LSU redshirt junior quarterback Garrett Nussmeier completed 23-of-34 passes for 304 yards and three touchdowns with one interception. Chris Hilton Jr. caught four passes for 113 yards and a touchdown. Aaron Anderson had eight catches for 91 yards. Trey'Dez Green caught six passes for 63 yards and two touchdowns. Hilton had a 43-yard catch to the Baylor 1 that set up one of Green's touchdowns. Caden Durham led the Tigers on the ground with 60 yards on 13 carries. Josh Williams had nine carries for 62 yards and a touchdown. "Excited about the win for our guys, especially the nine guys that finished what they started," Kelly said. "They committed to LSU and wanted to finish it. That's why I wanted the ball in Josh Williams' hand on that goalline play. Nobody's been more trustworthy and accountable, there every day for us and that kind of epitomized what he's been about for

us. And that kind of put the game away for us. Williams, a graduate student, scored on a 4-yard run with 14:56 left in the game, giving LSU a 41-24 lead. "It's been really fun to coach this team," Kelly said. "I know cynics would say it's disappointing. It wasn't disappointing. It was a team that was less than perfect because of inexperience, a team that gained experience. "We still played with six true freshman and a redshirt freshman most of the time on defense and they kept battling. So to win nine games and to win three in a row at the end I'm just happy for our football team." LSU scored on defense and special teams. Davhon Keys returned an interception 41 yards for a touchdown to give the Tigers a 14-0 lead in the second quarter. Zavion Thomas returned a kickoff 95 yards for a touchdown after Baylor cur a 28-7 LSU lead to 14 points in second quarter. LSU took the 28-7 lead on a 1-yard pass from Nussmeier to Green with 8:46 left in the second quarter. The Bears rallied but the Tigers led 34-17 at the half. Baylor cut the lead to 10 on 4-yard pass from Sawyer Robertson to Ashtyn Hawkins with 6:21 left in the third quarter.

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**ATHLETE OF THE WEEK**

**Brooklyn Jefferson**  
MINDEN, JR. Jefferson has had several double-doubles for the Lady Tiders this season, including two games against Mansfield. She had 17 points and 12 rebounds on Dec. 27 and 11 points and 11 rebounds on Dec. 20.

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

## HELLO TO A NEW LIFE IN CHRIST IN 2025

Change! Change! Change! That’s all we hear in the news today. Changes going on everywhere! Changes in taxes, insurance, traffic laws, office hours, rules for sports, etc! And now you tell us, “We must be changed in order to enter the kingdom of God?”

Paul tells his friends (2 Cor 5:17) that being a Christian is a ‘cleansing – changing process.’ We become a new creature...old behaviors and habits pass away....we welcome a new attitude and new ways of living, governed by the direction of the Holy Spirit – Christ in us! Yes, a spiritual metamorphosis takes place when Christ becomes our Lord.

The mortal must put on immortality, the imperfect must become perfect (in Christ), and as this happens, we are being changed into His likeness. We are encouraged to shun the world that wants us to “conform into the sinful images it offers, but allow the Holy Spirit to transform us

into the living image of God.” How is this done? Impossible alone! But with God, it will be the most glorious adventure one can make. And January is a good time to embrace this “change.”

Hibernation happens each winter. As the New Year begins, the summer and fall birds become scarce; winter birds invade our yards, bird feeders and forest. Squirrels and other such animals will nest, allowing Mother Nature to direct their inbred habits for the long winter hibernation. Bees, wasps, butterflies and friends do the same. And ‘snow birds’ invade the warmer climates in the South. After the colder weather leaves us, Spring begins to work her wonders of beauty in the landscapes of the world.

Spring will be bringing forth beautiful butterflies

all around our flowers and garden. School children will study them - how nature repeats cycles of reproduction to bring forth this new life. In like manner, man is pictured as being ‘dead in his sins,’ but becomes alive when the Light of the World (Jesus) takes residence. The old cocoon disappears and the beautiful butterfly graces the scene. (A picture of salvation in one’s heart.)

Old things pass away....like old habits -lack of reverence for God and things pertaining to Him, hurting and neglecting others, letting evil attitudes prevail, doing and saying bad things, etc. Behold all things are new: Love and respect for God and others, joy invades our lives, attitudes become positive, we look for the good in others, love permeates our lives, God’s Spirit energizes us, we



Bill Crider

are eager to forgive others, we seek God’s will in our actions, we honor our parents, seek to obey God’s Commandments, etc. We prioritize our lives to include Bible study, prayer, worship, Christian fellowship, and helping those in need around us. We compliment more and criticize less, we affirm more and show more thankfulness for our blessings. Each day is a new day to live and see how God is going to use us in the lives of others. 1 Cor 13, Gal 6, Phil 3 & 4, and Col 3 – become more special each time you read them. They all point us to the path of eternal life.

This is not just a process repeated each year. When Christ comes into our lives, He does a ‘lifetime makeover’ - life-changing for evermore. Every day He wants to bring about more and more change, drawing us closer to God. This is how we become the child our Lord desires us to be. The ‘Divine Magnetic

Force’ is so strong that it pulls and tugs us on through life, even through the gates of death into eternity.

Isn’t this Jesus’ message Nicodemus in John 3:16? ‘Nic, you must be born again! I know you don’t understand, but just trust that I am telling you the truth; for God and I have already worked out the process. It is a rebirth you need - doing an about-face in your life!” What a way to begin a new year, allowing the Holy Spirit to bring this change into your life. This is the time to make a life – evaluation and see the ‘changes’ our Lord wants to make in each of our lives Let Him change you, change your world and the way you live! And it will be a Happy New Year for sure, regardless of the winds that blow around us!

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

### THE UPWARD LOOK

#### Fading vs. Forever

*“The grass withers, the flower fades, But the word of our God stands forever.” Isaiah 40:8 NASB*



Max Hutto

As we enter a new year we often make resolutions about things we want to change or do in the new year. Most resolutions are about things that don’t really matter in the long run, those things that wither and fade away. Isaiah reminds us that life is fleeting and quickly fades away. What remains? What is more important, the things that wither and fade, or the thing

that is forever? This new year, why not make a resolution to dig deeper into the Word of God which stands forever!

Lord Jesus, in this new year, help me to focus on the most important things. Help me to learn from Your Word, the Bible, how to live my life in a way that would honor and glorify You.

**MAX HUTTO IS A BAPTIST MINISTER AND A RESIDENT OF MINDEN. MORE INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND AT [WWW.UPWARDLOOK.ORG](http://WWW.UPWARDLOOK.ORG).**

### INSPIRATION

#### Conviction vs. Condemnation

Conviction and Condemnation may seem to be similar words by their definition but to God, they are miles apart. However, many of us as believers don’t understand the difference. The goal of this writing is to clarify that difference through scripture. John 3:17-18 New International Version says: “17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. 18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son.” While John 16:7-8 New Living Translation says: “7 But in fact, it is best for you that I (Jesus) go away, because if I don’t, the Advocate won’t come. If I do go away, then I will send him to you. 8 And



Bernard Harris

when he comes, he will convict the world of its sin, and of God’s righteousness, and of the coming judgment.” These two scriptures make distinct separations defining condemnation as judgement and conviction as instilling a strong belief in God’s righteousness. The death of our savior on the cross saves us from condemnation and the judgment that the enemy tries to place on us and gives us the gift of the holy spirit that convicts us and steers us away from the grip of sin. In closing I encourage everyone to pray for God’s conviction to combat the

enemies condemnation.

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SHERIFF'S SALE

CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC VS. LOLA HILL MCCUTCHEN AKA LOLA MAE MCCUTCHEN In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 81726. 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 appraisalment and according to law at the principle front door of the Courthouse in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana, on WEDNESDAY, February 12, 2025, During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit: A PARCEL OF PROPERTY described as beginning at an iron stob in the Northwest corner of the intersection of West Marshall and Pine Streets, thence run West along the North side of West Marshall Street 298.7 feet to the Point of Beginning, being the Southeast corner of the property herein described; thence run North 150 feet, thence West 60 feet, thence South 150 feet, thence East 60 feet to the Point of Beginning, this being Lot Number 8 of the Jack Batton Subdivision in Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana, in Southeast Quarter of Northwest Quarter (SE/4 of NW/4) of Section 21, Township 19 North, Range 9 West, as per map and plat thereof on file and of record in the Office of the Clerk of Court, Webster Parish, Louisiana, in Map Book 2, at Page 50, with all improvements thereon. And a twenty foot strip adjoining the above described property along its West boundary line, pursuant to Ordinance recorded at Registry No. 329790 in Conveyance. Book 655, page 756, records of Webster Parish, Louisiana. 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 Brant! Pam Brantley - Deputy

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Minutes

December 19, 2024 The Sibley Town Council met in a Special Meeting on Thursday, December 19, 2024 at 12pm at Sibley Town Hall. Members present were Mayor Robert Smart: Aldermen Wayne Bolton, Helen Chanler, Richard Davis, Keith Merritt and Alan Myers. Richard Davis opened the meeting in prayer; Keith Merritt led the Pledge of Allegiance. Richard Davis motioned to adopt Resolution No. 15-2024 authorizing Mayor Robert Smart to continue negotiations with the Central Water System for system consolidation and to seek and apply for funding opportunities to acquire and upgrade Central Water System including funding to upgrade the Town of Sibley Water System retroactive as of December 1, 2024. Wayne Bolton seconded the motion. Motion carried. Alan Myers motioned to adjourn, Richard Davis seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned. original signed Robert Smart Robert Smart Mayor Attest original signed Sherry McCann Sherry McCann Town Clerk

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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 appraisalment 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

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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 appraisalment 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 (SH/4 OF SE/4), SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE WEST LOCATED IN THE CLAY OF MINDEN, WEBSTER CITY 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 Pam am Brantley Pam Brantley - Deputy

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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 appraisalment 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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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 appraisalment 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 NORTHEAST QUARTER (SE/4 OF NE/4), SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 9 WEST, MINDEN, WEBSTER PARISH, LOUISIANA, AND AND IN THE 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 Pam Brant Lus Pam Brantley - Deputy

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# Pawpaws: An uncommon yet valuable addition to the Louisiana landscape



LSU AgCenter file photo  
(ABOVE) Pawpaw trees.



LSU AgCenter file photo  
(LEFT) Pawpaw fruit is large, with a unique flavor that reminds some of mango and banana.

Photo by Randy LaBauve/LSU AgCenter  
(RIGHT) Pawpaw trees are deciduous, meaning they lose their leaves in the wintertime.

Increasing the use of native plants, growing your own food and supporting butterflies are all admirable goals. You can accomplish all three by planting pawpaw trees.

These trees — which you’ll sometimes hear called by their Latin name, *Asimina triloba* — are a wonderful but somewhat uncommon choice for the home landscape. Naturally, they can be found growing in the understory of forests throughout the southeastern United States. They’re the host plant for zebra swallowtail butterflies, meaning their larvae feed exclusively on pawpaw leaves.

Pawpaw trees provide ornamental interest in early spring, when they produce small, crimson- and rust-colored blooms. Their best-known feature is their unique, love-it-or-hate-it fruit — in fact, the largest edible fruit native to North America.

“It has a flavor like a mango crossed with a banana,” said Anna Timmerman, an LSU AgCenter horticulture agent. “Some of them even have a little vanilla flavor to them. And they’re ripe in the summertime, which is a little unusual for fruits in our area.”

Like many other native trees, winter is an excellent time to plant pawpaws, which grow well in all areas of Louisiana.

“Pawpaws are deciduous, so they do lose their leaves for the winter period,” Timmerman said. “When you plant them while they’re in that dormancy, it gives the roots adequate time to establish before

they bud back out in the springtime.”

In their natural setting, pawpaw trees grow beneath their taller forest counterparts and get only filtered sunlight. Young trees are especially sensitive to too much sunlight.

You can plant trees in a shady spot. Or, while the trees are young, you can provide protection from the sun.

“A lot of growers who are establishing them in an orchard will actually use a 50% shade cloth over the top of them for the first few years of growth,” Timmerman said.

Another option is to keep pawpaw seedlings in the shade in containers for the first couple of years, then transplant them into a full-sun location.

Mature trees planted in sunnier conditions exhibit denser growth and produce more fruit. Those in the shade display a looser, open habit. They usually reach 15 to 20 feet tall.

Pawpaws do best in moist, slightly acidic soil.

You’ll need to have at least two genetically different pawpaw trees for pollination and fruit production. They’re self-incompatible, so they must have pollen from other trees to bear fruit.

“They’re actually pollinated by flies, which is very interesting,” Timmerman said.

Remember the small reddish flowers that appear in the spring? The flies are drawn to them because they resemble rotten meat, Timmerman said.





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