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FUND-RAISER

Little River Band members to perform benefit concert in Minden

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Members of the legendary Little River Band are set to bring their stories and songs to Minden on Sunday, February 2, 2025, for a benefit concert at Corbeau Creek. The event, titled “Stories and Songs from the Road,” aims to raise funds for Phillip’s Cottage, a new nonprofit transitional home for women and their children graduating from the Louisiana Teen Challenge program.

“When Wayne Nelson, lead vocalist for Little River Band, heard about Phillip’s Cottage, he and his wife reached out and immediately offered a benefit concert to support our efforts,” said Sara McDaniel of Simply Southern Cottage, the event’s organizer. “We don’t get this kind of talent through Minden, Louisiana. Little River Band is legendary,

and I am honored they are sharing their talents with our community.”

The event, sponsored by Simply Southern Cottage and The Villas at Spanish Court, begins at 6 PM and features a VIP experience for those seeking an exclusive opportunity. VIP packages include a two-night stay at one of McDaniel’s 5-star properties, a brunch at The Fuller White House on February 2, an exclusive meet-and-greet with the band, a Little River Band CD and book, and a s’mores setup for guests staying at The Villas at Spanish Court.

Tickets are available online at <https://tinyurl.com/lrbminden>, and all proceeds will directly support Phillip’s Cottage. The transitional home is designed to provide a safe haven and support system for women and children as they rebuild their lives following their time

in the Louisiana Adult & Teen Challenge program.

McDaniel noted the importance of this fundraiser in bringing the community together for a meaningful cause. “100% of the proceeds from this event goes to support Phillip’s Cottage,” she said. “Please help us provide a safe haven for these women who have worked hard to reclaim and restore their lives.”

The event follows the success of a previous “Sips and Songs” evening featuring Point of Grace at the Fuller White House in Minden. Organizers are optimistic this year’s event will build on that momentum while offering attendees an unforgettable evening of music and storytelling.

For those unable to attend, tickets are transferable, ensuring supporters can still contribute to the initiative.



POLICE JURY

Webster Parish Police Jury reelections, budget approvals mark January meeting

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The Webster Parish Police Jury convened for its regular meeting on Tuesday, January 7, 2025, at the Webster Parish Courthouse Annex. The session began with the unopposed reelection of Jim Bonsall as president and Steve Ramsey as vice president. Jury members Mike Griffith and Latanya Grigsby were absent.

A special guest at the meeting was Cat Cox, a longtime and former member of the police jury. Cox, who will turn 96 on January 9, was recognized for his service and legacy in the community.

All agenda items were approved unanimously. Among the approvals were:

Resolutions setting signature authority for jury leadership and confirming the first Tuesday of each month at 10:30 AM as the regular meeting time.

Approval of 2025 and amended 2024 budgets for both the police jury and the North Louisiana Criminalistics Laboratory Commission.

Financial statements, check registers, and bank reconciliations for November 2024. December

2024 financial reports will be reviewed at the February meeting.

The jury also approved 2025 beer and video poker license renewals for establishments throughout Webster Parish, canvassed election results confirming the passage of a courthouse 2.78 mill tax and a Council on Aging 1.75 mill tax, and supported funding resolutions for community water enrichment projects for Bistineau and Gilgal Water Systems.

Additional approvals included a funding application for water lines serving a new women’s prison, placement of a “no truck thru traffic” sign on Pistol Thomas Road, and ongoing preparations for inclement winter weather.

During the meeting, Johnnie Kennon of Tourism highlighted the success of the Christmas in Minden Hayride and Tour of Homes, which raised \$2,600 for UCAP. She announced the Mardi Gras Parade is scheduled for Feb. 15. K’Lanie Gordon of LSU AgCenter shared that regional shooting sports competitions are forthcoming.

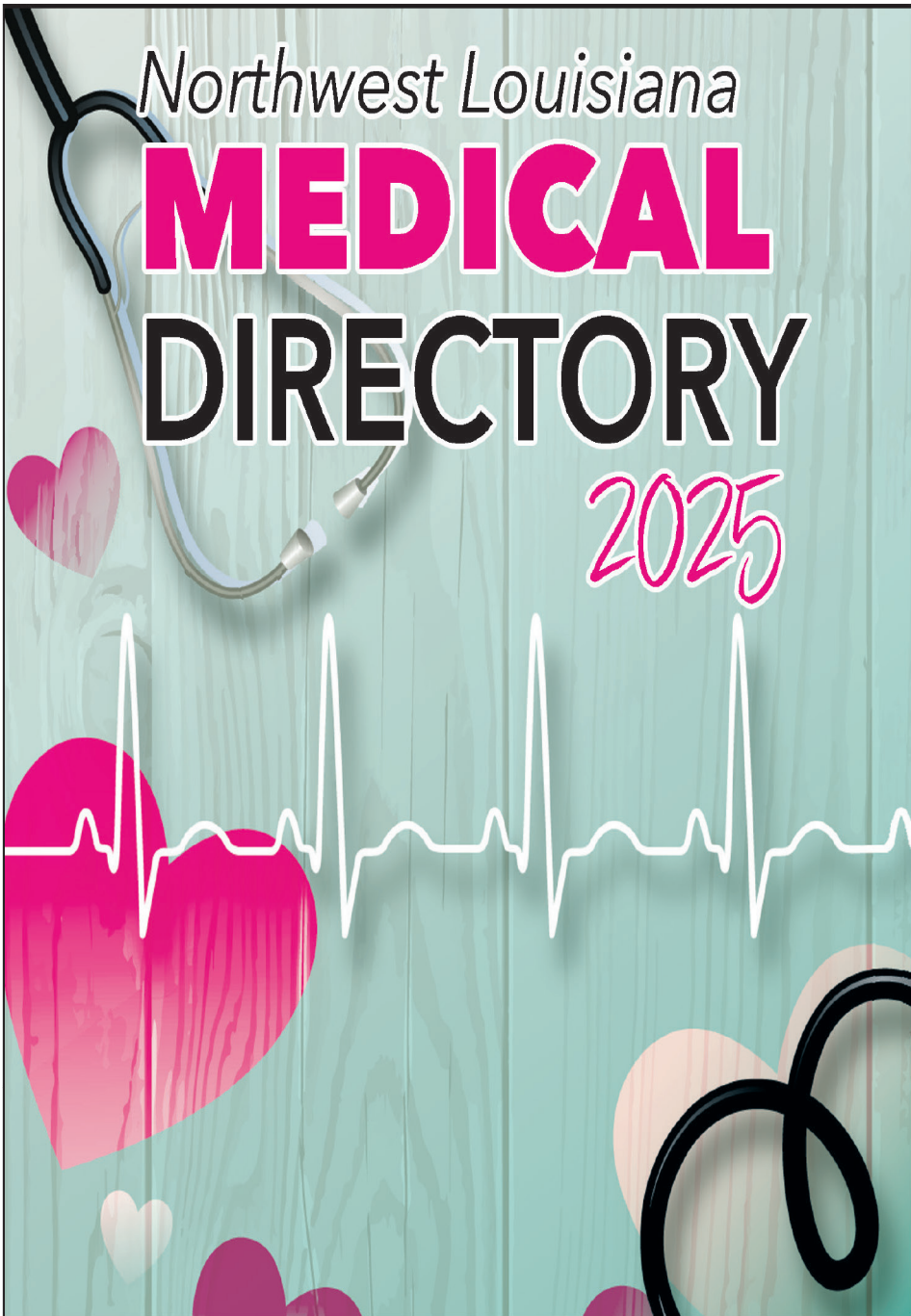
Brian Williams, director of the Webster Parish

Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness, reported that sand and salt trucks are ready ahead of potential winter weather forecasted for Thursday night. Police Chief McIver confirmed similar preparations by local law enforcement.

John Barr, representing Senator John Kennedy’s office, noted Kennedy’s ongoing work interviewing cabinet members and reported that President Joe Biden had signed the Social Security Fairness Act on January 3. Dean Baugh of NLED announced that the South Webster Parish industrial site is close to achieving LED certification.

Resident Pastor Milton McDonald expressed concerns about street maintenance in his district. “The roads are bad; no markings on the road to distinguish one side from the other,” he said. McDonald plans to attend the February Road Committee meeting to seek further discussion.

The Webster Parish Police Jury meets the first Tuesday of each month at 10:30 AM in the Courthouse Annex at 401 Main Street, Minden. Residents are encouraged to attend and participate.



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Lynda M. Russell

Funeral services for Lynda M. Russell were held Saturday, January 11, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at First Baptist Church West Chapel in Minden, Louisiana with Bro. Steve Gilley officiating. Interment followed at Gardens of memory Cemetery in Minden under the direction of Rose Neath Funeral Home in Minden, Louisiana. The family received friends on Saturday at 10:00 a.m. prior to the service.

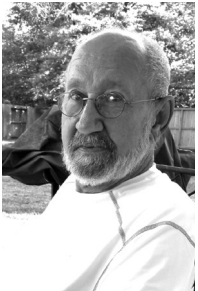
Lynda was born August 14, 1945, in Minden, Louisiana and entered into rest January 7, 2025, in Shreveport, Louisiana.

Lynda was preceded in death by her parents, Otis and Sarah Minter and her son, Kyle W. Russell.

She is survived by her son, Blaine Russell (Kristine) of Thibodaux and grandchildren, Tate and Natalie Russell.

The family extends a special thanks to Tom and Carla Page for their care and friendship for many years.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to First Baptist Minden Youth Fund, 301 Pennsylvania Ave., Minden, Louisiana 71055.



Nelson Charles Goodson

Nelson Charles Goodson, 77, of Heflin, Louisiana, passed away on January 9, 2025, at the Northeast Louisiana War Veterans Home in Monroe, LA. He was born August 15, 1947, in Fresno, California.

Nelson served his country in the United States Navy, on the USS Fichteler and on the USS Jamestown, which was a spy ship in Vietnam. He traveled all over the world. Nelson was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with Three Bronze Stars, and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with Device.

He was employed with AT&T (Ma Bell) from 1973 until his retirement in 2009. Nelson enjoyed woodwork-

ing, pottery, staining glass, and bird watching. He designed blueprints for Blazier Construction, a company his best friend owned and operated. Nelson designed and built a rock crusher as well for Blazier Contraction.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Virginia Nelson Goodson; and son, Brandon Norrell.

Survivors include his wife of 32 years, Anita Wiggins Goodson; daughter, Margo Gray Holland and husband Derryl; son, Chase Norrell and partner, Kristin Cater; four grandchildren, C Braxton Gray, Olivia Norrell, Levin Tuma, and Nash Stevens; one great-grandson, Tripp Braxton Gray; mother-in-law, Sue Wiggins; numerous brother and sister in laws, as well as nieces, nephews and many special friends.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the staff at the Northeast Louisiana War Veterans Home.

Memorial Donations may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project.a

LIONS CLUB

Sheriff Jason Parker addresses Lions Club, shares vision for 2025

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Webster Parish Sheriff Jason Parker outlined his plans and priorities for 2025 as the guest speaker at the noon meeting of the Minden Lions Club on Thursday, January 9. The Lions Club, a local service organization, meets weekly at the American Legion Memorial Hall, 119 W. Pine Street.

Sheriff Parker used his presentation to answer a series of questions regarding public safety, community engagement, officer training, technology, and traffic safety. His remarks underscored the department’s commitment to staying ahead of criminal activity and fostering community partnerships.

“We will continue to aggressively pursue criminals and drug traffickers and provide the high level of law enforcement our citizens deserve and expect,” Parker said. He highlighted ongoing efforts to leverage training, technology, and software to enhance the capabilities of his deputies.

Sheriff Parker emphasized expanding the department’s outreach programs and training offerings in 2025. “We currently attend community events and provide training or programs when requested,” he said. With the addition of a training division deputy, Parker noted the department will broaden its offerings to civic groups, schools, churches, and other organizations.

He highlighted the completion of a train-



ing facility at the department’s firing range and the addition of a deputy with extensive certifications, including firearms instruction. “You can’t put a price tag on training,” Parker said. “We no longer have to depend on other agencies; we can keep our training in-house.”

Sheriff Parker outlined how advancements in technology are shaping the department’s operations. Recent updates include a subscription program to track suspects across multiple jurisdictions, upgrades to the department’s drone capabilities, and enhancements to the computer-aided dispatch (CAD) system.

The CAD system will

soon include patrol vehicle tracking, which Parker said could significantly improve response times. “Two or three minutes may save somebody’s life or make the difference in solving a case,” he explained.

Addressing traffic safety, particularly during parades and festivals, Parker emphasized collaboration with municipal police departments. “Anytime that we’re called on to assist, the sheriff’s office will be there to support our local law enforcement,” he said.

During a Q&A session, Parker identified the need for a women’s prison in Webster Parish as a pressing issue. He pledged \$2 million toward a pro-

posed \$7.9 million facility. Parker also discussed the state’s lack of juvenile detention beds, noting that Webster Parish has only two beds available and often incurs significant costs renting space from other parishes.

“The criminal element is constantly evolving, and we have to get ahead of them,” Parker said. He urged citizens to remain vigilant and report anything suspicious. “If you see something out of place, don’t hesitate to call,” he added.

The Lions Club meets at noon every Thursday and invites anyone interested in community service and learning from engaging speakers to join.

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SHOOTING

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traffic.”

Despite the gunshots, attendees continued the party as deputies navigated through blocked roads and a chaotic scene.

“The road was blocked. We could not have gotten an ambulance down in there if people had needed to be transported,” Parker said. “This is why the police jury passed the ordinance about permits for large gatherings. We want to provide safety for the citizens. We want everybody to have a good time, but we also want to maintain peace and harmony.”

Parker said investigators are conducting interviews to determine what led to the shooting. “We’re still investigating; we’re not going to leave any stone unturned until we bring some justice to those who were injured,” he said.

The investigation will also focus on the lack of a permit for the event. Permits for gatherings exceeding 200 people can be obtained through the Webster Parish Police Jury. “We want to help educate people so

they realize that all it would’ve taken is a deputy parked at the end of the road, making sure everyone was coming through safely, and this problem may never have happened,” Parker said.

The property owner who hosted the event may face legal consequences. “The property owner that put on this event is liable,” Parker said. “All six of those folks who were injured on that property at that event they hosted can civilly sue. And I don’t think they [the organizers] realize that.”

Parker urged anyone with information about the shootings to contact his office. “We want to maintain order in the parish, and we have ordinances in place to help prevent these things from happening,” he said. “We don’t know the reasons for the shootings yet, but this is what can happen when you have a combination of large uncontrolled crowds, music, and alcohol plus little or no security.”

The investigation is ongoing. All information provided to investigators will remain confidential.

CRIME

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Jones was taken into custody without incident and transported to the Minden Police Department for booking. He will be transferred to Bayou Dorcheat Correctional Center.

Beyond the outstanding warrants, Jones was

charged with possession of a Schedule II (crack cocaine), possession of drug paraphernalia, failure to signal, and general speed.

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

CRIME

Shreveport woman arrested for criminal mischief at daycare

STAFF REPORT
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A Shreveport woman was arrested the morning of January 6 after an incident at Little Step of Faith daycare on Highway 531.

Whitney Ogburn, 45, was charged with vagrancy and criminal mischief after reportedly sleep-

ing in a dumpster on the daycare’s property. According to police, Ogburn startled children by jumping out of the dumpster as they passed by during morning drop-off hours.

The daycare’s complainant asked Ogburn to leave the property, but she instead approached

the front door, requesting a coat or jacket. Despite repeated requests to leave, Ogburn remained on the premises, prompting the complainant to call 911.

Officers transported Ogburn to the Minden Police Department, where she was booked

on charges of local prohibitory ordinances and criminal mischief.

No injuries were reported, and normal operations resumed at the daycare following the arrest.

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

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Zuckerberg Promises to End the Censorship He Denied was Occurring

Only time will tell if this is a true ‘Come to Jesus’ moment or a self-serving change in Facebook’s business model

“The truth will out!” William Shakespeare tells us, and it has.

Certainly since at least 2020, millions of us have believed that speech—primarily conservative speech—has been suppressed and censored by the huge social media platforms, prominently including Facebook/Meta. Under the guise of so-called “fact checking” the huge platform tweaked its complex algorithms in such a way as to tamp down and de-emphasize the speech valued and sought by so many of us.

Well, this week Meta/Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg, “in a mea culpa for the ages” clearly and unmistakably ‘walked back most of the platform’s speech controls. We’ve reached a point where it’s just too many mistakes and too much censorship.” (Wall Street Journal, Jan. 7, 2025). Wow. He concluded, interestingly, that “the recent elections also feel like a cultural tipping point towards once again prioritizing speech.”

This censorship has included everything from the blanket suppression of the Hunter Biden “Laptop from Hell” story a few weeks before the 2020 election—which polling indicates would have likely given the Electoral College and the election to Trump had voters known of the contents of the laptop before they vot-

ed—to the banning of fundraising efforts for the legal defense of Kyle Rittenhouse, the young man who was accused of, and then acquitted of, killing several of the Antifa rioters in 2020.



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because such speech violated Facebook’s vague and broad “hate speech” restrictions. Well, we knew better, and our belief has now been confirmed by him.

Further, in addition to the suppression of speech it was engaged in of its own accord, Facebook was also pressured to censor certain speech by the Biden Administration. The Murthy v. Missouri lawsuit and litigation has proven Facebook’s coercion by, and collusion with, the Biden Administration.

The, arguably, most egregious example of this suppression was the labeling of any Covid-related speech or content as “disinformation” that did not completely adhere to the Dr. Anthony Fauci-CDC view of Covid. This included everything from the mandatory masking and

vaccination of children in schools to the forced closing of churches—while the big box stores and casinos were allowed to continue operating—to denying people the final opportunity to see their loved ones in nursing homes and hospitals before they died.

The Murthy v. Missouri suit was brought in federal court in Monroe, Louisiana by a number of states, including Louisiana. The basis of the suit involved states and individuals whose Covid posts were censored who then sued federal government officials for violating their free speech rights. Lower courts ruled in favor of these plaintiffs, finding that certain government officials had pressured social media platforms to censor and suppress their posts.

The legal question is obviously one regarding freedom of speech and how these enormous social media sites choose to “moderate”—in fact, censor—the content of speech and whether, either by their own doing or as a result of pressure from the federal government, or both, these tech giants are suppressing speech—which, again, is virtually always conservative speech.

This is where I think we are.

Even prior to his purchase of X (formerly Twitter) Elon Musk deemed X and other social medical platforms

as integrally important to free speech: “Given that (these platforms) serve as the de facto public town square, failing to adhere to free speech principles fundamentally undermines democracy. What should be done?” He answered his own question later by purchasing X in a direct response to the suppression of speech by Big Tech.

The greatest virtue of free thought and free speech is that all kinds of ideas are thrust into the rough and tumble of the marketplace of ideas where the best idea prevails. It is this collision of, this testing of, speech and thought in a free and open exchange that produces the best results—and leads the nation to wise and popular policy results on challenging national issues.

For this reason, there are no more important constitutional freedoms than those of free speech and freedom of conscience. When we are not allowed to speak—and other parties are not allowed to hear—our liberty is diminished. It is deeply encouraging to see Zuckerberg announce a return to these principles.

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INSPIRATION

What doesn’t kill us makes us stronger

“What doesn’t kill us makes us stronger” was first attributed to Friedrich Nietzsche, a German philosopher, in the 1800’s. It is the key line from Steel Magnolias, set in Natchitoches, Louisiana.

I’ve enjoyed this life with all it’s challenges, heartaches and broken dreams and if I had it to do over again I wouldn’t change anything. Next time around it might turn out worse.

We can’t undo our mistakes so we might as well not keep on beating ourselves up.

I always say “I’m not going to beat myself up. I’ll let someone else do it for me.”

Even though I lived in an orphanage as a child, had a nervous breakdown in 1981, not to count numerous other situations in my life that would be called unbearable, I see life as a patchwork quilt. We have to wait until the end of life, in

eternity, if not sooner, to see God’s hand in every step of our journey.

A few things I have learned, along the way, are that this life is not forever and I want to go to heaven. Also I know that I have made many mistakes in my life, and if I were capable of living my life over again I might make even make more wrong decisions next times if there are wrong choices.

Sometimes mistakes lead us to a brighter day.

Life is a learning process. We have all made mistakes but with God in the center of our lives things have a

way of working out no matter how dreary the circumstances we face.

Life is simply not easy. No matter what happens to us, including losing limbs or family members, these tragedies can somehow be used to benefit others and help us fulfill our purpose on this earth.

God sees our heart.

I watched a segment with John Stossel who had a most enlightening discussion about separation of church and state. He also said he has yet to really believe in God but he wants to.

I suspect there are a number of people who really want to believe in God. I know there will always be a hunger deep inside our souls until we know and accept the existence of God and allow Him to take that place in our life -- and not in just a “church house” way which comes across as false and often hypocritical to

those round about us.

God can use each one of our experiences to make us a light to a lost and dying world no matter where we are or how deep our depression.

Life is just too beautiful to give in.

We must not give up. Our family and friends need us too much.

We must keep on keeping on and look to Him for the answers. Sometimes God places people in our paths to help us do that.

Though I am sometimes just as confused as the rest, I know that “one day every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess.”

The joy I possess comes from knowing that Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever and that He always gets me to the right place at the right time.

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The Power of Community in the Face of Adversity

As we’ve all experienced, Mother Nature doesn’t always play by our rules. The winter storm that hit Webster Parish this past week served as a reminder of the unpredictability of weather, and the significant impact it can have on our daily lives. Freezing temperatures and heavy precipitation left many homes and businesses without power, but through the hardships, we also saw the remarkable strength of our community.

As of Friday morning, 384 homes and businesses were without power, and while the numbers reflect the immediate disruption, what truly stood out to me in the aftermath was the quick response from our utility

teams, neighbors, and local leaders. Despite the inconvenience and frustration, the efforts to restore power and ensure the safety of our community were nothing short of inspiring.

I want to take this opportunity to extend a heartfelt thank you to the line crews, emergency responders, and all those who worked tirelessly to get us back on track. The efforts of Claiborne Electric Cooperative, the city’s public works department,

and countless others working behind the scenes to address downed lines, clear debris, and restore power are a testament to the dedication and hard work that often goes unnoticed.

But it wasn’t just the professionals who stepped up. The people of Minden and Webster Parish came together, as we always do in times of need. Neighbors helped neighbors, families checked on one another, and small businesses supported each other in countless ways. It’s moments like these when the true spirit of our community shines through.

We often talk about the strength of a community, but we don’t always get to see it on full display. This winter

storm was a reminder that our ability to pull together and support each other in times of crisis is what makes our community truly special. Whether it was lending a hand to someone without heat or simply offering a word of encouragement to a friend dealing with the power outage, these acts of kindness and selflessness are what define us.

As we continue to move forward, let’s remember that the strength of our community isn’t just about how we come together in times of crisis; it’s also about the relationships we build and the care we show for one another every day. Our bonds make us resilient, and in a world where so much is un-

certain, that’s something we can always count on.

So, as we recover from the storm and face the challenges that lie ahead, let’s continue to pull together and take care of each other. After all, that’s what makes us who we are—Minden and Webster Parish, a community that supports, uplifts, and stands strong together.

Here’s to all of you who make our community great. Thank you for your continued resilience and support.

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HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL

Tide on roll as district play nears

RUSSELL HEDGES
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There are several reasons the Minden Crimson Tide have gotten off to a blazing hot start to the 2024-25 season. But Minden Head Coach Jacob Brown points to one in particular.

Brown says his players don't "play basketball with each other but they play for each other."

Minden is 13-1 going into Friday's game at home against Booker T. Washington. It's the Tide's best start since starting the same in the 2010-11 season, per MaxPreps.

Brown, who is in his second season as head coach after serving as the Lady Tiders head coach for 14 seasons, isn't surprised by the fast start.

Minden lost two seniors off last season's 15-9 team. But a talented and experienced core group returned including seniors Darnell Morris, Carmelo Smith, Christian Lofton and Chris Harris and juniors Cameron Parker, Kameron Harris and Hudson Brown.

The Tide also got back junior Jaiden Franklin, who missed all but one and a half games with an injury last season.

"Those kids already played well together," Brown said. "It was just getting him back into the mode of playing and being confident coming off of an injury. But as far as our record. My deal is you hope it's a mindset that trickles down through your team — when we step on the floor my expectation is that we win.

"Some mindsets are winning isn't everything, but every time we step on the floor that's what we're striving for, perfection. We may not reach it but we can get as close to being really, really good or excellent as we can by striving for that."

Brown said he places a lot of trust in his players.

"I have a level of confidence in my players because they work," he said. "And I don't think they

see it as work because it's something they enjoy doing. They enjoy playing basketball."

And it goes back to the fact that they're a close-knit group.

"Some of that's a reminder that the main thing is the guy next to you," Brown said. "Yes, individuals have to perform. And each one of them complement each other and they bring something different to the table.

"We've got guys that may not score a bucket for a couple of games but they're rebounding and they're taking charges and they're defending. And that's what makes us what I feel is a complete team night in and night out."

Brown points to Parker, who is among three players averaging in double figures. He and Morris are the team leading scorers.

In the Tide's most recent game, a 42-34 victory over Loyola on Jan. 7, Parker scored just two points.

"Kids are going to have off nights," Brown said. "But he guarded extremely well. He didn't let his offense dictate how he played defense. We were able to find a way to win.

"Any given night, there's other guys that stepped up and scored. And we found a way to win because we defended. We've had guys coming off the bench having six or eight points. If Kameron Harris isn't scoring points he's blocking shots. I think he had seven or eight blocks against somebody."

Brown also praised Smith as another example of someone who plays his role well.

"I'd say he's probably our fourth-leading scorer. He's a guy that can score the basketball but he'll also be impacting the game in other categories, stats and everything."

Smith was an all-tournament selection in the "Doc" Edwards Invitational. He scored in double figures in all four games.

Brown said his team



ROBERT SUMMERLIN/PRESS-HERALD
Minden's Carmelo Smith puts up a shot during the "Doc" Edwards Invitational last month at Airline.

has dealt with the high expectations of this season well, tuning out the external noise that sometimes comes with success.

Minden got off to a 10-0 start and won the Minden Holiday Classic for what is believed to be the first time in a decade.

They suffered their first loss in the "Doc" Edwards, falling to eventual champion Ruston 54-36 in the first round after trailing by just four after three quarters. They closed the tournament with three straight wins.

One of the Tide's main goals is winning the District 1-4A championship. Last year, they finished one game behind tri-champions Evangel Christian, Huntington and Bossier. Evangel and Huntington have both moved up to District 1-5A.

"We're really blessed that we've got a group of guys that complement each other," Brown said. "They're hungry about pursuing the district championship. We're pursuing one of those this year. We were so close last year. I

feel like we're right in the mix along with other teams in our district."

The district looks wide open. Bossier, a traditional state power, has had an up-and-down season, but the Bearkats have played a tough schedule.

"You know Bossier is going to be good," Brown said. "Do not look at their record. They're going to have a good team, always have. Booker T. Washington, they've gotten off to an extremely good start. Northwood is probably better than their record. I look for it to be extremely competitive.

Friday's game against BTW (12-5 through Monday) doesn't count in the district standings. Minden starts district play Jan. 24 against Woodlawn at home.

"It's going to be a competitive district," Brown said. "It does look like it's wide open. It's going to shape up to be a battle each night. I don't think you can overlook an opponent. You have to prepare and you have to perform that night."

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL

Three parish teams get wins

RUSSELL HEDGES
Minden Press-Herald

Because the winter weather forced postponements, last week was an abbreviated one for the parish's teams.

But the Minden Lady Tiders, Lakeside Lady Warriors and North Webster Lady Knights all picked up victories early in the week.

Minden defeated Loyola 48-14 in Shreveport, Lakeside downed Haynesville 50-32 at

Haynesville and North Webster defeated North Caddo 50-41 in Vivian.

At Loyola, Brooklyn Jefferson led Minden with 21 points. She also had 10 rebounds and four steals.

Travesti Byrd scored nine points and had six rebounds, five assists and three steals.

Mia Feaster had eight points, five steals and two assists.

Minden entered this week 7-9. Lakeside was 3-11. North Webster was 9-6.

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL

Minden, Doyline post victories

RUSSELL HEDGES
Minden Press-Herald

The Minden Crimson Tide and Doyline Panthers won games last week.

Because of the winter weather, several games were postponed

Minden defeated Loyola 42-34 in Shreveport and Doyline downed

North DeSoto 65-58 in Stonewall.

At Loyola, Darnell Morris scored 21 points to lead the Crimson Tide. Carmelo Smith chipped in nine.

At North DeSoto, the Panthers improved to 18-2 with the victory.

Doyline hosts Simsboro Friday.

HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

Lady Tiders lead District 1-III

RUSSELL HEDGES
Minden Press-Herald

The Minden Lady Tiders extended their unbeaten streak to six with an 8-0 victory over Bossier last week in Bossier City.

Minden entered this week 7-4-1 overall and 3-0 in district. The Lady Tiders lead District 1-III at 3-0 with one district game left against Sterlington on Jan. 23 at home

Sterlington is the only other team in the district without a loss but the Lady

Panthers had played only one district match through last week.

Minden entered this week with a four-match winning streak, all by shutout. The Lady Tiders have outscored their opponents 22-0 during the streak.

In a boys District 1-III match, Minden fell to Bossier 4-0. The Crimson Tide entered this week 5-6-1 overall and 0-2 in district.

Bossier was 12-5-1 and 1-0.

OUTDOORS

Plenty of time left for squirrel hunting

GLYNN HARRIS

We've tossed out the old calendar and replaced it with a shiny new 2025 model. Does this mean that we can forget hunting until this fall and winter? Not by a long shot. There's still plenty to do outdoors; ducks season is still going on, deer will be legal game for awhile as will rabbits and quail.

One of my favorite outdoor activities this time of year was to hook up with a buddy who owns a good squirrel dog and head for the woods for a late season squirrel hunt. Hunting squirrels this time of year is a departure from the way we did it in October when season opened. Back then, we sneaked into the woods at first light, finding a comfortable seat on a log and waited for the first squirrel to shake the end of a branch. With ample foliage still on the trees, it was a simple matter to sneak to within shotgun range of a feeding squirrel.

Once the first frost sent the leaves showering to the ground in a burst of color, hunting squirrels became more complicated. No longer was it easy to sneak up on a squirrel; he'd spot you the minute you took your first step in his direction.

This is where a good squirrel dog earns his Purina. You've kept him around the place all year, feeding him and taking him to the vet. But once the leaves are



GLYNN HARRIS
Pulling on vines will usually send a treed squirrel running.

off the trees, Fido quickly makes you forget the dog food and vet bills. If he's a good squirrel dog, he'll pay dividends in spades.

Nothing is much fun as getting together with a group of friends and heading for the woods with a squirrel dog leading the way. If he's well trained, and you're in good squirrel woods, you'll hear him bark treed before you walk a quarter mile. Once you locate the tree where the dog is treed, teamwork enters the picture. Hunters surround the tree, affording every possible angle to give the tree a visual once-over. Chances are, someone will say, "I see him...he's up there in that fork above the crooked limb", or something similar. If you're rotating shots and it's your turn to shoot, you'll draw a bead on the squirrel, send him plummeting to

the ground in a shower of leaves, and call the dog off to find another.

It's not always that simple. Sometimes, the tree is covered with vines and the squirrel is nowhere to be found. Here's where another ploy is used to locate the squirrel.

One hunter will say, "Y'all stand back and get to where you can see the tree. I'm fixin' to shake a vine." No squirrel can sit still when the tree begins bouncing as a vine is pulled and shaken.

He'll take off and if it's a cat squirrel, you can't help but marvel at how fast he can scoot up the tree, jumping to another and never stopping until a load or two of #6 shot finds its mark.

Sometimes, a squirrel heads for a hole in a tree before the hunters arrive, and when this happens, it's just as well that you call off

the dog and find another squirrel. He's not likely to leave the safety of the hollow until the woods grow quiet again.

The enjoyable part of squirrel hunting with a dog is the camaraderie. It's not necessary to be quiet and stealthy. The dog locates the tree where the squirrel is hiding and sometimes the more noise you make, the better chance the squirrel will move, giving away its hideout.

You don't have a squirrel dog? You can squirrel hunt anyhow this time of year. Locate a spot where squirrels are feeding; you'll find freshly-cut hulls on the ground. Find a comfortable seat and sit quietly until you spot a squirrel. This is a good time to use a 22 rifle where longer range shots are necessary. Another way to hunt squirrels this time of year without a squirrel dog is to invite a few friends along to walk through the woods, shaking every vine you see. It's an almost certain bet that you'll get some shooting at a few fast moving squirrels.

It might be difficult to concentrate on squirrel hunting with the deep freeze we're having this week. However, this too shall pass and we can concentrate on chasing squirrel on through the month of February. Give late season squirrel hunting a try. It's good exercise and a whole lot of fun.

Fishing Report

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

BUSSEY BRAKE — For anglers willing to face freezing temperatures, some really big crappie are being caught on jigs and shiners fished really slow in deep water. No report on bass. For latest information, contact the Honey Hole at 323-8707.

OUACHITA RIVER — The river is still low. No report on fishing. For latest information, contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

LAKE D'AR-BONNE — The lake is finally full again. Crappie should be biting in deep water on shiners and jigs. Bass are slow to fair fishing jigs very slow on deep structure. No report on bream or catfish. For latest information, call Anderson Sport Center at 368-9669 or Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

LAKE CLAI-BORNE — Crappie fishing has been good with some slabs caught

fishing shiners or jigs around the deep tops. Bass are best fishing jigs in deep water. No report on bream, catfish or stripers. 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. Some big bass are hitting jigs fished very slow in deep water. No report on bream or catfish. For information contact Caney Lake Landing at 259-6649, Hooks Marina at 249-2347, Terzia Tackle at 278-4498 or the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

LAKE POVERTY POINT — Crappie are fair on the south end fishing jigs and shiners deep. No report on bass or catfish. For information, contact the marina at 318/878-0101.

LAKE YUCATAN — The water is at a standstill. Nobody is fishing as the only activity is with duck hunters willing to brave the cold. For info call Surplus City Landing at 318/467-2259.

Good News

GOOD NEWS

Ten Rules For A Blessed Day (copied)

1. TODAY I WILL NOT STRIKE BACK

If someone is rude, if someone is impatient, if someone is unkind, I will not respond in a like manner.

2. TODAY I WILL ASK GOD TO BLESS MY "ENEMY"

If I come across someone who treats me harshly or unfairly, I will quietly ask God to bless that individual. I understand "enemy" could be a family member, neighbor, co-worker or stranger. It doesn't matter.

3. TODAY I WILL BE CAREFUL ABOUT WHAT I SAY

I will carefully choose and guard my words being certain that I do not spread gossip.

4. TODAY I WILL GO THE EXTRA MILE

I will find ways to help share the burden of another person.

5. TODAY I WILL FORGIVE

I will forgive any hurts or injuries that come my way. Regardless!

6. TODAY I WILL DO SOMETHING KIND FOR SOMEONE, But I will do it in secret! I will reach

out anonymously and bless the life of another.

7. TODAY I WILL TREAT OTHERS THE WAY I WISH TO BE TREATED

I will practice the golden rule: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you"-

With EVERYONE I encounter.

8. TODAY I WILL RAISE THE SPIRITS OF SOMEONE WHO IS DISCOURAGED. I believe: "My smile, my words, my expression of support,

can make the difference to someone who is wrestling with life."

9. TODAY I WILL NURTURE MY BODY

I will eat less, I will eat healthy, I will exercise, I will thank God for my body and health.

10. TODAY I WILL GROW SPIRITUALLY

I will spend a little more time in prayer today. I will read my Bible more each day and also begin reading some things both spiritual and inspirational; I will find a quiet place, at some point in the

day, and listen to God's voice.

TODAY I WILL REPEAT AT LEAST 3 TIMES THIS SCRIPTURE:

"This is the day that the Lord hath made; I will rejoice and be glad (happy) in it."

Let this revolution begin in Minden this week and spread throughout the area around as we touch lives wherever we go today.

BILL CRIDER IS CHAPLAIN OF MINDEN MEDICAL CENTER




Bill Crider

THE UPWARD LOOK

A Dear Friend

"Tychicus, our dearly loved brother and faithful servant in the Lord, will tell you all the news about me so that you may be informed." Ephesians 6:21 HCSB



Max Hutto

Several companions traveled with Paul on his missionary journeys. His dear friend Tychicus was one of these companions and was with Paul while he was imprisoned in Rome. Tychicus would be the messenger who carried this letter to the Ephesians. He would personally share news about Paul to the Ephesians. Paul highly praised Tychicus as

a dearly beloved brother and a faithful servant of the Lord who was an encouragement to Paul and would encourage the Ephesians in their walk with Christ.


Lord Jesus, thank You for dear friends who faithfully serve with me and encourage me in Your work. May I be a dear friend to other believers as we serve You together.

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

INSPIRATION

Armor Up

Ephesians 6:10-12 NIV says be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers of this dark world, and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. I started this writing with this scripture to make one statement: God is the only way. We can't fight the war being waged on our hearts, souls, and lives without God's guidance and protection. Guidance and protection are provided



Bernard Harris

by the armor of God which is composed of 6 characteristics: truth, righteousness, readiness from the gospel, faith, salvation, and the word of God. Lately, life for many has been hard and, in some ways, it feels like a losing battle but I'm here to tell everyone God has a plan all we need to do is make sure we are wearing our armor. I would like to conclude by asking everyone to pray for our world and all of its people that God may bring them peace and hope.

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

Come

WORSHIP

How can we pray for you?

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

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LEGAL

INVITATION FOR BID

The Webster Parish FPD #6 solicits sealed bids for the following:
Used Fire Department Ladder Truck

The proposals must be in the hands of the undersigned no later than 10:00 am Wednesday, February 10, 2025 in the Secretary Office – Webster Parish FPD #6, 109 Coyle Ave, Cullen, Louisiana 71021. The Bid specification sheet is available at no charge in the office of the Secretary, Webster Parish FPD #6. Bid opening will Wednesday, December 18, 2024 via email cfpd6@gmail.com or posted mail P.O. Box 28, Cullen LA 71021. The bid will be awarded at Department Board meeting to be held on Tuesday, February 11, 2025 at 6pm.

The Webster Parish Fire District # 6 is a tax-exempt governmental agency. The Webster Parish Fire District # 6 abides by the requirements of the Louisiana Bid Law.

ALL BIDS SUBMITTED MUST BE CLEARLY MARKED:
Webster Parish Fire District # 6 – "BID ENCLOSED"

The Webster Parish Fire District # 6 is a tax-exempt governmental agency. The Webster Parish Fire District # 6 abides by the requirements of the Louisiana Bid Law as stated in R.S. 38:2238.1. The Webster Parish Fire District # 6 reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive informalities or to accept the bid, which may best serve its interest.

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**Bid Specifications Sheet
Used Fire Department Ladder Truck**

- 2002 or newer Ladder Truck
- 400 HP or greater engine
- Electric reel
- Automatic transmission
- On-board generator
- 110' or greater aerial ladder
- 2000 or less aerial hours
- 4000 or less engine hours
- (6) person minimum seating
- Maximum height of 12' 10" and length of 45'

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF FILING OF CLAIBORNE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.'S (CEC) APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF ESTABLISHMENT OF AN EMERGENCY RESERVE FUND PURSUANT TO SECTION 3.C. OF FORMULA RATE PLAN.

This notice is given pursuant to Article IV, Section 21, Paragraph (D) of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, regarding electricity rates in in the Parishes of Bienville, Claiborne, Lincoln, Ouachita, Union, and Webster. CEC has filed an Application for Approval of Establishment of an Emergency Reserve Fund Rider Pursuant to Section 3.C. of CEC's Formula Rate Plan. This filing could result in a change in rates. Any comments or questions concerning this filing may be directed to the Louisiana Public Service Commission at (225) 342-4999.

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NOTICE

SUCCESSIONS
OF
BETTY H. PARKS and
CHARLES RICHARD PARKS

FILED
DEC 26 2024
DEPUTY CLERK WEBSTER PARISH
NUMBER
18170
26TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
WEBSTER PARISH, LOUISIANA

ASSIGNED: DIV.
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR CONTINUATION OF BUSINESS
NOTICE IS GIVEN that AMANDA H. PATTERSON, Independent Executrix of the Successions of BETTY H. PARKS and CHARLES RICHARD PARKS, has petitioned this Honorable Court for authority to continue the business known as OMEGA CONTAINER, INC. to:
A. Request that an Interim Ex-Parte Order issue herein authorizing the continuation of business known as OMEGA CONTAINER, INC. thus allowing AMANDA H. PATTERSON, Independent Executrix of the Succession of BETTY H. PARKS and CHARLES RICHARD PARKS, to be granted the right and authority to operate said business in any means necessary;
B. Request that an Interim Ex-Parte Order issue herein authorizing the continuation of business known as OMEGA CONTAINER, INC. thus allowing AMANDA H. PATTERSON, Independent Executrix of the Successions of BETTY H. PARKS and CHARLES RICHARD PARKS, to be granted the right and authority to pay all outstanding debts of the business known as OMEGA CONTAINER, INC. including but not limited to checks for payroll, checks for payment of debts and liabilities of the company;
C.

Request that an Interim Ex-Parte Order issue herein authorizing the continuation of the business known as OMEGA CONTAINER, INC. thus allowing AMANDA H. PATTERSON, Independent Executrix of the Successions of BETTY H. PARKS and CHARLES RICHARD PARKS, the authority to execute any and all documents necessary to sell said business, including, but not limited to Buy/Sell Agreements, Cash Sale Deeds, etc.; That any heir, legatee or creditor who opposes this proposed sale must file his/her opposition within seven (7) days from the date on which the last publication of this notice appears.
Halli Umring
DEPUTY CLERK,
26TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
WEBSTER PARISH, LOUISIANA

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MINUTES

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF MINDEN, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN IN REGULAR SESSION HELD ON JANUARY 6, 2025

The Minden City Council met at City Hall in Minden, Louisiana, beginning at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Nick Cox, Carlton Myles, Levon Thomas, Latasha Mitchell, Michael Roy, and Andy Pendergrass. Absence(s): None. Mayor Cox welcomed everyone to the meeting. Prayer was offered by Andy Pendergrass and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Carlton Myles. It is noted for the record that Mayor Cox allowed both council and public comments prior to every vote.
Andy Pendergrass moved to amend the printed agenda to rename Item (11) Award Bid No. 05-2025 – AVL Equipment and Installation – Civic Center to include the Community House. This changes the title of Item (11) to "Award Bid No. 05-2025 – AVL Equipment and Installation – Civic Center and Community House." The motion was duly seconded by Michael Roy and carried unanimously.
Michael Roy moved to adopt the minutes of the Minden City Council Regular Session held on December 2, 2024, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Latasha Mitchell and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.
Andy Pendergrass moved to elect Carlton Myles, Council Representative for District A, as Mayor Pro Tempore for the year 2025. The motion was duly seconded by Levon Thomas and the vote was as follows: Aye(s): Levon Thomas, Latasha Mitchell, Michael Roy, and Andy Pendergrass. Nay(s): None. Abstention(s): Carlton Myles. Absence(s): None. The motion carried.
Andy Pendergrass moved to adopt a Resolution Authorizing Carlton Myles as Mayor Pro Tempore to Sign Checks Drawn by this Municipal Corporation on Any Financial Institution in Custody of City of Minden Funds, Effective upon Adoption, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Michael Roy and the vote was as follows: Aye(s): Levon Thomas, Latasha Mitchell, Michael Roy, and Andy Pendergrass. Nay(s): None. Abstention(s): Carlton Myles. Absence(s): None. The motion carried.
Upon motion by Latasha Mitchell and duly seconded by Michael Roy, the council unanimously adopted a Resolution to Amend the City of Minden 2024-2025 Budget, as presented. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.
Upon motion by Michael Roy and duly seconded by Carlton Myles, the council unanimously authorized Mayor Cox to enter into a state contract between the City of Minden and Scott Equipment Company, LLC for a skid steer, as presented. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.
Upon motion by Carlton Myles and duly seconded by Andy Pendergrass, the council unanimously adopted a Resolution Regarding a Lease Purchase Agreement for the Purpose of Financing a Skid Steer and Accessories, as presented. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.
Andy Pendergrass moved to adopt a Resolution Establishing Fees for the Collection and Disposal of Garbage and Refuse Pursuant to Section 74-7 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Minden, State of Louisiana, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Carlton Myles and the vote was as follows: Aye(s): Carlton Myles, Levon Thomas, Michael Roy, and Andy Pendergrass. Nay(s): None. Abstention(s): Latasha Mitchell. Absence(s): None. The motion carried.
Michael Roy moved to adopt a Resolution Declaring Certain City of Minden Property as Surplus and Fixing the Terms of Sale, as presented. This resolution is to surplus an air compressor. The motion was duly seconded by Latasha Mitchell and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.
Upon motion by Carlton Myles and duly seconded by Michael Roy, the council unanimously adopted a Resolution Adopting a Language Access Plan (LAP) for Limited English Proficiency Persons as Required to Receive LCDBG and Any Other Federal Funding, as presented. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.
Upon motion by Carlton Myles and duly seconded by Latasha Mitchell, the council unanimously adopted Ordinance No. 1153 – An Ordinance to Authorize an Act of Sale by the City of Minden to Sell Certain Adjudicated Properties (Parcels 109934 & 110676) by Public Auction; and, Further Providing with Respect Thereto, as presented. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.
Michael Roy moved to award Bid No. 05-2025 – AVL Equipment and Installation – Civic Center and Community House to the lowest qualified bidder meeting all requirements, American AVL. The motion was duly seconded by Andy Pendergrass and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.
Carlton Myles moved to confirm Cody James as a full-time police officer in the Minden Police Department, subject to passing all applicable tests. The motion was duly seconded by Michael Roy and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.
Upon motion by Michael Roy and duly seconded by Latasha Mitchell, the council unanimously voted to remand the Minden Planning Commission's December 5, 2024, decision for further consideration during the February 6, 2025 Minden Planning Commission meeting. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.
City Clerk Melaney Langford presented the Budget/Financial Report for the month of November 2024. No motion was required.
In the absence of Fire Chief Brian Williams, Mayor Cox presented the Fire Report for the month of December 2024. No motion was required.
The Police Report for the month of November 2024 was unanimously accepted, as presented, by motion of Carlton Myles and second by Latasha Mitchell. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.
Announcements and council comments were heard. The meeting was then adjourned.
Nicholas A. Cox, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melaney Langford, City Clerk

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MINUTES

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF MINDEN, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN IN WORKSHOP HELD ON JANUARY 6, 2025

The Minden City Council met at City Hall in Minden, Louisiana, beginning at 4:30 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Nick Cox, Carlton Myles, Levon Thomas, Latasha Mitchell, Michael Roy and Andy Pendergrass (arrived at 4:43 p.m.). Mayor Cox welcomed everyone to the meeting. The following topics were discussed: the Minden City Council Agenda, various City of Minden matters, the November 2024 Police Report, the December 2024 Fire Report, and the November 2024 Budget Report. No votes were cast during these discussions.
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Nicholas A. Cox, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melaney Langford, City Clerk

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ORDINANCE NO. 1153

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AN ACT OF SALE BY THE CITY OF MINDEN TO SELL CERTAIN ADJUDICATED PROPERTIES (PARCELS 109934 & 110676) 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# 109934: LOT THIRTEEN (13) OF JACK BATTON SUBDIVISION SITUATED IN THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF NORTHWEST QUARTER (SE ¼ OF NW ¼) OF SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 9 WEST, MINDEN, WEBSTER PARISH, LOUISIANA, PER MAP AND PLAT OF SAID SUBDIVISION ON FILE AN OF RECORD IN MAP BOOK 2, PAGE 50 OF THE OFFICIAL RECORDS OF WEBSTER PARISH, LOUISIANA, TOGETHER WITH ALL IMPROVEMENTS THEREON AND ALL RIGHTS THERETO BELONGING.; MUNICIPAL ADDRESS: 612 BATTON STREET, MINDEN, LA; ADJUDCIATED TO THE CITY ON 05/23/2014

Purchaser: John Swindell Bid: \$10,000.00 Auction Date: December 19, 2024

PARCEL# 110676: LOTS 11 AND 12, WARSAW ADDITION TO THE CITY OF MINDEN, WEBSTER PARISH, LOUISIANA, TOGETHER WITH ALL IMPROVEMENTS THEREON AND ALL RIGHT THERETO BELONGING; MUNICIPAL ADDRESS: 617 & 619 SUNSET LANE; MINDEN, LA, ADJUDICATED TO THE CITY IN 2010 & FILED 7/18/2011

Purchaser: Kenneth Walker Bid: \$2,933.33 Auction Date: December 19, 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, the E&P Consulting Services, LLC will certify in writing to City Attorney and 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 6th day of January, 2025, by the following vote and upon motion and second of Carlton Myles and Latasha Mitchell, 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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SHERIFF'S SALE

MIDFIRST BANK
VS.
BRANDON R GORUM AND CHASITY GORUM

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. CV81872.

By virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued out of the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, in the above styled and numbered suit and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder for cash WITHOUT the benefit of appraisal and according to law at the principle front door of the Courthouse in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana, on

WEDNESDAY, February 19, 2025,

During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:
LOT EIGHT (8) HILLSIDE SUBDIVISION, PHASE "1", SITUATED IN THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (NW/4 OF NW/4) OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE & WEST, WEBSTER PARISH, LOUISIANA, AS PER MAP AND PLAT OF SAID SUBDIVISION FILED IN CONVEYANCE BOOK 897, PAGE 489, REGISTRY NUMBER 432036 OF THE CONVEYANCE RECORDS OF WEBSTER PARISH, LOUISIANA; subject to restrictions, servitudes, rights-of-way and outstanding mineral rights of record affecting the property.

That certain manufactured home/mobile situated on the above described property, being a 2013 Southern Estates Manufactured Home, Model No. E0908, Serial No. SOU007738, Hud Label No. NTA1592657 & NTA 1592658, which said manufactured home/mobile home was immobilized pursuant to Affidavit of Immobilization dated March 31, 2016 and filed for record as Instrument No. 558506 of the 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.

Publication Dates: January 15, 2025 February 12, 2025
JASON R. PARKER Sheriff & Ex-Officio Auctioneer
Webster Parish, Louisiana
Pon Brantlee
Pam Brantley - Deputy

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Sheriff's Sale

A/K/A BICKIE S. BARLING A/K/A BICKIE BARLING A/K/A BICKIE SERE RYAN A/K/A BICKIE S. RYAN A/K/A BICKIE RYAN A/K/A BICKIE BARLING RYAN A/K/A BICKIE B. RYAN

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 80727.

By virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued out of the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, in the above styled and numbered suit and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder for cash WITHOUT the benefit of appraisal and according to law at the principle front door of the Courthouse in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana, on

WEDNESDAY, February 19, 2025,

During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:
Lot 100, Replat of Sportsman's Paradise, a subdivision of Webster Parish, Louisiana, as per plat recorded in Map Book 3, Page 47 of the Conveyance Records of 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
Pam Brantley
Pam Brantley - Deputy

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Minutes

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
WEBSTER PARISH POLICE JURY
December 13, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Bonsall; President, Steve Lemmons, Nancy Hines, Randy Thomas, Daniel Thomas, Bruce Blanton, Adam Lee
Absent: Allen Gilbert, Beverly Kennon, Vice President; Steve Ramsey, Mike Griffith and LaTanya Grigsby

Mr. Jim Bonsall called the meeting to order at 11:00AM and asked Mr. Steve Lemmons to open the meeting with prayer and Mr. Jim Bonsall led in the pledge of allegiance

Mr. Jim Bonsall then asked for additions to the agenda.
No additions to the agenda.
There were no comments from the audience concerning the agenda.

Mr. Daniel Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Randy Thomas to Award the Contract with Testament Construction for the Women's Jail Facility, bids approved December 3, 2024, American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funded project, in accordance with bids received December 2, 2024, and authorize the execution of documents for the Parish of Webster. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Daniel Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Bruce Blanton to add Recreation funding to the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Randy Thomas moved, seconded by Ms. Nancy Hines to approve Recreation Funding:
District #6 \$500 to the Dorcheat Historical Museum for utilities and \$500 to the Minden Fire Department for rescue equipment.
District #8 \$500 to the Minden Fire Department for rescue equipment.
District #4 \$1,000 to the Minden Fire Department for rescue equipment.
Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to bring before the Jury, the meeting adjourned.

/s/
Lisa C. Balkom Secretary-Treasurer
Bonsall President

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SHERIFF'S SALE

B1 BANK
VS.
LYNDA WOMACK, AKA LYNDA M.
WOMACK, AKA LYNDA GAYLE MYERS WOMACK, DECEASED, AND
AMY LYNETT WOMACK FOWLER BAKER, AND KRISTIN ANN WOMACK
BARTON AND TOM BRADLEY WOMACK

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. CV81823.
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 19, 2025.
During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:
A tract of land located in Section 21, Township 17 North, Range 9 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana, as described as:
Begin at the Northwest Corner of the Northwest Quarter of Northeast Quarter (NW/cor. Of NW/4 of NE/4), Section 21, Township 17 North, Range 9 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana, and run East 938.7 feet; thence run South 488.5 feet to the point of beginning; thence run South 76 degrees 50 minutes West 415 feet; thence run South 13 degrees 10 minutes East 315 feet; thence run North 76 degrees 50 minutes East 415 feet; thence run North 13 degrees 10 minutes West 315 feet to the point of beginning,
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
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SHERIFF'S SALE

US BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL
CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR
VRMTG ASSET TRUST
VS.
ROGER D. GODWIN

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 81422.
By virtue of a WRIT OF FIFA 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 22, 2025.
During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:
Begin at the Southwest corner of the Southwest Quarter of Northwest Quarter (SW/C of SW/4 of NW/4), Section 31, Township 23 North, Range 10 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana and run North a distance of 420 feet to the point of beginning of the property herein conveyed, thence run East 420 feet; thence run North 210 feet; thence ran West 210 feet; thence run South 105 feet thence run West 210 feet; thence run South 105 feet to the point of beginning; subject to restrictions, servitudes, rights-of-way and outstanding mineral rights of record affecting the property,
SOLD SUBJECT TO ANY SUPERIOR LIENS, MORTGAGES OR PRIVILEGES THERETO.
Said property seized is that of the defendant and will be sold to satisfy a judgment rendered in our Honorable Court.
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SHERIFF'S SALE

CARTER FEDERAL CREDIT UNION
VS.
SLACK PROPERTIES, LLC

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. CV81822.
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 22, 2025.
During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:
SEE ATTACHED PROPERTY DESCRIPTION
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.
Publication Dates: December 18, 2024, January 15, 2025
JASON R. PARKER Sheriff & Ex-Officio Auctioneer
Webster Parish, Louisiana
Pam Brantley
Pam Brantley - Deputy
Loan Number:
EXHIBIT "A"
TRACT A
A one acre tract, more or less, located in the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NE/4 of NE/4) and in the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NW/4 of NE/4), Section 31, Township 23 North, Range 10 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana, described as follows:
Begin at the Northwest Corner of the South Half of Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NW/cor. of S/2 of NE/4 of NE/4), Section 31, and run East 132 feet; thence run South 205.76 feet to the point of beginning; thence continue South 122.3 feet; thence run West 396.26 feet; thence run North 33 degrees 09 minutes East 146.1 feet; thence run East 316.4 feet to the point of beginning. (Assessment # 118240)
Purported to be municipally known as 423 Morgan Road, Sarepta, Louisiana 71071
TRACT B
Plat of survey of tract located in the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SW/4 of SW/4), Section 30, Township 23 North, Range 10 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana, and more particularly described as follows:
Commencing at 1 inch iron pipe located at the Southeast Corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SE/cor. of SW/4 of SW/4), Section 30, Township 23 North, Range 10 West, and run North 718.8 feet; thence run West 324.51 feet to 1/2 inch rebar located on the South right of way on Kings Corner Road for the point of beginning; thence run South 20 degrees 45 minutes East 100.79 feet to 1/2 inch rebar; thence run South 2 degrees 16 minutes West 59.96 feet to 1/2 inch rebar; thence run North 76 degrees 43 minutes West 159.2 feet to 1/2 inch rebar; thence run North 13 degrees 07 minutes East 137.09 feet to 1/2 inch rebar located on South right of way of Kings Corner Road, thence run South 80 degrees 01 minutes East along said right of way 91.87 feet to the point of beginning; together with all improvements located thereon and all rights thereto belonging. (Assessment # 119967)
Purported to be municipally known as 561 Kings Corner Road, Sarepta, Louisiana 71071

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

EXHIBIT "A"
Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 2 (Sibley) of the Parish of Webster, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Fire Protection District No. 2 (Sibley) of the Parish of Webster, State of Louisiana (the "District"), on November 14, 2024, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held within the District on SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 2025, and that at the said election there will be submitted to all registered voters in the District qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:
PROPOSITION
(MILLAGE RENEWAL)
Shall Fire Protection District No. 2 (Sibley) of the Parish of Webster, State of Louisiana (the "District"), continue to levy a special tax of 10 mills (the "Tax") on all property subject to taxation within the District (an estimated \$114,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the Tax for an entire year), for a period of ten 10 years, beginning with the year 2025 and ending with the year 2034, for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, improving, maintaining and/or operating fire protection facilities and equipment, including the purchase of fire trucks, in and for the District, and paying the cost of obtaining water for fire protection purposes and/or contracting for fire protection services for the District, provided that a portion of the Tax proceeds is required to be contributed to state and statewide retirement systems as provided in R.S. 11:82?
The said special election shall be held at the polling places for the following precincts, which polls will open at seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, to-wit:
PRECINCTS 34(PART) 39(PART)
40 41(PART)
The polling places for the precincts set forth above are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law.
The estimated cost of this election as determined by the Secretary of State based upon the provisions of Chapter 8-A of Title 18 and actual costs of similar elections is \$14,600.
Notice is further given that a portion of the monies collected from the tax described in the Proposition shall be remitted to certain state and statewide retirement systems in the manner required by law.
The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, as provided in this Notice of Special Election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, will make due returns thereof to said Governing Authority, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Governing Authority will meet at its regular meeting place, the Sibley Town Hall, 345 N. Main Street, Sibley, Louisiana, on THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 2025, at 6:00 P.M., and shall then and there in open and public

session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election. All registered voters of the District are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used.

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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 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:
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 5TH 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 Branti
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LEGAL NOTICE

(List all names, no address required)
Marlon Greenard
Clara Johnson Grigsby
George Grigsby
THIS NOTICE BY PUBLICATION IS NOTIFICATION THAT YOUR RIGHTS OR INTEREST IN THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY LOCATED IN WEBSTER PARISH, LOUISIANA MAY BE TERMINATED BY OPERATION OF LAW IF YOU DO NOT TAKE FURTHER ACTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW:
Legal Description: Lot 100 x 100 Ft. IN NE/4 OF SE/4 SEC. 18-21-10 Assessment# 121137, as per the assessment in the records of the Tax Assessor of Webster Parish, Louisiana
This property was adjudicated to the Police Jury On May 15, 2018. The threee year redemptive period has passed. Tax sale title to the above described property has been sold for failure to pay taxes. You have been identified as a person hwo may have an interest in this property. Your interest in the property will be terminated within 60 days from hte date of this publication unless you redeem the property or you may otherwise challenge in a court of competent jurisdiction the potential sale or donation
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