

WEBSTER & MORE

PASSING OF THE CROWN

Maison Wilbanks reflects on reign as 2024 Miss Minden

AMBER MCDOWN
Minden Press-Herald

As the curtains close on her year as Miss Minden, Maison Clair Wilbanks reflects on a reign filled with connection, community service, and inspiration. On January 18, Wilbanks passed the crown to the 2025 Miss Minden during the annual pageant at the Minden High School auditorium, leaving behind a legacy of perseverance and positivity.

A native of DeRidder, Louisiana, Wilbanks graduated from DeRidder High School in 2022. She is currently a junior at Northwestern State University, where she is double majoring in psychology and addiction studies. A dedicated athlete, she is a three-year member of the Northwestern State University Lady Demon Track and Field team. Outside of her academic and athletic pursuits, she is focused on recovery following an ACL and meniscus repair and is determined to complete her undergraduate degree in 2026 before pursuing a master's degree at Northwestern and a doctoral degree at LSU.

Reflecting on her reign, Wilbanks says the most rewarding part was building connections within the Minden community. "Not being from Minden, I was nervous about not knowing anyone, but the community welcomed me with open arms," she said. One particularly memorable moment was participating in the Broken Bean Freedom Walk event, where she assisted with face painting. "The joy on the little girls' faces and their laughter warmed my heart more than anything I've experienced," she shared.

Through her platform, Mentally Fit, Wilbanks made a lasting contribution to Minden. She hosted a journaling workshop that offered practical techniques for effective journaling and prayer journaling, leaving participants with tools to improve their mental well-being. "The feedback I received was so positive, and I'm blessed to have left an impact on those women's lives," she said.

Among her proudest moments was taking part in Minden's St. Jude weekend, an event that exceeded her expecta-

tions. "It was amazing to help fundraise and contribute to the cause. It's by far one of my favorite events I've been a part of this year," she said.

As she prepares to pass the torch, Wilbanks has advice for her successor: "Make the absolute best of it. This title is not just a crown; it is a platform to make a difference. Embrace every moment and stay true to yourself."

Wilbanks hopes her legacy inspires others to overcome challenges and turn adversity into opportunity. After undergoing surgery, she competed at Miss Louisiana just eight weeks post-operation, wearing a leg brace and flats. "I received a flood of messages from girls and young women inspired by me stepping on stage. It was heartwarming knowing that I was making an impact on their lives," she said.

As Maison Wilbanks prepares for the next chapter, her message to the Minden community and future Miss Minden winners is clear: resilience and authenticity can light the path to meaningful impact.



CRIME

Fourth suspect arrested in Dubberly bonfire shooting investigation

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A fourth suspect has been arrested in connection with the January 11 shooting at a bonfire party near Dubberly that injured six people.

Jaiveon Daijariell Harris, 20, of the 300 block of W. Todd Street in Minden, was taken into custody the morning of Friday, January 17, after interviews with detectives at the Webster Parish Sheriff's Office, stated Sheriff Jason Parker.

"Under questioning, he admitted he was in possession of a firearm at the party," Parker said.

Harris has been charged with principal to five counts of attempted first-degree murder. He is being held at Bayou D'Orcheat Correctional Cen-

ter on a \$350,000 bond.

Kobe Sheppard, 21, of Sibley, became the third suspect arrested in the case when authorities detained him Wednesday at his residence on Willis Road. Sheppard faces six counts of attempted first-degree murder and is being held on a \$900,000 bond.

Earlier that week, Jacolby Tyrone Snell, 22, of Doyline, was taken into custody and charged with accessory after the fact and two counts of modifying a firearm to a machine gun. During a search of Snell's residence, investigators recovered two Glock pistols converted into fully automatic weapons. Snell's bond is set at \$120,000.



inick-Jaire Stanley, 23, of Minden, surrendered to authorities. He was also charged with six counts of attempted first-degree murder and is being held on a \$900,000 bond.

The investigation remains ongoing.

"We will continue gathering information until we're satisfied we have everyone in custody who had a part in this incident," Parker said. "Our detectives and deputies have done a great job so far, and we're not finished."

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OBITUARIES



Noella Anastasia Broussard Bostick

The life of Noella Anastasia Broussard Bostick, who passed away at her home surrounded by her four sons peacefully in her sleep on Saturday, December 21, 2024, was celebrated at Saint Paul Catholic Church on Saturday, January 4, 2025. The celebrant was the Reverend Nicholas E. Duncan who was assisted by Andrew and Anthony Bostick, Mrs. Bostick's grandsons. A eulogy was composed and delivered by her son Jerone Bostick.

She was 96 years, 5 months, and 15 days old. She did her best to live her best every day of that time. She was the daughter of Philogene Broussard and Josephine Broussard. She was the second child and second daughter of an eventual family of 9 children. They were a French Creole family, both parents normally spoke French. They were sharecroppers. In the time of her upbringing during the depth of the Great Depression the survival of the family was of paramount importance and classroom education was often sacrificed. But Noella's mother Josephine wanted her children to learn the rudiments of reading and writing, a few grades at least. But Noella had ambition and wanted to go to high school, the nearest of which was 5 miles away. She would have to walk. Her mother absolutely refused that she should walk this distance. But her older sister, Lovella, proposed to accompany her, thinking it was too arduous and she would soon quit. She never did. They both graduated from high school.

Noella, with the help of her family, was launched to higher education at Southern University in Baton Rouge, LA. She was in the library when she looked around for her books she was certain she hadn't misplaced. She asked a young man standing nearby had he moved them? He said he did to get her to notice him. The young man was William Henry Bostick, Jr.

After courtship they were married on August 16, 1952.

In 1953, William Bostick was recruited by Wilbur Leon Hayes, Sr., principal of Webster High School in Minden, LA, to teach Industrial Arts. So the young couple moved to Minden to begin his teaching career. Soon after the couple's children began to arrive; Dwain in 1954, Don in 1955, Jerone in 1957, and the twins, Barry and Garry in 1959. Noella raised her children while completing her college education, earning a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education in 1965 from Grambling College of Louisiana (later Grambling University). She later received her Master of Arts in Elementary Education from Louisiana Tech University in 1976. She began her teaching career in Cullen, LA., commuting and carpooling for years. Opportunity arose to teach in Minden and she finished her career teaching at Lowe Junior High School. She retired in 1986 after 25 years at her profession.

Retirement from teaching freed her for other pursuits. She was a member of the Webster Association of Retired Teachers, serving as the Publicity Chair for many years. She headed the Pregnancy Aid Center for well over a decade, securing funds and resources to help at-risk youth as well as organizing programs for preventative education. She was also a member of the Ladies Altar Society at St. Paul Catholic Church, where she was a very engaged parishioner for the 70 plus years.

Noella was preceded in death by her parents Philogene and Josephine Broussard; by her husband of 53 years William Bostick Jr., and by her son Barry Bostick. Noella is survived by her sisters; Mercedese Broussard (Baton Rouge, LA), Doryanne Looper (Otis, Palmdale, CA), Doris Lazard (Charles, Biloxi, MS), Carolyn Griffin (Herman, Ponchatoula, LA), and Marilyn Broussard (Minneapolis, MN); her sons Dwain Bostick (Lucy, San Antonio, TX), Don Bostick (Houston, TX), Jerone Bostick (formerly Cheryl, Kenner, LA), and Garry Bostick (Dr. Gina, Edmond, OK); 12 grandchildren, and many great-grandchildren, nephews, nieces, cousins, friends, and acquaintances.



William "Bill" House

Funeral services for William "Bill" House were held Saturday, January 18, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. at Rose Neath Funeral Home Chapel in Minden, Louisiana with Bro. Brett Cook officiating. Interment followed at Gardens of Memory in Minden, Louisiana. The family received friends at 11:00 a.m. Saturday prior to the service.

Bill was born April 11, 1938, in Little Rock, Arkansas

and entered into rest January 14, 2025, in Minden, Louisiana. He served his country in the United States Navy. Bill retired from law enforcement.

He was preceded in death by his parents Elbert and Mattie House, his first wife, Shirley Ann House and sister Connie Maddox.

He is survived by his wife Rita House of Minden, sons, Merlin Wade House (Rhonda) of Dallas, Texas and Donald House (Sharon) of Tyler, Texas, daughters, Lanette House Vasquez of Bossier City, and Christina Smith (Jimmy) of Minden, brother-in-law, Keith Maddox, grandchildren, Ashley Long (Matthew), Ray Vasquez (Lisa), Jonathan House, Christopher House, Ashton Heard, Madison Smith, and Cameron Smith, and great-grandchildren, Madison and Seth Adams, and Victoria and Charlotte Vasquez.

LIONS CLUB

Senator Adam Bass highlights legislative progress at Lions Club meeting

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Senator Adam Bass of District 36 addressed the Lions Club on Thursday, January 16, sharing updates on his first year as a Louisiana state senator. Bass discussed legislative sessions held in 2024, which included one regular session, one organizational session, and three special sessions.

"We've spent more time in Baton Rouge in session — between the regular sessions and the special sessions — during the last year than any other year in history," Bass said.

Redistricting Efforts
The year began with a January 2024 session on redistricting, prompted by judicial orders to revise congressional and state supreme court districts. A new minority-majority district was created, stretching from Shreveport to Baton Rouge, though it remains under judicial review. Bass expressed concerns about redistricting for the state supreme court, stating, "I would like to keep north Louisiana where we have

a voice on the supreme court."

Addressing Crime
The first special session focused on crime, with measures targeting Louisiana's high violent crime rates in cities like Baton Rouge, Shreveport, and New Orleans. Legislators created Troop NOLA for the state police and passed laws allowing 17-year-olds to be tried as adults. Additionally, constitutional carry legislation and a "truth in sentencing" law were enacted.

Insurance and Tax Reforms

The regular session emphasized insurance reform. Reforms aimed at attracting re-insurers have already garnered interest, according to Bass. However, auto insurance reform remains a challenge. A bill promoting lawsuit transparency was vetoed by Governor Jeff Landry.

Tax reform was a focal point of the fourth session. Legislators approved a flat 3% personal income tax and reduced corporate income tax



to 5.5%. Parishes were granted the option to eliminate the inventory tax and pass permanent teacher pay raises. Constitutional amendments on these measures will be on the March ballot.

Additional Legislation
Bass highlighted his first bill, the Baby Box Bill, which provides safe, anonymous locations for mothers to surrender newborns. Other notable efforts include legislation for posting the Ten Commandments in classrooms, which is tied up in

court, and a bill for educational savings accounts still in progress.

Lithium deposits in Webster Parish also garnered attention. Bass noted a unique revenue split, with 50% of proceeds directed to local entities.

Questions or concerns regarding District 36 can be addressed via email to Senator Bass at sen36@legis.la.gov.

The Lions Club meets Thursdays at noon at the American Legion Memorial Hall and is actively seeking new members.

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In the Teen division, Kynzie Smith was named Miss Congeniality, an award determined by her peers. Landry Edwards won the Hannah McFarland Style Award for evening gown excellence, while Aynslea Maus received the talent award.

In the Miss division, Grace Powell was awarded Miss Congeniality, Nilah Pollard earned the Hannah McFarland Style Award,

and Powell also secured the talent award.

Pollard, crowned Miss Minden 2025, will receive a \$2,000 scholarship. Ortego, crowned Miss Spirit of Fasching 2025, will be awarded a \$250 scholarship, and Edwards, named Miss Outstanding Teen 2025, will receive a \$1,000 scholarship.

The YWSC expressed gratitude to event sponsors and the community for supporting the annual scholarship competition.

TRUMP

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countries to enrich our citizens," he explained. To support this goal, he announced the establishment of the External Revenue Service to handle tariffs, duties, and related revenues.

The president concluded his address with an appeal to unity and a promise of unprecedented achievements. "After all we have been through together, we stand on the verge of the four greatest years

in American history. With your help, we will restore America's promise, and we will rebuild the nation that we love, and we love it so much. We are one people, one family, and one glorious nation under God. So to every parent who dreams for their child, and every child who dreams for their future, I am with you, I will fight for you, and I will win for you. We're going to win like never before," he concluded.

CRIME

Man arrested following disturbance in Sibley

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Deputies from the Webster Parish Sheriff's Office responded to a disturbance on the 8400 block of Highway 371 on January 15.

According to the report, deputies made contact with the complainant, a witness, and the suspect, identified as Timmy Lee Allen, 62. The complainant and witness alleged that Allen grabbed the victim by the neck and pushed

him to the ground during an altercation stemming from a verbal dispute the previous night.

After being advised of his rights under Miranda, Allen admitted to pushing the individual to the ground.

Allen was arrested and transported to the Bayou Dorcheat Correctional Center without further incident.

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

SCAM ALERT

Rise in call forwarding scams targets banking customers

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Financial services providers are alerting customers to a rise in call forwarding scams aimed at stealing personal and financial information.

The scam begins with a call from someone claiming to be from a financial institution calling about an urgent issue with the victim's account. During the call, the scammer instructs the recipient to enter a special code, such as *72 or *401, followed by a 10-digit number, purportedly to secure the account. However, this action activates call forwarding, redirecting all incoming calls to the scammer's phone.

Once calls are forwarded, scammers can intercept sensitive information, including usernames, passwords, and authentication codes, by impersonating the account holder.

To protect against such

scams, customers should remain vigilant and follow these precautions:

Never enter special codes, such as *72 or *401, when prompted by an unexpected caller.

Do not share account information with anyone claiming to represent your bank, as the bank already has this information.

Be cautious of unsolicited calls or texts that claim to be from your bank, especially those requesting urgent action or code entry.

Avoid relying solely on Caller ID, as it can be spoofed.

Monitor accounts regularly for suspicious activity.

If a call seems suspicious, hang up immediately and verify the situation by calling a trusted number or contacting a local branch or banker directly. Staying informed and cautious is the best defense against these types of scams.

CRIME

Arcadia man arrested on drug and firearm charges following pursuit

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An Arcadia man was arrested January 15 after police responded to reports of one male chasing another with a firearm on Stone Street in Minden.

Minden police officers arrived at the scene and observed a man, identified as Kerikmeron Ratling, 22, of Arcadia, wearing a gray hoodie

and black sweatpants. Upon noticing law enforcement, Ratling fled between apartment buildings before being seen entering a unit on the backside of the complex.

Officers approached and made contact with Ratling near the door. Authorities reported detecting a strong odor of unburned marijuana

emanating from his person. A search of the apartment revealed two bags of suspected marijuana, approximately 166 grams in total, and a Beretta 9mm handgun. Both the firearm and the bags of marijuana were described as warm to the touch, indicating recent concealment. Witnesses reported seeing Ratling place the items inside a closet.

Ratling was taken into custody and charged with possession of a Schedule I controlled dangerous substance (CDS) with intent to distribute, possession of a firearm in the presence of CDS, and being a fugitive from Webster Parish.

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OPINION

Former U.S. Rep Bob Livingston (LA) Highlights the Corruption of Biden AG, Merrick Garland

Hoping for a fresh start with the incoming Trump Administration, I had not planned to return to the topic of corruption in the Biden Administration. However, news of a concerning circumstance—with a direct connection to Louisiana—came to my attention and prompted me to address it once again.

This past week, former Louisiana U.S. Rep Bob Livingston penned a letter in the Wall Street Journal that highlights the corruption of the Biden Administration. The events he recounts in his letter are disconcerting and much more befitting a third world country or a banana republic than the United States of America.

I first met Mr. Livingston years ago when I was working in D.C. for his fellow Louisiana Representative in the U.S. House of Representatives, the late Clyde C. Holloway. I was quite proud of, and grateful for, the opportunity to work for Congressman Holloway. Both men exemplified the “service” part of public service.

When Mr. Livingston left Congress, he founded the Livingston Group and has represented a wide range of interests over the years before the U.S. Congress. Many of the individuals I knew on his congressional staff joined him in his new firm.

Mr. Livingston and Mr. Holloway were conserva-

tive Republicans. As such, it is unsurprising that Mr. Livingston would have supported President Trump when he sought the presidency and that is the basis of his letter.

The Livingston letter is entitled “A Letter to Merrick Garland.” Salient portions of the letter include this excerpt from Mr. Livingston to Attorney General Garland: “Your time

in office won’t run out a moment too soon. You will be remembered as a tool in the Democratic Party’s strategy of misusing the Justice Department to visit injustice on innocent people with differing political views. I am a victim of your dysfunctional leadership but, unlike many of your targets, I have survived unscathed.” (WSJ, 1-15-2025).

WOW.

The Livingston letter continues: “In 2022 two Federal Bureau of Investigation agents came to my home in New Orleans and questioned me about incidents involving our representation of an international client. Having nothing to hide, I spoke with them for about

2.5 hours ... I was given to believe that they were looking only for background information.” However, the letter continues, I soon learned that the meeting “was neither benign nor simply for background ... I soon learned I was a target.” (Emphasis added).

Mr. Livingston then points out something about which I have no doubt: “In all my years as a lobbyist, I have bent over backward to comply with the Foreign Agents Registration Act (FARA) ... I have repeatedly told my clients that we must comply with FARA to avoid any possibility of transgressing the law ... and our company has employed a full-time officer to assure compliance.”

Nevertheless, Justice Department prosecutors “said on several occasions that I was the target of felony charges. Every day and night for 20 months, I lived with the possibility that the hammer could drop at any moment. Everything I worked for would be tarnished. My firm would collapse, my employees would lose their jobs, all of us would be ruined in the press, and I could go to prison.”

Can any of us imagine living under such a cloud of uncertainty?

Tragically, one of Mr. Livingston’s employees—the firm’s very compliance officer—could not. “David Lonnie was interviewed and harassed. He was told that if

he knew what was good for him he would talk. He went to bed on December 31, 2023, and didn’t wake the next day. His family is devastated.”

While his company was innocent of all charges, Livingston states, we were forced “to spend incredible amounts of money on legal counsel ... and while our 88-page brief backed prosecutors down ... I am convinced that the department’s actions were political and malicious, targeting me for having supported Donald Trump and being critical of President Biden.”

We are painfully familiar with the lawfare and weaponization suffered by President Trump himself, most of the J6ers, as well as the “investigations” into picketers at abortion clinics and parents at school board meetings who were characterized as “domestic terrorists.” This is to say nothing of the FBI “investigation” into Catholic churches across the country to “monitor and report” on their parishioners. However, the Livingston letter reflects as egregious an example as any I have seen. This simply cannot be allowed to occur in America.

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INSPIRATION

“Fools Give Reasons, Wise Men Never Try”

“Fools give reasons, wise men never try!” These words come from the popular song, “Some Enchanted Evening.”

For many years I thought I had to give an answer for everything until one evening, in the 1980’s, I heard this powerful song being sung at a cantata in Plain Dealing, Louisiana held in Ms. Ford’s back yard with Hugh Scott Coyle singing the lead.

Hearing those lyrics gave me an answer to a struggle I faced daily most of my life.

One of the hardest lessons to learn is to just shut up, to not answer back, to just stop talking, because we think that the more words spoken the stronger we make our case.

Quite the reverse is often true.

. Jesus was a great example when He was criticized by the crowds. He answered not a word.

I know of no stronger argument than that of silence. Silence seems to be what we are most afraid of, not knowing how to answer next.

Why are we so scared to

hear ourselves think? Why must we have constant noise and be plugged in to either cell phones, texting or social media?



SARAH HUDSON PIERCE

all evening long to numb themselves from thinking.

Why do we need to be

numbered? I confess I like my thoughts, of hearing myself think, but I had to go through years of pain, of hitting rock bottom, to get to that place in my life, having grown up in an orphanage.

It takes years of working at the art of keeping silence. It may be even harder to just ask for wisdom. In the Bible,

in James 1:5, we are taught that all we have to do is ask for wisdom. This gift comes with no strings attached. All we have to do is ask.

Sometimes we get under so much pressure we hardly know which end is up but if we will turn again to the Word we can find this often overlooked truth. Just ask for wisdom.

Enough said and maybe not.

I suppose there is a stubborn streak in all of us. We want to speak, to have the last word.

I’ve heard of the “silent sale.” The way it appears to work is this -- just become silent after you have made your spiel, stop talking, and the sale will more likely be won. Silence speaks volumes.

Why are we so slow to learn this lesson?

Maybe we become mesmerized with our own words. Ministers are sometimes guilty of this trait, of thinking that the longer the sermon the better the message when in reality some of the greatest messages have

consisted of few words.

“We have nothing to fear but fear itself” is the shortest speech ever recorded and was spoken by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, in his inaugural address. Those eight words were the entire speech which was followed by a standing ovation.

A most poignant verse is “Jesus wept” which is the simplest verse to learn. Yet it speaks loudly of Jesus’ emotion, of His deep love that carried Him to the cross.

These thoughts come deep within my soul when I find myself in situations when I need great wisdom to know when to speak and when to keep silent. It is those times that I ask for wisdom and it comes in the most needed times.

It gives me peace as I pillow my head 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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Stay Vigilant: Protect Yourself from Rising Scams

In the digital age, scams are becoming more sophisticated, and one of the latest threats to consumers is a dangerous call forwarding scam targeting banking customers. As we move through 2025, it’s crucial that we remain alert and protect ourselves from such fraudulent schemes, which prey on unsuspecting individuals.

A recent article from the Minden Press-Herald highlighted a rise in scams where criminals impersonate financial institutions and trick customers into forwarding their phone calls to a scammer. The scam begins innocuously enough with a call from someone claiming to be from a bank, warning the victim of an urgent issue with their account. The scammer then instructs the victim to dial a special code, such as *72 or *401,

followed by a phone number. But here’s the trick—the scammer is asking the victim to activate call forwarding, which redirects all incoming calls to the scammer’s phone.

From there, the scammer intercepts sensitive information, including usernames, passwords, and account verification codes, all while posing as the account holder.

This scam is especially dangerous because it takes advantage of the victim’s trust, making it appear that they are taking action to secure their account

when in fact, they are handing over control to a criminal. And unfortunately, this type of scam is becoming more common, with many consumers unaware of the risks they face.

So, what can you do to protect yourself? It starts with being aware of the signs of a scam and practicing caution in your daily interactions. Here are a few simple, yet crucial steps you can take to protect your personal and financial information:

Never enter special codes such as *72 or *401 when prompted by an unsolicited call. No legitimate company will ever ask you to forward calls in this way.

Do not share personal account information over the phone with anyone who contacts you unsolicited. Your bank already has your account de-

tails and will never ask for this information out of the blue.

Be cautious of unsolicited calls or texts that appear to be from your bank, especially those requesting immediate action or code entry. Scammers often create a sense of urgency to manipulate you into acting before you have time to think.

Don’t rely solely on Caller ID. Caller ID can easily be spoofed by scammers to look like a legitimate number. Always verify before taking any action.

Monitor your accounts regularly for suspicious activity. Set up account alerts if possible, so you can spot any unauthorized transactions as soon as they occur.

If something doesn’t feel right, hang up immediately and verify the situation by calling your bank directly using a trust-

ed number, such as the one on the back of your card or on their official website.

As we navigate these times of uncertainty, it’s crucial to stay informed and vigilant. Scammers are always evolving their tactics, but by staying cautious and questioning unsolicited requests, we can protect ourselves and our families. Your personal and financial safety is in your hands, and by following these simple precautions, you can reduce the chances of falling victim to fraud.

Let’s be vigilant and stay informed. Together, we can outsmart these criminals and protect what matters most.

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HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL



DOUGLAS BLOW/SPECIAL TO THE PRESS-HERALD
Minden's Carmelo Smith looks to pass to pass during a victory over Booker T. Washington last week at Minden.



DOUGLAS BLOW/SPECIAL TO THE PRESS-HERALD
Minden's Jaiden Franklin dunks for two of his 17 points in a 75-50 victory over Booker T. Washington last week.

Minden, Glenbrook win

Crimson Tide set to begin district play Friday

RUSSELL HEDGES
Minden Press-Herald

The Minden Crimson Tide and Glenbrook Apaches won home games last week.

Minden defeated Booker T. Washington 75-50, and Glenbrook defeated Providence Classical Academy 37-28.

In a District 1-B opener, Doyline fell to Simsboro 71-55 at Doyline. In a District 3-2A game, Lakeside lost to Mansfield 70-31 at Lakeside.

In a non-district game, North Webster fell to North DeSoto 60-53 at North DeSoto.

The Knights picked up one victory last week, defeating Plain Dealing 53-15.

At Minden, four Crimson Tide players scored in double figures.

Jaiden Franklin led the team with 17 points. Christian Lofton had 12. Cameron Parker and Kameron Harris chipped in 11 each. Carmelo Smith added eight and Darnell Morris seven.

The Tide got off to fast start and led 22-11 after the first quarter. They extended the lead to 41-21 at the half.

Rodrieon Dillard led the Lions with 25 points.

Minden (14-1 through Sunday) and BTW (13-7) are both members of Dis-

trict 1-4A, but last week's game didn't count in the standings. The Tide and Lions meet again at BTW on Feb. 4 in their designated district game.

Minden was scheduled to visit West Monroe Tuesday before opening district play Friday against Woodlawn at home.

At Glenbrook, the Apaches picked up their second victory of the season.

At Doyline, the Panthers trailed just 35-30 at the half. The Tigers extended the lead to 48-41 midway through the third quarter.

Simsboro closed the quarter with a 10-3 run that

included two 3-pointers for a 58-44 lead.

The Panthers had trouble hitting from long range in the second half. The quick Tigers also forced several turnovers and turned them into layups.

Simsboro (11-8) is a new member of the district. The Tigers moved over from District 2-B.

Doyline, which has won seven straight district titles, will get another shot at Simsboro on Feb. 4 at Simsboro.

The Panthers, who entered this week 18-3, were scheduled to continue district play Tuesday at Quitman.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Tech loses defensive coordinator; Johnson accepts position at Coastal Carolina

STAFF REPORTS
Minden Press-Herald

Defense was Louisiana Tech's strength last season. Now the Bulldogs are looking for a new defensive coordinator.

Jeremiah Johnson has left the program after one season to take the same position at Coastal Carolina.

Coastal Carolina made the announcement on its sports website on Jan. 10.

Johnson replaces Craig Naiver, who was let go. CBS Sports first reported the move.

"My family and I are really excited about the opportunity to work with Coach Beck and the Coastal Carolina Football Family," Johnson said on the website.

"It is an honor to be the Defensive Coordinator here and I am looking forward to building relationships with the student athletes, staff and community."

Tech ranked No. 12 in the nation in total defense in last season's 5-8 campaign. The Bulldogs allowed 308.4 yards per game.

Tech ranked No. 26 in scoring defense and No. 44 in rushing defense.

As of deadline for this edition, Johnson was still listed under coaches on Louisiana Tech's website, latech-sports.com. There has been no official statement regarding his departure or the search for a new coordinator.

HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

Regular season coming to end

RUSSELL HEDGES
Minden Press-Herald

The regular season ends Monday, and both Minden teams will make the playoffs.

The Lady Tiders were No. 21 in the Division III girls power rankings through Jan. 19, according to GeauxPreps.com. The Crimson Tide were No. 19 in the boys rankings.

Official pairings are scheduled to be announced Tuesday, Jan. 28. First-round matches must be played by Jan. 31.

Last week, the Minden girls fell to Providence Classical Academy 5-1 and Northwood 2-1.

Minden hosts Sterling at 5:30 p.m. Thursday in a match that will likely decide the District 1-III championship.

The Crimson Tide entered this week with three matches left of their schedule.

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL

Lady Tiders get two wins

RUSSELL HEDGES
Minden Press-Herald

The Minden Lady Tiders picked up two victories last week..

Minden defeated Loyola 48-14 on the road and Booker T. Washington 56-33 and home.

Brooklyn Jefferson led Minden against Loyola with 21 points.

She also had 10 rebounds, five assists and four steals.

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

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

Jefferson had another double-double against BTW with 21 points and 12 rebounds. She also had six steals and four assists.

Byrd had 11 points, seven rebounds, five assists and three steals.

Shelby Glenn had 12 points, five assists, five steals and three rebounds.

Minden and BTW are both in District 1-4A but the Lady Tiders' victory won't count in the standings.

The teams will meet again on Feb. 4 at BTW in their designated district game.

Minden, which entered this week 8-9, was scheduled to play West Monroe Tuesday before opening district play Friday at home against Woodlawn.



DOUGLAS BLOW/SPECIAL TO THE PRESS-HERALD
Minden's Brooklyn Jefferson goes high during a victory over Booker T. Washington last week at Minden.

North Webster's White scores 18 in fourth quarter in overtime victory

RUSSELL HEDGES
Minden Press-Herald

North Webster's Makayah White turned in a phenomenal performance in the fourth quarter in a 66-61 overtime victory against Plain Dealing last week.

White sank five 3-pointers and scored 18 points in the quarter to help send the game into overtime.

Nazaria Caldwell also hit a 3. The Lady Knights outscored the Lady Lions 26-18 and the game into overtime tied at 57.

North Webster then outscored Plain Dealing 9-4 in the extra period.

Caldwell, who hit three free throws in OT, led the Lady Knights with 24 points, including three 3-pointers. Shakyra Hawkins scored four of her 13 points in OT.

The Lady Knights withstood a 32-point outburst by Plain Dealing standout Jakayla Douglas.

North Webster, which entered this week 11-6, was scheduled to open District 1-3A play Tuesday at Bastrop.



ROBERT SUMMERLIN/PRESS-HERALD
The Minden Crimson Tide were ranked No. 19 in the Division III power rankings entering this week and will qualify for the playoffs.

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

Jaiden Franklin
Minden, Jr.
After missing almost all of last season with an injury, Franklin has been a big part of his team's success this season. He scored 17 points in a win over BTW last week.

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

SPORTS

MEN’S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

NSU comes up just short against SLU

JASON PUGH
Northwestern State Associate Athletic Director for External Relations

NATCHITOCHES – For the second time in three weeks, the Northwestern State Demons saw a home game come down to the final seconds with the ball in Jon Sanders II’s hands.

This time, Sanders’ twisting layup did not go and Willie Williams’ put-back was just after the buzzer as Northwestern fell 65-64 to visiting Southeastern Louisiana last Saturday in Prather Coliseum.

NSU entered this week 7-10 overall and 4-3 in the SLC.

“I’m proud of my guys’ fight,” second-year head coach Rick Cabrera said. “They came back and took a seven-point lead and fought hard. We didn’t play well in the first half – probably one of our worst halves of the season – but we came back and fought

hard and took the lead. “There were a couple of obstacles in the second half that didn’t benefit us. I give credit to Southeastern. They’re a tough team. They guarded, played hard and played well.”

For much of the first three weeks of league play, the Demons (7-10, 4-3) have had better first-half performances than second halves.

For the second straight game, that narrative flipped.

Down 10 after a first half in which Northwestern shot 34.6 percent, the Demons turned to their defense to give them a chance to collect another one-possession victory.

Northwestern locked down Southeastern (10-8, 4-3), holding the Lions to 12 points in the first 12:07 of the second half while fashioning a 14-0 run of its own. Those two forces combined to give the Demons a seven-point lead with 8:46



CHRIS REICH/NSU PHOTOGRAPHIC SERVICES
Northwestern State’s Willie Williams (23) battles for a rebound during a 65-64 loss to Southeastern Louisiana last week.

to play as Williams tipped in his own miss.

“I told our guys in order for us to get back in this, it’s going to be from the defensive end,” Cabrera said. “I was tired of calling (offensive) plays. I felt like I was calling plays

every time in the first half. Second half, we got back in it because of our defense. We got transition baskets, played unselfishly. When we did call plays, we ran them and hit the open guy. We drove it and made open shots.”

GSU nabs first conference victory

CURTIS FORD
Grambling State AD for Athletic Communications

GRAMBLING – Grambling State picked up its first Southwestern Athletic Conference win of the season with a 79-72 triumph over Florida A&M last week at the Fredrick C. Hobdy

Assembly Center.

Antwan Burnett paced GSU (4-14 overall, 1-3 SWAC) with a team-high 18 points to go along with three steals, two rebounds and two assists.

Chilaydrien Newton tied a career-high, scoring 17 points in 19 minutes of action. He added three assists

and a pair of rebounds.

Grambling State shot 52.2 percent from the field (24-of-46). The Tigers connected on 4-of-12 from behind the arc and was 27-of-35 at the free throw line.

GSU played from in front for most of the night, only trailing briefly in the first half. With FAMU lead-

ing 10-9 with just over 13 minutes to go in the period, the Tigers used a 15-6 run sparked by an emphatic dunk by Emeka Nnaji to craft 24-16 lead with 7:45 remaining in the half.

GSU continued to pour it on the Rattlers in the first half and led 39-30 at the break.

Bulldogs drop a pair of close games

KANE MCGUIRE
Louisiana Tech Associate Athletic Director

The Louisiana Tech Bulldogs dropped a pair of close games Conference USA games last week.

First, LA Tech fell to Jacksonville State 63-61 in Jacksonville, Ala. Then then Bulldogs lost to Kennesaw State 78-76 in Kennesaw, Ga.

LA Tech entered this week 13-6 overall and 2-4 in Conference USA.

“If you look at the game, you’ll find seven or eight plays you wish you had back,” Louisiana Tech head coach Talvin Hester said after the Kennesaw State

game.

“We have to have guys step up and go get that key rebound. We had a late turnover that we should not have had. We had some unforced turnovers. We have to be able to eliminate those especially in crunch time.”

Against Kennesaw State, Daniel Batcho’s offensive rebound and put-back got the Bulldogs within one at 72-71 and 1:34 on the clock.

An untimely missed block out resulted in two made free throws for Adrian Wooley, one of the top scorers in CUSA. Another untimely happened next as Newman Jr. slipped around midcourt which led to a

runout dunk by Wooley.

LA Tech had four players in double figures – Batcho (23), Devin Ree (season-high 14), Newman Jr. (11), and Amaree Abram (11).

The Bulldogs shot 41.9 percent from the field (26-62) and 40.0 percent from beyond the arc (8-20).

Against Jacksonville State, Newman’s three-point attempt in the final seconds did not fall.

Down two with 11 seconds to go, LA Tech had a chance to tie it or win it. Newman Jr. got a clean look at a potential game-winning three in front of the team’s bench, but the shot was off the mark and

rebounded by Jax State to seal it.

“At the end of the day, it is not the last possession that kills you. We got an open look,” Hester said. “I felt like we were a little rushed with having 11 seconds. All in all, we got an open shot.”

The Bulldogs were dealt a blow before the game even started as the backcourt was limited in depth with Jordan Crawford and Al Green both being out with injuries.

In order to try to hand the Gamecocks their first home loss of the season, Newman Jr. and Amaree Abram ended up playing the entire 40 minutes.

WOMEN’S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Lady Techsters get two CUSA victories

KEVIN ALBAREZ
Louisiana Tech Associate Director Strategic Communications

The Louisiana Tech Lady Techsters won two Conference USA games last week.

The Techsters defeated Jacksonville State 80-73 and Kennesaw State 83-71.

LA Tech entered this week 11-6 overall and 4-2 in the conference.

Freshmen Paris Bradley and Averi Aaron had career-highs against Kennesaw State.

Bradley had 21 points on 7-of-12 shooting for her fifth consecutive game scoring in double figures.

Aaron finished 5-of-7 for 13 points while adding

five rebounds and two assists.

“I thought our group scored the ball well today,” Louisiana Tech Head Coach Brooke Stoehr said. “We really did a good job of getting out in transition and attacking early and sharing the ball. Our guards did a tremendous job of attacking downhill and handling their pressure to get paint touches.”

All five starters scored in double figures against Jacksonville State.

In a game that saw nine lead changes and 11 ties, Louisiana Tech used a 10-0 run over a two-minute span in the fourth quarter to take a seven-point lead they wouldn’t relinquish.

GSU splits pair of SWAC games

LEON MITCHELL
Grambling State Athletic Communications

The Grambling State Tigers split a pair of SWAC games last week.

GSU defeated Florida A&M 78-64 at home and lost to Southern 59-53 in Baton Rouge.

The Tigers entered this week 5-11 overall and 2-3 in the SWAC.

Kahia Warmasley led the way for Grambling against Florida A&M with a game-high 26 points, shooting 8-of-12 from the field and

3-of-4 from three-point range. She also added five rebounds and three steals.

Douthshine Prien contributed 19 points, going 15-of-20 from the free-throw line, while pulling down eight rebounds and dishing out five assists. Arianna Mosley added 10 points on an efficient 4-of-5 shooting performance.

Guard Douthshine Prien led the Tigers against Southern with 15 points, shooting 4-for-8 from the field and contributing seven points from the free-throw line.

NSU splits pair of home games

JONATHAN ZENK
Northwestern State Assistant Director of Communications

The Northwestern State Demons split two Southland Conference home games last week.

NSU defeated New Orleans 83-66 and fell to Southeastern Louisiana 66-57.

The SLC loss snapped a five-game winning streak. The Demons entered this week 8-8 overall and 5-2 in the conference.

NSU received a combined 49 points from Vernell Atamah and Shar-na Ayres against UNO.

Atamah had a career day, scoring a career-high 29 points and grabbed 11 rebounds, her second consecutive double-double. Ayres scored 20.

The Demons fell behind by as many as 18 points against SLU. They cut the deficit to four midway through the fourth quarter, but the Lady Lions responded with an 8-0 run.

OUTDOORS

Black bear season concludes with mixed comments

GLYNN HARRIS

When it was announced early last year that a season on black bears had been set for this past December, the announcement was met with mixed results. Some thought it a shame for anyone to shoot a bear; we needed to have more of these special animals in our state.

Others, especially those who live in the northeast Louisiana who have farms or who have hunting camps in the area also had some negative things to say about allowing lottery hunters to take 10 black bears. “Taking ten bears is not nearly enough; it won’t make a dent on these creatures that are give us fits, tearing up camps and deer feeders. We need to have an open season on them.”

Looking back on the season that ran from December 7-22, those hunters fortunate enough to take a bear got their 10 in short order. Included in the bears taken were some heavy-weight bruins, one of which will likely be a state record for black bears.

Deron Santiny, a Louisiana military veteran and Purple Heart recipient, downed the heaviest of those taken with a bear that weighed in at 696 pounds.

A total of 10 bears – eight males and two females – were taken during the lottery season, an event



GLYNN HARRIS

Black bears are becoming more prevalent in Louisiana as evidenced by this one spotted by this writer.

administered by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. Permits that were distributed to Bear Management Area 4, which is made up of Tensas, Madison, East Carroll parishes and portions of Richland, Franklin and Catahoula parishes.

Interestingly, two of the males were taken in north Madison parish near where Teddy Roosevelt camped in his successful Louisiana bear hunt in 1907.

Wildlife and Fisheries officials were pleased with the success of the season. According to a statement by LDWF Secretary Madison Sheahan, “We are so excited about the success of this historic black bear season and proud of the many efforts of our de-

partment, hunters, private landowners and partners to bring back this treasured Louisiana species. Providing hunters in our state a chance at harvesting a bear for the first time this century is a big win for conservation, and to see our hunters have such great success with a military veteran taking a potential record-breaking bear is indicative of many prosperous black bear seasons to come.”

Regarding the Santiny bear, it was taken in Tensas Parish and is believed to be in its late teens to early 20s. LDWF Large Carnivore Program Manager, John Hanks said it is the largest bear he has seen in Louisiana, topping a 608 pound bear that was killed in a vehicle accident. He

noted that Louisiana adult male black bears generally grow to between 450 and 550 pounds. After a 60 day waiting period the bear will be officially measured for Boone and Crockett scoring.

Looking down the road, it is likely that future bear seasons will eventually take in more of north Louisiana as bears are showing up in areas unheard of decades ago. Our neighbor to the north, Union parish, has a growing population of bears, as evidenced by hunters posting photos on social media of bears in Union parish around corn feeders, sometimes pulling them down and destroying them to get at the corn inside.

Lincoln Parish has reported a few bears over the last several years that have shown up even in the city of Ruston. Likely, these are young males that have been chased away by dominant males in parishes to the east.

I saw my first bear several years ago while on a deer hunt in Madison Parish. More recently, I watched a female and two cubs from the safety of my vehicle at close range on the Tensas Wildlife Refuge. It’s sort of like seeing a gorilla or lion behind the fences at a zoo. They are fun to look at but I’m not sure I’m ready to have one ambling through my back yard.

Fishing Report

BUSSEY BRAKE

– Anglers are catching some really big crappie 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. A few catfish are being caught. For latest information, contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

LAKE D’ARBONNE

– The lake is finally full again. Crappie have moved to the deepest water in the channels and have been fair 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 CLAIRBORNE

– Crappie fishing has been best with some slabs caught fishing shiners or jigs in the deep channels. Bass are fair fishing jigs in deep water. No report on bream, catfish or strip-

ers. 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 and deep diving crank baits 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 mostly with shiners. A 2.06 pounder was reportedly caught. No report on bass. Catfish continue to bite. For information, contact the marina at 318/878-0101.

LAKE YUCATAN

– The water is on a slow fall. A few catfish are being caught. Most of the activity has to do with duck hunters willing to brave the cold. For info call Surplus City Landing at 318/467-2259.

Good News

GOOD NEWS

ALWAYS ON MISSION Act 28:17-28

In the Book of Acts, we find the intriguing account of Paul's conversion experience and his three missionary journeys. Sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ was his mission. As we read these accounts, we can almost hear him explaining how he met Jesus on the road to Damascus, how he was blinded and then received back his sight. Then he received from the Lord his life's mission: "take the message of salvation to the Gentiles as well as the Jews scattered across the known world."

We find accounts of him being tossed into prison, worshiped as a god, stoned several times and left for dead. He had to flee from several towns, faced false charges and threats on his life. At the close of the book, we find Paul in a Roman prison, awaiting trial before Caesar. But there is a thread connecting all these events and circumstances: opportunities to share the gospel....his mission!

In C-26:7, Paul is brought before King Agrippa and Gov. Festus (in Israel) where they examined and drilled him concerning his beliefs and behavior. He candidly stood before them and shared his Damascus Road testimony and the call placed upon his life. King Agrippa said to Festus, "This man could have been set free if he had not appealed to Caesar." So arrangements were made to send him to Rome to appear before Caesar.C-27.

As the small ship headed out to sea, loaded with cargo and Paul under heavy guard, they struggled as they crossed the stormy waters. There were 276 men on this Egyptian ship sailing for Italy. Sailing across the Aegean Sea, around the island of Crete, they headed out into the broad Mediterranean Sea. After days fighting a hard storm, they were shipwrecked

on the island of Malta. They all survived the wreck and stayed there 3 months until springtime. Then they continued on to Rome (27:11). When they reached Puteoli, seaport for Rome, they met some believers who invited Paul and friends (traveling with him) to spend a week with them. These men had traveled some distance to meet Paul and his friends. Upon meeting them, Paul was deeply encouraged and thanked God for sending them to him. Then, they moved on to Rome where Paul (still under house arrest) was allowed to live by himself with a body guard.

Paul shared with the Jews about his journey that led him to Rome (28:17-20). He had long desired to come to Rome, to encourage the believers, to preach the gospel, and secure help of the Roman church for his mission to Spain (Rom 1 & 15). Here he was in chains, under house arrest, waiting to be taken to Caesar. But his mission and determination was still the same: "Preach the gospel."

But first he wanted to meet with the Jewish leaders. It was his custom to preach in the synagogue, but he could not go to them; therefore, they would have to come to him where he was 'housebound.' He declared that he was coming to them as brothers -having done nothing against them or their customs. The reason I am here is this: "I was delivered as a prisoner from Jerusalem into the hands of the Romans. (no mention of his rough treatment in Jerusalem by the Jewish leaders). But the Roman king and governor found no fault in my preaching and behavior; they saw no reason

to put me to death; I could be set free if I had not appealed to Caesar!" (This explains to them why he was now in Rome under house arrest. (V 18-19).

Paul was aware "God was at work in all these circumstances" and he was perceptive of it all too. V 20: It is because of this, I asked to see you first to share this with you. "This is what we have in common - The Hope of Israel, the Messiah that our forefathers knew about, actually now has come! He is the one I am compelled and committed to be a witness unto Him even though I am wearing these chains."

The Jews present told Paul they had not heard anything from Jerusalem about him and his ministry. "This is all new to us. No one has sent us or brought us anything about you. Even those coming here from that region have not spoken anything about you or your ministry." The people were interested in hearing more about this new teaching Paul brought to them. It seems people everywhere in Rome were talking about it.

Eventhough the number of Jewish believers in Rome was small in number, they had survived the expulsion of the Jews by Claudius in AD 49. After his death (AD 54), many of Jewish believers returned to the city. Paul wrote his letter to the Roman church about AD 57, reflecting on the value of the presence of the church there. By AD 61, when Paul arrived, the church had continued to grow, but still was referred to as a sect. It received a negative assessment from the Jewish and Roman communities. But Paul wanted to present his message

of the gospel to the Jews and Jewish believers alike. 'He could relate to both of them.'

"Yes, we want to hear more about this since everyone is talking about this new system of beliefs," they said. (V. 23). They were anxious to go to him, being under house arrest, since he could not go to the synagogue or community square. From dawn to dusk, they came to hear Paul preach. He expounded and testified, trying to persuade them about Jesus. He began with the Law of Moses and the Prophets. The pattern of this sermon was probably like unto the ones he preached earlier, sharing how this Jesus was the same Messiah of the Old Testament. "They all pointed to Jesus, the Christ," he taught.

Some were persuaded and believed; sadly others refused to believe. Most of the Jewish community there opposed Paul's teachings. Yes, God's own people rejected the gospel: the power of God for salvation (Rom 1:16). It was offered first to Jews, then to Gentile and Greek, "but each must receive it by faith; it is an individual decision," he preached.

When they gathered to hear Paul preach (v 23), he told them about the Kingdom of God and taught them about Jesus from the 5 books of Moses and the prophecies. They listened: some believed, but some did not. They argued back and forth, but when they left the final words of Paul was ringing in their ears: "The Holy Spirit was right when he said through Isaiah the prophet - Say to the Jews, 'You will hear and see but not understand, for your hearts are too hard and your ears don't listen. You have closed your eyes against understanding for you don't want to see, hear, understand and turn to me to heal you.'"

Luke ends the Book of Acts with Paul still in prison. He spent 2 years more there in rented quarters, under house arrest, but able to receive visitors during this time. So he preached and preached and preached. Those around him must have been affected in many positive ways, realizing this new Way was not a sect, but was ordained by God himself.

Paul was clearly one of the greatest missionaries of all time, yet many failed to believe his message. Like him, our task is to be faithful witnesses to all people, regardless of their responses. We see in Paul's ministry that God uses a variety of means to bring believers in contact with others who need to know the gospel. We should be looking to share the gospel with all people, especially those seeking to know more about Him. We are to be faithful in our witness, realizing we are on mission throughout life. We may not go across the ocean to some foreign country to tell others about 'what Christ has done for us,' but we can help feed the hungry here in Minden, we can show God's love to the homeless and helpless around us. We can minister to the sick, visit in the jails and prisons, we can support UCAP, Teen Challenge, SEEDS, and other agencies with a 'gospel message.' We can send a message 'someone cares for you because of Jesus' to our world. Don't be disappointed that you don't 'close a sale' each time you share a testimony; Paul was not able to do that either. We plant the seed, someone else may water and cultivate it as it grows....But we know God will reap the harvest in due time! But we must be faithful to always be on mission!

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THE UPWARD LOOK

Encouragement

"I am sending him to you for this very reason, to let you know how we are and to encourage your hearts." Ephesians 6:22 HCSB



Max Hutto

Paul was sending Tychicus to Ephesus as the bearer of this letter so that the Ephesians could hear firsthand about how he was doing. Tychicus could give them an accurate and personal account of what was happening to Paul during his imprisonment in Rome. The Ephesians were concerned about their dear

friend and about God's work through the apostle. This news from Tychicus would be an encouragement, bringing hope, comfort, and confidence that would strengthen their hearts.

Lord Jesus, I am encouraged by hearing reports of Your work from others. Help me to be an encouragement to someone today by sharing Your good news.

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

INSPIRATION

Faith

Let's talk about something difficult to find at times and hard to maintain. This item is not tangible, visible, or available for purchase. This item is something much deeper than the everyday ordinary mundane. We can't overemphasize its importance because it helps maintain our relationship with God! The item I'm speaking of with such pomp is faith. During a conversation with his disciples, Jesus



Bernard Harris

said in Mark 11:22-24 NIV "Have faith in God," Jesus answered. "Truly I tell you, if anyone says to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and does not doubt

in their heart but believes that what they say will happen, it will be done for them. Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours." The world we currently live in is burdened with many issues especially as of late and that's exactly why God gives us faith! I'm here to encourage everyone to have faith over fear and leave all their burdens in

the hands of God.

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

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SHERIFF'S SALE

US BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF2 ACQUISITION TRUST VS. ROBERT WAYNE HOLLOWAY & VICKI DAILEY HOLLOWAY
In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 81528, 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 29, 2025, During the legal sale hours, the following prop- erty, to wit:
LOT ELEVEN (11), OF TANGLEWOOD SUBDI- VISION, UNIT NO. ONE (1), A SUBDIVISION LOCATED IN THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (NW/4 OF SW/4), SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 9 WEST; THAT PORTION OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (NE/4 OF SWA), SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 9 WEST, LYING WEST OF THE LEWISVILLE ROAD; THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (NE/4 OF SE/4), SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 9 WEST, ALL IN WEBSTER PARISH, LOUISIANA AND RECORDED IN MAP BOOK 3A, PAGE 157, RECORD, OF THE CLERK OF COURT OF WEBSTER PARISH, LOUISIANA, TOGETHER WITH ALL IMPROVE- MENTS LOCATED THEREON AND ALL RIGHTS THERETO BELONGING; 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.
JASON R. PARKER Sheriff & Ex-Officio Auc- tioneer
Webster Parish, Louisiana
Pang Brantless
Pam Brantley - Deputy

December 25, 2024
January 22, 2025
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SHERIFF'S SALE

B1 BANK VS. SUMMER HALEY, AKA SUMMER ALYSSA HALEY
In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 81824, 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 26, 2025, During the legal sale hours, the following prop- erty, to wit:
Begin at the Northeast Corner of Section 8, Tow- ship 17 North, Range 9 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana, thence run West 296 feet, thence run South 296 feet, thence run East 296 feet, thence run North 296 feet, to the Point of Beginning, together with all buildings and improvements thereof and all rights thereto belonging. (Assess- ment #103486)
AND
All matters as to that certain Immobilization of that certain home described as make: Sunshine, Size: 32 X 60, Serial No.: AL-S-22691A/B

(“Manufactured Home”), recorded on 03/24/2021, Register No. 588479, official records of the Clerk of Court of Webster Parish, State of 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 Auc- tioneer
Webster Parish, Louisiana
Pan Brantley
Pam Brantley - Deputy)

January 22, 2025
February 19, 2025
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SHERIFF'S SALE

PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION VS. COLLIN B. MERRITT AND JESSICA L. MERRITT AKA JESSICA LEE MERRITT
In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 81877, 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 26, 2025, During the legal sale hours, the following prop- erty, to wit:
THE LAND REFERRED TO HEREIN BELOW IS SITUATED IN THE PARISH OF WEBSTER, STATE OF Louisiana, AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
A CERTAIN TRACT OF LAND SITUATED IN THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 22 NORTH, RANGE 9 WEST, WEBSTER PARISH, LOUISIANA, CONTAINING 10.00 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOL- LOWS:
COMMENCING AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE CENTERLINE OF LOUISIANA STATE HIGHWAY NO. 159 AND THE CENTERLINE OF LOUISIANA STATI HIGHWAY NO. 521 IN THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTH- WEST QUARTER (NW1/4 OF NW1/4) OF SAID SECTION 36, THENCE SOUTH 22 DEGREES, 42 MINUTES 27 SECONDS EAST ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF SAID HIGHWAY NO. 139 FOR A DISTANCE OF 1049.34 FEET TO A MAG NAIL FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE LEAVING SAID HIGHWAY CENTER- LINE NORTH 64 DEGREES 06 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST ALONG A FENCE LINE AND THE PROJECTION THEREOF \$3.08 FEET; THENCE CONTINUE ALONG A FENCE LINE SOUTH 29 DEGREES 16 MINUTES 29 SEC- ONDS EAST 199.32 FEET; THENCE CONTINUE ALONG A PENCE LINE SOUTH 68 DEGREES \$4 MINUTES 52 SECONDS EAST 33.67 FRET; THENCE CONTINUE ALONG A FENCE LINE SOUTH 78 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 02 SEC- ONDS BAST 7829 FEET; THENCE CONTINUE ALONG A FENCE LINE NORTH 67 DEGREES \$6, MINUTES 25 SECONDS BAST 14114 FEET, THENCE CONTINUE ALONG A FENCE LINE NORTH 67 DEGREES, 03 MINUTES 10 SECONDS EAST 197.52 FEET; THENCE CONTINUE ALONG A FENCE LINE NORTH 60 DEGREES, 20 MINUTES 27 SECONDS EAST 31524 FEET TO A FENCE CORNER 5/6- INCH REBAR SOUTH 51 DEGREES 58 MINUTES 53 SECONDS EAST, 0.27 FEET FROM FENCE CORNER POSITION); THENCE SOUTH 241.82 FEET TO A 3/8-INCH REBAR, THENCE WEST 663.50 FEET TO A MAG NAIL IN THE CENTERLINE OF SAID HIGHWAY NO. 139; THENCE NORTH 04 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 26 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF SAID HIGHWAY NO. 139 FOR A DISTANCE OF 84.96 FEET, THENCE CONTINUE ALONG SAID HIGHWAY CENTERLINE NORTH 10 DEGREES 33 MINUTES 24 SECONDS WEST 12296 FEET; THENCE CONTINUE ALONG SAID HIGHWAY CENTERLINE NORTH 14 DEGREES 58 MINUTES 40 SECONDS WEST 109.44 FEET; THENCE CONTINUE ALONG SAID HIGHWAY CENTERLINE NORTH 17 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 14 SECONDS WEST 11038 FEET; THENCE CONTINUE ALONG SAID HIGHWAY CENTERLINE NORTH 20 DEGREES 29 MINUTES 43 SECONDS WEST 11.96 FEET; THENCE CONTINUE ALONG SAID HIGHWAY CENTERLINE NORTH 20 DEGREES 34 MINUTES 02 SECONDS WEST 154.82 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.
Parcel ID:
Commonly known as 9179 Louisiana 159, Shongaloo, LA 71072 However, by showing this address no additional coverage is provided
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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Liquor Permit	Liquor Permit
We are applying to the Commission on Alcoholic Beverage Control of the State of Louisiana for a permit to sell beverages of high and low alcoholic content at retail in the parish of WEBSTER at the following address: Name of Corporation: El Santito Mexican Food LLC D/B/A: Mexican Res- taurant Address: 507 main street minden Louisi- ana 71055 Habaw Morales 318-553-3161	We are applying to the commission on Alcoholic Beverage Control of the State of Louisiana for a permit to sell beverages of high and low alcoholic content at retail in the parish of WEBSTER at the following address: Name of Corporation: Michaeleo Enterprises, LLC D/B/A: Orleans on Main Bistreaux Address: 513 main st. Minden, LA 71055 Michael Elshout 318-560-0376
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Minden Planning Commission Meeting
February 6, 2025 – 10:00 a.m.
Pelican Room - Minden City Hall
On the agenda is a request from Dianna Jones, real estate agent with Grand Eight Real Estate for a zoning variance on property owned by Elitebridge Properties, LLC. located at 901 Park Highway. The property is zoned R-2 (Residential).
The purpose of this zoning variance request is for the proposed construction of townhomes on the property.
Legal Description: LOT #10, E/2 OF LOT #11, W/2 OF LOT #11, & , LOT #12, BLK. “8” GOODE ANNEX, STRIP 7 X 150FT. (ADJ.) (FORMERLY AN ALLEY) IN NW/4 OF NE/4 SEC. 22-19-9 & STRIP FRONTING 24 FT. ON PARK HWY. X 150 FT. (ADJ.).LOTS #10, 11 & 12 BLK. “8”) (FORMERLY AN ALLEY) IN NW/4 OF NE/4 SEC. 22-19-9
All interested parties will be given a chance to be heard.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Article IV, Section 21(D)(1) of the Louisiana Constitu- tion and Louisiana Public Service Commission General Order 7/1/2019 (Docket R-34738), that on December 30, 2024, Entergy Louisiana, LLC (“ELL”), a public utility providing retail electric and gas service in various parishes throughout the State of Louisiana, filed with the Louisiana Public Service Commission (“LPSC”) an Applica-

tion (“Application”) for recovery in rates of costs related to Hurricane Francine.

The Application requests that the LPSC, among other things: (1) find the costs incurred by ELL in restoring serving and repairing its facilities in the wake of Hurricane Francine, totaling \$183,572,459, to be reasonable and necessary and, therefore, eligible for recovery from custom- ers; (2) specify and approve the functionalization of the costs incurred by ELL in responding to Hur- ricane Francine; (3) as to the distribution-related capital costs incurred by ELL in responding to Hurricane Francine (the “Francine Distribu- tion Capital Costs”), approve ELL’s authority to recover those costs pursuant to Section 3.A.1 or, alternatively, through Section 3.C of the Formula Rate Plan Rider Schedule FRP (“Rider FRP”), ap- prove the recovery of the functionalized Francine Distribution Capital Costs pursuant to the terms (except the cap) of the Distribution Recovery Mechanism (“DRM”) of Rider FRP and vote to take up, and approve, at the LPSC’s February 2025 Business and Executive Session recovery by ELL of the Francine Distribution Capital Costs through Rider FRP on an interim basis, subject to refund and true-up, with such interim rate adjustment beginning with the first billing cycle for March 2025 and pending such time as the LPSC completes its full prudency review and the LPSC’s Order becomes final; (4) authorize ELL to recover carrying costs on the Francine Distribution Capital Costs from the date on which the storm costs were incurred until the date ELL begins recovering its storm costs through rates; (5) as to the operations and maintenance costs incurred by ELL in responding to Hurricane Fran- cine and the referenced carrying costs, affirm ELL is authorized to withdraw \$30,000,000 from ELL’s previously funded storm escrow for those costs; and (6) grant such other relief to which ELL shows itself to be entitled.

The estimated bill effect of the costs sought by ELL in the Application for responding to Hurricane Francine is an estimated increase of \$0.80 per month for a residential customer that receives 1,000 kWh of electric service per month, with an annualized typical monthly bill for such a customer increasing from \$127.44 per month to an estimated \$128.24 per month.

For questions and comments regarding ELL’s filing, please call the LPSC toll free at (800) 256-2397. Additionally, the filing, including its attach- ments may be viewed in the Records Division of the LPSC at the following address:

Records Division
602 N. 5th Street, 12th Floor
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802
Telephone: (225) 342-3157

ENTERGY LOUISIANA, LLC

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Public Notice

Public Notification of Five-Year Review for Camp Minden, Louisiana
The Army is initiating the seventh Five-Year Re- view for Camp Minden, formerly Louisiana Army Ammunition Plant (LAAP), located in Bossier and Webster Parishes, Louisiana. The Army, with oversight by the United States Environmen- tal Protection Agency (EPA) Region 6, and the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, is conducting this Five-Year Review as required by the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (Superfund) and the Natural Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollu- tion Contingency Plan.
LAAP was placed on the National Priorities List in 1989 due to contamination caused by past disposal of explosion-laden wastewater from historical operations into former lagoons. The purpose of this Five-Year Review is to determine whether the selected remedy at a site remains protective of human health and the environment. If there are issues that impact the remedial ac- tions’ effectiveness, the five-year review report will provide recommendations to address them. This review evaluates the protectiveness of the remedies for EPA Operable Units (OUs) OU2, OU3, OU4, OU5, OU6, and OU7 in accordance with Records of Decision (RODs) in 1996, 2000, 2006, 2007, 2010, and 2020.
The selected remedies outlined in the 1996, 2000, 2006, 2007, 2010, and 2020 RODs called for No Further Action/No Response Action with Land Use Controls. These controls include deed restrictions to prevent residential use, ground disturbance, and access to Camp Minden. Com- ponents of the selected remedy in the 2007 ROD for EPA OUs include monitored natural attenua- tion/long-term monitoring for explosives, volatile organic compounds, and metals in groundwater and institutional controls in the form of deed re- strictions to prevent residential groundwater use. Camp Minden is currently working with the EPA to address the recommendations provided during the sixth Five-Year Review, and these results will be reflected to the extent possible in the seventh Five-Year Review. The seventh Camp Minden Five-Year Report is anticipated to be completed in July 2026. The final report will be available in the administrative records located at:
Webster Parish Library
521 East & West Street
Minden, Louisiana 71055

Doyline Branch Library
333 Main Street
Doyline, Louisiana 71023

Should members of the community have ques- tions or comments about the Camp Minden Five-Year Review or interest in additional site information, please contact Jeremy Futrell and Joshua Adams. Their contact information is:

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Pineville, LA 71360
318-290-5385
Jeremy.a.futrell.nfg@army.mil

Mr. Joshua Adams
CMTS Safety
100 Louisiana Blvd
Camp Minden, LA 71055
318-299-4233
joshua.m.adams.nfg@army.mil

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Minutes

January 13, 2025
The Sibley Town Council met in regular session on Monday, January 13, 2025, at 6pm at Sibley Town Hall.
Members present were Mayor Robert Smart; Aldermen: Wayne Bolton, Pam Chanler, Richard Davis, John Langford and Keith Merritt.
Mayor Smart opened the meeting in prayer; then led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Richard Davis motioned to adopt the minutes to the December 9, 2024, Regular Meeting as read, John Langford seconded. Motion carried.
Keith Merritt motioned to adopt the minutes to the December 19, 2024, Special Meeting as read, Wayne Bolton seconded. Motion carried.
No New Items were added to the agenda.
There were no Public Comments.
Travis Morehart, CPA, of Cook & Morehart presented the Town of Sibley 2023 - 2024 Audit with no findings.
John Langford motioned, upon Mayor Smart’s recommendation, to appoint Richard Davis as Mayor Pro-Tempore. Pam Chanler seconded. Motion carried with 4 YEAS and Richard Davis abstaining.
Richard Davis motioned, upon Mayor Smart’s recommendation, to appoint Sherry McCann as Town Clerk. Wayne Bolton seconded. Motion carried.
Richard Davis motioned, upon Mayor Smart’s recommendation, to appoint Sherry McCann as Tax Collector. Keith Merritt seconded. Motion carried.
Keith Merritt motioned to appoint Paul Kitchens, Kitchens Law Firm as Town Attorney. Wayne Bolton seconded. Motion carried.
Wayne Bolton motioned to appoint Minden Press Herald as the Official Journal. Richard Davis seconded. Motion carried.
Richard Davis motioned to introduce proposed Ordinance No. 161 titled AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A FRANCHISE AGREEMENT

WITH ENTERGY LOUISIANA, INC. and to set a public hearing for February 10, 2025, during the February 2025 Regular Meeting. Pam Chanler seconded. Motion carried.
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Wayne Bolton motioned to adopt Resolution No. 01-2025 authorizing signatures on the Gibsland Bank and Trust, Town of Sibley commercial checking and money market accounts, as well as, the Town of Sibley CD and Safe Deposit Box. John Langford seconded. Motion carried with 4 YEA votes and Richard Davis abstaining.
Richard Davis motioned to adopt Resolution No. 02-2025 requesting assistance from the Webster Parish Police Jury with culvert installations for the Town of Sibley citizens for the year 2025. Keith Merritt seconded. Motion carried.
Assistant Fire Chief Richard Davis gave the December 2024 Activity Report for the Sibley Volunteer Fire Department.
Police Chief Jeremy Robinson gave the Decem- ber 2024 Activity Report for the Sibley Police Department.
The Board acknowledged receipt of the Decem- ber 2024 Financial Report.
Mayor Smart updated those in attendance on projects such as: Weatherthon Street project, Saltworks Water System project, Central Water System project and Lane Meadows.
John Langford motioned to adjourn; Keith Merritt seconded. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned.
Rohut Smart
Robert Smart Mayor
Attest
Shary McCann
Sherry McCann Town Clerk

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Public Notice

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
February 10, 2025
Posted January 14, 2025
A public hearing will be held during the Regular Town Council Meeting on Monday, February 10, 2025 at 6pm at the Sibley Town Hall, 345 N. Main St., Sibley, Louisiana for the purpose of consider- ing the adoption of:
1.
Proposed Ordinance No. 161 titled:
AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH ENTERGY LOUISIANA, INC.
The Public is encouraged to attend.
For more information, please contact 318-377-0345.
In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance, please con- tact Sherry McCann at 318-377-0345, describing the assistance that is necessary.
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Whereabouts

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT: 21st Mortgage Cor- poration v. Rusty Lee Anglin, et al., Docket No. 81832-D; 20th Judicial District Court; Webster Parish, Louisiana. Please notice that Rusty Lee Anglin a/k/a Rusty L. Anglin a/k/a Rusty Anglin has been named as a defendant in the above-styled suit. Anyone knowing the whereabouts of the defendant, Rusty Lee Anglin a/k/a Rusty L. Anglin a/k/a Rusty Anglin, is asked to contact Attorney Taunton Melville, at (318) 200-0897 or email at TMelville@MelvilleLawFirm.com.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Parcel# 115027

Notice is hereby given that the Parish of Webster has received a request to sell their respective tax interest in the following listed property. This property has previously been adjudicated to the Parish of Webster for unpaid taxes. A public sale of this property will begin at 10:00 A.M. on January 27, 2025, at Webster Parish Police Jury’s Office, 401 Main Street, Minden, LA 71055 in the Committee Room. The minimum bid has been set at \$3,666.67. Anyone intending to bid must deliver your intent letter and processing fee to E & P Consulting Services, LLC, at 1030 N 9 th Street, Monroe, Louisiana 71201 by January 23, 2025. NO faxed, telephoned, mailed or any kind of electronic submission of intent to bid will be accepted. Any intent to bid letter received by the above deadline will allow 1 party into the bid session. If more than one offer for any particu- lar piece of property is received, all parties who have submitted a written offer will be allowed to bid on the property.
For additional information, please contact Par- ish Adjudicated Property Program at E&P Consulting Services, LLC at 318-807-0924 or ParishProper- tyInfo@parishtaxland.com
Parcel Number: 115027
Brief Legal: LOT #11, BLK. "H"; CHANLER ADDN. & STRIP 5 X 50 FT. ADJ. ON EAST SIDE IN NE/4 OF NW/4 SEC. 22-19-9
Municipal Address: 924 Lewisville Road, Minden, LA

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Parcel# 121806

Notice is hereby given that the Parish of Webster has received a request to sell their respective tax interest in the following listed property. This property has previously been adjudicated to the Parish of Webster for unpaid taxes. A public sale of this property will begin at 10:00 A.M. on January 27, 2025, at Webster Parish Police Jury’s Office, 401 Main Street, Minden, LA 71055 in the Committee Room. The minimum bid has been set at \$4,396.24. Anyone intending to bid must deliver your intent letter and processing fee to E & P Consulting Services, LLC, at 1030 N 9 th Street, Monroe, Louisiana 71201 by January 23, 2025. NO faxed, telephoned, mailed or any kind of electronic submission of intent to bid will be accepted. Any intent to bid letter received by the above deadline will allow 1 party into the bid session. If more than one offer for any particu- lar piece of property is received, all parties who have submitted a written offer will be allowed to bid on the property.
For additional information, please contact Par- ish Adjudicated Property Program at E&P Consulting Services, LLC at 318-807-0924 or ParishProper- tyInfo@parishtaxland.com
Parcel# 121806 / Municipal Address: 607 East Road, Sarepta, LA 71071
Brief Legal: LOT 105 X 210 FT IN NW/4 OF NW/4 SEC 30-23-10
Legal Description: Beginning at the Northwest corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NW cor of NW/4 of NW/4), Section 30, Township 23 North, Range 10 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana, then run East 315 feet to the point of beginning of the property herein conveyed; thence run East 105 feet; thence run South 210 feet; thence run West 105 feet, thence run North 210 feet to the point of begin- ning, together with all improvements located thereon and rights thereto belonging

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Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to organization.

Each number corresponds to a letter.

(Hint: $12 = E$)

A. 4 19 14 24 18 2 22 12

Clue: Put into an order

B. 5 4 19 20

Clue: Cull

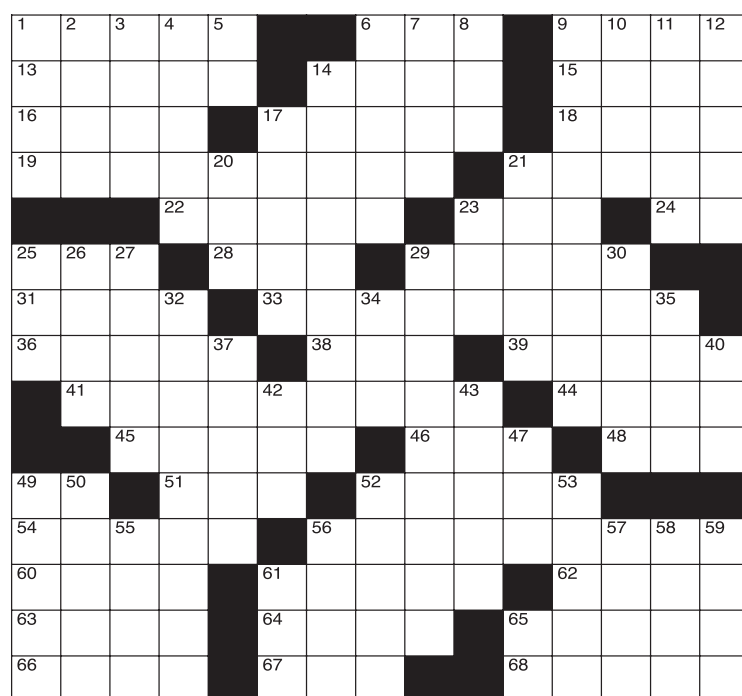
C. 3 2 26 12 5

Clue: Storage devices

D. 18 12 24 20

Clue: Orderly

Answers: A. organize B. sort C. files D. near



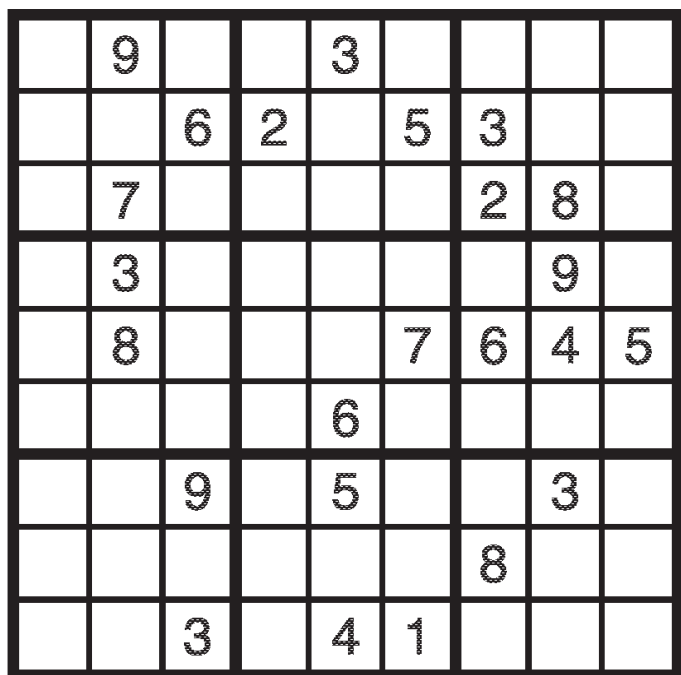
CLUES ACROSS

1. Thou ___ do it
6. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
9. Brainstem part
13. Town in New York state
14. Little (Spanish)
15. Continent
16. Retch
17. Short-billed rails
18. Small period of time (abbr.)
19. Confused
21. A team needs one
22. Woman in ancient times
23. Republican Party
24. Spanish be
25. "The Godfather" character
Johnny
28. Not around
29. City in Zambia
31. A type of beginning
33. Numb
36. Gurus
38. Small, gray-headed crow
39. Vehicle type
41. Disorders
44. One point east of southeast
45. Indian soldier
46. Tree type
48. Midway between south and
southeast
49. It cools your home
51. Corn comes on it
52. Ship's deck
54. A way to bake
56. Improvised
60. Butterfly genus
61. Baseball fields have them
62. Designated space
63. Discharge
64. Two of something
65. Once more
66. Part of your face
67. Tax collector
68. Cassia tree

CLUES DOWN

1. One-time Aaron Rodgers target
2. Wings
3. Overly studious person
4. They protect your valuables
5. The Volunteer State
6. Non-hydraulic cement
7. Horse mackerel
8. Jackson and Diddley are two
9. Splendid displays
10. Mountain in NE Greece
11. A daughter or your brother or sister
12. German surname
14. Having more than one husband at a time
17. Romanian city
20. Energy
21. Makes less hot
23. Gas diffusion electrode
25. Former CIA
26. Set an example for others
27. Support of a particular person
29. One from the Big Apple
30. Mountain range
32. Violate the sanctity of something
34. Supervises flying
35. Talks
37. Persian male given name
40. Born of
42. Forcibly take one's possessions
43. Discounts
47. Knockouts
49. Posh Colorado destination
50. Form of therapy
52. British rock band
53. Type of virus (abbr.)
55. The U. of Miami mascot is one
56. Volcanic crater
57. Middle Eastern nation
58. Sinn __, Irish organization
59. Ethiopian lake
61. Bits per inch (abbr.)
65. Equally

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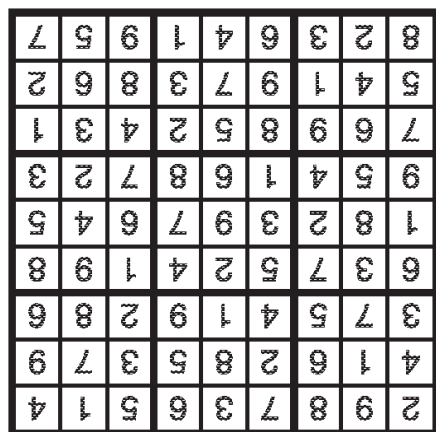
Level: Intermediate

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