





# WEBSTER & MORE

## 4-H SHOOTING

### Webster Parish 4-H shooting sports excels at regional competition

**AMBER MCDOWN**  
Minden Press-Herald

Webster Parish 4-H shooting sports participants delivered strong performances at the regional competition, which was held February 28 - March 8, earning multiple top placements and advancing to the state level in various disciplines.

**Air Rifle Competition:**  
Lanee Demmon secured 7th place overall in the Junior Division, earning a spot at the state tournament. In the Senior Division, Camryn Nail placed 9th overall and 3rd in Silhouettes, Madison McGraw finished 10th overall and 4th in Silhouettes, while Emmersyn Demmon took 11th place overall and 5th in Standing.

**Archery Competition:**  
In the FITA Division,

Annabel Campbell, Nia Lee, Preston Coleman, Brianne Bardette, Mallory Coleman, MJ Miguez, Allie Chandler, Baylli Chandler, Isaac Burton, and Madelyn Smith all qualified for the state competition.

In the 3-D Archery event, Junior Division competitors Nia Lee and Mary Jane Miguez finished in the top ten, while Senior Division archers Preston Coleman, Brianne Bardette, Mallory Coleman, Preston Winston, Madelyn Smith, Landen Knotts, Abigail Butcher, and Isaac Burton also secured state qualifications.

The Limited Compound Team of Abigail Butcher, Isaac Burton, Aubrey Gorman, and Ella Durden earned 3rd place, while Luke Butcher finished 3rd overall in the National Compound Senior Division.

**BB Gun Competition:**  
Webster Parish teams placed 1st and 4th overall, with individual awards going to Landyn Goynes (3rd overall), Emmersyn Demmon (4th overall), Hunter Cottrell (10th overall), and Preston Coleman (12th overall). Competitors also placed in test, prone, sitting, kneeling, and standing shooting categories.

**.22 Rifle Competition:**  
Camryn Nail, Cailey Nail, Mahailey Nail, Lanee Demmon, and Emmersyn Demmon each qualified for the state tournament in various divisions.

**Shotgun Competition:**  
In Modified Trap, Grayson Avery and Gunner Pitman advanced to the state level. In the Advanced Shotgun Senior Division, Kaden McCuen placed in multiple categories, securing an 8th overall finish and a state qualification alongside



Franklin Bridwell.

The Webster Parish 4-H shooting sports team's success at the regional competition highlights their dedication, skill, and

hard work. With numerous state qualifiers across multiple disciplines, the team is set to make a strong showing at the upcoming state tournament.

Coaches and participants are eager to build on this momentum and continue representing Webster Parish with excellence.

## COMMUNITY CLEAN UP

# Minden prepares for expanded Love the Boot cleanup event

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The City of Minden, in partnership with the Greater Minden Chamber of Commerce, is gearing up for its annual Love the Boot Cleanup event, with expanded opportunities for community participation and a celebratory gathering to follow.

Following the success of last year's event, where volunteers collected hundreds of pounds of trash and completed

beautification projects, organizers are aiming for even greater community involvement this year. Chamber President Stephanie Barnett emphasized the importance of participation, especially from local schools, in an effort to beautify campuses and surrounding areas.

Two Cleanup Opportunities Residents and volunteers will have two opportunities to take part in this year's initiative:

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 take place, focusing on litter collection and beautification projects across Minden.

Celebration and Awards Ceremony To recognize the efforts of participants, a Thank You After-Party & Awards Ceremony will

be held at Miller Quarters Park on April 9 at 12 PM. The event will feature music, food, games, and award presentations in the following categories:

- Most Spirited Team
- Largest Team
- Most Litter Collected

Businesses and organizations can also request assistance for projects such as painting, power washing, and landscaping by emailing [president@mindenchamber.com](mailto:president@mindenchamber.com).

Looking Back and Moving Forward Last year's

Love the Boot Cleanup event saw collaboration between the City of Minden, the Greater Minden Chamber, and Webster Parish Tourism. Volunteers spread across the city to clean up litter, plant flowers, and enhance public spaces. The City of Minden won the Largest Team award, Gibsland Bank & Trust was named Most Spirited, and Coca-Cola earned the Most Litter Collected distinction.

With an increased focus

on community engagement and environmental stewardship, organizers hope to surpass last year's participation and impact. Those interested in joining the effort can sign up at <https://bit.ly/4iETtGz> or consider sponsoring cleanup materials and after-party expenses.

"Let's come together to keep our community clean and beautiful," said Barnett. "This is your chance to give back, make a difference, and have some fun while doing it."

## CRIME

### Bossier man arrested after refusing to leave residence

**STAFF REPORT**  
Minden Press-Herald

A Bossier City man was arrested early Thursday after refusing to leave a residence following a domestic dispute, according to the Minden Police Department.

Officers responded to the 100 block of Hillside Lane at

4:40 AM on March 27 after receiving a report of an active disturbance. Upon arrival, officers heard a loud argument inside the apartment, with a male voice dominating the exchange.

After making contact with the occupants and conducting field interviews, officers determined that the resident had allowed her children's father,

Charles Mitchell, 35, to visit in recent days without issue. However, on the night of the incident, Mitchell became upset after witnessing a foot pursuit earlier in the evening. He asked Walker to pick him up, but she refused.

Mitchell later arrived at the residence in an agitated state, banged on the door, and was eventually

let inside. Once inside, he began arguing with Walker and exhibiting aggressive behavior. Fearing for her safety, Walker contacted the police.

After officers separated those involved, Walker stated she no longer wanted Mitchell in her home. Officers asked Mitchell to leave for the night, and he initially agreed, gathering his

belongings. However, when he requested officers to provide him a ride and they refused, he sat on the front steps and refused to leave.

Mitchell repeatedly shouted for officers to "take me to jail" while a group of bystanders gathered nearby. After multiple warnings and refusals to leave, officers arrested Mitchell without incident and trans-

ported him to the Minden Police Department. He was charged with one count of remaining after being forbidden.

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

## RESULTS

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Constitutional Amendment No. 2 did not pass, with Louisiana citizens voting 35% yes with 224,085 votes, and 65% no with 410,083 votes.

This proposed constitutional amendment sought to revise Article VII of the Louisiana Constitution, which governs revenue and finance, by implementing several key reforms. It would lower the maximum state income tax rate, increase income

tax deductions for citizens over 65 years old, and establish a government growth limit to control spending.

The amendment also retains the homestead exemption, preserves tax exemptions for religious organizations, and provides for a permanent teacher salary increase by directing surplus funds toward teacher retirement debt. Additionally, it adjusts the management of constitutional funds related to infrastructure, education, and conservation,

creates a Local Revenue Fund, and modifies tax allocations for local governments.

Other financial changes include revisions to property tax valuation, tax sales, and revenue distribution, as well as updates to public access to state revenue and expenditures.

Constitutional Amendment No. 3 did not pass, with Louisiana citizens voting 34% yes with 212,324 votes, and 66% no with 419,366 votes.

This proposed amend-

ment would've given the Louisiana Legislature the authority to determine which felony crimes committed by juveniles can be transferred to adult court for prosecution. Currently, certain juvenile cases may be transferred to adult court under specific circumstances, but this amendment would have expanded legislative control over the process.

Constitutional Amendment No. 4 did not pass, with Louisiana citizens voting 36% yes with 229,597 votes, and 64% no

with 401,499 votes.

This proposed amendment would've required that judicial vacancies or newly created judgeships be filled using the earliest available election date rather than delaying until a later scheduled election.

Voters in Fire Protection District No. 2, Sibley, decided whether to renew a 10-mill property tax for 10 years (2025-2034) to fund fire protection services. Citizens voted to renew, with 56% voting yes with 52 votes, and 44%

voting no with 41 votes.

The tax, estimated to generate \$114,000 annually, would support the acquisition, construction, improvement, maintenance, and operation of fire protection facilities and equipment, including fire trucks. It would also help cover the cost of securing water for fire protection and contracting fire protection services. Additionally, a portion of the funds would be allocated to state retirement systems, as required by law.

## CRIME

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had purchased the property where Varnado previously lived and was aware

that he had been staying there intermittently. The witness granted deputies permission to search the property.

Authorities located Varnado asleep in a shack on the premises. He was arrested, read his rights, and transported to Bayou Dorcheat Correctional

Center. During questioning, Varnado admitted to kicking in the door and entering the residence to retrieve food but denied making threats or causing

further damage.

Varnado was booked on the previously issued charges and remains in custody pending further legal proceedings.

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## TARTAN

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up), \$5 for children ages 6-11, and free for children

ages 5 and under. All ticket sales are non-refundable.

The Scottish Society of the Louisiana Highlands,

a non-profit organization, is dedicated to promoting Scottish culture and Celtic heritage in the Ark-La-Tex. The group meets

on the second Saturday of each month and hosts annual events, including a Burns Supper in January, the Scottish Tartan Festi-

val in April, and a Whisky Tasting in November.

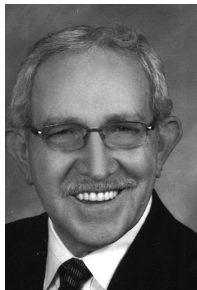
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## OBITUARIES



### James Kenneth Fryar

Kenneth Fryar went to be with his Lord and Savior on Thursday, March 27, 2025, in Minden, LA. Funeral service was held Sunday, March 30, 2025, at Minden First Baptist Church West Chapel at 2:00 P.M. with Rev. Wayne Dubose officiating, assisted by Rev. Leland Crawford. Visitation was one hour before the service at the chapel. Interment followed at Minden Cemetery in Minden, LA under the direction of Rose Neath Funeral Home in Minden, LA.

Ken was born November 10, 1941, in Fort Worth, Texas to Lois Ervin Fryar and James Harvey Fryar. His parents preceded him in death. He grew up in Clarksville, Red River County, Texas on the Old Fryar Place. He had been a resident of Minden, LA since 1967 where he met and married the love of his life, Gloria Hamil Fryar. He was a retired letter carrier for the U. S. Postal Service.



### Timothy Allen Matthews

Memorial services for Timothy Allen Matthews will be held Saturday, April 5, 2025, at 2PM at Lakeview Methodist Church in Minden, Louisiana, with Reverend Jeffrey Joyner officiating. Visitation begins at 1PM.

Tim was born October 31, 1957, in Minden, Louisiana, and entered into rest March 27, 2025, at The Columns of Germantown in Minden, Louisiana. He was preceded in death by his parents Henry and Doris Helen Matthews.

Tim is survived by his son, Aaron Matthews of Shreveport; partner, David Vandemark of Dallas; sister, Diane Matthews Spurlock of Bossier City; nephew, Judd Spurlock (Sarah) of Porter, Texas; niece, Whitney Gaines (Tony) of Haughton; great nephews and great nieces, Hugh Spurlock, Tatum Rodgers, Henry Spur-

lock, Hattie Spurlock, and AvaTess Rodgers; and a host of first cousins and other Family.

Tim was a 1975 graduate of MHS. After attending Louisiana Tech, he moved to Dallas and worked as a hairdresser. He worked at Pacific Bell in San Francisco, adopted his son, Aaron, and moved back to Dallas where he owned and operated Scalini's Pizza & Pasta for 10 years. Upon selling the restaurant, Tim began serving as a paraprofessional at Aaron's school, Notre Dame School of Dallas. After Aaron graduated, Tim served as a school bus driver for the special needs population in Highland Park ISD and Dallas ISD and continued to work with Special Olympics and tirelessly serve the special needs population. He was an active member of the Cathedral of Hope in Dallas. He retired in 2021, moved to Bossier City and then The Columns of Germantown.

The family would like to express heartfelt thanks to the staff of Elara Caring, the Columns of Germantown, and Passages Hospice. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Philadelphia Center or Holy Angels.



### Mary Evelyn Reynolds Hammontree

Springhill, LA

Funeral services for Mary Evelyn Reynolds Hammontree, age 85, will be held at Bailey Funeral Home in Springhill, LA on Saturday April 5, 2025 at 10:00 am with Brother David Permenter and Brother Clay Fuqua officiating.

Interment will be at Cotton Valley Cemetery in Cotton Valley, LA following the funeral service under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Funeral visitation will be held at Bailey Funeral Home in Springhill, LA on Friday, April 4, 2025 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm.

She was born August 20, 1939 to father, John Foney Reynolds, and mother, Bertie Crowder Reynolds on the Crowder farm 3 miles north of Springhill, LA in Lafayette County Arkansas and died Thursday, March 27, 2025 in Shreveport, LA after a brief illness and is now in the presence of Jesus Christ in Heaven.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Huey Doyle Hammontree Sr.; her parents, John Foney Reynolds and Bertie Crowder Reynolds; daughter, Mary Evelyn "Missy" (Hammontree) Whitham; brothers, Jackie Ray Reynolds, John Charles "Jay" Reynolds and wife, Bobbie; sisters, Betty Jean (Reynolds) Gleason and husband, Billy, Mae Lois (Reynolds) Dyer and husband, Leon, Jo Ann (Reynolds) Grayson and husband, Ray.

She is survived by her son, Huey Doyle Hammontree Jr. and wife, Lynn; grandson T.J. and wife, Mandy; great grandsons Ethan, Eric, and Connor; son in-law Gregory Whitham (estranged); honorary granddaughter, Hailey; many other honorary grandchildren in Grand Cane, LA; and many nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, cousins, and of course many friends.

Bailey Funeral Home  
Springhill, LA  
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### Sharon Kaye Reeves Landaiche

Sharon Kaye Reeves Landaiche, 81, of Heflin, Louisiana, passed away at her home on Sunday, March 30, 2025. She was born on December 6, 1943, in Simsboro, Louisiana, to Clarence Aubrey Reeves and Sybil Cook Reeves.

Sharon was married to Carroll Joseph Landaiche for 57 ½ wonderful years. Together, they built a loving family, raising their children: David Lyle Landaiche (Killian, LA), Susan Kaye Landaiche (Hammond, LA), Sharollyn Kaye L. Gray (husband, Joe) Heflin, LA, and Cord Joseph Landaiche (wife, Kimberly) Evergreen, LA. She was also a proud grandmother to 14 grandchildren and a great-grandmother to 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, brother George Lynn Reeves, her son Carroll Joseph Landiache, Jr., and granddaughter Brittney Evette Landaiche.

Sharon and Carroll were married in July 1967 and began their life together in LaPlace, Louisiana, before eventually settling in Sibley in 1979. There, they pur-

chased and operated C & S Mercantile for several years. Through the years Sharon was deeply involved in her community, dedicating much of her time to serving others. She was a member of the Minden Lioness Club, served on the Sibley Town Council, and played a significant role in organizing the early Sibley Christmas parades.

Her faith was a cornerstone of her life. She was an active member of the Minden Church of Christ and participated in several missionary trips to Honduras and Guatemala. Sharon loved God, her family, and her country.

In her later years, she and Carroll cherished the time spent with their grandchildren, creating precious memories that will live on in the hearts of those who loved her. Sharon will be deeply missed by her family, friends, and all who had the privilege of knowing her.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, April 3, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at the Church of Christ in Minden, Louisiana with Tracy Winget officiating. Interment will follow at Gardens of Memory Cemetery in Minden, under the direction of Rose Neath Funeral Home in Minden, Louisiana. The family will receive friends from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 2, 2025, at Rose Neath Funeral Home in Minden.

## DEPENDABLE CAREGIVER SEEKING WORK.

Have references if needed.

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## SCAM

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are dealing with cryptocurrency, scams with emails, phone calls, text messages. The list continues to go on. We tried to do an average today with our detectives, and we're somewhere between 60-65% of my detectives' efforts right now in scam investigations. That's how prevalent it is in the city," said McIver.

One major scam discussed was fraudulent sweepstakes and lottery schemes, in which victims are told they've won a large sum of money but must send payment—often in gift cards or cryptocurrency—to claim their winnings.

"A legitimate business is not going to ask anyone to go out and buy cryptocurrency to send to them or a gift card. So if you get those calls, please, hang up and don't give out any information, because it is 100% a scam," McIver warned.

Jack E. Byrd Jr. of b1BANK recounted a real-life example where he intervened before a scam could succeed.

"A situation that happened not very long ago, where I just happened to be standing next to a teller when he asked for a large amount of money, and I inquired, tell me exactly what you're going to do, we want to make sure you're safe, and he said, 'Well, I won the lottery and I need to send \$15,000.' I asked where and he said, 'Well here,' reached into his pocket and pulled out a cell phone, and said 'You can talk to him,'" said Byrd. After taking the phone, Byrd said the scammer quickly hung up. "When we inquire, we're not trying to be nosy. We're trying to help you."

Sheriff Parker echoed the warnings about lottery scams, detailing a case where a local resident lost a staggering amount of money.

"Just like the chief said, the lottery-type scams that are going around here in our local community got an individual around \$200,000 here recently," Parker said.

Parker explained that scammers often lure victims by initially giving them a small sum of money to gain their trust before demanding larger payments for supposed legal or administrative fees.

"Here's a \$1500 check to get you started, but for us to get this going you need to pay some attorney fees. The next thing you know, we need some more money for a transfer, and by the time you look at it, you've lost \$200,000," said Parker.

Scammers are also using new tactics, including deceptive QR codes that appear on unexpected packages.

"One thing that our detectives are dealing with now is the QR codes a lot of UPS packages and Amazon packages deliver to your residence. If you did not order an Amazon package or weren't expecting one, and you're being directed to scan the QR

code with your phone, don't. If you do that, then they have direct access to your phone, and all your personal information can be stolen," warned Parker.

Fake tax and utility bills were another major concern highlighted during the seminar.

"It looks just like an energy bill that you would normally get. Just a few changes in there that came to a local company here in Webster Parish. He had already paid this bill, then got his original bill and was scratching his head thinking he just got through with that," Parker explained.

He advised residents to be extra cautious when receiving unexpected financial demands.

"If you see something that you're not expecting, that's probably a good reason to think that it could be a scam."

Agent Higgins warned that cryptocurrency scams, often tied to romance fraud, are particularly challenging to recover from.

"What we're also seeing a lot of is, as you mentioned before, cryptocurrency. A lot of those start from the romance scams," Higgins said.

"Unfortunately, cryptocurrency is really difficult for anyone to claw back. It jumps around and goes all over the world, and if you've invested in a cryptocurrency scam, it's gone. We've seen millions of dollars go out the door with those."

Following the recent hailstorm, there has been an increase in fraudulent door-to-door salesmen posing as roofing or window replacement businesses.

"It may even get to the point where they want your information or ask for a partial down payment before they start, and you won't get anything," said McIver.

He urged residents to report such encounters immediately.

"The moment they show up, don't entertain it. Get on the phone, call the police department, allow us to come out there, figure out who they are, what they're doing, if they're permitted to be there."

Campbell recommended using established, local businesses for home repairs.

"Deal with people you know. We have great local roofers. We have local people who install windows and have been doing it for decades. I want to know that if I have a problem with that roof, I'll be able to call these people to come back and fix it," said Campbell.

The seminar provided valuable information to help residents recognize and avoid scams. Local officials stressed the importance of staying informed and vigilant, and they encouraged the community to report any suspicious activities to law enforcement.

By working together, the residents of Minden can help protect themselves and their neighbors from the ever-growing threat of fraud.



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OPINION

# For Deterrence and Self-Defense, Trump DOJ Rules to Restore Gun Rights

President Trump hammered many campaign promises during his 2024 presidential campaign and protecting 2nd Amendment rights was prominent among them. To that end, this past week the Trump Administration took a major step in the area of gun rights. Attorney General Pam Bondi announced this past week that the Department of Justice has issued an interim final rule that will assume and take back from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) the responsibility to decide whether to restore gun ownership rights to individuals whose 2nd Amendment rights were taken from them.

For many years, Americans whose gun rights have been revoked could petition the U.S. Attorney General to have their rights restored under federal law 18 U.S.C. 925 (c). However, the power to make that determination was eventually delegated to the ATF.

I note that I was working in D.C. in the Congress for the late U.S. Congressman and Public Service Commissioner, Clyde C. Holloway, when, as noted by The Epoch Times, “in October 1992 then-Rep. Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.)—now the Senate Minority Leader—amended an ATF funding bill to prohibit the agency from using federal funds to process applications for the restoration of gun rights. Congressional leaders justified the Schum-

er amendment by saying the applications distracted ATF personnel from their primary task of enforcing gun laws. As a result, no applications to restore Second Amendment rights were processed for more than 30 years.” (Michael Clements, The Epoch Times, 3-26-2025).

The new rule will effectively “bypass decades of congressional funding restrictions that prevented the ATF from processing applications” by shifting those responsibilities to the



**ROYAL ALEXANDER**  
DOJ. “Some states violate citizens’ Second Amendment rights [with state gun laws]. Did they rob a bank? Were they domestic abusers? No,” Luis Valdes, a former police officer and a spokesman for Gun Owners of America (GOA), told The Epoch Times, “now, they’re able to have their rights fully restored.”

Many citizens had previously been restricted by a lifetime gun ban for “nothing more than violating the ATF’s zero-tolerance policy or were convicted of a non-violent gun crime” under what were arguably unconstitutional gun laws in various states throughout the country. Critics of this rule change

argue that it will “put guns back in the hands of domestic abusers and violent criminals.” However, the interim rule states that the DOJ will individually review each application to ensure people who should not have guns can’t obtain them. “The Department simultaneously recognizes that no constitutional right is limitless; consequently, it also supports existing laws that ensure, for example, that violent and dangerous persons remain disabled from lawfully acquiring firearms.”

I returned to the 2nd Amendment this week because I always find it curious to see the lengths that government at every level is willing to go to limit the full reach of the Second Amendment, and how uninformed many state and federal officials are concerning the purpose of the 2nd Amendment: to allow citizens the ability to individually and personally protect themselves from the government, and to allow citizens the opportunity to protect themselves from others when the government fails to protect them.

As Thomas Jefferson said, “What country can preserve its liberties if their rulers are not warned from time to time that their people preserve the spirit of resistance. Let them take arms.” (Thomas Jefferson, letter to William S. Smith, 1787). Let’s recall that with the tyranny of King George III fresh and in the forefront of their

minds, the Framers intended the 2nd Amendment to limit the government’s power to restrict weapons, not the citizen’s right to possess weapons, weapons which may be necessary to protect themselves from the government.

Let’s also recall that the 2008 Supreme Court Heller decision held that the right to keep and bear arms was both a collective (military and law enforcement) right as well as an individual right. Again, the Second Amendment is a limitation on the government’s power to regulate weapons, not on the citizen’s right to possess weapons.

If there is a compelling safety or security issue that justifies depriving an unstable individual from owning and possessing a firearm, that is one thing. However, the idea that a less-than-compelling determination has stripped an American citizen of their constitutional right to keep and bear arms is simply unacceptable. It is the right to keep and bear arms that makes all other human rights defensible.

It is encouraging to see this proposed new rule.

**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

## Learning that sometimes, less is more

The Welsh-born poet, George Herbert, wrote “Thou hast given so much to me, give me one thing more, a grateful heart.”

If we aren’t thankful for what we possess what else is there? What good does it do to have the best of everything if we are discontented?

Maybe it takes having an emotional storm, having the rugs jerked out from under our feet, to truly understand the trauma of hurting.

God has always stepped out of the woodwork to help me from the time I went into an orphanage until now.

If we have friends and family, a roof over our head, enough to eat and some left over, clothes to wear to not only keep us out of the cold but a few pieces to bolster our self-esteem, we are blest beyond measure!

It’s not really how much we possess but what possesses us! “Things can end up owning us.”

Years ago most of our ancestors had plenty to eat as they prepared for the winter by preserving food and chopping fire wood. The father made sure his family was fed and kept w a r m d u r i n g the winter even though survival was n ’ t easy as s o m e of our p a r e n t s p l o w e d



**SARAH HUDSON PIERCE**  
behind mules just to keep us fed.

Families often slept in a one room log cabin which may have caused less of a disconnect among families.

Older people often reminisce how they seemed to have more time to enjoy each other, spending time on the front porch, talking to

their neighbors, rather than watching television.

Today we are too often busy struggling just to stay ahead of the “Jones” that we appear to have lost the essence of happiness, the quality of life that is embellished in The Little House On The Prairie.

But how do we go back once we’ve crossed the picket line? How do we reset our values? How do we restore the family to its rightful place?

It’s been said that “sometimes less is more.”

This attitude may be what is leading to the tiny house movement.

Struggling to get ahead, we may be more emotionally starved than our ancestors were in days of long ago.

I sense that the family has gone down the tube with all of the modern devices and social media, not to mention the fast food places

where even the teenagers grab their meals rather than sitting around the dinner table.

My son one time told me “you can’t schedule quality time. It has to just happen spontaneously.”

I believe that our nation is hungering for a return to the olden days, to God and family. We innately know that God is real and that this life is not forever. We are just “sojourners” on this earth.

God has always stepped out of the woodwork for me, getting me to the right place at the right time, showing Himself in the form of “God Winks” that I love writing into stories as part of the legacy I hope to leave my family and my readers.

If we aren’t thankful for what we possess what else is there?

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## Severe Weather Season Is Here—Be Prepared

As we move through the Easter season in Northwest Louisiana, most of us are focused on family, faith, and fresh beginnings. But with the change of seasons also comes the arrival of something far less joyful—severe weather season.

If recent storms are any indication, this year’s weather threats may be arriving earlier than usual. Hail, strong winds, and even tornadoes have already made headlines in our region. That’s why it’s important to pause for a moment and ask: Are we prepared?

We may not be able to control what the skies bring our way, but we can control how ready we are for it.

**Stay Weather Aware.**

Make it a habit to monitor local forecasts from trusted sources. Whether it’s television, NOAA weather radio, or a weather app on your



**DAVID SPECHT**

phone, knowing what’s coming can help you act quickly when time matters most. **Sign Up for Alerts.** Webster Parish residents have access to emergency alert systems that send weather warnings directly to your phone or email. It only takes a few minutes to sign up, and it could make all

the difference in an emergency.

**Have a Plan.** Talk with your family now about where to go in the event of a tornado warning. Identify a safe space in your home—an interior room on the lowest floor, away from windows. Make sure everyone in your household knows the plan.

Know the Lingo It’s easy to confuse a watch with a warning. Remember: a watch means conditions are favorable for severe weather. A warning means it’s happening or about to happen—take shelter immediately.

**Pack an Emergency Kit.** Keep a kit handy with the basics: flashlight, extra batteries, non-perishable food,

bottled water, medications, first-aid supplies, and important documents. If you need to shelter quickly or go without power, you’ll be glad you have it.

**Think Ahead.** Secure any outdoor items that might blow away or cause damage. If hail is forecast, move vehicles under cover if possible. And remember, outdoor warning sirens are not meant to be heard inside your home, so always have more than one way to receive alerts.

We’ve all seen how unpredictable our Louisiana weather can be. Tornadoes, hailstorms, and flash floods can develop in a matter of minutes. But when we’re prepared, we give ourselves and our families the best

chance to stay safe.

As we enjoy all that spring has to offer, let’s not forget to stay weather-aware and storm-ready. And let’s also check in on our neighbors—especially the elderly or those without access to information. A little awareness and preparation can go a long way in making sure our community weathers the storms ahead.

Stay safe out there, Webster Parish.

**DAVID SPECHT IS PRESIDENT OF SPECHT NEWSPAPERS, INC., PUBLISHER OF THE MINDEN PRESS-HERALD, BOSSIER PRESS-TRIBUNE, AND BIZ MAGAZINE.**



SPORTS

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Lakeside has unbeaten week; Glenbrook aims for 1-1A title

RUSSELL HEDGES  
Minden Press-Herald

Lakeside has had an up-and-down season, but last week was a very good one for the Warriors. (Records are through Sunday, March 30.) Lakeside (13-13, 5-4) began the week with tight victories over D'Arbonne Woods 6-5 and Ouachita Parish 3-2. The Warriors then swept a District 3-2A doubleheader against Mansfield 20-0 and 19-0. Minden (14-10, 0-4) dropped two tough District 14A games to Loyola College Prep 3-1 and 2-1. Glenbrook (10-8) fell to Ruston 16-6 in its only game last week. The Apaches are scheduled to begin a three-game series against

Cedar Creek to decide the District 1-1A title Friday at 6 at home. The teams are scheduled to play a doubleheader Saturday at 11 a.m. in Ruston. Glenbrook hasn't lost a district game since joining the LHSAA in 2021-22. Cedar Creek moved from District 2-1A to 1-1A this school year. Doyline (7-9) split games against 5A schools, defeating Huntington 7-5 and falling to Haughton 13-9. North Webster (7-7, 1-1) fell to Sterlington 12-0 in a District 1-3A game. Lakeside scored one in the sixth against D'Arbonne Woods then won it with two in the seventh. Peyton Gray scored

the winning run on Drake Chreene's sacrifice fly. Noah Redding led off the inning with a single. Gage Williams went 3-for-4 with two RBI. Jon Jon Dick went 2-for-3 with triple. Gray went 2-for-3. Chreene's RBI-single with one out in the sixth scored Dick with the go-ahead run against Ouachita Parish. Williams pitched 5 2/3 innings against Ouachita. He allowed one hit. Dick and Jake Glass had three hits each in the two-inning first game against Mansfield. Minden's Bray Winston went 2-for-3 in the first game against Loyola. Bryson Ranger had a double. Ranger went the distance on the mound.

Minden's Jaxon Smith and Loyola's Gavin Brint pitched complete games in the second game. Smith allowed five hits and one earned run. He struck out three and walked two. Brint allowed four hits, struck out nine and walked one. Landon Brewer went 2-for-3. Glenbrook's Seth Mangrum went 2-for-3 against Ruston. Easton Sanders and Ryan Reagan both doubled. Preston Frye had two RBI. Doyline took advantage of 11 walks against Huntington. Kenneth Anderson was hit by a pitch three times. Starter Jesse Quinn went four innings. He allowed two hits, struck out six and walked none.

PRO FOOTBALL

Reports: Former North Webster star White signs with Raiders

RUSSELL HEDGES  
Minden Press-Herald

Former North Webster and LSU star Devin White is signing a one-year deal with the Las Vegas Raiders, according to media reports.

The linebacker will join new Head Coach Pete Carroll and be reunited with General Manager John Spytek, who drafted him at Tampa Bay in 2019. After spending five seasons with Tampa Bay that

included a Super Bowl championship, White signed a one-year deal with \$7.5 million with Philadelphia. He was released on Oct. 8 without having played a down, according to Wikipedia.

Two weeks later, he signed with the Houston Texans. He played in seven games and recorded 15 solo tackles and four assists. Last summer, White conducted a clinic at his alma mater in Springhill.

OUTDOORS

For anglers, it's a great time to be alive in Louisiana

GLYNN HARRIS

In sitting and thinking of what I love so much about living in Louisiana, high on my list is the distinct season changes we have here. One of my daughters lived in Hawaii for a few years and although I enjoyed wearing tee shirt, shorts and flip-flops when visiting there in January, I'd soon tire of Hawaii's perpetual summer. I have friends in New England who live for summer – all three weeks of it. They're encased in ice and snow and sub-zero temperatures much of the year, and I'd hate living like that. Louisiana has it all. Every ten years or so, we get to see snow falling and on those rare occasions when it covers the ground, the whole area briefly takes leave of its sanity as we romp and play and make leaf-flecked snowmen. Schools dismiss and overpasses close as old guys slip-slide their Fords and Chevys into ditches and power poles. At the opposite end of the spectrum are our summers. Folks not native to our part of the country suffocate in the humidity which comes close to matching the triple digit temperatures. We who live here, though, know how to deal with it; we sit under air



GLYNN HARRIS

Springtime in Louisiana means fish are biting, including bluegills that are suckers for a cricket.

conditioning, sip iced tea and keep our eyes on the calendar, knowing that the refreshing chill of October is not that far away. Springtime in Louisiana, though, is a special reward all its own. Granted, it's a roller coaster ride for much of the season. We're lulled by the azaleas and dogwoods and tender green grass into thinking spring is here to stay. Then the weatherman throws us a sucker punch and sends a spring cold snap. We fret over the peaches – will they be able to withstand a frost so late in the year? When will these storms and winds ever stop? But they do and we get to enjoy a sweet special few weeks when we can sit on

the porch late afternoons without a wrap or air conditioning. For the angler, this is an ideal time to be on the water somewhere nearby to fish in comfort with the knowledge there'll be a fish fry tonight. What's your pleasure? Are you interested in catching bass? What about crappie? Do bluegills and chinquapins tickle your fancy? How about a good mess of freshly caught catfish? This time of year in our neck of the woods, you can do it all. Bass fishermen who missed out on the spring spawn where big sway-bellied bass deposited their eggs often in water barely deep enough to cover their dorsal fins know where the fish are headed after leav-

ing the shallows. They'll be fishing deep water points at daybreak and watching for schools of shad to dimple the surface, knowing that bass could be exploding on the hapless school at any moment. Crappie fishermen will be looking around submerged brush in deep water for their quarry. Innovative anglers outfit their boats with multiple poles, each set at different depths and offering a shiner or jig of a different color and/or weight. Catfishermen armed with no more than a little bucket of worms and a big bucket to sit on will be lining the shores along Lake D'Arbonne knowing that this lake's teeming population of eating-sized channel catfish are there for the taking. It is the bream fishermen, however, who knows this time of year was made for him. Bluegills and chinquapins are on the beds on every lake and pond across our area and while they're as fun to catch as they are tasty on the dinner table, they're also one of the easiest to catch. Toss a cricket or red wiggler into a bream bed along the shore and it's a pitch 'til you win proposition. It's springtime in Louisiana. Go for it....before the next storm blows through.

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Glenbrook gets four victories in busy week

RUSSELL HEDGES  
Minden Press-Herald

All five parish teams won at least one game last week. (Records are through Sunday, March 30.) Glenbrook (17-6) had a busy one with six games. The Lady Apaches started with a 7-0 victory over Weston. Then, in a game that decided the District 1-1A championship, they fell to Cedar Creek 15-7. Glenbrook bounced back with an 11-6 victory over Calvin then went 3-0 in the Quitman tournament, defeating Claiborne Christian 4-0, Caldwell Parish 13-3 and Converse 15-3. Lakeside (18-4) split its only two games, defeating Weston 12-2 and falling to Ouachita Christian 8-1. Minden (9-13) went 2-2. The Lady Tiders defeated Weston 13-11 and Monterey 12-4 and lost to Oak Grove and Hicks. Doyline (6-5) enjoyed an unbeaten week with victories over Forest 12-6, Loyola 7-6 and Jonesboro-Hodge 20-0. In its only game, North Webster (3-8) defeated Loyola 5-3. Glenbrook's Rebecca Mosley pitched a two-hitter with 10 strikeouts and no walks against Weston. Vivian Still went 3-for-3. Gabi Brown went 3-for-4 with a home run,

double and three RBI against Cedar Creek. Still went 2-for-4 with a home run, double and two RBI. Still went 3-for-4 with a triple and double against Calvin. Mosley had nine strikeouts. Mosley allowed three hits and struck out eight against Claiborne Christian. Hallie Harmon went 3-for-4 against Caldwell Parish. Colby Hollis went 2-for-3 with a home run and four RBI. Brown went 3-for-3 with a double against Converse. Still had a home run, triple and five RBI. Savannah Mangrum struck out 10. Lakeside's McKenna Chreene went 2-for-3 with a double against Ouachita Christian. Raleah Harris went 3-for-3 with a triple against Weston. Minden's Lizzie Balkom went 5-for-6 against Weston. Leigha Kennon-Gilbert went 4-for-6 with a home run. Doyline's Lanie Gates went 4-for-5 with a double and two RBI against Forest. Savannah Stanley went 3-for-3 against Jonesboro-Hodge. Karmadie Bartlett had a home run, double and four RBI. North Webster's Anna Ray went 3-for-3 with a double against Loyola. Emma Newsom pitched a three-hitter with 11 strikeouts.



ROBERT SUMMERLIN/PRESS-HERALD  
Glenbrook's Savannah Mangrum struck out 10 in a 15-3 victory over Converse in the Quitman tournament last week.

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

Lindsay Ryan  
Minden, Jr.  
Ryan pitched eight innings in a win over Weston on March 25. She allowed four hits and struck out 10. She also struck out 15 in a win over Doyline March 31.

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



# Good News

GOOD NEWS

## THE WORST OF TIMES...THE BEST OF TIMES...

Charles Dickens (The Christmas Carole) reminds us that throughout history, there have been times like this. When looking at life and society through smoked lens, we see it all as a dark, dismal, and hopeless situation—all around us. Shrinking economy, wars and rumors of wars, promise of higher taxes and cost of living, unemployment and such: where will it end; where will it lead us? So let's just sit down and have a good pity party, let's blame the politician, or better yet-blame God! What a mess! This is the worst of times—what can we do? Where can we turn? Who really has the answers for us?

Oh, but this is the best of times! What opportunities we have to rise above the circumstances around us and prove to the world what an “awesome God we love and serve.” People need a good word, a friend who will encourage and stand by

them; we all need a “little bit of Good News”! In such times, many need to hear their friends and neighbors say “we care about you”. And show that love by actions of love and going the second mile! What a stage for us to “showcase” our Lord and all His wonderful promises! What a great challenge to read Paul's epistles and be reminded how God used one man to spread the ‘love of God through Christ’ throughout the Gentile world! Yes, this has to be the best of times. Let's not waste one minute on nay-sayers, worriers, and whiners.

“The good ole days” were not the good old days! They were hard, long and demeaning in many ways. We all have a tendency to forget the hardships that attached themselves to the ‘wonderful memories’ of yester-

day. Outdoor toilets (on winter mornings); cracks in homes allowing winter winds to whistle whatever tune they desired as they raced throughout the house; rounding up firewood to keep the smoky fire going; nail holes in the tin-roof that necessitated leak buckets to be placed all over the house during rainy times (catching the dripping water to the tune of “drip, drip, drip”). And there were many more of such nuisances to endure... at the tune of ‘good ole days.’ Let's not try to bring them back, please!

The Bible teaches us to seize the opportunities before us today, serve the Lord with joy and gladness, to come before God's presence with thanksgiving and praise. Paul reminds us to put behind those ‘yesterdays’ and push hard on into tomorrow

with great hope and expectation. The God who was with us in the hard times of yesterday is already waiting to meet us tomorrow. He issues the assurance that “His love is sufficient to surround us, strengthen and save us”. He can meet our needs. Yes, this can be the BEST TIMES of our lives.

Just to read the promises in the last chapters of Revelation (and sense all God has in store for His saints) is enough to make us yearn for that heavenly kingdom. We get ‘homesick’ for that land that we have never visited. We find ourselves humming ‘Sweet Beulah Land’ more and more. God promised ‘milk and honey’ for us in the Promised Land and many of us are ready to ‘possess that land.’ We sincerely pray “come, Lord Jesus, come.” We begin to sense how close we to our eternal rewards. It is just around the corner, beyond the bend, over the hilltop,

out yonder. We are “looking for that City built above.” Yes, the ‘BEST IS YET TO BE!’

The glass is half-full, the weather forecast is “partly fair” and a beautiful rainbow is following the terrible storms in our life. Today is a gift from God, so we rejoice in it! Yes, life is what we make it! So today, let's allow God to control and guide us; let's heed Paul's directive to “keep on doing good” and love the brethren to the level we love ourselves. Today is the “first day of the rest of our lives”- truly a present from God. Yes, IT IS THE BEST OF TIMES! God's present to us is TODAY! Let's unwrap it and enjoy it to the fullest.

**BILL CRIDER IS CHAPLAIN OF MINDEN MEDICAL CENTER**



Bill Crider

### THE UPWARD LOOK

#### Repentance and Forgiveness

*“I acknowledged my sin to You, And my iniquity I did not hide; I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD”; And You forgave the guilt of my sin. Selah.” Psalm 32:5 NASB*



Max Hutto

Repentance involves acknowledging the sin to God. The wrong, the iniquity cannot be hidden or covered up. The transgression must be openly confessed, agreeing with God that the deed was sin and rebellion against God. This confession embodies a turning away from the sin to walk in God's ways. It is a change of

heart and attitude toward the sin that results in a change of action and deed in obedience to God. Confession and repentance lead to forgiveness and restoration. Selah means to think on these truths.

Lord Jesus, my sin, my guilt has been forgiven, cleansed by Your blood because of Your great mercy and grace.

**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

#### Recipe for success

If you're like me and you like to bake you've probably used a recipe. In theory, if you follow the same recipe you should get a consistent result. However, that isn't always the case. It's been my experience that I can be consistent and still fail. I have found that in some instances the failures are due to mistakes in my execution. However, I have also had to face the fact that some factors are beyond my control. Several things can affect the outcome. For instance inconsistent oven heat, changes in barometric pressure, or even faults in your ingredients. The situations in our lives can be viewed similarly. We as humans often go




Bernard Harris

through our lives making plan after plan. This is fine because it aids in organization. However, you need to ask yourself a question. What will I do when one of my plans fails? Jeremiah 29:11 NLT Says “I know the plans I have for you,” says the Lord. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.” As humans and children of God, we have to learn to let go of our plan and seek out God's. This could be the difference between rising to the occasion or falling flat.

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

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- Kitchen Items
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# LEGALS

### SHERIFF'S SALE

21ST MORTGAGE  
VS.  
RICHARD D HENDERSON

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. CV81981.  
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, April 16, 2025,  
During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:  
2018 Clayton 28 x 56 mobile home bearing serial numbers CSS019202TXA and CSS019202TXB  
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

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### SHERIFF'S SALE

GIBSLAND BANK & TRUST COMPANY  
VS.  
SOUTH BEACH INVESTMENT L.L.C.

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 81975.  
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, April 9, 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.  
JASON R. PARKER Sheriff & Ex-Officio Auctioneer  
Webster Parish, Louisiana  
Pam Brantley  
Pam Brantley - Deputy  
PART 2:  
MOVABLE COLLATERAL PROPERTY DESCRIPTION  
A.  
Equipment. All equipment including, but not limited to, all machinery, vehicles, furniture, fixtures, manufacturing equipment, farm machinery and equipment, shop equipment, office and recordkeeping equipment, and parts and tools. All equipment described in a list or schedule which I give to you will also be included in the Property, but such a list is not necessary for a valid security interest in my equipment. "Equipment" means goods other than inventory, farm products, or consumer goods. The term "Equipment" is as defined by the Uniform Commercial Code and further as modified or amended by the laws of the jurisdiction which governs this transaction.  
B. Specific Property. 2014 ETS Basic Model# Bed Solar System 32 Serial# SP1J79482; 2014 ETS Red Light Therapy Bed Model#Solar System 32 Serial# 32SOL000054; 2014 Hydration Station Serial# SG2070652772; 2014 ETS Velocity HP1000 Model# S-HP1000 Serial# VEL000410; 2014 AMI - INC Aqua Massage Model# AMSPA Serial# 5-0364; 2014 ETS VIP Model# S-42VIP3FH Serial# 42VIP000030; 2014 Mystic Tan Booth Model# MTM2500 Serial# MB571; 2014 Elite Bed ETS Model# S-755-PURPLE Serial# 75555000163; 2014 Platinum Laydown ETS Model# S-52PLAT000252 Vin# 52PLAT000262; 2014 Slim It Body Wrap SYBARITIC INC Model# 302802-A Serial# 43; 2014 Cyber Relax Chair FUJI Medical Model# SKS - 1800 Serial# 763455; 2014 Luminous Facial Serial# SR 001228; 2014 Platinum Standup ETS Model# S-652VPLAT Serial# 652VPLAT000046; One (1) Real Sun Tanning Bed, Model # 16-32/1, Serial #4240323BF; One (1) Real Sun tanning Bed, Model #23-46/4VHR, Serial #4200383 WVHR; One (1) Real Sun tanning Bed, Model #23-46/4, Serial #4142383 WBVL; One (1) Real Sun Tanning Bed, Model #16-32/1, Serial #4239323BF; One (1) Real Sun Stand-Up Tanning Bed, Model 23-46/4VHR, Serial #424348SB; One (1) Health Mate One Person Sauna Booth; One (1) Mystic Self Automated Spray booth; One (1) full body massage chair; One (1) State regulated T-Max Timed Control System/Wired in Radio System; all including any and all accessories, attachments, parts and replacements thereto.  
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### SHERIFF'S SALE

US BANK TRUST COMPANY NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE  
VS.  
MARY SUE SOLOMON THOMAS THE  
UNOPENED SUCCESSION OF

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 80835.  
By virtue of a WRIT OF FIFA issued out of the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, in the above styled and numbered suit and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder for cash 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, April 9, 2025, -  
During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:  
The North Half of Lot Six (6) Block "A" of the HL Miller White Oak Addition Subdivision to the City of Minden, Webrier Parish, Louisians as per map and plat thereof en file and of record in the Office of the Clerk of Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, in Map Book 1, Page 56, together with all improvements thereon and all rights thereto belonging, LESS AND EXCEPT that portion of the property taken by the State of Louisiana, Department of Transportation and Development, more particularly described as follows:  
Begin ut a found from rad located at the Northeast Comer of Lot 4, and rum South 0 degrees 31 minutes West 132 feet to a found from rod for the Point of Beginning then contiene South 0 degrees 31 minutes West 50 feet to a set 5/8" ton rod; thenes run South 89 degrees 21 minutes 57 seconds West 171.90 feet to a cut "X" in concrete; thence run North 13 degrees 21 minutes 38 seconds East 48.66 feet to a set 5/8" Iron rod; thence run North 13 degrees 15 mientos 23 seconds East 2.85 feet to a set 5/8" iron rod; thence run North 89 depress 21 minutes 57 seconds East 160.45 feet to the Point of Begizing; containing 0.19  
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  
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Pam Brantley - Deputy

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### SHERIFF'S SALE

WINNSBORO STATE BANK & TRUST CO  
VS.  
UNOPENED SUCCESSION OF RONALD J  
MORGAN AKA RON J MORGAN AND COURTNEY A MORGAN

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 651659.  
By virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued out of the First Judicial District Court of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, in the above styled and numbered suit and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder for cash WITH the benefit of appraisalment and according to law at the principle front door of the Courthouse in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana, on  
WEDNESDAY, April 9, 2025,  
During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:  
All that part of East 690 feet of the South Half of Northwest Quarter of Northwest Quarter (S/2 of NW/4 of NW/4), Section 22, Township 20 North, Range 10 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana, lying North of Webster Parish Road 17:  
LESS AND EXCEPT: Begin at the Southeast Corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SE/C of NW/4 of NW/4), Section 22, Township 20 North, Range 10 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana, and nun North 8 feet to the North side of Ashley Road for the point of beginning; thence run North 30 degrees 01 minutes West along the North side of Ashley Road 111 feet;

thence run North 420 feet; run South 90 depress 01 minutes East 211 feet; thence run South 420 feet to the point of beginning, containing 2.00 acres, more or less, together with all improvements located thereon and all rights thereto belonging.  
ALSO  
All that part of the East Half of Northwest Quarter (E/2 of NW/4), Section 22, Township 20 North, Range 10 West, lying North of Webster Parish Road 17 (Ashley Road), containing 45.79 acres, more or less, together with all improvements located thereon and all rights thereto belonging.  
SOLD SUBJECT TO ANY SUPERIOR LIENS, MORTGAGES OR PRIVI-LEGES THERETO.  
Said property seized is that of the defendant and will be sold to satisfy a judgment rendered in our Honorable Court.  
JASON R. PARKER Sheriff & Ex-Officio Auctioneer  
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Pam Braatler  
Pam Brantley - Deputy

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### SHERIFF'S SALE

21ST MORTGAGE CORPORATION  
VS.  
KATRINA MARIE ANNE GILLIAM AKA  
KATRINA M. GILLIAM AND JOHN WILLIAM GILLIAM AKA JOHN W. GILLIAM AKA JOHN GILLIAM

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 81203.  
By virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued out of the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, in the above styled and numbered suit and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder for cash WITH the benefit of appraisalment and according to law at the principle front door of the Courthouse in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana, on  
WEDNESDAY, April 9, 2025,  
During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:  
2015 Fleetwood mobile home 16 x 80 bearing serial number FLE240TX1435323A immobilized onto and including Lots 321, 322 and 323, Palmetto Beach Estates Subdivision, a subdivision in Webster Parish, LA as per plat thereof recorded in conveyance book 3, page 49 of the official records of Webster Parish, LA, together with all buildings and improvements thereon  
SOLD SUBJECT TO ANY SUPERIOR LIENS, MORTGAGES OR PRIVI-LEGES THERETO.  
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

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### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Notice is hereby given that the Webster Parish School Board will receive sealed bids from LA licensed general contractors until 2:00 P.M., Thursday, May 1, 2025, for:

JOB #2024-08.A.ATHLETIC IMPROVEMENTS TO  
NORTH WEBSTER HIGH SCHOOL & MCMAHEN PARK  
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Bids will be accepted until the date and time specified and will be publicly opened and read aloud at that time in the School Board's Office, 1442 Sheppard Street, Minden, Louisiana 71055. All submittal packages will be stamped or marked to acknowledge timely receipt. Sole responsibility for proper mailing or delivery of any bid in compliance with this advertisement is that of the bidder. Bids received after the date and time of opening will not be considered.

A non-mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday April 16, 2025 at the jobsite: 101 South Arkansas Rd., Springhill, Louisiana 71075. Bidders must check in at the office.

All bids must be accompanied by bid security equal to five percent (5%) of the base bid and all alternates and must be in the form of a certified check, cashier's check or bid bond written by a company licensed to do business in the State of Louisiana.

Complete bid documents may be obtained from Yeager, Watson & Associates, LLC, 118 S. Trenton St., Ruston, LA 71270-4432, (318) 202-5708, upon receipt of deposit of \$200.00 for each set of documents. The deposit is fully-refundable to all plan holders upon return of the documents, in good condition, no later than fifteen (15) days after receipt of bids. The deposits for all other sets of documents will not be refunded. Bid-related materials and electronic submittal of bids may be found at: WWW.CENTRALBID-DING.COM. For questions relating to the electronic bidding process, please call Central Bidding at (225) 810-4814. Electronic bid documents are also available for a purchase price of \$20 from the architect's office or by membership to following Plan Rooms: LAGC, ConstructConnect, or Dodge.

The Webster Parish School Board is an equal opportunity agency dedicated to a policy of non-discrimination regarding Title VI, the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

The Webster Parish School Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

/s/ Johnny Rowland  
/t/ Johnny Rowland, Secretary Treasurer  
Webster Parish School Board

April 2, 9, 16, 2025  
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### Public Notice

Parcel No. 128698

Estate of Bailly McGlotham aka Bailey McGlothen  
Estate of Lela Oliver McGlotham aka Lela Oliver McGlothen  
THIS NOTICE BY PUBLICATION IS NOTIFICATION THAT YOUR RIGHTS OR INTEREST IN THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY LOCATED IN MINDEN, LOUISIANA MAY BE TERMINATED BY OPERATION OF LAW IF YOU DO NOT TAKE FURTHER ACTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW:  
RE: Parcel# 128698 / No Municipal Address  
Brief Legal: LOT #3 & N/2 OF LOT #2, BLK 2, HARRELL HEIGHTS  
Legal Description: Lot Three (3) and North One-Half (1/2) of Lot Two (2) of the Harrell Heights  
subdivision, as per plat and map on record at the Clerk's office in the Webster Parish Court House,  
Minden, Louisiana. The above-described land is in Block Two (2); and is recorded in Map Book  
One (1) Page 29.

Tax sale title to the above described property has been sold for failure to pay taxes. You have been identified as a person who may have an interest in this property.  
Your interest in the property will be terminated if you do not redeem the property by making all required payments to the tax collector listed below or file a lawsuit in accordance with law within sixty (60) days of the date of the first publication of this notice, or the recording of an act transferring ownership, if later.  
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520 Broadway St.  
Minden, LA 71058-0580  
318-377-2144 (ext 433)

April 2, 2025  
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### Public Notice

Public Notice of Surplus Property Sale

The Town of Cotton Valley hereby give public notice that the following surplus property has been declared available for sale in accordance with municipal ordinances and state law.  
Ford Backhoe 555D – S/N AB23588, has hydraulic leaks. Minimum Bid \$ 2,000.00  
Old Metal Storage building located on Court Street.  
2012 Chevy Tahoe Green VIN 1GNLC2E07CR151272. Minimum Bid \$ 500.00  
1500 Gallon Fuel Tank. Minimum Bid \$ 100.00  
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1500 Gallon Fuel Tank. Minimum Bid \$ 100.00  
2010 Ford Crown Victoria White VIN 2FABP7BV8AX139839. Minimum Bid \$ 100.00  
Lot ceramic molds, Kiln. Minimum Bid \$ 100.00  
Interested buyers may submit bids by April 30, 2025, by 4:00 p.m. All items are sold as is, where is with no warranties expressed or implied. The town reserves the right to reject any and all bids.  
For more information or to schedule an inspection of the surplus property, please contact Mayor Bruce Lee at (318) 588-0887 or (318) 832-4283 [cvmayor@centurytel.net](mailto:cvmayor@centurytel.net).

April 2, 2025  
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### Public Notice

DECLARATION OF ELECTION RESULTS

Be it known and declared that the governing authority of the Parish of Webster, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), did meet in open and public session to examine the official certified tabulations of votes cast at the special election held in the Parish on Saturday, December 7, 2024, and did examine and canvass the returns of the said election, there having been submitted at said election the following proposition, to wit:

PROPOSITION  
(MILLAGE)

Shall the Parish of Webster, State of Louisiana (the "Parish"), be authorized

to levy a tax of 1.75 mills on all the property subject to taxation in the Parish (an estimated \$500,000 expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of 10 years, beginning with the year 2025 and ending with the year 2034, for the purpose of constructing, improving, maintaining, operating and supporting facilities and programs for the elderly in the Parish through the Webster Council on the Aging?

There was found by said count and canvass that there was a total of 1,006 votes cast IN FAVOR OF the Proposition and a total of 823 votes cast AGAINST the Proposition, as hereinabove set forth, and that there was a majority of 183 votes cast IN FAVOR OF the Proposition as hereinabove set forth. Therefore, it has been declared by the governing authority of the Parish that the proposition as hereinabove set forth was duly CARRIED by a majority of the votes cast by the qualified electors voting at the said special election held in the Parish on Saturday, December 7, 2024. Results by precinct are available from the Secretary-Treasurer of the Police Jury during regular business hours or via the Louisiana Secretary of State's website ([voterportal.sos.la.gov](http://voterportal.sos.la.gov)). The actual cost of the election as determined by the Louisiana Secretary of State in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 8-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, is \$4,999.74.

Parish of Webster, State of Louisiana

April 2, 2025  
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### Minutes

Town of Cotton Valley Monthly Meeting  
Meeting Date: March 11, 2025

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Reginald Shaw  
Invocation and Pledge was led by and in unison.  
Roll call by municipal clerk, Tiffany Parish  
Alderman R. Shaw (present)  
Alderman J. Carter (present)  
Alderman T. Brown (present)  
Alderman C. Lewis (present)  
Alderman D. Hawkins (present)  
We have a quorum (5) present (0) absent.  
Motion to accept the March 2025 agenda. Motioned by Alderman J. Carter and 2nd by Alderman D. Hawkins. Motion Passed  
Motion to approve February 2025 meeting minutes. Motion by Alderman D. Hawkins and 2nd by Alderman C. Lewis. Motion Passed  
Motion to pay March 2025 bills. Motion by Alderman D. Hawkins and 2nd by Alderman J. Carter. Motion Passed  
Committee Report: Have Love the Boot community clean-up day on April 5th. Easter in the park will be April 12th at 1:00 p.m.  
Mayor's Report: Police Jury is going to try and help clean out the ditches around town.  
Citizens' input on the current agenda matters only. None  
Old Business  
Approve Ordinance 25-02, Surplus Property. Motion by Alderman T. Brown and 2nd by Alderman J. Carter. Motion Passed  
New Business  
Introduction of Ordinance 25-03, Establishing a spending limit for the mayor. Mike Griffin – Police Jury.  
Approve resolution to hire part-time police officer, Cameron Smith. Resolution failed due to lack of motion. Motion Failed  
Approve resolution for a reserve officer, Toni Cox. Resolution failed due to lack of motion. Motion Failed.  
Approve resolution for a reserve officer, Jonathon Modisette. Motion by Alderman T. Brown and 2nd by Alderman D. Hawkins. Motion Passed.  
Police Report – William Ingersoll –  
Adjournment – Motion made by Alderman D. Hawkins and 2nd by Alderman C. Lewis, meeting adjourned.  
Tiffany Parish-Municipal Clerk  
3/13/2025

April 2, 2025  
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### Public Notice

Meeting for members of Northside Church of Christ  
April 18 2025 at 11:00 am  
Northside Church of Christ  
Meeting to discuss donation of church to Mr. and Mrs. Alghareeb

March 26, 2025  
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## GARDENING

# Azaleas, a staple of Southern gardens, named 2025 Louisiana Super Plant

**HEATHER KIRK-BALLARD**  
LSU AgCenter Horticulturist

Every year, LSU AgCenter horticulturists select four plants to add to the Louisiana Super Plant program. Plants don’t come by this designation easily. They must prove they can be beautiful and tough in the face of Louisiana’s challenging growing conditions.

If ever there was a plant that has shown itself to be a reliable performer in Louisiana landscapes, it’s the Southern Indica azalea — one of the AgCenter’s 2025 Super Plant picks. This general group of plants is sometimes referred to as Southern Indian hybrids.

—This species of azalea (*Rhododendron indicum*) has been a staple of Southern gardens since the 1800s, when it was introduced to the United States from its native Japan. They also can be found growing as understory plants in the woods, especially beneath pine trees.

These large evergreen shrubs are vigorous and heat tolerant. They are reliable spring bloomers with a wide range of flower colors.

You’re sure to have seen three of the most common cultivars: Lavender Formosa, which is ubiquitous in Louisiana and has vibrant purple-to-magenta blooms; George L. Taber, which displays soft pink blooms; and Mrs. G.G. Gerbing, whose pure white flowers stand out especially well in shadier areas.

Like many good things, azaleas’ stunning spring show of flowers doesn’t last long. Blooms usually begin to appear in mid-March in south Louisiana and a week or two later in the northern part of the state. Bloom times can vary depending on the cultivar and site-specific conditions, but most shrubs will spend only two weeks in full bloom.

Fortunately, there’s more to azaleas than just flowers. With their dense, evergreen foliage, azaleas provide visual interest in the garden

year-round. They can reach 6 to 8 feet tall and 4 to 6 feet wide, making them a great choice for foundation plantings that give structure to the landscape. Some cultivars in the Southern Indica azalea group are a bit smaller. All sizes of azaleas are attractive in masses or used individually as specimen plantings.

Azaleas also are tough, often living for many decades, especially if they’re given all the right conditions. They’ll have the most flower power in full sun, but you can still enjoy plenty of blooms in part sun and even part shade.

While these shrubs prefer acidic soils, they’re quite adaptable and will tolerate neutral pH soils, too — as long as the area has decent drainage. Mulching with pine straw or composted pine bark will help with soil pH, and in locations with alkaline soils, adding elemental sulfur may be required every few years.

Fertilize azaleas late winter or very early spring each year before you see blooms start to emerge.

Pruning is fairly easy and doesn’t need to be done every year. When it is time to prune, however, make sure to do it as soon as the bloom cycle is over. Azaleas set the next year’s blooms in summer, so pruning too late will eliminate most flower production for the following spring.



Photo by Olivia McClure/LSU AgCenter  
**George L. Taber azaleas are found in abundance in the Quad on LSU’s campus in Baton Rouge.**



HEATHER KIRK-BALLARD



Photo by Olivia McClure/LSU AgCenter  
**Lavender Formosa is a popular Southern Indica azalea cultivar.**



Photo by Olivia McClure/LSU AgCenter  
**The white blooms of Mrs. G.G. Gerbing azaleas stand out in shady areas.**



Photo by Olivia McClure/LSU AgCenter  
**Azaleas have dense, evergreen foliage that provides year-round visual interest in the landscape.**



Photo by Olivia McClure/LSU AgCenter  
**A bee visits an azalea bloom.**