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ANIMAL SHELTER



City officials, law enforcement, and community members broke ground on Minden's new animal shelter on March 13. The new facility, expected to be completed in a year, will provide expanded space for dogs and a designated cat room.

AMBER MCDOWN/ PRESS-HERALD PHOTOS

Groundbreaking held for new Minden animal shelter

AMBER MCDOWN
Minden Press-Herald

City officials and community members gathered March 13 for the groundbreaking of Minden's new animal shelter, a long-awaited facility expected to improve conditions for local stray and adoptable pets. "The four-legged friends we have are not just friends,

they're family," said Councilman Michael Roy, who has spearheaded the project. The new shelter, located next to the existing one, will significantly expand capacity. The current shelter holds only six dogs, while the new facility will accommodate up to 15 dogs and will feature a designated cat room. The project,

estimated at \$300,000, was partially funded by last year's Pet Election, which raised approximately \$25,000. The remainder will be paid for with funds the city has allocated. The construction is being handled by Jacob Hattaway of Black-Rock Construction and is expected to take about a year to complete.

This project has faced

many challenges, from redesigns to engineering changes, but it's finally moving forward. "We had to go back to the drawing board, redesign, get a new engineer, and rethink the whole project...three times," said Mayor Cox. The engineer who finally saved the day was Brad Graff of Cothren, Graff, Smoak Engineering, Inc.

The Minden Animal Shelter recently came under the jurisdiction of the police department. Shelter Director Carrie Ford continues to oversee operations, ensuring that animals are adopted rather than euthanized. "We haven't euthanized a healthy animal since 2021," Ford said. She See, **SHELTER**, Page 3

TOWN HALL

Minden city councilman provides mid-term update at Town Hall

AMBER MCDOWN
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Minden City Councilman Andy Pendergrass of District E held a town hall meeting on March 11 at the Community House to provide a mid-term update on city council activities. Representatives from AT&T were also present to address questions about

new fiber optic internet lines being installed throughout the city.

PENDERGRASS

Pendergrass highlighted improvements in public safety since his election, noting that the police department was previously understaffed, and vehicles were being used continuously across shifts. Gang activity, vandalism, and teen curfews were pressing concerns at the time. Now, he said, the police department is fully staffed and equipped, with the most common public safety issues being speeding and stray dogs.

Infrastructure improvements were another key topic. Previously, Minden had no fiber optic

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CRIME

Minden man pleads guilty to injuring, resisting officer, escaping

STAFF REPORT
Minden Press-Herald

A Minden man who injured a police officer and fled during a 2023 traffic stop in Greenwood pleaded guilty Tuesday in Caddo District Court.

Preston Burns, 36, entered the plea after a jury had been sworn in and the officer he injured testified. Burns was represented by attorneys Dave Knadler and Royal Alexander, and Assistant District Attorneys Senae D. Hall and Christopher Caleb Traylor prosecuted the case.

On June 4, 2023, Greenwood police Sgt. G. Shaul stopped Burns for speeding on U.S. Highway 79. Burns had a suspended license and active warrants. After being handcuffed and escorted to a police vehicle, Burns was allowed to speak to a passenger in his car. When Shaul ordered him back into the police vehicle, Burns bumped the officer, then chest-bumped and shoved him before fleeing.

Shaul fell while attempting to chase Burns, See, **CRIME**, Page 3

COMMUNITY



WILL PHILLIPS/PRESS-HERALD PHOTO

Players of all ages hit the court for Living Word's 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament at the Minden Rec Center, enjoying a day of competition, community, and generosity.

Living Word's 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament brings competition and community to Minden Rec Center

WILL PHILLIPS
Minden Press-Herald

Basketball fans of all ages were in for an exciting day as Living Word's 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament returned to the Minden Rec Center this past Saturday. "From the time you get there until the time you leave, it was so much fun. We have kids and adults of all ages playing basketball or just enjoying watching the tournament play out," said event organizer Kelsea Johnson.

More than just a competition, the tournament was also about giving back. "We get to show our community's generosity by giving away every basketball goal and basketball at the end. What was even more awesome was that the generosity is contagious because we had winners every year who gave their goals to the next person," Johnson added.

The Bulldogs were the winners in the 9-11 age group, the GL Bull-

dogs were the winners of the 12-14 age group, the team Black Flag won in the 15-17 division, Next Chapter were the champs for the 18-30 age group, and the Kings were the winners of the 31+ division.

The event, sponsored by Living Word, aimed to bring the community together while sharing a positive message. "Living Word was able to spread the good news of Jesus; basketball was just the bait!" said Johnson.

ECONOMY

Minden City Council appoints Sarah Overall as new Main Street/Economic Development Director

WILL PHILLIPS
Minden Press-Herald

In the March Minden City Council meeting, the council approved a new Minden Main Street/Economic Development Director for the city, Sarah Overall.

According to Mayor Nick Cox, there were many great candidates who applied for the position, but Overall had stood out among them. "When you hire somebody 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, that 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 Mayor Nick Cox when recommending her to the council.

She stated that she was inspired to put her name in the hat for the position after receiving a push from friends and family to do so. "Some friends and family encouraged me to apply as they felt I would be a good fit. I tend to agree. I want to see Minden moving in the right

direction and willing to do the work that is needed to keep it moving. I love this community, and I have made it my home," said Overall.

When looking back on her career and accomplishments, one could see why she made for a desirable applicant. She has been in the healthcare field for fourteen years with most of that time spent as a registered nurse working in different communities across the state of Louisiana. She was even recognized as an Outstanding Nurse by Oschner in 2022.

As a philanthropist, she has made a splash here locally after co-founding the non-profit organization Pearls of Purpose and creating one of the city's newest annual events, the Witches Ride. Last year this event raised \$8,000 for Webster Parish CASA for children's Christmas gifts and birthday parties, and \$4,500 to purchase a book for every 1st grader in the parish.

For her myriad accomplishments, she was even recognized by the Greater Minden Chamber as the Terry L. Gardner 2024 Top Young Professional of the

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WEBSTER & MORE

NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM

Former Dorcheat Museum director reflects on a life of passion and preservation

AMBER MCDOWN
Minden Press-Herald

During the Dorcheat Museum's Night at the Museum on March 10, former museum director Schelley Brown Francis took the audience on a nostalgic journey through her life, sharing stories of resilience, adventure, and dedication to preserving history.

"They say your life is made up of a beginning date, a dash, and an end date," Francis began. "Tonight is about the dash."

Francis, who grew up in the Hico/Dubach area, recalled her early jobs, from wrapping Christmas gifts at a local drugstore to working as a cashier. She also sewed Raggedy Ann and Andy dolls in high school and once sold signed excuse slips to tardy students. Her brief venture into selling bootlegged beer ended swiftly when Chief Bloxom advised, "I think y'all better shut this down."

Her career path was diverse, ranging from work-

ing at Bonanza and the old Plantation Club to sewing buttons at the Jack Leonard pants factory, a job she quickly left for a trucking company role, answering phones in the truck. She later became a cocktail waitress at Adam's Rib in Shreveport, worked in antique and grocery stores, and eventually returned to Minden the day the Challenger shuttle exploded, opening an antique and craft store with her parents.

In the early 1990s, Francis entered the casino industry, working at the Horseshoe from its opening until 1996. Although the money was good, she disliked the job. Seeking a new direction, she tried selling cars, a role she quickly embraced. "It was like being a cocktail waitress — you kept talking and circling until they ordered or bought one. It was the perfect job for me," she said.

Her passion for vintage cars began with a 1951 Pontiac and led to the purchase of a historic

home in Minden and a 1937 Buick named Olivia. She became deeply involved in the Minden historic district and cemetery preservation, organizing home tours, ghost walks, and car shows.

Francis' life took another turn in 2006 when she met her husband, Danny Francis. By 2007, she sought a new career path and met with tourism board member Pam Bloxom to discuss creating a museum dedicated to Minden and Webster Parish history. In 2008, the Dorcheat Museum opened its doors with just a few exhibits. Over the years, Francis expanded the museum and, in 2010, was named Minden's Woman of the Year. She married Danny in 2011 and joined the Motor Maids, the oldest female riding organization in the U.S. and Canada, in 2012.

In 2024, Francis and her husband reignited their passion for classic cars, acquiring three Model T Fords and joining the Ark-La-Tex Model A Ford



Club. "So I'm still staying busy, even in retirement," she said.

Her dedication to the Dorcheat Museum never wavered, and she was determined to find the right successor before stepping down. That person turned out to be Jessica Gorman, who initially approached Francis seeking permission to clean tombstones at the Minden Cemetery. "I'm very protective of this museum," Francis said. "I spent almost 20 years of my life making sure the doors stayed

open." She eventually persuaded Gorman to join the museum, even cutting her own salary to ensure its success. Today, Gorman serves as the Webster Parish historian and executive director of the museum.

Though Francis had planned to retire in August 2023, a colon cancer diagnosis in June led her to retire early. Fortunately, she is now in good health and continues to support the museum.

Francis encourages the community to donate to

the museum, emphasizing that even small contributions make a significant impact. Donations can be made online at www.dorcheatmuseum.com/donate. Gorman urges residents to consider donating historical documents or artifacts, as they may hold valuable historical significance.

The Dorcheat Museum, located at 116 Pearl Street in Minden, remains free to the public, preserving the rich history of Webster Parish for future generations.

CRIME

Traffic stop leads to arrest on multiple charges for Texas woman

STAFF REPORT
Minden Press-Herald

A Texas woman was arrested in Minden after being stopped for speeding on Interstate 20, leading to multiple charges, including resisting an officer and a potential violation of the Stolen Valor Act.

According to the Min-

den Police Department, an officer was monitoring traffic at mile marker 47 when a black Jeep was observed traveling at 98 MPH in a 70 MPH zone. The officer conducted a traffic stop and made contact with the driver, Tynesha Grayer, 28, of El Paso, Texas.

During the stop, offi-

cers noted that a 6-year-old child was in the front seat, unrestrained and lying down. When asked to exit the vehicle, Grayer reportedly refused multiple times before being physically removed. Authorities stated that she resisted officers as they attempted to detain her, leading to a brief struggle

before she was placed under arrest.

A search of the vehicle led to the discovery of a bag containing 4.15 grams of marijuana. Grayer was transported to the Minden Police Department, where she allegedly claimed to be an active-duty military member who had completed two

tours. Officers noted that if she were not currently serving or had not received an honorable discharge, the claim could constitute a violation of the Stolen Valor Act.

Authorities stated that Grayer had been arrested by the military in 2018 and has had multiple incidents since, leading

them to believe she may have been dishonorably discharged.

Grayer was booked on charges of reckless operation, no child restraint, resisting an officer, and stolen valor.

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

BUSINESS

Greater Minden Chamber welcomes Hope Creek Munitions to downtown Minden

WILL PHILLIPS
Minden Press-Herald

A new firearms store has made its mark in downtown Minden, offering hunters, sports shooters, and Second Amendment supporters a one-stop shop for all their needs. Hope Creek Munitions, recently opened by local gun enthusiast Jaxon Rowell, specializes in guns, ammo, optics, suppressors, hunting equipment, and accessories.

Rowell, a lifelong hunter and firearms aficionado, saw an opportunity to turn his passion into a business. "I'm passionate about hunting, shooting, and our Second Amendment. I saw an opportunity in Minden that allowed my hobbies to become a business. I have always enjoyed learning about all the new cool things coming out in the gun world," said Rowell.

Hope Creek Munitions not only offers a wide selection of firearms and gear but also provides custom gun builds, FFL and NFA transfers (\$25 FFL transfers and \$40 NFA transfers), and special orders at no extra cost. The shop has also partnered with SilencerShop, of-



fering an in-store kiosk where customers can complete fingerprinting and suppressor registration in about 10 minutes.

For Rowell, firearms have been a lifelong passion, influenced by his childhood experiences. "I remember as a kid, I would sit at my Papaw's

and read the latest American Hunter magazines about the next best hunting cartridge, the new thermal on the market, or the new rifle that was upgraded from last year," he recalled. "I have spent a lot of time learning about all of these things. Now I can pass that knowl-

edge on to my customers, whether it be the first-time hunter who wants to be a part of continuing a tradition or a more seasoned outdoorsman who will likely share some knowledge of their own."

Beyond just running a business, Rowell sees his shop as a way to uphold

American values. "For every firearm we put into the hands of law-abiding citizens, we are helping shore up our Second Amendment rights. Firearms have been an important part of our country's history as well as my own. I am honored and blessed to be able to con-

tinue to contribute to that history in historic downtown Minden. We have so much support and enthusiasm for small businesses here that makes it a truly special community to grow a business in."

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OBITUARIES



Frances Martin Cardwell

Funeral services for Frances Martin Cardwell, 96, will be held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, March 21, 2025, at Rose Neath Funeral Home Chapel in Minden, LA. Rev. Leon Boggs will be officiating. Burial will follow in Pine Grove Cemetery, north of Minden, LA.

The family will receive friends from 12 noon until 1:30 p.m. on Friday, March 21, at the Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Minden.

Frances, a former resident of Sarepta, LA for 47 years, died in Dallas, TX after a long illness on March 9, 2025. She was born January 3, 1929, in Minden, LA, and was a 1946 graduate of Minden High School. She was a long-time faithful member of New Sarepta Baptist Church. Frances also was a retired Office Administrator at the

former Treat Oil Company in Minden and Matthews Oil Company in Bossier City, LA.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ocie W. Cardwell; parents, Zack and Nora Martin; sisters, Martha Martin Hughes and Peggy Wynona Martin; and brother, Darrel W. Martin.

She is survived by sister, Bonnie Martin Hughes of Haughton, LA; son, Larry Cardwell and wife Belinda of Dallas, TX, and a number of special nieces and nephews that were very dear to her.

The family would like to thank the staff at Walnut Place Nursing Facility and Three Oaks Hospice, both of Dallas, TX, for their special care.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Alzheimer’s Association or charity of your choice.

Rose Neath Funeral Home
Minden Chapel 318-949-9415

CRIME

Minden man arrested on trespassing, stalking charges

STAFF REPORT
Minden Press-Herald

A Minden man was arrested Saturday after allegedly trespassing and stalking a homeowner, according to police reports.

Officers responded to a residence on the 100 block of James Place at approximately 3:01 PM

on March 8 after receiving a report of an unwanted person. The homeowner told officers that Teadrien Burris, 27, had been outside her home earlier that morning, sleeping on her front porch at around 5:15 AM before eventually leaving.

The homeowner reported that Burris made gestures into her security

camera before moving to an abandoned house behind her property, where he watched her home throughout the day. Later that afternoon, at approximately 3 PM, Burris allegedly knocked on the homeowner’s door and ran off before she could contact authorities.

Officers were called back to the residence

around 5 PM and located Burris outside. He was taken into custody and transported to the Minden Police Department for booking.

Burris was charged with criminal trespass and stalking.

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

BUSINESS

Fibrebond to be acquired by Eaton amidst major expansion

AMBER MCDOWN
Minden Press-Herald

Fibrebond, a Minden-based manufacturer specializing in electrical modules for data centers, industrial, and utility sectors, announced today a definitive agreement to be acquired by Eaton Corporation for \$1.4 billion.

Founded in 1982, Fibrebond has been at the forefront of transforming complex construction into simplified manufactured forms through intelligent design and automation. The company is currently finalizing a \$150 million expansion of its Louisiana campus, set to be completed later this year. This expansion includes a new 297,000-square-foot electrical integration facility, which will increase Fibrebond’s total manufacturing and warehouse space to over 1 million square feet on its 254-acre site.

The expansion is expected to bring over 100 additional workers to the Minden campus, increasing the total number of individuals on-site to approximately 1,000, including direct employees, contract workers, and construction teams. This growth is driven by the accelerating demand for



data center infrastructure, propelled by advancements in artificial intelligence, cloud services, and increased investment in energy infrastructure.

Graham Walker, President and CEO of Fibrebond, commented on the acquisition: “We stand firmly at the intersection of massive technological shifts. Our accelerating digital infrastructure work now drives industrial and utility growth. Our customers build at a scale we did not foresee even a few years ago. Our team has kept up with the growth while retooling for even greater scale.”

Walker further emphasized the alignment of values between the two companies: “As a private,

family-owned business for 43 years, we understand that credibility and trust empower our relationships with our customers, our employee team, and our supplier partners. Not every company shares our values, but since 2015, Eaton has been a customer that honored their commitments. We are confident that Eaton will carry our vision forward and create new opportunities for the Fibrebond team and our community.”

Post-closing, the Fibrebond leadership team will remain with the business, and operations will continue to expand in Minden, Louisiana. The transaction, subject to customary closing condi-

tions, is expected to close in the third quarter of 2025.

Eaton Corporation, established in 1911, is an intelligent power management company dedicated to improving the quality of life and protecting the environment. With revenues nearing \$25 billion in 2024, Eaton serves customers in more than 160 countries, offering products for data centers, utilities, industrial, commercial, residential, aerospace, and mobility markets.

This acquisition marks a significant milestone for both companies, positioning them to better serve the rapidly evolving demands of the digital infrastructure landscape.

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SHELTER

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works with various rescue organizations nationwide, transporting dogs to new homes across the country.

Ford also highlighted the need for more cat shelters and encouraged fostering. While the shelter has a few foster families, Ford is selective about placements. If you’re interested, contact Director Ford.

The shelter partners with Rocking Rooster and Minden Animal Clinic for veterinary services. Adoption fees cover only veterinary expenses, and all animals must be spayed or neutered before adoption. The shelter also checks for microchips to reunite lost pets with their owners.

During construction, the front gate will remain closed for safety, but the shelter remains open by appointment. “We are still answering calls, and animals are still available for retrieval, rescue, or rehoming,” Ford stated in a social media post. With limited space—seven dog cages and two cat cages—

Ford urged the public to adopt and reclaim pets as soon as possible.

Director Karrie Ford received a round of praise for all the work she does.

“Karrie does a fabulous job,” Roy said. Mayor Cox added, “You can hire for a position, but you don’t always get someone with the heart for it. Karrie has both the heart and the brains.”

Minden’s shelter also assists neighboring communities. Police Chief Jared McIver praised Ford’s dedication. “I’ll call Karrie and say, ‘Hey, Bienvenue needs our help,’ and she’ll say, ‘I’m on my way,’” McIver said.

Councilman Michael Roy is working to establish a donation system for monetary contributions and needed supplies. There are also plans in the works for more fundraisers.

The shelter’s Facebook page, Minden Animal Control-Minden, Louisiana, provides updates and adoptable animals. The shelter can also be found on Adopt-a-Pet and Petfinder.

UPDATE

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internet, no digital mapping for infrastructure repairs, and no plan for replacing the city’s 100-year-old main water line. Additionally, water storage capacity was limited to approximately 750,000 gallons. Now, AT&T is deploying fiber optic lines, infrastructure repairs are digitally tracked, and a plan is in place to replace the aging water line. The city has also secured funding to expand water storage by an additional 2 million gallons.

The water line replacement project will occur in three phases, with Phase 1 set to begin in about two months and finish by late summer. The Delta Regional Authority has provided a \$500,000 grant to fund this phase. While Phases 1 and 2 are expected to have minimal impact on residents, Phase 3 will require work under downtown’s brick streets, which officials anticipate will cause disruptions. “It’s three phases, and we might be crazy to tackle it, but it’s the right thing to do for the longevity of our city,” said Pendergrass.

“We’ve got to be proactive and not reactive,” said Mayor Nick Cox.

The city council has also negotiated a new power contract that is expected to reduce electricity costs by 25-35% by mid-summer. The new contract takes effect

June 1, with residents seeing partial savings on their July bills and full reductions reflected in August. The council was able to exit its contract with SWEPCO ahead of schedule.

Pendergrass noted improved collaboration among city officials, including the mayor, police chief, department heads, and council members. He emphasized the importance of teamwork in achieving progress.

“We’re just trying to do what’s right and not waste money,” he said. “No one person in a government scenario can create meaningful change on their own. You have to have allies.”

The council has also focused on long-term planning and succession strategies, ensuring that experienced department heads can train new hires before retirement. Additionally, a strategic plan, developed with Atlas Community Studios and funded by a \$300,000 Delta Regional Authority grant, outlines potential external funding sources for future projects.

Seeking additional investment in the city, the council has engaged lobbyists in Baton Rouge and Washington, D.C., with the Baton Rouge representative securing approximately \$5.2 million in funding to date.

“It takes all of us to make our city better,” said Cox.

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who drove away in his vehicle. The officer sustained a serious shoulder injury requiring extensive medical treatment.

Judge Ramona Emanuel sentenced Burns to five years at hard labor, with 30 days to be served without benefit of parole, probation or suspension of sentence for battery of

a police officer with an injury requiring medical attention. He also received three years at hard labor for resisting a police officer with force or violence and four years at hard la-

bor for simple escape. The resisting and battery sentences will run concurrently but consecutively to the escape sentence, as required by Louisiana law.

OVERALL

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Year.

Overall noted that some of her key strengths are networking, project management, and strategic planning. She also

mentioned that she was a good steward of resources, being able to make the most of the available resources despite any budget constraints.

Overall stated that her primary goal is to work

closely with the city officials, local organizations, and businesses to unify their goals and have everyone moving in a positive direction together. “I will be working closely with the mayor, council,

chamber president, etc. to ensure our goals are aligned and we aren’t siloed. Working together will have better results than working individually,” said Overall.

OPINION

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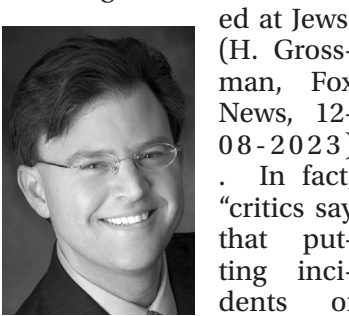
Terrorist Sympathizer at Columbia
University Must Be Deported

The actions of America's so-called elite colleges and universities are often so absurd and reflexively anti-American that it seems futile to comment upon them. However, I make an exception this week as it pertains to the plans of the Trump Administration to revoke the green card of Columbia University student, Mahmoud Khalil, a prominent supporter of the terrorist group Hamas, and leader of last year's anti-Israel protests.

Recall in a 2023 hearing before the U.S. Congress, the presidents of our "elite" institutions of higher education, including Harvard, MIT, and University of Pennsylvania, were unable—after being asked several times to do so—to say that calls for the genocide of Jews violated their student codes.

These three college presidents were pressed about the massive protests on their campuses where chants calling for the genocide of Jews, "intifada," and "from the river to the sea" were heard. All three awkwardly dodged the question or claimed it did not violate their policies as such, and whether the characterization of such vile hate speech violated school policy depended on the "context," seeming to suggest that only if gatherings of students chanting genocidal slogans crossed into "conduct" would it be prohibited.

The greatest duplicity was when these school presidents attempted to draw a false moral equivalence between calls for the genocide of Jews—equating it to Islamophobia—despite virtually no evidence Islamophobia is a problem even remotely comparable to the shocking wave of hate directed at Jews.



ROYAL ALEXANDER

In fact, "critics say that putting incidents of antisemitism and Islamophobia together is to equivocate the two, when Jews are the #1 targets for hate crimes, according to the latest statistics. Jewish people comprise 2.4% of the U.S. population but make up 60% of hate crimes linked to religion." (Id.).

Can you imagine if Black people were being verbally targeted for slaughter and elimination! What about transgender people? What about the mentally handicapped? What about gay people, Asians, or American Indians? The Leftist uproar would shake the globe. But not for Jews. They can be threatened with murder and only when the knife comes to the throat, it might be

condemned at Harvard.

Now, back to Mahmoud Khalil.

As legal scholars have noted, a green card comes with certain legal obligations including the disavowal of terrorism. Under 8 U.S.C. 1182, an alien is inadmissible if he or she "endorses or espouses terrorist activity or persuades others to endorse or espouse terrorist activity, ... or is a "representative ... of a political, social, or other group that endorses or espouses terrorist activity."

As the Wall Street Journal notes, "Mr. Khalil seems to have violated that obligation. He belongs to Columbia University Apartheid Divest (CUAD) and was a lead negotiator during last spring's anti-Israel encampment on the campus. Those protests glorified Hamas. CUAD was also a key player in the school's encampment, which was a 'Zionist-free zone,' a designation that excluded Jews from a large part of campus." (WSJ, March 13, 2025). If that were not enough to have satisfied the legal justification for his deportation, WSJ further notes that "in October 2024, CUAD formalized its support for Hamas and again celebrated the Oct 7, 2023, massacre ... stating that 'Zionists don't deserve to live.'"

As Josh Hammer writes in RealClearPolitics about the Trump Tower Occupation,

"Khalil is a Syrian national and Algerian citizen who was the face of last year's violent pro-Hamas Columbia University campus riots. He was the spokesman for CUAD, a demented organization which referred to the Oct. 7 slaughter of Israelis as a "moral, military, and political victory" and asserted that it is fighting for nothing less than the "total eradication of Western civilization."

This is the intellectual rot that has poisoned our American institutions of "higher learning" for decades—masquerading as political correctness—coming home to roost. This is where we are with the Woke American Left. There can be no dissenting thought, no genuine exchange of ideas. Rather, you are either Woke, or you are silenced. Censored. Cancelled. Free speech in the context of genuine academic freedom is largely non-existent in American higher education. Many of us have observed this academic censorship for years but the virulent antisemitism we have witnessed on college campuses over the last two years is a stark and disturbing reminder.

Mahmoud Kahlil should be deported immediately.

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

Persistence is the key to - everything

Calvin Coolidge, the thirtieth President of the United States said "Nothing in this world can take the place of persistence. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful people with talent. Genius will not; un-rewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent. The slogan "press on" has solved and always will solve the problems of the human race."

While reading The Best Of Times magazine a while back I learned that Mark Twain, Thomas Edison, Noel Coward and Charles Dickens all had at least one thing in common. None of them ever finished grade school.

Wow! Such tidbits make me even prouder of the fact that I didn't graduate from

college.

For many years I was ashamed to admit that I performed very badly as a student at Harding University in 1966-67. Of course I was paralyzed by fear because we lost our beds at the orphanage when we graduated from high school.

In 1987, after I had my first book of poetry published, I made a trip into Shreveport, from Plain Dealing, with some LSUS graduate students. One of the ladies innocently asked me where I graduated from college to which I

ashamedly replied that I had less than one year of college



SARAH HUDSON PIERCE

to which she quipped "well I guess if someone is going to write you really can't stop them."

On more than one occasion another friend has chastised me for admitting I hadn't graduated from college to which I always reply that I am not ashamed of my lack of education and at this stage of my life I am just grateful that I have been able to keep on keeping on at what I love to do -- write.

Though, a little late in life, I've learned that persistence is the key to success in any endeavor that we undertake. We may never make a lot of money writing but if we know what we want and doggedly pursue that goal success will one day come.

I gain inspiration from people like Thomas Edison, with less than three months of public education, invented the incandescent light

bulb along with over 10,000 other inventions. He also founded General Electric.

All of these gems lead me back to the Bible that says "the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, but time and chance happens to them all."

I am comforted reading Max Ehrman's poem, Desiderata where he writes "there will always be greater and lesser person. than yourself."

Remember there will never be another you. You are unique. If you don't tell your story in your words, through your eyes, your family may one day wish they had taken the time to ask you questions after it is too late.

It takes courage to be yourself, to follow your dream.

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203 GLEASON STREET

Love the Boot: A Call to Action for Minden

As we approach the annual Love the Boot cleanup event in Minden, I want to encourage everyone in our community to not only participate, but to take ownership of this process and make it our own. The City of Minden and the Greater Minden Chamber of Commerce have partnered once again to bring this important initiative to life, and this year, the opportunity for community involvement is greater than ever.

Since its inception, Love the Boot has made a significant impact, and last year's event was a true testament to what happens when a community comes together for a common cause. Volunteers collected hundreds of pounds of trash and completed beautification projects, helping Minden shine brighter. But this year, we're aiming for even more – more participants, more projects,

and more positive change.

We've all heard the phrase "Take pride in your community," and this is a great opportunity to do just that. Whether you're picking up litter, planting flowers, or helping beautify public spaces, you're contributing to the lasting vitality of our beloved Minden.

The event will have two key opportunities for involvement:

Saturday, April 5 (8 AM – 12 PM): Volunteers will help prepare Miller Quarters Park for the upcoming Scottish Tartan Festival, scheduled for April 12.

Wednesday, April 9 (8 AM – 12 PM): A citywide cleanup day will focus on litter collection and beautification projects across Minden.

These are vital opportunities to make a direct impact on the look and feel of our community. It's not just about cleaning up after ourselves but also about setting the example for future generations. This is a time to show our children and grandchildren the importance of preserving the beauty around us.

After the hard work is done, we'll celebrate! The Thank You After-Party & Awards Ceremony will be held at Miller Quarters Park on April 9 at 12 PM. There will be music, food, games, and awards in categories such as Most Spirited Team, Largest Team, and Most Litter Collected. It's a time to celebrate the efforts of ev-

everyone who has given their time to make Minden a better place.

But don't just stop there – take ownership of the process. This isn't just an event that the Chamber and the City are organizing for us; it's an opportunity to come together as a community to take pride in our surroundings. Encourage your friends, your family, and your coworkers to join. If you own a business, get your team involved or sponsor cleanup materials and after-party expenses. Remember, this is a chance for all of us to roll up our sleeves and make Minden a place we can all be proud of.

In the spirit of ownership, I challenge each of you to ask, "What can I do to make Minden better?" It's easy to assume that someone else will take care of it. But the truth is, it's up to all of us. Let's

show the world what we're capable of when we work together.

As Chamber President Stephanie Barnette said, "Let's come together to keep our community clean and beautiful." And together, we will! Let's make this year's Love the Boot cleanup the most impactful one yet.

For more information or to sign up, you can visit the link in the article, and I encourage everyone to get involved. It's an opportunity to give back, make a difference, and have some fun while doing it. Let's show Minden what true community spirit looks like.

Together, we can make Minden shine brighter than ever!

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HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL



DOUGLAS BLOW/SPECIAL TO THE PRESS-HERALD
Darnell Morris led Minden with 14 points against Bossier.



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Minden's Jaiden Franklin goes up for a shot in the semifinals.

‘They laid it on the line for a great community’

Minden’s season ends with semifinal loss

RUSSELL HEDGES
Minden Press-Herald

The Minden Crimson Tide's outstanding season came to an end last week with a 51-35 loss to the Bossier Bearkats in the non-select Division II semifinals at the Burton Complex in Lake Charles.

Minden, the No. 2 seed, finished 23-4. The Tide made it to the semifinals for the first time in 24 years. Sixth-seeded Bossier (22-12) had a 15-game winning streak snapped with a 50-44 loss to Wossman in the title game.

"I thought our kids competed," Minden Hesd Coach Jacob Brown said. "They played hard. What an amazing experience. These guys have nothing to be ashamed of. In this world people remember your last game."

"You're either a hero or

a goat however you want to refer to it. But I got a bunch of heroes in here. They laid it on the line for a great community.

"I hope this gets to be a continuous thing where every year we have the opportunity to get here, put yourself in that position and you're not defined by this last game."

Minden senior Darnell Morris led the team with 14 points and 13 rebounds.

"It felt good," he said of making it to the state tournament. "Mainly I just want to thank the team. This wasn't easy. Nobody saw what happened behind the seen. Our blood, sweat and tears. ... It felt good to have everybody come and watch us. We just didn't get it done."

Both teams played tough defense, but the Tide had a difficult time getting shots

to fall regardless.

Minden shot 21 percent from the field in the first half and 28 (15-of-52) for the game. The Tide attempted 16 3-pointers and made only two.

Minden also struggled at the free throw line, making just 3-of-13.

"Probably the difference in the game — free throws you get you have to make. And giving up some buckets at the rim," Brown said. "We traded makes at the rim and misses at the rim, contested misses not always blown wide-open shots."

Minden trailed 9-2 early and 11-5 after the first quarter. Bossier extended the lead to 22-11 at the half.

The Bearkats went up 25-13 early in the third. The Tide then gave their fans something to cheer about.

Morris scored inside and was fouled. He converted

the 3-point play to get Minden within nine. Minden got the ball back and Morris drained a 3-pointer to cut the lead to six with 5:45 left in the quarter.

The Tide had two chances to cut even more into Bossier's lead but couldn't do it.

The Bearkats finished the quarter on a 6-1 run and led 31-20.

Bossier pushed the lead to 42-25. Minden got within 44-33 but that was as close as the Tide would get.

Bossier shot 31 percent (14-of-45) from the field. The Bearkats were 2-of-8 from 3-point range and 21-of-30 from the free throw line.

Kam Davenport and Kerel Woods led Bossier with 15 and 14 points, respectively. Jatravion Bunery had 18 points to go with his 10 points.

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Parish teams notch victories

RUSSELL HEDGES
Minden Press-Herald

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

Minden and Glenbrook both went undefeated.

(Records are through Sunday..)

The Crimson Tide started the week with a 16-1 victory over Homer. Minden then won two games in the Stanley tournament, defeating Choudrant 3-2 and Zwolle 8-2.

The Crimson Tide (12-6) carried a nine-game winning streak into Tuesday's District 1-4A opener against Northwood.

Glenbrook started the week with a 20-0 District 1-1A victory over Plain Dealing. The Apaches defeated West Ouachita 7-2 in the Grace Christian tournament.

Lakeside split games early in the week, defeating North Webster 13-1 and falling to D'Arbonne Woods 5-0. The Warriors (8-9, 3-3) then split the first two games in a Dis-

trict 3-2A series against Winnfield, losing the first 9-2 and winning the second 6-5. Winnfield took the third 13-10.

Doyline (5-5) lost to Calvin 12-7 early in the week.

The Panthers split games in the Stanley tournament, defeating Converse 4-1 and falling to Zwolle 15-4.

North Webster (5-6) defeated Dodson 14-2 after losing to Lakeside.

Minden's Jaxon Smith pitched a complete game against Choudrant.

Bray Winston went 3-for-4 with a double and four RBI against Zwolle.

Glenbrook's Easton Sanders struck out 14 and walked only two against West Ouachita.

Jackson Waller hit two home runs and also had a triple.

Lakeside's Peyton Gray went 3-for-4 with a double against North Webster.

Doyline's Noah Spears went 4-for-4 with a double and four RBI against Calvin.

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Lakeside enjoys unbeaten week

RUSSELL HEDGES
Minden Press-Herald

Last week was a very good one for the Lakeside Lady Warriors.

(Records are through Sunday.)

Lakeside went 5-0. The Lady Warriors started the week with a 7-5 victory over Cedar Creek.

Lakeside then defeated Many 25-16 in a District 3-2A game. The Lady Warriors won three games in the Lakeside tournament, defeating Byrd 9-7, Cedar Creek 10-9 and Downsville 18-1.

Glenbrook went 3-2. The Lady Apaches (12-4) started with a 3-2 win over Converse then defeated Plain Dealing 16-0 in a District 1-1A game.

Glenbrook went 1-2 in the Grace Christian tournament, defeating Sacred Heart 8-6 and falling to Grant 6-4 and Anacoco 9-6.

Minden defeated

Weston 14-4 early in the week. The Lady Tiders also defeated Simpson 6-3 in the Stanley tournament.

Doyline won its only game, defeating Castor 18-8

Lakeside's McKenna Chreene went 3-for-5 with a home run in the first game against Cedar Creek.

Emily Jones went 6-for-6 with a triple, three doubles and four RBI against Many. Chreene went 5-for-5 with a home run, two doubles and four RBI.

Raleah Harris went 4-for-5 with a triple and two doubles in the tournament win over Cedar Creek..

Glenbrook's Rebecca Mosley pitched a one-hitter against Converse.

Minden's Lizzie Balkom went 3-for-4 with a triple, double and two RBI against Weston.

Doyline's Lanie Gates went 3-for-5 against Castor.

OUTDOORS

Memories of the Sportman's Jamboree

GLYNN HARRIS

During my more than half a century of writing, broadcasting and being involved in events involving the outdoors, there is one in which I was involved that stands at the forefront of my memory, the Sportsman's Jamboree.

I remember meeting with a group of Ruston folks who got together to discuss a problem and to see if we could do something about it. We discussed the fact that we needed to do more to respect the landowners who allowed us to hunt on their land as well as to do a better job of behavior as outdoorsmen and women. We decided to hold a public meeting to discuss these and other things related to the outdoors. Thus, in October, 1980, our first event was held under the heading "Respect the Landowner." Our state representative at the time, William Sumlin, was successful in having that logo added to special auto

license plates that year.

That first get-together was the genesis of what would become the Sportsman's Jamboree, an annual event that was held each fall for the next 34 years with the final Jamboree held in 2014. Our group outgrew the Ruston Civic Center to the point we moved the event, which grew in numbers each year to the Thomas Assembly Center at LA Tech.

Throughout the tenure, there were several who kept it going and planned for the event each fall. Once Willamette Industries which later transitioned to Weyerhaeuser Co. came on board as our main sponsor, Willamette's wildlife biologist, Luke Lewis was a ring leader in promoting and planning each event. I was fortunate not only to be involved in the promotion and planning as were many others but I was also master of ceremonies at each event.

Some of the highlights during the 34 years the Sportsman's Jamboree was

alive included our giving scholarships to two students every year and allowing local vendors to show what they had to offer as displays were set up around the perimeter of the Assembly Center. Scores of businesses contributed materials for door prizes.

We were fortunate to attract an array of speakers, many of which were known nationwide. These included whitetail deer expert Dr. James Kroll, who was guest speaker at least three times over the years. Well-known turkey call manufacturers such as Preston Pittman, Ray Eye, Ben Rodgers Lee, David Hale and Harold Knight along with outdoor writers/photographers such as Grits Gresham, Bob Dennie, Paul Brown and Tes and Ron Jolly came to entertain and educate the crowds that came each year.

One of the most memorable and sobering events we had was on September 11, 2001, the day terrorists flew planes into the trade

centers and Pentagon. Our guest speaker scheduled for that night was stranded and unable to fly in. We met anyhow and spent our time in prayer for our nation and playing a song that we used as an intro for every meeting that followed, Lee Greenwood's "God Bless the USA."

It has now been over 10 years since the last Sportsman's Jamboree was held and even today, I hear comments from folks who lament on how special these events were and how its demise has left a void. We decided after the final event in 2014 to have to call a halt to future events for several reasons. Our bank account was drying up, we were not receiving funds necessary to keep it going and vendors felt they needed to put their focus elsewhere.

Even so, for as long as I live I will be proud to have been a part of something so special for our outdoorsmen and women. Long live the memory of the Sportsman's Jamboree.

Fishing Report

BUSSEY BRAKE — The bass are becoming more active. Flipping soft plastics seems to be the best bet. Crappie should be starting to move toward the banks soon and will improve on shiners and jigs. For latest information, contact the Honey Hole at 323-8707.

OUACHITA RIVER — The river is high and rising. No fishing report. 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 toward shallow spawning ground with shiners and jigs improving the catch. Bass are slow to fair but will be moving up as water temperatures warm. No report on catfish or bream. For latest information, call Anderson Sport Center at 368-9669 or Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

LAKE CLAIBORNE — Crappie fishing has been fair as the fish begin to move from deep water toward the shallows. Bass are responding to a crawfish colored Jack Hammer chatter bait. 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 fair to good as the fish leave the deeper water and begin making their way to the back of creeks to spawn in a few weeks. Best bet for bass are to fish soft plastics or a deep diving crank bait on the deeper humps and ridges. Chinquapins should be showing up soon around shallow brush. No report on 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 fishing is starting to improve as the fish begin their move to the shallows to spawn. Catfishing is good and a few bream are starting to show up. For information, contact the marina at 318/878-0101.

LAKE YUCATAN — The water is starting to fall with access to the landing now possible. Fishing should be good in a week to 10 days. For info call Surplus City Landing at 318/467-2259.



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



Rebecca Mosley
Glenbrook, Sr.

Mosley's strong pitching performances have helped the Lady Apaches go 12-4 through March 16. She has also been named to the LHSAA Class 1A All-Academic Team.

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





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Good News

GOOD NEWS

LIFE IS MORE THAN A GAME

As a kid I remember playing marbles. In fact, a boy from a nearby school won the national championship one year. And there were corn-cob fights, sling shot contests, baseball games using “sock balls” Cowboys and Indians and more. But one Christmas, we got a basketball and goal. My dad and older brothers hung it on the tall mimosa tree in the front yard. Then all other games took second place!

Central High School, a country school South of Delhi, was too small to have other sports, so we inhaled basketball all year long! The gym door was always open. “Just turn out the lights if you are the last one to leave,” and, “No one allowed on Sundays until after lunch”! To kids growing up like this, “life seemed to be just one big game right after another”. Then graduation finally arrived! Reality appeared! “Life is more than a game, Crider,” I began to learn!

In some ways though, life does

have similarities to many games. In playing games (as in life), we can always say when we didn’t win, “the refs called it wrong” or “it’s only a game”! The Apostle Paul did compare life to “running a race”, but he made many more direct references about “living a God-honoring life.” And that’s no game, my friend! That is serious business with God!

Basketball fans are glued to the playoffs leading to the National Championship in early April. We have our favorite teams to pull for along the way. This year is no exception. We’ve already seen our share of exciting nail-bitters. March Madness seems to put its stamp on all of us. But the truth is: it is only a game. Life will go on after the tournament is over. Next year, teams will be going after the same goal—the national crown. But many of us will be at different stations in life. Some

will have “passed through the door” into eternity; others will be rocking in their favorite chair in a retirement center; some may be vacationing in Florida or Colorado. The point is: Life is more than a game; it is a joyous preparation for Eternal Living with our Heavenly Father.

There is always a game going on. When football season is over, there is basketball, baseball, soccer, always golf, sometimes tennis, and then the seasons repeat. And some folks “play all their time away” as if this is their only purpose in life. They have not sought out or identified God’s true purpose for themselves. So, they play at work, at church, with their family, with their time and resources. To them, life is always just one big game! But then the aging process takes place, life slows down and becomes somewhat empty for many. The game

rules change; our court size and other dimensions get smaller. Team members shift or move on. Physical requirements have to be adjusted – just to stay in life’s game. Life becomes a more difficult game to play. At some point, we all realize that. This is really not a game; it is a war and I want to be on the winning side. What can I do?

We must condition our lives on a foundational belief, according to unchanging Biblical principles. This includes: 1) A saving faith through Jesus Christ; 2) A firm belief system grounded in the Scriptures; 3) Serving in a Bible-teaching church; 4) And surround us with a circle of family and friends to love and affirm us along the way. Haven’t you heard the expression used, “I just don’t see how anyone gets through the hard times in life without the Lord, a church family and close friends”? Well, some struggle through the valleys of life with sour faces, broken spirits and being angry with God. With-

out hope! But that is not God’s plan. His great desire is to be our Comforter, Helper, Redeemer, Sustainer and Guide. He wants to live in our hearts and direct us along this journey called life. God doesn’t play games with us, and neither should we approach life as a game.

Just as athletes learn “the team comes first”, we must remember - “Life is not about me, but all about God. It is all about Him: Seeking and loving Him, obeying and serving Him.” Serious business, don’t you think? Not a game at all! But we all can win, playing by God’s guidelines. We all can advance to the next “level”. We all can share the Winner’s Crown. This will last a long time after the annual March Madness ends in April. It’s called ‘eternal life’!

BILL CRIDER IS CHAPLAIN OF MINDEN MEDICAL CENTER

THE UPWARD LOOK

Forgiven

“How blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, Whose sin is covered!” Psalm 32:1 NASB

Guilt. Regret. Remorse. Shame. These emotions and more often flood one’s soul when a wrong has been done, when one disobeys, when one willfully rebels, and when one falls woefully short of what is expected. Blessed. Happy. Joyful. What relief, what peace, what comfort floods one’s soul when the wrong has been forgiven, covered over, and made right. Ultimate forgiveness is found only through



Max Hutto

mate forgiveness is found only through Jesus, His blood that cleanses all our sin! Through Jesus one can find peace with God and peace with other people.

Lord Jesus, though I have sinned and fallen well short of God’s will, I have been forgiven through Your mercy and grace. I have been blessed and now live in peace.

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

INSPIRATION

Down not out

Mike Tyson once said, “Everyone has a plan until they get punched in the mouth”. This statement was made during a pre-fight interview for his bout with Evander Holyfield. Tyson’s statement can be applied to multiple aspects of life including our walk with God! We as people often fabricate grandiose plans for ourselves. We often find that as followers of God, our plans don’t match His in direction, scale, or timing. Then one fateful day life punches you in the mouth and everything seems to fall apart. You must then ask yourself one quintessential question. How do I get back up? Well, wonder no longer because God has provided a solution. Psalms 37:5-6 NIV says “Commit




Bernard Harris

your way to the Lord; trust in him and he will do this: He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn, your vindication like the noonday sun”. It happens so often that we go into the battles of life with the mentality that we have to fight it all ourselves and only ask God when we fail. However, that couldn’t be further from the truth: our battles and subsequent victories to follow all belong to the lord and are for his glory. So in closing this article I would like everyone to ask the question: is my plan God’s plan?

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

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WEDNESDAY, March 26, 2025,
During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:
LOT ELEVEN (11) and the West 66.25 feet of LOT TEN (10), BLOCK “A”, BRACKIN-NORTON SUBDIVISION, Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana.
LESS AND EXCEPT:

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 (NE/4 of NW/4), Section 22, Township 19 North, Range 9 West, Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana as per map and plat thereof on file and of record in the Office of the Clerk of Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, in Map Book 1, at Page 57, more particularly described as follows:
Begin at a set 1/4” iron rod located at the Southwest Corner of said Lot No. 11 lying at the Northeast 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 fron 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 55 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 %4 inch fron 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.
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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
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During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:
The East Half (B/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 SW/4 and SE/4 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 Auctioneer
Webster Parish, Louisiana
Jam Brant
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February 19, 2025
March 19, 2025
Minden Press Herald

SHERIFF'S SALE

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC
VS.
ROBERT WAYNE HOLLOWAY & VICKI DAILEY HOLLOWAY
In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 81528.
By virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued out of the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, in the above styled and numbered suit and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder for cash WITHOUT the benefit of appraisalment and according to law at the principle front door of the Courthouse in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana, on
WEDNESDAY, March 26, 2025,
During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:
LOT ELEVEN (11), OF TANGLEWOOD SUBDIVISION, UNIT NO. ONE (1), A SUBDIVISION LOCATED IN THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (NW/4 OF SW/4), SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 9 WEST; THAT PORTION OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (NE/4 OF SW4), SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 9 WEST, LYING WEST OF THE LEWISVILLE ROAD; THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (NE/4 OF SE/4), SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 9 WEST, ALL IN WEBSTER PARISH, LOUISIANA AND RECORDED IN MAP BOOK 3A, PAGE 157. RECORD: OF THE CLERK OF COURT OF WEBSTER PARISH, LOUISIANA. TOGETHER WITH ALL IMPROVEMENTS LOCATED THEREON AND ALL RIGHTS THERETO BELONGING; subject to restrictions, servitudes, rights-of-way and outstanding mineral rights of record affecting the property.
SOLD SUBJECT TO ANY SUPERIOR LIENS, MORTGAGES OR PRIVILEGES THERETO.
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Public Notice

Village of Dixie Inn
Public Hearing
February 27, 2025

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

A public hearing to discuss the FY 2026/2027 Community Development Block Grant Program (LCDBG) was held on February 27, 2025 at 4:00 p.m., at the Dixie Inn Village Hall with the following members present: Mayor Donna Hoffoss, Aldermen Judy McKenzie, Nell Finlay, and Lance Milligan.

Mayor Hoffoss discussed with guests the amount of funds available for community development and housing activities, the different projects available to be undertaken, past performances on State funded LCDBG projects, and the village's plans for minimizing displaced people as a result of receiving assistance through LCDBG Grant funds. Mayor Hoffoss asked for com-

ments concerning the LCDBG Program. No votes were cast during these discussions.

There being no further comments, the public hearing was adjourned.

ATTEST:

Donna Hoffoss
Mayor

March 19, 2025
Minden Press Herald

Public Notice

Executive Department
Office of the Governor
Proclamation Number 26 JML 2025

SPECIAL ELECTION – MAYOR, VILLAGE OF SHONGALOO, PARISH OF WEBSTER

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the office of Mayor, Village of Shongaloo, Parish of Webster, because no one qualified for this office during the January 29-31, 2025 qualifying period for the March 29, 2025 election;
WHEREAS, R.S. 18:602 requires the Governor to call a special election to fill the vacancy in an office of a member of a parish or municipal governing authority when more than eighteen (18) months of the term remain unexpired in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 18:602 and/or the dates for elections set forth in R.S. 18:402.
NOW THEREFORE, I, JEFF LANDRY, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:
Section 1: A special primary and general election for the unexpired terms shall be held throughout the jurisdiction of Mayor, Village of Shongaloo, Parish of Webster, for the purpose of electing a mayor to fill the vacancy in the office.
Section 2: Any qualified person desiring to become a candidate for the office shall file a notice of candidacy, accompanied either by a qualifying fee or a nominating petition, as required or authorized by law, with the appropriate election official in the manner and form, and under the procedures and conditions, provided by R.S. 18:461 et seq., and all other applicable provisions of the Louisiana Election Code, R.S. 18:1 et seq., during the period commencing Wednesday, July 9, 2025 and ending Friday, July 11, 2025.
Section 3: The special election shall be held and conducted under the applicable provisions of the Louisiana Election Code, R.S. 18:1 et seq.
Section 4: The primary election shall be held Saturday, October 11, 2025, and the general election shall be held Saturday, November 15, 2025, at the times and places and in the manner, prescribed by law.
Section 5: The Secretary of State, Commissioner of Elections, Parish Board of Election Supervisors, Clerk of Court, Registrar of Voters, and all other persons charged with any power, function, right, duty or responsibility in conducting elections in the jurisdiction of Mayor, Village of Shongaloo, Parish of Webster, are hereby authorized, requested, directed and empowered to exercise every lawful function and to do every act necessary to conduct the special election, to cause the returns to be made, to canvass and promulgate the results, and to perform all related and incidental functions.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Louisiana in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 6th day of March 2025.

Jeff Landry
GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTEST BY THE
SECRETARY OF STATE

Nancy Landry
SECRETARY OF STATE

March 19, 2025
Minden Press Herald

Minutes

PROCEEDINGS OF THE VILLAGE OF DIXIE INN, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN IN WORKSHOIP HELD FEBRUARY 28, 2025

The Village of Dixie Inn met at the Village Hall in Dixie Inn, Louisiana beginning at 5:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Donna Hoffoss, Lance Milligan, Judy McKenzie, Nell Finley, and Jeff McNeill. Mayor Hoffoss welcomed everyone to the meeting.
The following topics were discussed: restructuring the council meetings, Ordinance 90-B, Tasers for the police department. No votes were cast during these discussions.
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Donna Hoffoss, Mayor

ATTEST:

Alicia Ware, Clerk

March 19, 2025
Minden Press Herald

Minutes

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF MINDEN, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN IN SPECIAL SESSION HELD ON MARCH 7, 2025

The Minden City Council met at City Hall in Minden, Louisiana, beginning at 3:15 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Nick Cox, Carlton Myles, Levon Thomas, Michael Roy and Andy Pendergrass. Absence(s): Latasha Mitchell. Mayor Cox welcomed everyone to the meeting. It is noted for the record that Mayor Cox allowed both council and public comments prior to every vote.
Regarding Item (1), Discussion Concerning Litigation Since an Open Meeting Would Have a Detrimental Effect on the Bargaining or Litigating Position of the City of Minden, Mayor Cox asked for a motion to retire to executive session to discuss the matter. Upon motion by Michael Roy and duly seconded by Andy Pendergrass, the council voted to retire to executive session and the vote was as follows: Aye(s): Carlton Myles, Levon Thomas, Michael Roy, and Andy Pendergrass. Nay(s): None. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): Latasha Mitchell. The motion carried. At 3:20 p.m., the council retired to executive session.
At 3:42 p.m., Mayor Cox declared the executive session closed and the special session reconvened. Michael Roy moved to adopt a Resolution to Amend the City of Minden 2024-2025 Budget, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Andy Pendergrass and the vote was as follows: Aye(s): Carlton Myles, Levon Thomas, Michael Roy, and Andy Pendergrass. Nay(s): None. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): Latasha Mitchell. The motion carried.
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Nicholas A. Cox, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melaney Langford, City Clerk

March 19, 2025
Minden Press Herald

Public Notice

EARLY VOTING SCHEDULE
for the
March 29th
Election

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS OFFICE
WEBSTER PARISH COURTHOUSE
410 Main St., Minden
Saturday, March 15 – Saturday, March 22, 2025
Excluding Sunday
8:30 AM until 6:00 PM
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101 Machen Dr., Springhill
Saturday, March 15 – Saturday, March 22, 2025
Excluding Sunday
8:30 AM until 6:00 PM

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March 12, 19, 2025
Minden Press Herald

Public Notice

On March 6, 2025, the Judges of the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court amended the 2024 Judicial Expense Fund Budget to decrease the Transfer from Child Support Fund to \$206,571.89 as well as to increase the Beginning Fund Balance to \$1,955,155.00. Should you wish to view the Amended Budget, you may do so in Bossier Parish at 204 Burt Blvd., 5th Floor and in Webster Parish at 410 Main St, 2nd Floor.

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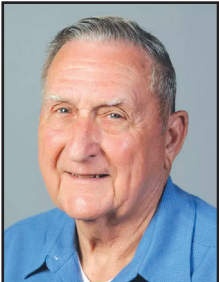
CHOOSE THE BEST
MULCH FOR THE
PLANTS YOU GROW

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

Most gardeners are convinced that mulches are very beneficial when growing either flowers or vegetables, but the kind of mulch used will make a difference in plant response. But what is the purpose of mulches? They really have several purposes. One very obvious purpose is to reduce weed problems by blocking sunlight where the weeds get their energy. By killing weeds in this manner, they are not there to compete with the flower and vegetable plants. Not only do weeds compete for water and nutrients in the soil, but also for sunlight as uncontrolled they typically are more vigorous than our "crop" plants. When organic materials are used as a mulch, they enrich the soil as they decompose. Such

materials also improve the environment for beneficial soil microorganisms. So, let's consider some possible materials that can be used as a mulch. Some gardeners have been using several thicknesses of newspaper to smother weeds and that will do the job. However, as the paper dries the wind will blow it away unless it is well anchored with some heavy objects. Another problem is that it decomposes slowly and might interfere with later gardening. Shredded paper from office equipment is similar to newspapers although it tends to decompose more rapidly. If you happen to have some old carpet that you need to get rid of, know that it can make a pretty good mulch. Just cut it in strips wide enough to cover the soil between rows of vegetables or flowers. It's effective in stopping weeds, it's heavy when wet or dry and thus wind is no problem. And like many other mulches helps maintain soil mois-

ture at desirable levels. Black plastic mulch excludes light which kills weed seedlings. It also warms the soil while spring air temperatures are still cool and when applied early will hasten the growth of your flowers and vegetables. It slows the loss of moisture under it, but at the same time prevents packing of the soil from heavy rains. When used in vegetable gardens, it keeps the fruits of vegetable plants that have a prostrate growth habit from touching the soil where rot can be a problem. Unfortunately, it has some disadvantages. It involves extra cost, may be difficult to find and may be difficult to put in place, particularly on windy days. It has to be anchored on the edges with soil and it eventually decomposes into fragments that are hard to remove plus fire ants love to make it their home. In general, organic mulches are excellent. They insulate the soil from extreme temperatures, encourage beneficial microorganisms, favor the absorption of nutrients by crop plants, reduce weed problems and improve soil aeration. When applied too early, they delay growth of your garden crops. Sometimes it's good to "double mulch" which means covering the black plastic with an organic mulch during the summer to prevent over-heating of the soil and damage to plant roots.



JOE W. WHITE, Ph.D.



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