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GRADUATION 2025



Graduates from Webster Parish high schools celebrate commencement ceremonies across the district as the 2024-25 school year comes to a close.

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Webster Parish superintendent reflects on graduation season, thanks community

AMBER MCDOWN
Minden Press-Herald

As the 2024-25 school year comes to a close, Webster Parish School Superintendent Johnny Rowland expressed gratitude and excitement in a statement recognizing the district's graduates and community. "The end of a school year, while an extremely busy time, can be very exciting," Rowland said.

"I have been reminded of this as I've had or will have the privilege of attending graduation exercises at each of our 4 high schools." Rowland described the emotional atmosphere at the ceremonies, highlighting the visible pride of students and the joy shared by families,

friends, and school personnel. "The look of pride and accomplishment beams from the faces of the graduates as they receive their diplomas," he said. "The happiness and joy from family members and friends fills the air at each venue. School administration



ROWLAND

and staff share in this excitement as they too celebrate the successes of each senior class." Rowland also acknowledged the dedication of educators and parents, thanking them for their role in student achievement. "Knowing you had a positive influence in the lives of your students can be deeply rewarding for educators," he said.

"On behalf of the Webster Parish School Board, we say THANK YOU to all students, school staff members, and parents for working together to make the 2024-25 school year a success." Rowland concluded his message with well wishes for a safe and enriching summer and said the district looks forward to welcoming students back in August.

CRIME

Woman arrested after allegedly spraying another with wasp spray in CVS parking lot

STAFF REPORT
Minden Press-Herald

A Minden woman was arrested May 11 after allegedly spraying another woman with wasp spray during a disturbance in the parking lot of a CVS on Homer Road, according to the Minden Police Department. Officers responded to the 600 block of Homer Road following a report of an active fight involving two females. Upon arrival, officers observed one woman rubbing her eyes and another, identified as Tracy Barnard, 42, standing nearby in the parking lot. The victim told officers that Barnard had sprayed her with wasp spray. Authorities observed liquid on the vehicle where the victim had been standing, and the victim's clothing was soaked in a liquid substance. Officers made contact with Barnard and advised her of her Miranda rights. Barnard stated the victim had been "running her mouth" but confirmed the victim had not approached or attempted to strike her. Barnard admitted to spraying the vic-

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COMMUNITY

Minden Farmers Market returns with fresh food and goods

AMBER MCDOWN
Minden Press-Herald

The Minden Farmers Market took place Saturday at the Farm of Cultural Crossroads, bringing together a variety of vendors offering fresh produce and locally made items. Available products included vegetables, eggs, salsas, baked goods, honey, soaps, and other handcrafted items. Vendors on site included Jewels Rustic Ranch of Jamestown, Moorehill Farm and Garden of Heflin, Magnolia Root & Render, and D S Tasty Bakes. Organizers said the market aims to continue expanding and encouraged additional vendors to participate. The public is invited to attend each weekend and support local growers and makers.

SAFE BOATING WEEK



AMBER MCDOWN/PRESS-HERALD PHOTO

Mayor Cox and community leaders wore life jackets to promote boating safety awareness as part of Safe Boating Week, held May 17-23.

Mayor proclaims Safe Boating Week in Minden

AMBER MCDOWN
Minden Press-Herald

Minden Mayor Nick Cox on Friday issued a proclamation declaring May 17-23 as Safe Boating Week in Minden, aligning with the National Safe Boating Week campaign observed across the country. The proclamation was presented to Jerry Madden, a 25-year member of the National Safe Boating Council, during a brief ceremony attended by community leaders. Mayor Cox and

others wore life jackets for a commemorative photo to highlight the importance of life jacket use in boating safety. National Safe Boating Week begins annually on the third Saturday in May and serves as the kickoff to the yearlong Safe Boating Campaign, which aims to educate the public on safe boating practices ahead of the Memorial Day holiday. "Accidents on the water happen too fast to reach and put on a stowed life jacket," the council advises. Boat-

ing safety advocates recommend that boaters wear properly fitted and fastened life jackets at all times while on the water. Adult life jackets are not suitable for children, and a snug fit is essential to ensure effectiveness. Madden and the National Safe Boating Council provide free boating safety courses for children and adults in an effort to reduce preventable accidents and raise awareness about responsible boat-

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SHOP LOCAL

ACE Hardware marks 20 years with week of sales, community celebration

AMBER MCDOWN
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Minden ACE Hardware celebrated its 20th anniversary with a weeklong event that featured daily sales and concluded with a barbecue party on Saturday. Customers had the opportunity to win prizes throughout the week,

including a Yeti Tundra 45 cooler. The Saturday event included balloon animals, games, snow cones provided by Sneaux Ceaux, and a variety of food. Todd Leak, an ACE employee, said the store's focus on service continues to draw both employees

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AMBER MCDOWN/PRESS-HERALD PHOTO

Customers enjoy food, games, and giveaways during Minden ACE Hardware's 20th anniversary celebration Saturday. The weeklong event included daily sales, prize drawings, and a community barbecue.



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WEBSTER & MORE

COMMUNITY

The Retreat on Lake Bistineau opens as residential rehab for women

AMBER MCDOWN

Minden Press-Herald

A ribbon cutting and open house were held Friday afternoon to mark the official opening of The Retreat on Lake Bistineau, a new 28-day residential drug rehabilitation program for women.

Located on 30 acres of waterfront property, The Retreat offers a scenic and serene environment for recovery, with cypress trees, Spanish moss, and direct access to the lake. The facility includes an eight-bed dormitory known as The Lakehouse, complete with a kitchenette, two full bathrooms, and a counselor's office. Nurses are onsite, and medication management is provided by a psychiatric nurse practitioner.

The Retreat is an extension of Active Recovery, LLC, a northwest Louisiana-based addiction recovery program founded in 2012 by Terri Schaffner. Schaffner, who serves as CEO and Clinical Director, has developed a recovery model that diverges from the traditional 12-step approach.

"I have three Active Recovery intensive outpatient programs: Minden, Shreveport, and Bossier," Schaffner said during Friday's event. "My dream was, by the time I'm 60, I wanted to have a residential women's drug rehab for a 28-day program. I turned 60 and, four days later, I signed on this 30-acre property. I've been here a year now. It's taken me that long [to get everything ready]."

Active Recovery began

as the first non-12-step program in the region, offering alternatives to those seeking help for addiction. The Retreat continues that tradition with a focus on holistic healing and women-centered therapies. Services include trauma counseling, parenting sessions, and codependency group therapy. Activities such as yoga, meditation, gardening, sourdough bread making, and meal preparation are also integrated into the recovery process.

The Retreat also offers recreational amenities including kayaking, fishing, volleyball, and swimming, as well as the opportunity to care for chickens and other miniature farm animals. Each day concludes with a Sunset Circle on the lake, promoting reflection and



AMBER MCDOWN/PRESS-HERALD PHOTO

Terri Schaffner, CEO and Clinical Director of Active Recovery, cuts the ribbon Friday, May 16, during the grand opening of The Retreat on Lake Bistineau, a 28-day residential rehab program for women located on 30 acres of waterfront property near Doyline.

emotional connection among participants.

Weekends at The Retreat are designated for personal growth, with virtual visitation available for family contact. The facility's mission is to provide a safe, support-

ive, and nonjudgmental space for women seeking recovery.

Schaffner, who has been in recovery since 2001 following 23 years of substance abuse, launched Active Recovery after earning a Master's

degree in 2010. She now oversees three outpatient locations and a team of 20 employees.

The Retreat on Lake Bistineau is now accepting new residents. For more information, call (318) 781-2141.

ICES

Exchange students reflect on experiences, inspire others to host

AMBER MCDOWN

Minden Press-Herald

For four young women from across the globe, a year in Minden has been filled with growth, adventure and memories to last a lifetime. Anna from Italy, Valentina from Brazil, and Lotte and Emmi from Germany have spent the past school year as exchange students in Webster Parish, living with local families and attending Lakeside High School.

Two of the students, Valentina and Emmi, stayed with longtime host parents Micaela and Clint Brunson. The Brunsons began hosting exchange students in 2019 and have since welcomed several teens from countries including Spain, Germany, Italy, and France. The family was drawn to hosting after their own children left home for college. The decision has brought years of cultural exchange and emotional reward. Hosting an exchange student, Micaela said, is about sharing home life, helping someone chase a dream, and learning just as much in return.

"What people don't realize is that, when they are here, we learn so much about their cultures," she said. "The kids come here to fit into our lives. This dream that they have [of coming to the U.S.] is not possible if there are no host families willing to let them into their homes."

Exchange students come to the United States through accredited agencies such as ICES (International Cultural Exchange Services). The teens, aged 14 to 18, stay for a semester or full academic year and must be proficient in English. Host families must be at least 25 years old and pass background checks. They

provide meals, transportation, and a bedroom but are not financially responsible for medical insurance or personal expenses.

The Brunsons, who now help recruit and coordinate local host families, said host arrangements can be flexible. "If you want to host, you can host," Micaela said. "We will help you find a perfect match for your home."

For the students, the decision to travel across the world came from different motivations. Valentina and Lotte had dreamed of the opportunity for years. "Since I knew that I could study abroad, I've always wanted to," said Valentina. Lotte added, "I really had to convince my parents. I started talking about it when I was twelve, and I just never stopped talking about it."

Anna and Emmi were encouraged to participate by family members. After winning a scholarship, Anna made the leap. "I like speaking English, and I wanted to experience the U.S.," she said. "I wanted to do stuff like the prom and football games and cheerleading and stuff like that."

The students noted that while many things in America reflect what they've seen in movies or on social media, some aspects were surprising.

"It's the movies. When watching the movies, I think, 'I want to do that, I want to experience that,'" said Emmi. But once they arrived at Lakeside, "Lakeside is not like High School Musical," the girls laughed.

Differences in school routines were among the first cultural shifts the students encountered. In their home countries, the teachers change classes while students remain in one room.



COURTESY PHOTO

Exchange students Anna, Valentina, Lotte, and Emmi reflect on their year in the U.S., sharing memories and encouraging others to consider hosting.

"Teachers are extremely nice here. It is not so stressful to go to school as it is back home," Anna said. "I think what I like about American high school is just how peaceful it is; there's such a great vibe inside."

Valentina observed that the relationship between students and teachers in Brazil is closer and more casual. "Here you have the 'Miss' and 'Mr.,' but back home, I just call teachers by their [first] name," she said. "They know about my life, and I know about their life."

Among other cultural surprises, Emmi pointed to food and lifestyle differences. "I think the food is really different. We don't eat that much fast food and stuff. We cook — not that much meat, more vegetables," she said. "People are really nice here; you get compliments when you walk along the street."

Lotte noted, "People

go to church more often." The girls also mentioned dress styles and the low cost of fast food.

Safety and support are emphasized from the beginning. Micaela noted that even basic differences — such as how to flush a toilet or turn on a shower — must be explained carefully to prevent accidents. "We try to be parents and protect them," she said.

The experience can be emotionally challenging. Both Anna and Lotte received last-minute placements and had just days to meet their host families and prepare to leave.

"I was nervous because I was leaving my family and all my friends," said Anna. "I was leaving my country and getting to a new country that I'd never been to before to a family I didn't know. It was crazy."

Southern accents created language barriers early on. "In the beginning I

couldn't understand my host-dad," said Valentina. "He would be talking and I would just smile and say 'yes.'" She now speaks with ease and often thinks in English.

Lotte said her biggest challenge was "coming to a new school and not knowing anybody." Accents made communication difficult at first, she added.

Despite these obstacles, each of the girls emphasized how rewarding the experience has been. Emmi visited Los Angeles, Lotte loved participating in track, Anna enjoyed prom and homecoming, and Valentina's favorite moment was the final football game. "It was like the American thing," Valentina said.

All four students said they would encourage others to participate. "It's the best year of your life, so do it. You can't have it back," said Valentina.

"You're going to miss

your family and your friends, but it will be an experience you'll remember your whole life," said Anna. "It's going to be difficult, it's going to be tough, but it's going to be great."

"I had so many problems in the beginning, there were so many things that were different. But now I'm used to it, and everything just worked out," said Lotte.

"Don't be scared — well, you can be scared, but you don't have a reason. It's going to work out," Emmi added.

To learn more about becoming a host family, visit the ICES website at www.icesusa.org. Micaela Brunson is also available through her Facebook page for anyone with questions about hosting.

"It's a volunteer thing," Micaela said. "But you get to experience a new family member, and it's a lot of fun. The hardest thing is watching them leave."

SPRING PADDLE

Lake Bistineau Spring Paddle makes a splash

AMBER MCDOWN

Minden Press-Herald

The annual Lake Bistineau Spring Paddle drew a large crowd Saturday as outdoor enthusiasts and families gathered at Lake Bistineau State Park for the event hosted by Web-

ster Parish Tourism.

Paddlers launched at 9 AM, taking the five-mile paddle through the cypress- and tupelo-lined waters of Lake Bistineau.

"This is one of our favorite events of the year," said Johnnye Kennon of Tourism. "It brings together

people from all over who enjoy the beauty of our waterways."

After the paddle, attendees gathered for a fish fry and live entertainment provided on site. Some participants remained at the park for the rest of the day, taking advantage of

the available cabin and campsite rentals.

The event was free and open to the public. The next paddle, scheduled for October, will be down the Dorcheat Bayou. For more information, go to Tourism's website at www.visitwebster.net.



AMBER MCDOWN/PRESS-HERALD PHOTO

Paddlers navigate the cypress- and tupelo-lined waters of Lake Bistineau during the annual Spring Paddle event Saturday at Lake Bistineau State Park. The event drew a large crowd and featured a five-mile route, followed by a fish fry and live entertainment.

WEBSTER & MORE

OBITUARIES



Jeffrey William Shadd

January 12, 1958 – May 11, 2025
Jeffrey William Shadd, 67, of Minden, Louisiana, passed away on May 11, 2025, in Minden. Jeff was born on January 12, 1958, in Greenville, Mississippi.

A 1976 graduate of Minden High School, Jeff spent his professional life as a dedicated truck driver for Walmart. After the passing of his father in 2007, Jeff made the selfless decision to retire early and care for his mother until her death in 2013.

Jeff lived quietly and humbly. He never married and often preferred solitude, but his high standards, integrity, and gentle nature were unwavering. Jeff never spoke ill of others or involved himself in matters that weren't his own. He was known for his generous heart and willingness to help anyone in need.

A gifted cook and baker, Jeff's cinnamon rolls, cookies, and chicken and dumplings were cherished by

many. His favorite pastimes included fishing, caring for animals, and quietly serving his community—whether by running errands, offering rides to doctor appointments, or delivering groceries.

Jeff is survived by his loving family: sister Pam Ivy and her husband Frank, sister Latrice “Tee” Francis, nephew Corey Shadd and his wife Misty, niece Shelby Francis, great-nieces Hazen and Holland Shadd, and great-nephew Hutton Shadd. He was preceded in death by his parents, Kenneth and Phoebe Shadd.

There will be no formal service. Jeff will be cremated, and his remains will be taken to Pennsylvania later this year to be laid to rest alongside his parents.

In lieu of a service, the family is honoring Jeff's memory through a donation fund that will support the Minden St. Jude Auction—a cause dear to Jeff's heart. Proceeds from the account will be used to provide raffle items for the annual event until the fund is depleted. Donations can be made at www.gofundme.com/f/jeff-shaddmemorialfund.

Jeff's life was one of quiet service, kindness, and integrity. He will be deeply missed and forever remembered by those fortunate enough to have known him.

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CRIME

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tim from the other side of her vehicle and then walking around to spray her again.

A witness at the scene confirmed seeing Barnard spray the victim. Barnard had no visible injuries, while the victim was transported to Minden Medical Center by Advanced EMS for evaluation.

The victim indicated she wished to pursue charges. A LAVNS form was completed, and Barnard was arrested on a felony count of aggravated battery. She was later transported to Bayou Dorcheat Correctional Center due to the nature of the charge.

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

WPSB

Clarence Bryant named Webster Parish Employee of the Month

AMBER MCDOWN
Minden Press-Herald

Clarence Bryant, a veteran bus driver for the Webster Parish School Board, was named Employee of the Month for May during the board's regular meeting held May 5.

The recognition was presented by Kevin Thompson of Taylor and Sons, who sponsor the Employee of the Month award. Bryant was nominated by Supervisor of Transportation and Maintenance Denny Finley, whose recommendation letter highlighted Bryant's dedication, reliability, and longstanding service to the district.

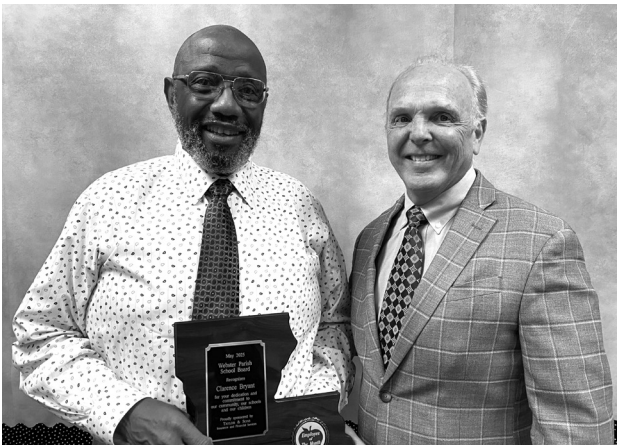
“Mr. Clarence Bryant is a seasoned bus driver for the Webster Parish School Board,” Finley wrote. “You can always count on Clarence to get his kids to and

from school safely each day. The students are very much aware of the rules on Mr. Bryant's bus and do not attempt to break them, but they all know that he will bend over backwards for them if needed.”

The letter emphasized Bryant's commitment to student safety and discipline while fostering a supportive environment.

“He is strongly committed to teaching them the rules to ensure that everyone has a positive experience,” Finley continued. “It is not in his nature to sit idle anytime he's needed. Clarence knows Minden like the back of his hand and is always willing to help fellow drivers.”

Finley cited several instances where Bryant responded to early morning calls to assist with bus coverage due to mechanical issues or staffing



shortages.

“On numerous occasions I have contacted Clarence before daylight due to a bus being down or another driver being sick. He always gets everything sorted out, which allows me to focus on the rest of the district,” he wrote. “Clarence has never asked for anything in return; it is my firm belief that he does it for the

kids. Every school district needs an employee like Mr. Clarence Bryant. It is my honor to nominate him as Webster Parish Employee of the Month.”

Bryant's recognition was met with appreciation from board members and attendees, who applauded his years of service and dedication to the students and staff of Webster Parish.

CRIME

Teen arrested after alleged armed confrontation on Pine Street

STAFF REPORT
Minden Press-Herald

A 17-year-old was arrested Thursday night following an alleged armed confrontation on Pine Street and the recovery of a loaded handgun with an obliterated serial number, according to Minden police.

At approximately 10:22 PM on May 15, officers responded to reports of shots fired involving Ziggarri Miller. Police said Miller was walking in the middle of Pine Street while on the phone with

a female acquaintance, who was a passenger in a black Kia approaching his location.

The driver of the vehicle was forced to stop to avoid hitting Miller. According to police, Miller then approached the driver's side window armed with a Glock 19, 9mm handgun, tapped the window with the weapon and said, “get out the car!”

The driver reportedly ducked her head and sped away. As the vehicle fled, Miller allegedly fired at it. The driver later contacted law enforcement.

After the incident, Miller went to the female acquaintance's residence in the 1100 block of Brenda Circle, where he was seen entering the home armed with the same handgun, according to witnesses. Miller entered a bedroom and remained there until surrendering to officers through the front door.

Investigators later searched the bedroom and located the Glock handgun hidden under clothing in a chest of drawers. The firearm's serial number had been scratched repeatedly in

what police believe was an attempt to render it untraceable. The weapon was loaded with a 17-round magazine containing 15 rounds.

Miller was booked on multiple charges, including aggravated assault with a firearm, illegal use of weapons, possession of a firearm with an obliterated serial number, and felony obstruction of justice.

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

CRIME

Springhill man arrested on multiple charges after domestic violence incident

STAFF REPORT
Minden Press-Herald

A Springhill man was arrested May 11 following a domestic violence incident that led to multiple charges, including domestic abuse battery with strangulation and threatening a public official, according to Springhill Police Department records.

At approximately 9:30 PM, Springhill police responded to the Springhill Medical Center in reference to a female victim of domestic abuse battery. The victim told officers that she had been punched in the stomach and placed in a headlock by Michael Gipson, 27, of Springhill. She said that while in the headlock, her airway was restricted, she could not breathe, and she nearly lost consciousness.

The victim also stated that Gipson took her vehicle and fled the scene. Officers later located the vehicle abandoned on Machen Drive. The vehicle showed signs of being involved in a crash and was disabled

due to damage.

Officers were informed that Gipson resided in the 1100 block of 5th Street SW. When officers made contact with him at the residence, Gipson reportedly refused to comply with commands and took a defensive stance. A taser was deployed and proved effective in subduing him.

While being taken into custody, Gipson allegedly told an officer that “he was going to find me in the streets and that one of us was ‘going to die’ next time we spoke.” Authorities reported that Gipson continued to make threats while in custody.

Gipson was charged with domestic abuse battery with strangulation, domestic abuse battery (second offense), reckless operation, failure to report an accident, resisting an officer, and threatening a public official.

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

FAN DRIVE

Michael and Chequilla's annual fan drive set for May 24 in Minden

AMBER MCDOWN
Minden Press-Herald

Michael and Chequilla Walker will host their 10th annual fan drive on May 24 from 10 AM until 2 PM, continuing their efforts to help community members beat the summer heat.

The event, which provides electric fans to individuals in need, will take place at 112 W. Roosevelt Drive in Minden. Organizers are accepting donations and fan drop-offs

at the event location.

“Chequilla and I would like you to join us in helping give out fans to beat the summer,” said Michael Walker. “We used to do it in July. We moved it up to beat the heat. You can start by donating a fan to help out.”

Walker said the event distributed nearly 150 fans last year and emphasized the importance of early support.

“We also like to thank the ones that's already given,” he said. “Please



join in and help us help others.”

Donations are also accepted via Cash App. For

more information, residents can contact the organizers at (318) 210-1799 or (318) 707-3532.

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OPINION

Trump Makes Precedent-Shattering Trip to Middle East

I don't know that there has been a more significant trip to the Middle East by an American president. The Middle East, with its eternal hatreds, is a perpetual tinderbox from which conflict and war may, at any time, spring.

Yet, there President Trump was.

His speech in Riyadh at the Saudi U.S. Investment Forum highlighted a very promising and optimistic vision for a more stable Middle East. Trump stated that "before our eyes, a new generation of leaders is transcending the ancient conflicts and tired divisions of the past and forging a future where the Middle East is defined by commerce, not chaos, where it exports technology, not terrorism, and where people of different nations, religions and creeds are building cities together, not bombing each other out of existence."

Trump again spoke directly to Iran stating that while he wanted to avoid a harsh conflict with that country it simply "may not ever possess a nuclear weapon." However, he also offered Iran a great future if that nation chooses the right and peaceful course.

Further, I wasn't anticipating but am not surprised by Trump's criticism of past American presidents and their foreign policy. Trump declared that "the gleaming

marvels of Riyadh and Abu Dhabi were not created by the so-called nation builders, neocons or liberal non-profits like those who spent trillions and trillions of dollars failing to develop Kabul, Baghdad, and so many other cities. Instead, the birth of a modern Middle East has been brought by the people of the region themselves,



ROYAL ALEXANDER

visions, and charting your own destinies in your own way. It's really incredible what you've done. In the end, the so-called nation builders wrecked far more nations than they built."

Wow. That's a blistering denunciation of several former presidential administrations but none more than that of President George W. Bush and the Iraq War that has cost America trillions of dollars and many lost American lives—based upon the assertion that Iraq and Saddam Hussein were somehow tied to 9-11 and also possessed "weapons of

mass destruction." All false and profoundly damaging to our nation. The really unforgivable part of the Iraq War is that President George W. Bush never even completed the war against Afghanistan, the nation that actually served as a base for al-Qaeda and its leader, Osama bin Laden, before the attacks.

Some described President Trump's criticisms of George W. Bush and other past presidents to be in "poor form" and that it "undermines" us. I strongly disagree. The Iraq War has been a traumatic event in American history from the standpoint of the blood and treasure it cost us, and Trump needed to call it out as unequivocally as he did in the hopes no future American president will ever undertake a similar course.

I also find Trump's approach to Syria interesting. While in Saudi Arabia, he met with the new leader of Syria, Ahmed al-Shara. Trump stated, "I will be ordering the cessation of sanctions against Syria in order to give them a chance at greatness." Note, al-Shara, Syria's new leader, is a former jihadist. However, he is also the enemy of Iran and pushed out Syria's brutal dictator, Bashar al-Assad. While Trump has indicated he will make sanctions relief contingent upon certain conditions being met by Syria, the removal of U.S. sanc-

tions against the country actually makes sense from the standpoint that al-Shara may end up feeling a stronger alliance with the U.S. than with China or Russia.

I also heard reports recently that Trump had somehow "sidelined" Israel during his trip to the Middle East. I disagree. Trump took the trip to make deals and strengthen alliances and if there was any chance that an interaction with, or perceived deference to, Israel might somehow make that effort more difficult, Trump was not going to allow it. Israel is the strongest U.S. ally in the region, if not the world, and its bond with us has not been diminished here.

I don't know how this Trump effort in the Middle East will ultimately work out but right now there is more strength, energy and focus being projected in that region than, perhaps, ever before and that is a dramatic improvement from even 6 months ago. Trump is bestriding the world stage and the impact it is having is historic.

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INSPIRATION

A Turning Point Before I Was Born

My mother, Marcella May Morris-Hudson, would be one hundred nineteen years old if she were alive today!

A major turning point occurred in my life long before I was born!

I cherish her story. Even though I always sensed that there was something wrong with my mother, I didn't fully understand her story the summer of 1989, when I spoke to Clara Knox by phone. She was then about ninety-five, and her mind was as clear as a bell. I always knew that Clara and her husband Ben had served as my mother's foster parents for about six years after her mother, Myrtle Mae Maples-Morris died, of typhoid fever, at the age of twenty-five, in 1908, while living in that underground sod Indian dwelling where my mom was born two years earlier because her parents had been in the Land Rush in Oklahoma before Statehood. It was so sad to hear mom speak of losing her mother so young along with her six year old brother, Jerry. The sadness of losing

her mother cast a spell on my childlike mother. She went to her grave grieving for a mother she never knew and she always wore a tiny gold locket with her mother's picture inside.



SARAH HUDSON PIERCE

My mother couldn't articulate what happened to her to leave her unable to function as an adult but I soon realized something was wrong with her. It took talking to Clara to comprehend my mother's injury. She told me in graphic detail how she was watching my mother play on top of that flat sod roof unaware of the soft spot where Mother fell into the one room dwelling below. She landed on the hard floor, probably not far from my grandmother's sickbed. The fall caused her to lapse into a coma where she would remain for sometime.

Clara said they didn't expect her to live.

In the meantime my grandmother died leaving two orphaned girls, along with my grandfather, James Oliver Morris, who was also critically ill with typhoid fever, then known as "the germ in the water."

Being the caregivers that Clara and Ben were they took in my mom and Aunt Gladys and served as their parents until my grandfather regained his health, remarried and reclaimed his children six years later.

In the meantime my mom bonded to Clara and I sensed that it grieved her to lose another mother figure in her young life.

I believe God prompted me to call Clara in September, 1989, and to hear first hand what happened to Mother. I located other relatives who confirmed her story.

I was stunned to learn that Clara Eden Knox passed away in October of 1989 just weeks after she spoke so lucidly of this traumatic experience, that Mother suffered so many

years before!

Making this connection was one more time that God stepped out of the wood work making His presence known in my life! This has been one of many "God Wink" moments that I delight in sharing.

My mother didn't marry until the age of thirty-nine due to a prearranged courtship by her neighbors to my father, Roy Earnest Hudson, a confirmed bachelor, after my grandfather died. And to this union our parents brought into this world my sister Alice Hudson-Roberts, a well known artist, and myself.

Even though the way was difficult and we eventually ended in an orphanage after our father's death when I was ten, I am so grateful for all that I possess because I've been so blessed!

It's not what happens to us but how we are able to work it into the tapestry of our lives!

God has stepped out of the woodwork so many times just when I needed it the most

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Memorial Day: More Than a Three-Day Weekend

As we approach Memorial Day weekend, it's easy to get caught up in the excitement of the unofficial start to summer. Backyard barbecues, time at the lake, and a much-needed three-day weekend often take center stage.

And, while there's nothing wrong with enjoying those moments, I'd like to encourage all of us to take a step back and remember why this holiday exists in the first place.

Memorial Day is a solemn occasion rooted in remembrance, sacrifice, and national gratitude. It's a day set aside to honor the men and women who gave their lives in service to our coun-

try. These are the heroes who didn't come home. The ones who left behind families, dreams, and futures so that we could enjoy the freedoms we too often take for granted.

The origins of Memorial Day trace back to the years following the Civil War. Originally known as Decoration Day, it began as a time to decorate the graves of those who had fallen in battle. Over time, it evolved into the na-



DAVID SPECHT

tional day of remembrance we now observe on the last Monday in May.

For many of us, the meaning of Memorial Day becomes personal when we reflect on loved ones or ancestors who served. For others, it may feel more distant, something we acknowledge but perhaps don't fully engage with. I want to challenge that.

This Memorial Day, let's do more than just fire up the grill or head to the lake. Let's pause. Reflect. Participate.

There are local remembrance events happening right here in our community. Whether it's attending a wreath-laying ceremony,

visiting a veterans' cemetery, flying the flag at half-staff until noon, or simply observing the National Moment of Remembrance at 3 p.m., there are many meaningful ways to honor those who paid the ultimate price.

If you're a parent or grandparent, consider taking a moment to talk to your children about the meaning behind Memorial Day. These conversations matter. They help pass along the values of honor, sacrifice, and service that have defined our country for generations.

In a time when the pace of life seems to only get faster, Memorial Day offers

a moment to slow down and reflect. Not just on the freedoms we enjoy, but on the cost of those freedoms. That reflection can bring about a deeper appreciation for our nation and a greater respect for those who serve.

To the families of the fallen, we see you. We honor your loved ones. We thank you for their service and their sacrifice.

This weekend, let's celebrate, but let's also remember.

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SPORTS

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Minden, North Webster coaches see positives in spring scrimmages

RUSSELL HEDGES
Minden Press-Herald

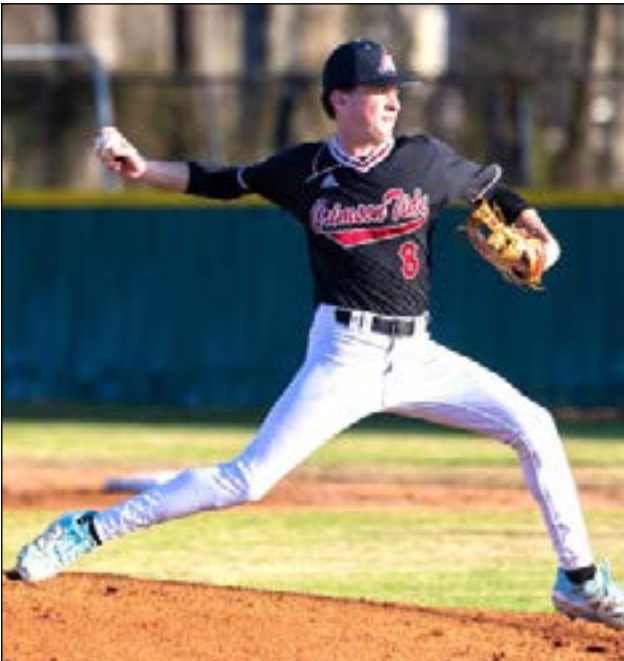
With spring practice in the books, Minden Crimson Tide Head Coach Spencer Heard likes the direction his team is heading. The Tide scrimmaged Parkway last week in Bossier City. “The scrimmage went well,” Heard said. “I thought our defense performed well, especially for only getting five practice days. “Offensively we were able to together several good drives. We will continue to work and believe the offense will gel in the summer and fall camp.” Minden is coming off an 8-3 season and a third-place finish in District 1-4A. That followed a 3-8 year in 2023 during which Heard, entering his 13th season, became the school’s all-time winningest coach. The chances of repeating the success of last season look good. Among the returnees are senior Hudson Brown, the starting quarterback for the last two seasons. Also back is senior Caylien Aubrey, who led the team in rushing in the regular season with 707 yards. Running back Lucas Owens was a major contributor last season as a freshman, rushing for 411 yards and seven touchdowns. Kaiden Shine, who averaged 7.6 yards on 30 rushing attempts, also returns. Mikey Shepherd, who made some big catches, is back. Heard does have some holes to fill on the offensive line with the graduation of first-team All-

District selections Garrett Dooly and Jonathan Bradford and second-team selection James Williams. Heard also expects sophomore quarterback and slot Jaden Johnson to contribute. Senior Kameron Harris, a first-team All-District selection, leads the returning players on defense. He also saw action at receiver. Senior defensive back Treshun Young and sophomore linebacker Javen Calloway were second-team All-District selections last season. There is a big hole to fill on the defensive line with the graduation of first-team All-District selection Demetrius Robinson. An Arkansas Tech signee, Robinson was a mainstay on the line for three seasons. Minden and North Webster were the only parish teams that had scrimmages. The Knights scrimmaged Booker T. Washington in Shreveport. North Webster finished 3-8 last season under first-year Head Coach Christopher Wilson. Wilson has nine new starters on offense and five on defense. Like Heard, he liked what he saw from his team. “We were able to identify some bright spots as well as realize where the focus will be this summer,” he wrote in a Facebook post. Lakeside had about a half dozen practices, second-year Head Coach John Ware said. Glenbrook did not have spring practice. New Head Coach Greg Tibbitt starts June 1. The Apaches are coming off a 6-4 season.



ROBERT SUMMERLIN/PRESS-HERALD
Caylien Aubrey finds running room during Minden’s scrimmage against Parkway last week in Bossier City.

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL



Jaxon Smith

ROBERT SUMMERLIN/PRESS-HERALD



Bryson Ranger

ROBERT SUMMERLIN/PRESS-HERALD



Landyn Huddleston

ROBERT SUMMERLIN/PRESS-HERALD

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

RUSSELL HEDGES
Minden Press-Herald

Three Minden players have been named to the All-District 1-4A baseball first team. They are junior pitcher Jaxon Smith, senior infielder Bryson Ranger and

senior outfielder Landyn Huddleston. Smith had an ERA of 2.42. He struck out 62 in 81 innings. Ranger batted .340 with five doubles, two home runs and 19 RBI. Huddleston batted .467 with 19 doubles, one triple,

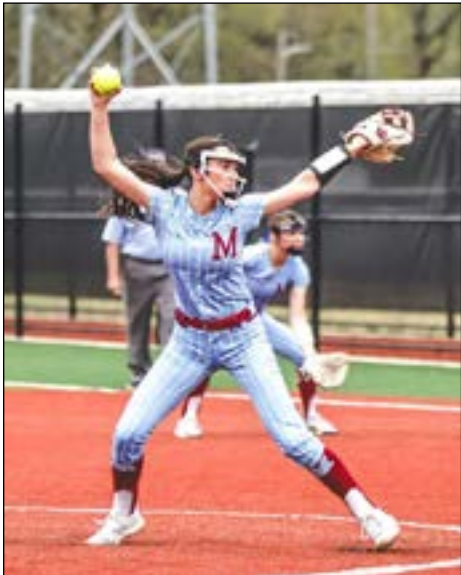
three home runs and 29 RBI. He led the Tide in all four categories. Huddleston also had a fielding percentage of .986 with only one error in 70 total chances. Juniors Hudson Brown, Brayden Winston and Landon Brewer all made the second team. Brown

was selected at infielder. Winston and Brewer were selected at utility. Brown batted .272 with five doubles and 16 RBI. Winston, an outfielder and pitcher, batted .268 with three doubles, one triple and 21 RBI. He was 7-1 with an ERA of 1.80 and 33

strikeouts in 46 2/3 innings. Brewer, an infielder and pitcher, batted .350 with two doubles, three triples, one home run and 13 RBI. Northwood senior Jaxon Bentzler and Loyola junior Colton Pryor shared MVP honors. Loyola senior Gavin Brint was named

Pitcher of the Year. North DeSoto senior Reni Mason was named Hitter of the Year. Morgan Bryan of district champion Loyola was named Coach of the Year. The All-District team was selected by the district’s coaches.

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL



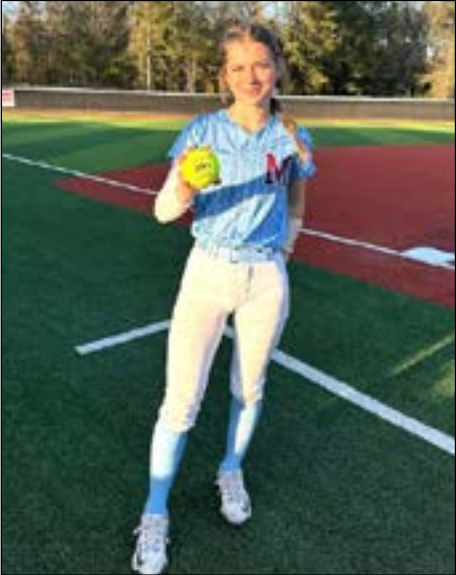
Lindsay Ryan

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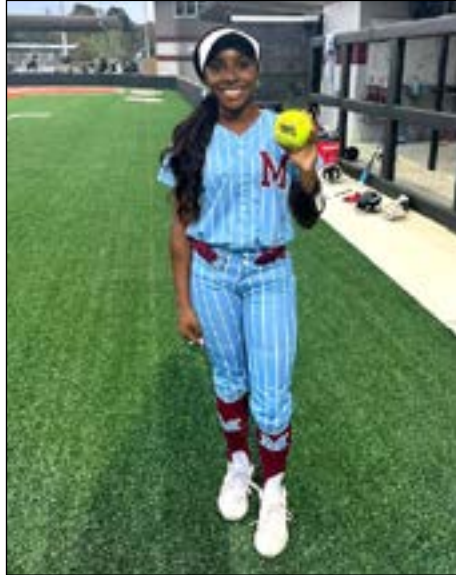
Sky Savage

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Lizzie Balkom

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Leigha Kennon Gilbert

COURTESY PHOTO

Four Lady Tiders named first-team All-District 1-4A

RUSSELL HEDGES
Minden Press-Herald

Four Minden players have been named first

team on the All-District 1-4A team selected by the district’s coaches. They are junior pitcher Lindsay Ryan, sophomore infielder

Lizzie Balkom, senior utility player Leigha Gilbert and sophomore outfielder Caiden “Sky” Savage. Minden also had four

second-team selections — infielders Tatum Oliver, Annabelle Toland and Durrayah Flournoy and outfielder Kaelynn Williams.

Minden finished second in the district with a 2-1 record. The Tide were 14-17 overall. North DeSoto

swept the individual honors —Maddy Stringer (MVP), Avery McCloskey (Pitcher of the Year), Tim Whitman (Coach of the Year).

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL



The Minden Crimson Tide scrimmaged the Parkway Panthers last week at Preston Crownover Stadium in Bossier City.
Photos by Robert Summerlin/Press-Herald



OUTDOORS

Oudoor magazines turning digital

GLYNN HARRIS

It started for me long ago. My daddy always had a copy or two of the Big Three in outdoor magazines – Field and Stream, Sports Afield or Outdoor Life lying around and one of my early childhood pleasures was picking one up, flipping through the pages and reading articles written by guys that became my heroes.

My favorite was Grits Gresham. I thought of him as a local guy since his hometown, Natchitoches, was only 40 miles or so from where I grew up. Grits would transport me in fantasy to far distance lands as he wrote about hunting wild game animals all the way from Colorado to the Congo.

Other favorite writers were those who majored in humor writing. Ed Zern, Charlie Dickey and Pat McManus et al would find me flipping to the back pages to chuckle at the brilliant way they handled humor.

Today, you'll be hard-pressed to find actual print copies of these favorite magazines of mine. Take Outdoor Life, for instance. I checked on-line to see how this magazine is offered to readers today. Here's what I read ... "Outdoor Life is a digital-only magazine covering hunting, fishing camping, survival and outdoor gear."

Sports Afield? "Please click the link below to access your copy of the digital version."

Field and Stream? They are giving it a shot at bringing back the print version of this popular magazine. "That's right – print! We're



COURTESY PHOTO

Two free on-line fishing magazines, Catfish NOW and Crappie NOW are available free to the public

bringing back the magazine!" Good luck with that.

My interest has been drawn to a couple of on-line magazines that have emerged from the pack in recent years. Both Catfish NOW! And Crappie NOW! are edited by outdoor writer friends of mine. Keith "Catfish" Sutton heads the one on catfish while Richard Simms is editor of the one targeting crappie anglers.

About Catfish NOW, in checking the web site, I read the following. "...is a user-friendly web-based magazine and social media platform. Our goal is to entertain and educate catfish anglers at all skill levels and outdoors enthusiasts from all walks of life. Cat-

fish NOW is FREE. A new issue is released around the 15th of each month. Readers can subscribe by using our subscribe button on the home page."

Here's what I learned about Crappie NOW. "An unequaled online-only crappie fishing magazine aimed at passionate crappie anglers from all skill levels.

It is presented on a platform where readers can search for information on new crappie fishing tips, techniques destinations, equipment, tackle, tournament and the latest news from industry-leading professionals." This publication is also free and can be accessed by using the subscribe button on the

home page.

You can subscribe to Outdoor Life and Sports Afield online but you pay for the privilege. On the other hand, both the catfish and crappie magazines are entirely free and are financed by magazine sponsors.

I enjoy reading both these free ones and I can take them with me wherever I go; all I have to do is click a button and find out all I need to know about how to catch catfish and crappie. However, I have to admit that I miss sitting down and flipping through the pages of a magazine you can hold in your hands.

The times, folks, they are a-changing, aren't they?

Fishing Report

BUSSEY BRAKE – Bass have been good with some big fish hitting on soft plastics and wacky worms. Crappie are on the flats with shiners and jig taking some fish. The bream are bedding around the edges of the brush. For latest information, contact the Honey Hole at 323-8707.

OUACHITA RIVER – High water and rising. For latest information, contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

LAKE D'ARBONNE – Bass fishing has been good early mornings on topwater lures along the banks with soft plastics, jigs and chatter baits working best later in the day away from the banks. Crappie have begun to move out to deeper water. Jigs and shiners are taking some nice fish. Bream are bedding shallow and hitting worms and crickets and catfish are good fishing off the banks. For latest information, call Anderson Sport Center at 368-9669 or Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

LAKE CLAI-BORNE – Crappie fishing has been good on suspended fish on jigs and shiners. Bass are around the banks and hitting topwaters early while later hitting hit jigs, spinners and soft

plastics. Bream are on the beds and worms and crickets are working on them. Stripers are beginning to school and hitting shad imitations. For latest information, call Kel's Cove at 927-2264 or Terzia Tackle at 278-4498.

CANEY LAKE – Bass have moved up around the grass and Texas rigged plastic worms are taking some fish around the boat docks as well as on secondary points using crank baits. Some schooling activity is being noted with fish hitting shad imitations. Crappie are around the deep tops and jigs and shiners are taking some. Bream both chinquapins and bluegills are on the beds and hitting crickets and worms. 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 – Catfish and bream are best bets this week. Bass and crappie are fair. For information, contact the marina at 318/878-0101.

LAKE YUCATAN – The water is high but on a stand-still with a slow fall predicted next week. No fishing to report. For info call Surplus City Landing at 318/467-2259.

Good News

GOOD NEWS

Words of Wisdom for the Graduates

Each year we see our sons and daughters march across the stage, passing from youth into young adulthood – with a diploma in their hands. There are smiles, handshakes and hugs. They ride off into tomorrow with many dreams and hopes. Some will take the high road that life offers; others will choose the path of least resistance – the low road among the thorns and thistles of life.

The Proverb writer has so much wisdom to offer our youth, if they would but harness it and ride on her wings through life. Consider these few selected passages and pass them on to someone you know that might benefit from reviewing them from time to time.

1:7-9: How does one become wise? The first step is to trust and reverence the Lord. Listen to your parents, learn from them. This will gain you many honors. 2:1-5: Every youth who listens to me and obeys my instructions will be given wisdom and good sense; learn the importance of reverence for the Lord and for trusting Him. 3: 3-6: Never forget to be truthful and kind. Hold on to these virtues tightly. Write them deep within your heart; if you want favor with God and those around you, and a good reputation --- then trust in the Lord completely; But in every thing you do, put God

first, and He will direct you and crown your efforts with success. 3:11-12: Do not resent God's discipline or corrections, for this is proof of his love. Just as a father punishes his children he disciplines in to make them better, so the Lord will correct you. 3: 21-23: Have two goals in life: Wisdom and Common Sense– knowing and doing the right thing. Let them fill your life with energy and keep you safe from stumbling and disaster. 4: 5-6: Learn to be wise and develop good judgment and common sense. Cling to wisdom for she will protect you; love her and she will guard you.

3:27-28: Don't withhold repayment of your debts. Build trust among your neighbors, and don't be a trouble maker. 4:18-22: The good man walks along in the bright light of God's favor and the dawn gives way to morning splendor. Keep these thoughts always in your mind and let them penetrate deep within your heart. They will bring real life to you, along with radiant health. 7:1-4: Always keep this wise advice in mind and stick to it. Obey the Lord and live! Guard these words as your most precious possession. Write them deep within your heart. Learn to love wisdom as a sweet-heart, make her a beloved member of your family 7:24: Listen to me and obey my teachings.

8:11-12: The value of wisdom is far above rubies; nothing can compare with it. Wisdom and good judgment live together, for wisdom knows where to discover knowledge and understanding. 8:17: I love all who love me; and all who search for me shall surely find me.


These are but a few of the precious promises and directives we find in the book of Proverbs. What a message to our graduating seniors as they punch their ticket and get on the train for the 'ride of their lives'. May God be your Conductor and Guide at every stop and station in life!

BILL CRIDER IS CHAPLAIN OF MINDEN MEDICAL CENTER

THE UPWARD LOOK

Rejoicing

"Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, you righteous ones; And shout for joy, all you who are upright in heart." Psalm 32:11 NASB



Max Hutto

The righteous worships the Lord, shouting and singing with a glad and joyful heart. He has confessed and repented of his sin. The Lord forgave and restored him, providing him a place of refuge from trouble. The righteous learned to follow the instructions and counsel of God's Word. He is surrounded by God's grace and love. In response the righteous lovingly and joyfully praises and worships the Lord with his upright and pure heart, his whole being, and his every breath.

Lord Jesus, along with the psalmist and all who have been freed from the burden and destruction of sin, I joyfully lift my voice to praise and glorify You, my Savior, Redeemer, Deliverer, Protector, Teacher, and Guide.

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

INSPIRATION

Believe

While thinking of what to write I reflected on a lesson taught by my wife. The topic of which was Moses and his hesitance towards God's plan. God was very precise and provided Moses with all the tools needed to do the job. However Moses was still skeptical in his ability to execute God's instructions. Nevertheless most of us are familiar with this story and its ending. Moses not only does the job but does it rather well. Moses realized something many of us need to realize in our walk with Christ. God hasn't called us to be perfect but rather to have

faith and let him perfect us. Many of us have the same problem that Moses had in the day of old. That problem wasn't a lack of faith in God but in self. God's plans for us won't always be easy but they will be worth it. That's why in closing I would like to ask everyone to not let their insecurities keep them from God's plan. Philippians 4:13 NLT For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.



Bernard Harris

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

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LEGALS

SHERIFF'S SALE
WESTSTAR MORTGAGE CORPORATION
VS.
DIANA WOLLSCHLAEGER WIFE OF/AND
ROBERT WOLLSCHLAEGER

In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. CV81962.
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, June 25, 2025,
During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:

A tract of approximately 1.35 acres located in the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, Section 22, Township 21 North, Range 9 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana, more particularly described as follows:

Begin at an existing iron pin at the Northeast corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SW¼ of SE¼) said Section 22 and run South 162.04 Feet to an existing cross tie fence post with a 5/8 inch iron rod set on the West side for the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continue South 124.49 Feet to a set 5/8 inch iron rod; thence run North 89 degrees 21 minutes 53 seconds West 460 Feet (Call North 89 degrees 25 minutes West 461.47 Feet) to an existing iron pin on the East right of way of Evergreen School Road; thence run North 10 degrees 58 minutes 35 seconds West 126.76 Feet (Call North 10 degrees 18 minutes West) along said right of way to a set 5/8 inch iron rod; thence run South 89 degrees 24 minutes 08 seconds East 464.14 Feet (Call South 89 degrees 25 minutes East) to the POINT OF BEGINNING, together with all improvements located thereon and all rights thereto belonging and being the same property shown and designated as Tract 2 on plat of survey prepared by Paul W. Cullispepper, Registered Professional Land Surveyor dated December 13, 2001 attached to that certain Cash deed recorded with the Webster Parish Clerk of Court under Register Number 451117.

AND
A 0.59 acre, more or less, tract of land located in the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SW¼ of SE¼) said Section 22, Township 21 North, Range 9 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana, more particularly described as follows:
Begin at an existing iron pin at the Northeast corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (NE¼ of SW¼ of SE¼) said Section 22, and run South 105.04 Feet to a set 5/8 inch iron rod for the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continue South 54 Feet to an existing cross tie fence post with a 5/8 inch iron rod set on the West side; thence run North 89 degrees 24 minutes 08 seconds West 464.14 Feet (Call North 89 degrees 25 minutes West) to a set 5/8 inch iron rod on the East right of way of Evergreen School Road; thence run North 10 degrees 25 minutes 02 seconds West 23.48 Feet (Call North 10 degrees 18 minutes West) along said right of way to a set 5/8 inch iron rod; thence run South 89 degrees 24 minutes 46 seconds East 493.78 Feet (Call South 89 degrees 25 minutes East) to the POINT OF BEGINNING, together with a 2012 Split Home, Mobile Home, Model No. 6832-1, Serial No. SP03AR03G711BA/B.

SOLD SUBJECT TO ANY SUPERIOR LIENS, MORTGAGES OR PRIVILEGES THERETO.
Said property seized is that of the defendant and will be sold to satisfy a judgment rendered in our Honorable Court.

JASON R. PARKER
Sheriff & Ex-Officio Auctioneer
Webster Parish, Louisiana

Pam Brantley - Deputy

May 21, 2025
June 18, 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, June 25, 2025,
During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:
LOT 89 AND 90, ROLLING HILLS ESTATES, A SUBDIVISION OF WEBSTER 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 PRIVILEGES THERETO.
Said property seized is that of the defendant and will be sold to satisfy a judgment rendered in our Honorable Court.
JASON R. PARKER Sheriff & Ex-Officio Auctioneer
Webster Parish, Louisiana
Pam Brantley
Pam Brantley - Deputy

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SHERIFF'S SALE
ROCKET MORTGAGE LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS, LLC
VS.
DEBBIE PEARSON A/K/A DEBBIE
PEARSON GREEN AND JAMES GREEN
In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 82023.
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, June 25, 2025,
During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:
LOT 12, BLOCK "C", FROST LUMBER INDUSTRIES, INC., WISDOM-MAGNOLIA SUBDIVISION, a subdivision of Webster Parish, Louisiana, as per Plat thereof, recorded in Book 2, Page 32 of the Conveyance Records of Webster Parish, Louisiana, together with all buildings and improvements located thereon; subject to restrictions, servitudes, rights-of-way and outstanding mineral rights of record affecting the property.
SOLD SUBJECT TO ANY SUPERIOR LIENS, MORTGAGES OR PRIVILEGES THERETO.
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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Minutes
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
WEBSTER PARISH POLICE JURY
May 6, 2025

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

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

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

Mr. Allen Gilbert moved, seconded by Mr. Adam Lee to approve invoices for payment pending review by juror Allen Gilbert. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Nancy Hines moved, seconded by Ms. LaTanya Grigsby to adopt the minutes of the April 1, 2025 Road Committee, Finance Committee, and Regular Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Beverly Kennon moved, seconded by Mr. Steve Ramsey to approve the Multi-Jurisdictional Consortium Agreement for the Webster Parish Police Jury. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Steve Ramsey moved, seconded by Ms. Beverly Kennon approved to Call for a Public Hearing:
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to La. R.S. 40:1248.5(B) that a public hearing of the Webster Parish Police Jury will be held at its regular meeting place in the meeting room the Courthouse Annex, West Entrance, located at 401 Main Street, Minden, LA on June 3, 2025 at 10:30am to authorize the collection of a local hospital assessment as authorized by Subpart D-1 of Part I of Chapter 5-E of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of La. R.S. 40:1248.1 through 1248.10 and to enact an ordinance to that effect. Motion carried unanimously.
Mr. Bruce Blanton moved, seconded by Mr. Daniel Thomas to approve Ordinance 1023-002 to authorize an act of sale by the Parish of Webster to sell certain adjudicated properties (parcel 123309) by public auction held on April 14, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.
Ms. Nancy Hines moved, seconded by Ms. LaTanya Grigsby to approve Board Appointments for the Webster Parish Library Board of Control: to appoint Ms. Linda Reed to fill the vacant position of Ms. Ethel Smith to expire 12/31/2028. Motion carried unanimously.
Mr. Daniel Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Bruce Blanton to approve

Board Appointment for North Webster Industrial Board: Appoint Chad Evans to serve on board-term indefinite. Motion carried unanimously.
COMMENTS:

Wanda Finley
Head Start
Savannah Jones
Webster Parish Library
Allen Moseley
WP Coroner
Jason Parker
WP Sheriff
Tokia Harrison
Minden Police Department
COL Carl Thompson
Assessor, Denise Edwards
K'Lanie Gordon
LSU Ag/Extension Office
Angie Chapman
E911 Director
Jessica Gorman
Parish Historian/Dorcheat Historical Museum

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

Mr. Mike Griffith moved, seconded by Adam Lee to approve the action taken at the Finance Committee Meeting held earlier today. Motion carried unanimously.
Mr. Jim Bonsall then gave Presidents' closing remarks. There being no further business to bring before the Jury, the meeting adjourned.

/s/

Lisa C. Balkom Secretary-Treasurer Jim
Bonsall President

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Public Notice
PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF MINDEN, STATE OF LOUISIANA,
TAKEN IN WORKSHOP HELD ON MAY 5, 2025

The Minden City Council met at City Hall in Minden, Louisiana, beginning at 5:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Nick Cox, Carlton Myles, Levon Thomas, Latasha Mitchell, Michael Roy, and Andy Pendergrass. Mayor Cox welcomed everyone to the meeting.
The following topics were discussed: the 2023-2024 City of Minden Audit Report, the Louisiana Office of Debt Recovery, proposed ordinances, various City of Minden issues, Republic Services, the Minden City Council Agenda, and the March 2025 Budget Report. No votes were cast during these discussions.
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Nicholas A. Cox, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melaney Langford, City Clerk

May 21, 2025
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Public Notice
PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF MINDEN, STATE OF LOUISIANA,
TAKEN IN REGULAR SESSION HELD ON MAY 5, 2025

The Minden City Council met at City Hall in Minden, Louisiana, beginning at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Nick Cox, Carlton Myles, Levon Thomas, Latasha Mitchell, Michael Roy, and Andy Pendergrass. Absence(s): None. Mayor Cox welcomed everyone to the meeting. Prayer was offered by Andy Pendergrass and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Carlton Myles. It is noted for the record that Mayor Cox allowed both council and public comments prior to every vote.

Andy Pendergrass moved to adopt the minutes of the Minden City Council Workshop held on April 7, 2025, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Latasha Mitchell and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Andy Pendergrass moved to adopt the minutes of the Minden City Council Regular Session held on April 7, 2025, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Michael Roy and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Michael Roy moved to accept the 2023-2024 audit for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, as presented by the accounting firm of Allen, Green & Williamson, LLP. The motion was duly seconded by Latasha Mitchell and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None. Carlton Myles moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1154 – An Ordinance to Authorize an Act of Sale by the City of Minden to Sell Certain Adjudicated Properties (Parcel 128698); and Further Providing with Respect Thereto, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Levon Thomas and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Upon motion by Latasha Mitchell and duly seconded by Michael Roy, the council unanimously adopted a Resolution Declaring Certain City of Minden Property as Surplus and Fixing the Terms of Sale, as presented. This resolution is to surplus vehicles, office equipment, and office furniture. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Carlton Myles moved to adopt a Resolution for Municipal Water Pollution Prevention, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Andy Pendergrass and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Upon motion by Andy Pendergrass and duly seconded by Levon Thomas, the council unanimously approved the appointment of Kasi Kendrick to the Minden Main Street Program/Downtown Development Commission to fill the vacant term, as presented. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Upon motion by Michael Roy and duly seconded by Latasha Mitchell, the council unanimously approved the appointment of Derek Peris to the Minden Downtown/Residential Historic Commission to fill the expired term, as presented.

Carlton Myles moved to approve the re-appointment of Elizabeth Hollingsworth to the Minden Downtown/Residential Historic Commission to fill the expired term, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Levon Thomas and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Upon motion by Carlton Myles and duly seconded by Michael Roy, the council unanimously authorized Mayor Cox to execute an Engagement Agreement to retain the services of Michael J. Busada of Butler Snow, LLP to serve as "outside counsel" for the City of Minden under the supervision of the City Attorney, subject to attorney review. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Carlton Myles moved to decommission and level the dilapidated structure located at 1401 Talton Street (Webster Parish Parcel #128874), as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Levon Thomas and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Upon motion by Michael Roy and duly seconded by Latasha Mitchell, the council unanimously moved to donate Webster Parish Parcel #128751 (700 Constable Street) to the Webster Parish Police Jury, pending attorney review. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

The following action was taken regarding condemned property:
Trebie T. Calloway, et al.
c/o Lizzie M. Lewis
806 Peach Street
Minden, Louisiana 71055
806 Peach Street
Lot 50 x 100 ft. Out of Lot #8, Mariah Leary Estate Partition in SE/4 of NE/4, Sec. 27-19-9

With no party representing the property owner present at the time that this item was heard, Carlton Myles moved to authorize Mayor Cox to appoint a curator in this matter. The motion was duly seconded by Levon Thomas and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

The following action was taken regarding condemned property:
Lacy S. Bradford
407 Lone Oak Lane
Sibley, Louisiana 71073
700 Sibley Road
Lot #1, Blk. "2", South Highland Addn. & Strip 5 x 51.25 ft. Adj. in NW/4 of SW/4, Sec. 27-19-9 (Formerly an Alley)

With no party representing the property owner present at the time that this item was heard, Carlton Myles moved to authorize Mayor Cox to issue an order declaring the property condemned and further order the demolition of any structures located thereon and the clearing of the lot within 30 days of May 5, 2025. The motion was duly seconded by Michael Roy and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

City Clerk Melaney Langford presented the Budget/Financial Report for the month of March 2025. No motion was required.
Battalion Chief Tony Hall presented the Fire Report for the month of April 2025. No motion was required.

The Police Report for the month of March 2025 was unanimously accepted, as presented, by motion of Andy Pendergrass and second by Carlton Myles. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.
Announcements and council comments were heard. The meeting was then adjourned.

Nicholas A. Cox, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melaney Langford, City Clerk

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ORDINANCE NO. 1154

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AN ACT OF SALE BY THE CITY OF MINDEN TO SELL CERTAIN ADJUDICATED PROPERTIES (PARCEL 128698); AND FURTHER PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the immovable properties described below were adjudicated to the City of Minden, for nonpayment of taxes; and purchased at a public auction by high bidder:

PARCEL #128698: 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; NO MUNICIPAL ADDRESS: ADJUDICATED TO THE CITY ON 05/06/2020

Purchaser: Kimberly Baez Bid: \$733.33 Auction Date: LOT NEXT DOOR

WHEREAS, LA R.S. 47: 2202 et seq. provides that the City may sell adjudicated property in accordance with law after the expiration of the period for redemption; and

WHEREAS, the City of Minden has declared the property described below surplus and not needed for a public purpose and to dispose of said property in accordance with LA R.S. 47:2202, et seq.; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with L.A. R.S. 47:2202 the City of Minden has set a minimum bid for public sale for each property; and

WHEREAS, the City has offered these properties to the highest bidder at the time of sale; and

WHEREAS, the property described herein above was offered at public auction on listed dates.

NOW, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Minden City Council, that any Act of Sale of the below described property shall contain the following conditions and requirements:

The properties shall be sold in accordance with LS-R.S. 47:2201 et seq., without any warranty, from either the City or Management Company, whatsoever, even as to the return of the purchase price.

The sale shall be on a form approved by the City Attorney and that the sales price is paid by certified funds at or near the time of the sale.

The sale shall include a reservation of all mineral rights to the City but shall convey all surface rights.

The following shall be completed prior to closing of sale:

E&P Consulting Services, LLC shall certify in writing to the City Attorney that they have examined the mortgage records, conveyance records, probate and civil suit records of the Parish of Webster and that attached to this certification will be a written list of names and last known addresses of all owners, mortgagees, and any other person who may have a vested or contingent interest in the property, or who has filed a request for notice as provided in the former provisions LS-R.S. 33:4720.17(B), as indicated in those records.

E&P Consulting Services, LLC has provided notice to those persons identified in accordance with LS-R.S. 47:2201 et seq. Proof of said notice will be filed in the records of Webster Parish immediately after the Act of Sale.

At the time of closing, the E&P Consulting Services, LLC will certify in writing to City Attorney and Clerk of Court that the number of days mandated by LS-R.S. 47:2201 et seq. has elapsed since the above required notice was made or attempted and that the property has not been redeemed by the payment of the taxes owed.
BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, by the Minden City Council, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute a Cash Sale of the above-described adjudicated properties to the highest acceptable bidder as named. The Cash Sale shall contain all of the above conditions and requirements and shall be executed within the timelines specified.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Minden on this 5th day of May, 2025, by the following vote and upon motion and second of Carlton Myles and Levon Thomas, respectively:

AYE(S):	5
NAY(S):	0
ABSTENTION(S):	0
ABSENCE(S):	0

Mayor Nicholas A. Cox,

ATTEST:

Melaney Langford, City Clerk

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CORPORATE OWNERSHIP

We are applying to the Commission on Alcoholic Beverage Control of the State of Louisiana for a permit to sell beverages of high (and/or) low alcoholic content at retail in the Parish of Bossier at the following address:

Name of Corporation ALYCO, LLC

D/B/A Love's Travel Stop #289

Address 13510 Industrial Drive, Suite B, Minden, Louisiana 71055

Corporate Officer <u>Hanna Minvielle</u>	Attorney _____
(Signature)	(Title)
<u>Hanna Minvielle</u>	<u>(225) 381-0019</u>
(Printed name)	Phone #

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Minutes
Town of Cotton Valley Monthly Meeting
Meeting Date: May 13, 2025

Meeting was called to order by Mayor ProTem Reginald Shaw Invocation and Pledge was led by Terry Gipson and in unison.
Roll call by municipal clerk, Tiffany Parish
Alderman R. Shaw (present)
Alderman J. Carter (present)
Alderman T. Brown (absent)
Alderman C. Lewis (present)
Alderman D. Hawkins (present)
We have a quorum (4) present (1) absent.
Motion to amend the agenda to add line item #8, approve resolution to hire Micheal Beckworth as a reserve police officer. Motion by Alderman J. Carter and 2nd by Alderman D. Hawkins. Motion Passed
Motion to accept the May 2025 agenda. Motioned by Alderman J. Carter and 2nd by Alderman D. Hawkins. Motion Passed
Motion to approve April 2025 meeting minutes. Motion by Alderman D. Hawkins and 2nd by Alderman J. Carter. Motion Passed
Motion to pay May 2025 bills. Motion by Alderman J. Carter and 2nd by Alderman D. Hawkins. Motion Passed
Committee Report:
Mayor's Report: LMA District meeting on 6/23/2025.
Citizens' input on the current agenda matters only. None
Old Business
Approve Ordinance 25-04, purchase property from United Methodist Church for use as a Town Hall and Community Facility and other matters related thereto. Motion by Alderman J. Carter and 2nd by Alderman C. Lewis. Motion Passed
New Business
Approve resolution to declare 2014 White Chevy Tahoe, VIN 1GNLC2ER172324 as surplus property. Motion by Alderman J. Carter and 2nd by Alderman D. Hawkins.
Approve resolution to purchase riding industrial lawn mower per quote# 294654 from Hot-Mont Sales & Rentals. Motion by Alderman J. Carter and 2nd by Alderman D. Hawkins. Motion Passed.
Introduction of Ordinance 25-05, Prohibiting the use of Town-Owned Equipment and Vehicles for personal use. Motion by Alderman J. Carter and 2nd by Alderman C. Lewis. Motion Passed
Approve resolution for 2025 Millage Rate(s). Motion by Alderman J. Carter and 2nd by Alderman D. Hawkins. Motion Passed
Approve resolution to hire David Dick as a part-time (16 hours week) police officer pending physical. Motion by Alderman D. Hawkins and 2nd by Alderman C. Lewis. Motion Passed
Approve resolution to hire Jason Fitzgerald as a part-time (16 hours week) police officer pending physical. Motion by Alderman J. Carter and 2nd by Alderman D. Hawkins. Motion Passed
Approve resolution to hire Jason Mickens as a reserve police officer. Motion

by Alderman J. Carter and 2nd by Alderman D. Hawkins. Motion Passed Approve resolution for Micheal Beckworth as a reserve police officer. Motion by Alderman J. Carter and 2nd by Alderman C. Lewis. Motion Passed Police Report – William Ingersoll – Officers are patrolling more. All is good. Adjournment – Motion made by Alderman J. Carter and 2nd by Alderman D. Hawkins, meeting adjourned. Tiffany Parish-Municipal Clerk 05/15/2025

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Minutes

Village of Dixie Inn
Special Session
May 6, 2025

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

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen for the Village of Dixie Inn met in special session on May 6th, 2025 at 4:30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Dixie Inn, Louisiana with the following members present: Mayor Donna Hoffoss, Aldermen Judy McKenzie, Nell Finlay, and Lance Milligan.

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

Mayor Hoffoss welcomed guests.

There were no public comments or changes concerning the agenda.

New Business:

Mayor Hoffoss and the council discussed the 2025-2026 budget.

A motion was made by Nell Finlay and seconded by Judy McKenzie to hire one, full-time police officer. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

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

ATTEST:
Donna Hoffoss
Mayor

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Minutes

Village of Dixie Inn
Regular Session
May 13, 2025

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

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen for the Village of Dixie Inn met in regular session on May 13, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. in the Village Hall, Dixie Inn, Louisiana with the following members present: Mayor Donna Hoffoss, Aldermen Judy McKenzie and Nell Finlay.

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

There were no public comments.

Mayor Hoffoss welcomed guests.

A motion was made by Nell Finlay and seconded by Judy McKenzie to adopt the minutes of the regular session of April 8, 2025. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

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

Department Reports:

Scott Day reported all is well with the water department.

Chief Jeffrey McNeill presented his monthly report to the council. The police department had a total of 47 traffic stops, seven citations, two arrests, 10 LEMIS Reports, 36 non-LEMIS calls, 61 building checks, 20 backups, 40 public assists, 55 calls for service, and one accident for the month of April. Also noted, the Village of Dixie Inn entered into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for the administration of court costs with Minden City Court effective May 1st, 2025.

Mayor Hoffoss reminded council members that financial reports for the Louisiana Ethics Board must be submitted by May 15th, 2025.

New Business:

Mayor Hoffoss introduced Ordinance 134-General Fund Budget and Utility Fund Budget for 2025-2026. Ordinance 134 will be adopted at the June council meeting and become effective July 1, 2025.

A motion was made by Judy McKenzie and seconded by Nell Finlay to approve hiring Shane Huffstetler as a full-time police officer. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

A motion was made by Judy McKenzie and seconded by Nell Finlay to approve a pay rate of \$17.00 per hour for newly hired officer, Shane Huffstetler. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

A motion was made by Nell Finlay and seconded by Judy McKenzie to approve the purchase of a 2023 Ford Interceptor for the police department. Vote on the motion was unanimous.

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

ATTEST:
Donna Hoffoss
Mayor

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE 134

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following ordinance introduced at the Special Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Village of Dixie Inn, State of Louisiana, held May 6, 2025 is on file in my office and will be offered for adoption by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of said Village and is open to public inspection and will remain so until 7 days prior to final adoption which is scheduled for June 10, 2025.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE VILLAGE OF DIXIE INN, LOUISIANA IN THE BUDGET YEAR JULY 1, 2025 TO JUNE 30, 2026.

That said ordinance to be finally passed is on file with the Clerk of the Village of Dixie Inn for final passage, after a public hearing, by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Village of Dixie Inn, State of Louisiana, which is scheduled for June 10, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

This declared by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Village of Dixie Inn, State of Louisiana, on the 13th day of May 2025.

ATTEST:

Donna Hoffoss, Mayor

Alicia Ware, Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Minden Planning Commission Meeting

June 5, 2025 – 10:00 a.m.

Pelican Room - Minden City Hall

On the agenda is a request from New Cingular Wireless PCS (option holder for lease) for approval to build a 195' self-support telecommunications tower with 4' lightning rod and associated structures on property owned by Ronald and Norma Semmes located at 252 Shirley Drive. The property is zoned R-2 (Residential).

Legal Description: 24 ACRES - TRACT 943.93 X 295.35 X 310 X 140 X 50 X 434.22 X 715.03 X 1.72 X 216.59 X 63.86 X 191.87 X 1,174.26 FT. IN SW/4 SEC. 16-19-9

All interested parties will be given a chance to be heard.

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Public Notice

Cotton Valley Cemetery Association, Inc. Annual Meeting will be held June 5, 2025, 7:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall, First Baptist Church, 120 Baptist Drive, Cotton Valley, LA.

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June 4, 2025

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Minutes

May 12, 2025
The Sibley Town Council met in regular session on Monday, May 12, 2025, at 6pm at Sibley Town Hall. Members present were Mayor Robert Smart; Aldermen: Wayne Bolton, Pam Chanler, Richard Davis and Keith Merritt. John Langford was absent. Mayor Smart asked Keith Merritt to open the meeting in prayer; Pam Chanler then led the Pledge of Allegiance. Wayne Bolton motioned to adopt the minutes to the April 14, 2025, Regular Meeting as read, Keith Merritt seconded. Motion carried. No New Items were added to the agenda and there were no Public Comments.

Richard Davis motioned to enter a Public Hearing for proposed Ordinance No. 102-C-1 titled AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 102-C RELATING TO THE SEWER TAP INSPECTION FEE FOR THE TOWN OF SIBLEY, LOUISIANA, AND PROVIDING IN CONNECTION THEREWITH. Pam Chanler seconded. Motion carried. Richard Davis motioned, seconded by Wayne Bolton, to exit the public hearing and re-enter the regular meeting. Motion carried. Pam Chanler motioned, seconded by Richard Davis, to adopt proposed Ordinance No. 102-C-1 titled AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 102-C RELATING TO THE SEWER TAP INSPECTION FEE FOR THE TOWN OF SIBLEY, LOUISIANA, AND PROVIDING IN CONNECTION THEREWITH. Roll call vote: YEAS: 4-Wayne Bolton, Pam Chanler, Richard Davis, Keith Merritt NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1-John Langford ABSTAIN: 0 Motion carried. Ordinance No. 102-C-1 was adopted. Proposed Ordinance No. 126-V titled AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF SIBLEY, LOUISIANA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026 was introduced and upon a motion by Pam Chanler and a second by Richard Davis, a public hearing was set for June 10, 2025 during the June 2025 Regular Meeting. Proposed Ordinance No. 147-H titled AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION FOR MUNICIPAL ELECTED OFFICIALS AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES FOR THE TOWN OF

SIBLEY, LOUISIANA, AND PROVIDING IN CONNECTION THEREWITH was introduced and upon a motion made by Keith Merritt and a second by Wayne Bolton, a public hearing was set for June 10, 2025 during the June 2025 Regular Meeting. Richard Davis motioned to adopt Resolution No. 06-2025 authorizing the purchase of an F-550 Brush Truck from Herbert Town & Country. Pam Chanler seconded; motion carried. Richard Davis motioned to adopt Resolution No. 07-2025 raising water / sewer rates for the Town of Sibley Water System due to increase in costs. New rates will begin July 1, 2025. Wayne Bolton seconded. Motion carried. Assistant Chief Richard Davis gave the April 2025 Activity Report for the Sibley Volunteer Fire Department. Assistant Chief Clint Meshell gave the April 2025 Activity Report for the Sibley Police Department. The Board acknowledged receipt of the April 2025 Financial Report. The mayor updated everyone on the Weatherston St. area street project, sewer issues and the DOTD Bridge project. Richard Davis motioned to adjourn; Keith Merritt seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned. original signed Robert Smart Robert Smart Mayor Attest original signed Sherry McCann Sherry McCann Town Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE

June 10, 2025
Posted May 13, 2025
A Public Hearing will be held on Monday, June 10, 2025 at 6pm at the Sibley Town Hall, 345 N. Main St., Sibley, Louisiana, to discuss: 1. Proposed Ordinance No. 126 - V titled AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF SIBLEY, LOUISIANA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026 2. Proposed Ordinance No. 147 - H titled AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION FOR MUNICIPAL ELECTED OFFICIALS AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES FOR THE TOWN OF SIBLEY, LOUISIANA, AND PROVIDING IN CONNECTION THEREWITH The Public is invited to attend.

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ORDINANCE NO. 102-C-1

TOWN OF SIBLEY
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 102-C RELATING TO THE SEWER TAP INSPECTION FEE FOR THE TOWN OF SIBLEY, LOUISIANA, AND PROVIDING IN CONNECTION THEREWITH BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the TOWN OF SIBLEY in regular session convened on May 12, 2025, as follows, to-wit: Section I. Section 1: B-The resident/customer will then be responsible for the payment to the Town for inspection fees, set by the town, and shall further be responsible for contacting the Town of Sibley to arrange for final inspection on the sewer tap, after the work has been completed, but before the work is covered up by dirt or permanent covering. Section II. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed. Section III. If any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable. Section IV.

This ordinance was introduced on April 14, 2025, a Public Notice was posted on April 15, 2025 and a Public Hearing was held on May 12, 2025. This ordinance was read, considered and adopted on May 12, 2025 at an open regular session of the Town of Sibley Board of Aldermen. A motion was made by Pam Chanler, seconded by Richard Davis to adopt Ordinance No. 102-C-1 with the following roll call vote: YEAS: 4-Wayne Bolton, Pam Chanler, Richard Davis, John Langford NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1-John Langford ABSTAIN: 0 Attest: original signed Robert Smart Robert Smart, Mayor original signed Sherry McCann Sherry McCann, Town Clerk

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Advertisement for Bid

Webster Parish Police Jury
401 Main Street --- P.O. Box 389
Minden, Louisiana 71058-0389
Phone# 318-377-7564 Fax# 318-371-2366
lbalkom@suddenlinkmail.com

May 8, 2025

INVITATION FOR BID

The Webster Parish Police Jury solicits sealed bids for the following:
2026 MV607 SBA (MV607) Truck (equal to or greater than)

The bid must be in the hands of the undersigned no later than 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 18, 2025 at the Courthouse House Annex 401 Main Street, Minden, Louisiana 71055. The bid form and specification sheets are available at no charge in the office of the Secretary–Treasurer, Webster Parish Policy Jury. Successful bids will be approved at the Regular Meeting, Webster Parish Police Jury on July 1, 2025.

The Webster Parish Police Jury is a tax-exempt governmental agency.

The Webster Parish Police Jury abides by the requirements of the Louisiana Bid Law.

ALL BIDS SUBMITTED MUST BE CLEARLY MARKED.
Webster Parish Police Jury – “BID ENCLOSED”

The Webster Parish Police Jury is a tax-exempt governmental agency. The Webster Parish Police Jury complies with the State of Louisiana Public Bid Law as stated in LA R.S. 38:2211.

The Webster Parish Police Jury reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive informalities or to accept the bid, which may best serve its interest.

Lisa Balkom
Secretary- Treasurer

May 21, 28, 2025
June 4, 11, 2025

ADVERTISEMENT INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids are hereby invited by Webster Parish School Board for:
Bid #10-80/2025-26 Food & Supplies

Bid #20-21/2025-26 Milk & Milk Products & Frozen Dairy

Bid #60/2025-26 Bread
Bids will be received no later than 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 9, 2025, at the Webster Parish School Board Child Nutrition Dept, 1442 Sheppard St. Minden, La 71055. After stamping to acknowledge timely receipt, bids will be publicly opened and read aloud by a designated representative of the Webster Parish School Board on Wednesday June 10, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. Any bid received after this due date and time will not be accepted and will be returned unopened. Complete bid documents may be obtained at: Webster Parish School Board 1442 Sheppard St. Minden, LA 71055. Bid shall be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked on the outside with: 1. Bidder's name 2. Bid due date 3. Project number/name: Bid 10-80/2025-26 Bid#20-21/2025-26 Milk & Milk Products or Bid#60/2025-26 Bread

Official bid documents can be made available online at www.centralbidding.com. Electronic bids may be submitted online at www.centralbidding.com. For questions related to the electronic bidding process please call Central Bidding at 225-810-4814. Bids must be submitted on the official bid form(s) furnished in the bid package. Bids submitted on any other form(s) will be rejected. Awards will not be made at the time of the bid opening, but will be awarded by the School Board at a later meeting. Webster Parish School Board reserves the right to reject, in whole or in part, any and all bids and to waive any and all technicalities and informalities in accordance with state law.

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ADVERTISEMENT INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids are hereby invited by Webster Parish School Board for: Bid #85 Cafeteria Equipment - Large Bids will be received no later than 9:00 a.m., Thursday, May 30, 2025, at the Webster Parish School Board Child Nutrition Dept, 1442 Sheppard St. Minden, La 71055. After stamping to acknowledge timely receipt, bids will be publicly opened and read aloud by a designated representative of the Webster Parish School Board. Any bid received after this due date and time will not be accepted and will be returned unopened. Complete bid documents may be obtained at: Webster Parish School Board 1442 Sheppard St. Minden, LA 71055. Bid shall be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked on the outside with: 1. Bidder's name 2. Bid due date/ 3. Project number/name: Bid#85 Cafeteria Equipment - Large

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Public Notice

SUCCESSION § NUMBER: 18041 § OF § 26th JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT § MYRON (NMNOI) COLEMAN § WEBSTER PARISH, LOUISIANA _____

NOTICE IS given that the Administratrix of this succession has petitioned the Court for authority to sell the Property of the De Cuius, Myron Coleman, at private sale in accordance with the provisions of Article 3281 of the Code of Civil Procedure, for the price of \$420,000.00 and in accordance with the terms of a contract to sell attached to the petition as Exhibit A. The Estate Property to be sold at private sale is described as follows: An undivided one half interest in and to: Lot 35, RIDGEWOOD Subdivision, a subdivision of Webster Parish, Louisiana, as per plat recorded in Map Book 4, Page 9 of the Conveyance Records of Webster Parish, Louisiana, together with all building and improvements located thereon, having a municipal address of 1004 Ridgewood Circle, Minden, Louisiana. Any heir, legatee or creditor who opposes the proposed sale must file his opposition within (7) days from the day on which the last publication of this notice appears.

DEPUTY CLERK

April 30, 2025
May 21, 2025
Minden Press Herald

PUBLIC NOTICE

Minden Planning Commission Meeting

June 5, 2025 – 10:00 a.m.

Pelican Room - Minden City Hall

On the agenda is a request from Andre Stevens for a front setback variance on property owned by him located at 204 Fourth Street. The property is zoned R-2 (Residential).

The purpose of this front setback variance is to place a new auxiliary building on the front of the property.

Legal Description: LOT FRONTING 180 FT. ON FOURTH ST. X 160 FT. OUT OF LOTS #218 & 219, WILLIAMSON-JONES MAP IN SW/4 OF SE/4 SEC. 22-19-9

All interested parties will be given a chance to be heard.

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On the agenda is a request from Jim Huffman with Huffman Manor for a zoning variance on property owned by him located at 1114 Broadway Street. The property is zoned R-1 (Residential).

The purpose of this zoning variance request is to use the property as a boarding house and event venue.

Legal Description: LOTS #126 & 127, WILLIAMSON JONES MAP OF MINDEN, THE NORTHERLY 40 FT. OF LOTS #143 & 144, WILLIAMSON JONES MAP OF MINDEN, STRIP 30 X 305 FT. ADJ. IN NE/4 OF SW/4 SEC. 22-19-9 (FORMERLY AN ALLEY) & STRIP 30 X 305 FT. ADJ. IN NE/4 OF SW/4 SEC. 22-19-9 (FORMERLY AN ALLEY) (BEING A LOT FRONTING 220 FT. ON NORTH BROADWAYX 305 FT. IN NE/4 OF SW/4 SEC. 22-19-9)

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