

WEBSTER & MORE

SECURITY

Church security seminar emphasizes preparedness

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Local church leaders and security team members gathered at the Minden Civic Center on April 3 for a seminar focused on improving church safety and preparedness. Hosted by Minden Police Chief Jared McIver, the event provided guidance on security measures, training, and crisis response.

Mayor Nick Cox introduced McIver, highlighting his dedication to church security, a concern that has been on his mind since both officials began their first terms. "He's been working on this a while. I think he has a real sincere heart to do this," Cox said.

McIver emphasized the importance of preparation, stating, "Chance favors the prepared mind. I wanted to do this to give guidance to those who are trying to develop a team or to give new ideas to existing teams. This is not a one-size-fits-all; it's a generalization."

Security Measures and Recommendations
The presentation covered key aspects of church security, including equipment, training, and team recruitment. McIver strongly recommended installing security cameras, noting, "Cameras are so instrumental to preventing and solving crimes." He

advised placing cameras both inside and outside the building and having a designated person monitor them during services. Law enforcement, including Homeland Security, can access these cameras in certain cases to assist in emergencies.

Two-way radios were another critical recommendation. "Anywhere there are people, other than the sanctuary, they should be able to hear the radio traffic so they can lock down and wait for it to be over with," McIver said. He advised against using codes, encouraging clear, common-language communication.

Other key preparedness steps included:

Keeping flashlights, batteries, food, and water stocked in case of emergencies such as natural disasters or chemical spills.

Having a well-equipped medical kit, including tourniquets and gauze for stopping bleeding.

Considering the purchase of an automated external defibrillator (AED).

Keeping handcuffs or flex cuffs available to detain individuals if necessary.

Training with firearms regularly. "Every bullet that leaves your gun, you're responsible for," McIver cautioned. Webster Parish Sheriff Jason Parker is offering firearms training for church security teams and can

be contacted at admin@webstersheriff.org or 377-1515.

McIver also suggested churches consider using the same model and caliber of firearm within their security teams, similar to the Minden Police Department, which allows officers to share ammunition and magazines in emergencies.

Training and Tactical Planning

McIver announced plans for future workshops focused on weapon retention and defensive tactics. "It won't be a certification, just a familiarization of how to deal with some of those situations," he said. He stressed the difficulty of detaining individuals who resist and encouraged teams to practice different security scenarios.

Brian Sparks and Craig Menefee of SMR Training Solutions demonstrated life-saving techniques, including applying a tourniquet and wound packing. "If you hunt, carry an actual first-aid kit, not something you bought at the drugstore," Menefee advised.

McIver urged churches to create evacuation plans and provide law enforcement with building blueprints and security team contact lists. He emphasized the importance of clear communication during crises and recommended that security team members



wear identifiers, such as armbands, to help law enforcement distinguish them.

Strategic positioning of security personnel was another focus. McIver suggested:

Having two team members at the front entrance to vet attendees.

Assigning one person to monitor security cameras.

Having a security member patrol the church grounds.

Ensuring security presence in the sanctuary and with children's groups.

During a crisis, he advised team members to use two-way radios effectively and consider gunfire direction when positioning themselves.

Community and Ven-

dor Support

Several vendors participated in the event, providing information on security, medical, and technology solutions:

SMR Training Solutions - Specializing in prehospital emergency medical training.

Booker's Security & Technology - Providing home security solutions, including security cameras.

Stryker - A global medical technology company.

Ludas Magnus Tactical - A firearms manufacturing company based in North Louisiana.

Commitment to Safety

McIver concluded the seminar by stressing vigilance and preparedness. He encouraged churches to be aware of unusual be-

havior, such as individuals wearing heavy coats in warm weather or displaying blank stares. "Neutralize the threat at the front door," he advised.

He also emphasized regular drills. "It's important to, on a regular basis, announce in the church that when someone yells, 'get down,' for everybody to get down and stay as low as you can until you're told to get up."

McIver hopes to organize future training sessions where security teams can practice alongside Minden Police officers. "Starting things is difficult, but once you start, the wheels get rolling," he said. "We're doing everything we can to keep Minden safe."

CRIME

Minden man arrested for domestic abuse battery

STAFF REPORT
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A Minden man was arrested on April 2 for domestic abuse battery following a reported disturbance at a residence in the 1200 block of Country Club Circle, according to a Minden Police affidavit.

Officers responded to the residence after receiving a call about an active disturbance. Upon arrival,

they encountered a visibly upset woman who stated that the suspect, Cameron Romain, 29, had just left in a white Nissan Altima. Officers began searching for the vehicle and later located it near a Walmart parking lot, where a traffic stop was conducted.

According to the affidavit, Romain had been in contact with the woman throughout the day. He had agreed to attend a re-

habilitation program, and she had assisted him in obtaining clothes for his stay. However, later in the day, he was removed from the program due to an altercation with staff and requested transportation from the woman. She picked him up and took him to his mother's house.

That evening, Romain contacted the woman via telephone, requesting his cell phone, as she typically

paid the bill. She agreed to return it. Upon arriving at her residence, Romain entered the home while the woman was taking a bath. He then allegedly broke down the locked bathroom door, struck her with a hat on the left side of her face, and hit her forehead with his hand. During the incident, he also reportedly threatened to kill her.

The woman's two young children were inside the

residence at the time. Officers documented visible injuries, including abrasions on her face, bottom lip, and forehead. She expressed a desire to press charges, leading to Romain's arrest and transport to the Minden Police Department.

The affidavit states that Romain has a history of domestic abuse. He was previously arrested for domestic abuse battery on multiple occasions, including inci-

dents in 2019, 2022, and 2024.

Photographic evidence of the injuries was uploaded as part of the case, and Romain was taken into custody without further incident. He was charged with violations of protective orders and domestic abuse with child endangerment.

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

WPPJ

Webster Parish Police Jury holds monthly meeting

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Webster Parish Police Jury held its regular meeting on April 1 at the Webster Parish Courthouse Annex at 401 Main Street. All board members were present except for Beverly Kennon of District 9. All agenda items were approved unanimously.

Approved Agenda Items

The jury approved the following agenda items:

Invoices for payment pending review by Juror Adam Lee on April 9, 2025.

Adoption of minutes from the March 4, 2025, Road Committee Meeting, Finance Committee Meeting, and Regular Meeting.

Board appointments for Doyleline Waterworks District #1:

Reappointment of Beth Walker to a four-year term expiring in April 2029.

Appointment of Ran-

dall Hatfield and Travis Herren to a three-year term expiring in April 2028.

Appointment of Mark Homan to a four-year term expiring in April 2029.

Approval of a change of ownership for a High Alcohol Content Permit for Springhill Country Club 2025.

Committee Reports

HeadStart: Wanda Finley reported that state monitoring of the program is proceeding well.

Webster Parish Libraries: Director Savannah Jones reported the success of Read Across America and the coloring contest. The library is preparing for its summer Discovery Camp, which will feature four weeks of STEM programming. The library will participate in the upcoming Tartan Fest to sign up new library cardholders. Jones also noted that the Doy-

line library construction is ongoing. "We're super excited. We're working toward the move, and we've got a lot of hands on the ground making sure it's a huge success," said Jones. Additionally, librarian Shelley Masog received the Louisiana Library Association's Public Librarian of the Year award.

Law Enforcement: Police Chief Jared McIver announced an upcoming church crisis development team event on Thursday at the Civic Center. "We just want to do something to help churches, whether they have a team in place or they need a place to start," said McIver, encouraging attendees to RSVP.

Tourism: Johnnye Kennon reported on upcoming events, including:

Tartan Day Proclamation reading at Under Dawgs on April 5.

Love the Boot Week (April 5-9).

Scottish Tartan Festival (April 12).

4th Annual Pro/Am Archery Competition (April 24-27).

23rd Annual Burn Run (April 25-26).

Highway 80 Sale (April 26-27).

Trails & Trellises Garden Tour (April 26).

LSU Ag Center & 4-H: Shakera Williams reported on upcoming 4-H events:

4-H Fun Day at Minden REC (May 2).

Summer Camp (June 9-12), with remaining spots available for boys and a need for a male chaperone.

4-H University (June 16-20).

Bring Your Own Chair Outreach (April 11).

Open recruitment for the Master Gardener class.

Emergency Preparedness: Director Brian Williams reported plans to purchase a new weather

station for the courthouse to assist 911 with weather monitoring. The department is also working on securing FEMA generators and replacing the 1969-built generator for the courthouse annex, estimated to cost \$150,000 if FEMA funding is unavailable. He also highlighted a recent university bus breakdown on I-20, emphasizing the effectiveness of preparedness plans. "We have a plan for all these different types of incidents, and this just shows that the planning and collaboration makes everything go well," Williams said.

911 Dispatch: Angie Chapman announced that the second week of April is National Public Safety Telecommunications Week and encouraged public recognition for dispatchers. "Let them know they're doing a great job, because a lot of work happens behind the

scenes so that the field responders can get out there," she said.

Dorcheat Museum: Director Jessica Gorman reported that the museum's newest book, Historically Speaking Part III, is now available. The next Night at the Museum will feature Gorman discussing a 193-year-old letter and its unexpected personal connection. The museum also received a \$5,000 Louisiana Culture Care grant, and the museum plans to start working on a long-anticipated expansion. "I wasn't really expecting that to be on our plate this year, but some things started lining up, so we're going to go for it," Gorman said.

The Webster Parish Police Jury meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 10:30 AM. The public is encouraged to attend. A livestream of the meeting is available at www.websterparishla.org.

COMMUNITY

Grilling on Main returns June 7-8, registration now open

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The annual Grilling on Main event is set to return to downtown Minden June 7-8, bringing competitive barbecue, live entertainment, and family-

friendly activities to the city's historic district.

Grillers from across the region will gather to compete for awards in brisket, chicken, and pork spare-rib categories, with contestants judged according to Barbecue Competitors

Alliance (BCA) guidelines. Teams must cook all three meats to qualify for the Grand Champion title. A separate division will be open to local grillers.

The event also features the Little Grillers Com-

petition, sponsored by Ace Hardware Minden, giving young chefs the opportunity to showcase their skills. Registration for both adult and youth competitions is available now at [www.mainstreet-minden.com/grilling-on-](http://www.mainstreet-minden.com/grilling-on-main)

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Event organizers are currently accepting team registrations and sponsorships. Interested sponsors can contact Shawn Hatcher by email at hatcher.shawn@hotmail.com or by phone at (318)

272-0175.

Grilling on Main, organized by Minden Main Street, draws hundreds of visitors each year to celebrate local flavor and community spirit.

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OBITUARIES



Marilyn J. Griffith

Funeral services celebrating the life of Marilyn J. Griffith was held Tuesday, April 8, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. with visitation beginning at 9:30 a.m. at Rose Neath Funeral Home Chapel in Minden, Louisiana with Rev. Tim Pruitt and Rev. Aaron Oglesby officiating. Interment followed at New Ramah Cemetery near Haynesville, Louisiana.

Marilyn was born May 11, 1942, in Haynesville, Lou-

isiana. She went to be with the Lord April 3, 2025, in Minden, Louisiana.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Oto and Aline Camp, brothers, Ivan Camp, Jerry Camp, and Rodney Camp, and sister, Nettylene Williams.

She is survived by her sons, Mark Ware (Lisa) and Mike Ware (Rachel); sisters, Jeanne Coil and Linda Oglesby; brother, Kenneth Camp; grandchildren, Justin Ware (Lillian), Chelsey Ellis (Griffin), and Jonathan Ware, and Kimberly Ware (Christopher) great-grandchildren, Milly Ware and Emmie Ellis.

Pallbearers will be Justin Ware, Jonathan Ware, Griffin Ellis, Jude Oglesby, Austin Oglesby, and Wesley Miles.



Lucy Ann Quaid

Funeral services for Mrs. Lucy Ann Moore Quaid will be held on Wednesday, April 9, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. at Rose Neath Funeral Home Chapel in Minden, Louisiana. Visitation will be at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, prior to the service time. Interment will follow at Minden Cemetery.

Lucy was born June 4, 1935, in Winnfield, Louisiana to Thomas and Hazel Robertson Moore. She passed away on April 6, 2025, in Minden, Louisiana with her loving family by her side.

Lucy was preceded in death by her husband Bobby

Ray Quaid, grandson Adam Smolenski, siblings Ethel Roberts, Bette Lary and husband Gene, Gloria Curry, Tommy Moore, Helen Roberts, George Moore, Fred Moore, and Peggy Burge and husband Bo, and niece JoAnna R. Reeve.

Left to cherish her memories are her daughters; Joni McFarland and husband Tom, Bobbi Smolenski and husband Gerald, and Kelly Quaid O'Rear and husband Lane, grandchildren; Wade Reeves and wife Sarah, Lauri Burkhalter and husband James, Bert Burkhalter, Casey Quaid and wife Susan, and Asa Smolenski and wife Tiffani, 7 great grandchildren, brother-in-law Odell Roberts, sister-in-law Valley Moore, and by numerous nieces and nephews.

The family would like to thank the ICU staff at Minden Medical Center, and Magnolia Home Health.

MINDEN FOUNDATION

Minden Charity Classic returns May 30: Fundraiser supports residents in crisis

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The 2025 Minden Charity Classic is set to take place May 30 through June 1, serving as a major fundraising event for the Minden Foundation to assist local residents facing sudden and catastrophic hardships.

The Minden Foundation is a nonprofit organization with a mission to provide charitable assistance in the Minden area. Funds are used to support individuals or families impacted by emergencies such as house fires, floods, or unexpected illness that leads to financial strain. The foundation also connects recipients to other support services that may better suit their needs.

The Charity Classic will begin with a Dinner & Auction on Friday, May 30 at Pine Hills Country Club. A golf tournament will follow on June 1 and June 2 at the same location.

Sponsorships for the event are available at \$1,100 and include four tickets to the Friday night dinner. Sponsors may also enter a team into the golf tournament if space permits.

Charitable funds are distributed by application only. The foundation does not advertise, instead working through local ministers, school principals, and social workers to identify individuals in need. All disbursement decisions are made by a board consisting of no fewer than six members.



Current members of the Minden Foundation board are Andy Pendergrass, Candi Haynes, Jeff Lee, Bailee Hurley, Jason Ogwyn, Zach Goodman, Braley Raborn, Lindsey

Cupples, Carlie Day, and Garrett Vaughan.

Those interested in signing up for the tournament or becoming a sponsor may visit [mindenfoundation.org](#).

FREEZE

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indicated a surplus or shortfall in recent years, with the most recent projections showing a troubling deficit.

On January 17, 2024, the Five-Year Baseline Projection was presented to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget, revealing projected revenues based on the adopted Revenue Estimating Conference forecast, alongside expenditures for the current and upcoming fiscal years. The projection confirmed a budget shortfall, prompting Governor Landry to call for an Extraordinary Session on October 26, 2024. The session aimed to address the revenue

and finance issues while avoiding drastic cuts to critical services such as healthcare for the poor, elderly, and disabled, as well as significant budget reductions for state colleges and universities. Additionally, the session sought to establish a methodology for permanent teacher and school personnel pay raises.

In a bipartisan effort, the Legislature passed proposed revisions to Article VII of the Louisiana Constitution on November 25, 2024, by a two-thirds vote. Known as "Amendment 2," the measure, if ratified, is expected to raise revenue and address the fiscal shortfall. The amendment was part of the 2024 Third

Extraordinary Session, reflecting a collaborative push to stabilize the state's finances.

A subsequent Five-Year Baseline Projection, presented on January 16, 2025, to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget, reaffirmed the budget shortfall, underscoring the urgency of the situation. Governor Landry's executive order emphasizes the need to "right size" the state's fiscal affairs, signaling a broader effort to curb spending and reevaluate budgetary priorities.

The hiring freeze will impact all executive branch agencies, with exceptions to be determined on a case-by-case basis. While the order does not

specify a timeline for the freeze, it is understood to be a temporary measure as the state works to balance its budget. Critics of the move have expressed concern that the freeze could strain already understaffed agencies, potentially affecting service delivery. Supporters, however, argue that it is a necessary step to prevent deeper cuts to essential programs.

Governor Landry's office has stated that further measures may be announced in the coming weeks as the administration continues to navigate the fiscal challenges. The public is encouraged to stay informed as the state works toward a sustainable financial future.

SCHOOLS

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Safety Systems in the amount of \$224,892.19 for security cameras. It also approved the FY 24-25 budget revisions.

A contract with KEV School Solutions for a cashless online payment system was approved in the amount of \$58,195. The system will allow online or card payments for items such as t-shirts and event tickets. According to Finance Director Crevonne Odom, the initiative was prompted by auditor recommendations. The system will include devices available at schools and events. Although cash will still be accepted for

now, Odom said that may change in the future. The vote passed with Susan Addington of District 12 opposing and Jana Watson of District 6 abstaining. The recurring annual fee of \$39,130 will come from maintenance funds.

The board unanimously approved several field trips and professional development activities:

- North Webster Lower Elementary PBIS students to Logoly State Park in Magnolia, AR on April 11, 2025.
- North Webster High School Talented Art students to Dallas/Fort Worth, TX, April 25-27,

- 2025.

- Webster Jr. High 6th grade students to Dallas, TX, on April 17, 2025.
- Special Education Department employees Cassidy Alexander and Jill Hunter to Phoenix, AZ, April 27 – May 1, 2025, for a legal issues institute.
- Ursula Hullaby to attend the Conference on Crimes Against Women in Dallas, TX, May 19-22, 2025.
- Junior High and High School students and district staff to the Educators Rising National Conference in Orlando, FL, June 26-29, 2025.
- In the superintendent's

report, it was noted that Webster Parish students raised nearly \$139,000 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. A slideshow of recent campus improvements will be shown at the May board meeting. State testing has begun at some schools and will continue at others. A party has expressed interest in purchasing more than 20 acres of land behind Harper Pathways to Excellence; further discussion is expected at the next meeting.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for May 5 at 6 PM at the school board offices. The public is invited to attend.

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COUNCIL

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"The council and myself have been working for months to try and figure out how we can best improve the REC Center. We identified that if we really want to get aggressive with sports tourism, the way to do that is to turf the fields," said Mayor Cox.

"To give you an example, right now games are called off because of the rain. They're not able to play even though it's really a pretty day outside. Turf allows a sports facility to be able to play pretty quickly after a storm."

He went on to say that he believes the REC Center is already one of Minden's best assets, both for the city and its residents, furthering his reasons for why they should invest more into it.

"By doing this, it will put us in an extremely competitive position. I think our recreation complex is one of the best things that history has done for the future, which is now our present. A lot of families have benefited from the REC Center, not just baseball and softball, but soccer and football comprehensively," said Mayor Cox.

He also stated that this is an investment that can bring a return on it, and position the REC Center to be a revenue generator for the city.

"We want our REC Center to put us in a competitive way where we can be a contender for sports tourism, and I think this will do it," said Mayor Cox.

"I think it will be an economic investment that will yield great returns, and we are going to track the monies that are made in the future and be able to pay down on our obligation to do this project. I think it's going to be a very positive thing for our community, our quality of life, and for the city's revenue generation."

At the meeting, the council also approved

the authority for the city to start advertising for bids for both the removal of the Clerk Street Water Plant and the construction of a new two-million-gallon ground storage tank at the same place.

"This is a state capital outlay project, y'all have heard us talk about it before, but we were awarded 100% of the funds to build a two-million-gallon ground storage tank over on Clerk Street. We finally have all our ducks in a row and it's ready to put out for bid," said Mayor Cox.

Lastly, in the spirit of spring cleaning, the city will be surplusing some old office chairs and plans to do the same with other items that have long been collected in the city. The mayor explained that the reason for this is that the city cannot simply throw things away and that they have to be taken off of the city's hands through these means for the sake of proper book-keeping.

"If the leg of this chair decides to give way, we can't just throw it away. We have to keep it. There's a sticker on here and it has a number, and if the auditors want number 11159, we have to be able to produce it. The only way we can dispose of anything is to surplus it out," said Mayor Cox.

"Just for a little explanation, municipalities cannot just throw something away.

We probably have 70 years' worth of stuff hanging around this building, if not more. We even had fallout shelter stuff from the sixties in the dungeon," said Mayor Cox. "We donated it to the museum."

The monthly Minden City Council meetings take place on the first Monday of each month starting at 6 PM at the Minden Civic Center. The meetings are open for the public to attend, and for those who cannot attend in person or who wish to view the meetings after they oc-

SKIMMERS

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tions processed through the skimmer remains unknown. Authorities urge anyone who used a card at Southern Market in the past few months to monitor their credit reports and check with their banks.

"These people will sometimes wait a month before selling the card information," Smith said. "It might be a month or two before they offload those card numbers."

Police suspect the criminals are traveling along Interstate 20, placing skimmers and retrieving data from previously installed devices. A similar skimmer was found at a grocery store in Ouachita Parish. Authorities believe the criminals are avoiding larger chain stores like Walmart, which typically have stronger security measures, including facial recognition technology. Officers inspected

other grocery stores in Minden but did not find additional skimmers.

"They're sticking to these small mom-and-pop businesses," Smith said.

Grocery stores, big-box retailers, and gas stations are common targets for skimmers, which can be purchased on the dark web to match existing machines.

The issue came to light when residents contacted the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) about missing funds in their SNAP accounts. A DCFS representative alerted police, prompting an investigation.

Authorities are investigating whether the crime is linked to recent arrests in Jackson, Mississippi, for similar offenses.

The investigation remains ongoing. Anyone with information is urged to contact the Minden Police Department.

OPINION

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OPINION

Trump Tariffs Will Finally Level the Playing Field

We have all heard the roar of criticism of President Trump's tariffs imposed on April 2nd. Let me begin by saying that Trump's 'Liberation Day' tariffs didn't start a trade war; Instead, they are the response to a 50-year trade war against the U.S.

The sweeping executive action was announced in a statement titled "President Trump Declares National Emergency to Increase our Competitive Edge, Protect our Sovereignty, and Strengthen our National and Economic Security." The statement continues that in "Pursuing Reciprocity to Rebuild the Economy and Restore National and Economic Security" Trump declared that "foreign trade and economic practices have created a national emergency" and, as a result, he was "imposing responsive tariffs to strengthen the international economic position of the United States and protect American workers."

Trump lays down both the premise of, and justification for, his actions: "Large and persistent annual U.S. goods trade deficits have led to the hollowing out of our manufacturing base; resulted in a lack of incentive to increase advanced domestic manufacturing capacity; undermined critical supply chains; and rendered our defense-industrial base dependent on foreign adversaries."

The statement then highlights the disturbing truth

that "in 2024, our trade deficit in goods exceeded \$1.2 trillion—an unsustainable crisis ignored by prior leadership." The entire Trump effort is summarized with a final declaration that "'Made in America' is not just a tagline—it's an economic and national security priority of this Administration. The President's reciprocal trade agenda means better-paying American jobs making beautiful American-made cars, appliances, and other goods."

The release contains other examples of the economic abuse America has suffered due to grossly unfair trade imbalances and then makes the point that such abuse will end now, stating "access to the American market is a privilege, not a right."

And why wouldn't this be the position of the United States?

We are the indispensable nation. We are the country blessed with the strongest economy and currency—the 'Almighty dollar'—in the world. Why would we allow ourselves to suffer such patently unfair trade disparities, particularly with respect to NATO countries in the defense of whom the American taxpayer has

spent trillions of dollars?? And, knowing Trump's personality as we do, much of this may simply be the setting up of negotiations, with America in the most advantageous position possible.

The roar in the national media about the "ill effects" of the tariffs is richly hypocritical, as if Americans have already forgotten the inflation and cost of living under which they acutely suffered during the just-ended Biden Administration. Also, recall that in the first Trump Administration he was criticized that his "tariffs would be inflationary" but we enjoyed 1.5% inflation, the fastest growing economy in decades and the beginning (before Covid) of a manufacturing resurgence in America.

Millions of Americans believe we have "offshored" too much of American manufacturing—making us dependent on hostile nations for our critical needs. For example, if China controls our pharmaceutical needs or the sophisticated computer chips we need to drive our American economy, what are we going to do if we are ever at war with China?

Even short of war, why would we allow Japanese or European automobiles, for example, into our country for a comparatively small tariff when those nations demand exorbitant tariffs (to say nothing of non-tariff practices like currency manipulation) for American

vehicles to be sold in those countries? That's what galls Trump, which is truly what makes the reciprocal nature of these tariffs strike many Americans as only fair.

It's the same for oil and gas, as well as food—agriculture. Knowing as we do that food and energy security are national security, why would we ever depend upon other nations—often our adversaries—for these critical needs? Especially when we have as much energy reserves in the U.S. as there are anywhere in the world!

Perhaps there will be some economic pain associated with these tariffs, but there is no doubt in my mind that the end President Trump seeks will strengthen America's economic and security position.

As Kevin McCullough of Townhall summarizes the issue of Trump's Liberation Day, "...thanks to Trump, the tide is turning."

He may be the only president since Reagan who's had the courage to stare down the world and say, 'You will not take advantage of America anymore.' And for that, every American — every farmer, every factory worker, every small business owner — should be standing and cheering."

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

Why would anyone not want child abuse exposed?

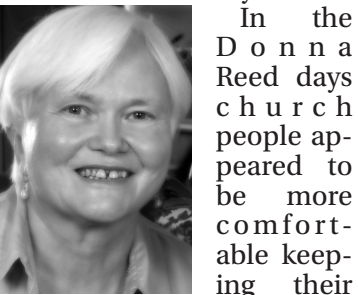
When one in ten children are abused I can't help but ask why would anyone not want child abuse exposed?

I'll leave you to draw your own conclusions.

Had my sister, Alice, and I, not lived in an orphanage, where abuse was swept under the rug, I might not be so rabid in my attack. I stood in the place of the homeless, of one abused. Because I was there, I became more vocal. Had I not been pretty much a helpless victim myself, I might still shrink into the shadows and keep my mouth shut. I say "pretty much helpless" because I possessed that rare courage to expose one who had unmercifully beaten a ten year old girl. Only God could have given me that raw courage because I was a really shy, undersized girl of fourteen, who took justice into her own hands.

I was on a mission in the 60's and I decided this would be how I would spend

my life, taking up for the children who have no voice. I could have kept my mouth shut but I can only feel good for the little girl who stood up for those more timid than myself.



SARAH HUDSON PIERCE

under the rug, as helpless victims emotionally died in despair or ran away from the home.

The orphanage tried to keep abuse away from the media. One little girl was even placed in a mental hospital, all the while hoping this would keep her mouth shut.

It took me forty-five years to find her. When I located her, she told me that she wouldn't talk to the therapists for eight months and only then when they put her under truth serum.

The doctors could tell she was telling the truth so they sent her home to her mother.

Still justice wasn't served. Where will this all end? Will children ever really be heard?

Only time will tell but I see hope on the horizon as more sexually assaulted victims are being vindicated today.

I wonder how many more cases are being unheard while these same children turn to crime just to survive?

Looking back on my teenage years, I know that reporting the abuse helped to protect my hide, because the employees of the home feared the "powers that be" and they knew in their heart that I really wasn't scared of

them.

Now it would be harder to report the abuse because the orphanage, which has moved and changed their name, home schools the children, shielding the victims from the public eye.

Today, in 2016, a house parent, from that orphanage is serving time in prison for repeatedly raping and sodomizing a young girl in 2003. She was only able to report the abuse when she visited her parents.

I can't help but question how many young children are suffering at the hands of an institution who is collecting money from the coffers of good Christian people who are trying to make a difference in a child's life.

The Bible still says that "the truth will set you free."

If we don't protect children who will?

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Scam Awareness Hits Close to Home

Last week, I wrote about the importance of staying weather aware during this stormy season in Northwest Louisiana. But this week, I'd like to shift focus to another type of storm—one that's less visible but just as damaging if you're not prepared.

I'm talking about scams—the kind that prey on your trust, your technology, and your hard-earned money.

Just days ago, our community hosted an important event at the Minden Community House titled, "You're Being Scammed!" The seminar, led by experts from the Louisiana Office of Financial Institutions and Minden Police Department, was designed to educate the public about the many ways scammers operate, from phone

and email fraud to credit card theft.

As fate would have it, only a few days later, we reported on a real-life example of



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fraud happening right here in Minden. A credit card skimmer was discovered at a local grocery store—exactly the kind of scam that was discussed during the seminar.

It's a reminder that this issue is not abstract or distant. It's happening here. And it underscores just how important these kinds of aware-

ness efforts are for all of us—

young and old alike.

The scammers aren't slowing down. In fact, they're getting more sophisticated.

Fortunately, events like the scam seminar help arm our community with practical tools to stay vigilant. Here are a few best practices that were shared—worth clipping out and keeping handy:

Top Scam Prevention Tips

Don't share personal info over the phone unless you initiated the call and are sure of the recipient's identity.

Check your bank statements regularly. Look for small, unexplained charges—they may be a test before a larger fraud attempt.

Be cautious at the pump. Tug on card readers before inserting your card. If the machine looks tampered with or loose, pay inside instead.

Use strong, unique passwords for your online accounts. Consider a password manager to keep things secure.

Enable alerts from your bank for every transaction, so you'll be notified immediately of any unusual activity.

If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. Scammers often use urgency or enticing rewards to pressure you into quick decisions.

At the heart of both the seminar and this recent local incident is one truth: Education is your best defense. When we know what to look

for—and take simple steps to protect ourselves—we can stay one step ahead of those trying to take advantage of us.

To the organizers of the You're Being Scammed seminar, thank you for bringing this important issue into the spotlight. And to all our readers: let's stay aware, stay connected, and protect each other from these ever-evolving threats.

Scammers are counting on you to be distracted, uninformed, or in a hurry. Let's not give them the satisfaction.

Stay smart, Minden.

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HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALLL



COURTESY PHOTO
The Lakeside Lady Warriors won the District 3-2A championship with a 4-0 district mark. The Lady Warriors entered this week 21-4..

Lakeside wins 3-2A title

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Minden Press-Herald

The Lakeside Lady Warriors completed a perfect run through District 3-2A last week with an 18-0 victory over Mansfield at home. Lakeside finished district play 4-0. The Lady Warriors entered the last full week of the regular season 21-4 overall and No. 2 in the non-select Division IV power rankings.

Lakeside also defeated Minden 10-6 and Choudrant in non-district games. The Lady Warriors scored three runs in the first inning against Mansfield then put 15 on the board in the second. Lakeside had six hits and took advantage of 12 walks. Raleah Harris went 2-for-2 with three RBI. Emily Jones had three

RBI. Teal Austin and Madilynn Squyres had two each. Ella Wood and Moose Jernigan combined on the no-hitter in the three-inning game. Wood struck out five and walked one. Jones went 2-for-3 with a home run, triple and three RBI against Minden. Meredith Robinson went 2-for-4 with two RBI. Harris went 2-for-4.

Austin had an RBI-double. McKenna Chreene struck out nine. Austin went 4-for-4 with a home run and four RBI against Choudrant. Chreene went 3-for-4. Jones went 2-for-3 with a home run, double and four RBI. Harris went 2-for-4 with a triple. Chreene allowed five hits, struck out eight and walked two.

Parish teams in position to make playoffs going into final week of regular season

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Going into the final full week of the regular season, the Glenbrook Lady Apaches, Minden Lady Tiders, Doyline Lady Panthers and North Webster Lady Knights are all in position to make the playoffs. The regular season officially ends April 15. (Records are through April 6).



COURTESY PHOTO
Doyline's Karmadie Bartlett hit for the cycle during a victory last week against Haynesville.

At No. 7 in the select Division IV power rankings per GeauxPreps.com, Glenbrook (21-7) is a lock to make the playoffs. The top eight teams in the final rankings receive first-round byes. Glenbrook came close to having an undefeated week last week. The Lady Apaches defeated Loyola 15-0, Caddo Magnet 16-1 and Family Community 11-5 before losing a 7-6 heartbreaker to Parkway. Minden (11-14) was No. 17 in the non-select Division II power rankings. While a virtual lock to make the playoffs, the Lady Tiders need to move up at least one spot to host a first-round game. Minden went 2-1 last week, defeating Summerfield 12-4 and North Webster 17-3 and falling to Lakeside 10-6. Doyline (8-5) and North Webster were in precarious positions entering this week. The Lady

Panthers were No. 19 in the Class B power rankings. The top 20 teams in the final rankings make the playoffs. Doyline (8-5) defeated Haynesville 14-5 and Gibsland-Coleman 22-2 last week. North Webster (4-8) was No. 25 in the non-select Division III rankings. The top 25 teams make the playoffs. The Lady Knights picked up one win last week over North Caddo 5-3. Glenbrook's Gabi Brown had a home run, double and three RBI against Loyola. Hadley Haynes went 2-for-3.

Chloe Gregg smacked a grand slam home run in the eight-run fourth. Vivian Still hit a solo home run. Brown, Hallie Harmon, Still and Gregg all had two hits in the four-inning game against Caddo Magnet. Brown and Harmon both hit home runs and had two RBI. Brown also had a triple. Harmon went 2-for-3 with a home run, double and two RBI against Family Community. Brown had a home run and two RBI. Gregg doubled with the bases loaded to give the Lady Apaches an 8-4 lead in the top of the fifth.

Still and Ellie Earnhardt had two hits each against Parkway. Minden's Lindsay Ryan pitched a two-hitter with 14 strikeouts and no walks against Summerfield. She also went 3-for-4 with a triple, double and three RBI. Leigha Kennon-Gilbert also went 3-for-4 with a double and two RBI. Tatum Oliver went 2-for-3 with three RBI against Lakeside. Lizzie Balkom went 2-for-4 with a triple. Kennon-Gilbert went 2-for-4. Kennon-Gilbert and Oliver both had doubles and three RBI against North Webster. Doyline's Karmadie Bartlett hit for the cycle against Haynesville. She went 4-for-4 with a home run, triple, double and three RBI. Savannah Stanley had two hits, including a triple, and three RBI. Klaytin David had two hits and three RBI. Lanie Gates had two hits. Kanyon Bartlett had a double. Sariyah Gill went 3-for-4 with a triple and two RBI in the three-inning game against Gibsland-Coleman. Stanley had two hits, including a home run, and four RBI. North Webster's J'Siyah Bell had a triple and two RBI against North Caddo. Emma Newsom struck out 12.

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Lakeside claims share of 3-2A championship

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The Lakeside Warriors claimed a share of the District 3-2A championship with a three-game sweep of Red River last week. Lakeside finished district play 8-3. The Warriors entered this week 17-13 overall with an eight-game winning streak. Many also finished 8-3 in district. Lakeside won the series against Many two games to one March 7 and 8. Winnfield finished third at 7-4. Lakeside also picked up a non-district victory over Grant 11-6.

complete game. Lakeside scored three runs with two outs in the bottom of the seventh to rally for the victory in the second game. Noah Redding and Gray had back-to-back singles with one out. Dick's two-out single got the Warriors within one. Williams was intentionally walked to load the bases. Drake Chreene then hit a line drive that resulted in a two-run error and a Lakeside victory. Redding went 3-for-3. Gray went 3-for-4. Eli Campbell went 2-for-4 with three RBI. Dick went 2-for-4.

Seven Warriors combined for nine hits in the first game against Red River. Jon Jon Dick went 3-for-4 with a triple and two RBI. Gage Williams had a hit and three RBI. He also drew walk. Brock Case had a hit and drew two walks. The Warriors broke a 4-4 tie with a run in the top of the fifth. Dick led off with a single, stole second and scored on a groundout by Williams. Dick tripled in the seventh and scored on a sacrifice fly by Williams. Dick also had a two-RBI single in Lakeside's three-run third, Peyton Gray pitched a

Williams went the distance. He allowed three earned runs with five strikeouts and two walks. The third game went five innings. Lakeside led 3-2 after three innings then scored four in the fourth and five in the fifth. Campbell went 2-for-2 with two RBI. Brock Case had a hit and drew two walks. Dick, Williams and Redding had two RBI apiece. Campbell allowed four hits, struck out five and walked two. The Warriors rallied from an 8-6 deficit after 5 1/2 innings against Grant with five runs in the bottom of the sixth.

Parish teams pick up victories

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The Glenbrook Apaches, Minden Crimson Tide, Doyline Panthers, North Webster Knights all notched at least one victory last week. (Records are through Sunday, April 6.) Glenbrook (22-8) went 2-0, defeating Neville 10-0 and Family Community 3-2. The Apaches were scheduled to play a three-game series against Cedar Creek Monday and Tuesday for the District 1-1A championship. It was postponed last week because of inclement weather. Minden (15-12) closed the week with a 3-2 victory over North Webster. The Tide dropped a pair of District 1-4A games to North DeSoto 9-3 and 17-2. North Webster (9-9) picked up wins over Beekman Charter 5-3 and Lincoln Prep 13-3. The Knights also fell to D'Arbonne Woods 4-1. Doyline (8-11) started the week with a 16-1 victory over Southwood. The Panthers fell to 2024 non-select Division V champion Quitman 4-1 and Castor 13-12 in District 1-B games. Glenbrook's Easton Sanders pitched a two-hitter with 10 strikeouts and no walks against Neville. Glenbrook led 1-0 after four innings then scored nine in the fifth. Sanders had an RBI-double, Ryan Reagan had an RBI-single and Sam Ricord scored a run with a sacrifice fly. Hudson Glasscock's two-RBI triple scored the final two runs. The Apaches took advantage of multiple errors. The game against Family Community was tied at 2 after seven innings. Jackson Waller's leadoff home run in the bottom of the eighth gave the Apaches the victory. Reagan pitched six innings. He scattered seven hits with two strikeouts and no walks. Ricord pitched two scoreless innings of relief. The Apaches trailed 2-0 after five innings then tied it in the sixth. Lead-off batter Seth Mangrum

drew a walk and advanced to third on a double by Waller. Dawson Day's grounder resulted in an error and two runs scored. Minden broke a 2-2 tie against North Webster with a run in the top of the sixth. Landon Brewer drew a walk with one out. Jamall Carey, running for Brewer, advanced to second on a passed ball and scored on a single by Hudson Brown. North Webster led off the bottom of the seventh with back-to-back singles. Brewer then took the mound and struck out the next three batters. Minden's Bray Winston went 2-for-2 with a triple. Starter Bryson Ranger went six innings. North Webster's Tyler Brown and Aiden Woodall had two hits each (per Minden stats). Colby Dinkins had a double. Brown went the distance. He scattered six hits. Minden trailed North DeSoto 5-3 after five innings in the first game. The Griffins pulled away with four in the bottom of the sixth. Landyn Huddleston went 3-for-4 with two doubles. The second game was tied at 1 after three innings. But North DeSoto scored 10 runs on 10 hits in the top of the fourth. The Griffins added six more in the fifth and final inning. Brewer went 2-for-3 with a double. Jaxon Smith had a double. Doyline's Noah Spears had a triple and two RBI against Southwood. Zach Normand had a two-RBI double. Kenneth Anderson had two RBI. The Panthers took advantage of 11 walks and six hit-by-pitches. Normand struck out four in two innings. Spears had a strong performance on the mound against Quitman. He allowed two hits and no earned runs in six innings while striking out eight and walking only one. The Panthers hurt themselves with multiple errors. Quitman's Zach Smudrick pitched a two-hitter with 13 strikeouts and two walks.

BASKETBALL

Minden star Morris signs with BPCC



COURTESY PHOTO
Minden's Darnell Morris, a first-team All-District 1-4A selection who averaged 14 points, 8 rebounds and 3 assists, signed with Bossier Parish Community College last week.

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HIGH SCHOOL TRACK AND FIELD

North Webster boys win Haynesville meet; Lakeside girls runners-up

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North Webster and Haynesville won the team titles in the Haynesville Invitational held last Friday at Lakeside.

The boys division was extremely close. North Webster scored 117 points, edging Minden by one point. Haynesville was third with 112.

Haynesville scored 114 points in the girls division. Lakeside was second with 104 and North Webster third with 97.

Boys

North Webster's Jkobe Lawson won the 100 in 11.00 seconds. Haynesville's Ethan Henderson was second in 11.19.

North Webster's Xaelin Gladney and Lawson finished 1-2 in the 200 in 22.04 and 22.78, respectively.

Minden's Porter Neal won the 400 in 50.69. Haynesville's Zykerius Fielding finished second in 53.77.

North Webster's Stephen Merritt won the 3,200 in 12:36.92 and finished second in the 1,600 in 5:42.82. Red River's Logan Mims won the 1,600 in 5:21.89. Haynesville's Carl Smith was second in the 3,200 in 13:26.73.

Minden won the 4X200, 4X400 and 4X800 relays.

The foursome of Jaden Johnson, Kaiden Shine, Brayden Britton and Neal ran a 1:31.52 in the 4X200. Haynesville was second in 1:33.25.

The foursome of Shine, Britton, Christian Lofton and Neal ran a 3:36.85 in the 4X400. Haynesville was second in 3:50.63.

The foursome of Lincoln Woods, Keshun Williams, Jaiden Combs and Lofton ran a 9:37.30 in the 4X800. The North Webster team of

Logan Cleveland, Kazavion Evans, Javion Hawthorne and Merritt took second in 10:05.69.

The North Webster foursome of JD Hardin, Gladney, Dejuan Coleman and Lawson won the 4X100 in 42.61. The Minden team of Johnson, Shine, Britton and Neal finished second in 43.95.

Lakeside's Kentravion Miller won the shot put with a throw of 43-11. Minden's Demetrius Robinson was second with a 43-1.5.

Minden's Jonathan Bradford took the discus with a 125-0. Emerson's Oree Johnson took second with a 113-7.

North Webster's Jamyrian Jackson won the javelin with a 148-8. Red River's B'Nodrick Winn finished second with a 123-3.

Minden's Lofton and Carter Martin finished 2-3 in the 800 iin 2:11.49 and 2:23.45, respectively. Mims won in 2:11.45.

Brayden Britton was second in the 110 hurdles in 15.88. Haynesville's Isaiah Washington won in 15.05.

Minden's Kayden Britton and North Webster's Coleman tied for second in the high jump. Both cleared 5-10. Homer's Jasiah Buggs won with a leap of 6-0.

North Webster's Kazavion Evans (300 hurdles) and Javion Hawthorne (discus) finished third in their respective events.

Girls

North Webster's Xhailor McGlothan won the 100 in 12.47. Homer's Harmonie Allen was second in 12.73.

Minden's Pryncess Lathon took the 200 in 26.48. Homer's Henniyah Walker finished second in 27.61.

Lakeside's Lexi Bradley and Annie Cooper finished 1-2 in the 800 in 2:36.42 and 2:45.05, respectively.

Lakeside's Jalacia Rob-

erson took the 300 hurdles in 54.65. Emerson's Danielle Crockett was second in 57.35.

North Webster won the 4X100 and 4X200 relays.

The foursome of Lawson, Shakyra Hawkins, McGlothan and Kylee Sanders ran a 50.90 in the 4X100. Red River was second in 52.89.

The team of Lawson, McGlothan, De'Maiyh Moore and Sanders ran a 1:49.15 in the 4X200. Red River was second in 1:52.16.

The Lakeside foursome of Bradley, Collins, Bailey Mangrum and Alexis McIntosh won the 4X800 in 11:33.22. Emerson was second in 13:00.22.

Lakeside's McKenzie Chase and Collins finished 1-2 in the pole vault. Chase cleared 8-6 and Collins 6-6.

North Webster's Moore and Hawkins finished 1-2 in the long jump with leaps of 15-3 and 14-7, respectively.

Lakeside's Nyla Braggs and Akajah Castle finished 1-2 in the shot put with throws of 29-10 and 29-9, respectively.

Minden's Mia Feaster was second in the 400 in 1:07.28. Haynesville's Mauri Jones won in 1:06.76.

North Webster's Anna Merritt finished second in the 1,600 in 7:40.40. Emerson Kagen Gunnels won in 7:13.05.

Nortn Webster's Sanders was second in the triple jump with a 32-2. Emerson's Deneille Crockett won with a 33-4.

Third-place finishers from parish schools in individual events were North Webster's Lawson (100), North Webster's Moore (200), Lakeside's Abrielle Parker (400), Minden's Zoey Thrasher (800), Minden's Jakeria Jordan (100 hurdles), North Webster's Kipper Wooten (300 hurdles) and Lakeside's Kylee Taylor (javelin).

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Lakeside — District 3-2A co-champions



The Lakeside Warriors won a share of the District 3-2A championship with a sweep of Red River last week. See story Page 5.

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OUTDOORS

Bitten by a blue tooth

GLYNN HARRIS

(I was going through some of my columns I have written over the years and came across this one I wrote 15 or so years ago. I had to chuckle and thought I'd share it again.)

I was headed into the grocery store when this nice looking fellow walked up beside me and commented, "This is some beautiful weather we're having."

"Beautiful; absolutely beautiful. With this nice weather, the bluegills ought to be on the beds," I replied.

"What are your plans for today?" he asked.

"Well, I'd like to go try the bluegills but I have this magazine article I'm working on," I replied, casting a wary eye toward this too-friendly stranger.

"Honey, did you want me to get whole grain or wheat bread?" he said as he abruptly turned down an aisle, leaving me standing there slack-jawed and wondering just what sort of weirdo this guy was.

Then I saw it; he was walking with his left side to me but when he turned, I saw this doo-hickey sticking out of his right ear. It was a Blue Tooth.

He didn't care if I was working on an article nor did he give a hoot that the bluegills were bedding. He probably didn't hear my answers and comments with his attention focused on "honey" and a loaf of bread.

Ever since that day when I embarrassed myself



COURTESY PHOTO

A Blue Tooth gadget originally caused problems for this writer.

answering questions that weren't directed to me, I've frankly been annoyed anytime I see somebody walking around wearing a dad-blasted Blue Tooth.

First of all, how does the thing work? I mean, you're not talking into it; the receiver is way over there at the edge of your sideburns. How do you dial the thing? When somebody calls, does it ring in your ear? If you're busy testing your spark plugs and your Blue Tooth rings, wouldn't it make you jump and slam your head against the car hood? How do you answer it and how do you hang it up after a call? I always thought that only smart alecks used Blue Teeth and wore them in public for the sole purpose of annoying me.

Then it happened. I had a birthday a couple of weeks

later and among my gifts was one from my daughter, Kayla. I opened the package to find she'd given me, you guessed it, a Blue Tooth.

I set it aside for several days, recalling every reason I didn't like those things, especially how ridiculous it looks when a grown man is walking around the grocery store talking to the air or himself or his guardian angel or somebody unseen.

A few days later, I cautiously picked it up and looked it over. It seemed harmless enough all curled up in my hand. Checking around the house to be sure nobody was looking, I inserted the battery, turned it on like the instructions said and stuck it in my ear. Nothing doing; I couldn't make it stay; it kept falling off.

The more times it fell to the floor, the more deter-

mined I was to make it work, so following the instructions, I turned it on. I picked up our house phone and called my cell phone to see what would happen. My cell phone rang; the Blue Tooth just sat there dangling precariously from my ear like it needed a root canal.

Determined, I drove down to the office of the company that has my cell phone service, the technician mashed a couple of buttons on my phone and the Tooth and declared it ready. I jammed it into my left ear, and it promptly fell out.

"Wrong ear; it's supposed to go in your right ear," the friendly technician said, stifling a snicker.

So if you see me walking around town talking to myself, stop me, turn me around and look in both ears. Chances are, I'm Blue Toothting.

Fishing Report

BUSSEY BRAKE – The bass have moved up shallow around the windrows with some double digit fish reported on soft plastics and spinners. One report of someone catching a bass over 15 pounds, just shy of the state record. Crappie have moved to the banks and hitting shiners and jigs. For latest information, contact the Honey Hole at 323-8707.

OUACHITA RIVER – Some bass are hitting shad imitations in the cuts; crappie are starting to bite around the tops. For latest information, contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

LAKE D'AR-BONNE – 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. Night fishing has been good with an 11 pound bass reported. 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 CLAI-BORNE – Crappie fishing has improved as the fish are moving to the shallows in 2-3 foot water and hitting shiners and jigs. Males are on the beds with big

females hanging back just a bit. 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. A few stripers have been caught. For latest information, call Kel's Cove at 927-2264 or Terzia Tackle at 278-4498.

CANEY LAKE – Crappie fishing has improved in the shallows as the spawn is kicking in. Shiners and jigs are bringing some good ones 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 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

Matthew’s Gospel - The Passion of Christ

During these weeks of preparation before Easter, let’s focus on the events leading up to Jesus’ crucifixion, burial and resurrection. Why not dedicate some time this month to read from the four Gospels, recounting the special events, miracles and teachings of our Lord as He headed to Jerusalem for the last time. We will sense the passion of our Lord for the mission He was fulfilling as we walk with Him and His disciples, learning from His teachings.

Matthew begins to reveal Jesus’ forthcoming death in 16:21. “I must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law. I must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.” This is when Peter rebuked Him: “Never, Lord! This shall never happen to you!” (V 23) Jesus turned and said to Peter, “Out of my sight, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men.” Then He proceeds to teach the disciples who can be worthy of

being His disciples (V 24).

From this point, one can see and feel the momentum building up to the time He enters Jerusalem. It begins now with the transfiguration with his three disciples (Peter, James, John) up on the mountain top. They saw “His face shining as the sun, and His clothes became s white as the light” and they were amazed. When Moses and Elijah appeared and talked to Jesus, the disciples knew ‘this is where we want to stay. May we put up three shelters?’ They wanted to stay a while (17:1-6). Note this, Jesus did not allow them (nor will He allow us) to stay forever on the mountaintops of life. Real living is in the valleys where our dependency on Him is more readily recognized.

With each event, with each teaching, Jesus is moving closer to Jerusalem and his ultimate fate. Again, (17:22-23) the pas-



Bill Crider

sion that He faces is explained. (V 23b: “And the disciples were filled with grief.” In Chapters 18-20, He spends much time teaching His disciples important things, knowing his time with them was growing short. In 18:1-9, He teaches an important lesson on humility, answering the question of “who is going to be the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” Perhaps we need to camp here awhile to prepare our hearts, our thinking and our attitudes as we move toward Holy Week. Perhaps we need a dose of His medicine for humility.

In 18:15-20, He teaches about forgiveness, then ends the session with a key promise about honoring our gathering in His name to pray: “I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. Where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them!” In Chap-

ter 19, Jesus continues to give insights relating to marriage, divorce and blessing the children. Then He presents the account of the rich young man (ruler) who inquired about earning eternal life. When He told the young man to sell all that he had, give it to the poor (by doing this he would be laying up treasures in heaven)... “then come, follow me”.....he went away saddened, for the cost was too great for him – just like it is for many who hear this challenge today. (They go away from Jesus for they love possession more than we love the Lord). Some have no passion for His suffering, His teaching, His rewards!

The interludes in Chapter 20 lead us to the Triumphal Entry (Palm Sunday) into Jerusalem. He shares a parable about the workers in the vineyard, relating what the kingdom of heaven is like. Then in v 17-19, He shares with the twelve disciples and recounts what will happen when they arrive in Jerusalem. 20:20-28 reveals the selfish requests of the mother of James and John!

“Grant that one of these two sons of mine may sit at your right and the other at your left in your kingdom.” He teaches about being worthy to drink of the cup from which He is going to drink.” Then He reminds them that this decision is one that will be made by “my Father” – God Almighty.

Jesus continues to teach them. This lesson is on servanthood... “just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many...” (even so, we must come with the same attitude). He ends this week by healing two blind men...”immediately they received their sight and followed him.” (20:34). I challenge you to read Mark, Luke and John’s accounts leading up to the Triumphal Entry. Allow your spirit to be seized by the presence of the Holy Spirit as we draw nearer to the Holy Week.

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THE UPWARD LOOK

Deliverance

“You are my hiding place; You preserve me from trouble; You surround me with songs of deliverance. Selah.” Psalm 32:7 NASB



Max Hutto

Having repented of his sin and been forgiven by God, David finds comfort, protection, and deliverance in God’s presence. As the troubles and calamities of life and the evil consequences of sin encompass around him, David seeks shelter in the only safe place of refuge and deliverance, God. Clinging to God, he finds safety, peace, and

comfort. Having been restored by God’s mercy and grace, David finds himself surrounded by songs of praise, rejoicing and reveling in God.

Lord Jesus, I lift my voice in songs of praise and worship to You, for You have forgiven me, redeemed me, saved me, protected me, and preserved me by Your amazing grace.

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INSPIRATION

Pray

When I write these articles my goal is always to inspire someone. This writing is no different from the others and I want to inspire you all to do one thing more and that is pray. The best way to communicate with God is through ceaseless prayer and constant submission to his will. We live in troubling times is a phrase I hear all too often now and my response to that is we have always lived in troubling times and God has always given a solution. So what do we do and how do we combat the sorrow? Simply, we pray and we rejoice in the knowledge that our God is not limited by the obstacles of this world and as we cast our lives




Bernard Harris

on him he removes those limits from us as well. Your release from the burdens of this world can start today and all you have to do is pray. Matthew 11:28-30 NLT says “Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light.”

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

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LEGALS

SHERIFF'S SALE

PLANET HOME LENDING, LLC
VS.
DAVIN D LANDRY AKA DAVIN DEREK
LANDRY AND ASHLEY D LANDRY AKA
ASHLEY DENISE LANDRY
In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 81758.
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, May 14, 2025,
During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:
Begin at an existing iron pin at the Southwest corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, Section 13, Township 22 North, Range 11 West, Sarepta, Webster Parish, Louisiana, and run East 420 feet along the South line of said Quarter, Quarter to a set 5/8 inch iron rod; thence run north 50 feet to the point of beginning; thence continue North 370 feet to an existing iron pin; thence run East 305.87 feet to an existing iron pin; thence run South 11 degrees 15 minutes West 378.06 feet to an existing iron pin on the North side of Sexton Road; thence run West 383.5 feet along the North Side of Sexton Road to the Point of Beginning; subject to restrictions, servitudes, rights-of-way and outstanding mineral rights of record affecting the property.
That certain manufactured/mobile home situated on the above described property, being a 2021 42TRU28564AH21, Serial No. SA4080771AL-A/B, 164 x 56, which said manufactured home/mobile home was immobilized pursuant to Affidavit of Immobilization dated March 5, 2021 and filed for re-cord as Instrument No. 588346 of the records of Webster Parish, Louisiana. 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

April 9, 2025
May 7, 2025
Minden Press Herald

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 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:
***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
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EXHIBIT 5
PART 1:
IMMOVABLE PROPERTY DESCRIPTION
A 0.71 acre, more or less, tract of land located in the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, (SE/4 of NW/4), Section 23, Township 19 North, Range 9 West, Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana, more particularly described as follows:
Begin at a found rebar located at the Southeast Corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, said Section 23, and run South 89 degrees 20 minutes 00 seconds West 10 feet to a found iron pipe for the Point of Beginning; thence run South 89 degrees 20 minutes West 59 feet to a set 5/8 inch iron rod; thence run North 18 degrees 07 minutes 19 seconds West 278.26 feet to a found rebar; thence run North 18 degrees 15 minutes 11 seconds West 165 feet to a set 5/8 inch iron rod located on the Apparent South Right of Way line of Homer Road (US Hwy 79); thence run along said Apparent Right of Way, North 71 degrees 13 minutes 59 seconds East 75 feet to a found "X" cut in concrete; thence run South 18 degrees 15 minutes 35 seconds East 164.88 feet to a found rebar; thence run South 14 degrees 30 minutes 45 seconds East 297.35 feet to the Point of Beginning, as per plat prepared by Pau W. Culpepper, Registered Land Surveyor, dated March 17, 2005, Job # 05-045D.
(Parcel # 131932) Municipal Address being 908 Homer Road, Minden, LC 71055.
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April 2, 2025
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SHERIFF'S SALE

NORTHSTAR MORTGAGE LLC
VS.
BRIAN PAUL BOULAS
In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 81940.
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, May 14, 2025,
During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:
Begin at the Southwest corner of a lot sold to Ford C. Davis by the Home Owner's Loan Corporation and run South 0 degrees 33 minutes West along the Lewisville Road 211.5 feet; thence run South 89 degrees 59 minutes East 100 feet; thence North 6 degrees West 90 feet; thence North 83 degrees East 171 feet; thence North 0 degrees 22 minutes East 121.5 feet to the Southeast corner of the Ford C. Davis property; thence North 69 degrees 52 minutes West along the South line of the Ford C. Davis lot 266.5 feet to the point of beginning; and ALSO: Begin at the Southwest corner of Lot #30, Webb Place, a subdivision located in the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 22, Township 19 North, Range 8 West, Minden, Webster parish, Louisiana, as per map and plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Clerk of Court, Webster Parish, Louisiana, In Map Book 1, Page 48; thence run North 0 degrees 50 endeness West 250 feet; thence run South 88 degrees 11 minutes West 89.3 fests to the point of bagianing; thanca continue South 88 degrees 11 minutes West 81.7 feet; thence run South 4 degrees 40 ules East 82.5 feet, thence run North 85 degrees 18 minutes East 77.55 feet thence run North 1 dugrua 00 minutes West 79.5 feet to the point of beginning.
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

April 9, 2025
May 7, 2025
Minden Press Herald

SHERIFF'S SALE

21ST MORTGAGE CORPORATION
VS.
ADAM RICHARD TAYLOR AKA ADAM R
TAYLOR AKA ADAM TAYLOR AND
KATHERINE MCVEY TAYLOR AKA
KATHERINE M TAYLOR AKA KATHERINE TAYLOR
In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. CV81359.
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, May 14, 2025,
During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:
LOT 88 AND 90, ROLLING HILLS ESTATES, A SUBDIVISION OF WEB-

STER PARISH, LOUISIANA, AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN MAP BOOK 4, PAGES 44 AND 44A OF THE CONVEYANCE RECORDS OF WEBSTER PARISH, LOUISIANA.
2012 SOUTHERN ENERGY MOBILE HOME, BEARING SERIAL NUMBERS DSD059792ALA AND DSD059792ALB
909 OLD ARCADIA RD., MINDEN, LA 71055
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

April 9, 2025
May 7, 2025
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SHERIFF'S SALE

21ST MORTGAGE CORPORATION
VS.
CHRISTOPHER BRYCE CARTER
In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 81986.
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 30, 2025,
During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:
2015 Southern 27 x 55 mobile home bearing serial numbers RUS066418A-LA and RUS066418ALB
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.
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April 9, 2025
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Public Notice

Webster Parish Police Jury Office of Community Services
Webster Parish Police Jury Office of Community Services is an equal opportunity employer/program and no client, applicant or employee shall, on the basis of race, sex, age, color, national origin, religion, disability, political affiliation or any other non-merit factor, be denied the benefits of, be excluded from participation in, or otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or services which Webster Parish Police Jury Office of Community Services operates.
For additional information contact:
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April 9, 2025
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Public Notice

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Louisiana Public Service Commission ("LPSC") that Southwestern Electric Power Company ("SWEPCO"), an electric public utility supplying retail electric service to approximately 231,000 customers in eleven Parishes in the State of Louisiana through its retail business, and who also serves customers in Arkansas and Texas, filed with the LPSC its annual filing for a rate adjustment to its Formula Rate Plan ("FRP"), so it can continue to provide safe and reliable service for its customers in Louisiana. The eleven Parishes through which SWEPCO's service area extends in Louisiana are: Bossier, Bienville, Caddo, DeSoto, Grant, Natchitoches, Red River, Sabine, Webster, Winn, and Vernon.
Notice will be published in the Official Bulletin of the LPSC. Pertinent docket information will be provided in the Official Bulletin. The annual Formula Rate Plan adjustment will allow for SWEPCO to continue to provide and maintain safe and reliable service for its Louisiana customers, and is being submitted in accordance with LPSC Order No. U-35441 dated February 17, 2023. SWEPCO's FRP filed at the LPSC on April 1, 2025 may be viewed in the office of the LPSC in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and on the LPSC's website (www.lpsc.louisiana.gov) upon publication in the LPSC's Official Bulletin. Additionally, SWEPCO may be contacted at 318-673-3453 regarding any questions.

April 9, 2025
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Public Notice

SUCCESSION OF
26th JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
GLENDA PAULETTE SPENCER
PROBATE DOCKET #17,851
PARISH OF WEBSTER
STATE OF LOUISIANA
NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO SELL
IMMOVABLE PROPERTY AT PRIVATE SALE
WHEREAS the Administratrix of the above estate has made application to the Court to sell at private sale the following described immovable property: Lot 13-B, Gray-Wood, a resubdivision of Lots 12 and 13 of Sam Webb Estates and the replatting of Lots 1 through 25, Sam Webb Estates located in Section 33, Township 19 North, Range 8 West and Section 4, Township 18 North, Range 8 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana as per map and plat according to Map book 4, page 50, of the Map Records of Webster Parish, Louisiana.
Upon the following terms and conditions to-wit:

Sales price of \$99,000.00;
Mineral rights will be transferred;
Sale shall be in "As Is" condition;
Property taxes shall be prorated on the date of sale;
All appliances shall be transferred with the sale;
Notice is hereby given to all parties whom it may concern, including the heirs and creditors of the decedent herein, and of this estate, be ordered to make any opposition which they may have or may have to such application at any time, prior to the issuance of the order or judgment authorizing, approving and homologating such application, and that such order or judgment may be issued after the expiration of seven (7) days, from the date of last publication of such notice, all in accordance with the law.
Thus done and signed in Minden, Webster Parish, State of Louisiana, on this the 21st day of March, 2025.

HOLLI VINING
WEBSTER PARISH CLERK OF COURT

April 9, 30, 2025
Minden Press Herald

Public Notice

WEBSTER PARISH
Parcel# 123309

Notice is hereby given that the Parish of Webster has received a request to sell their respective tax interest in the following listed property. This property has previously been adjudicated to the Parish of Webster for unpaid taxes. A public sale of this property will begin at 10:00 A.M. on April 14, 2025, at Webster Parish Police Jury's Office, 401 Main Street, Minden, LA 71055 in the Committee Room. The minimum bid has been set at \$3,105.78. Anyone intending to bid must deliver your intent letter and processing fee to E & P Consulting Services, LLC, at 1030 N 9th Street, Monroe, Louisiana 71201 by April 9, 2025. NO faxed, telephoned, mailed or any kind of electronic submission of intent to bid will be accepted. Any intent to bid letter received by the above deadline will allow 1 party into the bid session. If more than one offer for any particular piece of property is received, all parties who have submitted a written offer will be allowed to bid on the property. For additional information, please contact Parish Adjudicated Property Program at E&P Consulting Services, LLC at 318-807-0924 or ParishPropertyInfo@parishtaxland.com

Parcel# 123309 / Municipal Address: 413 Jessica Drive, Springhill, LA 71075
BRIEF LEGAL: LOT 28, BOUCHER & SLACK PARK, UNIT #4
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Lot No. 28, Boucher & Slack Park, Unit No. 4, a subdivision locate in the South Half of the Southwest Quarter, Section 1, and in the Northeast Quarter of Northwest Quarter, Section 12, Township 23 North, Range 11 West, Springhill, Webster Parish, Louisiana, as per map and plat thereof on file and of record in the Office of the Clerk of the District Court and Ex-Officio Recorder in and for said Parish in Map Book 3, Page 60; together with all improvements located thereon and all rights thereto belonging. Property Address: 413 Jessica Drive, Springhill, Louisiana 71075

March 12, 2025
April 9, 2025
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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.CENTRALBIDDING.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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