





# WEBSTER & MORE

## EDUCATION

### Webster Ready Start holds Early Childhood Education registration events

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Webster Ready Start hosted an Early Childhood Education registration event on March 21 at the Minden Rec Center, following a similar event in Springhill on March 14. The organization aims to increase community awareness of early childhood education and provide access to high-quality learning experiences for children from birth to age five.

Themed “Once Upon a Time,” the event featured book-themed tables representing early childhood education sites, including early learning centers,

Head Start programs, and public pre-K schools. Parents received information and registered their children for classes. Early learning centers accept children from birth to age four, Head Start enrolls children ages 18 months to four years, and pre-K programs serve 4-year-olds.

Webster Ready Start’s Wee Play center was available for children to explore, providing opportunities for age-appropriate play while offering parents information on reducing screen time. Throughout the day, guest readers entertained children, and vendors from Early Hope, LSU Ag, and



other organizations provided resources.

Parents who registered were also able to sign

their children up for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, which mails a free book each month to

enrolled children. Registration remains open for the 2025-26 school year. For more in-

formation, call Webster Ready Start at (318) 377-3099 or visit [www.websterreadystart.com](http://www.websterreadystart.com).

## CRIME

### Springhill man arrested on home invasion, domestic abuse charges

STAFF REPORT

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A Springhill man was arrested early Thursday after allegedly breaking into a woman’s home, assaulting her, and taking

her vehicle without permission, according to law enforcement.

Webster Parish Sheriff’s deputies responded to a call just after midnight on March 20 in the 100 block of Red Bud Lane.

The complainant reported that Cartavious Webb, 26, entered her residence, pushed her down a hallway, and then loaded items into her vehicle. Webb allegedly returned inside, choked the wom-

an while she was seated in the living room, and then left in her vehicle.

Deputies later located Webb at an address on Cobb Street with the woman’s vehicle. A witness reported seeing

Webb enter the residence and hearing a struggle as he and the woman moved down the hallway.

Webb was read his rights under Miranda and transported to BDCC for booking on charges of

home invasion, domestic abuse battery, and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

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

## WPL

### Shelley Masog named Public Librarian of the Year by Louisiana Library Association

Special to the Minden Press-Herald

Your Webster Parish Library is proud to announce that staff member Shelley Masog has been awarded the prestigious Louisiana Library Association (LLA) Public Librarian of the Year award. This honor recognizes outstanding contributions to librarianship, dedication to the community, and excellence in library service.

Shelley Masog, who serves as Library Resource Administrator for all Webster Parish Library System locations, has been a vital part of the library team since 2017. Her commitment to fostering a love of reading, implementing of innovative programs, and expanding library resources has made a lasting impact on both patrons and her colleagues. From leading new initiatives to developing streamlined processes and procedures, her work has significantly enriched the lives of Webster Parish residents.

“I cannot think of anyone more deserving of this award than Shelley. She exemplifies reliability, motivation, and teamwork. Not only is



she a strong leader, but she also demonstrates an exceptional work ethic and a consistently positive attitude. Shelley truly embodies the core values and professionalism of the Webster Parish Library System. Her contributions are invaluable, and I cannot imagine the workplace without her by my side,” said Savannah Jones, Director of Web-

ster Parish Libraries. “I’m thrilled to see Shelley recognized for her passion and dedication. We would not be the system we are today without her contributions.”

Masog was nominated for this respected award by her co-worker, Ginger Ebarb. “Shelley is fully invested and works tirelessly to keep our system relevant in a challenging,

ever-changing world,” said Ebarb, Admin Assistant for the Webster Parish Libraries. “She is a valued team member and a huge asset to the Webster Parish Library System, but her proven abilities and commitment as a librarian reach far beyond our parish making her an asset to everyone connected to the library community.” The LLA Librarian

of the Year award is given annually to a library professional who has demonstrated exceptional leadership, creativity, and commitment to advancing the role of libraries in Louisiana. Shelley Masog was selected for her outstanding contributions to the library system and Webster parish residents.

Masog was honored at the Louisiana Library As-

sociation Annual Conference held in Baton Rouge from March 20th to 22nd, where she was recognized alongside peers and leaders in the library profession. This award not only celebrated her individual accomplishments but also highlighted the exceptional work being done at Webster Parish Library to serve its community.







OPINION

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OPINION

Ordering Terrorists Returned to Our Home Is Insane

At the heart of our democratic form of government is the critical need for an impartial judiciary which directly springs from our Separation of Powers. An impartial judiciary is indispensable to the rule of law because, if we lose our case but believe we were granted a fair trial and “had our day in court,” we are willing to live with the results. That core principle is being undermined by a federal judge in Washington, D.C.

U.S. District Judge James Boasberg last week blocked an order of President’s Trump’s that is expressly based upon Pres. Trump’s authority as Commander in Chief and, specifically, on the Alien Enemies Act, to deport criminal illegals who are members of Tren de Aragua, a violent Venezuelan gang. (I note that Boasberg also played a key and controversial role in the Trump-Russia collusion saga as the leader of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court.)

This is not even a close call. President Trump posted, ‘Unlawful nationwide Injunctions by Radical Left Judges could very well lead to the destruction of our Country. If a President doesn’t have the right to throw murderers, and other criminals, out of our Country because a Radical Left Lunatic Judge wants to assume the role of President,

then our Country is in very big trouble, and destined to fail.”

Judge Boasberg is engaging in judicial activism by legislating from the bench—making policy—in a manner that is unconstitutional and, therefore, illegitimate. What do I mean?

A president acts with the greatest authority when he acts as Commander in Chief. This is because the Framers of our Constitution recognized that the decision to respond to an attack against our country would, of necessity, need to be quick and decisive and not driven by consensus in the U.S. Congress.

It is simply beyond debate that the Commander in Chief has broad—if not nearly complete—constitutional authority to protect and defend our nation and ensure our national security. And, as it pertains to the tens of thousands of criminal illegals in our country committing heinous acts of murder and rape, our country and national security are under attack.

We are dealing with a single federal judge who is blocking the authority and

decision-making of a duly elected president who possesses an overwhelming political mandate to address for purposes of national security the very issue of illegal immigration. That’s judicial arrogance and judicial abuse.

I won’t even address here that, as the very embodiment of the Executive Branch, a president also has great authority within the Executive Branch to direct federal agencies, fire federal workers and to reexamine the spending of billions of federal dollars, but he does.

The role of the Legislative Branch is to “legislate,” to make law in conjunction with a president either signing or vetoing a proposed bill. The role of the Judicial Branch is to strictly serve as the “referee” between the branches to see that they remain within the confines of their constitutional powers. As such, it is absolutely not the role of any federal court to make policy or serve as a super legislature, second guessing the political branches.

This rogue Judge is unilaterally employing a nationwide injunction blocking the deportation of foreign terrorists from our land. He doesn’t have that authority.

The U.S. Supreme Court must address this quickly.

I note that in a rare public statement, Chief Justice John Roberts indicated that

the way to address judicial decisions that a president disagrees with is not to resort to impeachment of that judge but instead to rely on the appellate review process. I disagree. What this judge is doing is a direct affront to the rule of law and our constitutional scheme. Other Leftist judges across the nation are doing the same thing. If he wants to head off impeachment of federal judges, Chief Justice Roberts and the Supreme Court should review and reverse this decision quickly.

Justice Roberts and Justice Amy Coney Barrett recently made a cowardly decision not to rebuke a similar ruling by another federal district judge who blocked Pres Trump’s perfectly legal decision to review all federal grants and halt payments of those grants until the review was complete. Both justices should remember that our federal government is one of co-equal branches which means that the Separation of Powers also applies to the Judicial Branch and these abuses, if not swiftly checked, will prompt greater calls for the impeachment of federal judges.

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

Stepping to the beat of a different drummer on the road less traveled

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, an estimated 1 in 68 children has an autism spectrum disorder, a 30% increase over its 2012 estimate of 1 in 88 children.

If it is true that some of our greatest thinkers, including Thomas Edison and Albert Einstein had autism then maybe we better reexamine our attitudes toward those who are born with this disorder.

I especially enjoyed watching episodes of the ABC show, The Good Doctor, starring Doctor Shaun Murphy, who gave us a glimpse into autistic behavior.

Even though the jury is out on what causes autism, I would like to talk a little bit about the advantages of autism because I don’t care what disability we have we need to celebrate our uniqueness and not label others, trying to fit everyone in the same mold.

We won’t all be football players or tennis stars nor should we want to be because it takes all kinds to make the world go round.

If Thomas Edison, the founder of General Electric born in 1847, hadn’t been kicked out of school, after only three months in the first grade, and his mother taught him at

home because his teacher said “he is addled and his mind wanders in class,” we might not have the light bulb today.

Thomas Edison was asked one time what he would have done if he hadn’t invented the light bulb he replied “I would still be in there trying...”

Why is it that we often try to put everyone in the same mold? Why do we want to categorize what is important and what has value only with the grade placed on it by those in authority?

Is there not some value in “stepping to the beat of a different drummer?” It took Thomas Edison five thousand tries before he invented the first incandescent light bulb. It also took Colonel Sanders one thousand times before he sold his chicken recipe. He slept in his car, while traveling across the country, trying to sell his recipe that continues

to make a fortune. It took Sam Walton to perfect the mufi-purpose store, known as

Walmart, to not only make his family wealthy but to increase competition between businesses.

But back to my favorite story of Thomas Edison. I love this story because it affirms the power of persistence. The Bible says “The race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, but time and chance happens to them all.”

God knew what he was doing when He made man. He gave us each one at least one small talent and we can use it and it will multiply or if buried it will die.

Who can place value on what we do? So many inventions come into being simply because of necessity. When we want something badly enough we can believe it into existence. It is a tried and true statement that says “what we can conceive and believe we can achieve.”

I say just keep on keeping on at whatever you do whether great or small and never ever let anyone else define what is valuable or has any worth.

None of us are alike nor should we want to be. God made no duplicates -- no two snow flakes are alike.

God must have liked variety.

How could anyone not believe in God? I find it much easier to believe in the One who made me, who causes the blood to flow through my veins and who created me to breathe without even thinking about it than to believe in atheism.

We will never fully appreciate the value of what others do in life, whether great or small, because that is how we unfortunately are made and this lack of understanding is what causes much of the conflict in the world.

If we could only understand and appreciate each other a little more -- and not bully each other even as adults -- we would know that it is only in our uniqueness that we celebrate our finest hours!!

Having this knowledge gives me the energy to go on even in the midst of emotional storms, but I am energized knowing that God will always pull me through because Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever getting me to the right place at the right time.

I am thankful for this “peace that passes understanding.”

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A Call for Patience — and Perspective on DOGE

There’s a buzz circulating around Washington, D.C., and whether you’re keeping up with the headlines or not, it’s likely to reach every corner of the country — including right here in Webster Parish. I’m referring to the recent DOGE initiative — that’s the Department of Government Efficiency — spearheaded by Elon Musk and supported by President Donald Trump. While the name may seem unconventional, the mission behind it is anything but a joke.

The goal of DOGE is to identify inefficiencies and waste within the federal government and take tangible steps to eliminate them. It’s a monumental task. One that won’t be completed overnight — and that’s precisely why I believe patience and perspective are so important right now.

Let’s be honest: we didn’t get into this fiscal boat over-

night. Years of bloated spending, overlapping agencies, and policy-by-committee have led to a government machine that’s heavy on paperwork and often light on results. Whether it’s the



DAVID SPECHT

Department of Education, Transportation, Energy, or beyond — realignment and restructuring are overdue. But as we embark on this journey, the road ahead will be uncomfortable at times.

Why Should Minden and Webster Parish Care?

It might be easy to write this off as something happening “out there” — in Washington, in the beltway, in rooms we’ll

never sit in. But make no mistake: what happens in D.C. affects us here at home. From how our schools are funded to how small businesses are regulated, changes at the federal level ripple through communities like ours.

That’s why we must remain informed, engaged, and — perhaps most importantly — grounded. Our community has weathered tough times before. We’ve navigated economic downturns, natural disasters, and shifting industries. We know how to pull together. And this moment will be no different.

Addressing Local Concerns: What About Education?

Here in Webster Parish, our public school system is not only a source of pride — it’s also our largest employer. So when news breaks about the dismantling or downsizing of the U.S. Department of Education, it’s natural

for local educators, administrators, and families to feel uneasy. Let me offer some reassurance.

DOGE’s aim isn’t to end education — it’s to rethink how it’s managed. The idea is to return decision-making power to local and state leaders, rather than relying on a distant, one-size-fits-all federal department. For our local schools, this could mean less red tape, more flexibility, and ultimately, more resources directed where they belong: in the classroom.

That said, change always brings challenges. Some programs may shift. Some roles may be redefined. But what won’t change is the need for strong, compassionate educators — and a community that backs them. As someone who has personally benefited from the public school system and the mentorship of great teachers, I know how vital they are to our future.

What Should Our Attitude Be?

In one word: hopeful.

Let’s keep showing up. Let’s stay involved. Let’s reach out to our elected officials with our concerns — and our ideas. Let’s extend grace to those navigating the changes, whether they’re in Baton Rouge or the classroom next door.

Webster Parish is full of passionate, hard-working people. We care about our students, our jobs, our neighbors. This moment isn’t about bracing for the worst. It’s about preparing for something better.

I’m not saying it will be easy — but I do believe it will be worth it.

Let’s be patient. Let’s stay informed. And above all, let’s keep doing what Minden and Webster Parish do best — supporting one another through whatever comes next.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL



DOUGLAS BLOW/SPECIAL TO THE PRESS-HERALD  
Minden's Jaiden Franklin was named first-team All-District 1-4A.



DOUGLAS BLOW/SPECIAL TO THE PRESS-HERALD  
Minden's Darnell Morris was named first-team All-District 1-4A.

Three Minden players make first-team All-District 1-4A

RUSSELL HEDGES  
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Three Minden players have been named to the All-District 1-4A boys and girls basketball first teams. Senior Darnell Morris and junior Jaiden Franklin were named to the boys first team. Junior Brooklyn Jefferson was named to the girls first team. Morris and Franklin helped the Crimson Tide finish second behind Bossier. Minden reached the semifinals of the non-select Division II playoffs. They made their first appearance in the state tournament in 24 years. Morris averaged 14 points, eight rebounds and three assists. Franklin averaged 11 points, four rebounds and three assists. Minden junior Cameron Parker made the second team. He averaged 13 points and four rebounds. Minden's honorable mention selections were Lofton, Kameron Harris, Chris Harris, Carmelo Smith and Hudson Brown. Jefferson averaged a double-double for the full



DOUGLAS BLOW/SPECIAL TO THE PRESS-HERALD  
Minden's Brooklyn Jefferson was named first-team All-District 1-4A.

season. She averaged 17.9 points and 16.6 rebounds in district play. She also averaged five assists, 6.3 steals and 2.3 blocks. Jefferson helped Minden finish second in the

Byrd averaged 8.7 points, 4.9 assists and 4.3 steals in district play. Glenn averaged 10.7 points, 5.6 assists and 5.1 steals. North Webster's Da-Juan Coleman was named to the All-District 1-3A boys first team. He averaged 10.9 points and 8.6 rebounds. North Webster freshman Shakyra Hawkins was named to the girls first team. She averaged 11.6 points, five rebounds and four assists. Fellow freshman Nazaria Caldwell was named to the second team. She averaged 16.3 points, six rebounds and three assists. North Webster's honorable mention selections were Germaya Harris and JaChiya Harris. Doyline senior Damaron McClendon was named to the All-District 1-B boys first team. Jay Patterson was named to the second team. Zach Normand was named honorable mention. Lakeside senior McKenzie Chase was named to the All-District 3-2A second team and the All-Defensive team. Sophomore Lexi McIntosh was named honorable mention.

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Mixed results for parish teams

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Parish teams had mixed results last week. Glenbrook and North Webster were the only teams that made it through unscathed. (Records through March 22.) The Apaches (10-7, 2-0) defeated Haynesville 5-1 in a District 1-1A game then downed Byrd 5-0. The Knights (7-6, 1-0) defeated Doyline 15-5 then opened District 1-3A play with a 20-0 victory over Richwood. Minden (14-8, 0-2) dropped both games to Northwood in its first District 1-4A series, falling 9-5 and 9-3. The Tide finished the week with victories over Summerfield 20-0 and Doyline 4-1. Lakeside (9-13) started the week with an 11-6 victory over Grant. The Warriors then fell to Franklin Parish 4-3 and Calvary Baptist 6-1. Doyline (6-8, 0-1) defeated Homer 16-6. The Panthers opened District 1-B play with a tough 4-3 loss to Simsboro. Glenbrook's Easton Sanders went 2-for-3 against Haynesville. Starter Brent Watkins went four innings. He allowed two hits, struck out nine and walked only one. Sanders pitched a complete game against Byrd. He allowed five hits, struck out five and walked none. Minden's Bryson Rangler smacked two home runs in the first game against Northwood. Landyn Huddleston also hit a home run.. Minden outhit Northwood 11-6 in the second game. Huddleston hit two home runs and had six RBI against Summerfield. Winston and Huddleston combined on a three-hitter against Doyline. Lakeside's Jake Glass went 2-for-4 with a triple two RBI against Grant. Gage Williams went 2-for-4. Brock Case broke a 5-5 tie with a bases-loaded triple with two outs in the top of the fourth. Peyton Gray went 3-for-3 with a double against Franklin Parish. Doyline's Noah Spears went 3-for-4 with a triple and two RBI against Simsboro. Kenneth Anderson went 3-for-4 against Homer.

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Glenbrook, Lakeside win district games

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The Glenbrook Lady Apaches and Lakeside Lady Warriors won district games last week. (Records through March 22.) Glenbrook (13-5, 3-0) defeated Haynesville 18-3. The Lady Apaches were scheduled to play Cedar Creek Tuesday for the district championship. Lakeside (17-3, 2-0) clinched at least a share of the District 3-2A championship with a 14-9 victory over Winnfield. The Lady Warriors then went 2-1 in the Sulphur tournament, defeating Grand Lake 13-0 and Florien 17-1 and falling to Pibe Prairie 11-0.

Minden (7-10, 2-1) opened District 1-4A play with two wins, defeating Southwood 21-0 and Loyola 16-1. They also lost to North DeSoto. Glenbrook's Colby Hollis went 3-for-3 with a triple and three RBI against Haynesville. Rebecca Mosley went 3-for-3 with a triple and double. Lakeside's Emily Jones went 4-for-5 with a double and four RBI against Winnfield. Pitcher McKenna Chreene went 4-for-6 with two RBI. Minden's Leigha Kennon-Gilbert went 2-for-3 with a triple and double against Southwood. Lizzie Balkom went 2-for-3 with a triple. Kennon-Gilbert went 4-for-4 with a home run against Loyola.

OUTDOORS

Lightning strikes twice for Jordan on Honey Brake

GLYNN HARRIS

(Louisiana's deer season has been over for several weeks and I have been privileged to write stories on the impressive bucks taken for LA Sportsman's magazine taken. Here's my story of the most impressive buck I covered that is likely to be a new state record for the typical category.) When Tyler Jordan shot a huge buck on December 7, 2020, he made a prediction that fortunately didn't hold true. "I may never shoot another 190 inch buck. I'm in the woods a lot and I have never seen a buck that size," Tyler told me when I wrote the story for LA Sportsman about a huge buck he had taken, a buck that scored 190 4/8 inches of mass. The buck earned the name of "Stomper". Jordan was hunting in Catahoula Parish on the 20,000 acre Honey Brake property when he took the buck. Fast forward four years when Jordan, now age 32 encountered a buck that has earned the name of Stomper, Jr. because of similar genetics as Stomper. The son of Bill Jordan, founder and CEO of Real Tree, Tyler works in the marketing department of the company. He lives in Columbus, GA. "We became interested in Honey Brake in 2018



COURTESY PHOTO  
Tyler Jordan is shown with his huge buck, a potential new Louisiana state record for typical bucks..

and would bring business guests down to duck hunt. We had no idea at first that the property was capable of producing quality deer but as we learned what the folks at Honey Brake were doing our interest was piqued," said Jordan. Putting out trail cameras this past September, plenty of quality bucks began showing up but it was not until November 1 that Stomper Jr. started showing up on cameras. "We purchased a ground blind to set up on the food plot where we felt was the best chance to see the deer. One afternoon, two minutes after legal shooting hours had ended, Stomper Jr. showed up at 20 yards.

A camera man and I were in the blind and apparently the buck saw the camera light and he spooked and took off. We didn't see any more evidence of him for 2 1/2 weeks," Jordan recalled. It became an issue of looking for favorable weather when deer would more likely to be active. "On December 2, I checked the weather forecast and it looked like things would be pretty decent and I felt that if deer would move at all, it might be then. We had the north wind we needed and on the morning of December 3, he showed up four minutes before legal shooting time," he said. Setting up a ground

blind in the area where this photo was taken, Jordan got in the blind around 2:30 the afternoon of December 5. "There was plenty of action as does and smaller bucks were displaying rutting activity and then at 5:10, I looked up and there stood Stomper Jr. I shoot a Franchi .308 and got on him. When I hit the trigger, he dropped on the spot," Jordan continued. The rack the 250 pound buck carried was mind boggling. There were 14 points, evenly distributed on each side and the inside spread was 19 5/8 inches. Main beams were 26 1/2 inches each with bases measuring 5 2/8 and 5 1/8. The buck was determined to be 6 1/2 years old. The tale of the tape measured a gross score of 203 inches with the net score being 192 3/8 inches. The previous Louisiana state record for typical whitetail bucks is a record that has held since 1939 when Marshall McKay downed a massive buck in Madison Parish that measured 186 6/8 inches. After a drying time of 60 days, it is very likely that Tyler Jordan can lay claim to a new Louisiana state record for typical bucks. Well Tyler, you won't ever be able to say what you told me in 2020 that you may never shoot another 190 inch deer. You just did.

Fishing Report

**BUSSEY BRAKE** – The bass have moved up shallow around the windrows with some double digit fish reported on soft plastics and spinners. Crappie should be starting to move toward the banks and hitting 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 moved to the banks and have been good on shiners and jigs. Bass are on the shallow flats and hitting spinners and soft plastics. Bream are just beginning to hit crickets and worms and catfish are biting. For latest information, call Anderson Sport Center at 368-9669 or Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

**LAKE CLAIBORNE** – Crappie fishing has improved as the fish are moving to the shallows in back of the creeks and hitting shiners and jigs. Bass are also moving in and are being caught on Bandit crank baits and soft plastics.

Bream are beginning to respond to crickets and worms in shallow water. No report on catfish or stripers. For latest information, call Kel's Cove at 927-2264 or Terzia Tackle at 278-4498.

**CANEY LAKE** – Crappie fishing has improved in the back of the creeks as they prepare for the spawn. Shiners and jigs are bringing some in. Bass are moving to the shallows and soft plastics and crank baits are starting to pick up fish. Chinquapins are just now starting the bite cold worms. 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** – No report. For info call Surplus City Landing at 318/467-2259.



# Good News

GOOD NEWS

## TEAM WORK PRODUCES WINNERS

As March Madness makes its way into our schedule and vocabulary, basketball fans push aside other activities to catch some games of the favorite team. For schools sporting a tournament team, this is a very important recruiting tool for next year. Once the play begins until the final game is played, it truly is ‘March madness.’

However, we need to remember teams that “play together, win together.” No matter how good one player is (or how good he thinks he is), it takes the efforts of everyone to win the championship. In team sports, the key to winning is a strong defense and an offense that focuses on good, solid play, executing the fundamentals of the sport. Ask “coach” and he/she will tell you to “focus on the fundamentals”. Games are not won on flukes and luck. Well, occasionally someone throws a “Hail Mary pass”, or “slings a full-courter and swishes the net” for a win. But not often! The better

teams play consistently, with determination, perfecting the skills of the sport. And the results -- winning!

Now isn’t the team sport much like the game of life? We all are on a team, so to speak; a part of a family, a church family, and God’s family of brotherhood. We serve together in unity. (Romans 14-15) This pleases God. We depend on each other to strengthen us in our weak areas, and vice versa. We use our spiritual gifts for the benefit of the church and our fellow believers. (1 Cor.). We give up our selfish desires to “shine” so that others may be blessed and enjoy being on the “team”. This is the joy of being a Christian and living in unity.

Whether Jew or Gentile, Paul teaches “God is the Father of all and the Good News is a message of love and forgiveness for the world”. And since we all belong

to God’s Family (the redeemed), we work together in harmony for the glory of God (Romans 15). His joy is not confined to just one month each year, but it becomes a way of life, with eternal rewards.

Consider the five players on the basketball court! Coach is on the bench (well, sometimes)! Play begins and the ball is up in the air. Everyone is pushing the limits, working together to score, rebound, or stop the other team. The object is not how many points can I score? It is “how can we best work together to gain the victory”! At this point in the season, everyone knows that to lose now means the season is over. Return home, empty handed! Hanging up the shoes till next year! Who wants to do that? “Time out”, coach wants to talk to us! (God calls us sometimes to stop the action that’s focused on

‘me,’ and refocus on Him.)

In life, do you ever have the feeling that “God wants to talk to you”? Maybe the game is not going right, maybe you have made the wrong play, maybe you did not defend your position, or perhaps you let the opposition make you look very weak or even embarrassed you. Call “time out”! The Lord might say, “Let’s regroup, get that chin up, stand firm; play your position, where’s your grit? Now go back into this game and fight like you never fought before; don’t give up!”

It may be March Madness around the country on basketball courts, but every day is one of “madness” when the children of God are confronted with the temptations of Satan to be less than we should be, when we let the opposition take advantage of our weakness. It’s time to huddle together, stack hand on hand, give a “1,2,3 Victory” yell and go for the crown awaiting the winner.

Truth is, “we need each other”. Our gifts compliment each other as we work together for the Lord. Over and over we have learned “the whole is stronger than any part”! “No man is an island”, ‘and “we need each other”. These are Biblically- related truths. We are in this game (of life) together. One doesn’t have to play ball to learn that valuable truth. No, we learn these truths by living the Christ-centered life, entrusting our lives daily to our Master and Lord, Jesus. Yes, playing by His rules....is the key.

We can’t sit on the sidelines or in the stands when it comes to playing the ‘game of life’. All hands on deck; everyone on the court! It is game time!

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### THE UPWARD LOOK

#### Kept Silent

*“When I kept silent about my sin, my body wasted away Through my groaning all day long.” Psalm 32:3 NASB*

Sin may seem pleasant and even fun for a season, but it ultimately leads to misery and woe. David had enjoyed his sinful affair, but then his attempt to cover-up his sin only multiplied his wrongs. The aftermath of David’s sin, his lack of repentance and confession, took a toll on him physically, emotionally, and mentally. The inner turmoil in his soul drained away



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his physical stamina and his very life’s essence. The only relief for debilitating sin comes through repentance and cleansing by the blood of Christ.

Lord Jesus, while sin causes my soul to suffer and destroys my life, I find peace and comfort when I confess and repent of my sin. I rejoice having been cleansed and made whole in You.

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

### INSPIRATION

#### A New Vessel

Think of a moment in your life when everything was the way you liked it. Now think of the moment when it all changed. Did that change happen gradually or immediately? Next focus on how you reacted to the changes. Did you embrace it willingly or did you fight? Now conclude this moment of reflection with one last question. Did I handle the situation in a Christian manner? This line of thinking can be very helpful in following Christ completely. We can’t ground ourselves in our old lives and expect a new one with Christ. We have to let go of our old lives and become a new vessel for God. Jesus makes this point to the religious




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leaders in Luke 5:37-39. “And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. For the new wine would burst the wineskins, spilling the wine and ruining the skins. New wine must be stored in new wineskins. But no one who drinks the old wine seems to want the new wine. ‘The old is just fine,’ they say.” I would like to conclude by encouraging everyone to be open to the possibility of a new life in Christ. Don’t let the comfort of your past make you rigid to the future.

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

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LEGALS

SHERIFF'S SALE

HOME FEDERAL BANK  
VS.  
BHB RENTALS LLC, AND PHUOC V BUI  
AND HUYN T BUI  
In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. CV81953.  
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 30, 2025,  
During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:  
\*\*\*SEE ATTACHED PROPERTY DESCRIPTION\*\*\*  
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.  
Publication Dates: March 26, 2025 April 23, 2025  
JASON R. PARKER  
Sheriff & Ex-Officio Auctioneer  
Webster Parish, Louisiana  
Pam Brantlers  
Pam Brantley - Deputy  
Tract 1:  
VEPUTT ULEMK WEBSTER PARISH  
Begin at point where the East right-of-way line of Louisiana Highway No. 7 Intersects the South line of Southwest Quarter of Northeast Quarter (SW/4 of NE/4), Section 16, Township 18 North, Range 9 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana; thence run in a Northerly direction along the East right-of-way line of said highway to a point where Highway No. 7 Intersects the South line of Webster Parish Road No. 19-A, THE POINT OF BEGINNING of the property herein being described; thence run East along the South line of Webster Parish Road No. 19-A 290 feet; thence run in a Southerly direction parallel to Highway No. 8 & a distance of 210 feet; thence run West and parallel with the South line of Webster Parish Road No. 19-A a distance of 290 feet to the East right of way line of Highway No. 7; thence run in a Northerly direction along the East Right of way line of Highway No.7 a distance of 210 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, together with all Improvements thereon and all rights thereto belonging.  
The municipal address of the above described property is 595 North Main Street, Sibley, Louisiana, 71073. Tract 2

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Regions Bank DBA Regions  
Mortgage  
VS.  
Edward Nunnery  
In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 81841.  
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 2, 2025,  
During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:  
Begin at Northwest corner of the Northeast. Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, Section 31, Township 23 North, Range 10 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana, and run North.  
04 minutes 02 seconds West 436.03 feet along possession once to an rising iron pipe at a fence corner for the point of beginning, thence continue along the possession fence North 86 degrees 57 minutes 51 seconds east feet to a fence corner; thence run South 11 degrees 04 minutes 11 seconds West along a possession fence to an existing iron pipe at a right-of-way former the North Porterville Road; thence run North 72 degrees 49 econds West 24136 feet along said right IS omer; then run all along a possession fence to the point of beginning. Containing 2.2 acres more3 or less, togeth improvements thereoom And belonging.  
rights  
Improvements thereon bear the Municipal No. 662 Porterville Road, Sarepta, LA 71071.  
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

Minutes

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Bonsall, President; Steve Ramsey, Vice President; Mike Griffith, Steve Lemmons, Nancy Hines, Randy Thomas, Bruce Blanton, LaTanya Grigsby, Allen Gilbert  
Absent: Daniel Thomas, 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. Randy Thomas to approve invoices for payment pending review by juror Beverly Kennon. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Nancy Hines moved, seconded by Ms. LaTanya Grigsby to adopt the minutes of the February 4, 2025 Road Committee, Finance Committee, Intergovernmental Committee and Regular Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Mike Griffith moved, seconded by Mr. Allen Gilbert to approve Board Appointments for Webster Parish Fire Protection District #8 to reappoint Leon Smith to another 2- year term to expire January 2027. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMENTS:

Allen Mosely  
Brian Williams  
Angie Chapman  
Dean Baugh  
Chief Deputy Harrison  
Sheriff Jason Parker

WP Coroner  
WPPP OEP/HS Director  
E911 Director  
NLEP  
Minden Police Department  
Webster Parish Sheriff

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.  
Mr. Steve Ramsey moved, seconded by Ms. Nancy Hines to approve the action taken at the Finance 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 adjourned.

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PROCEEDING OF THE VILLAGE OF HEFLIN, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN IN REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MARCH 6, 2025.

The Heflin Town Council met at Town Hall, Heflin, Louisiana beginning at 7:48 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Ralph James council members Matt Austin, Hallie DeMoss Robert Stachowicz, Chief of Police Paul Mignes, Water System Operator Jesse Williamson and Village Clerk Sherry Limosnero.  
The meeting was opened with prayer offered by Matt Austin, and Robert Stachowicz led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Ralph James welcomed everyone to the meeting.  
Upon motion by Matt Austin and duly seconded by Robert Stachowicz, the council adopted Minutes from February 6, 2025, at the Council Regular Meeting held on March 6, 2025, as presented; the motion was approved unanimously.  
Robert Stachowicz moved to accept February 2025 Operating Financial Statements as presented; the motion was duly seconded by Hallie DeMoss. The motion was approved unanimously.  
Upon motion by Hallie DeMoss and duly seconded by Matt Austin, the council unanimously approved Water System Reports for February 2025. Matt Austin moved to accept the February 2025 Police Department Reports as presented; the motion was duly seconded by Robert Stachowicz. The motion was approved unanimously.  
Robert Stachowicz moved to accept the February 2025 ARP Report as presented; the motion was duly seconded by Hallie Demoss. The motion was approved unanimously.  
Upon motion by Hallie DeMoss and duly seconded by Matt Austin, the council unanimously approved RESOLUTION 2025-001 DECLARE PROPERTY AS SURPLUS FOR SALE. Said Resolution #2025-001 is attached to and made a part of these minutes.  
Council comments were heard, public comments were heard. There being no further business to come before this Council meeting adjourned by Council Member Hallie DeMoss.

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We are applying to the Commission on Alcoholic Beverage Control of the State of Louisiana for a permit to sell beverages of high and low alcoholic content at retail in the parish of WEBSTER at the following address:  
Name of Corporation: Custom Renovations and Flooring LLC  
D/B/A: SPRINGHILL COUNTRY CLUB  
Address: 26746 Hwy 371 Cullen. LA 71021  
Corporate Officer: Kayla Cassidy  
Signature: Kayla Cassidy  
Title: Owner  
(Phone #) 318-518-912

Minutes

March 10, 2025  
The Sibley Town Council met in regular session on Monday, March 10, 2025, at 6:00 PM in Sibley Town Hall.  
Members present were Mayor Robert Smart, Aldermen Richard Davis, Pam Chanler, Wayne Bolton, John Langford, and Keith Merritt.  
Mayor Smart opened the meeting with prayer and he led the Pledge of Allegiance.  
Wayne Bolton motioned to adopt the minutes of the February 10, 2025, regular meeting as written; Keith Merritt seconded. Motion carried.  
There were no new items added to the agenda nor public comments.  
John Langford motioned to enter a Public Hearing for proposed Ordinance No. 162 titled AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL ORDINANCES 9-C AND 13 OF THE TOWN OF SIBLEY, LOUISIANA CODE OF ORDINANCES, SETTING FORTH RULES AND RESTRICTIONS FOR GOVERNING THE LANESVILLE CEMETERY. Pam Chanler seconded. Motion carried.  
Keith Merritt motioned, seconded by Wayne Bolton, to exit the Public Hearing and re-enter the regular meeting. Motion carried.  
Richard Davis motioned, seconded by John Langford, to adopt proposed Ordinance No. 162 titled AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL ORDINANCES 9-C AND 13 OF THE TOWN OF SIBLEY, LOUISIANA CODE OF ORDINANCES, SETTING FORTH RULES AND RESTRICTIONS FOR GOVERNING THE LANESVILLE CEMETERY. Roll call vote.  
YEAS: 5-Wayne Bolton, John Langford, Richard Davis, Pam Chanler, Keith Merritt  
NAYS: 0  
ABSENT: 0  
Motion carried.  
ABSTAIN: 0  
Proposed Ordinance No. 143-A titled AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PREVIOUS ORDINANCE NO. 143 PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTION OF SALES AND USE TAX ON "DIGITAL PRODUCTS" AND PROVIDING FOR THE ASSESSMENT COLLECTION AND PAYMENT THEREOF was introduced and upon a motion by Pam Chanler and a second by Richard Davis, a Public Hearing was set for April 14, 2025, during the April, 2025 Regular Meeting.  
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Assistant Fire Chief Richard Davis gave the February, 2025, activity report for the Sibley Volunteer Fire Department.  
Police Officer Chase Walsworth gave the February, 2025, activity report for the Sibley Police Department.  
The Council acknowledged receipt of the February, 2025, financial reports.  
Mayor Smart gave progress reports on Salt Works system, Sibley water yard project, and street repairs.  
Wayne Bolton motioned to adjourn; Keith Merritt seconded. Motion carried.  
The meeting was adjourned.  
Robert Smart  
Mayor  
Attest:  
Linda Christy Deputy Clerk

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE  
April 14, 2025  
Posted March 11, 2025  
A public hearing will be held during the Regular Town Council Meeting on Monday, April 14, 2025, at 6:00 PM in the Sibley Town Hall, 345 North Main Street, Sibley, Louisiana, for the purpose of considering the adoption of: Proposed Ordinance No. 143-A titled AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PREVIOUS ORDINANCE 143 PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTION OF SALES AND USE TAX ON "DIGITAL PRODUCTS" AND PROVIDING FOR THE ASSESSMENT COLLECTION AND PAYMENT THEREOF  
The public is invited to attend.

ORDINANCE NO. 162

TOWN OF SIBLEY  
ORDINANCE NO. 162  
AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL ORDINANCES 9-C AND 13 OF THE TOWN OF SIBLEY, LOUISIANA CODE OF ORDINANCES, SETTING FORTH RULES AND RESTRICTIONS FOR GOVERNING THE LANESVILLE CEMETERY

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Sibley, Louisiana, in regular session duly convened on February 10, 2025 as follows, to-wit:  
SECTION I.  
Town of Sibley Ordinances 9-C and 13 set forth rules and restrictions for the governing of the Lanesville Cemetery. The Town of Sibley is not responsible for the Lanesville Cemetery. This responsibility belongs to the Lanesville Cemetery Board.

SECTION II.  
Town of Sibley Ordinances 9-C and 13 are hereby repealed, effective immediately.

SECTION III.  
All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION IV.  
If any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any other provisions, items or applications of this ordinance or of the original ordinance, which could be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

SECTION V.  
This ordinance was introduced on February 10, 2025, a public notice was posted on February 11, 2025 and a public hearing was held on March 10, 2025. This ordinance was read, considered and adopted on March 10, 2025 at an open regular session of the Board of Aldermen.

Upon a motion made by John Langford, seconded by Pam Chanler to adopt Ordinance No. 162 with the following roll call vote:  
YEAS: 5 – Wayne Bolton, Pam Chanler, Richard Davis, John Langford, Keith Merritt  
NAYS: 0  
ABSENT: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0  
Attest: Robert Smart  
Sherry McCann  
Mayor  
Town Clerk

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WEBSTER PARISH SALES & USE TAX COMMISSION

ATTORNEY RESOLUTION

The following Motion and Resolution was offered by Tiffany Parish who moved for its adoption, and seconded by Dominique Parish at the special meeting of the Webster Parish Sales & Use Tax Commission (the "Commission"):

WHEREAS, the Commission has numerous occasions on which special legal counsel is needed to collect sales and use tax owed under the Commission Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, there are numerous occasions on which the Commission requires a legal opinion on the applicability of the Commission Ordinances to specific factual situations and have representation in litigation related to the collection of taxes owed; and

WHEREAS, the attorney Jennifer P. McKay and the law firm Colvin, Smith, McKay & Bays, have special expertise in the area of public entity law including experience in sales and use tax and Jennifer McKay is a reputable attorney in the city of Shreveport and the town of Homer and the law firm is a reputable firm with offices in the city of Shreveport and the town of Homer; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer P. McKay and the law firm of Colvin, Smith, McKay & Bays, shall be retained at the following hourly rates: attorneys with more than ten (10) years of experience: \$225.00/hr., attorneys with five to ten (5-10) years of experience: \$175.00/hr., attorneys with three to four (3-4) years of experience: \$150.00/hr., and attorneys with less than three (3) years of experience: \$125.00/hr. and a paralegal rate of \$75.00/hr. and payment shall not exceed \$32,000; and

WHEREAS, the term shall be May 1, 2025-April 30, 2026, unless either the law firm or the Commission terminate the services; and

WHEREAS, the scope of this legal representation does not involve federal claims; and

WHEREAS, this resolution shall take effect immediately; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Webster Parish Sales & Use Tax Commission, pursuant to La. R.S. 42:262, does hereby retain and employ Jennifer McKay and the law firm of Colvin, Smith McKay & Bays as special counsel; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution and proposed contract described herein be submitted to the Attorney General for the State of Louisiana for approval.  
The resolution having been submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: 5  
NAYS: 0  
ABSENT: 5  
NOT VOTING: 1

Whereupon the Resolution was declared adopted by the Webster Parish Sales & Use Tax Commission on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2024.

I, Lisa Balkom, chairperson of the Webster Parish Sales & Use Tax Commission, under authority vested in me under the law, hereby certify the above and foregoing to be a true and exact copy of a resolution adopted by the said Commission at its meeting held at Courthouse Annex, at which a quorum was present, and the same has not been revoked, rescinded or altered in any manner, and is in full force and effect.

Lisa Balkom, Chairperson

Witnessed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2024.

Yiffy M. Parish  
Witness Signature

Dominique Parish  
Witness Signature

Tiffany M. Parish  
Printed Name

Dominique Parish  
Printed Name

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APPROVED AS PER LETTER OF 2/11/25  
ELIZABETH B. MURRILL, ATTORNEY GENERAL  
BY: Erin C. Day  
ERIN C. DAY  
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL

Minutes

Village of Dixie Inn  
Regular Session  
March 11, 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 March 11, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, Dixie Inn, Louisiana with the following members present: Mayor Donna Hoffoss, Aldermen Nell Finlay, Judy McKenzie, and Lance Milligan.

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

A motion was made by Judy McKenzie and seconded by Nell Finlay to adopt the minutes of the (rescheduled) regular session held on February 18, 2025, and the Workshop held on February 28, 2025. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

A motion was made by Lance Milligan and seconded by Judy McKenzie to adopt the financial statements for February 2025. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

Department Reports:

Chief Jeffrey McNeill presented the council with February's report. The police department had a total of 35 traffic stops, 10 citations, 17 Lemis Reports, 16 Non-Lemis calls, 47 building checks, 9 back-ups, 28 public assists, 26 calls for service, and 7 accidents.

Mayor Hoffoss noted that she has applied for the upcoming CWEF and LGAP Grants.

New Business:

A motion was made by Judy McKenzie and seconded by Nell Finlay to approve a service agreement with Taylor Sudden Service for generator maintenance during the period of August 2025-August 2026. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

A motion was made by Nell Finlay and seconded by Lance Milligan to approve the purchase of signs for the Hwy 80 and Main to Main Sales. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

After discussing the police department's need for new tasers, a motion was made by Judy McKenzie and seconded by Lance Milligan to approve entering a 5-year taser contract with Axon Enterprise. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

Mayor Hoffoss introduced Ordinance 112-B, an Ordinance to amend Ordinance 112 and all amendments thereto of the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Dixie Inn, Louisiana, regarding mayor's compensation. The Ordinance will increase the mayor's compensation from \$1,000.00 bi-weekly to \$1,300.00 bi-weekly. A motion was made by Lance Milligan and seconded by Judy McKenzie to proceed. Vote on the motion was unanimous. The ordinance will be considered during the April 8, 2025 meeting.

Mayor Hoffoss introduced Ordinance 92-D, an Ordinance amending Ordinance 92 and all amendments thereto of the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Dixie Inn, Louisiana, to revise section 1 providing for compensation for the Board of Aldermen. The Ordinance will increase the Aldermen's compensation from \$550.00 per meeting to \$850.00 per meeting. A motion was made by Lance Milligan and seconded by Judy McKenzie to proceed. Vote on the motion was unanimous. The ordinance will be considered during the April 8, 2025 meeting.

A motion to close the regular session and open a public hearing for discussion on proposed amended Ordinance 90-B was made by Judy McKenzie and seconded by Lance Milligan. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

Mayor Hoffoss closed regular session and opened the public hearing on Ordinance 90-B – an ordinance to amend Ordinance 90 and all amendments thereto of the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Dixie Inn, Louisiana, regarding the maintenance and repair of fencing on business property, the repair or removal of uninhabited dwellings that are not livable and vehicles that are wrecked or non-working, the removal of appliances, junk, and trash, and the trimming, cutting, and removal of trees, hedges, bushes, and shrubbery constituting a nuisance in village limits. Mayor read the ordinance aloud in part and asked for public comment.

A motion was made by Nell Finlay and seconded by Lance Milligan to close the public hearing and re-open regular session. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

A motion was made by Lance Milligan and seconded by Judy McKenzie to adopt Ordinance 90-B. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

A motion was made by Lance Milligan and seconded by Judy McKenzie to approve an invoice from Hawkins, Inc. for \$1,400.00 for a Caustic containment vessel at the water plant. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

Old Business:



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

ATTEST:  
Donna Hoffoss  
Mayor

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ORDINANCE 90-B

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCES 90 AND 90-A PROVIDING FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF FENCING ON BUSINESS PROPERTY, THE REPAIR OR REMOVAL OF UNINHABITED DWELLINGS THAT ARE NOT LIVEABLE, 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

Be it ordained and enacted by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen for the Village of Dixie Inn, Louisiana, the governing authority thereof, in it's Regular Session convened on the 11th day of March 2025, as follows:

MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF FENCING ON BUSINESS PROPERTY, REPAIR OR REMOVAL OF UNINHABITABLE DWELLINGS THAT ARE NOT LIVEABLE 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

Section 1. Clearing and maintaining of premises; requirements

Business owners shall maintain and repair damaged fencing along their property, and the owner of any premises, as to vacant premises or premises occupied by the owner, shall repair or remove uninhabitable dwellings that are not livable, and the occupant thereof, in case of premises occupied by other than the owner thereof, shall repair or remove vehicles that are wrecked or non-working, remove appliances, junk, and trash, and remove, trim or cut all trees, hedges, bushes or shrubbery, of whatever kind or nature, growing or remaining upon the premises, or in the area between the sidewalk and the curb abutting the premises, when the said trees, hedges, bushes, shrubbery or part thereof is now, or may become dead, unsightly, dangerous or a public nuisance in the opinion of the Board of Aldermen of Dixie Inn, Louisiana.

Section 2. Notice to remove

In order to effectively carry out the intent of Section 1 above, the clerk shall send to the property owner as determined from the latest assessment rolls, or the occupant of the property failing to comply with the requirements of this ordinance, a written notice requiring the property owner to comply therewith within 15 days from the date of receipt thereof. The notice shall be posted by registered or certified mail, with return receipt requested.

Section 3. Judicial determination

If the owner or occupant of the premises so desires, he may, within the 15 day period after service of notice to abate the nuisance, request of the clerk, either in person or in writing, and without the requirement of bond, that a date and time be set when he or she may appear before the municipal court for a trial to determine whether he or she is in violation of this ordinance, and whether or not the location and continued existence of the trees, hedges, bushes, shrubbery, wrecked or non-working vehicles, appliances, or trash on his or her property constitutes a public nuisance.

Section 4. Failure to remove

If there has been no compliance by the property owner or occupant with the requirements of this ordinance within 15 days of a judgment of the court determining that he or she is in violation, the owner or occupant shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$150.00 or shall suffer imprisonment for not more than thirty (30) days, or shall suffer both fine an imprisonment, at the discretion of the court.

All ordinances and parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

This amended ordinance was read in sections and as a whole, and upon motion of Lance Milligan, and seconded by Judy McKenzie, was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas: 3  
Nays:  
Abstain:  
Absent:

The above-mentioned ordinance was declared adopted on this 11th day of March 2025.

Donna Hoffoss, Mayor

ATTEST:  
Alicia Ware, Clerk

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following entitled ordinance amendment introduced at the regular monthly meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Village of Dixie Inn, State of Louisiana, held on March 11, 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 April 8, 2025.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 112, TO INCREASE COMPENSATION FOR THE MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF DIXIE INN

That said ordinance amendment 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 April 8, 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 11th day of March 2025.

Donna Hoffoss  
Mayor  
ATTEST:

Alicia Ware  
Village Clerk

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following entitled ordinance amendment introduced at the regular monthly meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Village of Dixie Inn, State of Louisiana, held on March 11, 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 April 8, 2025.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 92, TO INCREASE COMPENSATION FOR THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE VILLAGE OF DIXIE INN

That said ordinance amendment 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 April 8, 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 11th day of March 2025.

Donna Hoffoss  
Mayor  
ATTEST:

Alicia Ware  
Village Clerk

March 26, 2025  
Minden Press Herald

Public Notice

Meeting for members of Northside Church of Christ  
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Northside Church of Christ  
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