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**AMBER MCDOWN**  
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The Minden Mardi Gras Fasching Parade rolled through downtown Minden on Sunday, February 16, after being rescheduled due to forecasted rain. Despite the

Revelers lined the streets as colorful floats, costumed participants, and local organizations paraded through the downtown area, tossing beads and candy to

Local businesses and

Organizers expressed their gratitude for the

community's support and the volunteers who helped ensure the event's success. The parade, a staple in Minden's annual celebrations, brings together residents and visitors for a day of fun and festivities.

## CRIME

# Minden man arrested for fraud, resisting police

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Minden Press-Herald

Patrol units responded and located Cosby nearby. Officers ordered him to stop, but he continued walking back toward the vehicle. When officers attempted to detain him,

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## MLK PARADE



Participants and spectators gather in downtown Minden for the 38th Annual MLK/Black History Parade, celebrating unity, culture, and the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Brass and celebration fill the streets  
at Minden's 38th Annual MLK/Black  
History Parade

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The honor of Grand Marshall for this year's parade was given to Gloria Smith Moody,

In the category of Best Decorated Float, 1st went to Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., 2nd went to Rising Stars Mentorship, and 3rd went to Omega Psi Phi

Following the parade, a youth rally brought even more excitement with a battle of the bands that showcased local musical talent. The rally also served as an opportunity to recognize outstanding young achievers through the awarding of the Endow a Dream Scholarships. This year's recipients included Peyton

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## COMMUNITY

## Scottish Tartan Festival returns to downtown Minden in 2025

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The festival will run from 10 AM to 6 PM and feature a variety of events, including Scottish Clan tents with heritage exhib-

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# WEBSTER & MORE

## OBITUARIES



### Carl Ray Smith, Sr.

September 12, 1947- January 17, 2025

Carl Smith was born on September 12, 1947 to the late Chester and Jonnie Smith. He is preceded in death by his father, mother, brother and nephew. He is survived by his sister, Deborah Whitson, one son, Carl Ray Smith, Jr.

and three grandchildren. Carl was a longtime caretaker for Denny and Mary Long for their camp on Lake Bistineau. He enjoyed everything outdoors including gardening, planting flowers, feeding the birds and squirrels, fishing and cooking. He fished many tournaments over the years and earned the title, “Mr Bistineau”. Carl was hospitalized for a brief battle with covid pneumonia. He entered into the arms of his precious Savior on January 17, 2025, with his beloved friends by his side. He left a mark on many lives, even through his sickness, he ministered to others. His words of encouragement would be to have a close, personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

## RECOGNITION

### Webster Parish deputy honored for saving choking inmate

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A Webster Parish corrections officer was recognized for his quick action in saving an inmate who was choking during a meal at Bayou Dorcheat Correctional Center.

Deputy David Dick was stationed at the entrance of the facility’s dining area on January 31 when he noticed an inmate suddenly stand up in apparent distress. Upon approaching, Dick realized the inmate was choking, with his lips beginning to turn blue.

Dick immediately performed the Heimlich maneuver, a technique used to dislodge airway obstructions. On the second attempt, the blockage—a piece of hot dog—was expelled, allowing the inmate to breathe normally again.



Dick credited prior training, including CPR instruction from the Webster Parish Sheriff’s Office, for preparing him to respond effectively. He is also set to begin Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) classes for further training. In recognition of his life-saving efforts, Sheriff

Jason Parker presented Dick with a Life Saving Award on February 10. The plaque commended Dick’s “outstanding performance in the saving of a human life” and his “conspicuous initiative, capability, and attention to duty.” Sheriff Parker emphasized that the deputy’s

actions reflect the mission of the Webster Parish Sheriff’s Office. “We take an oath to serve the people of Webster Parish and to do our best to ensure their safety. That extends also to the people in our custody,” Parker said.

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## CRIME

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gun back in his car and continued arguing, allegedly threatening to kill the complainant and others. A witness removed the firearm from Hall’s vehicle while he was distracted. Shortly afterward, Hall drove approximately 30 yards, stopped, exited his vehicle, and again threatened to kill everyone. Upon realizing the firearm was missing, he left

the scene. One witness stated she believed Hall would have killed someone if the gun had not been removed. Hall was booked on charges of aggravated assault with a firearm, illegal discharge of a firearm, and four counts of simple assault.

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

## CRIME

### Traffic stop leads to drug arrests in Minden

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A routine traffic stop in Minden led to the arrest of two men on drug charges after officers discovered approximately two pounds of marijuana inside their vehicle, according to police reports.

On February 7 at approximately 5 PM, an officer initiated a stop on a silver Toyota Camry with an expired tag at the intersection of East Street and Talton. Upon approach-

ing the vehicle, the officer detected a strong odor of marijuana coming from the passenger compartment. The driver, Ramon Henderson, 34, of Homer, and his passenger, Antonio Thorton, 28, of Minden, were asked if they had marijuana inside the vehicle. Thorton removed a bag of marijuana from his boot and handed it to officers, then produced a jar containing marijuana from between the passenger seats.

During a search of the vehicle, officers found a bag containing approximately two pounds of marijuana in the trunk. Both Henderson and Thorton denied ownership of the drugs. A further records check revealed Thorton had two active warrants through the Webster Parish Sheriff’s Office. While in custody at the Minden Police Department, officers found an additional 2.8 grams of marijuana inside a black

baggie hidden in Henderson’s shoe. Thorton was booked on a charge of possession of marijuana with intent to distribute and transported to Bayou Dorcheat Correctional Center. Henderson was charged with possession of marijuana with intent to distribute and cited for expired tags. *All subjects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*

## ARREST

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he resisted, refusing to place his hands behind his back. An officer used a Taser to subdue him, after which he was taken into custody. Cosby was treated at the scene for minor injuries to his hands, presumed from hopping fences during his flight, before being transported to Minden Police Department for booking. Authorities determined he was wanted

by three other agencies for similar crimes, with two agencies requesting extradition. He was booked on two counts of resisting an officer and released on a summons. Cosby was later transported to Bayou Dorcheat Correctional Center, where he awaits extradition to Arkansas and Texas. All subjects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

## EDUCATION

### School resource officers build trust, safety at Minden High

AMBER MCDOWN  
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At Minden High School, School Resource Officers (SROs) LaDarrius Joseph and Marlin Choyce are more than just law enforcement; they are mentors, role models, and protectors. Joseph, in his fifth year as an SRO, began his career with the Webster Parish Sheriff’s Office before transitioning to the Minden Police Department. Choyce, originally from Shreveport, has served with the Minden Police Department for three years and has been an SRO for a year and a half. Their day begins with closing a section of College Street to manage morning traffic, ensuring safe bus drop-offs. A morning briefing follows to discuss any developing concerns before they begin patrolling the sprawling campus. “We try to keep the protection level high,” Choyce said. Throughout the day, the officers monitor the

cafeteria and commons areas during lunch shifts. In between, they complete daily reports, which provide the school board with a monthly overview of school safety. Their day ends with another traffic control operation to facilitate afternoon bus pickups. Joseph believes that the role of an SRO is often misunderstood. “We’re a liaison between the school board and police department. If the school needs the police, we’re already here,” he said. The most rewarding part of the job, Joseph said, is being there for the students. “They can always come to me or Officer Choyce and talk to us. We will be there for them in whatever capacity.” Choyce echoed that sentiment, emphasizing their unique role in students’ lives. As the father of three teenagers, he understands the challenges they face. “It’s being able to be there for them,” Choyce said. “We’re a key part. I don’t think anyone



understands how important we are up here.” Joseph and Choyce balance each other well. “He’s more of the father figure, and I’m more of the uncle or big brother type. I’m that cool one,” Joseph said with a laugh. While both officers enjoy their work, Choyce wishes more adults understood their role as liaisons rather than en-

forcers. Some think they are there to intimidate or punish students, but they’re really there to support them. Joseph added, “They know that we’re fun, funny, and firm. They know when it’s time to play and when it’s time to be serious. We will do what we got to do, but at the same time, we show love. These kids know that we love

them, and showing love might mean that I have to discipline them.” Choyce emphasized that every student is unique and should be treated as such. “Each one reacts differently, so it’s important to understand who they are,” he said. Their approach has shown results. In the first four months of the school

year, there were only three fights, and none have occurred since Christmas break. “Because of our relationship with them, we find out before anything can pop off,” Choyce said. “We shut it down before it can even start.” “We’re turning Minden High around.”



OPINION

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OPINION

President Trump Is Not Causing a Constitutional Crisis, but Preventing One

I have seen breathless assertions lately in the national “media” that President Trump’s recent actions have sparked a constitutional “crisis.” I couldn’t disagree more. What we are witnessing is a new President exercising his constitutional powers in a decisive manner.

How so? Most notably, President Trump has paused the discretionary spending of enormous sums of federal dollars. In my view, it is not only perfectly legal and well within the authority of the Chief Executive to take this step, but I believe it’s also an obligation of a new presidential administration to review discretionary funding to see that it complies with both federal law and Trump policies.

As many scholars have noted, when Congress funds an agency it gives broad discretion to the Executive Branch regarding how these funds are administered. This is why I believe most of the legal challenges against these executive orders will ultimately fail. When a Chief Executive exercises his core constitutional powers as he does here, his authority is at its greatest. I strongly agree with Vice President J.D. Vance’s recent tweet that “judges aren’t allowed to control the executive’s legitimate power.” That’s the very definition of, and foundation for, our constitutional Separation of Powers and this used to not be a controversial

view.

As such, Trump is defending representative democracy by attacking the unelected bureaucracy, as the American people clearly want him to do. For judges, the failing national media, or misguided Democrats to seek to prevent this voter-mandated progress is to violate the fundamental principle of a ‘government by consent of the governed.’

However, as an aside, let me address one action of President Trump that is more removed from his core powers—his executive order to end birthright citizenship. Birthright citizenship is a legal doctrine guaranteeing, with a few exceptions, that children born in the United States are citizens of the United States. The reason I make this distinction is because this order directly targets an issue addressed by the U.S. Constitution and will most likely need to be decided by the U.S. Supreme Court. I actually think that is President Trump’s strategy—knowing it would be immediately challenged in court and end up before the Supreme Court.

Birthright citizenship derives

from the 14th Amendment which states in pertinent part that “all persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the state wherein they reside.” It is that middle clause that gives rise to heated debate. What does “subject to the jurisdiction thereof” mean?

Let me simply say that the issue of birthright citizenship is, at the very least, unsettled. The U.S. Supreme Court has never specifically ruled on whether those born to parents who are here illegally are automatically citizens. The 1898 U.S. Supreme Court case (U.S. v. Wong Kim Ark), upon which proponents of birthright citizenship primarily rely, presents different facts (children of legal, permanent residents) than the ones at issue here: aliens in the country illegally. That is why I believe the correct view is that “subject to the jurisdiction thereof” means more than simply being born and present in the U.S. conveys full, automatic citizenship.

In fact, a key Senator in the adoption of the 14th Amendment stated that “subject to the jurisdiction” of the U.S. means subject to its full and complete jurisdiction—i.e., an individual not owing political allegiance to any other country and no foreign government having jurisdiction over that individual. It is simply untenable,

I respectfully submit, that this concept of complete jurisdiction can apply to illegal aliens. There is no legally plausible way an illegal alien can be considered to owe allegiance to the United States. As such, the Supreme Court must address this ambiguity.

However, aside from this issue I sincerely believe that President Trump is acting squarely within his constitutional authority as he makes a dizzying array of decisions to begin reigning in the enormously wasteful behemoth we know as the federal government.

I continue to be stunned each day as Elon Musk and his band of brilliant 19–20-year-olds grind through the data and records of federal agencies and identify grossly wasteful and often anti-American use of hard-earned American taxpayer dollars.

Those who seek to thwart the implementation of the People’s will for their government so clearly and loudly stated on Nov. 5, 2024, are themselves committing potential treason, and are themselves creating the ‘constitutional crisis.’

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INSPIRATION

Stress Can Lead to Physical Ailments

According to the American Institute of Stress, stress is the basic cause of 60% of all illnesses and disease in America and costs the nation \$300 billion in lost production and medical bills.

As the victim of post-traumatic stress disorder, I could write the book about stress but have much to learn.

Doctor Norman Vincent Peale said “there does not seem to be very many people who understand the absolute necessity of relaxing or who would know how to practice it if they tried.”

Dr. Flanders Dunbar, an authority on psychosomatic medicine, wrote in her book Mind and Body, “the inability to relax is one of the most widely spread diseases of our time and one of the most infrequently recognized.”

Having had rota-tor cuff surgery on August 28, 2018 I continue to ponder the

connection of the mind and body.

Thirty years ago I watched a series by Bill Moyers, author of Healing and The Mind, hosted by PBS, because I’ve had a gut level feeling for years that most of our illnesses originate in our minds -- when we toss and turn -- unable to find solutions to overwhelming problems until our bodies finally rebel by making us sick enough to go to bed.

In 2016 I found myself in such a situation until I was so overwhelmed that I went to bed, quit eating or drinking until I had emergency

surgery on July 21st at Willis Knighton Hospital, due to a blocked, twisted colon.

Though not a doctor I will always believe that was a psychosomatic illness that ended up in a physical solution -- surgery.

I would go so far as to say that even my back problems, which led to a fall causing my shoulder injury may also be linked to a psychosomatic illness -- which isn’t to say that the pain hasn’t been real.

The Bible says that “as a man thinks in his heart so he is” and I believe this applies to all areas of our lives, both physically and emotionally.

Since that time I continue to think most of my illnesses have been psychosomatic because I don’t know how to truly relax and let go and let God take over.

Life isn’t easy.

It’s like a good friend often said “we all have something” which could mean many things.

I ponder how our mind and our bodies are connected.

I believe if we could ever gain control of and become master of our thoughts most of our illnesses would be eliminated.

Since my colon surgery in 2016 I talked to two friends who experienced the same colon surgery I did after they each experienced one too many traumatic blows to their emotional system. They underwent surgeries identical to mine, including the doctor who performed all of our surgeries.

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Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm as a B-52 maintainer, and during my deployment, I received letters and care packages from countless friends, family members, and strangers. Those packages and notes meant more to me than I can ever truly express. They were reminders that we were not forgotten, even in the most challenging of times.

But my story and experience are just one piece of the larger picture. Since my separation

in 1991, the nature of military service has changed dramatically, and our service members have faced challenges beyond anything I could have imagined. While I was celebrated as a hero upon returning home, the men and women who serve today have faced—and continue to face—difficulties and sacrifices that we can’t always see or fully understand.

The truth is, as I look back at my time in the service, I remember the immense value of the support we received from “back home.” The care packages, the words of encouragement, and the appreciation shown to us made all the difference in the world. They reminded us why we were fighting, why we were sacrificing, and why it all mattered.

As a nation, it’s so easy to get caught up in the noise of day-to-day life, but we must not forget those who are serving in uniform today—those who are putting everything on the line to protect our freedom and our way of life. While they are fighting for us abroad, we can show them our support by simply taking a moment to tell them “thank you.” A thank-you may seem like a small thing, but believe me—it’s not.

Just as my care packages and letters meant the world to me during my service, a simple word of appreciation can be a lifeline to those currently serving. It’s a gesture that may seem small to us, but it has a profound impact on those who hear it.

So, I encourage you to take a

moment to express your gratitude. Whether it’s a service member you know personally, a veteran, or someone you encounter in passing, let them know you appreciate their sacrifice and their service. We may shrug it off, but deep down, it means the world to those who hear it.

To all those who have served and continue to serve, thank you. Your dedication is something we should never take for granted. And to the families of those service members—your support and love are just as invaluable.

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Supporting Our Military: A Special Tribute to Those Who Serve

February 19th will always hold a special place in my heart. It was on this day in 1988 that I left for Basic Military Training for the United States Air Force. At that time, I couldn’t have imagined the depth of growth, experiences, and lessons that awaited me over the course of my service. I didn’t know how much I would learn, both about the world and about myself. Along the way, I made many mistakes, but each one was a lesson that shaped me into the person I am today.

What I never expected was how much my service would impact my life beyond the military. It was through my time in the Air Force that I met my wife, Tina, something that continues to be one of my life’s greatest blessings. I served in



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HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL

Minden reaches 20-win mark

RUSSELL HEDGES  
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The Minden Crimson Tide reached the 20-win mark with two blowout victories last week.

Minden defeated Northwood 66-42 at home and Southwood 77-45 on the road.

The Tide entered this week 20-3 overall. They completed District 1-4A play 6-1 and finished runner-up. Bossier (16-11, 7-0) won the title.

Minden closes the regular season Wednesday at Benton. According to GeauxPreps.com, the Tide were No. 2 in the non-select Division III power rankings. Minden is virtually assured of being in the top four in the final official LH-SAA rankings. The top four teams receive first-round byes in the playoffs then host second-round games.

Darnell Morris led seven Minden players who scored against Northwood with 18 points. Jaiden Franklin had 11 and Christian Lofton nine.

The Tide led 28-18 at the half and 41-33 after three quarters. They turned the game into a blowout in the fourth, outscoring the Falcons 25-9.

The Southwood game was close for a quarter with Minden up 17-15. It wasn't close for long. The Tide outscored the Cowboys 28-7 in the second for a 45-22 lead.

Jaiden Franklin and Cameron Parker led Minden with 19 points each. Darnell Morris added 10 and Kameron Harris nine.

Doyline is the only other Webster Parish team that will make the playoffs.

The Panthers entered this week 22-6 and No. 12 in the Class B power rankings. Doyline will host a first-round game.

Doyline won two District 1-B games last week, defeating Weston 73-54 at home and Castor 67-64 on the road.

The Panthers were scheduled to play Quitman Tuesday then close the regular season at home against Georgetown Friday.



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Minden's Carmelo Smith takes a shot during a 66-42 District 1-4A victory over Northwood last week at Minden.

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL

Lady Tiders finish second second in District 1-4A

RUSSELL HEDGES  
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The Minden Lady Tiders came very close to winning the District 1-4A championship last week.

In a game that ultimately decided the district title, Minden trailed Northwood by 14 with about six minutes to play.

Minden cut the lead to 52-44. The Lady Falcons made a free throw to go up by nine with 1:35 left.

A 3-pointer by Markeithdra Willis got the Lady Tiders within 53-47 with 1:23 left. A putback with just under a minute to go made it a four-point game.

Minden got a steal with 19 seconds left. The Lady Tiders looked for a good shot but couldn't find one. With 4.8 seconds left, the Lady Falcons forced a tie ball. Minden retained possession. Brooklyn Jefferson made a 3-pointer with less than a second left and time ran out.

The Lady Tiders bounced back with a 43-41 victory over Southwood on the road in the regular-season finale.

Minden finished the regular season 14-12 overall and 6-1 in district. Northwood (18-9, 7-0) won the title. Southwood (21-11, 5-2) finished third.

Official playoff pairings were scheduled be announced by the LHSA Monday.

According to GeauxPreps.com, Minden was No. 24 in the non-select Division II power rankings. The



DOUGLAS BLOW/SPECIAL TO THE PRESS-HERALD  
Minden's Brooklyn Jefferson added another double-double to her season total with 20 points and 25 rebounds against Northwood. She also had six steals, six assists and two blocks.

Lady Tiders will be on the road in the first round. The game will likely be Thursday.

Brooklyn Jefferson had 25 points and 20 rebounds along with six steals, six assists and two blocks against Northwood.

Travesti Byrd and Shelby Glenn scored 11 each. Byrd also had eight rebounds five assists and five steals. Glenn had five steals, five rebounds and four assists.

Jefferson had another double-double against

Southwood with 16 points and 17 rebounds. She also had six steals.

Glenn scored 13 points and had six assists, five steals and six rebounds. Byrd had 11 points, seven rebounds, five assists and five steals.

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

2025 season gets underway

RUSSELL HEDGES  
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The 2025 softball season was set to get underway Tuesday with three games.

Two games are scheduled for Wednesday. Doyline hosts Castor and North Webster hosts Lincoln Prep.

There are three games scheduled for Thursday. Minden visits Lakeside, Doyline hosts Forest and North Webster hosts Evangel Christian. North Webster is scheduled to visit North Caddo Friday.

Lakeside is hosting a round-robin Saturday, and Minden is playing in the Logansport tournament.

Minden has a new head coach. Maggie Watts was named to the position in June, replacing Shelby Leach.

Underclassmen on the

2024 team included All-District infielder Lindsay Ryan, first-team All-District outfielder Leigha Kennon-Gilbert and second-team All-District infielder Lizzie Balkom.

Minden went 18-12. The Lady Tiders lost to No. 4 seed North Vermilion in the second round of the non-select Division II playoffs.

Brittany Frazier Smith is in her second year as head coach at Lakeside.

The Lady Warriors went 16-17 last season and lost to No. 6 Merryville 3-2 in the second round of the non-select Division III playoffs.

Lakeside returns three first-team All-District players — pitcher Hallie Sutton and infielders Raleah Harris and Mackenzie McCoy.

Second-team outfielder Payton Levesque, outfielder Lexi Wood and designated

player Teal Austin also return. Pitcher McKenna Chreene, who missed most of last season because of an injury, is also back.

Glenbrook is the defending District 1-1A champion. The Apaches return every player who started in the Apaches' 10-0 victory over Vermilion Catholic in the first round of the non-select Division IV playoffs.

Glenbrook went 17-14 and fell to No. 4 St. Frederick 7-0 in the second round of the select Division IV playoffs.

Catcher Vivian Still, the 2024 district MVP, is back along with first-team All-District pitcher Rebecca Mosley, infielder Anna Grace Vining, infielder Ellie Earnhardt, infielder Gabi Brown, outfielder Colby Hollis, outfielder Hadley Haynes and utility Emma Garner.

Second-team All-District selections back are infielder Chloe Gregg, outfielder Savannah Mangrum and utility Gracie Heard.

North Webster went 8-11 last season and lost to No. 14 Rosepine in the first round of the non-select Division III playoffs.

Underclassmen on the 2024 squad included first-team All-District 1-3A pitcher Emma Newsom, second-team catcher Kerianne Allen, infielder Adryanna Whye and utility Kensy Brown.

Doyline went 13-9 last season. The Lady Panthers go into this season with plenty of experience.

Among the returning players are Sariyah Gill, Arianna Crump, Hannah Dryden, Kanyon Bartlett, Karmadie Bartlett, Savannah Stanley, Lainie Gates and Raelynn Pease.

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Parish teams post victories in first week of season

RUSSELL HEDGES  
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All five parish teams picked up victories as the season got underway last week.

The weather wasn't ideal with games being postponed and cancelled early and late in the week. Even so, every team got in multiple games.

Minden opened with a 3-0 victory over North Caddo. The Tide then split games against D'Arbonne Woods, winning the first 8-3 and losing the second 9-1.

Jaxon Smith pitched a three-hitter against North Caddo. He struck out nine and walked only two.

Easton Sanders went 2-for-4 with two doubles. Frye went 3-for-3 with four RBI in the second game. Reagan went 2-for-2 and drew two walks. Kleaton Davis hit a leadoff home run in the fourth. He finished with three RBI. Ricord drew three walks.

Waller and Seth Mangrum had one double each.

Sanders pitched a two-hitter. He struck out eight and walked none.

Doyline rallied for a 6-5 victory over Lakeside and routed Ringgold 16-0 in three innings.

The Panthers scored three runs in the top of the seventh against Lakeside.

Bray Winston, Bryson Ranger and Landyn Huddleston all had two hits. Huddleston had a double.

Huddleston went 2-for-4 with a double in the win over D'Arbonne Woods. Rider Miller had a two-RBI single with two outs in the sixth.

Winston drew three walks. Ranger, Hudson Brown and Keegan Pope drew two apiece.

Ranger went 6 2/3 innings for the win.

He allowed four hits, struck out nine and walked two.

Glenbrook dropped its opener to defending District 1-5A champion Captain Shreve 11-1. The Apaches the swept two games against Evangel Christian 10-2 and 13-0.

Sam Ricord pitched a two-hitter with five strikeouts and four walks in the first game against Evangel.

The Apaches took a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the first. The Eagles cut it to 2-1 in the top of the third. Glenbrook then blew the game open with eight in the fifth.

Preston Frye, Hudson Glasscock and Jackson Waller had singles in the fifth. Dawson Day's three-run double with one out gave the Apaches a 7-1 lead.

Doyline took advantage of two hit-by-pitches, a walk and an error. Noah Spears' groundout with no outs scored the final two runs.

Spears, a Northwestern State signee, pitched a complete game with eight strikeouts.

He also went 2-for-3 with three RBI. He hit a solo home run in the top of the first.

Spears went 2-for-2 with a home run, triple and three RBI against Ringgold. Kayson Wilk and Dario Galvez had two RBI each. Zach Normand drew three walks.


Galvez struck out six and walked three in the three innings.

Lakeside went 1-2 in the Many tournament. The Warriors defeated Anacoco 10-0 and lost to Benton 10-0 and Holy Savior Menard 10-2.

Brock Case, Peyton Gray, Jon Jon Dick and Hayden Williams all had two hits against Anacoco. Case, Dick and Gray had one double apiece.

Gray had two hits against Doyline.

North Webster had to cancel four games because of inclement weather. The Knights defeated North Caddo 14-3 in the only game they played.




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**ATHLETE OF THE WEEK**

**Travesti Byrd**  
Minden, Sr.

Byrd has been a steady presence for the Lady Tiders throughout her career. She scored 11 points and had seven rebounds, five assists and five steals in a 43-41 victory over Southwood last week.



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SPORTS

MEN’S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Louisiana Tech drops two Conference USA games

KANE MCGUIRE

Louisiana Tech Associate Athletic Director

The Louisiana Tech Bulldogs lost two Conference USA home games last week. LA Tech fell to Kennesaw State 69-47 and Jacksonville State 70-68. The Bulldogs entered this week 17-9 overall and 6-7 in the conference. The 47 points against Kennesaw State was a season low. “I did not have them ready to play. I have to do a better job of getting them ready to play, Louisiana Tech Head Coach

Talvin Hester said. “I have to light a fire. I felt it earlier, did not feel like we were locked in.” LA Tech scored the first basket of the contest but that ended up being the only lead of the game for the Bulldogs who were held to a season low in points. Al Green was the lone Bulldogs to score in double figures with 11 points, his ninth double-digit scoring game of the season. Against Jacksonville State, LA Tech found itself down by nine with 2:44 to go but got it to within one point on three separate occasions. A halfcourt heave

by Kaden Cooper with a couple of seconds remaining was off the mark, giving league-leader Jax State (18-8, 10-3 CUSA) the series sweep. Daniel Batcho led the Bulldogs with 19 points. Jaron Pierre Jr. led Jacksonville State with 34. “We came with effort today and gave ourselves a chance,” Hester said. “But, I don’t think we played with maturity in a lot of different ways. “I thought in the first half when we got a lead and started to pull away, we got a little selfish. Guys started doing their own thing, which decreased out lead.”

NSU splits pair of games

JASON PUGH

Northwestern State Associate Athletic Director for External Relations

The Northwestern State Demons split a pair of Southland Conference games last week. The Demons defeated Nicholls 72-60 on the road, completing the season sweep. They followed that with a loss to Stephen F. Austin at home. NSU entered this week 11-14 overall and 8-7 in the conference. Down by as many as 12 in the first half against Nicholls, the Demons turned in a dominant second half to complete its first season sweep of the Colonels since the 2016-17 season. “We were zombies for about the first 15 minutes,” second-year Head Coach

Rick Cabrera said. “I get on them pretty tough in the timeouts, especially when we’re not defending. “They just decided to guard. We told them, ‘This has to stop. You guys are better than this.’ All credit goes to those guys. They got going and didn’t stop until the horn at the end of the game.” Northwestern State held Nicholls to 25 percent shooting (8-for-32) in the second half. The Colonels hit 4 of 10 3-pointers in the second half while shooting just 4-for-22 from inside the arc as Williams (career-high three blocks), Jerald Colonel and the rest of the Demons made life tough on the Nicholls offense. Love Bettis led the Demons with 16 points. He and Addison Patterson combined to hit 17 of 19

free throws in the game while Northwestern went 19-for-21 at the stripe in the second half. Michael Thomas added 14 points and Addison Patterson had 13. Willie Williams had 10 rebounds. Against SFA, the court in Prather Coliseum was officially dedicated Mike McConathy Court. The game came down to the final seconds. The homestanding Demons had three chances to tie the game in the final 4 seconds but could not find the equalizer as the Lumberjacks held on for a 70-68 victory. “The first half, we got ourselves in a hole, but when you come back and get the lead – it was 61-57 and they went on an 8-0 run – that’s where we lost it,” Cabrera said.

GSU gets a SWAC win

CURTIS FORD

Grambling State Associate AD for Athletic Communications

The Grambling State Tigers split a pair of SWAC games last week. GSU defeated Alabama A&M 72-61 on the road and lost to Texas Southern 67-60 at home. The Tigers entered this week 8-17 overall and 5-7 in the conference. GSU found itself down

by nine at the break, but kicked into gear and dominated the Bulldogs in the final period, outscoring AAMU 47-27. Four Tigers reached double-figures with Kintavious Dozier leading the way with 17 points on 5-of-12 shooting, to go along with three assists, two rebounds and two steals. Antwan Burnett was one rebound shy of a double-double, scoring 15

points with nine boards. PJ Eason added another 15 points paired with six rebounds, while Mikale Stevenson contributed 13 points with seven assists. GSU led by seven points at halftime against Texas Southern, but couldn’t hold off a second half surge by TSU. The G-Men struggled offensively in the final 12 minutes of the contest, going 4-of-20 from the floor.

WOMEN’S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Techsters fall twice on road

KEVIN ALBAREZ

Louisiana Tech Associate Director Strategic Communications

The Louisiana Tech Lady Techsters dropped two Conference USA road games last week. The Lady Techsters fell to Kennesaw State 79-72 and Jacksonville State 68-55. LA Tech entered this week 13-11 overall and 6-7 in the conference. The Lady Techsters trailed Kennesaw State 35-31 at the half. The third quarter was a back-and-forth affair up until the last minute. Melissa Mwanza cut it to a two-point deficit with a free throw before Robyn Lee tied it up with 34 seconds remaining. With six seconds left, Paris Bradley grabbed a rebound and raced down

the court for a layup just before the buzzer to give Tech a 51-49 lead. Kennesaw State came out in the fourth and quickly regained the lead. Coach Stoehr called a timeout to stop the run, and the Techsters responded with six straight. However, the Owls used a 15-4 run to take the lead for good. Paris Bradley and Robyn Lee led the Lady Techsters with 19 and 18 points, respectively. “They were the tougher team tonight in the fourth to close it out,” Louisiana Tech Head Coach Brooke Stoer said. “We didn’t get stops, gave up loose ball rebounds and back door cuts. It’s very difficult to win on the road when you give up 30 in a quarter.” Lee became the 45th Lady Techster to score 1,000 points in her career

against Jacksonville State. Lee came into the game needing just two points to reach the milestone. On Tech’s first possession of the second quarter, the grad student drove to the left and pulled up from just outside the block to get what she needed. “The response today was not one we wanted to see to close out the road trip,” Stoer ssaid. “We didn’t compete with the effort and concentration we needed to or expect from this group. “When we miss easy shots around the rim or don’t run to correct spots in transition, we have to fight that much harder to get an offensive board or find a way to get a stop on the other end. We have to find a way to get this group playing with the fight and effort they’re capable of consistently.”

NSU loses two SLC games

JONATHON ZENK

Northwestern State Assistant Director of Communications

The Northwestern State Demons lost two Southland Conference home games last week. The Demons fell to Lamar 58-46 and Stephen F. Austin 68-66. Northwestern State entered this week 12-12 overall and 9-6 in the conference. The Demons could not overcome 25 turnovers and a cold shooting second half against Lamar. The Demons couldn’t hold a 29-19 halftime lead,

as Lamar (16-7, 11-3) went on a 14-0 run and extended 20-2 run to seize control of the contest, fueled by five turnovers in a span of six possessions, as Northwestern State saw its four-game winning streak come to an end. “It was the same thing,” NSU Head Coach Anna Nimz said. “We got up 20 at their place and got up big here and didn’t come out in the third quarter and take care of business, which really stinks. “We didn’t take care of the ball. Twenty-five turnovers, you can’t come back from that, leading to 22

points for them. My heart hurts for Nia (Hardison) because she played her heart out and my heart hurts for everybody since we gave that one away.” Two free throws from Ashlyn Traylor-Walker with a second left gave Stephen F. Austin the win. With the score tied, Traylor-Walker was fouled with a second left on a drive. She calmly sank both free throws and Vernell Atamah missed a 3-pointer as time expired. Mya Blake led NSU with 22 points. She also had eight rebounds, seven assists and six steals.

GSU nabs two SWAC wins

LEON MITCHELL

Grambling State Athletic Communications

The Grambling State Tigers won two SWAC home games last week. GSU defeated Prairie View A&M 75-54 and SWAC leader Texas Southern 71-46. The Tigers entered this week 11-13 overall and 8-5 in the conference. Kahia Warmlesley led Grambling State against Prairie View A&M with 14 points, five assists, and eight rebounds. Lydia Freeman was perfect from the field, going 7-for-7 to

finish with 14 points, while Alyssa Phillip added 13 points and five rebounds. Grambling State took control early, holding a 15-19 deficit after the first quarter before responding with a strong second period to take a 31-25 lead at halftime. The Tigers extended their advantage in the third quarter behind efficient scoring in the paint, outscoring Prairie View A&M 18-19. Defensively, the Tigers were relentless, forcing 32 turnovers and converting those miscues into 35 points.

Warmlesley led the charge for Grambling State with 17 points, six rebounds, and two steals. Lydia Freeman registered a double-double with 14 points and 11 rebounds, while Shaniah Nunn also posted a double-double, contributing 11 points, 11 rebounds, and four assists. The Tigers pulled ahead in the second quarter and led 32-26 at the half. The third quarter saw Grambling State take complete control, holding Texas Southern to just nine points while erupting for 22 of their own.

OUTDOORS

Pro tips on cold weather bass fishing

GLYNN HARRIS

When I was growing up and getting my introduction to the outdoors, there were two seasons of the year – hunting season, and fishing season. From early spring until October when cool weather hit, we fished. Once squirrel season opened, we hunted until spring came and it was time to fish again. We never mixed the two, probably because we mistakenly thought that fish migrated like ducks and geese once the weather became cold. How wrong we were. Some of the year’s best bites take place at the same time you run the risk of encountering another bite....”frost bite”. Recently, I ran across some excellent advice and tips from a couple of pro bass fishermen to help you catch more bass when the weather is cold and nasty. Some professional anglers actually like it when the weather and water turn cold and the bass turn off. Like the top tier of professionals in any competition, they are practitioners of the philosophy expressed by the old saying, “When the going gets tough, the tough get going.” But that’s not the only thing that separates winners from losers.



COURTESY PHOTO

Big bass, like this one taken by the late Dana Walker, can be caught in cold weather.

Winners know that in decent weather anybody could get lucky and win. But in nasty weather, especially the bitter, cold kind, most competitors lose focus and, losing focus, they lose tournaments. This process of self-elimination narrows the field of competitors and tilts the odds toward the diehards. “When someone tells you the bass won’t bite because the water’s too cold, just ignore them,” said Woo Daves, Spring Grove, Va., winner of the 2000 BASS Masters Classic. A bundled-up Daves won that Classic by facing down a very cold, rough and windy Lake Michigan during a three-day north-

easter. Daves and other cream-of-the-crop anglers, can testify to this from their trophies, cash, prizes and experience that bass do bite in cold water. They all agree; you just need to apply a little finesse. Daves volunteers these cold water bass tips: “On rivers, fish backwaters and reverse currents where the water is warmer and the bass don’t have to fight the current. In deeper water, run to long flat points or channel bends. Cruise around and watch your depth finder for signs of baitfish. “Find the bait; find the bass,” said Daves, who has two favorite presentations. One is a ¾-ounce spoon, jigged

vertically. The other is a dropshot rig, a ½-ounce weight on the bottom and a dropper hook about 12 to 18 inches up the line. Daves dresses it with a short, plastic worm and fishes it slowly. Mark Raveling, pro angler of Spring Park, MN, preaches slow fishing, slow to the point of no rod movement at all. Dead sticking, it’s called. His favorite pattern is a steep drop-off close to a feeding area. He’ll fish a plastic worm with a jig head or, he’ll switch to either a Rapala jerk bait or to a Shad Rap or a Storm Wiggle Wart. “These baits crank down to a certain depth and remain at that depth until the angler winds them back to the rod. Here’s the drill: Crank it down. Wait. Wait some more. If you get a fish, stay put. There are more fish where that one came from and they’re suspended at the same depth,” said Raveling. The advice of these and other bass fishing professionals can be summed up in two basic concepts for fishing cold weather bass. Downsize your lure, and slow down your retrieve. Give these techniques a try this winter for what could bring you some HOT cold weather bassin’.

Fishing Report

BUSSEY BRAKE

– Before all the rain, anglers were catching some really big crappie on jigs and shiners in open water. Bass are beginning to get in pre-spawn mode and some big ones were being caught soft plastics and creature baits. For latest information, contact the Honey Hole at 323-8707.

OUACHITA RIVER

– The river is rising. A few catfish are being caught. Crappie are scattered and slow. For latest information, contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

LAKE D’ARBONNE

– Crappie have moved to the deepest water in the channels and have been fair to good on shiners and jigs. Bass are still deep and soft plastics are picking up some nice fish. Catfishing is good off the banks on cold worms. 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 just out from the dam in 32-25 foot water. Bass are beginning to start moving up but heavy rains have slowed things down. 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 out in front of the spillway. Bass are starting to move up but fresh water caused by heavy rains have made them have to wait until things settle down. 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 improved on both the north and south ends of the lake on shiners or jigs. No report on bass. Catfish continue to bite. For information, contact the marina at 318/878-0101.



# Good News

GOOD NEWS

## DEALING WITH WINTER IN THE COUNTRY

With the recent winter storm still fresh on our mind, perhaps many of you can identify with me as we remember those winters when we were young and how it affected life on the farm. We were sharecroppers and our clan of ten crowded in a small house that had cracks in the floor, drafts in the wall and tin top roofs that had many nail holes. ‘Air-conditioned’ country style, all seasons! Farm life, when weather is at its’ best, is still difficult. But in the winter, the North wind is always blowing. These are some things that crossed my mind during the recent storms with the freezing cold and wind howling around the corner of our house.

Monday was usually ‘wash day’ unless it was raining too hard or too cold. We had 55-gallon barrels under the eaves of the tin-topped hay barns to catch rainwater for this weekly project. Early in the morning the ‘bucket-brigade’ was put into action. A sheet of ice on the water didn’t stop the process; just a few taps removed this hazard. When the pot was filled, the fire was lighted and soon the bed sheets and clothes were in the hot water. Add a little bluing and lye soap – the wash was on. There would be several loads to run through the

hot water; then on to the rinse water. Grandma and Mama worked all day long washing, rinsing and hanging the clothes out to dry. They would use the clothes line and every available fence nearby. Yes, all our clothes were on display for the community to see each week.

Another winter event that drew community attention was the hog killing. This always took place on some of the coldest days so the meat could be “processed.” And everything was processed except the “squell”. There was a job for everyone, even the neighbors. Next cold spell, the ‘crew’ gathered at their house and the ‘event’ would be repeated. Country folks were true neighbors!

No indoor plumbing or bathrooms made those winter days and nights even more dreaded. Those 40 steps to the outhouse seemed more like two miles when you made a fast dash early in the morning or after dark. Too, this meant all bath, drinking and cooking water was pumped by hand and delivered into the house bucket by bucket. “Do you have running water, Mr.

John?” My daddy would say ‘yes.’ We grab the bucket and run out to the well/pump and fetch a bucket of water.

But the cows had to be milked first. Winter, frost, sleet or snow, those cows had to be milked daily. Each boy had a bucket and a designated cow. Off we would go with warm water to bathe the udder before we ‘got down to business.’ Of course, the cows, eating their daily ration of hay, gently ‘released the warm milk.’ Then for the mad dash to the house, knowing breakfast was ready: biscuits, syrup, sour cream, ham or sausage and eggs. What more could warm the heart and soul on a cold day? Soon we would hear the school bus making its’ way down the gravel road.

Riding the bus to school was definitely a ‘cool experience.’ We lived several miles from school and the ride in freezing weather made it seem much longer. Boys mostly wore overalls and blue-jean jackets – all thin clothes. Probably every child had on some long johns under their jeans. There were wood heaters in certain areas of the school (auditorium, cafeteria, library

and a few class rooms) where children clustered around before school and at recess time.

Coming home from basketball games on those cold nights meant facing a cold bed. But we had our own ‘cajun foot warmers.’ Mama would heat bricks for us and wrap them in old towels. She would place each in our bed where our cold feet could find them. (Oh, that sweet mama!)

One thing my daddy invested heavily in was this: plenty of wood for the fire place. We cut and split wood for the entire month of July (after the crops were ‘laid by’ till gathering time). The wood for the kitchen stove was split into small sticks on the back porch each night for early morning coffee and breakfast. Wood for the fire place was in a different rack, on the front porch. What a wonderful feeling it was to gather around the fire place and enjoy the cracking fire and warm glow. The kitchen stove served as our ‘warming place # 2.’ Remember there were ten of us to keep warm!

Other memories of those days included: Corn-cob fights in and around the hay barns; tracking rabbits in the snow, home-made ice cream using fresh snow, making snow men and eating baked sweet potatoes and

parched peanuts. How good can life get?

How did we survive? Just like everyone else – we did the best we could and depended on each other to pull their weight. The Lord blessed and led us through those hard times as He does today when we depend on Him for our needs. Proverbs 3: 5-6 and other such scriptures provided hope, determination and assurance that ‘it’s going to be better come spring time.’ That is what helped so much during our big winter storms. Depending on the Lord, determination, working together- checking on neighbors and friends. Country folks are survivors! The Apostle Paul was not a country boy, but he teaches us much about surviving. He overcame many hard times for his confidence was in the Lord. He coined this assurance: “I can do all things through Christ, my Lord, who supplies my needs.” (Phil 4:13). Let’s claim this thought: the best is yet to be...and move on down the calendar with the promise of SPRING! It will come. Signs are already visible around town!

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Bill Crider

### THE UPWARD LOOK

#### Glad Service

*“Serve the LORD with gladness; Come before Him with joyful singing.” Psalm 100:2 NASB*



Max Hutto

With a glad, joyous, and grateful heart, God’s people are to serve Him. Service not only means a joyful worship full of singing His praises, experiencing His presence, and hearing His Word, but also service encompasses a life obediently following His commands, living every moment of every day in a way that honors and glorifies Him. Having experienced the Lord’s saving grace and forgiving

Lord Jesus, my life is filled with joy and grateful gladness because of Your amazing grace that saved me and sustains me every day. With joyful singing, may all I do honor and glorify You.

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

### INSPIRATION

#### Hope, Faith, and Trust

The famous author Dr. Seuss once ing things out for our good. So I would said “When something bad happens like to encourage everyone this week to you have three choices. You can either not have a spirit of fear but one of hope, let it define you, let it destroy faith, and trust in God and His you, or you can let it strengthen perfect will. Let us all take this you.” For the last two weeks, we situation as an opportunity to have faced a new and very difficult situation. Our reactions to be a light for those trapped in this situation have varied but darkness. 2 Timothy 1:7 NLT says “For God has not given us one thing remains true: God is a spirit of fear and timidity, but in control. Throughout human of power, love, and self-discipline.” history, we have been faced with numerous situations that seemed impossible. However, we have a God that doesn’t know impossible and is always work-

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



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of appraisalment and according to law at the  
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WEDNESDAY, March 26, 2025,  
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26 SECONDS WEST ALONG TH CENTERLINE  
OF SAID HIGHWAY NO. 159 FOR A DISTANCE  
OF \$4.96 FEET, THENCE CONTINUE ALONG  
SAID HIGHWAY CENTERLINE NORTH 10  
DEGREES 33 MINUTI 24 SECONDS WEST  
122.96 FEET, THENCE CONTINUE ALONG  
SAID HIGHWAY CENTERLINE NORTH 14  
DEGREES \$8 MINUTES 40 SECONDS WEST  
10944 FEET: THENCE CONTINUE ALONG  
SAID HIGHWAY CENTERLINE NORTH 17  
DEGREES \$5 MINUTES 14 SECONDS WEST  
11038 FEET: THENCE CONTINUE ALONG SAID  
HIGHWAY CENTERLINE NORTH 20 DEGREES  
29 MINUTES 43 SECONDS WEST 11.96 FLET:  
THENCE CONTINUE ALONG SAID HIGH-  
WAY CENTERLINE NORTH 22 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.

January 22, 2025  
February 19, 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, Town-  
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  
thereon and all rights thereto belonging. (Assess-  
ment #103486)  
AND  
All matters as to that certain Immobilization of  
that certain home described as make: Sun-  
shine, 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  
Pam Brantley  
Pam Brantley - Deputy

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SHERIFF'S SALE

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST, AS  
TRUSTEE FOR EQUIFIRST LOAN SECURI-  
ZATION TRUST 2008-1, MORTGAGE PASS-  
THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2008-1  
VS.  
THE UNOPENED SUCCESSION OF DELO-  
RIS MAJOR MOORE AKA DELORIS MOORE  
MAJOR, DELORIS MAJOR, DELORIS MOORE,  
DELORES BAILEY, DELORES MAJOR BAILEY,  
DELORIS BAILEY MOORE & WILLIE JAMES  
MOORE AKA WILLIE MOORE, WILLIE J  
MOORE  
In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of  
Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 81923.  
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, March 26, 2025,  
During the legal sale hours, the following prop-  
erty, to wit:  
The East Half (E/2) of the following described  
property: Begin at the northeast corner of lot 17,  
block "A" of J.R. Moore Addition to the City of  
Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana, located in  
Section 27, Township 19 North, Range 9 West, as  
per Map Book 1, Page 22, Office of the Clerk of  
Court, Webster Parish, Louisiana, and run South  
135 feet; thence run East 40 feet to the point of  
beginning; thence run East 316.7 feet; thence  
run South 5 degrees 57 Minutes East 98.53 feet;  
thence run West 326.9 feet; thence run North  
98 feet to the point of beginning, together with  
all improvements thereon, and all rights thereto  
belonging  
Less and except the below property which was  
partially released at Instrument 608199;  
Beginning on the North property line of, Deloris  
B. Moore and Aeneas Ford's south property line  
(common property line), in the SW4 and SE4 of  
the Ford's lot approximately 7 to 8 feet more  
or less going North (South Abney Street) and  
58 feet running West and East on the fence line  
of lot assess number 111165 and old assesses  
number 140151000, the above reference portion  
of land is that the moore fence line now encloses  
that is an original part of the Ford lot  
Which has the address of 405 South Abney  
Street, Minden, LA 71055  
SOLD SUBJECT TO ANY SUPERIOR LIENS,  
MORTGAGES OR PRIVILEGES THERETO.  
Said property seized is that of the defendant and  
will be sold to satisfy a judgment rendered in our  
Honorable Court.  
JASON R. PARKER Sheriff & Ex-Officio Auc-  
tioneer  
Webster Parish, Louisiana  
The Brmotry  
Pam Brantley - Deputy

February 19, 2025  
March 19, 2025  
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SHERIFF'S SALE

NEWREZ LLC DBA SHELLPOINT  
MORTGAGE SERVICE  
VS.  
DIANNA M. CHANCELLOR AKA DIANNA  
CHANCELLOR  
In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of  
Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 81900.  
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, March 26, 2025,  
During the legal sale hours, the following prop-  
erty, to wit:  
LOT ELEVEN (11) and the West 66.25 feet of  
LOT TEN (10), BLOCK "A", BRACKIN-NORTON  
SUBDIVISION, Minden, Webster Parish, Loui-  
siana, in Map Book 1, at Page 57, more particularly  
described as follows:  
A 0.16 acre, more or less, tract of land being  
the West 66.25 feet of Lot No. 10, and the North  
41.00 feet of Lot No. 11, Block "A", Brackin and  
Norton Subdivision located in the Northeast  
Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NE4 of NW4),  
Section 22, Township 19 North, Range 9 West,  
Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana as per map  
and plat thereof on file and of record in the Office  
of the Clerk of Court of Webster Parish, Louisi-  
ana, in Map Book 1, at Page 57, more particularly  
described as follows:  
Begin at a set 3/4" iron rod located at the South-  
west Corner of said Lot No. 11 lying at the North-  
east intersection of Norton Street and Chandler  
Street, and run North 120.00 feet along the East  
line of Norton Street, to a set 1/4 inch iron rod for  
the Point of Beginning; thence continue North for  
a distance of 102.00 feet to a set 4 inch iron rod  
at the Northwest Corner of Lot No. 10; thence run  
South 88 degrees \$5 minutes 45 seconds East  
for a distance of 66.25 feet to a point that could  
not be set, lying on the North side of a wood  
privacy fence; thence run South for a distance  
of 102.00 feet to a set 3/4 inch from rod; thence  
run North 88 degrees 55 minutes 45 seconds  
West for a distance of 66.25 feet to the Point  
of Beginning, identified as "Tract A" on Plat of  
Survey prepared by Landmark Land Surveying,  
Inc., dated December 21, 2018, a copy of which  
is on file and of record as File No. 575374 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  
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JASON R. PARKER Sheriff & Ex-Officio Auc-  
tioneer  
Webster Parish, Louisiana  
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Public Notice

The following Ordinance was offered by John  
Langford, who moved its adoption:  
ORDINANCE NO. 161  
AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A FRANCHISE  
AGREEMENT WITH ENTERGY LOUISIANA,  
INC  
Upon the request of Entergy Louisiana, Inc., (the  
"Company"), and pursuant to La.  
R.S. 33:4401, this municipality's police powers,  
and in order to protect the health, safety,  
and welfare of the public, Town of Sibley, Louisiana,  
(the "Municipality") as set forth hereinbelow  
grants to the Company, its successors and  
assigns, a franchise, right, and privilege for a  
period of  
fifteen (15) years from the date of adoption  
hereof, to distribute, deliver, sell and supply, in  
such a manner as it chooses, electric service  
throughout the Municipality, and to the inhabitants  
thereof, or to any person, firm, or corporation; the  
right to acquire, construct, operate, and maintain  
such plants, structures, transmission lines, distri-  
bution systems, cables, fibers, facilities, and  
equipment as may be useful or necessary for the  
generation, production, transportation, distribu-  
tion, delivery and/or sale of electric service throughout  
the Municipality; the right to erect, operate, and  
maintain poles, masts, supports, wires, cables,  
fibers, transmission lines, conduits, conductors,  
substations, distribution systems, and any and  
all other appliances useful or necessary in connec-  
tion  
with the sale, transportation, delivery and/or dis-  
tribution of electric service on, over, under, along,  
upon, and across all of the present and/or future  
streets, roads, highways, alleys and public places  
of the Municipality; the right to repair, replace or  
remove same or any portion thereof; and the right to  
connect any such facilities to any other such  
facilities for the purpose of selling, transporting  
and/or  
distributing electric service into through, or be-  
yond the boundaries of the Municipality.  
SECTION 1: Be it ordained by the Mayor and  
Board of Aldermen of the  
Municipality in regular session duly convened,  
that the Municipality grants and there is hereby  
granted to Entergy Louisiana, Inc. (the "Com-  
pany"), its successors and assigns, in addition to the  
rights and privileges presently enjoyed by the  
Company, a franchise, right, and privilege from the  
date of adoption hereof,  
(1)  
(2)  
(3)  
(4)  
(5)  
to distribute, deliver, sell and supply electric  
service throughout the Municipality and to the  
inhabitants thereof, or to any person, firm, or cor-  
poration, in such manner and from such sources  
as the said Company chooses;  
to acquire, construct, operate, and maintain such  
plants, structures, transmission lines, distribution  
systems, cables, fibers, facilities, and equipment  
as may be useful or necessary for the generation,  
production, transportation, distribution, delivery  
and/or sale of electric power and energy through-  
out the Municipality;  
to erect, operate, and maintain poles, masts,  
supports, wires, cables, fibers, transmission  
lines, conduits, conductors, substations, distribu-  
tion systems, and any and all other appliances  
useful or necessary in connection with the sale,  
transportation, delivery and/or distribution of  
electric service on, over, under, along, upon, and  
across all of the present and/or future streets,  
roads, highways, alleys and public places of the  
Municipality;  
to repair, replace or remove same or any portion  
thereof; and  
to connect any such facilities to any other such  
facilities for the purpose of selling, transporting  
and/or distributing electric service into, through,  
or beyond the boundaries of the Municipality.  
SECTION 2: Be it further ordained that this Fran-  
chise does not authorize the  
Company to use its facilities for the transporta-  
tion, distribution, or sale of electric service for  
or on  
behalf of third parties to any person, firm, or  
corporation other than the Company located  
within the  
boundaries of the Municipality, unless and until  
the Company has been notified, in writing, by the  
Municipality that the interests of the Municipality,  
including, but not limited to, its recovery of  
franchise fee revenue on such third party transac-  
tions, are adequately protected in connection with  
the provision of such third party service by the  
Company. In the event that the operations of the  
Company are unbundled, in connection with the  
adoption of a plan for retail open access or 2

otherwise, the Company will have the right to as-  
sign its franchise rights with respect to particular  
facilities or operations as may be necessary to fa-  
cilitate unbundled operations; provided, however,  
that any such assignment (1) shall not result in a  
reduction in the franchise fees received by the  
Municipality relating to the provision of electric  
service within the Municipality; and (2) shall  
ensure  
that the Municipality retains all other rights and  
protections afforded by this Franchise.  
SECTION 3: Be it further ordained that this Fran-  
chise is granted upon and subject to the following provisions:  
A.  
In maintaining its properties, the Company shall  
not unnecessarily or unreasonably  
damage, impair or obstruct the streets, roads,  
highways, alleys, sidewalks, and public grounds, and  
the Company shall at its own expense, without  
unreasonable delay, make all necessary repairs to  
remedy any damage or remove any obstruction  
caused by its operations hereunder, all in  
accordance  
with applicable industry standards. The Company  
shall obtain all necessary permits or approvals for  
construction, maintenance, and operations;  
provided, however, that this provision shall not  
apply to  
any requirements for such permits or approvals  
that are adopted or amended subsequent to the date

of this Ordinance and that, as so adopted or  
amended, have a material effect on the Com-  
pany's rights  
or obligations pursuant to this Franchise or on the  
Company's cost of providing service pursuant to  
this Franchise.  
B. Upon request, the Company will make its best  
reasonable efforts to provide current  
maps for specific areas showing feeder routes  
and the majority of pole locations, and will provide  
construction manuals that show the typical  
structural configurations used by the Company;  
provided,  
however, that the provision of such information by  
the Company shall not relieve the Municipality  
of any obligations that it may have pursuant to  
title 40, section 1749 or title 45, sections 141-146  
of 3  
the Louisiana Revised Statutes or any related or  
successor statutes; and provided that such  
information shall be provided by the Company  
without any warrant as to its accuracy.  
C. The Company shall use reasonable precau-  
tions to avoid damage or injury to persons  
or property, and shall hold and save harmless the  
Municipality from all damages, losses, and/or  
expense, including cost of defense, attributable to  
the negligence or fault of the Company, its agents  
or employees, while exercising any of the rights  
and privileges herein granted.

A.  
(i)  
(ii)  
SECTION 4:  
In consideration of the facts:  
that the Company, pursuant to this Ordinance  
holds a good, valid, and irrevocable twenty-five  
year franchise granted by the Municipality; and  
that, to the extent the Company is permitted by  
law to provide such service, the Municipality  
has signed with the Company contracts for the  
purchase of all its electric service requirements,  
each of which contracts is for a period of two  
years from its date, or such longer period as may  
be required by the applicable rate schedule or  
other circumstances, and provides for periodic  
renewals for similar periods unless notice of  
termination is given as therein provided;  
and other good and valid considerations, the  
Company agrees that it will pay to the Municipal-  
ity a  
sum of money equal to two percent (2%) of the  
gross receipts of the Company from the sale of  
electric service at retail for residential and com-  
mercial purposes within the corporate limits of the  
Municipality (the Company's "gross receipts");  
such payments to be calculated on such receipts  
commencing with the month of March, 2025, the  
first payment to be due and payable on the 10th  
day of April, 2025, subsequent payments to be  
due quarterly thereafter.  
B.  
Further, upon the adoption of an appropriate  
Ordinance, the Municipality may require  
that the Company pay to the Municipality up to an  
additional two percent (2%) of the gross receipts 4

of the Company from the sale of electric service  
at retail for residential and commercial purposes  
within the corporate limits of the Municipality (the  
"Additional Franchise Fee"). The Company shall  
include in its franchise fee calculation such Addi-  
tional Franchise Fee commencing with respect to  
gross receipts received by the Company pursuant  
to bills rendered during the first calendar quarter  
following the adoption of an appropriate Ordi-  
nance, and the receipt of written notification from  
the  
Mayor of the Municipality. Pursuant to the  
October 11, 1988, General Order of the Louisiana  
Public  
Service Commission ("LPSC"), the Company  
shall collect from residential and commercial  
customers located within the corporate limits of  
the Municipality such additional percent of gross  
receipts as is not included in the Company's base  
rates through a line item included in bills rendered  
for electric service. The Company agrees that, in  
the event the LPSC approves the recovery of the  
Additional Franchise Fee through base rates, the  
Company shall remove the line item notation  
relating to the Additional Franchise Fee from the  
bills rendered to customers for electric service at  
such time as base rate recovery of the Additional  
Franchise Fee becomes effective.  
C.

It is distinctly understood and agreed that the  
percentage of gross receipts paid to the  
Municipality shall not apply to or include any  
receipts from the sale of electric energy to the  
Municipality, or to Government or Municipal Ag-  
encies, or to any sale for industrial purposes or for  
resale within the corporate limits of the Municipal-  
ity. It shall be the responsibility of the  
Municipality to notify the Company of any an-  
nexations or other changes in the corporate limits  
of  
the Municipality, so that the Company can make  
any adjustments to its gross receipts calculation  
that  
may be necessary as a result of such a change.  
D.  
This obligation to make such payments to the  
Municipality shall remain in full force  
and effect so long as (1) the Company holds a  
good, valid and irrevocable twenty-five (25) year 5

franchise granted by the Municipality, and (2) the  
Municipality, to the extent permitted by law,  
purchases all of its electric service requirements  
from the Company; provided, however:

(i)  
(ii)  
(iii)  
E.  
This contract is wholly and entirely conditioned  
upon the approval of the Treasury Department of  
the United States of America and the Department  
of Revenue of the State of Louisiana, and upon  
the approval of the Louisiana Public Service  
Commission of the right of the Company to  
deduct from its gross revenues and charge as an  
operating expense any and all amounts which it  
may pay to the Municipality pursuant hereto other  
than such amounts as may be collected from cus-  
tomers through a line item on customer bill and in  
the event of failure to obtain the approval of any  
such authority for such purpose, the Company  
shall have the right to cancel this Contract upon  
thirty (30) days' notice; it being understood that  
in the event of the cancellation by the Company  
upon the grounds set out in this paragraph, the  
Company shall not be entitled to any refund of  
any monies theretofore paid to the Municipality  
pursuant hereto.  
Should the Municipality levy any new taxes, of  
any nature whatsoever, subsequent to the date of  
this Contract, or increase the rates of any taxes in  
existence on the date of this Contract (except uni-  
form ad valorem taxes now authorized by Article  
VII, Section 18 of the Constitution of the State  
of Louisiana or other taxes that are generally  
applicable to all businesses in the Municipality),  
then the payments herein provided to be made by  
the Company to the Municipality will be reduced  
in an amount equal to the sum of such new and  
increased taxes, if any. The Additional Franchise  
Fee shall not be considered to be a new tax or an  
increase in the rate of a tax for purposes of this  
provision of the Ordinance.  
To the extent the Company is permitted by law  
to provide to the Municipality all of its electric  
requirements, in the event that retail open access  
is implemented in Louisiana, and is adopted  
for the Municipality, the obligation of Entergy  
Louisiana, Inc. to pay a franchise fee as set forth  
hereinabove shall cease to be conditioned on the  
purchase by the Municipality of all of its electric  
requirements from Entergy Louisiana, Inc.  
In the event that the Company contracts with any  
town or municipality to pay a  
franchise fee more than four percent (4%) of  
gross receipts (includes full adjustment) of the  
Company from the sale of electric service at retail  
for residential and commercial purposes, the 6  
Company, upon the adoption of an appropriate  
Ordinance, and upon the receipt of written  
notification from the Mayor of the Municipality, will  
increase the franchise fee paid to the  
Municipality by an amount which will equal the  
difference between four percent (4%) and the said  
higher amount paid to the other town or municip-  
ality; provided, however, that the Municipality shall  
have the right to increase the franchise fee to  
such higher amount only in the event that the  
Municipality is willing to accept all other terms  
and conditions of the franchise with the town or  
municipality that receives the higher amount. The  
Company shall include in its franchise fee  
calculation said increase in the franchise fee

commencing with re-  
spect to gross receipts  
received by  
the Company pursuant  
to bills rendered dur-  
ing the first calendar  
quarter following the  
adoption of an  
appropriate Ordinance,  
and the receipt of  
written notification  
from the Mayor of the  
Municipality.  
In no event shall the  
Municipality have the  
right to increase the  
franchise fee to an  
amount in excess  
of five (5%) percent  
or such other percent  
as may established as  
a limitation on the  
application of the  
provisions set forth in  
title 33, section 4510 of  
the Louisiana Revised  
Statutes or any suc-  
cessor  
statute regarding the  
recovery of franchise  
fees. Any amount in  
excess of four percent  
(4%) shall be  
passed on by the  
Company to the resi-  
dential and commercial  
customers in the  
Municipality as a line  
item on their bills for  
electric service to the  
extent that such treat-  
ment is afforded the  
Additional 2%  
Franchise Fee paid  
pursuant to Section  
4(B), above.  
F. The Municipality  
shall have the right,  
upon reasonable  
notice, to review the  
available  
data and calculations  
upon which the fran-  
chise fee calculations  
are based; provided  
that such notice  
must be received  
within three (3) years  
of the beginning of the  
period to which the  
data and/or  
calculations pertain.  
SECTION 5: Be it  
further ordained that  
the Municipality shall  
make, adopt and 7  
enforce all ordinances  
necessary to protect  
the property and  
property rights of the  
Company owned  
and operated under  
this Franchise, while  
still recognizing the  
rights of any other ent-  
ities holding  
valid franchises with  
the Municipality, and  
that the Municipal-  
ity will not in any way  
interfere with  
the full legal use by  
the Company of the  
property which it now  
maintains or may  
hereafter maintain  
in the Municipality.  
SECTION 6: Be it fur-  
ther ordained that this  
Ordinance, the public  
health and  
welfare and the public  
necessity requiring it,  
shall take effect from  
and after its adoption.  
Notwithstanding the  
foregoing, the  
Company shall file with  
the Municipality the  
Company's written  
acceptance of this Or-  
dinance not later than  
ten (10) days from the  
date of its passage.  
SECTION 7: Be it  
further ordained that  
this Franchise shall be  
for a term of twenty-  
five (25) years from  
date hereof, and  
upon exercise by the  
Company of any of the  
privileges granted  
hereunder, this  
Franchise shall be  
irrevocable. If either  
the Municipality or the  
Company, its legal  
representatives, suc-  
cessors, or assigns,  
institutes any action or  
proceedings to enforce  
the provisions  
of this Ordinance, the  
parties hereby agree  
that specific perfor-  
mance may be sought  
and obtained for  
any breach of this  
Ordinance, without the  
necessity of proving  
actual damages; pro-  
vided, however,  
that either party may,  
at its option, waive its  
right to specific per-  
formance and collect  
damages  
resulting from any  
breach hereof or failure  
to perform hereunder.  
SECTION 8: Nothing  
in this Franchise shall  
be construed as super-  
seding, repealing,  
canceling, modifying,  
or in any way affect-  
ing any of the rights  
enjoyed by Entergy  
Louisiana, Inc.  
under that certain  
franchise granted by  
Ordinance No. 111,  
adopted by the Muni-  
cipality on the 14th  
day of January, 1999,  
and said franchise is  
hereby recognized as  
continuing in full force  
and effect  
in accordance with  
its terms. However, in  
the event of a conflict  
between said franchise  
and this  
8  
Franchise, the provi-  
sions of this Franchise  
shall be controlling.  
SECTION 9:  
Nothing herein shall be  
construed to constitute  
the grant of a franchise  
for the provision of  
any service other than  
electrical service to  
customers within the  
Municipality.  
SECTION 10: Entergy  
Louisiana, Inc. shall,  
by appointment, put  
up Sibley's Christmas  
decorations onto the  
utility poles before  
Christmas and remove  
them after Christmas  
each year.  
WHEREUPON, in  
open session said Or-  
dinance was read and

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considered section by section and as a whole. Keith Merritt Seconded the motion to adopt Town of Sibley Ordinance No. 161. The mayor then ordered a vote of the yeas and nays on its final passage, and upon roll call such votes were as follows:  
YEAS: 5-W. Bolton, P. Chanler, R. Davis, J. Langford, K. Merritt  
NAYS: 0  
ABSTAINED: 0  
ABSENT: 0  
Whereupon the Mayor declared such legally passed and adopted on this the 10th day of February 2025.  
Approved:  
Mayor  
Clerk  
I, Sherry McCann, certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original Ordinance adopted by the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the Town of Sibley, Louisiana, at a lawful meeting held on the 10th day of February, 2025 with a quorum present, and that the same is now in full force and effect.  
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Sherry McCann, Town Clerk  
Town of Sibley, Louisiana

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Public Notice

March 10, 2025  
Posted February 11, 2025  
A public hearing will be held during the Regular Town Council Meeting on Monday, March 10, 2025 at 6pm at the Sibley Town Hall, 345 N. Main St., Sibley, Louisiana for the purpose of considering the adoption of:  
1.  
Proposed Ordinance No. 162 titled:  
AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL ORDINANCES 9-C AND 13 OF THE TOWN OF SIBLEY, LOUISIANA CODE OF ORDINANCES, SETTING FORTH RULES AND RESTRICTIONS FOR GOVERNING THE LANESVILLE CEMETERY  
The Public is invited to attend.

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Minutes

February 10, 2025  
The Sibley Town Council met in regular session on Monday, February 10, 2025, at 6pm at Sibley Town Hall.  
Members present were Mayor Pro-Tem Richard Davis; Aldermen: Wayne Bolton, Pam Chanler, John Langford and Keith Merritt. Mayor Robert Smart was absent.  
Mayor Pro-Tem Davis opened the meeting in prayer; then led the Pledge of Allegiance.  
Keith Merritt motioned to adopt the minutes to the January 13, 2025, Regular Meeting as read, John Langford seconded. Motion carried.  
No New Items were added to the agenda.  
Wayne Bolton motioned to enter a Public Hearing for proposed Ordinance No. 161 titled AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH ENTERGY LOUISIANA, INC., Pam Chanler seconded. Motion carried.  
John Langford motioned, seconded by Wayne Bolton, to exit the public hearing and re-enter the regular meeting. Motion carried.  
John Langford motioned, seconded by Keith Merritt, to adopt proposed Ordinance No. 161 titled AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH ENTERGY LOUISIANA, INC. Roll call vote:  
YEAS: 5-Wayne Bolton, Pam Chanler, Richard Davis, John Langford, Keith Merritt  
NAYS: 0  
ABSENT: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0  
Motion carried. Ordinance No. 161 was adopted.  
Proposed Ordinance No. 162 titled AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL ORDINANCES 9-C AND 13 OF THE TOWN OF SIBLEY, LOUISIANA CODE OF ORDINANCES, SETTING FORTH RULES AND RESTRICTIONS FOR THE LANESVILLE CEMETERY was introduced and upon a motion by Pam Chanler and a second by Wayne Bolton, a public hearing was set for March 10, 2025 during the March 2025 Regular Meeting.  
Keith Merritt motioned to adopt Resolution No. 03-2025 authorizing Mayor Smart to apply for Louisiana Government Assistance Program funding for lift station rehabilitation. Pam Chanler seconded. Motion carried.  
This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer  
1.  
Wayne Bolton motioned to adopt Resolution No. 04-2025 authorizing Mayor Smart to apply for Community Water Enrichment Fund Program funding for radio read meters. Pam Chanler seconded. Motion carried.  
Assistant Chief Richard Davis gave the January 2025 Activity Report for the Sibley Volunteer Fire Department.  
Assistant Chief Clint Meshell gave the January 2025 Activity Report for the Sibley Police Department.  
The Board acknowledged receipt of the January 2025 Financial Report.  
Keith Merritt motioned to adjourn; Wayne Bolton seconded. Motion carried.  
Meeting adjourned.  
Richard Davis  
Mayor Pro-Tempore  
Attest  
Sherry McCann  
Town Clerk

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Public Notice

Public Notification of Five-Year Review for Camp Minden, Louisiana  
The Army is initiating the seventh Five-Year Review for Camp Minden, formerly Louisiana Army Ammunition Plant (LAAP), located in Bossier and Webster Parishes, Louisiana. The Army, with oversight by the United States Environmental 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 Pollution 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 actions' 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. Components of the selected remedy in the 2007 ROD for EPA OUs include monitored natural attenuation/long-term monitoring for explosives, volatile organic compounds, and metals in groundwater and institutional controls in the form of deed restrictions 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 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 questions or comments about the Camp Minden Five-Year Review or interest in additional site information, please contact Lt. Col. Noel Collins, Louisiana National Guard director of public affairs. Her contact information is:

LTC Noel Collins  
Director of Public Affairs  
6400 Saint Claude Ave  
New Orleans, LA 70117  
504-278-8122  
Elizabeth.n.collins.mil@army.mil

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PUBLIC NOTICE

FOR PUBLIC HEARING

\_\_\_\_\_ Village of Dixie Inn\_\_\_\_\_, Louisiana

The \_\_\_\_\_ Village of Dixie Inn\_\_\_\_\_ will hold a public hearing at \_\_\_\_\_ 4:00 \_\_\_\_\_ p.m. on February 27, 2025 at the \_\_\_\_\_ located at \_\_\_\_\_ 60 Shell St., Minden\_\_\_\_\_, LA. The purpose of the meeting is to obtain views on the housing and community development needs of the \_\_\_\_\_ Village\_\_\_\_\_ and to discuss the submission of an application for funding under the State of Louisiana FY 2026/2027 Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) Program. The following items will be discussed at the hearing:  
The amount of funds available for proposed community development and housing activities;  
The range of activities available that may be undertaken, including the estimated amount of funds proposed to be used for activities that will benefit persons of low and moderate incomes;  
The plans of the \_\_\_\_\_ Village\_\_\_\_\_ for minimizing displaced persons as a result of activities assisted with such funds and the benefits to be provided by the \_\_\_\_\_ Village\_\_\_\_\_ to persons actually displaced as a result of such activities; and,  
The \_\_\_\_\_ Village\_\_\_\_\_ past performance on LCD-BG projects funded by the State of Louisiana. All residents, particularly those of low and moderate income and residents of slum and blighted areas of the \_\_\_\_\_ Village\_\_\_\_\_ are encouraged to attend this meeting.

Accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities and/or limited English proficiency provided that three (3) days' notice are received by the \_\_\_\_\_ Village\_\_\_\_\_.

Those citizens unable to attend this hearing may submit their views and proposals until \_\_\_\_\_ February 27, 2025 in writing to:

Village of Dixie Inn  
60 Shell St.  
Minden, LA 71055-9105

\_\_\_\_\_, Donna Hoffoss\_\_\_\_\_, Chief Elected Official

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Public Notice

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ELECTIONS  
NOTICE OF MEETING  
to select commissioners & alternates for the March 29, 2025 election

Friday, February 28, 2025, 10:00 A.M.  
Webster Parish Clerk of Court's Office  
410 Main St., Basement Floor  
Minden, Louisiana

AGENDA  
1. Call to Order  
2. Selection of Commissioners & Alternates  
3. Adjourn

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ORDINANCE NO. 25-02

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR THE SALE OF MOVABLE AND IMMOVABLE PROPERTY  
WHEREAS, the Town of Cotton Valley owns certain movable and immovable property and periodically reviews its assets to determine which items are no longer needed for public use; WHEREAS, the following items have been identified as surplus property and are no longer necessary for the operations of the Town; WHEREAS, Louisiana law, including La. R.S. 33:4711 and La. R.S. 49:125, sets forth the legal framework for the disposition of municipal property deemed surplus.  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor/Alderman of the Town of Cotton Valley that the following procedures shall be followed:

SECTION 1: PURPOSE AND DEFINITIONS  
Purpose – This ordinance establishes a process for the sale of surplus movable and immovable property owned by the Town.  
Definitions –  
Movable Property – Vehicles, machinery, tools, office equipment, and other tangible assets that are not permanently affixed.  
Immovable Property – Land, buildings, and structures permanently affixed to land.  
Surplus Property – Property that is no longer required for municipal operations or public use.

SECTION 2: DECLARATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY  
The following items are hereby declared surplus property and are no longer needed for municipal operations:  
Item Description  
2003 White Ford Crown Victoria  
2012 Green Chevy Tahoe  
Storage Building at Ball Field  
Old Maintenance Storage Building by the water tower (Ice House)  
Remove Slide at Park/Use for scrap  
(3) Fuel Tanks  
Contents of Train Depot (kiln & molds)  
Ford Backhoe  
Library and Land  
Building (old train depot) and land.

SECTION 3: AUTHORIZATION FOR DISPOSAL  
The Town is authorized to dispose of the surplus property using the following methods:  
Public Auction or Sealed Bid – The property shall be sold to the highest bidder.  
Intergovernmental Transfer – The property may be transferred to another government agency.  
Public Sale – Items may be sold at fair market value.  
Donation – If deemed in the public interest, property may be donated to a nonprofit organization.  
Recycling or Salvage – If the property has no value, it may be properly discarded.  
Public Notice Requirement:  
Sales shall be advertised at least 15 days in advance in an official municipal journal or website.  
The Mayor/Alderman shall declare each property surplus by resolution and specify whether the property is to be sold by public auction, sealed bid, private sale, or other authorized method.  
Fair Market Value Determination  
Movable Property – Valuation may be based on prior sales, appraisals, or auction estimates.  
Immovable Property – An independent appraisal may be required.  
The Mayor/Clerk is hereby authorized to oversee the disposal process in accordance with Louisiana law and municipal policy.

SECTION 4: DISPOSITION OF FUNDS  
All proceeds from the sale of surplus property shall be deposited into the General Fund, unless otherwise directed by the governing body.

SECTION 5: SEVERABILITY CLAUSE  
If any provision of this ordinance is found invalid or unenforceable, the remaining sections shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 6: EFFECTIVE DATE  
This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption and publication as required by law.

ADOPTED this 11 day of March, 2025, by the Alderman of the Town of Cotton Valley.

SIGNED:  
Bruce Lee  
Mayor, Town of Cotton Valley  
ATTEST:  
Tiffany Parish  
Town Clerk, Town of Cotton Valley

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Notice

The Minden Housing Authority will hold a Public Meeting on April 8, 2025, to receive comments on the 2025 Annual PHA Plan, 2025-2029 5- Year PHA Plan and the 2025-2029 CFP Capital Fund 5-Year Action Plan Budget/2025 CFP Annual Statement.

All documents are on display and available for viewing at the office of the Housing Authority, located at 1209 East Street, Minden, LA 71055, Monday through Thursday, between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm.

**February 19, 26,2025**  
**Minden Press Herald**

Minutes

JANUARY 6, 2025  
VILLAGE OF DOYLINE

The meeting was called to Order by Mayor Gates. The invocation was offered by Jackie Daniels and the Pledge of Allegiance by Steve Bridwell. Roll was called and those present were Mayor Gates, Steve Bridwell, Rachael Muniz, Jackie Daniels, Chief Hayden and Clerk, Myra Kilburn, Mike Dunaway Sewer Superintendent. None absent.

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

Travis Moorehart addressed the Mayor and Council with his Audit Review Findings. Mr. Moorehart states the Village is in great financial shape compared to previous years and encouraged the Mayor and Council to continue on this path. He advised a budget review and possible amendment are in order prior to close of business this fiscal year.

A motion was made by Steve Bridwell, seconded by Rachael Muniz to pass a blanket WPPJ resolution allowing the mayor to make request to that organization to spend funds allotted each year. Motion carried.

A Motion was made by Steve Bridwell, seconded by Jackie Daniels, to continue the appointment of Paul Kitchens, as Attorney of Record for the Village of Doyline. Motion carried.

A Motion was made by Rachael Muniz, seconded by Steve Bridwell, to continue the appointment of Minden Press Herald as the official Journal of Record for the Village of Doyline. Motion carried.

Mike Dunaway reported no freezing issues at the sewer pond currently, but would be doing some maintenance prevent any future problems. The clerk and Mayor reported the general work around town is going well and that they hope to have the street sign project and extending clearing on Main Street completed soon.  
Chief Hayden reported things had been quiet and relatively peaceful. No major call outs to discuss.

Motion was made by Jackie Daniels, seconded by Rachael Muniz to adjourn. Motion carried.

Myra Kilburn  
Crystal Gates

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3. Favorite Appliance Store	49. Favorite Lawyer
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5. Favorite Auto Parts Store	51. Favorite Lunch Location
6. Favorite Bank	52. Favorite Manufactured Home Dealer/Supplier
7. Favorite Barber Shop	53. Favorite Mini Storage
8. Favorite BBQ	54. Favorite Mechanic
9. Favorite Beauty Shop	55. Favorite Mexican Restaurant
10. Favorite Breakfast Restaurant	56. Favorite Middle School
11. Favorite Car Wash/Detail	57. Favorite New Auto Dealer
12. Favorite Casino	58. Favorite New Vehicle Salesperson
13. Favorite Catering	59. Favorite Nonprofit
14. Favorite Chicken	60. Favorite Nursing Home/Assisted Living
15. Favorite Church	61. Favorite Oil Change Location
16. Favorite Clothing Store	62. Favorite Pawn Shop
17. Favorite Coach (ANY SPORT)	63. Favorite Pediatrician
18. Favorite Contractor	64. Favorite Pest Control Provider
19. Favorite C.P.A.	65. Favorite Pet Groomer
20. Favorite Crawfish	66. Favorite Pharmacy
21. Favorite Customer Service (any business)	67. Favorite Physician/Surgeon
22. Favorite Dance Studio	68. Favorite Pizza Restaurant
23. Favorite Daycare Provider	69. Favorite Place to Stay Overnight
24. Favorite Dentist	70. Favorite Plumber
25. Favorite Drive Thru Restaurant	71. Favorite Principal
26. Favorite Electrician	72. Favorite Public Official
27. Favorite Elementary School	73. Favorite Real Estate Office
28. Favorite Evening Meal Restaurant	74. Favorite Restaurant
29. Favorite Event Destination/Venue	75. Favorite Roofing Company
30. Favorite Eye Care Provider	76. Favorite School Teacher
31. Favorite Financial Advisor	77. Favorite Seafood Restaurant
32. Favorite Florist	78. Favorite Shoe Store
33. Favorite Funeral Home	79. Favorite Small Business
34. Favorite Furniture Store	80. Favorite Tanning Salon
35. Favorite Gas Station	81. Favorite Tax Preparer
36. Favorite Gift Shop (Non-Florist)	82. Favorite Tire Store
37. Favorite Glass Shop - (Non-Eyewear)	83. Favorite Used Auto Dealer
38. Favorite Grocery Store	84. Favorite Used Vehicle Salesperson
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## GARDENING WITH DR. JOE WHITE

# Double Duty Plants

JOE W. WHITE, PH.D.  
Extension Horticulturist, (ret)  
LSU AgCenter  
February 2025

We are still within a prime time for adding plants to our landscape... if there is any available space. There are hundreds of plants suited to our climate zone from which to choose, but have you considered adding a plant that can offer both beauty and food? Several plants have that ability. Plants which bear edible fruits are generally preceded by showy blossoms, but the flowers of plants which don't produce edible fruits may be just as attractive also. And in some cases both will provide lagniappe in the form of a pleasing aroma. One asset of homegrown fruit is that it can be harvested at its peak of ripeness which means it will be at its best possible flavor and texture.

There are only two main downsides to fruit bearing plants in landscapes. The first is fruit litter if no one uses the fruit and the second is the need to deal with pest problems to make the fruit usable.

The Oriental or Japanese persimmon is a relatively small to medium size tree that is usually a good choice because its foliage is dark green and of medium texture. The fruit is about the size of a small orange and when ripe varies from a reddish orange to pure orange in color. Some varieties are seedless while others are not. Harvesting the fruit at full ripeness will usually avoid the astringent "puckering" effect.

Another fruiting plant which may be of interest is

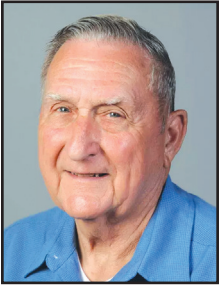
the loquat also called Japanese plum. Its large leaves can resemble those of the Southern Magnolia. Although it fruits most years in South Louisiana, its yellow fruit doesn't appear every year here in North Louisiana due to its short chill requirement which allows its flowers to open before our frosts and freezes are over.

One other plant to consider is the pineapple guava. This evergreen shrub is a large plant at maturity and typically winter hardy\* I had one with trunks about six inches in diameter that was several years old (without any protection) until the zero degrees two or three years ago\* However, it now seems to be recovering. Its attractive bi-colored flowers are followed by small greenish fruits suitable for

size of an orange. Be careful when shopping for this species as there are several varieties that don't produce fruit and probably less that do. The two fruiting varieties with which I am familiar are "wonderful" and "Sweet".

While the LSU AgCenter doesn't recommend growing citrus in North Louisiana, many homeowners have succeeded with some of the hardiest types if these are given adequate production during the winter season.

Figs are good choices for landscape use in regard to fruit production, but are not really attractive plants unless properly pruned. Some of the best varieties are: LSU Purple, Celeste, Champagne (Golden Celeste), Southeastern Brown Turkey and Tiger (Giant Celeste).



JOE W. WHITE, Ph.D.

making jelly and its white puffy flower petals are edible. Pest problems are few, if any.

Pomegranates are another option for plants to add to your landscape. These relatively small trees usually are no more than 10 feet high and bear bright crimson colored fruit about the



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