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WEBSTER & MORE

NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM

Dorcheat Museum to honor past director

Special to the Minden Press-Herald

The Dorcheat Historical Association Museum will hold its first Night at the Museum event for 2025 on Monday, March 10th at 6:00pm at the museum. This event will feature past museum director Schelley Francis. Schelley has been instrumental in preserving and sharing the history of the area through her involvement with the museum, Minden Cemetery Association, and Minden Residential Historic District. Doors will open at 5:30pm. Admission is free and donations are always appreciated to support continued operation of the museum. Refresh-

ments will include pot luck snacks and desserts. Seating is limited. We invite everyone to join us as we recognize Schelley for her hard work and dedication. For more information, please visit our website at www.dorcheatmuseum.com or contact museum director Jessica Gorman at 318-377-3002. About Dorcheat Historical Association Museum The Dorcheat Historical Association Museum is dedicated to preserving and showcasing the rich history of Webster Parish. We aim to inspire a deeper understanding of our past and foster appreciation for our community's heritage.



CRIME

Fight between sisters leads to arrests for domestic abuse battery

STAFF REPORT
Minden Press-Herald

One of two sisters was arrested for domestic abuse battery with child endangerment after officers responded to a reported fight at a residence on Hackett Drive on February 24.

According to Minden police, officers arrived at the scene and spoke with Jnai Warren and her younger sister, who stated a physical altercation had taken place prior to law enforcement's arrival. Three juveniles (including the younger sister), ages 16, 16, and 7, were

present in the home during the incident. The dispute reportedly began when Jnai took her sister's phone for an unconfirmed reason. The sister attempted to retrieve it, at which point Jnai allegedly struck her. A fight then broke out between the two.

Jnai stated that her sister "bumped her" while holding her phone, leading Jnai to shove her away and retreat to the kitchen. The sister then allegedly grabbed a shower curtain rod, followed Jnai, and struck her with it, escalating the altercation. Officers observed broken

glass, hair, blood, and broken fingernails on the floor of the kitchen. The sister later admitted to hitting Jnai with the shower curtain rod. Both individuals sustained injuries, including bleeding from broken fingernails. The sister, 16, was released into the custody of

her mother, while Jnai, 21, was transported to BDCC. She was charged with domestic abuse battery with child endangerment. All subjects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

A WORD FROM THE MAYOR

Powering Minden's future: A fight for fair power

Special to the Minden Press-Herald

Minden residents, your voices have been heard loud and clear. The electricity bills straining our households and businesses have long been a shared burden. It's no secret that Minden carries the unfortunate distinction of having the highest electricity rates in Louisiana. At 16.31 cents per kilowatt-hour, well above the state average of 11.55 cents, our community is paying a steep price, both financially and competitively. Small businesses feel this pressure just as deeply, with energy costs cutting into already tight

margins. This isn't just a number. It's a challenge we face together every day. The effects touch every part of Minden. Families among us are making tough calls, cutting back on essentials to keep the lights on. Local business owners grapple with whether to raise prices or take the hit themselves, risking their livelihoods either way. Meanwhile, as nearby cities highlight their affordability, we're left working harder to hold onto the people and businesses that make Minden our home. This isn't just about money. It's about our pride, our

stability, and the future we envision for our city. We are not here to linger on the problem. We are here to celebrate the solution. After months of careful planning, our community is taking bold action. On June 1, 2025, we'll transition our electricity supply to the Louisiana Energy and Power Authority, or LEPA. For those unfamiliar, LEPA is a cooperative that harnesses the collective purchasing power of municipalities like ours to secure electricity at better rates. By uniting with other Louisiana cities, we are embracing the advantage that comes from sharing

our purchasing ability. Sharing the load, we're paving the way for progress. What does this mean for us? Experts estimate this shift could lower our electricity rates by 20 to 25 percent. That's a meaningful reduction, enough to lighten the load on our monthly budgets and give our businesses a real shot at thriving. When July and August roll around, and those first adjusted bills land in our mailboxes, we'll see the change for ourselves. This is a moment we've long awaited, a step we've championed because it matters to all of us.

This isn't just about saving money. It's about reshaping Minden's future. Lower electricity costs will make our city more welcoming to families looking to put down roots and entrepreneurs ready to invest. Together, we're sharpening our edge, ensuring Minden is known not for its struggles but for its resilience and determination. Picture a city where the lights burn bright without draining our wallets, where businesses flourish free from crushing overhead, and where our neighbors no longer look elsewhere for a better deal. That's the Minden we're building as

a team. As June approaches, we'll keep everyone in the loop every step of the way. This victory belongs to all of us, and we want everyone to feel part of it. As a community, neighbors, leaders, and friends who have all felt the weight of these rates, we're dedicated to seeing this through. Minden, this is our moment to claim the fairness we deserve, and to build a brighter, more affordable tomorrow. Let's stay tuned for updates as we approach the switch to LEPA. Relief is coming, and we're excited for what lies ahead as we continue moving forward, together!

COMMUNITY

Mt. Lebanon meeting welcomes Justice Jay McCallum

Special to the Minden Press-Herald

Mt. Lebanon Historical Society's annual business meeting and memorial service was held on Sunday, February 16, 2025 in the sanctuary of Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church. Guest speaker Justice Jay McCallum was introduced by Wayne Gray and Society president John Cole. During the meeting, the 2025-2026 slate of officers, board members, and advisory board members were presented. They are: Officers: President John Cole, Vice President

Phillip Towns, Treasurer Marsha Andrews, Corresponding Secretary Mary Claire Kettler, Recording Secretary Marguerite Gray, Publicity/Marketing Donna Sutton, and Publicity/Marketing/Hostess Vickie Youngblood. Board Members: Ann Barr and Joey Allen, Elaine Carter, Aaron Clark, Beth and Steve Fontenot, Marguerite and Wayne Gray, Patti Joyner, Melinda Kidd, Jack Land, Steve and Jennifer Towns, Steven Lyles, and Tommy Youngblood. Homeowners Advisory

Board: Marsha Andrews, Roger Freeman, Jennifer and Herbert Newman, Pam and Jeff Stogsdill, and John C. Thurmond. It was noted that Mt. Lebanon Historical Society now has 257 members. Fifty-six of these are charter members from 1968. The meeting concluded with a memorial service, which was conducted for Society members who have passed away. Mrs. Earlene Melton, James Cronin Egan, Jr. and Mary Alice Hardman Egan were remembered during this service.

EDUCATION

Webster Parish Schools celebrate Read Across America

AMBER MCDOWN
Minden Press-Herald

Schools across Webster Parish will celebrate Read Across America this week with activities aimed at encouraging literacy among students. Parents are invited to participate in planned events at their child's

school as part of the nationwide initiative. Oreata Banks, federal programs supervisor for the Webster Parish School Board, encourages parents to check with their child's school for details on scheduled activities. Read Across America, an annual event promoted by the National

Education Association, is designed to foster a love of reading in children. Schools typically mark the occasion with guest readers, themed activities, and book-related events. For more information, parents are advised to contact their child's school directly.

CRIME

Woman arrested for illegal entry into Mercy's Closet

STAFF REPORT
Minden Press-Herald

A woman was arrested after security footage showed her entering buildings at a local business without permission, according to Minden police.

Officers responded to Mercy's Closet on Sibley Road on February 18 after the business owner reported a prior incident. The owner of Mercy's Closet provided security footage showing a woman arriving at the business in a silver Nissan Pathfinder on February 14 around 2:30 AM. The woman, using a flashlight, attempted to open multiple doors before entering two buildings through unlocked doors. No items appeared to be taken. The owner posted images of the woman on social media to help



identify her. Later that morning, a woman who identified herself as Brittney Amey, 29, called the business and admitted to being the person in the footage, according to police. The owner reportedly offered Amey an opportunity to avoid charges by volunteering at the business for an eight-hour shift, which Amey agreed to. However, she failed to show up as scheduled on February 18. Authorities later confirmed the vehicle in the footage was registered to Amey. The business owner provided video footage, a written statement, and signed a com-

plaint affidavit seeking criminal charges. An arrest warrant was issued for Amey on February 22 for unauthorized entry of a place of business. Officers served the warrant that morning at a residence in the 400 block of College Street, where Amey was taken into custody. Police say she admitted to entering the buildings but stated she did not take anything. She was booked at the Minden Police Department and later transferred to BDCC. All subjects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

WEBSTER & MORE

Q&A

Minden District E Town Hall set for March 11

AMBER MCDOWN

Minden Press-Herald

A Town Hall meeting for Minden City Council District E is scheduled for March 11 at 5:30 PM at the Community House on Gladney Street.

City Council Member Andy Pendergrass an-

nounced the meeting, stating that he and Mayor Nick Cox will be present to discuss city matters and answer questions from residents.

AT&T will sponsor the event, providing food and updates



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on the fiber optic internet installation throughout the district.

“We are excited to visit with you all,” Pendergrass posted on social media.

In response to a question about the

event’s focus on District E, Pendergrass clarified that fiber optic installation is occurring citywide, but he will specifically address progress within District E as its representative. He also noted that residents from other districts are welcome to attend.

COMMUNITY

“You’re Being Scammed!”: Community event to expose fraud tactics

AMBER MCDOWN

Minden Press-Herald

Local residents will have the opportunity to learn how to protect themselves from financial scams at an upcoming community seminar titled “You’re Being Scammed!!” The free event is scheduled for Thursday, March 27, from 6 PM to 7:30 PM at the Minden Civic Center, located at 520 Broadway Street in Minden.

The seminar will feature a panel of experts, including Tracy L. Campbell from Meriwether Wealth & Planning, Webster Parish Sheriff Jason Parker, Minden Police Chief Jared McIver, and Jack E. Byrd Jr. from b1BANK. A special guest, an FBI field agent, will also be in attendance to provide insight into the latest scam tactics and prevention strategies.

The event, which follows a similar seminar held in August, aims to educate the public on recognizing scams and avoiding financial loss. Experts will discuss how scammers target victims and offer practical advice to stay protected.

“Many intelligent, well-educated people fall for scams, and it’s important to remember that embarrassment should never prevent reporting these crimes,” Chief McIver said at last year’s event. “No amount is too small to report, as any piece of information could help law enforcement track down scammers.”

Byrd previously shared alarming statistics, not-

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ing that in a two-month period last year, Minden-area scams accounted for nearly \$250,000 in losses. Sheriff Parker also recounted a case where a scammer

used the dark web to obtain personal information and successfully defraud a victim of \$60,000.

The event is free, but seating is limited to 400

people. Dinner will be provided for attendees. An RSVP is required, and interested individuals can sign up by calling 318-377-0523 (b1BANK).

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the Shreveport Road water line replacement. This phase of the plan will include replacing the water line from the water plant to Miller Street. The existing ten-inch water line will be replaced with a twelve-inch water line, allowing for additional capacity.

While it’s a bit down the road from where the project is now, the mayor did acknowledge that in the later phases, the city will have to access some

parts of the water line that are under the brick streets downtown.

“Eventually, though, to replace that water line, we’re going to have to run down the brick road, and that will for sure be no fun at all,” said Mayor Cox. “I think it’s a very worthy project.”

Later in the meeting, the council approved the mayor’s recommendation to hire Sarah Overall as the new Minden Main Street/Economic Development Director.

“When you hire some-

body or pick somebody for a job, you hope you get a good applicant. In this situation, it seemed like everybody who applied was a very good applicant. The old saying is, when you choose, you lose that which you didn’t choose. It’s hard sometimes to make these decisions, but one person just really stood out above the others,” said Cox.

“I have an awful lot of confidence in this person, so tonight I’m recommending to the council that we appoint Sarah

Overall as Main Street/Economic Development Director.”

The Minden City Council meeting takes place on the first Monday of each month, starting at 6 PM at the Minden Civic Center. The meetings are open to the public, and for those who wish to view the meeting live or after the fact, it is live-streamed on the City of Minden’s Facebook page and YouTube channel titled “City of Minden.”

SCHOOLS

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Following the discussion, the board approved the purchase of a tract of land adjacent to Brown Upper Elementary. The project, which has been in development since last summer, aims to construct a sidewalk along Patterson Street, a busier road than MLK Drive, to provide students with a safer route to school.

Employee Evaluations and School Trips Approved

The board approved updates to Employee

Evaluation Performance Reviews for instructional coaches and food service department employees.

Several school trips were also approved:

J.L. Jones Elementary School’s third-grade students will travel by charter bus to the Caldwell Zoo in Tyler, Texas, on April 17. The estimated cost of \$4,857.78 will be funded through Title I.

The Minden High School Band of Pride Auxiliary will attend a camp at Texas Southern University in Houston from June 16-20.

North Webster Upper Elementary School students will travel to Southern Arkansas University in Magnolia on April 10 to watch a live production of Cinderella, funded by Title I.

Lesia Ward and two students from Lakeside Jr./Sr. High School will attend a Career Expo in Marshall, Texas, on February 26.

School Summit Presentation

A group of educators who attended the Innovative School Summit in New York City presented their findings to the

board. The delegation, consisting of counselors, behavior interventionists, attendance officers, teachers, assistant principals, and supervisors, shared insights on culturally responsive practices. They highlighted strategies for supporting students’ behavioral and social-emotional needs, such as managing emotions, and discussed how these approaches contribute to a positive school climate and culture.

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“He is committed to making the greater Minden area a place people want to visit, live, and work. We appreciate all you do and look forward to what you do in the future,” Chapman remarked.

Woman of the Year: Sara McDaniel

Selected by the Young Women’s Service Club, McDaniel was praised for her investment in both business and people. “She is an encourager, a believer, a fighter, a promoter, a hard worker, someone others turn to for guidance and direction,” said Campbell. “One of the requirements of the Woman of the Year Award is that she ‘represents Minden in the brightest light.’ I think we would all agree that that criteria will be met this year.”

Man of the Year: Tracy Campbell

Selected by the Lions Club, Campbell was honored for his dedication to the community.

“It is my tremendous honor to celebrate a dear friend as he receives this well-deserved award,” Chapman said. “He is a Minden transplant, but I’m glad to say that treasures do come from the northern part of the parish and are huge assets to our community. If you’ve lived in Minden for any period of time, you probably know this guy’s name; I assure you, he cares enough to know yours.”

As the evening concluded, incoming 2025 Chamber Board Chair Lindsay McClaran expressed gratitude for the outgoing board members and enthusiasm for the year ahead. “This evening is about more than looking back on our achievements, it’s about looking ahead to the exciting opportunities that 2025 will bring for our businesses, our community, and the future of Minden,” she said.

The gala served as a testament to the thriving business community in Minden, celebrating growth, dedication, and the people who make the city a great place to live and work.

CRIME

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inside a shoe in the living room, along with a baggie of synthetic marijuana. Two vehicles suspected of being used in drug distribution were also confiscated.

Bridges, a convicted felon, has a prior felony conviction from July 31, 2017, for illegal use, possession, or control of a weapon in a crime of violence. He was sentenced to five years of hard labor, which was suspended, and was on active probation until July 31, 2022.

Bridges faces multiple charges, including two counts of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, possession with intent to distribute syn-

thetic marijuana, possession of a controlled dangerous substance in the presence of juveniles, two counts of possession of a firearm in the presence of a controlled dangerous substance, and possession of a firearm with an obliterated serial number.

As they were wrapping up, Lt. Shane Griffith of the Minden Police narcotics division said, “Whether you live in an outhouse or a penthouse, if you sell dope in Minden, you’re going to go to jail. Period.”

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A public meeting will be held on April 7 at 6 PM at the Parish School Board Office in Minden. At this meeting, the board will consider a resolution to call special elections for the renewal of various ad valorem and sales taxes benefiting the school district.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for April 7 and will be open to the public.

Upcoming Public Meet-

OPINION

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OPINION

Former FBI Director James Comey’s
Corruption is Again Exposed

When egregious conduct occurs at the hands of a prominent, high-level government employee it’s very important that it be highlighted and memorialized for the sake of history. The actions of former FBI Director James Comey qualify as one of those instances.

It has been several years since we were daily exposed to the facts of this corruption, so please allow me to briefly recap:

James Comey is directly responsible for Deep State spying and the Russia Hoax. Comey, as sanctimonious as he is disingenuous, leaked classified information to falsely create the appearance of a need for a special counsel. This involved the Steele dossier lie—the false and misleading information funded by Hillary Clinton with campaign donations and used to secure FISA warrants—resulting in the fraudulent and hugely distracting two-year, \$32 million taxpayer-inquisition by Robert Mueller that ‘found no collusion between President Trump’s campaign and Russia’—a pathetic episode of lawfare that Trump accurately and continually refers to as the “Russia Hoax.”

We now know that under Comey the FBI ignored evidence that it was being used by the Clinton campaign to fund and to execute a political dirty trick. This included intelligence the government received in July 2016 alleging that Mrs. Clinton had approved “a proposal from one of her foreign policy advisors to vilify Donald Trump by stirring up a scandal claiming interference by the Russian security services.” Comey briefed this material to President Barack Obama, Vice President Joe Biden and Attorney General Loretta Lynch yet the FBI, nevertheless, ignored the demonstrably false, political nature of this “intelligence.” (Durham Report).

How - ever, this week a story broke that Comey is now being investigated for setting in motion an off-the-book “honeypot” operation prior to the corrupt actions I have just highlighted. Apparently, Comey sent a pair of undercover female agents to compromise the 2016 Trump campaign. (A “honeypot” operation is an operational practice that involves the use of a covert agent (often female), to create a sexual or romantic relationship to compromise a target.)

According to the Washington Times, FBI Director Kash Patel and Deputy Director Dan Bongino are looking for a pair of once-undercover female employees who were allegedly directed to ingratiate their way into the Trump campaign as “honeypots” when traveling with the then-presidential candidate and his campaign team. (Blaze Media). Blaze Media further reports that “an agency whistleblower revealed in a protected disclosure that shortly after Trump announced his bid for the presidency in June 2015, Comey deployed two undercover FBI agents to compromise the campaign at senior levels, gaining access and intelligence.” This story further outlines that the “whistleblower report suggested that the operation was effectively a fishing expedition, as it did not appear to be targeting any specific crime; was intentionally hidden from the Department of Justice Inspector General Michael Horowitz during his review of possible FBI misconduct; was ultimately abandoned after one of the infiltrators had her cover blown; and served as possible evidence of institutional bias against Trump.” You think?!

I close with the article’s most damning observation: “The case had no predicated foundation, so Comey personally directed the investigation without creating an official case ... Comey did not have a legitimate reason not to officially create an official investigation file or have a file number.” Comey later “bragged in 2018,

for instance, that he probably wouldn’t have done or maybe gotten away with it in a more organized investigation, a more organized administration.”

The Washington Times reports that “The FBI whistleblower employee noted in the disclosure that one of the undercovers agreed to be transferred to the CIA so she would not be available as a potential witness. The other undercover employee was rewarded for her activities through a promotion in the bureau and is now a high-level FBI executive in a major field office.”

This is why the American people have lost faith in their national institutions. This is why Comey should be prosecuted.

Perhaps much closer to the feelings of millions of Americans is a social media post this past week: “I don’t care about inflation or the cost of eggs or anything else; I only want Trump to keep taking a blow torch to the whole corrupt, diseased system” until we have our government and country back and we have re-established what Thomas Jefferson referred to as a “Government By The Consent Of the Governed.”

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

INSPIRATION

Sharing My Story About Brain Injury

For over thirty years the Brain Injury Association of America (BIAA) has led the nation in observing Brain Injury Awareness Month by conducting public awareness campaign in March of each year.

The theme for the campaign is Change Your Mind providing an awareness platform for educating the general public about the incidence of brain injury and the needs of people with brain injuries and their families and Individuals

I shall never forget when I first became aware of just how important it is that I share my story of my mother’s tragic accident, when she lapsed into a coma at the age of two, while her parents were living in an underground dugout in Woods County, Oklahoma where their family was in the Land Rush of Oklahoma in 1908.

I was over-awed, after sharing my mother’s story, at a Christian writer’s conference in 2010. A young woman approached me and told me how grateful she was that I had told my story that day because her daughter had been in an automobile accident that caused her to be disabled for life yet

she was soon to become a new mother.

A year later I saw her again and she said that somehow it was working out with their family and the new grand baby.

It helps knowing someone else has experienced what you are going through.

Not long after that experience I was sitting in a doctor’s waiting room next to a young woman. Being the perpetual story teller that I am, I began sharing my story about my mother’s brain trauma.

I noticed she became speechless while I told my story.

After I finished she said “there’s a reason you just told me that story. I am helping my sister-in-law, who was brain damaged in an auto accident to raise her teenage daughter.”

She confirmed how important sharing my mother’s story

really is.

It took me a long time to find out what happened to my childlike mother but one thing I will always know she loved me so much and wanted to do better but didn’t know how. I shall never forget her blinding tears when we went to an orphanage.

I would probably not be here today had it not been for my parent’s neighbors matching them up after my maternal grandfather died leaving my thirty-nine year old mother with no family support system. My paternal grandmother also had just passed away leaving my already ill father with no one to care so it was an easy match.

But anyway my sister, Alice, and I came into this world in a most unusual setting and we both vividly remember the taunts and stares of other children because of our funny clothes and everything that goes with being poor.

Children can be cruel. I don’t think anyone knew what had happened to mother but the school yard bullying hurt us both to the core.

Being a child is hard enough

but standing out in a crowd hurts.

What I am here to say is that what happens to someone else can just as easily happen to you. To think not is to be naive.

I recall one summer in the early 80’s when three young people in this area had accidents that caused them to lapse into a coma resulting in permanent brain damage.

Sometimes just hearing someone else’s story gives us the courage to go on. We should not be so afraid to reach out, to share where we came from.

After all “we are all angels flying with only one wing and we can only fly embracing each other.”

Whatever happens to us can be a tool we can use to lift other’s to their feet, out of depression and lead us to a brighter day.

Where will my story lead I do not know but one thing I know is that Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever and He always gets me to the right place at the right time.

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Honoring Excellence: Man of the Year Tracy Campbell and Woman of the Year Sara McDaniel

As we reflect on the achievements of the past year, we find ourselves celebrating two individuals whose unwavering dedication to our community exemplify the very spirit of Minden. At the 83rd Annual Greater Minden Chamber Awards Gala, Tracy Campbell was named Man of the Year and Sara McDaniel was recognized as Woman of the Year—two deserving honorees whose commitment to our city has left an indelible mark.

Tracy Campbell: A Legacy of Commitment

I first met Tracy Campbell years ago when I had the privilege of hiring him as editor of the Minden Press-Herald. Little did I know at the time that his impact on our community would far exceed his role at the newspaper. Tracy came to Minden with a wealth of knowledge, but it was his heart for this town that truly

set him apart.

From the moment he arrived, Tracy fell in love with Minden. Over the years, even after his time at the Press-Herald came to an end, Tracy remained a tireless advocate for our community. He immersed himself in local events, offered his support to various initiatives, and helped to elevate the conversation around what makes Minden such a special place. Tracy’s contributions to Minden have been far-reaching, and his deep, genuine love for the community has only grown stronger. His recognition as Man of the



DAVID SPECHT

Year is a testament to his lasting impact on our town, and it’s clear that Tracy’s work, both during and after his time as editor, continues to benefit all of us. His leadership, dedication, and vision for Minden will be remembered for years to come.

Sara McDaniel: A True Champion of Minden’s Future

When it comes to individuals who pour their hearts and hands into reviving and rejuvenating Minden, Sara McDaniel stands at the forefront. Sara’s passion for Minden is undeniable—she is always looking for ways to make our town not only better, but truly great. She’s not one to just talk about change; she’s the one putting in the hard work to make it happen. Whether it’s renovating buildings, supporting local businesses, or promoting the unique aspects that make Minden shine, Sara is always looking for ways to

lift up our community.

Sara’s dedication to her hometown runs deep. She has taken her love for Minden and channeled it into tangible action, revitalizing key areas of the community and ensuring that the best parts of our town continue to thrive. She understands that building a community requires hard work, grit, and collaboration—and that’s exactly what she brings to the table. Sara’s tireless efforts have inspired many and remind us all of the importance of preserving and building on the rich heritage of our city.

As Woman of the Year, Sara embodies the spirit of progress and determination, and we are all fortunate to benefit from her efforts to make Minden a better place.

A Bright Future Ahead

Both Tracy and Sara have exemplified what it means to serve

a community with passion, perseverance, and heart. They are not just leaders; they are true advocates for Minden, always looking to make a positive difference. It’s no surprise that they have been honored with these well-deserved awards.

As we move forward into the future, let us all take inspiration from Tracy and Sara’s commitment to this community. Let us remember that the future of Minden lies in our hands, and it’s up to all of us to continue the work they’ve started. Congratulations to both of these outstanding individuals on their recognition, and thank you for all you’ve done—and continue to do—to make Minden the vibrant community we’re all proud to call home.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL



Lakeside's Peyton Gray attempts a bunt against Byrd in the the Bistineau Classic hosted by Lakeside last week

Tide, Warriors get wins in Lakeside tournament

RUSSELL HEDGES
Minden Press-Herald

All five Webster Parish teams picked up at least one victory last week.

The Minden Crimson Tide and Doyline Panthers both won twice.

After falling to defending non-select Division IV state champion Oak Grove 9-1, the Tide won two of three games in the Bistineau Classic hosted by Lakeside. Minden lost to Airline 5-0 then defeated Many 7-4 and Pine Tree of Longview, Texas 6-3.

Lakeside closed its tournament with a 9-1 victory over Cedar Creek after falling to Byrd 9-8 and Airline 4-2.

Glenbrook started the week with a 12-1 loss to 2024 non-select Division I semifinalist Benton. The Apaches defeated D'Arbonne Woods 7-3 then dropped a Saturday doubleheader on the road to Oak Grove 4-1 and 6-1.

Doyline opened the week with a 16-1 victory over Mansfield then split games in the Simsboro tournament, defeating Simsboro 7-4 and falling to Haynesville 19-5.

North Webster started with a 16-1 victory over Castor then dropped all three in a three-game series against Family Community.

Minden's Landyn Huddleston went 3-for-4



Lakeside's Eli Campbell fires a pitch during the Bistineau Classic last week at Lakeside.

against Oak Grove. Bray Winston and Bryson Ranger had two hits each.

Huddleston had two hits against Airline. Ranger pitched a complete game.

Hudson Brown, Jaxon Smith and Rider Miller had two hits apiece against Many. Winston got the win and Huddleston the save.

Ranger went 3-for-3 against Pine Tree. Huddleston had two hits: Smith pitched a com-

plete game. He gave up five hits, struck out six and walked two.

Minden entered this week 5-6.

Lakeside's Hayden Williams went 3-for-3 against Cedar Creek. Winning pitcher Peyton Gray, Jon Jon Dick and Dakota Chreene all had two hits.

Chreene went 3-for-4 against Byrd. Dick and Gage Williams had two hits each. Williams pitched a

complete game against Airline. He struck out four and walked none.

Lakeside entered this week 4-7.

Doyline's Noah Spears went 4-for-4 against Mansfield. Zach Normand and Kenneth Anderson had three hits each. Dario Galvez struck out five in 1 2/3 innings.

Spears hit a home run and Normandin had two hits against Haynesville. Spears struck out 16 and walked only one while giving up five hits against Simsboro. James Dodge went 3-for-4. The Panthers scored five in the top of the seventh to rally for the victory.

Doyline entered this week 4-1.

Glenbrook's Jackson Walker and Seth Mangrum both had two hits and two RBI against D'Arbonne Woods. Both also hit home runs.

Sam Ricord went the distance. He scattered six hits, struck out three and walked one.

At Oak Grove, Easton Sanders allowed only one earned run in five innings in the first game. He struck out four and walked three.

Oak Grove scored all four runs in the first two innings.

Jackson Waller went 2-for-4 with a double in the second game.

Glenbrook entered this week 4-6.



Lakeside catcher Jon Jon Dick gets ready for the pitch during last week's Bistineau Classic at Lakeside

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL

Minden, North Webster fall in second round

RUSSELL HEDGES
Minden Press-Herald

The Minden Lady Tiders and North Webster Lady Knights saw their seasons come to end last week with second-round playoff losses on the road.

Minden, the No. 24

seed, fell to No. 8 Bastrop 69-36 in non-select Division II. North Webster, the No. 17 seed, lost to No. 1 Oakdale 62-21 in non-select Division III.

Both teams had solid seasons. Minden finished 15-12. North Webster finished 15-14.

Junior Brooklyn Jefferson, the Lady Tiders' scoring and rebounding leader on the season, led Minden with 13 points and 12 rebounds. She also had six assists, two steals and one block.

Senior Shelby Glenn had 12 points, four assists,

four rebounds and three steals. Two other seniors (per Coach Cindee Wright Clark), Travesti Byrd and Markeithdra Willis, also played their last game.

At Oakdale, Nazaria Caldwell led North Webster with eight points. Shakyra Hawkins had seven.

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Lakeside, Glenbrook keep perfect records intact

RUSSELL HEDGES
Minden Press-Herald

The Lakeside Lady Warriors and Glenbrook Lady Apaches kept their perfect records intact last week.

Lakeside entered this week 8-0 after victories over Haughton 9-5, Northwood 12-0, Beekman Charter 14-1 and Hamburg, Ark., 18-3. The latter three were in the Polar Bear tournament at ULM.

Glenbrook entered this week 6-0 after victories over East Beauregard 12-1, Converse 7-3 and Evangel Christian 9-4 in the Glenbrook tournament.

Elsewhere, Minden gave new head coach Maggie Watts her first win. The Lady Tiders defeated Many 1-0 in the Minden Round Robin. Minden also defeated Castor 10-4.

Doyline won twice, defeating Loyola 14-13 and Lakeview 23-0.

Lakeside's McKenna Chreene went 4-for-4 with a double and two RBI against Haughton. She also went the distance in the circle. Emily Jons had a home run.

Chreene had two hits, including a home run, and three RBI against Northwood. Jones went 2-for-2 with a home run. Wood and Moose Jernigan had two hits each.

Chreene went 3-for-4 with two doubles against Beekman. Jones and Maggie Mandino had two hits each. Jernigan pitched a two-

hitter. Chreene pitched a two-hitter with 12 strikeouts against Ouachita Christian. Meredith Robinson had three hits, including two doubles.

Chreene went 2-for-2 with a home run. Jones had two hits and three RBI. Wood got the win.

Glenbrook's Gabi Brown had three doubles and three RBI against East Beauregard.

Savannah Mangrum and Hadley Haynes had two hits each. Hallie Harmon hit a home run and Vivian Still had a triple. Rebecca Mosley pitched a three-hitter with seven strikeouts.

Colby Hollis had two doubles against Converse. Chloe Gregg and Haynes had two hits each. Mangrum got the win.

Hollis went 3-for-4 against Evangel. Anna Grace Vining had a triple. Mosley gave up just four hits.

Minden's Lindsay Ryan, Tatum Oliver and Kaelynn Williams had two hits apiece against Simsboro. Ryan pitched a four-hitter.

Leigha Kennon-Gilbert went 3-for-4 with two triples against Castor.

Doyline's Savannah Stanley had three hits against Loyola. Lanie Gates, Karmadie Bartlett and Kaylee Johnson had two apiece. Johnson and Arianna Crump had three RBI each. Sariyah Gill got the win.

HIGH SCHOOL TRACK AND FIELD

First meet of season set for Thursday at North Webster

RUSSELL HEDGES
Minden Press-Herald

The 2025 outdoor track and field season is set to begin Thursday

with the North Webster Invitational.

As of Sunday, 10 teams had registered to compete including North Webster, Lakeside and Minden.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

McKenna Chreene
Lakeside, Sr.

In the first eight games of the softball season —all wins— Chreene batted .615 with four home runs, three doubles and 12 RBI. As a pitcher, she was 4-0 with 44 strikeouts.

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

SPORTS

MEN’S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Louisiana Tech routs Sam Houston on road

KANE MCGUIRE
Louisiana Tech Associate
Athletic Director

Louisiana Tech started off the month of March with a bang, dominating Sam Houston to the tune of a 90-66 victory last Saturday in Huntsville, Texas. For the most part, the pounding took place in the second half. LA Tech (19-10, 8-8 CUSA) scored on 24 of its 32 offensive possessions, shooting 71.4 percent from the field in the stanza including a stretch of 10 straight made field goals.

“One thing was we did not turn the ball over,” Louisiana Tech Head Coach Talvin Hester said of the second-half effort. “We just played together. To have 17 assists and shoot 50 percent from three, we took the right shots. The ball went inside-out, we had movement. I thought we did a great job of playing inside-out. We did not force-feed Daniel Batcho and he still had 18 points. We took what the defense gave us, played together, competed. I am proud of this team.” What started as a 36-

30 halftime lead escalated quickly as the Bulldogs got whatever they wanted on the offensive end. They made 20 of their 27 second-half field goals, drained six of their eight three-pointers, and made eight of their nine free throw attempts. It was the three ball that allowed LA Tech to creative some space on the scoreboard in the early going. Al Green connected on back-to-back three-pointers to make it 15-9 in favor of the Bulldogs. Green and Daniel Batcho would combine for 24 of the team’s 36 first-half points.

NSU notches two SLC wins

NSU SPORTS
INFORMATION

The Northwestern State Demons won two Southland Conference games last week. NSU defeated Southeastern Louisiana 72-69 on the road and Houston Christian 61-56 at home. The Demons entered this week 14-15 overall and 11-8 in the conference. The Demons saved their best for the second half against Southeastern. “I know a lot of people always want to put two halves together, and I want to also,” second-year Head Coach Rick Cabrera said. “The reality is it’s very rare for teams to play two great halves. If you’re only going to play one great half, I’d rather it be in the second half.”

Down five at halftime, the Demons (13-15, 10-8) watched the Lions (18-11, 12-6) start quickly in the second half, building an 11-point lead less than five minutes into the half. “These guys listened to everything on the scout,” Cabrera said. “They were dialed in. I had a good feeling from yesterday’s practice and today’s shoot-around. I told them we’re going to win this game, just stay locked in and do the right things. They did the right things and good things happened.” MicahThomas followed up his 23-point performance at New Orleans with a 24-point night that included a 5-for-8 mark from 3-point range. Love Bettis, who scored 18 points, was 6 for 8 from 2-point range and a perfect 6-for-6 at the

line. A 13-0 run in the final four minutes, part of a larger 17-4 game-ending surge, allowed the Demons to rally for the victory against Houston Christian.. Jon Sanders II scored all 10 of his points in the second half, including a 3-pointer that gave the Demons their first lead of the game at 56-54. Addison Patterson scored 17 of his game-high 26 points in the second half. “The first 35 minutes, it was not Demon basketball,” Cabrera said. “They found a way to put the orange ball in the orange rim. Coaches get a lot of credit, but I don’t want any -- I don’t deserve any -- but at the end of the day they got to execute it and that comes with having good players.”

GSU suffers road loss

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The Grambling State University men’s basketball team couldn’t take down Florida A&M, falling 73-68 in Tallahassee, Fla., last Saturday. Kintavious Dozier led GSU with 13 points with four rebounds, two assists and a steal. Grambling State was strong for much of the first half, building a 21-11 lead

with 6:40 remaining until halftime. Florida A&M shifted momentum its way with a 17-2 run over the next four minutes to push head 28-23. Emeka Nanji halted the run with a layup with 1:37 on the clock. With FAMU leading 30-25, Louis Hutchinson drained a 3-pointer as time expired, cutting the Rattlers’ advantage to 30-28 at halftime. PJ Edwards briefly put the Tigers back in front, 31-30, with a triple on GSU’s second possession of the

second period. Florida A&M would use a 16-4 run to take a 46-35 lead with 12:48 to go. GSU eventually cut the deficit to 56-52 with 6:45 on the clock, but the Rattlers pushed its lead back to double digits, 64-54, with 3:14 remaining. Grambling State put together one more late run at the lead with a 3-pointer by Dozier making it a 65-62 game at the 1:25 mark but that was as close as the Tigers could get to the Rattlers down the stretch.

WOMEN’S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Bradley, Morris lead Lady Techsters to victory

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Associate Director
Strategic Communications

Paris Bradley scored 25 points and Jianna Morris had 20 to lead Louisiana Tech to a 76-55 win over Sam Houston last Thursday night in Ruston. Jordan Marshall had her ninth double-double of the season with 11 points and 10 rebounds. Robyn Lee added 12 points and seven boards for LA Tech (14-13, 7-9 CUSA). “I’m really proud of this group’s defensive effort in the second half,” Louisiana Tech Head Coach Brooke Stoer said. “We did a much better job of keeping them off the free throw line and the offensive boards in the 3rd and 4th quarters. The

stops led to some transition opportunities and paint touches. We forced some defensive rotations that created some great looks from 3. It was a solid team win. We had a good week of practice in preparation for tonight. We need to be able to take this momentum on the road next week as we continue to position ourselves for the postseason.” Lee and Marshall started the scoring early for the Lady Techsters. Lee scored the game’s first basket, and Marshall took an offensive rebound back up to give Tech a 4-0 lead. After Sam Houston (12-14, 5-11) scored on a free throw, Bradley connected on a three in front of the Bearkat bench. SHSU would cut the deficit to 17-13 at the

end of one. The Lady Techsters found themselves in foul trouble in the second. With Marshall on the bench with two quick fouls in the first quarter, five other Techsters picked up their second or third foul before halftime. That allowed Sam Houston to get to the charity stripe 18 times to tie in going into the locker room. LA tech started to heat up out of the break. Marshall put Tech up with two free throws to start the third, but the Bearkats took their first lead on a three. Morris responded with her first trey of the night. After SHSU tied it up, Bradley and Lee combined for every point in Tech’s 11-2 run to take control of the game at 48-39.

NSU splits conference games

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Director of Communications

The Northwestern State Demons split two Southland Conference home games last week. NSU fell to UIW 71-64 and defeated Houston Christian 71-53. The Demons entered this week 14-14 overall and 11-8 in the conference. UIW shot 50 percent for the game, as well as connecting on at least 50 percent from the field in each of the first three

quarters. The only team to shoot better than the Cardinals did against the Demons defense is No. 7 LSU, which shot 52.7 percent. The only other team to make at least 40 percent of its shots against Northwestern State’s defense in 2025 is league-leading Southeastern Louisiana. Mya Blake cored a game-high 18 points to lead Northwestern State, pacing three Demons in double figures. Defense was the key to the victory over Sam Houston.

The Demons held HCU without a point for 13:41, spanning the first and second quarters, to blow open the game. The Huskies did not score in the second quarter until 23 seconds to play in the period. Vernell Atamah led NSU with 21 points, including 17 in the second half. Blake added 18. “Vee was tremendous,” NSU Head Coach Anna Nimz said. “She was shooting with confidence from the perimeter and made a lot of nice plays and finished at the rim.”

GSU gets two conference wins

LEON MITCHELL
Grambling State Athletic
Communications

The Grambling State Tigers won two SWAC games in Florida last week. GSU defeated Bethune-Cookman 71-59 in Daytona Beach and Florida A&M 55-52 in Tallahassee. The Tigers entered this week 13-14 overall and 10-6 in the conference. Grambling State controlled much of the game against Bethune-Cookman, leading for over 35 minutes and maintaining composure despite

Bethune-Cookman’s (9-19 overall 6-10 SWAC) early push. The Lady Tigers built their advantage with a balanced attack, scoring 38 points in the paint and capitalizing on 27 second-chance points. Lydia Freeman led the charge with a standout performance, finishing with 21 points on 9-of-11 shooting while grabbing 12 rebounds. She set the tone inside, helping Grambling State rebound Bet-hune-Cookman 42-38. Douthshine Prien added 10 points and four assists,

while Kahia Warmasley chipped in nine points, three rebounds, and three assists. Grambling State got off to a strong start, using an efficient first quarter to take a 17-11 lead. Kahia Warmasley set the tone early, scoring from both inside and beyond the arc. The Lady Tigers extended their advantage in the second quarter, outscoring the Rattlers 15-9 to take a 32-20 lead into halftime. Warmasley led GSU with a game-high 22 points on 8-of-16 shooting, including 2-of-5 from three-point range.

OUTDOORS

Getting ready for turkey hunting

GLYNN HARRIS

Don’t look now but we’re just a month away from the opening of the spring wild turkey season in Louisiana. Just the thought that season opens in a month has the capacity to make you forget hunting anything else. Those who have discovered the sheer thrill and excitement of turkey hunting will make excuses for letting the trash pile up on the yard and delay breaking up the garden. Spring fishing hardly crosses the minds anymore of this contingent of outdoorsmen and women. For starters, there is the setting. Being out in the woods as the eastern sky begins glowing is special in itself. Leaning against a tree amid a landscape awash in dogwood and wild azalea blossoms, listening to the wake up call of the first cardinal is part of the drama that is about to unfold. As dawn breaks, a barred owl calls. Before another owl can answer, the woods reverberate with a sound that sounds something like a handful of bolts rattling around in a tin bucket. It’s loud, it’s dry, it’s raspy. It’s the wake up call of a turkey gobbler. Just getting to hear this

sound makes crawling out of a warm bed long before dawn well worth the effort. For those who will be turkey hunting for the first time this spring, here are some basic tips, words of caution and pointers to help your initial turkey season be rewarding. CLOTHING – It isn’t necessary to buy a new camouflage wardrobe to hunt turkeys. Your deer hunting camo will usually work, but not if any skin or bright colored clothing are showing. Camouflage headnet and gloves are essential. FIREARMS - Most hunters recommend a 12 or 20 gauge shotgun with a tight choke, preferably the “extra-full” choke designed specifically for hunting turkeys. AMMUNITION - Use heavy-load shot shells in a 3 or 3 ½ inch magnum. Some shotguns shoot #4’s best while others pattern #5’s or #6’s better. Fire rounds of several shot sizes at targets to find out which works best for your gun. CALLS – You don’t have to be an expert to call in a gobbler. One of the simplest for beginners is the box call. By stroking the lid over the lip of the box, realistic turkey sounds can be easily made. Also easy

for the neophyte hunter to master is the slate call. Making small ovals with the peg on the slate or glass surface to simulate the yelping of a hen turkey will often gain a gobbler’s attention. SCOUTING –Spend some time at dawn, listening for birds gobbling from the roost. Walk over your area, taking special note of turkey sightings, tracks, droppings, dusting sites and places where fresh scratching in the leaves indicate feeding sites. OPENING DAY – Plan to be at a listening point late in the afternoon before the hunt. Listen for turkeys flying to roost. If you’re lucky, you’ll hear the heavier wing-beats of a gobbler. Ideally, he will gobble a time or two before dark, helping you key in on where he will be the following morning. Before dawn the next day, sneak to within 100 yards or so of where you heard the gobbler. In Louisiana, decoys are legal and a hen or jake decoy placed in an opening near you will help attract a gobbler. Wait until the cardinals and crows begin calling. Perhaps a barred owl or crow will entice your roosted bird to gobble. If not, try using an owl hooter or

if you’re good enough, your natural voice, to trigger a response. Begin calling softly and sparingly, like a hen turkey might do upon awakening before she flies down. Listen to how the gobbler responds. If your calling excites him, tease him by remaining silent for several minutes; this piques his curiosity sometimes to the point that he will fly down and check you out. Calling too often will usually result in the gobbler remaining on his roost, waiting for the excited hen he hears to present herself. If he doesn’t see her, he’ll likely lose interest and go the other way after flying down. THINK SAFETY – Choose a set-up with your back against a tree wider than your shoulders. Never attempt to sneak up on a gobbling bird; it may be another hunter. Also, as you slip through the woods, a nearby hunter may mistake you for the gobbler. Should you see another hunter moving your way, call out loudly to him to alert him to your position. Never wear the colors of red, white or blue, the colors of a gobbler’s head. Follow these tips and you might discover a new sport that’ll last a lifetime.

Fishing Report

BUSSEY BRAKE – The bass are becoming more active and beginning to move up to more shallow water. Spinner baits and soft plastics are picking up a few. Crappie have yet to move and they’re still deep and fair on shiners and jigs. For latest information, contact the Honey Hole at 323-8707.

OUACHITA RIVER – The river is rising. A few catfish are being caught. Everything thing else is slow. For latest information, contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

LAKE D’ARBONNE – Crappie have started to move up from the deep channels to 12-14 foot water and hitting shiners and jigs. Bass are starting to move to more shallow water with some hitting slow-rolled spinners and soft plastics. 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 CLAIBORNE – Crappie fishing has been best with

some slabs caught fishing shiners or jigs just out from the dam. Bass are beginning to start moving up and should start hitting spinners and plastic worms. 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 to 6-8 foot water with fair catches made on spinners and soft plastic lures. 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 with largest reported weighing 2.85 pounds. No report on bass. Catfish continue to bite. For information, contact the marina at 318/878-0101.

Good News

GOOD NEWS

We Only Die Once, And Then....

Margie Jenkins has written a book by this title, in which one of her reviewers wrote: “Instead of the Lamaze method of helping with birth, your book is the LaMargie method for dying, giving psychological insight and specific steps to lessen pain and increase comfort during one of most stressful events in life.”

Of course, we all have spent time thinking, pondering over ‘our exit from this world to the next.’ Having spent a lot of time in the hospitals, nursing homes, funeral homes and cemeteries (over the past 50 plus years), I have been brought face-to-face with many of these issues. Now that I am on the mid-80’s rung on life’s ladder, I catch glimpses of ‘the other side’ from time to time. In the distance, I hear the ‘whistle of the glory-bound train’ it seems. It’s getting louder each time! Perhaps, you can agree with me: ‘I have the ticket purchased and have it handy in case of an emergency, but I am not quite ready to hand it over to the conductor.’

As we think about the end-

of-life preparations, we begin to see there are many important decisions that must be made. Many are very difficult to follow through with on our own. We need a legal advisor to help with all the issues we will face. We need to work with our spouse, children, family as a whole. With all that is at stake, we need to make sure “all t’s are crossed and each i is dotted.” There may be a battle awaiting our survivors if we do not take care of such details now.

So today, get your pencil, pad or notebook. Make a list of family and friends you would like to thank for their ‘dear friendship or helpfulness.’ There may be some apologies to be made, some fences to mend, or some visits to make. What a great victory it would be for each of us to seek to heal hurts and offenses, ask for forgiveness and offer love to those whom we sense a breach in relationship over the

years. What a victory and sense of freedom this will give one as final plans are made. Cross it off your list “as done!” Get that monkey off your back!

One of the most important things to do is prepare a last will and testament. This is the foundation for taking charge of your life and your death. There are many others directives we must consider to protect ourselves and family in these last days. These may include: Durable Power of Attorney, Durable Medical Power of Attorney for Health Care, Directives to Physicians (Living Will), DNR Directives, and others. Your lawyer will advise you on all of these.

There are all kinds of important papers floating around your house that need to be organized and put in proper files for easy finding. Financial records, various accounts, legal papers, insurance policies, long-term policies - do you know where

they are for easy finding? What about your cherished possessions (whatever they may be)? Who do you want to have them? What can you do now to guarantee they will be routed the way you want? Why not make a list of these and pass on to your children and grands for them to enjoy. (Fine china and silverware, Jewelry, collectibles, family portraits, books, etc) Wouldn’t it please you greatly to eat a holiday meal with your children this year and see your wedding china being used? What joy that will bring you NOW.

Saying ‘goodbye’ doesn’t have to be the end of the world, so to speak. With careful planning now, you may ease the pain of making rash and hasty decisions later on. Leaving a legacy for the family is so important. Many of our family members really don’t know the struggles our generation went through to climb to this point in life. Take down the picture albums (pictures from childhood, high school events, weddings, reunions and such) for your next family gathering

and announce “after lunch I want to sit down with you and let me tell you about some of these things.” Show them your Bible (s) with some marked Scriptures that are special. Maybe cry a bit, laugh a lot and hug and love on each other. What a way to begin this process....of preparing for the end of our earthly life....and getting ready for the eternal life to come. Maybe plan to close the session with a favorite hymn for all to sing. Choose one that may be appropriate for your funeral service: Amazing Grace, When We All Get to Heaven, It is Well With My Soul.

This doesn’t have to be a sad, morbid time. It is like writing the closing chapter on a wonderful drama or a love story that could never be captured on the screen. I dare you to begin this journey soon!

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THE UPWARD LOOK

Thanks and Praise

“Enter His gates with thanksgiving And His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him, bless His name.” Psalm 100:4 NASB

Using vivid imagery, the psalmist describes a person entering the gates, the doors, of the temple and then proceeding into the courts, the rooms, where the people gather to worship the Lord. He enters into worship with a grateful heart, giving thanks to God for what He has done. His thanksgiving quickly progresses to praise, blessing and adoring God for who He is. The



Max Hutto

heart, the central facet, of true worship is coming into God’s presence, gratefully acknowledging His deeds, and lovingly admiring His character and attributes.

Lord Jesus, as I gather to worship with Your people, I come to praise, honor, and glorify You, my Savior and Redeemer. I bask in Your amazing grace and great love.

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INSPIRATION

Character Flaws

Many of us have heard the old adage “God doesn’t call the perfect, he perfects the called.” You may think it sounds cliché but it is proven true in the Bible time and time again. God called several people to do incredible and amazing things and almost all of them had a major character flaw. Take for example Abram(Abraham) he lied because he thought he was protecting himself from harm. Or Moses who was a murderer. And final Saul (Paul) who was a persecutor and murderer of Christians. These men all had their character flaws but that’s not where their stories end.




Bernard Harris

Abraham became the father of nations. Moses followed the call of the lord and spoke to pharaoh as his name which resulted in him leading the children of Israel out of Egypt. And Paul became one of God’s most faithful apostles and author of much of the new testament. I give these examples to encourage everyone to let God use you. Don’t let the mistakes of the past or the problems of the present hinder your future in Christ.

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During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:
All that part of East 690 feet of the South Half of Northwest Quarter of Northwest Quarter (S/2 of NW/4 of NW/4), Section 22, Township 20 North, Range 10 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana, lying North of Webster Parish Road 17:
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ALSO
All that part of the East Half of Northwest Quarter (E/2 of NW/4), Section 22, Township 20 North, Range 10 West, lying North of Webster Parish Road 17 (Ashley Road), containing 45.79 scres, more or less, together with all improvements located thereon and all rights thereto belonging.
SOLD SUBJECT TO ANY SUPERIOR LIENS, MORTGAGES OR PRIVI-LEGES THERETO.
Said property seized is that of the defendant and will be sold to satisfy a judgment rendered in our Honorable Court.
JASON R. PARKER Sheriff & Ex-Officio Auctioneer
Webster Parish, Louisiana
Pam Brantley
Pam Brantley - Deputy

March 5, 2025
April 2, 2025
Minden Press Herald

SHERIFF'S SALE

21ST MORTGAGE CORPORATION
VS.
KATRINA MARIE ANNE GILLIAM AKA
KATRINA M. GILLIAM AND JOHN WILLIAM GILLIAM AKA JOHN W. GILLIAM AKA JOHN GILLIAM
In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 81203.
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, April 9, 2025,
During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:
2015 Fleetwood mobile home 16 x 80 bearing serial number FLE240TX1435323A immobilized onto and including Lots 321, 322 and 323, Palmetto Beach Estates Subdivision, a subdivision in Webster Parish, LA as per plat thereof recorded in conveyance book 3, page 49 of the official records of Webster Parish, LA, together with all buildings and improvements thereon
SOLD SUBJECT TO ANY SUPERIOR LIENS, MORTGAGES OR PRIVI-LEGES THERETO.
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Public Notice

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF AMENDED ORDINANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following entitled ordinance introduced at the Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Village of Dixie Inn, State of Louisiana, held on February 18, 2025 is on file in my office and will be offered for adoption by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of said Village and is open to public inspection and will remain so until at least 7 days prior to the final adoption which is scheduled for March 11, 2025.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCES 90 AND 90-A PROVIDING FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF FENCING ON BUSINESS PROPERTY, REPAIR OR REMOVAL OF UNINHABITED DWELLINGS THAT ARE NOT LIVABLE AND WRECKED OR NON-WORKING VEHICLES, REMOVAL OF APPLIANCES, JUNK, AND TRASH, AND TRIMMING, CUTTING, OR REMOVAL OF TREES, HEDGES, BUSHES, AND SHRUBBERY CONSTITUTING A NUISANCE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE VILLAGE OF DIXIE INN, LOUISIANA

That said ordinance to be finally passed is on file with the Clerk of the Village of Dixie Inn for public inspection and that said ordinance is to be taken up for final passage, after a public hearing, by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Village of Dixie Inn, State of Louisiana, which is scheduled for March 11, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.
This declared by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Village of Dixie Inn, Louisiana on this the 18th day of February 2025.

Donna Hoffoss
Mayor
ATTEST:

Alicia Ware
Village Clerk

March 5, 2025
Minden Press Herald

Public Notice

RESOLUTION 02-02182025 VILLAGE OF DIXIE INN

WHEREAS, the Village of Dixie Inn Water Plant has a need for a PH Analyzer to work in conjunction with the Chlorine Analyzer, and WHEREAS, the Village does not have the resources to construct this project, and WHEREAS, funds are available from the Community Water Enrichment Fund, and WHEREAS, the Village's Engineer, Cothorn, Graff, Smoak Engineering, Inc. has determined this project can be funded with the funds available from CWEF,
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Village of Dixie Inn is in full agreement and accord on making a request to the Division of Administration, Office of Community Development CWF, a grant in the amount of \$15,000 to assist us with this badly needed project.
Upon motion by Judy McKenzie, duly seconded by Lance Milligan and carried, the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Village of Dixie Inn in regular session convened on February 18, 2025.

I, Alicia Ware, Clerk of the Village of Dixie Inn, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Village of Dixie Inn in regular session convened on February 18, 2025. Given under my official signature and seal of office on this the 18th day of February 2025.

Alicia Ware, Clerk
Village of Dixie Inn

March 5, 2025
Minden Press Herald

Public Notice

RESOLUTION N0.03-02182025

VILLAGE OF DIXIE INN

WHEREAS, the Village of Dixie Inn has a need to have the Police Department renovated with new flooring and fresh paint, and a storage building remodeled and secured for a police evidence room and, WHEREAS, the Village does not have the resources to construct this project, and WHEREAS, funds are available from the Local Government Assistance Program, and WHEREAS, the Village's Engineer, Cothorn, Graff, Smoak Engineering, Inc. has determined that this project can be funded with the funds available from

the LGAP.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Village of Dixie Inn is in full agreement and accord on making a request to the Division of Administration, Office of Community Development LGAP, a grant in the amount of \$25,000 to assist us with this badly needed project.
Upon motion by Lance Milligan, duly seconded by Judy McKenzie and carried, the forgoing resolution was adopted by the Village of Dixie Inn in regular session convened on the 18th day of February 2025.

I, Alicia Ware Clerk of the Village of Dixie Inn, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Village of Dixie Inn in regular session convened on February 18 ,2025. Given under my official signature and seal of office on this the 18th day of February 2025.

Alicia Ware, Clerk
Village of Dixie Inn

March 5, 2025
Minden Press Herald

Minutes

Village of Dixie Inn
Regular Session
February 18, 2025

NOTICE: THESE MINUTES HAVE NOT BEEN FORMALLY APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen for the Village of Dixie Inn met in Regular Session on February 18, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, Dixie Inn, Louisiana with the following members present: Mayor Donna Hoffoss, Aldermen Lance Milligan, Judy McKenzie, and Nell Finlay. The Regular Session was rescheduled from February 11th, 2025.

The meeting was called to order and the invocation and pledge of allegiance were given.

Mayor Donna Hoffoss welcomed guests.

A motion was made by Judy McKenzie and seconded by Nell Finlay to adopt the minutes of the Regular Session of January 14, 2025. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

Financial statements of all funds, including a current budget vs. actual, were presented. A motion was made by Lance Milligan and seconded by Judy McKenzie to adopt all financial statements for January 2025. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

Department Reports:

Scott Day reported all is well with the water department.

Chief Jeffrey McNeill introduced Mr. Richard Caillier to the council as a potential new hire for the police department. Chief McNeill presented the council with a report for January 2025. The police department had a total of 41 traffic stops, four citations, two LEMIS Reports, 19 Non-LEMIS calls, 113 building checks, 16 back-ups, 23 public assists, 14 calls for service, and two accidents during the month of January.

Alderman, Lance Milligan, shared his desire to see economic growth in Dixie Inn and told the council he had spoken with a few of the local landowners about what plans, if any, they may have for their property in the coming future.

New Business:

The council discussed joining the Greater Minden Chamber of Commerce to help promote the village. A motion was made by Judy McKenzie and seconded by Lance Milligan for the Village of Dixie Inn to join the Greater Minden Chamber of Commerce. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

A motion was made by Lance Milligan and seconded by Judy McKenzie to approve paying Scott Day an additional \$350.00 per month to cover liability insurance. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

A motion was made by Judy McKenzie and seconded by Lance Milligan to approve Resolution No. 02-02182025 to apply for a CWF Grant that would go towards purchasing a PH Analyzer. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

A motion was made by Lance Milligan and seconded by Judy McKenzie to adopt Resolution No. 03-02182025 to apply for the LGAP Grant that would go towards the purchase of flooring and paint supplies for the police department. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

Mayor Hoffoss read aloud the Introduction of Ordinance No. 90-B, an ordinance amending Ordinances 90 and 90-A providing for the maintenance and repair of fencing on business property, repair or removal of uninhabited dwellings that are not livable and wrecked or non-working vehicles, removal of appliances, junk and trash, and the trimming, cutting, or removal of trees, hedges, bushes, and shrubbery constituting a nuisance in the municipality of the Village of Dixie Inn, Louisiana.

A motion was made by Lance Milligan and seconded by Judy McKenzie to approve a pay increase of \$300.00 per month for the mayor and each alderman. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

A motion was made by Judy McKenzie and seconded by Lance Milligan to table approving the village's return to Mayors Court. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

Old Business:

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Nell Finlay and seconded by Judy McKenzie. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

ATTEST:
Donna Hoffoss
Mayor

March 5, 2025
Minden Press Herald

Public Notice

Announcement of Public Meeting

Notice is hereby given that at its meeting to be held on Monday, April 7, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the Parish School Board Office, 1442 Sheppard Street, Minden, Louisiana, the Parish School Board of the Parish of Webster, State of Louisiana, plans to consider adopting a resolution ordering and calling special elections to be held in (i) Webster Parish School District, Parish of Webster, Louisiana to authorize the renewal of ad valorem taxes therein, (ii) Consolidated School District No. 3 of the Parish of Webster, State of Louisiana to authorize the renewal of an ad valorem tax therein, (iii) Cotton Valley School District No. 12 of Webster Parish, Louisiana to authorize the continuation of an ad valorem tax therein, (iv) Sarepta School District No. 35 of the Parish of Webster, State of Louisiana to authorize the renewal of an ad valorem tax therein and (v) Sales Tax School District No. 6 of the Parish of Webster, State of Louisiana to authorize the renewal of a sales and use tax therein.

March 5, 2025
Minden Press Herald

Public Notice

Notice is hereby given that Landbridge Development, LLC has applied for a 401 Water Quality Certification for the proposed The Peaks at Minden project to clear, grade, excavate, and place fill to construct four multi-story apartment buildings and related infrastructure for a HUD-funded low-income housing development located on Recreational Drive in Minden. Webster, Parish. Landbridge Development, LLC is applying to the La. Dept of Environmental Quality, Office of Environmental Services for a Water Quality Certification in accordance with statutory authority contained in the LAC 33: IX.1507.A-E and provisions of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. Comments concerning this application can be filed with the Water Permits Division within ten days of this notice by referencing WQC 250218-02, AI 246035 to the following address:
Louisiana Dept of Environmental Quality , Water Permits Division , P.O. Box 43 13, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-43 13. Attn: Water Quality Certifications
Comments may be submitted by email to DEQ-WaterQualityCertifications@la.gov.
A copy of the application is available for inspection and review at the LDEQ Public Records Center, on the first floor of the Galvez Building, Room 127 at 602 North Fifth Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The available information can also be accessed electronically on the Electronic Document Management System (EDMS) on the LDEQ public website at www.deq.louisiana.gov.

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Public Notice

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Louisiana Public Service Commission ("LPSC") that Southwestern Electric Power Company ("SWEPCO"), an electric public utility supplying retail electric service to approximately 231,000 customers in eleven Parishes in the State of Louisiana through its retail business, and who also serves customers in Arkansas and Texas, filed with the LPSC an Application seeking a three-year extension of its Formula Rate Plan and Service Quality Improvement Program, so it can continue to provide safe and reliable service for its customers in Louisiana. The eleven Parishes through which SWEPCO's service area extends in Louisiana are: Bossier, Bienville, Caddo, DeSoto, Grant, Natchitoches, Red River, Sabine, Webster, Winn, and Vernon. Notice will be published in the Official Bulletin of the LPSC. Pertinent docket information will be provided in the Bulletin. The requested three-year extension to its Formula Rate Plan and Service Quality Improvement Program will allow an additional three years for SWEPCO to continue to provide and maintain safe and reliable service for its Louisiana customers. SWEPCO's Application filed February 10, 2025 with the LPSC may be viewed in the office of the LPSC in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and on the LPSC's website (www.lpsc.louisiana.gov) upon publication in the LPSC's Official Bulletin. Additionally, SWEPCO may be contacted at 318-673-3453 regarding any questions.

March 5, 2025
Minden Press Herald

PUBLIC NOTICE

(NOTICE OF INTENTION TO INTRODUCE LOCAL BILL – HLS 25RS-486)

Public notice is hereby given, as provided by Section 13, Article III of the Constitution of Louisiana, that there will be introduced at the forthcoming session of the Legislature of Louisiana, to be convened on April 14, 2025, a bill relative to the Webster Parish School Board; to authorize the board to levy an additional sales and use tax, subject to voter approval; and to provide for related matters.

March 5, 2025
Minden Press Herald

PUBLIC NOTICE

(NOTICE OF INTENTION TO INTRODUCE LOCAL BILL – HLS 25RS-369)

Public notice is hereby given, as provided by Section 13, Article III of the Constitution of Louisiana, that there will be introduced at the forthcoming session of the Legislature of Louisiana, to be convened on April 14, 2025, a bill relative to saltwater disposal wells in Bossier Parish; to provide for saltwater disposal from exploration and production waste; to provide relative to operational requirements and standards for saltwater disposal wells; and to provide for related matters.

March 5, 12, 2025
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Pubice Notice

JAMESTOWN FIELD
Docket No. 25-50

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF LOUISIANA, OFFICE OF CONSERVATION, BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA.

In accordance with the laws of the State of Louisiana, and with particular reference to the provisions of Title 30 of Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, a public hearing will be held in the Hearing Room, 1 st Floor, LaSalle Building, 617 North 3 rd Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at 9:00 a.m. on TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2025, upon the application of ASQUARED RESOURCES II, LLC.

At such hearing the Commissioner of Conservation will consider evidence relative to the issuance of Orders pertaining to the following matters relating to the Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A, in the Jamestown Field, Webster Parish, Louisiana.

1. To create one drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A, to be designated HA RA SUO as shown on the plat submitted with the application and made a part hereof.
 2. To force pool and integrate all of the separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests located within the proposed unit in accordance with Section 10, Title 30, of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.
 3. To confirm that with respect to horizontal wells drilled to the Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A, in or to serve the proposed unit, where the horizontal lateral portion of a well is cased and cemented back above the top of the Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A, the distance to any unit boundary or offset well(s) will be calculated based on the distance to the nearest perforation in the well, and not based on the penetration point or terminus.
 4. To designate unit well and unit operator, as appropriate.
 5. Except to the extent inconsistent herewith, to extend to the proposed unit all pertinent provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 990-D, effective October 6, 2009, as amended and supplemented by the 990-D Series of Orders, and all applicable Statewide Orders.
 6. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent.
- The Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 990-D, effective October 6, 2009.
A plat is available for inspection in the Office of Conservation in Baton Rouge and Shreveport, Louisiana.
<http://dnr.louisiana.gov/conshearings>
All parties having interest therein shall take notice thereof.
BY ORDER OF:

STEVEN M. GIAMBRONE
OFFICE OF CONSERVATION

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE OF CONSERVATION-ENGINEERING DIVISION AT P.O. BOX 94275, BATON ROUGE, LA 70804-9275 IN WRITING WITHIN TEN (10) WORKING DAYS OF THE HEARING DATE.

March 5, 2025
Minden Press Herlad

Minutes

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
WEBSTER PARISH POLICE JURY
February 4, 2025

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

Mr. Jim Bonsall called the meeting to order at 10:30AM and asked Mr. Steve Lemmons to open the meeting with prayer and asked Mr. Mike Griffith to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Mr. Bruce Blanton moved, seconded by Mr. Daniel Thomas to approve invoices for payment pending review by juror Bruce Blanton. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Daniel Thomas moved, seconded by Ms. Nancy Hines to adopt the minutes of the January 7, 2025 Regular Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Steve Ramsey moved, seconded by Mr. Allen Gilbert to approve Resolution of Support for Local Government Assistance Program for the Webster Parish Police Jury for \$100,000 from the Office of Community Development. Motion carried unanimously.
Mr. Randy Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Daniel Thomas to approve an Ordinance 1023-001 to authorize an act of sale by the Parish of Webster to sell certain adjudicated properties (parcels 115027 and 121806) by public auction held on January 27, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMENTS:
Melinda Davidson WPOCS Director
Savannah Jones
Webster Parish Library
Johnnye KennonWP CVB (Tourism)
Carl Thompson WP Assessor,
Denise Edwards
John Monzingo LSU
Ag/Extension Office
Brian Williams
WPPJ OEP/HS Director
Angie Chapman E911 Director
Nicole Fraizer
Mayor Pro Tem City of Springhill

Mr. Milton McDonald resident of Rice Road addressed the jury about the condition of the roads and the Stripping on Rice Road.

Ms. Kelly Seegers resident of Pirough Church Road addressed the jury about a noise ordinance and a shooting range in her neighborhood.

Mr. Steve Ramsey moved, seconded by Mr. Steve Lemmons to approve the action taken at the Road Committee Meeting held earlier today. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Beverly Kennon moved, seconded by Mr. Bruce Blanton to approve the action taken at the Finance Committee Meeting held earlier today. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Daniel Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Adam Lee to approve the action taken at the Intergovernmental Committee Meeting held earlier today. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Jim Bonsall then gave Presidents' closing remarks. There being no further business to bring before the Jury, the meeting was adjourned.

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

March 5, 2025
Minden Press Herald

SHERIFF'S SALE

US BANK TRUST COMPANY NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE
VS.
MARY SUE SOLOMON THOMAS THE
UNOPENED SUCCESSION OF
In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 80835.
By virtue of a WRIT OF FIFA issued out of the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, in the above styled and numbered suit and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder for cash WITH-OUT 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, April 9, 2025,
During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:
The North Half of Lot Sb: (6) Block "A" of the HL. Miller White Oak Addition Subdivision to the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana as per map and plat thereof on file and of record in the Office of the Clerk of Court

of Webster Parish, Louisiana, in Map Book 1, Page 56, together with all improvements thereon and all rights thereto belonging, LESS AND EXCEPT that portion of the property taken by the State of Louisiana, Department of Transportation and Development, more particularly described as follows: Begin at a found from rod located at the Northeast Corner of Lot 4, and run South 0 degrees 31 minades West 132 feet to a found fron rod for the Point of Beginning; thence confiane South 0 degrees 31 minutes West 50 feet to a set 5/8" ton rod; thence run South 89 degrees 21 minutes 57 seconds West 171.30 feet to a cat "2" in concrete; thence run North 13 depress 21 minutes 38 seconds East 48.66 feet to a set 5/8" Iron rod; thence run North 13 degrees 15 minutes 23 seconds Best 2.85 feet to a set 5/8" from rod; thence run North 89 decreea 21 minutes 57 seconds East 16045 feet to the Point of Bezimming; containing 0.19
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Public Notice

NOTICE OF FILING OF CLAIBORNE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.'S (CEC) FORMULA RATE PLAN ANNUAL REPORT FILING.
This notice is given pursuant to Article IV, Section 21, Paragraph (D) of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, regarding electricity rates in in the Parishes of Bienville, Claiborne, Lincoln, Ouachita, Union, and Webster. CEC has filed a formula rate plan ("FRP") annual report pursuant to LPSC Docket No. U-36552. In re: Application for approval of Formula Rate Plan and modifications to base rates. Any comments or questions concerning this filing may be directed to the Louisiana Public Service Commission at (225) 342-4999.

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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
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