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MINDEN UTILITIES



Mayor Nick Cox throws the ceremonial switch at the Minden Historic Steam Plant just before midnight on Saturday, marking the official start of the city's new power contract with the Louisiana Energy and Power Authority (LEPA) as a crowd of residents and city officials look on.

AMBER MCDOWN
Minden Press-Herald

A crowd gathered just before midnight Saturday at the Minden Historic Steam Plant to witness a power switch ceremony marking the City of Minden's transition to a new electric power provider. The event, held at 119 Horton Street, commemorated the start of a new full requirements power contract with the Louisiana Energy and Power Authority (LEPA), which officially took effect Sunday, June 1.

Mayor Nick Cox, joined by Councilmen Buddy Myles, Michael Roy, and Andy Pendergrass, as well

as LEPA General Manager Kevin Bihm, participated in the event, which included remarks, expressions of gratitude, and the ceremonial "big switch" thrown by the mayor to mark the official transfer.

"It's a little unorthodox to have a celebration at midnight, but I just can't stand to sleep through one of the biggest things to happen to this city in a while," Cox said. "To be honest, I thought it would just be the five of us; I never thought it would be this many people, but it's a testament to how important this is. It's a big deal for the city."

The new power agreement is expected to bring

substantial savings to Minden residents, with projections ranging from 25 to 35 percent. Due to the billing schedule, residents will begin to see partial savings reflected on their July bills, with full savings visible by August.

Councilman Myles noted the significance of the event for Minden's future.

"I'm hoping this brings huge amounts of growth to Minden," Myles said. "This has plagued us for far too long. I'm just happy that we were able to all come together to work on this and be successful."

Councilman Roy echoed the excitement, calling the moment "extraordinary" and looking

forward to reduced utility costs for citizens.

"This is an extraordinary event for the citizens of Minden," Roy said. "I really think this is going to be an awesome thing for the citizens of Minden and for the city as a whole. We look forward to some lower utility bills here in the near future."

Pendergrass also acknowledged the group effort that led to the agreement.

"We believed this could happen, and it did. Thank you to everyone who believed, because it matters," Pendergrass said. "The City of Minden is open for business, the City of Minden is open for you, the

City of Minden is hoping for you. We believe our best days are ahead."

Bihm spoke on the long-standing relationship between Minden and LEPA, which dates back to 1984.

"Minden is one of 20 member cities that LEPA has," Bihm said. "We've had a long-term relationship and we are, when I say excited to have Minden back, we're excited ... to share in your excitement just like we are tonight."

Bihm credited Cox as being instrumental in pushing the transition forward. "Mayor Nick Cox was the catalyst for all of

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CITY COUNCIL

Council approves bond resolution to fund REC enhancements, updates city ordinances, and celebrates power switch to LEPA

WILL PHILLIPS
Minden Press-Herald

At the June Minden City Council Meeting, the council also adopted several updates to city ordinances and celebrated the official transition of Minden's power supply to LEPA, which is projected to lower residents' utility bills by 25%.

The council also voted to adopt a resolution authorizing the City of Minden and the State of Louisiana to proceed with the issuance of sales tax revenue bonds.

Last month, the council granted the mayor the authority to hire the services of a Bonding Attorney, Michael Busada, from Butler Snow. As a result of that, the city is now attaching the funding of the REC Center's enhancement project to a bonding process in order to help the city save money.

"We fund the REC Center through a very unique tax that was passed in the year 2000, and that is a sewer recreation tax. So, that's how we fund the sewer plant, and that's how we fund the rec complex," said Mayor Nick Cox.

"By tying the funding of the REC enhancement project to this bonding process, it gives the city a much better interest rate ... It shaved about ten years off of the payment

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SEEDS

'Totally 80s Bingo' raises more than \$9,000 for Seeds Women's Center

AMBER MCDOWN
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A large crowd turned out in 1980s attire for Seeds Women's Center's themed fundraiser, "Totally 80s Bingo," held Friday, May 30 at the Minden Civic Center.

The event brought in more than \$9,000 to support the nonprofit's free pregnancy and family services, surpassing the center's fundraising goal.

"We raised over \$9,000! Surpassed our goal! We are hoping to make Seeds Totally 80s Bingo an annual event," said Amber Bradford, executive director of Seeds.

Attendees paid \$25 each for a night of bingo, music and community engagement. Many embraced the 1980s theme by dressing in era-inspired clothing, adding



AMBER MCDOWN/PRESS-HERALD PHOTO

Attendees dressed in colorful 1980s attire play bingo during the "Totally 80s Bingo" fundraiser benefiting Seeds Women's Center on Friday, May 30, at the Minden Civic Center.

to the event's festive atmosphere.

Proceeds from the event will benefit Seeds Women's Center, which recently moved into a new facility at 308 Pine Street. The center provides free services including pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, parenting classes and counseling.

Sponsorships from in-

WPSB

Scholarship honors legacy of late Assistant Superintendent Kevin Washington

AMBER MCDOWN
Minden Press-Herald

The Webster Parish School Board awarded the inaugural Kevin J. Washington Memorial Scholarship during its regular meeting on June 2, marking a new chapter in honoring the legacy of the late Assistant Superintendent Kevin Washington.

Kevin Thompson of Taylor and Sons presented the \$1,000 scholarship, which was awarded to Tatiyana Mason, a graduating senior from North Webster High School. "I'm just so happy and grateful that we're in a position to do this," Thompson said.

Washington, who passed away unexpectedly on July 23, 2024, following a brief illness, was widely respected for



ROWLAND

his dedication to student welfare and educational equity. Superintendent Johnny Rowland described Washington as a "fierce advocate for ALL students," regardless of their background.

In her remarks, Washington's daughter, Kaylaan, expressed gratitude for the scholarship. "My dad dedicated his life to the betterment of the Webster Parish school system. We are especially touched and honored by your decision to dedicate a scholarship in his memory," she said. "Knowing his legacy will continue to uplift students through educational opportunities is a meaningful and lasting tribute. Thank you for turning our sorrow into something hopeful."

Mason's winning essay

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WEBSTER & MORE

COMMUNITY

Minden Charity Classic expands with new events, supports emergency aid

AMBER MCDOWN
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The Minden Foundation hosted one of its largest fundraisers to date this past weekend. The 2025 Minden Charity Classic golf tournament has expanded with new and returning events.

The multi-day fundraiser began Friday, May 30, with a Dinner & Auction held at Pine Hills Country Club. Attendees participated in live and silent auctions to raise funds for the nonprofit, which offers financial support to individuals and families affected by house fires, medical emergencies, and other unforeseen crises.

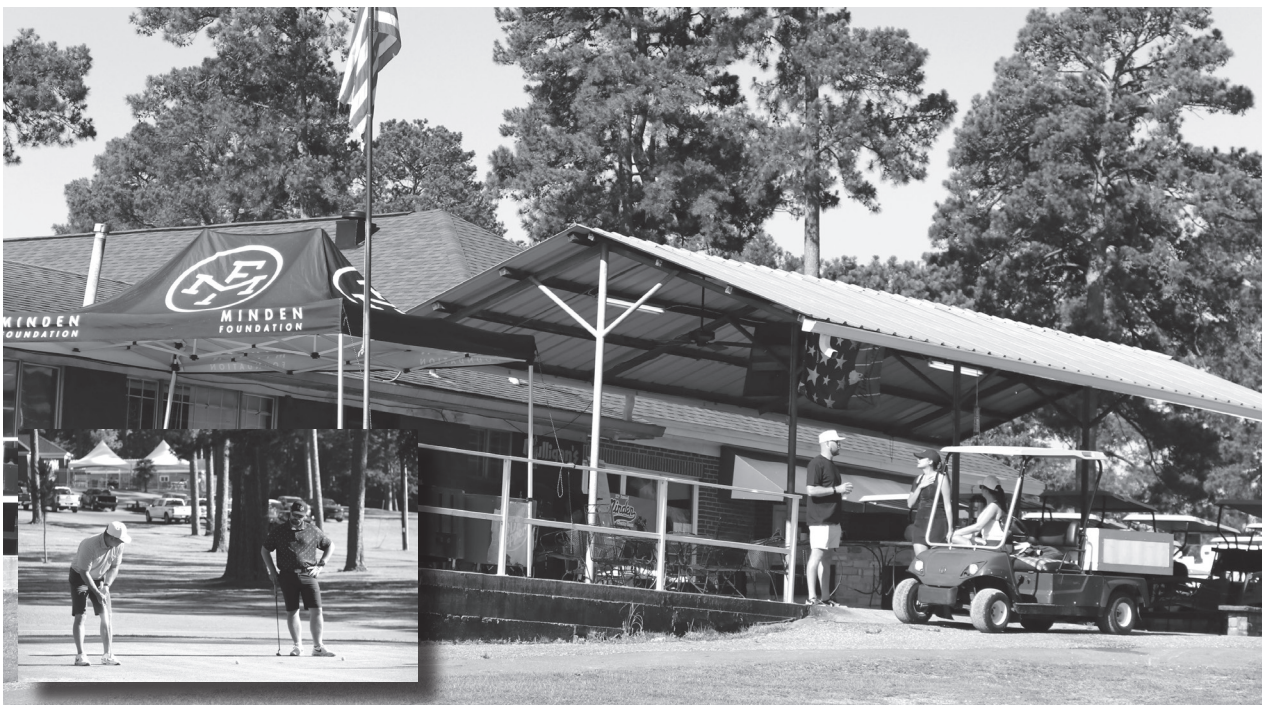
A new event, “Birdies, Bubbles, & Bingo,” was added to the Charity Classic lineup and held Saturday, May 31, also at Pine Hills. Participants gathered for bingo games and refreshments in a festive social setting, with proceeds going to the Minden Foundation.

Earlier in the week, the Foundation also hosted a bourbon tasting on May 29 at the Fuller White House. Promoted as an opportunity for both seasoned enthusiasts and newcomers, the tasting drew attendees in support of the Foundation’s charitable mission.

In addition to in-person events, supporters were invited to participate in a fundraising raffle for a Predator Electric Off-Road Hunting Bike. Tickets were sold for \$20 each, with all proceeds directed toward the Foundation’s assistance programs.

The centerpiece of the weekend, the Charity Classic golf tournament, was held June 1 and June 2 at Pine Hills Country Club. Teams competed across six flights. The following were named winners:

Championship Flight
1st: Peyton Wells and Kevin Anders
2nd: Chase Huddleston and Josh Williams
3rd: Brian Grubbs and



Trent Ellis
President Flight
1st: Trevor Randel and Seth Harmon
2nd: Garret Vaughn and Logan Hollingsworth
3rd: Marshall Harper and Adam Founds
1st Flight
1st: Mike Woodard and Andy Pendergrass

2nd (tie): Jason Ogwyn and Dillon McCartney; Hays Brown and Eric Brown
2nd Flight
1st: Jared Mourad and David Easterling
2nd: Jack Byrd and Johnny Benton
3rd: David Schoonover and Jay Fussell

3rd Flight
1st: Mike Wise and Chad Klutts
2nd: Pat Woodard and Noah Woodard
3rd: Dakota Haynes and Derek Cupples
4th Flight
1st: Zach Goodman and Mason Goodman
2nd (tie): Adam Hur-

ley and Randall Reagan; Stewart Burson and Chris Odom

Funds raised throughout the weekend will support the Minden Foundation’s year-round efforts to assist residents of the Minden area in times of crisis.

WPL

Discovery Camp launches in Webster Parish with summer of reading and STEM

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Discovery Camp 2025 is underway at Webster Parish Libraries, offering four weeks of reading-centered enrichment activities for school-aged children across Webster Parish.

Running from May 28 through June 28, Discovery Camp is designed to encourage learning outside the classroom, foster a love of reading, and build confidence and

independence in young readers. Each week features programming focused on science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM), with literature as the foundation.

Campers will earn “library bucks” for each book they read and for attending special performances. The earned bucks can be used to redeem prizes, allowing children to apply math skills in a practical setting.

Children aged 0 to 11 who read at least five books will receive a certificate of participation and an invitation to a special end-of-camp event. Those who read 30 books will receive a certificate of completion and an award medal.

Special performances include visits from Wild World Texas and Freedom Ranch, magician David LeBoeuf, Steve’s Snaketuary, and the LSU Ag Center’s Germ Cave. These events align with

the weekly STEM themes and offer interactive experiences that enhance learning.

Springhill hosted its registration event on Wednesday. The Minden Library Branch hosted registration on Thursday. Campers attending the event explored the STEAM Museum, an interactive exhibit by Mo-

bile Ed Productions.

Thursday’s registration event at the Minden branch was well attended, with children actively engaging in a wide variety of hands-on science activities. Exhibits in the STEAM Museum included mini robots, an archeology dig, and an oversized version of the game “Operation.” The interac-

tive displays captured the attention of participants, with many campers eagerly moving from station to station to explore, experiment, and learn.

Discovery Camp will conclude with recognition ceremonies in July for qualifying participants. For more information, contact the Minden Library at (318) 371-3080.

COMMUNITY HEALTH

MMC hosts senior health and fitness event at Minden REC

AMBER MCDOWN
Minden Press-Herald

Minden Medical Center hosted a senior health and fitness event Wednesday, May 28, at the Minden REC, drawing a large turnout of attendees ages 50 and older.

Themed “Travel the World for Better Health,” the event featured international flags and global décor, creating a festive atmosphere for participants. Attendees were treated to a meal, had the opportunity to win door prizes, and engaged with a variety of vendors offering information on health and fitness.

One of the event highlights was the presence of the Allegiance mobile health unit, which provided blood pressure screenings. This appearance marked the first use of



AMBER MCDOWN/PRESS-HERALD PHOTO

Seniors visited vendor booths and enjoyed a meal during Minden Medical Center’s “Travel the World for Better Health” event at the Minden REC on Wednesday. The event featured international-themed décor and the debut of the Allegiance mobile health unit.

the unit, one of four available through Allegiance. Depending on scheduling, the units can deliver services such as wellness checks, vaccinations, and eye exams.

While primarily used for Allegiance clinics, the mobile health units are also available for rental by other organizations.

Officials say the units will be especially valuable in providing care to rural communities.

MMC provided this event as part of their ongoing efforts to support the health and well-being of seniors in the area by connecting them with resources and preventive care.

COMMUNITY

Juneteenth celebration set for June 19 in Minden

AMBER MCDOWN
Minden Press-Herald

The city of Minden will commemorate Juneteenth with an evening celebration Thursday, June 19, beginning at 6:30 PM on Martin Luther King Drive, across from Woo’s.

Organizers from the 2025 Juneteenth Committee announced that the event will feature food trucks, live music, a bounce house, perfor-

mances, and presentations on the history of Juneteenth. The family-friendly gathering aims to offer a mix of entertainment and education under the theme “Unity in the Struggle, Power in the Progress.”

“I, along with the wonderful people who work on this committee, would love to invite the whole city to come out to a fun-filled evening,” said event organizer Michael Walk-

er. “There’s something to do for everyone as well as hearing the history of Juneteenth. It’s a family event. Good food, great vendors, jump houses for the kids, and great music. Bring your chairs and tents and have a great time. We are doing this in the evening to beat the heat. Please join us.”

For more information, Walker can be reached at 318-210-1799.



2025 Annual Membership Meeting

June 7, 2025 9 a.m. - noon



- Members may drive through at:
 - Claiborne Electric Cooperative, Homer
 - D’Arbonne Woods Charter School, Farmerville
- Members should bring:
 - Registration card (received by mail)
 - Photo ID (must match registration card)
- District 2 election information can be found on the registration card and at www.our.coop

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- \$500 registration card prize
- \$1,000 cash prize
- \$2,000 cash prize
- \$3,000 cash prize
- \$4,000 cash prize
- \$5,000 cash grand prize

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OBITUARIES



Nelwyn Marcine Simpson

Nelwyn Marcine Simpson was born December 15, 1931, in Minden, LA, and passed away peacefully at her home on May 23, 2025, surrounded by loved ones.

She is preceded in death by her husband, James R. Simpson; her sons, Gerald W. Simpson and Gary Simpson; daughter, Donna L. Simpson; sons-in-law, Jerry Ouilette and Freddie Jernigan; and her parents, Martin and Ola Newsom.

She is survived by her daughters, Patsy Jernigan, Wanda Ouilette, Kathy Jacobs and husband Dwight,

and Linda Holland and husband Rich, who lovingly cared for her in the final years of her life.

She also leaves behind numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren, all who loved her.

She was a devout member of Germantown Baptist Church for many years. Her memories will live on in stories told at kitchen tables, in the dirt under fingernails that still turn soil, and in the stubborn, steady hearts of those who came from her.

Graveside services were held on Wednesday, May 28, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at Mt. Zion Cemetery in Minden, LA.

Pallbearers: Tim Causey, Scotty Greer, James Maxwell, Alan Oglesby, Cody Oglesby, Ean Oglesby, Almon Seal, Joshua Younse.

Honorary Pallbearers: Michael Simpson, Jesse Turner

CRIME

Traffic stop leads to felony drug arrest in Minden

STAFF REPORT
Minden Press-Herald

A Homer man faces multiple felony and misdemeanor drug charges following a traffic stop early Friday morning, according to Minden Police.

At approximately 12:48 AM on May 30, a Minden Police officer observed a white Dodge Durango traveling north on LA 531 without license plate illumination and failing to maintain its lane. The vehicle reportedly crossed both the fog and center lines. The officer initiated a traffic stop after running the license plate through a law enforcement database and finding the vehicle was uninsured.

The driver, identified as Treyton Houston, 25, pulled into the Dixie Mart

on LA 531. Upon contact, Houston exhibited nervous behavior and delayed responses to basic questions, police said. During the encounter, he admitted someone had smoked marijuana in the vehicle earlier that day and produced a burnt marijuana cigarette from the ashtray.

Officers observed an open container of alcohol in the front cupholder and a marijuana vapor device in Houston's pocket. A field sobriety test was initiated but terminated when impairment by narcotics was suspected. Houston reportedly admitted to possessing a jar of natural marijuana inside the vehicle.

A subsequent search of the vehicle led to the discovery of five indi-

vidually packaged bags of natural marijuana in the center console. Officers also found a bag containing five Xanax pills and five MDMA pills, a bag of synthetic marijuana in the driver's door, cocaine residue in the passenger door, marijuana residue in a gallon bag behind the front passenger seat, and a digital scale, according to the report.

Houston was arrested and transported to the Minden Police Department, where evidence was processed and photographed. Field testing confirmed the presence of MDMA in the suspected pills. The marijuana was weighed at 18.77 grams, 8.35 grams, 5.77 grams, 3.21 grams, and 3.81 grams respectively. The synthetic marijuana

weighed 3.51 grams.

He is expected to be transported to Bayou Dorcheat Correctional Center due to the felony charges. Police said a criminal history check found no prior offenses.

Charges against Houston include felony possession of Schedule I (natural marijuana) with intent to distribute, felony possession of Schedule I (MDMA), felony possession of Schedule IV (Xanax), misdemeanor possession of Schedule I (synthetic marijuana), possession of drug paraphernalia, open container, improper lane usage, no license plate light, and obscured driver's view.

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

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SWITCH

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this to happen; it couldn't have been done without him," Biham said.

Cox said the council immediately prioritized addressing Minden's high utility rates following his election, commissioning a study that confirmed the issue as the city's most significant growth obstacle. The eventual plan, which originated from Minden's Public Works Department, was adopted after considerable research, negotiation, and assistance from various stakeholders across Louisiana and beyond.

"We had a study done the first year we were in office, and it told us what we already knew. Our number one hurdle was the utility costs," Cox said. "We were already working on it, we had already enlisted help. A lot of people told us it couldn't be done."

Cox quoted a line from the Pearl Harbor film in reference to overcoming challenges: "Don't tell me

it can't be done." He also credited the Public Works Department, particularly Gary Moreland, for devising the transition plan.

"God has blessed the City of Minden, and God will continue to bless the City of Minden," Cox said.

Minden becomes the 13th full requirements member of LEPA. The agreement, which was approved unanimously by the Minden City Council in February, followed the expiration of the city's previous 15-year utility contract. State law prohibits municipalities from entering utility contracts longer than 15 years, prompting the need for a new provider.

The switch is expected to reduce electricity costs and support economic growth in Minden, officials said.

LEPA, based in Lafayette, was established in 1979 as a joint-action agency by the Louisiana Legislature to help member communities secure reliable, affordable power.

COUNCIL

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terms, just by tying it to the sales tax we already have in place.

"It's the sales tax we already had in place for twenty-five years. It's the sales tax we already dedicate to funding the REC Center, and by tying it to the issuing of bonds, it will save the city a considerable amount of money."

During this meeting, the council also unanimously accepted some proposed changes to the City of Minden's Code of Ordinances that were proposed to the council by the City of Minden's Building Official, Brent Cooley. "All permits and licensing now go through our building official's office, which is Mr. Cooley. Therefore, he's trying to implement and carry out our ordinances," said Mayor Cox.

One of these proposed changes was to Chapter 6 of Minden's Code of Ordinances, Alcoholic Beverages, which was rewritten by Cooley in order to clean up some redundancies and make it easier to interpret.

"The citizens are trying to understand how to carry out the ordinances, and this particular ordinance had a lot of redundancy, a lot of unclear parts to it, and a lot of things that didn't apply anymore, so Mr. Cooley rewrote it," said Mayor Cox.

Another proposed change was an update to the code, adding some definitions to sections dealing with zoning. "It refers to departments and leaders of the city that no longer exist. Also, it refers to customs with lodging that no longer apply," said Mayor Cox. "It doesn't change a lot, it basically added some definitions."

The last change was amending Chapter 22 of the city's Code of Ordinances, Building and Building Regulations. Essentially, the way it read before the change made it a cumbersome process for people bringing manufactured homes that are older than ten years into local trailer parks. This change made

it so the managers of the parks could take in such homes at their discretion. "This ordinance would give the discretion to bring an older than 10-year manufactured home into a trailer park under the discretion of the park's owners," said Mayor Cox.

At the end of the meeting, the council and mayor noted that, over the weekend, Minden's power supply changed to being officially provided by LEPA. The mayor stated that a conservative estimate of how much citizens' power bills would be reduced by was 25%. He also stated that citizens would start seeing these savings on their energy bills on the July and August bills. "Your July bill will have half of that on there. Half of that will be the old contract, and half of that will be the new contract," said Mayor Cox. "The August bill should be fully under LEPA."

District A Councilman Buddy Myles shared his appreciation for everyone who helped the city in bringing this change to fruition. "I just want to thank all of the people who had a hand in helping us switch over to LEPA. Everybody knows that we fought hard," said Councilman Myles. "I'm praying that this is the shot in the arm that our city needs for economic growth, and for residential growth as well."

District E Councilman Andy Pendergrass also shared his thanks, as well as a Bible verse that he reflected on throughout the process, Matthew 5:14-16. "As a city, I hope that we're a city on a hill, that our light shines for all to see, and that they would glorify God in heaven," said Councilman Pendergrass.

The monthly Minden City Council meetings are held on the first Monday of each month at 6 PM at the Minden Civic Center. Meetings are open to the public and are also livestreamed on the City of Minden's Facebook page and YouTube channel, both titled "City of Minden," for those who cannot attend in person.

GRILLING ON MAIN

Grilling on Main returns to downtown Minden June 13–14

AMBER MCDOWN
Minden Press-Herald

Downtown Minden will fire up the pits June 13-14 as Grilling on Main returns with a full slate of events featuring live music, food vendors, games, fireworks, and a barbecue competition.

Hosted by Minden Main Street, the two-day event invites the public to sample barbecue for \$5 per team, with local competitors facing off in brisket, chicken, ribs and a team-provided open dish for the People's Choice category. The Grand Champion will receive a \$4,000 prize and an award.

The event begins Friday, June 13, with competitor setup and check-in starting at 5 AM. Activities kick off at 6 PM with the Little

Grillers competition, followed by a competitors meeting and meat hand-out at 7 PM. Live music by Flight Delay runs from 7 PM to 9 PM, with a cornhole tournament starting at 7:30 PM and fireworks at 9 PM.

On Saturday, the People's Choice tasting runs from 11 AM to 2 PM. Turn-in times for competition entries are 11 AM for chicken, 1 PM for ribs, and 3 PM for brisket. Awards will be presented at 5 PM.

Additional prizes include \$1,000 for the People's Choice Champion, and tiered payouts in each meat category: \$500 for first place, \$250 for second, and \$125 for third.

Vendors will be onsite throughout the weekend, along with raffles spon-



sored by Traeger and other businesses. Cornhole competition will also be featured, with organizers encouraging players of all skill levels to participate.

Organizers are encouraging downtown businesses to stay open and offer specials during the event weekend. Road closures begin at 5 AM on Friday, June 13.

For team registration and additional details, visit www.mainstreet-minden.com/grilling-on-main. For sponsor information, contact Shawn Hatcher at hatcher.shawn@hotmail.com or 318-272-0175. For competition-related questions, contact DJ McKinney at dj@porkandforkbbq.com or 318-553-1783.

SCHOOLS

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highlighted the support she received throughout her education. "They say it takes a village, and for every Webster Parish school I went to, there was a village waiting," she wrote. "So here I am, more than ready to conquer the next chapter, not because I know the answers to every problem, but because I've been given the tools to dig deep and find those answers."

Washington, a Springhill native and 1983 graduate of Springhill High School, served in several roles during his tenure with the Webster Parish School Board, including

Supervisor of Child Welfare and Attendance and hearing officer. His career was marked by a commitment to respectful, dignified service and a deep belief in educational opportunity for all.

In other business, the board recognized Jonas Florence of Doyline High School and Xaelin Gladney of North Webster High School as Outdoor State Track and Field Champions. It also approved a student trip to Paris, France, for Expanding Horizons participants in grades 9–12, scheduled for March 22–28, 2026. Funding will come from Gifted Allocated State

Funds, with students responsible for part of the cost.

The board declared the old school sign and 30 computer tables at Doyline High School as surplus and approved budget revisions for FY 24-25 across General Funds, Parish-Wide Maintenance Tax Funds, 96 Sales Tax Funds, and School Food Service Funds. The LDOE Differentiated Pay Stipend will be issued June 17, 2025.

Policy updates included JCDAE (Cellular Telephones and Other Electronic Devices), GBRIC (Maternity and Adoptive Leave), and JGB (School

Wellness).

New administrative appointments were announced for the 2025-2026 school year. Crystal Friday will serve as principal at Jones Elementary, with Dana Matthew as dean of students. Cortney McCall was named principal at Webster Junior High. Amy Howard will lead Browning Elementary, and Tessa Bryant Flournoy will become principal of Brown Upper Elementary, joined by Dr. Ashanti Cooper as dean of students.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for July 7, 2025. The public is invited to attend.

OPINION

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OPINION

Big Beautiful Bill a Great Beginning,
Stops Largest Tax Increase in History

While I have worked in and observed the U.S. Congress for many years, I have never seen a perfect bill—a perfect piece of legislation. This one is not either, but it's a great start!

Let's review relevant portions of the bill that passed the U.S. House last week and is headed for the U.S. Senate, which will likely amend it to some extent but not, I hope, in a way that fundamentally alters the positive policy in it.

Broadly, the bill makes the 2017 Trump tax cuts permanent and institutes no-taxes-on-tips and overtime, includes a large tax deduction on Social Security, and also includes provisions related to U.S. immigration—such as curbing illegal entries and finishing Pres. Trump's wall along the southern border. It further includes the single largest welfare reform in American history, including requiring that able-bodied males, who were never intended to be on the Medicaid program, get a job to remain on the program; and removes hundreds of thousands of illegal immigrants from the Medicaid rolls. It also advances the most aggressive energy exploration in American history which will benefit our beloved Louisiana. All while reducing the deficit.

Specifically, this includes permanently extending for individuals the tax rates and brackets of the 2017 Trump

Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA), providing greater certainty for households. The bill also permanently extends the larger standard deduction and the alternative minimum tax threshold. These two provisions alone greatly simplify the tax code. (Tax Foundation, May 23, 2025, D. Bunn, A. Muresianu, W. McBride).

There is also now a permanent basis for expensing certain equipment for smaller businesses. Regarding the estate and gift tax, the bill also institutes a permanent (and inflation-adjusted) exemption level of \$15 million that begins in 2026.

The bill also makes improvements to cost recovery for U.S. businesses relative to current law. The bill reintroduces expensing for investment in equipment and domestic research and development (R&D). The TCJA's less restrictive limitation on interest deductions is also brought back. These are important policies that will greatly increase business investment and the economic benefits of the bill if they are made permanent. The bill



ROYAL ALEXANDER
SHREVEPORT ATTORNEY, ROYAL ALEXANDER, WORKED IN D.C. IN THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR NEARLY 8 YEARS FOR TWO DIFFERENT MEMBERS OF CONGRESS FROM LOUISIANA.

also reduces some of the tax code's many tax credits, deductions, and other preferences.

The largest area of reform involves green energy tax credits: the bill cuts about \$500 billion over a decade, reducing the cost of these credits by roughly half—like those for electric vehicles (EVs) and residential energy products—while most of the others are restricted or phased out more quickly.

The bill also permanently extends TCJA's limits on some itemized deductions, such as for mortgage interest, and limits each dollar of itemized deductions for top earners. The bill also increases the TCJA's \$10,000 cap on deductions for state and local taxes (SALT), raising it to \$40,000 for taxpayers earning less than \$500,000. (Id. Tax Foundation).

Please allow me to address something else.

Elon Musk, to whom the country should be eternally grateful for the DOGE (Department of Government Efficiency) team's discovery of enormous amounts of waste, fraud, abuse and corruption, commented on the House passage of the bill stating “I was disappointed to see the massive spending bill, frankly, which increases the budget deficit, not just decreases it, and undermines the work that the DOGE team is doing.”

Fair enough, Elon. My only response to his concern would

be this.

House and Senate Democrats will offer no votes to help pass the bill, so Republicans are left with only one option. To get a typical bill through the U.S. Senate, 60 votes are required to end debate (i.e. break a filibuster) and vote on legislation. Well, there are only 53 Republicans, so Republicans are forced to use a process called “reconciliation”—which only requires a simple majority—to advance the Trump agenda through the U.S. Senate.

That's what is happening here. Based upon Senate rules a reconciliation bill may only deal with mandatory spending, such as Medicaid, while the cuts that Elon and DOGE have recommended are to discretionary funds. Those cuts are coming next. Speaker Mike Johnson has made clear the House will codify the DOGE-recommended cuts when the White House sends a package of spending that should be rescinded.

Legislating is never easy, but we are on the cusp of very positive economic and tax change for the American people. I think Pres. Trump deserves our support as he grinds through the legislative process.

INSPIRATION

Answers That Come Before Dawn

The first thought that comes to me in the morning is usually an answer that I've been looking for and wrestling with sometimes the day before and into the night before I give up and go to sleep the night before.

Having dealt with situations that would push me over the edge I've discovered a truth that gives me peace in the night.

Before closing out the day I always thank God in advance for answers to the issues that plague my mind for hours on end until I settle down and ask God to help me find an answer to the situations I am dealing with.

Where I am going with what might appear to be an innate stressor common to most of us?

Being joined at the hip we have much in common.

Maya Angelo said “We are more alike than we are different and that we mostly want the same things: a job that pays more than we deserve, a nice house and healthy children.”

This quote may not be verbatim but it is as good as it gets at this wee hour of 3:26 in the morning. After all what do I, what do you expect from me at this croaking hour of the day?

Whatever. It is good to go by what we say for I do know that we better watch what we say because there is power in the tongue.

I have learned to be careful what I say. If I don't want

something bad to happen to me then I sure won't confess it, aiding and abetting the forces in the universe to wreck our lives.

Why is it that we have so much trouble with the tongue?

Your guess is as good as mine but I instinctively know that divine writ is correct when our Creator told us to guard our tongue for it is as a rudder of the ship that guides us through the oceans of life.

Why is it that the tongue so unruly considering that it is so small?

Who knows?

It is a slippery slope that not only acts as the organ that aids us in eating all day long but it also helps issue edicts into existence that can either make or break our lives because “we do get what we say.”

That may be an original thought with me but I kind of doubt it because it has been said by someone that we only have maybe one, two or three original thoughts at the best in our lifetime because that just is “what it is.”

The power of the tongue is in our control. It isn't easy but we



SARAH HUDSON PIERCE
can ask God to help us.

The Bible says that we will be judged for every idle word but I don't want to get into judgment calls. I deal with a God far bigger, wiser and in control of my life that has always loved me far more than I can say comprehend.

He kept His hand upon me when I was going hungry as a child and He got me into a place of safety.

He still does.

I just feel better following my own advice of writing it down for whatever reason.

I was helping my good friend, the late Ken Cochran to find his list of what he calls “Afterthoughts” that he gave as part of a speech at his ninetieth birthday party in 2009.

He had lost that list. He couldn't find it anywhere when I asked him for a copy that I might duplicate to pass out at an autographing signing event that he would participate in later that day.

It plagued his mind as he looked here and he looked there.

I told him that it would be found, being careful to not talk a bad turn of events into existence.

Whatever I also started looking in my boxes of things at home.

I understand about losing things. I am as good as it gets at misplacing treasures but in looking for those items I've found I always find things I wasn't looking for too.

I also prayed, thanking God in advance that it would be found it is a profound list that I had quoted from memory just the day before in a newspaper column of my own.

Having prayed I felt a peace as I went to sleep that night.

Lo and behold he called me bright and early the next morning and told me when he woke up before dawn remembering that he had taken some boxes of papers to the barn when he was bringing order to his personal things.

He was just overjoyed because he had found it.

I gloried with him because I wanted to find the list almost as much as he did because I planned to use it in his upcoming book and articles that were putting together for him.

Finding the list affirmed my gut level belief of we get what we say and above all to lean upon His power to help us find what we are looking for because Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever and He always gets me to the right place at the right time.

For this conviction I am most grateful as I pillow my head at night knowing who controls my life and orchestrates my steps far better than I can ever do.

It's now 4:18 in the morning and I've written it down!

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A Bright New Chapter for Minden

Just after midnight on June 1, something historic happened in Minden — and while the moment passed quietly for most of us, it marked a bold new chapter in our city's future.

With the flip of a switch, the City of Minden officially transitioned to a new wholesale power provider, ending a decades-long saga that began with frustration and has now turned into opportunity. The moment was celebrated with a ceremony at City Hall, but its impact will be felt far beyond those walls. This solution has been a long time coming, and it deserves recognition.

If you've followed this story through the years, you know



DAVID SPECHT
that the road hasn't been easy. Back in 2018, headlines read “No Settlement with SWEPSCO Yet,” reflecting the tension, legal battles, and long nights of negotiation that Minden's leadership endured in trying to break free from an agreement that was no longer serving our citizens well. The city sought relief for years, exploring every available option, and working tirelessly behind the scenes to protect the interests of residents and

businesses alike.

Now, thanks to the determined leadership of Mayor Nick Cox and the current City Council, we have reached the destination. This transition is more than a contract change — it's a victory for fiscal responsibility, local control, and long-term vision.

The new power agreement is expected to provide lower costs, greater transparency, and a more sustainable path forward for Minden. That alone is worth celebrating. But the implications go even further.

This new chapter positions our city for future growth. Lower and more stable utility costs can make Minden

more attractive for both families and businesses. When utility rates are competitive, entrepreneurs are more likely to invest, homeowners are more likely to stay, and developers are more likely to build. This change could be the catalyst for a stronger local economy and a more vibrant community.

Mayor Cox and the City Council deserve tremendous credit for seeing this process through. They navigated legal hurdles, financial complexities, and political pressure, all while staying focused on what was best for the people of Minden. Their persistence has paid off.

For the rest of us, this milestone serves as a reminder

of what's possible when a community works together with vision and determination. We should take pride in this moment and look ahead with optimism. Minden has shown that it is not afraid to fight for its future — and that's something worth celebrating.

As the lights shine a little brighter this week, may they also illuminate the potential we now hold in our hands. The future looks bright indeed.

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SPORTS

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HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS/COLUMN

No shortage of outstanding athletes in 2024-25 sports year

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Minden Press-Herald

As usual, Webster Parish had more than its share of outstanding athletes in the 2024-25 sports year.

Here is a look at some of them starting with the boys.

Minden had plenty to choose from.

Landyn Huddleston was first-team All-District 1-4A in baseball, second team in football and honorable mention in soccer.

Kameron Harris was first-team All-District in football and helped Minden reach the state tournament in basketball.

Brayden Britton was first-team All-District in football and finished fifth in the 110 hurdles in the Class 4A state meet.

Porter Neal finished second in the 400 in the state meet and was a key member of the Tide's eight-win football team.

Hudson Brown was a three-sport athlete, competing in football, basketball and baseball. He was second-team All-District in baseball.

Glenbrook had no shortage of outstanding athletes.

Easton Sanders was the District 1-1A MVP in baseball and second-team All-District at quarterback and



ROBERT SUMMERLIN/PRESS-HERALD
Glenbrook's Easton Sanders was a standout quarterback in football and pitcher in baseball in 2024-25.

kicker in football.

Jackson Waller was first-team All-District in football at wide receiver, defensive back and punter and first-team in basketball.

Seth Mangrum was first-team All-District in football at running back and first-team in basketball.

Ryan Reagan was first-team All-District in baseball and second-team in football.

North Webster's Dejuan Coleman was first-team

All-District 1-3A in basketball and a member of the Knights' Class 3A runner-up 4X100 relay team.

Xaelin Gladney showed off his athletic ability in track and field. He won the 100 and finished second in the 200 in the state meet and was a member of the 4X100 relay team.

J'Kobe Lawson had a solid football season at running back and was a member of the 4X100 team.

Lakeside's Brock Case



KELSEY CHANLER/SPECIAL TO THE PRESS-HERALD
Minden's Brayden Britton (2) and Kameron Harris were standouts in two sports in 2024-25.

was first-team All-District 3-2A in baseball and football at punter. He was also second team at quarterback.

Kentravion Miller was first-team All-District in football and qualified for the Class 2A state meet in the shot put.

Eli Campbell was first-team All-District in baseball and second team in football.

Noah Redding was second-team All-District in football and baseball.

Doyline's Jonas Flor-

ence won the discus in the Class B state meet and was a member of the Panthers' baseball playoff team.

Noah Spears was first-team All-District in baseball. Damarion McClendon had an outstanding basketball season.

Now it's on to the girls.

Minden's Sky Savage was the Defensive MVP on the All-District 1-III soccer team. She was also first-team All-District 1-4A in softball.

Lindsay Ryan was first-team All-District in soccer and softball. Annabelle Toland was first-team All-District in soccer and second team in softball.

Brooklyn Jefferson was one of the best basketball players in Northwest Louisiana and led the Lady Tiders to a runner-up finish in District 1-4A.

Lakeside's McKenna Chreene was the District 3-2A softball MVP. Lexi Bradley won the 800, 1,600 and 3,200 in the district meet and was named track MVP.

McKenzie Chase finished second in the pole vault in the Region I-2A meet and was second-team All-District in basketball.

Of course, the athletes mentioned above weren't the only outstanding athletes in the parish. They either excelled at more than one sport or were an individual state champion or district MVP.

The parish's softball teams were filled with great athletes, all of whom couldn't be mentioned here.

The bottom line is any athlete who gave their best effort to help their teams this season deserves respect and recognition. It doesn't matter if they were "stars" or subs.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL



ROBERT SUMMERLIN/PRESS-HERALD
Louisiana Tech played Army in the 2024 Radiance Technologies Independence Bowl. The school announced the broadcast schedule and kickoff times for the 2025 season last week. The Bulldogs open the season at home against Southeastern Louisiana on Aug. 30.

Louisiana Tech announces 2025 broadcast schedule, kickoff times

STEPHEN FEATHERSTON
Louisiana Tech Director of Strategic Communications

RUSTON — In conjunction with Conference USA, Louisiana Tech announced its broadcast schedule and kickoff times for the 2025 season last week.

The Bulldogs will play three CUSA games on national TV as a result of the CUSA TV contract. LA Tech will have two games broadcasted on CBS Sports Network, and one game on ESPNU. The other nine games include three matchups on ESPN+, and one on the CW Network. Five games are yet to be determined but will be on one of the ESPN platforms.

LA Tech will play nine night games and three day games. The Bulldogs will play in four different time zones, marking the first time since 2012. This will be the ninth time that LA Tech has traveled to four or more time zones since 2000.

The Bulldogs open the season with back-to-back games against in-state opponents with Southeast-

Louisiana Tech schedule

- Aug. 30, Southeastern, 6:30 p.m., ESPN+
- Sept. 6, at LSU, 6:30 p.m., ESPN+
- Sept. 13, New Mexico State, 6:30 p.m., ESPN+
- Sept. 20, Southern Miss, 6:30 p.m., ESPN Platforms
- Sept. 27, at UTEP, 8 p.m., ESPN Platforms
- Oct. 9, at Kennesaw State, 6 p.m., ESPNU
- Oct. 21, Western Kentucky, 6:30 p.m., CBSSN
- Oct. 31, Sam Houston 7 p.m., CBSSN
- Nov. 8, at Delaware, 2 p.m. ESPN Platforms
- Nov. 15, at Washington State, 9 p.m., The CW Network
- Nov. 22, Liberty, 2 p.m., ESPN Platforms
- Nov. 29, at Missouri State, 1 p.m., ESPN Platforms

ern at home on Aug. 30, before hitting the road to Baton Rouge on Sept. 6 to face LSU. Both games will kick off at 6:30 p.m. and will air on ESPN+.

LA Tech returns to Joe Aillet Stadium on Sept. 13 to open CUSA play as NMSU comes to town for a 6:30 p.m. matchup that will be broadcasted on ESPN+.

The Bulldogs will be at home the following weekend to host Southern Miss on Saturday, Sept. 20 at 6:30 p.m. The game will be televised on one of the ESPN platforms.

LA Tech will travel to El Paso, Texas, to face UTEP

on Saturday, Sept. 27, with the game kicking off at 8 p.m. CT. The contest will be featured on one of the ESPN platforms.

The Bulldogs will open October with a mid-week game on the road at Kennesaw on Thursday, Oct. 9. The game will be aired on ESPNU and will kick off at 6 p.m. CT.

The Bulldogs will have a week off before hosting Western Kentucky on Tuesday, Oct. 21 for a 6:30 p.m. matchup. It will be the first of two straight games for the Bulldogs on CBS Sports Network.

LA Tech will host Sam Houston for Homecoming

on Friday, Oct. 31 at 7 p.m. The game will be broadcast on CBS Sports Network.

The Bulldogs will travel from the east coast to the west coast to start the month of November. LA Tech will travel to Delaware on Saturday, Nov. 8 for a 2 p.m. meeting that is scheduled to air on one of the ESPN platforms.

LA Tech will travel to Pullman, Washington, to face Washington State a week later Saturday Nov. 15. The game is slated for 9 p.m. CT and will be aired on the CW Network.

Tech's home finale will be on Saturday, Nov. 22, as Liberty comes to Joe Aillet Stadium for a 2 p.m. meeting. The Game will be aired on one of the ESPN platforms.

The Bulldogs will close out the regular season by traveling to Missouri State on Saturday, Nov. 22. The game will be broadcasted on one of the ESPN platforms and kick off at 1:00 p.m.

Season tickets for the 2025 Louisiana Tech football season are on sale now. Fans can purchase tickets online at latechsports.eventue.net.

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Six parish players make LBCA All-State teams

RUSSELL HEDGES
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Six players from parish schools have been named to the Louisiana Softball Coaches Association All-State teams.

Three players from District 3-2A champion Lakeside were named to the Class 2A team — sophomore catcher Emily Jones, sophomore in-

fielder Raleah Harris and senior pitcher McKenna Chreene (utility).

Two players from Glenbrook's District 1-1A runner-up team were named to the Class 2A team — senior catcher Vivian Still and senior outfielder Colby Hollis.

Minden senior outfielder Leigha Gilbert was named to the Class 4A team.

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Lakeside names new head coach

RUSSELL HEDGES
Minden Press-Herald

Chase Spatafora has been named head baseball coach at Lakeside, according to a post last week on the school's Facebook page.

Spatafora replaces Bob Gray, who returned to the post he held for many years last season. Gray replaced his son Will after the younger Gray accepted a position as assistant principal at the school following the 2023 season.

Bob Gray was named District 3-2A Coach of the Year after leading the Warriors to a share of the district championship.

Lakeside finished 20-16.

According to the Facebook post, Spatafora graduated from Union Parish in 2016 and played collegiately at LSUS.

He has been an assistant baseball and football coach and director of strength and conditioning for two years at Natchitoches Central.

Spatafora will also serve as an assistant football coach on Head Coach John Ware's staff.

Spatafora is married to former Parkway softball standout Brittany Bryant, the daughter of former Parkway baseball coach and current Elm Grove Middle School Rick Bryant.



COURTESY PHOTO
Chase Spatafora, pictured with his wife Brittany, has been named head baseball coach at Lakeside.

SPORTS

COLLEGE SOFTBALL



DARRELL JAMES/LOUISIANA TECH STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS
Louisiana Tech freshman Elena Heng has been awarded a Rawlings/NFCA Gold Glove for her defensive efforts in the 2025 season.

Heng earns Louisiana Tech’s first Rawlings/NFCA Gold Glove Award

STEPHEN FEATHERSTON
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Louisiana Tech’s Elena Heng has been awarded a Rawlings Gold Glove, presented by the National Fastpitch Coaches Association. Heng took home honors as the nation’s best defensive left fielder. The top nine defensive players from all collegiate divisions (NCAA DI, NCAA DII, NCAA DIII, NAIA, NJCAA DI, NJCAA DII, NJCAA DIII, Cal JC, NWAC) are recognized with the Rawlings Gold Glove Award, presented by the NFCA. In 2022, the

inaugural recipients from NCAA Division I were announced at the NCAA Women’s College World Series in Oklahoma City, Okla. In 2023, the award expanded to include all the collegiate divisions. Recipients of the Rawlings Gold Glove Award, presented by the NFCA, were selected by the NFCA’s NCAA Division I All-America Committee, following regional voting to identify the finalists at each position. The group utilized fielding statistics and school-submitted video to closely examine finalists and select the winners at every defen-

sive position. Heng becomes LA Tech’s first player to win the award and is one of seven players from the mid-major level to earn a Gold Glove since the awards inception in 2022. Heng and Liberty’s Rachel Roupe are the only two mid-major players on this year’s Gold Glove class. Heng is just the second true freshman to win a Gold Glove. The Bossier City native played and started in all 57 games in left field for the Bulldogs. She played every inning this season and was named to the All-CUSA Freshman Team. The Airline High School product

was perfect in the field, recording a 1.000 fielding percentage with 107 put-outs and no errors with 114 chances. Heng showcased her strong arm with a team-high seven outfield assists, while utilizing her speed to track down and take away multiple would-be extra base hits. The Gold Glover batted near the top of the Bulldogs’ lineup for much of the season, finishing her rookie campaign with a .321 average, 60 hits, 40 runs and six RBI. Her 40 runs led the team, while she also stole a team-high 16 bases. Heng led the team with 19 multi-hit games.

COLLEGE TRACK AND FIELD

Tech hurdler qualifies for NCAA meet

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Oscar Smith came into the NCAA East Regional looking to make the NCAA Championships for the first time in his third attempt. The senior hurdler set PRs on both days to accomplish

that feat at the Visit Jax Field at Hodges Stadium. Two days after qualifying with the top overall spot in the 110m hurdles, Smith won his heat and finished third overall to qualify for the semifinals in Eugene, Ore., June 11. After setting a personal best of 13.52 on Wednesday, he improved his time to 13.42.

Smith is the first Bulldog since Yusuf Muhammad in 2014 to qualify in the hurdles and the first male in the short hurdles since Monroe Ford in 1977. To end the day, Tim Rummelhagen, Sebastian Bradley-Reed, Cullen Hronek and Valentino Rudolph combined to run a 3:09.15.

“I am proud of this men’s group,” LA Tech Head Coach Brian Johnson said. “We fought hard this year and made tremendous progress in the program. I am looking forward to continuing this journey with Oscar, who has qualified for nationals. He has the potential to make it to the finals.”

OUTDOORS

Blowing a call didn’t bother this Tech QB

GLYNN HARRIS

(In honor of the recent passing of Phil Robertson, I found this article I wrote about him 45 years ago on February 7, 1980 when I was outdoors editor for the Shreveport Journal.)

Joe Aillet should have realized earlier that he was fighting a losing battle. Phil Robertson, his promising quarterback, had other things on his mind and football was not number one on his list. This fact is best illustrated by the account of an incident still circulating around the hallowed halls at Louisiana Tech. Coach Aillet called his troops over to the corner of the practice field one autumn afternoon and was giving them an old fashioned chewing out when he observed that quarterback Robertson was apparently not paying attention. In fact Robertson was standing helmet across his heart, staring intently toward the heavens. Although the coach may have thought Robertson was appealing for divine intervention, this was not the case. A huge flock of geese was winging its way southward over the practice field and for the moment at least, Phil Robertson was up there with them, caught in the same unexplainable restlessness that moves the geese toward the marsh. “If Phil Robertson had taken his football as seriously as he did duck hunting, there is no doubt he could have been All American,” said a sports writer



GLYNN HARRIS

This Duck Commander call was signed for this writer by Phil Robertson.

recently in discussing Robertson’s career at Tech during the 1960’s. Bear Bryant, the longtime head coach at Alabama, is reported to have offered to trade his quarterback for either Robertson of his back-up, a blond haired sophomore named Terry Bradshaw. While Bradshaw’s four Super Bowl rings attest to the fact that he is the best in the business at what he does he would undoubtedly still be riding the bench behind Robertson in duck calling – where Phil is making a name for himself. Phil is the originator, designer and producer of a duck call that is catching on all over the country. Fifteen years of developing and testing have paid off for Robertson as he has

come up with a duck call that he refers to as a “precision instrument structured to produce the exact tonality of a mallard hen.” His call employs the use of curved double reeds that produce the rasp and hoarseness of a mallard hen. A comment by Al Bolen, a hunting companion, led to the naming of Robertson’s call. After watching Phil entice several flocks of ducks into the decoys, Bolen remarked, “You’re not calling them, you’re COMMANDING them!” Robertson markets his call under the name of Duck Commander. A recent issue of American Shotgunner magazine reported the results of tests run on duck calls. About Robertson’s Commander,

the editors wrote, “This is a newly designed and patented double reed – a call that really sounds like a duck.” Anyone interested in contacting Robertson for more info about his calls or where they can be purchased might write Duck Commander Co, Rt 3, Box 192X, West Monroe, LA 71291. Oh yeah, I almost forgot. Robertson still holds the record at Tech for the most interceptions thrown during a single season. The reason, of course, is obvious. The ducks and geese were migrating and it’s awfully hard to keep an eye on your receivers and watch geese too. When the choice was Robertson’s, he’d rather watch a wigeon than a wide receiver any day.

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Three Tech players receive All-CUSA honors

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Louisiana Tech’s Brooks Roberson was named CUSA’s Freshman of the Year along with being named to the All-CUSA Second Team and All-Freshman Team. Trey Hawsey was also a Second Team All-Conference and All-Freshman, and Sebastian Mexico was also a Second Team selection.

This marks the eighth-straight year at least three Bulldogs were named All-Conference selections and the 10th-straight season with multiple selections.

Louisiana Tech closed its season 32-25 after being eliminated from the Conference USA Tournament by Jacksonville State last month.

Roberson, native of Lubbock, Texas, had himself a standout season on the mound in his first season of collegiate baseball.

The rightly made his debut during the season-opening series against Maine, tossing a scoreless inning with his first college strikeout. Roberson then followed up with 5 2/3 frames of no-hit baseball at Southern Miss, allowing one earned run on two walks with a then-career high of seven strikeouts.

He had seven appearances with at least five strikeouts and went on a stretch from March 16 to April 5 where he allowed just four earned runs in 22 full innings with 19 punchouts.

Roberson closed out his final road appearance at Jacksonville State with six full innings allowing just one run on three hits, two walks and a career-high nine strikeouts.

Roberson ended the regular season in the top 10 for opposing batting average (.229), total innings (67.0), looking strikeouts (19), least hits allowed

(56) and was top 10 in CUSA-only competition in strikeouts (41), wins (4) and looking strikeouts (13).

Hawsey ended his freshman campaign with nine homers, which currently sits as the fifth-most by a Louisiana Tech freshman since 1994 and is one shy of becoming the fifth freshman to hit double-digit homers in a season.

The power hitter from Monroe hit his first career homer in the CUSA opener at Sam Houston before hitting homers in back-to-back games at UL-Lafayette and Middle Tennessee, as well as posting his first multi-homer game against the Blue Raiders.

Hawsey saw a stretch of five homers in six games at the end of April, including a game-tying grand slam in the 10th inning of the series opener against DBU right after the Patriots had hit a grand slam to take the lead in extra innings.

In the month of April, Hawsey led the Bulldogs with a .420 average and a staggering 1.425 OPS. He tied Mexico for the most homers with seven during the month and was one of three Bulldogs to collect 20 hits.

Mexico closed out the regular season leading the Bulldogs with a .320 average, 11 homers, 54 RBI, a .996 OPS and a .604 slugging percentage despite only making 42 starts in 49 games this season.

His first homer of the year did not come until March 18 against ULM before hitting a pair of triples in the series opener at Sam Houston, making him the first Bulldog since 1990 to achieve the feat.

The left-handed hitting junior got himself off to a hot start in the month of April, hitting three-straight homers in a mid-week UL-Lafayette and both series games against FIU.

Fishing Report

BUSSEY BRAKE – Bass have been good with some nice fish caught on soft plastics and spinners. Crappie are on the flats suspended 4 feet in 12 foot water and are fair on shiners or jigs. The bream are bedding around the edges of the brush. For latest information, contact the Honey Hole at 323-8707.

OUACHITA RIVER – High water. Some bass caught in river lakes. Others are slow. For latest information, contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

LAKE D’AR-BONNE – Bass are scattered with some along banks early on topwater lures and some on the secondary points on crank baits, spinners and Rapalas. Crappie are suspended 8 feet in 14 foot water and taking jigs and shiners. 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 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 are fair. Crappie fishing is slow. For information, contact the marina at 318/878-0101.

LAKE YUCATAN – The water is high but on a slow fall. Still too high for fishing. For info call Surplus City Landing at 318/467-2259.

Good News

GOOD NEWS

GAINING A NEW PERSPECTIVE OF GOD

“First impressions are not always right.” We know that to be true. How many times have we made false judgments about someone, only to learn later what a genuine and trustworthy person they really are? Sometimes they become our closest friends. The better we get to know them, spend time with them, and understand them better, our perspectives change. That is the way as we draw nearer to God.

The God we serve today should be a much more powerful, loving, caring God to us than we perceived Him to be as children. As we have come to love Him more, trust Him and serve Him through the years, we have learned so many more attributes about Him. He is revealing Himself to us in a progressive manner so that our concept of ‘Who HE is, What HE can do,’ and the extent of HIS Promises to be manifested in our lives – it becomes more precious as we age. Remember the Gaither song that has become a testimony for many of us as we grow older: The Longer I Serve Him, the Sweeter

He Grows? It’s true, isn’t it?

Reading the Book of Psalms broadens our perspective of God in so many ways. We view nature in a completely different manner; we sense the expanse of the universe God created for us to enjoy. C- 8. we learn about how detailed His creation of the babe is in the mother’s womb. C-139. God comes to our rescue when there is no hope left in us. C-34. God hears our prayers of confession and contrition; He forgives and forgets them – wipes our slates clean and creates within us clean hearts. C-51. He gives us a new song to sing. C-33; 40; 81; 96; 98; 144, 149. Can’t you see how our perspective is ever-expanding as we allow the Holy Spirit to control our being more and more? For many of us, we have tried to ‘keep God in a box’ where we might control Him; but no, He cannot be contained there. He is much too powerful, awesome and mighty.



Bill Crider

Psalms 73 is a powerful statement of how David’s concept of God expanded - larger and larger. And he could hardly contain himself.

73:1-3: How good God is to those whose hearts are pure. I came so close to the edge of the cliffs of life. My feet were slipping; I was almost gone. V 4-9: David was envious of that wicked, proud, fun-loving crowd who seem to have life ‘easy, sleek and fat’. They weren’t plagued with problems like others. They seemed to have everything their hearts could wish for. They scoffed God and boasted against Him and His creation, strutting around, puffed up with arrogance and pride. They seemed to have it made! V 10-16: Have I been wasting my time, trying to be pure? What have I got out of it, I asked myself. But I knew within my heart I should not think that way, but let’s be honest (he writes).... haven’t we all thought and felt

that way from time to time? O, but I would be a traitor to the cause. And something within began to stir me. V 17-27: Then one day, I WENT INTO GOD’S SANCTUARY TO MEDIATATE AND PRAY. I thought about the future of those who shunned and disobeyed God. I knew they led wayward lives. I used to be like that....up high on a slippery cliff. Suddenly God will send them over the edge and there will be destruction, an end to their happy ways. They will slide right into the abyss filled with terror for all eternity. They will, then, wake up and realize the ‘good life they had been living, neglecting and bringing shame upon God’ was a dream of things that never was. Reality will wake them up. David writes: I saw all of this, how stupid and ignorant people are. I confessed to God that I must have acted like an animal also! Oh God, but how you loved anyway; You were holding my hand all the way, guiding my life with your wisdom and counsel. You headed me towards the glories of heaven. And then I realized that is where God reside, Oh

my God! I may grow weak, my health may fail me and my spirits droop, but You will remain as God forever. You are the strength of my heart....mine forever. But those who serve other gods will be destroyed.

V 28: Then David wrote: I want to get as close to God as I possibly can. I have chosen to serve Him and so I will tell everyone about the wonderful ways He rescues me. O, how my perspective of God has changed!

It is amazing how being in the presence of the Lord can bring a new, fresh perspective. The Lord has a tendency to get our attention in His own unique way and give us a fresh look on life, a new pair of glasses. Maybe, today, we need to see things from a different viewpoint: God’s perspective. Let’s look to His Word and spend time in His presence... and trust Him to change us more and more into His image as Summer begins.

BILL CRIDER IS CHAPLAIN OF MINDEN MEDICAL CENTER

THE UPWARD LOOK

Bless His Name

“Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and for evermore. From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same the LORD’S name is to be praised.” Psalm 113:2-3 KJV



Max Hutto

In beautiful poetry these verses call us to give praise to the Lord. To bless His name means to honor and praise God for who He is and what He has done. It conveys the idea of kneeling before the Almighty God in submission and reverence, giving Him glory and honor for He is the Sovereign King. This praise begins now and con-

tinues forever. From the first rays of the dawning sun to the last beams of sunset, He is to be praised. From the people in the east to those in the west, all will praise Him.

Lord God, I fall before You the Almighty God, the King of kings, and Lord of lords. You are God my Savior, my Redeemer, my Rock, my Strength, and my Hope.

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

INSPIRATION

Strengthening the future

Proverbs 22:6 says “ Direct your children onto the right path, and when they are older, they will not leave it.” This poses a very important question for many of us as Christians and parents. In this time of extreme difficulty are we talking to or children about God? Many of us have become stay at home parents and also teachers. We have also seen the church move into the household and social media. This situation has given us a unique opportunity to make God part of our children’s everyday curriculum. We live in a world

that is constantly changing and wrapped in uncertainty. However, one thing we can be certain of is God and his love. We need to reinforce this point in our children’s lives as often as we can. That’s why in closing this article I would like to challenge everyone to take just a moment out of their day to pray with their kids and study the word of God.



Bernard Harris

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

Come

WORSHIP

How can we pray for you?

If you’re in need of prayer, we can help you. Contact the FBC 24-Hour Prayer Ministry at 371-PRAY.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
301 Pennsylvania Avenue • Minden, LA

CLASSIFIEDS

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Classified line ads are published Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday in the Minden Press-Herald, Bossier Press-Tribune and online at www.press-herald.com

Presbyterian Village of Homer is currently accepting applications for full-time and part-time Cook and Dietary Aid positions. Please contact Bernice Modisette at (318)927-6133.

Garage Sale

June 6th and 7th
Friday: 12-5pm
Saturday 7-1pm

616 Cline St. Minden, LA 71055
3 Family Yard Sale. Furniture, Various Sizes in Clothes and Lots More

Garage Sale

1677 almond circle June 7th & June 8th

Tons of girl baby clothes sizes 0-18 months baby furniture
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LEGALS

SHERIFF'S SALE

UMB BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS LEGAL TITLE TRUSTEE OF LVS TITLE TRUST XIII VS. DONALD RAY ODOM A/K/A DONALD R. ODOM A/K/A DONALD ODOM AND COURTNEY CHARLES ODOM A/K/A COURTNEY C. ODOM A/K/A COURTNEY ODOM. HEIRS OF R. L. ODOM
In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 81720.
By virtue of a WRIT OF FIFA issued out of the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, in the above styled and numbered suit and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder for cash WITHOUT the benefit of appraisalment and according to law at the principle front door of the Courthouse in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana, on WEDNESDAY, July 9, 2025,
During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:
Land referred to in this commitment is described as all that certain property situated in the County of Webster, and State of LA and being described in a deed dated 07/25/1994 and recorded 01/17/1995 in instrument number: 391973 among the land records of the county and state set forth above, and referenced as follows:
Excepting therefrom deed instrument no. 391386.
Situated in the Parish of Webster, Louisiana:
Beginning at a point 220 yards east of northwest corner of Section 11, Township 17 North Range 9 West, this being the northwest corner of that certain property acquired by Sam Tillman in partition deed recorded in conveyance book 97-55 records of Webster Parish, Louisiana run south 198 feet, more or less to the north right of way line of Mt. Lebanon, Spart Road; thence run east along said right of way line 425 feet, thence run north 198 feet, more or less, to the north line at said Section 11, thence west along the north line of said Section 11, 425 feet to the point of beginning containing two acres more or less in the north west quarter of north west quarter (NW/4 of NW/4), Section 11, Township 17 North, Range 9 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana, together with all improvements thereon and all rights thereto belonging.
Less and except
West one acre tract:
Commencing at the northwest corner of Section 11, Township 17 North, Range 9 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana, and run east 660 feet to the point of beginning; thence run south 198 feet, more or less, to north right-of-way of Mt. Lebanon- Sparta Road, (60 feet right-of-way), thence run easterly along said right-of-way 212.5 feet, thence run west 198 feet, more or less, to the north line of Section 11, thence run west 212.5 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning, together with all improvements thereon and all rights thereto belonging.
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

June 4, 2025
July 2, 2025
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SHERIFF'S SALE

NORTHSTAR MORTGAGE LLC VS. BRIAN PAUL BOULAS
In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 81940.
By virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued out of the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, in the above styled and numbered suit and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder for cash WITH the benefit of appraisalment and according to law at the principle front door of the Courthouse in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana, on WEDNESDAY, July 9, 2025,
During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:
Begin at the Southwest corner of a lot sold to Ford C. Davis by the Home Owner's Loan Corporation and run South 0 degrees 33 minutes West along the Lewisville Road 211.5 feet; thence run South 89 degrees 59 minutes East 100 feet; thence North 5 degrees West 00 feet; thence North 88 degrees East 171 feet thence North 0 degrees 22 minutes East 121.5 feet to the Southeast corner of the Ford C. Davis property; thence North 69 degrees 59 minutes West along the South line of the Ford C. Davis lot 266.5 feet to the point of beginning; and ALSO: Begin at the Southwest corner of Lot #30, Webb Place, a subdivision located in the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 22, Township 19 North, Range B West, Minden, Wobstor parish, Louisiana, as per map and plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Clerk of Court, Webster Parish, Louisiana, In Map Book 1, Page 48; thence run North 0 degrees 50 madeless West 250 feet; thence run South 88 degrees 11 minutes West 89.3 leste to the point of bagianing; thence continue South 88 degrees 11 minules West 81.7 feet; thence run South 4 degrees 40 ules East 82.5 feet, thence run North 88 degrees 18 minutes East 77.55 feet; thence run North 1 dugyo 00 minutes West 79.5 feet to the point of beginning.
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

June 4, 2025
July 2, 2025
Minden Press Herald

SHERIFF'S SALE

HOME FEDERAL BANK VS. BHB RENTALS LLC, AND PHUOC V BUI AND HUYEN T BUI
In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. CV81953.
By virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued out of the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, in the above styled and numbered suit and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder for cash WITH the benefit of appraisalment and according to law at the principle front door of the Courthouse in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana, on WEDNESDAY, June 11, 2025,
During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:
PLEASE SEE ATTACHED PROPERTY DESCRIPTION
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
Tract 1:
Begin at point where the East right-of-way line of Louisiana Highway No. 7 intersects the South line of Southwest Quarter of Northeast Quarter (SW/4 of NE/4), Section 16, Township 18 North, Range 9 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana; thence run in a Northerly direction along the East right-of-way line of said highway to a point where Highway No. 7 Intersects the South Line of Webster Parish Road No. 19-A, THE POINT OF BEGINNING of the property herein being described; thence run East along the South line of Webster Parish Road No. 19-A 290 feet; thence run in a Southerly direction parallel to Highway No. & a distance of 210 feet; thence run West and parallel with the South line of Webster Parish Road No. 19-A a distance of 290 feet to the East right of way line of Highway No. 7; thence run in a Northerly direction along the East Right of way line of Highway No. 7 a distance of 210 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, together with all improvements thereon and all rights thereto belonging.
The municipal address of the above described property is 595 North Main Street, Sibley, Louisiana, 71073.
Tract 2:
Begin at the point where the East right of way line of Louisiana Highway No. 7 intersects the South line of Southwest Quarter of Northeast Quarter (SW/4 of NE/4), Section 16, Township 18 North, Range 9 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana; thence run in a Northerly direction along the East right of way line of said highway to a point where Highway No. 7 Intersects the South Line of Webster Parish Road No. 19-A, thence run East along the South line of Webster Parish Road No. 19-A 290 feet, the POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE PROPERTY herein being described; thence continue East along the South line of Webster Parish Road No. 19-A 130 feet; thence run in a Southerly direction parallel to Highway No. 7 a distance of 210 feet; thence run West and parallel with the South line of Webster Parish Road No. 19-A a distance of 130 feet; thence run in a Northerly direction parallel to Highway No. 7 a distance of 210 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, together with all improvements located thereon and all rights thereto belonging.
The municipal address of the above described property is 102 North East 5th

Avenue, Sibley, Louisiana 71073.
LESS AND EXCEPT
Begin at a point where the East right of way line of Louisiana Highway No. 371 (formerly La Highway No. 7) Intersects the South line of the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (SW/4 of NE/4), Section 16, Township 18 North, Range 9 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana; thence run in a Northerly direction along the East right of way line of sald Highway to a point where Highway No. 371 intersects the South line of the NE 5th Avenue (formerly Webster Parish Road No. 19-A); thence run East along the South line of the NE 5th Avenue 330 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING of the tract herein descried; thence continue East along the South line of the NE 5th Avenue 110 feet; thence run in a Southerly direction parallel to Highway No. 371 a distance of 210 feet; thence run West parallel with the South line of NE 5th Avenue a distance of 110 feet; thence run in a Northerly direction parallel to Highway No. 371 a distance of 210 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, together with all improvements thereon and all rights thereto belonging, net excepted herein. The municipal address of the property being conveyed herein is 135 NE 5th Avenue, Sibley, Louisiana, 71075.

May 7, 2025
June 4, 2025
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Public Notice of Surplus Property Sale

The Town of Cotton Valley hereby give public notice that the following surplus property has been declared available for sale in accordance with municipal ordinances and state law.
2014 White Chevy Tahoe VIN 1GNLC2E02ER172324. Minimum Bid \$ 1,500.00
2014 Black Chevy Tahoe VIN 1GNLC2E05ER160801. Minimum Bid \$1,500.00
2013 Silver Chevy Impala VIN 2G1WF5E33D1217246. Minimum Bid \$ 1,000.00
Portable trash pump w/deute diesel S/N 1734003, sold as parts. Minimum Bid \$ 100.00
Interested buyers may submit bids by June 26, 2025, by 4:00 p.m. All items are sold as is, where is with no warranties expressed or implied. The town reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Items must be picked up within 30 days.
For more information or to schedule an inspection of the surplus property, please contact Town hall at (318) 832-4283, (318) 832-4272 or Mayor Bruce Lee at (318) 588-0687.

June 4, 2025
Minden Press Herald

Liquor Permit

ALYCO, LLC d/b/a Love's Travel Stop #289/Casino is applying to the Office of Alcohol & Tobacco Control of the State of Louisiana for a permit to sell beverages of high and low alcohol content at retail in the Parish of Webster at the following address:
13510 Industrial Drive, Suite B, Minden, LA 71055
ALYCO, LLC
Love's Travel Stop #289
Members: Gregory M. Love, Frank C. Love IV and Jennifer Love Meyer

June 4, 2025
Minden Press Herald

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals addressed to the Town of Cotton Valley for the construction of Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements in Webster Parish, Louisiana for the Town Cotton Valley, hereinafter called "Owner", will be received at 478 Resident Street P.O Box 415, Cotton Valley, Louisiana 71018 on

Thursday, July 3, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

and then publicly opened and read aloud. Any bid received after closing will be returned unopened.

The Contract Documents (including Construction Drawings and Specifications) were prepared by BALAR Associates, Inc., Consulting Engineers, 631 Milam Street, Suite 300, Shreveport, Louisiana, 71101, and may be examined without charge at their office. A full set of Contract Documents (PDF electronic format on CD or USB Drive) may be obtained upon payment of a \$ 25.00 deposit. A PDF electronic format of the Contract Documents may be emailed upon request at no charge.

A cashier's check, certified check, or acceptable Bidder's Bond payable to the Owner in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the largest possible total for the bid submitted including consideration of alternates, must accompany each bid as a guarantee that, if awarded the contract, the Bidder will promptly enter into a Contract and execute such bonds as may be required. Sureties used for obtaining bonds must appear as acceptable in the Department of Treasury Circular No. 570 or that it is a Louisiana domiciled insurance company with at least an A rating in the latest printing of the A. M. Best's Key Rating Guide. If surety qualifies by virtue of its Best's listing, the Bond amount may not exceed ten percent of policyholders' surplus as shown in the latest A. M. Best's Key Rating Guide.

The Owner hereby notifies all bidders that in regard to any contract entered into pursuant to this Advertisement, that Minority Business Enterprises will be afforded equal opportunity to submit offers in response to this invitation, and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, national origin or disability in consideration for an award.

To bid and perform Work covered by these documents, the Contractor must be licensed under Classification IV- Municipal and Public Works Construction.

The Contractor shall begin mobilization and procurement of materials within ten (10) days of the receipt of the Notice to Proceed.

The Owner reserves the right to reject all bids. Such actions will be in accordance with Title 38 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes.

All bids may be held forty-five (45) days.

Hon. Bruce Lee, Jr., Mayor
Town of Cotton Valley

June 4, 2025
June 11, 2025
June 18, 2025
Minden Press Herald

SUCCESSION OF: SHIRLEY TEUTSCH GAMBLE

PROBATE DOCKET NUMBER: 18037
26TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
WEBSTER PARISH, LOUISIANA
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY TO SELL IMMOVABLE PROPERTY AT PRIVATE SALE
NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Administratrix of this succession has petitioned the court for authority to sell immovable property belonging to the decedent SHIRLEY TEUTSCH GAMBLE, at private sale in accordance with the provisions of article 3281 of the Louisiana Code of Civil Procedure for \$85,194.00. The immovable property proposed to be sold at private sale is described as follows:

A tract of land (Parcel #120270) consisting of 13.83 acres, more or less, located in Section 11, Township 22 North, Range 10 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana, described more particularly as follows:
Begin at the Southwest Corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SW/C of NE/4 of NW/4) of Section 11, Township 22 North, Range 10 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana, and run Northeast to the Northeast Corner of the West 27.67 acres of said Northeast Quarter of Northwest Quarter of said Section 11, Township 22 North, Range 10 West; thence run South to the South line of said forty; thence West to the Southwest Corner of said forty and the point of beginning; containing 13.83 acres, more or less, together with all improvements thereon and all rights thereto belonging.
Tracts of land (Parcel #120271) consisting of 15.66 acres total, more or less, located in Section 17, Township 22 North, Range 9 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana, described more particularly as follow:
Begin at the common corner of Sections 7, 8, 17 and 18, Township 22 North, Range 9 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana; thence run South 1327 feet to iron pin; thence run South 89 degrees 07 minutes East 652.8 feet to iron pin, the point of beginning of the property herein described; from said point of beginning run South 0 degrees 21 minutes West 743.93 feet to iron pin; thence run East 713.64 feet to iron pin; thence run North 743.93 feet to iron pin; thence run North 89 degrees 07 minutes West 709.2 feet to the point of beginning, containing 12.15 acres, more or less.
AND:
Begin at the common corner of Sections 7, 8, 17 and 18, Township 22 North, Range 9 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana; thence run South 0 degrees 31 minutes East 2654 feet to iron pin; thence run South 89 degrees 07 minutes East 263.1 feet to iron pin, the point of beginning of the property herein described; from said point of beginning continue South 89 degrees 07 minutes East 263.1 feet to iron pin; thence run North 0 degrees 23 minutes East 583.07 feet to iron pin; thence run West 262.42 feet to iron pin; thence run South 0 degrees 27 minutes West 583.07 feet to the point of beginning, containing 3.51 acres, more or less.
A tract of land (Parcel #120276) consisting of 11.43 acres, more or less, located in Section 19, Township 22 North, Range 9 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana, described more
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particularly as follows:
Begin at the Northwest Corner of the Southeast Quarter of Southeast Quarter (NW/C of SE/4 of SE/4) of Section 19, Township 22 North, Range 9 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana; thence run South 189 feet to the point of beginning; from said point of beginning run South 83 degrees 72 minutes East 1320 feet; thence South 377 feet; thence North 83 degrees 72 minutes West 1320 feet; thence run North 377 feet to the point of beginning, containing 11- 37/ths acres, more or less.
A tract of land (Parcel #120277) consisting of 5.41 acres, more or less, located in Section 17, Township 22 North, Range 9 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana, described more particularly as follows:
Begin at the Southeast Corner of Southwest Quarter of Northwest Quarter (SE/C of SW/4 of NW/4) of Section 17, Township 22 North, Range 9 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana; thence run North along the quarter section line 580 feet; thence run West 406.5 feet for a point of beginning; thence contin-

ue West 406.5 feet; thence South 580 feet; thence East 406.5 feet; thence North 580 feet to the point of beginning, containing 5.41 acres, more or less, together with all improvements thereon and all rights thereto belonging. A tract of land (Parcel #117695) consisting of 1 acre, more or less, located in Section 20, Township 22 North, Range 9 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana, described more particularly as follows:
Begin at the Northwest Corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NWC of NE/4 of NW/4), Section 20, Township 22 North, Range 9 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana; thence run South 660 feet to the point of beginning of the property herein described; from said point of beginning, run South 163 feet; thence run East 267 feet; thence run North 163 feet, thence run West 267 feet back to the point of beginning of the property herein described, together with all improvements located thereon and rights thereto belonging. Any heir or creditor who opposes the proposed sale must file his opposition within ten (10) days of the date on which the last publication of this notice appears.
By Order of the Court:
Helli Ving
Clerk of Court
Date of Publication
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June 4, 11, 2025
Minden Press Herald

PUBLIC NOTICE

A public hearing to review the proposed budget of the Webster Parish Clerk of Court for 2025/2026 will be held in the office of the Webster Parish Clerk of Court at 9:00 A.M. on June 13, 2025. Any interested party may inspect the proposed budget during normal business hours.

June 4, 2025
Minden Press Herald

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF LOUISIANA, OFFICE OF CONSERVATION, BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA.
In accordance with the laws of the State of Louisiana, and with particular reference to the provisions of Title 30 of Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, a public hearing will be held in the Hearing Room, 1st Floor, LaSalle Building, 617 North 3rd Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at 9:00 a.m. on TUESDAY, JULY 1, 2025, upon the application of QUANTENT ENERGY PARTNERS ASSETS, LLC.
At such hearing the Commissioner of Conservation will consider evidence relative to the issuance of Orders pertaining to the following matters relating to the Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A, in the Sligo Field, Webster Parish, Louisiana.
1. To dissolve four drilling and production units for the Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A being the units designated as follows: (a) HA RA SUUU, created by Office of Conservation Order No. 8-N-17, effective April 6, 2010, (b) HA RA SU63, created by Order No. 8-N-19, effective July 27, 2010, (c) HA RA SUMM, created by Order No. 8-N-10, effective September 10, 2009; and (d) HA RA SU79, created by Order No. 8-N-55, effective February 23, 2021.
2. To simultaneously create two additional drilling and production units for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A.
3. To force pool and integrate all of the separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests located within the proposed units in accordance with Section 10, Title 30, of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.
4. To permit applicant to drill, designate and utilize five horizontal wells, one of which to serve as a unit well and four to serve as alternate unit wells for HA RA SU88, at the locations and in the general manner shown on the plat submitted with the application, and made a part hereof, or at any other legal locations within such unit.
5. To permit applicant to drill, designate and utilize five horizontal wells, one of which to serve as a unit well and four to serve as alternate unit wells for HA RA SU89, at the locations and in the general manner shown on the plat submitted with the application, and made a part hereof, or at any other legal locations within such unit.
6. To find that the proposed horizontal wells for HA RA SU88 and HA RA SU89 are reasonable and in the interest of conservation and necessary to efficiently and economically drain portions of the Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A, underlying said units, which cannot be efficiently and economically drained by any existing well within such unit.
7. To confirm with respect to horizontal wells to be drilled to the Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A, within or to serve HA RA SU88 and HA RA SU89, where the horizontal lateral portion of a well is cased and cemented back above the top of the Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A, the distance to any unit boundary and offset well(s) will be calculated based on the distance to the nearest perforation in the well and not the penetration point or terminus of the well.
8. If appropriate, to designate an operator of HA RA SU88 and HA RA SU89.
9. To permit the operator of HA RA SU88 and HA RA SU89 to produce the unit allowable for each proposed unit from either the unit well, any alternate unit well, or from any combination thereof, at its discretion.
10. Except to the extent contrary herewith, to continue in force and effect, except to the extent contrary herewith, the pertinent provisions of the following Order No. 8-N, effective September 30, 2008, as amended and supplemented by the 8-N Series of Orders, and all applicable Statewide Orders.
11. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent.
The Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A was defined in Order No. 8-N, effective September 30, 2008.
Plats are available for inspection in the Office of Conservation in Baton Rouge and Shreveport, Louisiana.
<http://dnr.louisiana.gov/conshearings>
All parties having interest therein shall take notice thereof.

BY ORDER OF:

STEVEN M. GIAMBRONE

OFFICE OF CONSERVATION

Baton Rouge, LA S 5/22/25;5/27/25 lck

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE OF CONSERVATION-ENGINEERING DIVISION AT P.O. BOX 94275, BATON ROUGE, LA 70804-9275 IN WRITING WITHIN TEN (10) WORKING DAYS OF THE HEARING DATE.
This Notice does not constitute a summons to appear, but is merely an invitation to attend the hearing if you so desire. A copy of this Notice is being sent to all known interested and represented parties and interested owners. This Legal Notice has been published in "THE MORNING ADVOCATE", Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and will be published in the "MINDEN PRESS-HERALD", Minden, Louisiana.

June 4, 2025
Minden Press Herald

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At such hearing the Commissioner of Conservation will consider evidence relative to the issuance of Orders pertaining to the following matters relating to the Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A, in the Sligo Field, Webster and Bossier Parishes, Louisiana.
1. To dissolve four drilling and production units for the Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A being the units designated as follows: (a) HA RA SU62, created by Office of Conservation Order No. 8-N-19, effective July 27, 2010, (b) HA RA SU59, created by Order No. 8-N-14, effective December 1, 2009, (c) HA RA SU61, created by Order No. 8-N-19, effective July 27, 2010, and (d) HA RA SUSS, created by Order No. 8-N-17, effective April, 6, 2010.
2. To simultaneously create two additional drilling and production units for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A.
3. To force pool and integrate all of the separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests located within the proposed units in accordance with Section 10, Title 30, of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.
4. To permit applicant to drill, designate and utilize five horizontal wells, one of which to serve as a unit well and four to serve as alternate unit wells for HA RA SU90, at the locations and in the general manner shown on the plat submitted with the application, and made a part hereof, or at any other legal locations within such unit.
5. To permit applicant to drill, designate and utilize five horizontal wells, one of which to serve as a unit well and four to serve as alternate unit wells for HA RA SU91, at the locations and in the general manner shown on the plat submitted with the application, and made a part hereof, or at any other legal locations within such unit.
6. To permit applicant to drill, designate and utilize five horizontal wells, one of which to serve as a unit well and four to serve as alternate unit wells for HA RA SU91, at the locations and in the general manner shown on the plat submitted with the application, and made a part hereof, or at any other legal locations within such unit.
7. To find that the proposed horizontal wells for HA RA SU90, HA RA SU91 and HA RA SU9Q are reasonable and in the interest of conservation and necessary to efficiently and economically drain portions of the Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A, underlying said units, which cannot be efficiently and economically drained by any existing well within such unit.
8. To confirm with respect to horizontal wells to be drilled to the Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A, within or to serve HA RA SU90, HA RA SU91, and HA RA SU9Q, where the horizontal lateral portion of a well is cased and cemented back above the top of the Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A, the distance to any unit boundary and offset well(s) will be calculated based on the distance to the nearest perforation in the well and not the penetration point or termi-

nus of the well.
9. If appropriate, to designate an operator of HA RA SU90, HA RA SU91 and HA RA SUQQ.
10. To permit the operator of HA RA SU90, HA RA SU91 and HA RA SUQQ to produce the unit allowable for each proposed unit from either the unit well, any alternate unit well, or from any combination thereof, at its discretion.
11. Except to the extent contrary herewith, to continue in force and effect, except to the extent contrary herewith, the pertinent provisions of the following Order No. 8-N, effective September 30, 2008, as amended and supplemented by the 8-N Series of Orders, and all applicable Statewide Orders.
12. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent.
The Haynesville Zone, Reservoir A was defined in Order No. 8-N, effective September 30, 2008.
Plats are available for inspection in the Office of Conservation in Baton Rouge and Shreveport, Louisiana.
<http://dnr.louisiana.gov/conshearings>
All parties having interest therein shall take notice thereof.

BY ORDER OF:

STEVEN M. GIAMBRONE
OFFICE OF CONSERVATION

Baton Rouge, LA S 5/22/25;5/27/25 lck

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE OF CONSERVATION-ENGINEERING DIVISION AT P.O. BOX 94275, BATON ROUGE, LA 70804-9275 IN WRITING WITHIN TEN (10) WORKING DAYS OF THE HEARING DATE.
This Notice does not constitute a summons to appear, but is merely an invitation to attend the hearing if you so desire. A copy of this Notice is being sent to all known interested and represented parties and interested owners. This Legal Notice has been published in "THE MORNING ADVOCATE", Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and will be published in the "Bossier Press Tribune", Bossier City, Louisiana and the "Minden Press Herald", Minden, Louisiana.

June 4, 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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June 4, 2025.
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June 5, 2025 – 10:00 a.m.
Pelican Room - Minden City Hall

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)

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

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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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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.

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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.

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GARDENING

USE BEDDING PLANTS FOR SUMMER COLOR IN THE LANDSCAPE

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June 2025

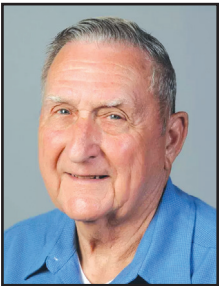
Bright colors typically catch the eyes of nearly everyone and this is especially the case with bedding plants. Clearly, bedding plants are not alone in contributing color to a landscape as the blossoms on trees, shrubs and vines have their own impact. (I was certainly impressed with quantity of flowers on southern magnolias back just a few weeks ago, even though the flowers are all white.) However, bedding plants is where you will see the greatest concentration of color which by-the-way tends to last the longest. Probably most gardeners have already planted the majority of their bedding plants for this summer, but they may have to replace a few or decide to make some new

beds. Do keep in mind that plants are dynamic always increasing in size, producing blossoms or making colorful fruits or seed pods. Most of them do this in only a short time. Without controlling pests the pretty plants will deteriorate, some more rapidly than others. The level of light and how you fertilize will also determine how colorful they are. Most gardeners want to maximize color in the landscape and have it last at least until Fall arrives. In order for this to happen you must prepare the soil in the beds really well and use proven plants that are known for their strong color and durability. One practice that will solve a drainage problem is to grow your plants on raised beds... especially if summer is unusually wet. Such beds promote the rapid drainage of excess water which may occur during periods of heavy rain. Often, raised beds will

generally prevent damage or death of plants. Another practice that is highly recommended is getting the soil tested. This is how you find out if you should increase the level of the major elements and if you need to change the acidity of the soil to accommodate the species of plants you are planning to grow. Once this work is finished it's a good idea to top the bed with about 2 or 3 inches of an organic material. The colors and textures you want in summer bedding plants are available in a number of different species or combination of species. When combining species, make sure both require about the same amount of light. Something I would suggest is to check the list of Louisiana Super plants...which have been tested and have done well throughout the state. The following is a partial listing of bedding plants

for full or part sun locations:

- Full sun to part sun... evovulus blue daze), ageratum, cosmos, gomphrena, profusion series of zinnias, lantana, ornamental peppers, periwinkle, (vinca), salvia, scaevola, tithonia, portulaca, sun coleus and the wave series of petunias
- Here's a little tip in which you may have an interest:
- Bold colors of red, orange and yellow show best in beds of large size or in large areas while blues, purples and pinks look best in small beds or areas.



JOE W. WHITE, Ph.D.



NLTCC Spring 2025 Graduate List

Northwest Louisiana Technical Community College (NLTCC) is proud to announce its Spring 2025 graduates. This semester, there were 181 graduates, representing all three NLTCC campuses – Mansfield, Minden, and Shreveport. Among the graduates were 53 students graduating with their HiSET Diploma and 3 students graduating with dual enrollment.

Local graduates are:

Doyline - Hilary Reeve HiSET

Doyline - Jaxon Ulrich HiSET

Dubberly - Ty Maness Industrial Instrumentation & Electrical Technology

Dubberly - Bryce Barton Parker Welding Magna Cum Laude

Dubberly - Terrell Keon Tellis Heavy Equipment Vehicle Operator

Haughton - Jackson Jose Bazan HVAC Technician Cum Laude

Haughton - Daniel Scott Hayes HVAC Technician Suma Cum Laude, 4.0 Honor

Haughton - Judson Ramsey HiSET

Haynesville - Clayton Lane Goodwin Powerline Worker

Haynesville - Bobby Velez HiSET

Heflin - Bradley Ray Dick, Jr. Industrial Instrumentation & Electrical

Technician Magna Cum Laude

Heflin - Kelly Nicole Garcie Industrial Instrumentation & Electrical Technician Cum Laude

Homer - Fantasia Ja'Nae Jackson Patient Care Technician Cum Laude

Homer - Toni Makhyia Mitchell Patient Care Technician

Homer - Daniel Hunter Moore HiSET

Homer - Marniyah Idasia Willis Patient Care Technician Cum Laude

Homer - Janajahe Eriyuna Boyd Patient Care Technician

Homer - Brenyia Elaysia Frazier Patient Care Technician

Homer - Rubbie Rene James Practical Nursing Cum Laude

Homer - Car'Toria L. Johnson Patient Care Technician

Homer - Najhae Mary'L Monroe Patient Care Technician Suma Cum Laude

Homer - Ja'Nyia Nikowle Montgomery Patient Care Technician

Minden - Trevor Adkins HiSET

Minden - Ashtian William Anderson Industrial Instrumentation & Electrical Technician Cum Laude

Minden - Ashleigh Beale HiSET

Minden - Christopher Lee Bowers Industrial Instrumentation & Electrical Technology Cum Laude

Minden - Brandon Lee Cartmill Industrial Instrumentation & Electrical Technology Cum Laude

Minden - Landon James Coburn Powerline Worker

Minden - T'Arial Shandrell Elkins Patient Care Technician

Minden - Thomas Gros, IV HiSET

Minden - Eason Hill HiSET

Minden - Dezaray Jones HiSET

Minden - La'Icesha Youness Maxie Heavy Equipment Vehicle Operator

Minden - Kristi Burton McKan Business Office Administration Magna Cum Laude

Minden - Kenneth Miller HiSET

Minden - Levi Miller HiSET

Minden - Kaymen Zane Khorey Moore Welding

Minden - Alysia Morrison Business Office Administration Cum Laude

Minden - Jason Morrow HiSET

Minden - Jonathan Scott Odom Industrial Instrumentation & Electrical Technology Cum Laude

Minden - Trista Reed HiSET

Minden - Jarryn G. Sheets Industrial Instrumentation & Electrical

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Minden - Kenneth Wayne Stanley, Jr. Welding Cum Laude

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Springhill - Jazaylyn Bonner HiSET

Springhill - TyDarrion Darrelle Drew Business Office Technology Cum Laude

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