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CRIME

Sarepta officer arrested on false imprisonment charges

STAFF REPORT
Minden Press-Herald

A Sarepta police officer has been arrested in connection with a May incident involving the fatal shooting of a dog, the Webster Parish Sheriff's Office announced Friday.

Joe D. Morgan, 42, was taken into custody around 3 PM on June 6 following an investigation into a May 20 incident in Sarepta. Morgan was responding to a complaint of an aggressive animal when the dog was shot and killed.

Webster Parish Sheriff Jason Parker said that after Sgt. Terry Brown conducted multiple interviews and collected witness statements, the findings were presented to the Webster Parish District Attorney's Office.

"The shooting was determined to be justifiable," Parker said.

However, Morgan faces a misdemeanor charge of false imprisonment, based on statements he allegedly made to one of the dog's owners.

"We learned the female owner wanted to take the animal to a veterinarian to be treated if possible, but Officer Morgan threatened to arrest her if she attempted to leave the scene," Parker said. "Witnesses verified he did indeed make such a threat."

Morgan is being held at Bayou Dorcheat Correctional Center with bond set at \$500.

COMMUNITY BUSINESS

Sara McDaniel announces new downtown storefront: Purvéy set to open in fall 2025



AMBER MCDOWN/PRESS-HERALD PHOTO

The future home of Purvéy, a new retail venture by Sara McDaniel, sits on the corner of Broadway and Dixie in downtown Minden, across from A.J. Price. The storefront is set to open in fall 2025.

AMBER MCDOWN
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Sara McDaniel, known both locally and internationally for her historic home renovations and short-term rentals, has announced her latest venture: a curated retail store called Purvéy, slated to open in downtown Minden in fall 2025.

Described as "a unique shopping experience curated by Sara McDaniel of Simply Southern Cottage and Minden Stays," Purvéy will feature vintage

fashion, beloved clothing, vinyl records, used books, propagated plants, and other hand-selected items.

The new storefront will be located on the corner of Broadway and Dixie, directly across from A.J. Price.

"I'm so excited to be bringing this shopping experience to Minden," McDaniel said. She added that her goal is to help expand the number of potential customers coming to visit and shop in the city.



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McDaniel shared the announcement on social media, writing, "@purveyminden is almost here, and we're about to electrify downtown with the most heart-thumping vintage fashion and relished clothing finds, soul-stirring vinyl, used book collection, propagated plants and so much more!"

McDaniel first gained attention with the renovation of her own home, Simply Southern Cottage, and has since undertaken high-pro-

file restoration projects including The Villas at Spanish Court and the Fuller-White House. Her work has been featured in Cottages & Bungalows, House Beautiful, Forbes, and others.

Her projects have consistently drawn visitors to the area, and excitement around the new storefront is building. Locals expect the shop to boost tourism and continue revitalizing downtown Minden.

Purvéy is expected to open its doors in fall 2025.

COMMUNITY

Minden St. Jude Diamond Open returns June 14-15 with new softball division

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The eighth annual Minden St. Jude Diamond Open will take place June 14-15, bringing youth baseball and softball teams together for a weekend of sports and fundraising in memory of Stanton Haynes.

Held over Father's Day weekend, the tournament benefits St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and is presented this year by Town & Country Health & Rehab of Minden. Organizers are preparing for one of the largest events to date, now expanded to include a softball division for the first time.

The baseball tournament will be hosted at the Minden Recreation Complex and include the following divisions: 6U, 7/8, 9/10, 11/12, 13/14, and

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EDUCATION

Nuts, Bolts, and Thingamajigs camp returns with hands-on manufacturing experience

AMBER MCDOWN
Minden Press-Herald

Northwest Louisiana Technical Community College (NLTC) will host its annual Nuts, Bolts, and Thingamajigs Manufacturing Camp in two sessions this summer: July 14-17 and July 21-24. The camp will run from 9 AM to 3 PM each day at the NLTC Minden campus.

Open to students ages 12 to 14, the camp costs \$100 per participant. The fee includes a camp t-shirt and lunch each day.

Campers will take part in hands-on manufacturing projects and learn technical skills directly from NLTC instructors. Activities include practical experience in welding, advanced manufacturing, industrial maintenance, electrical systems, and other fields represented in NLTC's academic programs.

The program aims to engage youth in skilled trades and expose them to technical career paths, addressing workforce needs in the manufacturing sector.

Students will work with the same state-of-the-art equipment used by adult learners enrolled at NLTC.

For more information or to register, email aman-damclemore@nltc.edu. Registration is now open.

WPPJ

Webster Police Jury approves hospital assessment ordinance, sets 2025 millage rates

AMBER MCDOWN
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The Webster Parish Police Jury held its regular monthly meeting Tuesday, June 3, approving all agenda items unanimously and with the absence of Jurors Beverly Kennon of District 9 and Daniel Thomas of District 3.

A public hearing was held to consider the adoption of a local hospital assessment ordinance. There were no public comments during the hearing. Nicole Frey, an attorney with Breazeale Sachse and Wilson LLP, addressed the jury on behalf of Minden Medical Center. She explained that both Minden Medical Center and Springhill Medical Center support the measure.

"It will allow Webster Parish to participate in the local provider participation program," Frey said. "The state has maxed out all their other avenues for funding the state share of the Medicaid program. This local tax revenue will support that measure in the same way, but it pulls down federal Medicaid dollars." She added, "This program would go a long way toward bringing more money to your hos-

pitals to pay for surgeries such as knee replacement or hip replacement for your Medicaid covered individuals."

Following the hearing, the jury approved the adoption of Local Hospital Tax Assessment Ordinance 1024 for Webster Parish.

Other business included approval of invoices for payment pending review by Juror Randy Thomas on Monday, June 9, and adoption of the minutes from the May 6 Road Committee, Finance Committee, and regular meetings.

Jurors also voted to adopt the 2025 millage rates for the parish and approved Resolution 003-2025, which maintains the same roll forward as in prior years. Additionally, the jury designated the Minden Press-Herald as the Official Journal and the Springhill Press and News Journal as the Publication Journal for the period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.

During the committee reports, Johnnye Kennon of the Webster Parish Convention and Visitors Commission announced upcoming events including the KTBS Commu-

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PROJECT RECLAIM



AMBER MCDOWN/PRESS-HERALD PHOTO

Facilitators participate in a professional development workshop by Louisiana Youth for Excellence (LYFE) at Project Reclaim on June 2. The training focused on mentoring youth in goal setting, healthy relationships, decision-making, and self-worth.

LYFE hosts professional development workshop at Project Reclaim

AMBER MCDOWN
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Louisiana Youth for Excellence (LYFE) conducted a professional development workshop for facilitators at Project Reclaim on June 2, focusing on equipping youth mentors with tools to guide young people toward positive choices and personal growth.

Key training topics included healthy relationships, goal setting, decision-making skills, avoiding risky behaviors, and building self-worth. LYFE Executive Director Dr. Amanda Shackelford led the session alongside Program Managers Tressa Dunbar and Rachael Dorman.

Participants expressed enthusiasm about the training and

shared that they were eager to implement the new skills and knowledge gained through the session.

"We are honored to have been asked to host this event," said Project Reclaim Executive Director Ron Anderson.

Founded to promote positive youth development, LYFE aims to

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WEBSTER & MORE

COMMUNITY

TR3 Way Entertainment brings 90s R&B Night to Minden Civic Center



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Way Entertainment hosted a 90s R&B Night on Saturday, June 7, at the Minden Civic Center, drawing a crowd for an evening of music and entertainment. The event featured sounds by DJ TR3 and DJ Smiley and was hosted by Jeux Xotic alongside Slack Traxx Friends. Performers included Ladies Night and Shilo, who brought live music to the stage. Guests enjoyed dancing, a cash bar, and food from an on-site food truck.

BLOTTER

Recent Arrests in Webster Parish			
■ Cedrick Jones, 56, of the 100 block of Country Lane, was arrested on warrants.	■ Edward Pauley, 51, of the 100 block of Austins Road, was arrested on a bench warrant.	■ Torry Capers, 32, of the 300 block of Weston Street, was arrested on bench warrants.	■ Jasmine Jackson, 39, of the 600 block of Searles Street, was arrested for simple theft and a bench warrant.
■ Dmetrius Richard, 27, of the 800 block of Norton Street, was arrested for simple battery.	■ Tony Walker, 40, of the 700 block of Plum Street, was arrested on a bench warrant.	■ Wymeshia Brown, 36, of the 900 block of Carolina Street, was arrested on a bench warrant.	■ Karrisma Carter, 25, of the 500 block of Chestnut, was arrested on a bench warrant.
■ Ebone Devereaux, 30, of the 1100 block of Island Park in Shreveport, was arrested on a warrant.	■ Roderick Tyrone Harris, 45, of the 1400 block of Honey Bee Lane in Lancaster, Texas, was arrested for failing to register and notify as a sex offender.	■ Martin Sims, 28, of the 500 block of Moore Street, was arrested on bench warrants.	■ sica Shirley, 39, of the 100 block of Willow Street in Heflin, was arrested for shoplifting.
■ Tawana Shine, 58, of the 200 block of Lorax Road, was arrested as a fugitive from WPSO.	■ Victor Batton, 32, of the 800 block of Harris Street, was arrested on bench warrants.	■ John Rolen, 18, of the 100 block of Bird Pen, was arrested on a bench warrant.	■ Bobby Ray Anderson, 51, of the 800 block of Rebecca Street, was arrested on bench warrants.
			■ Jeremy Clark, 32, of the 600 block of Constable Street, was arrested for domestic abuse battery.
			■ Kydric Germany, 25, of the 2000 block of Dorcheat Road, was arrested on a bench warrant.
			■ Chasity Macon, 45, of the 200 block of South Foster Drive, was arrested on a bench warrant.
			■ Shelly Dance, 43, of the 1300 block of Blue Run Road, was arrested on bench warrants.
			■ Sharniknca Brown, 50, of the 700 block of Plum Street, was arrested for discharging a firearm.
			■ Teadrien Burns, 26, of the 800 block of Peach Street, was arrested for trespassing.
			■ Jara Weston, 33, of the 600 block of Midland Street, was arrested for DUS with prior offenses.

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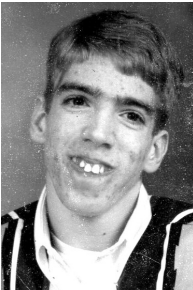
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OBITUARIES



Michael Chris Garland

Memorial services celebrating the life of Michael Chris Garland will be held Thursday, June 12, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at Rose Neath Funeral Home Chapel in Minden, Louisiana with Bro. James Landfair officiating.

Michael was preceded in death by his father, O.A. Garland III, grandparents, Tom and Bernice Lee and

O.A Garland II and Beatrice Garland.

He is survived by his mother and stepfather, Ginger and Jimmy Bufkin; stepsister, Jackie Garland; step-brothers, Brian Garland, Stephen Garland, and Buba Bufkin; special friends, James Landfair and David Edmonson; aunt, Dot Solice and husband Lee; uncles, Tracy Lee and wife Jackie, Danny Garland and wife Dottie, and Robert Lee and wife Sherry, and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Chris and his mom extend special thanks to Bristol Hospice for the love and care given us during this time, we could not have done it without you.



James Prudhomme

March 11, 1966-May 25, 2025
Age 59, known by many as Boo Prudhomme, passed away at his home Sunday morning.

Boo was loved by many who were close to him. He loved the great outdoors, fishing, and

talking to anyone who would listen. His stories were always a grand adventure. He loved his wife and family, nieces, nephew, and grandchildren with all his heart. Boo will be missed by all.

He is survived by his wife Christann Prudhomme; nieces, Candace, Felicia, Rachel, Charity, Hayley, Sherry, and Christian; nephew, Richard, Jr.; grandchildren and their mother, Crystal, Chloe, Ryan, Trenton, and Travis; brothers, Stephen and Robert; sisters, Margaret, Linda, and Marry.

A private memorial service will be held by his family.



Yvette Mathews Deem

Yvette Mathews Deem, 62, was born on September 1, 1962, to Robert Mathews and Rena Mathews in Shreveport, Louisiana, and passed away on Tuesday, June 3, 2025, in Shreveport, Louisiana.

Yvette was a retired Licensed Practical Nurse whose kindness and compassion touched everyone she met. A natural caregiver, she dedicated her life to helping others, both in her profession and in her personal life. She was a devoted wife

to Michael Deem for 35 wonderful years and a loving mother and grandmother, cherishing her family above all else. Yvette will truly be missed by all who knew and loved her.

Yvette was preceded in death by her parents, Robert Mathews, Sr., and Rena Mathews; niece, Rhonda Kay, and sister, Patricia McCullough. She is survived by her husband, Michael Deem; sons, Mark E. Hay, II, and Matthew Hay, and wife, Sarah; daughter, Faith Deem Hughes, and husband, Chris; four grandchildren, Gunnar Hay, Jennalynn Hay, Samantha Hay, and Hagan Hay; brothers, David McCullough, and wife, Margie, and Sonny Mathews and wife, Yvette; sisters, Robin Dick, and husband, Jimmy and Rita Jones, along with numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at a later time.



Peggy Ann Sullivan Modisette

Funeral services for Peggy Ann Sullivan Modisette was held on Monday, June 9, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel of Kilpatrick's Rose Neath Funeral Home in Minden, Louisiana, with a visitation beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Peggy was born on October 12, 1931, in Minden to Joy Landers Sullivan and John Sullivan and passed away peacefully on Thursday, June 5, 2025, at the remarkable age of 93.

If you knew Peggy, you knew she worked hard, always had a project, could cook anything, and loved being with people. She truly never met a stranger. She and Wayne loved to travel in their RV and listen to music. She drove many miles to visit her grandchildren, a testament to her boundless love and devotion. Peggy's career included roles as the manager of Modisette Builders & Supply in the 1950s, the owner of the Sarep-

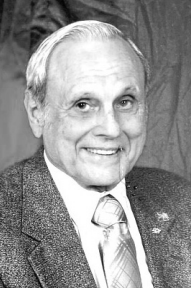
ta Drive-In in the mid-1960s, and the manager of the Quality Stamp store in Springhill during the 1970s.

She is preceded in death by her beloved husband, Wayne Modisette; her daughter, Carmen Joy Rainwater; and her grandson, Tripp Burns.

Left to cherish her memory are her children, Harold Modisette (Jeanne), Tim Rainwater, and Sarah Haynes (Gary), along with her adopted daughters, Margie Parnell (Billy) and Rose Carter. Peggy was a very proud grandmother of Zane Modisette (Stephanie), Kyle Peek (Denni), Myranda Ulmer (Dustin), Walker Haynes (Kati), and Whitney Burns (Pepper). Her great-grandchildren include Malerie (Cody), Trisha (Seth), Morgan (Cade), Addy, Lunden, Kannan, Maverick, Waylon, Louise, and Ivy. Her legacy continues through her great-great-grandchildren, Molly, Lilly, Lane, Cove, and Valley.

Honoring her as pallbearers will be Zane Modisette, Kyle Peek, Walker Haynes, Pepper Burns, Dustin Ulmer, and Dakota Haynes.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to your local church, First Baptist Church Minden, or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Peggy's compassionate spirit and loving nature touched many lives and will be remembered fondly by all who knew her.



Frank P. Robison, Jr.

Memorial services for Frank P. Robison, Jr. will be held Saturday, June 14, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at Rose Neath Funeral Home in Minden, Louisiana. The family will receive friends at 9:00 a.m. Saturday prior to the service time.

Frank was born October 3, 1928, in Shreveport, Louisiana and entered into rest June 5, 2025, in Ringgold, Louisiana.

Frank attended C.E. Byrd High School, serving as Platoon commander in Junior R.O.T.C. program. He graduated in 1946 and attended Louisiana State University for two years. Upon applying for the Aviation Cadet Program, he was informed that pre-World War II age criteria had returned to require applicants to be Twenty years old!

October of 1948, he applied for Aviation Cadet Training. In April 1949, he received orders to proceed to Perlin Air Force Base at Sherman, Texas for Flight training. Promoted to A/C Sergeant, then to Second Lieutenant as flight commander. Upon the Completion of Basic Training, he was assigned to William Air Force Base at Chandler, AZ for Advance Flight Training in jets. Upon graduation he received his commission as Second Lieutenant and pilot's rating on 12 May 1950.

His first duty station was Selfridge Air Force Base in Michigan, with assignment to 56th Fighter Interceptor Wing, commanded by Colonel Francis S. Gabreski, World War II's top European Ace, flying F-86 Aircraft.

After one year, he received orders to proceed to the 4th Fighter Interceptor Wing at K-13 (Suwon Air Force Base) Korea. He was assigned to the 336th Fighter Interceptor Squadron (FIS). He completed one hundred Combat missions and departed for the United States on 1 April 1952.

Upon return he was assigned to the 3200th Fighter Test Squadron of the 3200thg Proof Test Wing at Eglin Air Force Base, FL. After Three years as a test pilot, he was promoted to Captain, then two years later he was transferred to the 4th F.I. W. in Japan. However, on arrival he was assigned to the 5th Air Force Headquarters at Fuch U Air Station and assigned to the Tactical Op-

erations Center in the headquarters. After one year his leadership explained that he could not be assigned to a combat unit due to Classified Knowledge. He then submitted his resignation a year later. Two months later he was informed that his release would be held up until a new war plan was completed.

After Discharge, he returned to Shreveport realizing that all he wanted to do was fly. He attended a course in Ag Aviation flying in Mississippi, and began working as an Ag Pilot with the Lyon Flying Service at Welch, La. Another pilot with the flying service led him to flying cotton in Oak Grove, La in 1960 where he later moved and started Robison's Flying Service.

After ten years, he stopped working rice and used his GI Bill to attend two quarters a year at Louisiana Tech University obtaining B.S., M.A., and ED.S. Degrees. After receiving his ED. S. Degree, he suspended flying and took a position as counselor for a pilot Federal Program for treatment of substance abuse for 3 years. The program funding went to a new Organization, so he returned to Ag-Flying.

His mother had a severe stroke in 1986 and relocated back to Shreveport to help take care of her when she was released from the Hospital. She was not able to recover and passed in Sep 1986.

He then decided to become a Registered Nurse. In1988, he enrolled in the four-year Nursing Program and received his BSN in 1992. He went to work in the MICU at LSU Medical Center for one year and then transferred to the Psychiatric Ward. After the mandatory three years, he passed the exam for certification as Certified Psychiatric Nurse. In 2001, Frank retired from nursing. He served in Masonry, Shrine, American Legion/40 and 8, Air Force Association, and Dadelions.

Frank was preceded in death by his wife, Jo Ann Howard Robison, parents, Frank and Cora Robison, and brothers, John Thomas Robison and Allen Lamar Robison.

He is survived by his daughters, Tina and husband Keith Kingston and Cassandra and husband King Trieschmann; granddaughter, Erin, and husband Jeremy Kilpatrick; grandson, Matt, and wife Brianna Bass; and great-grandson, Indiana Kilpatrick.

The Family would like to thank Marilyn Taylor, Debbie Purvis, Linda Morris, Kati Rabb, Miranda Rabb, Sophia Stuckey , Autumn Wafer, Vicky Webb, and Lewis Moore for the kindness and love they showed in taking care of our Dad.

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Ozone. Teams can register by contacting Jeff Haynes at (318) 465-1938.

Softball games will be held at Cantrell Fields in Shreveport and will include 6U, 7/8, 9/10, and 11/12 age divisions. Teams may register on-

line at <http://shreveport-dyb.com>.

Organizers say the event continues to grow each year, both in team participation and community support, while honoring Stanton Haynes' legacy through charitable efforts.

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nity Caravan next week, Bites & Beats each third Thursday through October at Miller Quarters Park, Grilling on Main on June 13-14, the JJ Sneed football camp on June 20, and the JJ Sneed car show at the REC on June 21.

Brian Williams with the Office of Homeland Security reported that the 121st Airborne will soon return for training maneuvers at the Minden Airport. He also shared plans to install a new weather station on the courthouse.

Webster Parish 911 Director Angie Chapman reported an increase in

emergency calls, particularly hangups and open-line calls. "If we can't reach someone on those calls, we have to send a law enforcement officer out to make sure there is not an emergency, and it's a tremendous waste of resources," Chapman said. She urged the public to prevent inadvertent calls and ensure children are not playing with phones.

The Webster Parish Police Jury meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 10:30 AM in the Webster Parish Courthouse Annex at 401 Main Street, West Entrance, in Minden. Meetings are open to the public.

LYFE

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build awareness of the consequences of at-risk behaviors among vulnerable populations such as children in foster care, juvenile detention centers, and those living in poverty. The organization works statewide with schools, nonprofits, and faith-based groups to deliver character education, leadership training, and personal development.

Project Reclaim, a local nonprofit, implements LYFE's curriculum through its Starting Point and Advanced programs, serving youth from ages 9 to 20. The

group previously received a \$40,000 LYFE grant and was awarded an additional \$10,000 in March following an unannounced site visit and program evaluation.

"The LYFE program has now graduated our second group of youth participants. They have all done an outstanding job throughout the course of the program," said LYFE Program Coordinator Zaria Stephens during a recent graduation ceremony. "I am proud to be a part of helping our youth reach their full potential and to help them live their best LYFE."

OPINION

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OPINION

U.S. Supreme Court Ruling Prohibits Reverse Discrimination, As Well

In a unanimous (9-0) ruling, the U.S. Supreme Court has held that Title VII specifically (and the Equal Protection Clause, generally) deems reverse discrimination in American society to be just as odious and intolerable as traditional discrimination.

This holding is not only important because it again enshrines fundamental fairness and equality in our law, but it also prevents similar future cases of reverse discrimination from having to be proven based upon a higher legal standard because the claimant (like here) is a member of a so-called "majority" group (i.e. heterosexual).

This case, *Ames v. Ohio Department of Youth Services*, involves a heterosexual (straight) woman who claimed she had been discriminated against on that basis.

Let's unpack this.

The U.S. Supreme Court determined that "Marlean Ames, a heterosexual woman, has worked for the Ohio Department of Youth Services in various roles since 2004. In 2019, the agency interviewed Ames for a new management position but ultimately hired another candidate—a lesbian woman. The agency subsequently demoted Ames from her role as a program administrator and later hired a gay man to fill that role. Ames then filed this lawsuit against the agency under Title VII, alleging that she was denied the manage-

ment promotion and demoted because of her (heterosexual) sexual orientation."

Title VII prohibits employers from discriminating against employees on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. However, because of her "background circumstances," Miss Ames, a member of a "majority" group (heterosexual) was required by the district and appeal courts to show additional evidence of discrimination to prove her case.

Not anymore.

The Supreme Court ruled that this heterosexual woman could not be discriminated against regarding job promotions in favor of gay candidates. However, in addition to prohibiting this straight v. gay discrimination, the Court also ruled that members of "majority" groups do not need to meet a higher standard of proof—i.e., based upon their "background circumstances" in order to prove they have been discriminated against. Now, Americans who fall into a "majority" class only have to meet the typical burden of proof that they have suffered discrimination.

Hence, the Court found that



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Miss Ames was discriminated against on the basis of her sexual orientation after she was passed over for one promotion and demoted from another position. The Court determined that "Ames was qualified, had been denied a promotion in favor of a gay candidate, and was later demoted in favor of another gay candidate."

The Court stated:

"The Sixth Circuit has implemented a rule that requires certain Title VII plaintiffs—those who are members of majority groups—to satisfy a heightened evidentiary standard," Justice Ketanji Jackson wrote. "We conclude that Title VII does not impose such a heightened standard on majority group plaintiffs. Therefore, the judgment is vacated."

This is an important ruling.

In short, what the Supreme Court decided is that a member of a "majority group" (in this case, a heterosexual) does not have to present any more evidence to prove they have been discriminated against than would an individual alleging discrimination who is a member of a so-called "minority group," such as gay, lesbian or black. The Court observed that requiring Ames to show "background circumstances ... that the employer was hostile to straight people—wouldn't have been required had a gay employee claimed discrimination."

Going forward, if there is discriminatory treatment of an

employee it won't matter if the employee alleging discrimination is white, heterosexual, lesbian, gay, or anything else. They will be held to the very same legal standard in proving discrimination.

The Heritage Foundation noted:

"The Supreme Court properly ruled today that there is not a higher standard of proof for someone asserting that they were discriminated against depending on whether they are gay or heterosexual. The idea that there should be different standards for different individuals based on their race or sexual orientation is repugnant and a clear violation of federal civil rights laws that protect everyone. (*H. v. Spakovsky*)"

This decision is consistent with the Court's ending the use of race in college admissions and the dismantling of DEI programs. Chief Justice John Roberts has written, lamenting in a 2006 case involving the issue of race in legislative redistricting, "it is a sordid business, this divvying us up by race." This decision—although involving the issue of sex—and others like it have gone a long way toward achieving the golden ideal of genuine equality in our country.

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

INSPIRATION

Keep It Simple, Stupid

The late beloved Claudia Harvill, who was a very successful real estate business woman, was known to often say "keep it simple, stupid," which leads me to the heart of my subject of simplicity!

I think most of us destroy ourselves by fear of public opinion, of going in too many directions, trying to keep up with the Joneses, of trading what we want most for what we want now, of having to have too many things regardless of who gets hurt in the process which leads me to one of my heroes of the past.

Henry David Thoreau, born in 1817 and the author of *Walden's Pond*, said "I went to the woods because I wished to live deliberately, to front only the essential facts of life, and see if I could not learn what it had to teach, and not, when I came to die, discover that I had not lived."

He learned a great truth desperately needed today. He went apart for a year or so by himself to stay in a log cabin, located by *Walden's Pond*, near Concord, Massachusetts.

I've been fortunate to spend time inside the replica of the cabin while visiting my oldest son, Perry, who lives near Boston.

It is a beautiful, peaceful setting.

The cabin is furnished, as it was back then, with only a small bed, a stove, a table and a couple of chairs.

I'm caught up with simplicity when I ponder how much creative time is wasted in the pursuit of getting more and more yet never satisfying the yearning deep within.

From my understanding he only took with him one rock and threw it away because of the time it took to dust it off and put it back in place.

Absurd? Perhaps that is a bit extreme but it teaches a valuable lesson we should heed today.

I think some solitude in



SARAH HUDSON PIERCE

the woods, with no media, would be beneficial to troubled teens who are always hooked up to background noise.

Why are we so scared to hear ourselves think?

I sense it takes a lifetime of practice of going apart, of getting into touch with ourselves, to hear our own thoughts but it's in this space that we grow and become all we can become!

We must simplify lest we become lost in our pursuits.

It's easy to lose our creativity if we are frenetic. We must focus on our talents -- not put too many irons in the fire or we will be robbed of our quality time, preventing ourselves from centering down, getting into tune with ourselves.

We must hone our talents, sharpen our skills, polish our gift or we will become rusty in our crafts.

To become focused we must simplify or we will burn our energy.

We must look not to one side or backward in regret at lost opportunities, lest we become scattered and never achieve our dream. If we try

to do all things equally well we won't become all that we can be. Our creativity will be lost in the mundane things in life, of keeping our bodies fed, of caring for our grounds, of making our house a showcase.

If we leave our one small gift to take care of itself it will die!

To be gifted we must work at our talents daily and make our field of endeavor our focal point, our obsession. In return we will then make a meaningful contribution to those we touch.

It won't come easily.

It's more fun to work with our one talent knowing that "there will always be those greater and lesser than ourselves," to quote Max Ehrmann, who wrote *Desiderata*.

The Bible still teaches that if we bury our talent that it will die and "we will have lived in the gray areas of life, knowing neither victory nor defeat," to quote President Theodore Roosevelt.

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203 GLEASON ST.

Grilling on Main Returns — A Delicious Celebration of Community

If there's one thing Minden knows how to do well, it's bring the community together — and this weekend, we're doing it again with one of our most beloved events: Grilling on Main.

Set for Friday and Saturday, June 13-14, Grilling on Main transforms downtown Minden into a hub of food, fun, and fellowship. This annual festival has grown into a signature event that draws families, food lovers, and grilling pros from all over. It's more than just a cookout — it's a celebration of everything that makes our town special.

From the incredible barbecue aromas that fill the air to the family-friendly activities and live entertainment, this event captures the

heart of what it means to be part of the Minden community. And none of it would be possible without the many hands behind the scenes.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to the volunteers, organizers, and sponsors who work tirelessly to make Grilling on Main a success. From setting up booths to coordinating safety and entertainment, your efforts are what keep this event running year after year. Your dedication and community pride do not go unnoticed.



DAVID SPECHT

This year's event kicks off Friday night at 5 p.m. with a car show hosted by the Horseshoe Cruisers, along with plenty of food and shopping vendors. It's a great opportunity to stroll through downtown, enjoy live music, and catch up with friends and neighbors.

Then on Saturday, the main event heats up with the State Championship Barbecue Competition sanctioned by the Louisiana Barbecue Association (LBA). That's right — this is serious barbecue business. Teams will compete for cash prizes and bragging rights in a variety of categories. Whether you're a competitor or just a taster, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

Kids will love the water

slides, obstacle course, and other activities that make this weekend a true family affair. Vendors from near and far will offer crafts, goodies, and unique finds that highlight the creativity and spirit of our region.

Events like Grilling on Main not only bring us together, they also shine a spotlight on our community for visitors who may be discovering Minden for the first time. These moments of shared experience help build civic pride and strengthen the bonds that make our town feel like home.

It's also a reminder of what small-town charm looks like at its best — people coming together in good spirit to support one another, enjoy great food, and create

memories that last. Whether you stay for an hour or for the whole weekend, you're guaranteed to leave with a full belly and a full heart.

So I encourage everyone — whether you're a lifelong resident or just passing through — to come out and experience the magic of Grilling on Main. Bring your appetite, your lawn chairs, and your love for all things Minden.

We'll see you downtown this weekend.

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

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BASEBALL



ROBERT SUMMERLIN/PRESS-HERALD
2025 Glenbrook graduate Easton Sanders has been named to the LBCA Division IV All-State team.



COURTESY PHOTO
2025 Doyline graduate Noah Spears has been named to the LBCA Class B All-State team.

Sanders, Spears make LBCA All-State teams

RUSSELL HEDGES
Minden Press-Herald

Glenbrook's Easton Sanders and Doyline's Landon (Noah) Spears have been named All-State by the Louisiana Baseball Coaches Association. Sanders and Spears recently completed outstanding high school careers.

A pitcher and infielder, Sanders made the Division IV team at utility. The Louisiana Tech signee batted .420 with 10 doubles, five home runs and 24 RBI. Pitching mainly against the Apaches' toughest competition, Sanders was 6-2 with a ERA of 1.898 and 90 strikeouts. Sandersled Glenbrook

to a select Division IV runner-up finish in 2024 and a semifinal appearance in 2023. Glenbrook finished 15-10 overall against a challenging schedule that included 11 games against teams in Class 4A and above. Spears made the Class B team at pitcher. The Northwestern State signee

had a 1.248 ERA with 125 strikeouts in 67 1/3 innings. He was 7-5 pitching against the Panthers' toughest competition. In his five-year career, had a 1.718 ERA with 557 strikeouts in 378 innings. Spears was also named honorable mention on the Louisiana Sports Writers Association Class B All-State team.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

North Webster among teams playing in Bossier 7on7 tournament

RUSSELL HEDGES
Minden Press-Herald

North Webster is among almost two dozen teams competing in the 10th annual Northwest Louisiana 7on7 Charity Invitational Presented by Louisiana National Guard is scheduled for Friday at Freedom Fields in Bossier City. North Webster is holding its own 7on7 tournament, the inaugural Main Street Invitational HS 7v7 Tournament, on June 21. Friday's Bossier City tournament features a strong field. While some may drop

out, other teams committed to play at press time were Airline, Benton, Haughton, Parkway, Bossier, Captain Shreve, Evangel Christian, Natchitoches Central, Huntington, Byrd, Ouachita Parish, Alexandria, Fontainebleau, Northwood, North DeSoto Pineville, Dunham, Leesville, Calvary Baptist, Junction City, Ark., Logansport, Loyola, and the Benton JV. The format will be pool play followed by a single-elimination tournament. 7on7 football involves mostly passing although handoffs are allowed behind the line of scrimmage.

Players wear helmets, t-shirts and shorts. Tackles are made pulling a flag. While success in 7on7 tournaments doesn't necessarily translate into success in the fall, they can offer somewhat of a preview. Last year, Airline won the Charity Invitational. The Vikings went on to go undefeated in the regular season. Airline defeated Evangel Christian in a matchup that featured quarterbacks who had outstanding falls, Airline's Ben Taylor and Evangel's Peyton Houston. Taylor is continuing his career at Northwestern State. Houston is back at

Evangel for his junior season, While there's no guarantee that teams will have all their players available because of other summer commitments, other potential quarterbacks to watch include North DeSoto's Luke Delafield, Benton's Malachi Zeigler, Haughton's Taylor Weathersby, Parkway's Kaleb Williams, Natchitoches Central's Owen Smith, Alexandria's Karsen Seller and Loyola's Bryce Restovich. Airline's Kenny Darby is among the state's top receivers and college recruits.

BASEBALL

Former Glenbrook, Minden stars look to make another run to Legion World Series

RUSSELL HEDGES
Minden Press-Herald

Last summer, former Minden standout Brody Bower and former Glenbrook star Easton Sanders helped the Bossier Phillies advance to the American Legion World Series. The duo are looking to do it again this summer. Bower and Sanders are two of 11 players returning off last year's squad that won the state tournament and Mid-South Regional. Bower just completed his freshman season at BPCC. He was part of a team that won a conference title for the first time in 25 years. Sanders completed his outstanding high school career last month and is bound for Louisiana Tech. The Phillies opened their summer season with victories over Swing Lab 18U 5-3, USA Prime-Red 9-0 and a Monroe-based team 11-0. Bower pitched three perfect innings against Swing Lab. Sanders had a hit and two RBI. Sanders went 2-for-3 with a double and three RBI against USA Prime and hit a two-run home run against the Monroe team.

The Phillies include players from Louisiana and Texas. There are a combination of players still in high school or just graduated and a few who just finished their freshman college seasons. Other players returning from the 2024 squad include infielder Blayne McFerren, infielder/pitcher Britain Pipes, catcher Griffin Sibley, infielder Hudson Brignac, outfielder Jackson Jones, pitcher/outfielder Kade Bryant, pitcher Tanner Webb, infielder Abel Therford and infielder Ty Boozer. Sibley, Jones, Bryant and Webb just completed their high school careers at Benton. They helped the Tigers go 35-6, win the District 1-5A championship and reach the non-select Division I semifinals. Sibley is continuing his career at Southeastern Iowa Community College. Jones is bound for Louisiana Tech and Bryant is headed to Northwestern State. Brignac is also a former Benton standout. He recently completed an outstanding freshman season at Northwestern State. Webb is headed to Northeast Texas Community College.



GINGER SWANSON/SPECIAL TO THE PRESS-HERALD
Former Minden star Brody Bower is back with the American Legion Bossier Phillies this summer.

OUTDOORS

Love 'em or hate 'em, warm weather puts snakes in motion

GLYNN HARRIS

I have never, not once, been harassed by a snake when there is frost on the ground. Let the weather start to warm up and I have to watch where I step, sort of like it was when I was a barefoot boy growing up and we had chickens in the yard. You're much more likely to step in a chicken dab than one left by a snake. I'm not even sure if snakes do Number Two. The fact that we're in the time of year when snakes make their appearance got me to thinking and remembering a close call I once had with a snake. My most memorable encounter occurred when I was a kid and for the first time in my young life, I was sure I was facing death when a snake bit me. I was down at the creek with my brother, Tom and two cousins, Doug and Sambo when it happened. We had a puppy that enjoyed a swim and I was paddling around the swimming hole with the pup when I felt a sharp pain behind of my knee. My first thought was that one of the boys had sneaked up and pinched me on the leg. Glancing shoreward, all three were on the bank so I knew something else had attacked me. Reaching down, my fingers wrapped around a snake almost as long as I was tall. Hurling it aside and screaming like a little girl, the pup and I



GLYNN HARRIS
A black rat snake with diet consisting mostly of rats and mice is also attracted to baby blue birds.

scaled the bank and my mouth went dry and I'm sure I was pale as a ghost when I saw blood streaming down my leg. There I was, down in the woods a mile from home and I was sure my final resting place would be here on the bank of our swimming hole. After the boys joined me to help me formulate a plan, cousin Doug reached in his pocket and pulled out his rusty Barlow pocket knife and was prepared to do his part in saving my life by making a cut to extract the deadly venom from my

body. Glancing at the rusty knife, I didn't know if I would rather die from snake venom or from blood poisoning from a knife blade that had been used recently to skin a squirrel and dig a splinter out of a toe. Studying my snake bite closely, I noticed that there were not the two telltale fang marks of a venomous snake but a row of teeth marks letting me know I might die of fright but to Doug's disappointment, I was bitten by a non-poisonous water snake and wouldn't need

his knife. Today, there are two schools of thought regarding snakes. One says that snakes serve a useful purpose and they should be left alone. The other says if it's a snake, any snake, get the hoe and whack that sucker. I'm somewhere in between. If I happen to see a venomous snake, especially in my yard, I'll whack him. Otherwise, I generally give snakes a pass, with one exception. Rat snakes are said to be good snakes relieving your yard of rats and mice. I usually let them go except when my bird box has a clutch of baby blue birds and a rat snake shifts focus from rats and mice to baby birds. If I catch him anywhere near my bird box, he's history. For the past four springs, I have been able to watch only one batch of baby bluebirds fledge. The other three years, they hatched but rat snakes got 'em before they were able to leave the nest. Whichever camp you're in, the love em and leave em alone or the grab the hoe and whack 'em group, your time is now because it's warm and snakes are out and about. Just be sure, if you're bitten by a snake, check for fang marks versus a row of teeth marks, and watch out for your cousin wearing an evil grin opening the blade on his rusty pocket knife.

Fishing Report

BUSSEY BRAKE – Bass have been good with some nice fish caught early mornings on topwaters and on soft plastics and spinners later. Crappie are on the flats suspended 4 feet in 12 foot water and some big ones are biting 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 but on a slow fall. Some bass caught in the cuts. Crappie and bream are biting in the backwaters. For latest information, contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

LAKE D'ARBONNE – 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 on the flats 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 topwater lures are working early while Texas rigged plastic worms and crank baits are taking some fish on secondary points. Some schooling activity is being noted with fish hitting shad imitations. Crappie are around the deep tops and jigs and shiners are taking some big ones. Bream both chingquapins and bluegills are on the beds and hitting crickets and worms. For information contact Caney Lake Landing at 259-6649, Hooks Marina at 249-2347, Terzia Tackle at 278-4498 or the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

LAKE POVERTY POINT – Catfish and bream are best bets this week. Bass and crappie are fair.. For information, contact the marina at 318/878-0101.

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

Good News

GOOD NEWS

THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD IS JESUS (John 8:12)

“Let there be light”, the Creator spoke, “and there was light”. Darkness disappears when light appears. It dispells the darkness. So, it has been that way since the beginning of time. All through the ages, the Light has been shining. Sometimes it seemed so bright, sometimes maybe just a flicker. But it has been shining. The Eternal Light of God!

But “men love darkness more than light”, so they grope in it; Paul wrote ‘men are like sheep with no shepherd, wandering around in circles not knowing which direction to go.’ It is like bacteria that thrives in a warm, damp surrounding and multiplies. Sin is that way too. From the beginning we see it happening – Adam - Eve in Eden, naked. And they did not even know it or it made no difference. When the forbidden fruit met their lips, their ‘eyes were opened to an awareness of things around them!’ That’s when they sensed a guilt that spread over them. Darkness appeared to them! A separation from God dimmed the bright, shining Light.

From that time, all through the

Old Testament, we see the Light shining through the Patriarchs, judges, kings that God would raise up to lead the people. God’s covenant was renewed and presented to each new generation. Those around them knew about God’s presence. There was a special aura about each man that made the Light much brighter. Not only could the God-fearing people sense it, but so could the heathen enemies from warring tribes, both near and far. The Light was shining even when people could not see it—or chose not to see it!

John wrote of the “Word” being in the beginning with God. “The Word was with God and the Word was God”(1:1-2) Of course, he was speaking of Jesus Christ. He is the Light of the world, shining in a sea of darkness. Jesus said: “If I be lifted up (so all can see me), I will draw all men to me?” (John 12:32). Wherever He went, whatever He did, those around

Him saw the Light of God’s presence in Him. Even as Jesus hang on the Cross, there were those who recognized him to truly be the Son of God; yes, the Light of the World!

Not only did Jesus teach us about His being the Light of the World, but as He concluded the Sermon on the Mount, He looked at His disciples and said, “You, too, are the light of the world! Don’t put that light under a basket, hiding it from the world around you. No, let it shine brightly from the hilltops of your life. Let everyone see it so they may glorify your Father in heaven.” (Matt 5:14). Jesus tells us we are joint heirs with Him. We are part of the Light of the World. We bring honor and glory to our Heavenly Father by allowing Him to shine through us. We are not God, but we can reflect His love, mercy and grace by the way we treat others.



Bill Crider

As we enter the summer season, some may feel that Light is growing dim, as we consider the condition of our country, see calamities around the world and hear of the ‘acts of God’ bombarding us. It seems as the Light sometimes really is flickering. But did it not grow dim when Jesus was praying in the garden? (“If it be Thy will, Father, let this cup pass from me”)! But then it burned brightest as He approached the Cross! And when Jesus said these words from the cross: “Into Thy hands I commit myself; Father, it is finished!” Then the Light shown its’ brightest. Now that summer is here, we have different opportunities to ‘shine our Light in various places we’ve not been in a while: vacations, school and family reunions, weddings and community events, little league games and events for our children. All of these will draw us into crowds or groups we may not know.

Why not plan NOW some ways to ‘let your light shine’ as you interact with old friends and new, strangers you may meet, salespeople and merchants.

Trust the Lord to give you the words to use, perhaps a Scripture promise for each day. Open your heart to Him and He will use you to reflect the ‘light of His love’ in each venue of life.

This Light continues to shine in our churches, in our communities, in the lives of dedicated disciples of Jesus Christ around the world. We must keep our lamps trimmed, wicks ready to burn. Never before has the urgency for the Light to shine in the darkness been so strong. And we have the strong and sure promise of Jesus: The Light shone in the darkness, but the darkness could not extinguish it! (John 1). The Light still shines! May during the summer we allow the Light of our Lord shine brighter in our lives. May we make fresh commitments and resolves to let ‘Him live and shine through us’ through these June days.

BILL CRIDER IS CHAPLAIN OF MINDEN MEDICAL CENTER

THE UPWARD LOOK

Walk, Stand, Sit

“How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, Nor stand in the path of sinners, Nor sit in the seat of scoffers!” Psalm 1:1 NASB

The person who is blessed by God is one who does not participate in evil. He does not walk with those who talk about ungodly things. He does not stand with those who do wrong. He does not sit with those who mock God. Notice the progression: walk, stand, and sit. This progression moves from a casual association to becoming a part of those who do evil. This progression shows



Max Hutto

how easily evil can draw a good person into to its deadly ways and subtly overcome the good person. The person who desires God’s blessing must be cautious about with whom he associates.

Lord Jesus, those I spend time with have a great influence over me. Help me to associate with the godly, not the wicked.

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

INSPIRATION

Ask, Seek, and Knock

Matthew 7:7-8 NIV Says “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened”. This scripture was given to us as instruction for our success. As Christians, we often overlook the importance of this scripture. We have goals, needs, and desires that we all want to accomplish and God wants to help us. However, there are a couple of things we need to do first. Firstly, we need to have

goals, needs, and desires rooted in God. Secondly, we need to have faith that God will provide. These are instructions that apply to every aspect of your life. We often work so hard to do things under our strength when instead we should rely on God’s. I would like to ask everyone to let God do the heavy lifting and most importantly give God the glory.



Bernard Harris

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

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How can we pray for you?

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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.

LEGALS

SHERIFF'S SALE

M & T BANK
VS.
AUSTIN TODD AND ELIZABETH RAYLYNN PICKETT
In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 81988.
By virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued out of the Twenty-Sixth Judicial. District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, in the above styled and numbered suit and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder for cash WITHOUT the benefit of appraisalment and according to law at the principle front door of the Courthouse in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana,
on
WEDNESDAY, July 16, 2025,
During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:
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
EXHIBIT "A"
DATE:
BORROWER(S):
PROPERTY ADDRESS:
10/07/21
Austin Todd and Elizabeth Raylynn Pickett
232 Mathes Road, Doyline, LA, 71023
THAT CERTAIN PIECE OR PARCEL OF GROUND, all of the rights, ways, privileges, servitudes, appurtenances and advantages thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, situated fo:
TRACI A:
A 1.0 acre, more or less, tract of land in the Southeast Quarter of the North-east Quarter (SE/4 pf NEM) of Section 23, Township 18 North, Range 10 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana, more particularly described as follows: Begin at the Northeast Corner of said Section 23, and run South for a distance of 1,706.20 feet to a point; thence run South 89 degrees 06 minutes 37 seconds West for a distance of 229.26 feet to a found 1 inch stainless steel pipe; thence run South for a distance of 137.40 feet to a found 1/2 inch from rod, being the Southeast corner of the 1.38 sere tract acquire by Randall Lec Nelson as per the Cash Sale Dead recorded under Registry No. 347703 in Book 702, Page 178 of the Conveyance Records of Webster Parish, Louisiana for the Foint of Boglaning; (hence run North 89 degrees 09 minutes 47 seconds East for a distance of 34.00 feet to a set 3/4 inch iron rod; thence run Soulb for a distance of 208.71 feet to a set 3/4 inch iron rod; thence run South 89 degrees 09 minutes 47 seconds West for a distance of 208.71 feet to a set 3/4 inch iron rod; thence rud North for a distance of 208.71 feait to set 3/4 inch from rod; thence rua North 89 degrees 09 minutes 47 seconds East for a distance of 174.71 feet to the Point of Beginning, together with all buildings and improvements located thereon, having a municipal address of 232 Mathes Road, Doyline LA 71023.
BK1.
TRACT B (20 foot servitude):
A 20.00 foot strip of land containing 0.14 acres, more or less, located in the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (SE/4 of NE/4), Section 23, Township 18 North, Range 10 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana, more particularly described as follows:
Begin at the Northeast Corner of said Section 23, and run South for a distance of 1706.20 feet to a point; thence run South 89 degrees 06 minutes 37 seconds West for a distance of 169.50 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence ran South 19 degrees 04 minutes 33 seconds Enst for a distance of 36.30 feet to a point; thence rus South 09 degrees 44 minutes 19 seconds West for a distance of 126.63 feet to a point; thence begin at the Northeast corner of said Section 23, and run South for a distance of 1706.20 feet to a point; thence run South 89 degrees 06 minutes 37 seconds West for a distance of 169.50 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence run South 19 degrees 04 minutes 33 seconds East for a distance of 36.30 feet to a point; thence run South 09 degrees 44 minutes 19 seconds West for a distance of 126 .63 feet to a point; thence run South 06 degrees 11 minutes 09 seconds West for a distance of 74.29 fect to a point; thence run South 12 degrees 08 minutes 03 seconds West for a distance of 41.26 feet to a point located on the East line of the above described "Tract A"; thence run North for a distance of 135.26 feet along said East line, to a set 3/4 inch iron rod; thence run North 09 degrees 44 minutes 19 seconds East for a distance of 103.55 feet to a point; thence rua North 19 degrees 04 minutes 33 seconds West for a distance of 38.89 feet to a point; thence run North 34 degrees 33 minutes 23 seconds West for a distance of 70.96 fect to a point lecaled at the end of the asphalt of Mathes Road; thence run North 55 degrees 26 minutes 37 seconds East for a distance of 20.00 feet along said asphalt, to a point; thence run South 34 degrees 33 miantes 23 seconds East for a distance of 73.67 feet to a point; thence run South 19 degrees 04 minutes 33 seconds East for a distance of 10.44 feet to the Point of Beginning.
Being more fully shown on that Plat of Survey by Landmark Land Survey-ing, Inc. dated August 18, 2016, a copy of which is attached bereto and made a part hereof

June 11, 2025
July 9, 2025
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SHERIFF'S SALE

PLANET HOME LENDING, LLC
VS.
PHILLIP CHARLES DAVIS
In the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, No. 81660.
By virtue of a WRIT OF SEIZURE AND SALE issued out of the Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court of Webster Parish, Louisiana, in the above styled and numbered suit and to me directed, I have seized and taken into my possession and will offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder for cash WITHOUT the benefit of appraisalment and according to law at the principle front door of the Courthouse in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana,
on
WEDNESDAY, June 18, 2025,
During the legal sale hours, the following property, to wit:
Lots Seventy-eight, Seventy-nine, Eighty and Eighty-one (78,79,80 and 81), Glendale Subdivision Number Three (3), located in the Southwest Quarter of Southwest Quarter (SW/4 of SW/4), Section 14, Township 19 North, Range 9 West, Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana, as per Map and Plat thereof on file and of record in the Office of the Clerk of Court, Webster Parish, Louisiana, in Map Book 2, Page 72.
And also an adjoining Tract described as beginning at the Northeast Corner of said Lot Seventy-eight (78) and run East along the South line of Kennon Street 75 feet; thence run South and parallel to the East line of said lots 200 feet; thence run West 75 feet to the Southeast Corner of Lot Eighty-one (81); thence run North along East line of said lots 200.6 feet to the point of beginning, together with all improvements thereon and rights thereto belonging; subject to restrictions, servitudes, rights-of-way and outstanding mineral rights of record affecting the property.
†120 Claiborne Rd., Minden, La 71055

SOLD SUBJECT TO ANY SUPERIOR LIENS, MORTGAGES OR PRIVILEGES THERETO.
Said property seized is that of the defendant and will be sold to satisfy a judgment rendered in our Honorable Court.
JASON R. PARKER
Sheriff & Ex-Officio Auctioneer
Webster Parish, Louisiana
Pom Brantle
Pam Brantley - Deputy

May 14, 2025
June 11, 2025
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PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF MINDEN
Parcel# 112722

Notice is hereby given that the City of Minden has received a request to sell their respective tax interest in the following listed property. This property has previously been adjudicated to the City of Minden for unpaid taxes. A public sale of this property will begin at 10:00 A.M. on July 11, 2025 at Minden City Hall, 520 Broadway Street, Minden, LA 71058 in the Pelican Conference Room. The minimum bid has been set at \$1,192.28. Anyone intending to bid must deliver your intent letter and processing fee to E & P Consulting Services, LLC, at 1030 N 9th Street, Monroe, Louisiana 71201 by July 8, 2025 NO faxed, telephoned, mailed or any kind of electronic submission of intent to bid will be accepted. Any intent to bid letter received by the above deadline will allow 1 party into the bid session. If more than one offer for any particular piece of property is received, all parties who have submitted a written offer will be allowed to bid on the property.
For additional information, please contact Parish Adjudicated Property Program at E&P Consulting Services, LLC at 318-807-0924 or ParishPropertyInfo@louisianalandsolutions.com.com
Parcel# 112722 / Municipal Address: 315 Crichton
Brief Legal: EAST 27-1/3 FT. OF LOT #3, BLK. "D", CRICHTON SUBDIV. IN NE/4 OF NW/4 SEC. 28-19-9

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Parcel No. 112722
RUSH LEWIS, JR. OR ESTATE
THIS NOTICE BY PUBLICATION IS NOTIFICATION THAT YOUR RIGHTS OR INTEREST IN THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY LOCATED IN MINDEN, LOUISIANA MAY BE TERMINATED BY OPERATION OF LAW IF YOU DO NOT TAKE FURTHER ACTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW:
Municipal Address: 315 Crichton Street, Minden, LA
Brief Legal: EAST 27-1/3 FT. OF LOT #3, BLK. "D", CRICHTON SUBDIV. IN NE/4 OF NW/4 SEC. 28-19-9
Tax sale title to the above described property has been sold for failure to

pay taxes. You have been identified as a person who may have an interest in this property.
Your interest in the property will be terminated if you do not redeem the property by making all required payments to the tax collector listed below or file a lawsuit in accordance with law within sixty (60) days of the date of the first publication of this notice, or the recording of an act transferring ownership, if later.
City of Minden

520 Broadway St.
Minden, LA 71058-0580

318-377-2144 (ext 433)

June 11, 2025
Minden Press Herald

PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF MINDEN
Parcel# 109779

Notice is hereby given that the City of Minden has received a request to sell their respective tax interest in the following listed property. This property has previously been adjudicated to the City of Minden for unpaid taxes. A public sale of this property will begin at 10:00 A.M. on July 11, 2025 at Minden City Hall, 520 Broadway Street, Minden, LA 71058 in the Pelican Conference Room. The minimum bid has been set at \$733.33. Anyone intending to bid must deliver your intent letter and processing fee to E & P Consulting Services, LLC, at 1030 N 9th Street, Monroe, Louisiana 71201 by July 8, 2025 NO faxed, telephoned, mailed or any kind of electronic submission of intent to bid will be accepted. Any intent to bid letter received by the above deadline will allow 1 party into the bid session. If more than one offer for any particular piece of property is received, all parties who have submitted a written offer will be allowed to bid on the property.
For additional information, please contact Parish Adjudicated Property Program at E&P Consulting Services, LLC at 318-807-0924 or ParishPropertyInfo@louisianalandsolutions.com.com
RE: Parcel# 109779 / No Municipal Address
Brief Legal: SOUTH 50 FT. OF LOT #11, BLK. "C", CRICHTON SUBDIV. (50 X 176 FT.)
Legal Description: A certain lot or plot of land situated in the City of Minden, Webster Parish, Louisiana, more particularly described as follows,
to-wit:

The South fifty feet of Lott 11, Block "C", situated in Crichton Subdivision
to the City of Minden, being a lot fifty by one hundred seventy-six feet.

Being a part of the same property purchased herein by vendor from B. G.
Gantt on September 23, 1937, and which deed is recorded in Vol. 121,
page 604 of the Conveyance records of Webster Parish, Louisiana.

June 11, 2025
July 9, 2025
Minden Press Herald

Public Notice

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Article IV, Section 21(D)(1) of the Louisiana Constitution and Louisiana Public Service Commission **General Order 7/12019** (Docket R-34738), that on May 30, 2025, Entergy Louisiana, LLC ("ELL"), a public utility providing retail electric and gas service in various parishes throughout the State of Louisiana, filed with the Louisiana Public Service Commission ("LPSC" or the "Commission") an Application ("Application") seeking, among other things, authorization to implement, over a five-year period, a suite of proposed demand response ("DR") offerings (the "Proposed DR Programs"), a new tariff ("Schedule DRP") providing customer incentive levels to participate in such programs, and associated cost recovery.

The Proposed DR Programs consist of (1) for residential customers: smart thermostat demand response, battery energy storage demand response, and an electric vehicle ("EV") behavioral charging offering; (2) for agricultural customers: an agricultural irrigation load control offering; and (3) for commercial and industrial customers: an aggregated capacity demand response offering. The proposed incentives for each of the programs, which are set forth in Schedule DRP and which include certain upfront and recurring incentives, are as follows:

Customer Class Offerings
Upfront Incentive
Residential

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Thermostat Program
\$50 per device (limit of 2 devices/customer)
Residential
Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Battery
\$75 per kWh of installed system capacity for the purchase of a new battery (capped at \$1,000 per customer)

Customer Class Offerings
Recurring Incentive
Residential

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Thermostat Program
\$25 per device per calendar year (limit of 2 devices/customer)

Residential
Passive Managed Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging

\$7 per month

Residential

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Battery
\$125 per year for each average kW delivered across all events (capped at \$600 per customer per calendar year)

Commercial & Industrial
Aggregated Capacity
Seasonal Incentive:

Spring and Summer: \$14.00 per kW of load reduction per season

Fall and Winter: \$7.00 per kW of load reduction per season
Commercial & Industrial
Agricultural Load Control
Horsepower
Monthly Incentive
(June – September)

10-25
\$50
26-50
\$100
51-75
\$200
76-100
\$250
101-125
\$350
126-150
\$450
151-175
\$550
176-200
\$650
Larger HP
Upon Request

The Application requests that the LPSC, among other things (1) find that the Proposed DR Programs, including Schedule DRP, are just and reasonable, consistent with the public interest, and in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Commission's General Order 05-25-2021 (R-35136) dated May 26, 2021, including the provisions of the DR Rule attached to that Order; and (2) approve the total, not-to-exceed amount for the five-year period established for the Proposed DR Programs, as set forth in the Application and its accompanying testimony.

The estimated bill effect of the anticipated costs for the Proposed DR Programs set forth in the Application (which costs include the vendor costs of administering and marketing the Proposed DR programs, customer incentives provided to participants of the Proposed DR Programs, the Evaluation, Measurement, & Verification costs for the Proposed DR Programs, and a proposed utility performance incentive) is, in Year 1 of the term of the Proposed DR Programs, an estimated increase of \$0.19 per month for a residential customer that receives 1,000 kWh of electric service per month, with an annualized typical monthly bill for such a customer increasing from \$143.21 per month to an estimated \$143.40 per month, and increasing annually to, in Year 5 of the Proposed DR Programs, an estimated increase of \$0.67 per month for a residential customer that receives 1,000 kWh of electric service per month, with an annualized typical monthly bill for such a customer in Year 5 increasing from an estimated \$144.88 per month to an estimated \$145.55 per month.

For questions and comments regarding ELL's filing, please call the LPSC toll free at (800) 256-2397. Additionally, the filing, including its attachments, may be viewed in the Records Division of the LPSC at the following address:

Records Division
602 N. 5th Street, 12th Floor
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802
Telephone: (225) 342-3157

ENTERGY LOUISIANA, LLC

June 11, 2025
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Notice

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Article IV, Section 21(D)(1) of the Louisiana Constitution, that on May 30, 2025, Entergy Louisiana, LLC ("ELL"), a public utility providing retail electric and gas service throughout the State of Louisiana, filed with the Louisiana Public Service Commission ("LPSC") its Formula Rate Plan ("FRP") Rider Schedule FRP Evaluation Report and Workpapers for Test Year 2024.

The filing reflects an earned return on common equity ("EROE") for the 2024 Evaluation Period/Test Year of 9.98%, which is within the approved FRP dead band. Other changes in FRP Revenue driven by increases in the amount of MISO and tax-related credits, additions to Transmission and Distribution plant in service reflected through the Transmission Recovery Mechanism ("TRM") and Distribution Recovery Mechanism ("DRM") as well as a one-time credit for Test Year 2024 earnings above the midpoint of the FRP bandwidth result in a decrease to FRP revenues of approximately \$189 million. The resulting FRP factors to be applied to the respective ELL rate classes effective for customer bills rendered on and after the first billing cycle of September 2025, are as follows:

Ln No.
Rate Class (1)
Total ELL FRP Rate Adj. (2)

1
RESIDENTIAL
76.1574%
2
SMALL GENERAL SERVICE
69.7932%
3
GENERAL SERVICE
72.3820%
4
MUNICIPAL PUMPING SERVICE
77.3061%
5
LARGE POWER SERVICE
61.3633%
6
HIGH LOAD FACTOR SERVICE
61.0239%
7
LARGE LOAD HIGH LF POWER SERVICE
59.8266%
8
LARGE INDUSTRIAL SERVICE
64.3864%
9
LIGHTING SERVICE
71.0035%

It is estimated that the proposed adjustment in rates will have the following effects upon applicable ELL customers' typical monthly bills: for a Residential customer using 1,000 kWh the bill would decrease by approximately \$4.40; for a Small General Service customer using 50 kW and 12,500 kWh the bill would decrease by approximately \$71.78; for a Large General Service customer using 1,000 kW and 500,000 kWh the bill would decrease by approximately \$1,517.62.

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ENTERGY LOUISIANA, LLC

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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.

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 follows:
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, contain-

ing 11- 3/7ths acres, more or less.
A tract of land (Parcel #1120277) 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

Advertisement for Bid

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

May 8, 2025

INVITATION FOR BID

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

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

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

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

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The Webster Parish Police Jury is a tax-exempt governmental agency. The Webster Parish Police Jury complies with the State of Louisiana Public Bid Law as stated in LA R.S. 38:2211. The Webster Parish Police Jury reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive informalities or to accept the bid, which may best serve its interest.

Lisa Balkom
Secretary- Treasurer

May 21, 28, 2025
June 4, 11, 2025
Minden Press Herald

Public Notice

CVS Pharmacy-Minden hereby notifies the public that it has submitted to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (“LDEQ”) a Voluntary Remedial Action Plan (VRAP) with respect to the property located at 606 Homer Road in Minden, Louisiana. Pursuant to La. R. S. 30:2285 et seq., within the next thirty (30) days, any interested party may submit written comments regarding the VRAP or associated documents to the LDEQ, Office of Environmental Assessment, Remediation Division, c/o Mr. Estuardo Silva, P.G., Administrator, Post Office Box 4314, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4314. Please use Agency Interest number 73774 for any comments. Copies of the VRAP can be viewed at the Webster Parish Library at 521 E and W Street, Minden, LA, the LDEQ Northwest Regional Office at 1525 Fairfield Rd., Room 520, Shreveport, LA, and the LDEQ’s Headquarters Office at 602 North Fifth Street, Baton Rouge. Interested parties may also request, in writing, at the post office box address listed above, a public hearing regarding the VRAP.

June 11, 2025
Minden Press Herald

ORDINANCE NO. 1158

AN ORDINANCE TO DONATE PROPERTY
TO THE WEBSTER PARISH POLICE JURY

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Minden, State of Louisiana (the “Governing Authority”), acting as the governing authority of the City of Minden, State of Louisiana (the “City”), in public meeting duly convened, that this Ordinance is hereby enacted, as follows:

The Governing Authority authorizes the Mayor to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Webster Parish Police Jury (“WPPJ”) wherein the City shall donate that certain piece of immovable property encompassed within that certain piece of property purportedly bearing parcel number 128751 unto the WPPJ pursuant to the following acknowledgments, terms, and agreements:

The City hereby designates that specific portion of immovable property located within parcel number 128751 as “surplus property” and acknowledges that the property would best serve the residents of the City of Minden by being utilized by the WPPJ to provide services for the aid and support of Homeland Security disaster preparation, including but not limited to, storing disaster relief supplies, FEMA materials and any other needs necessary to aid in providing assistance for disaster relief, for the benefit of its residents. Moreover, it will alleviate unnecessary financial strain on the part of the City by relieving the City of any obligation to maintain or insure the subject property. The Governing Authority acknowledges that the respective contribution of each party is approximately equal to that of each other.

The Governing Authority authorizes the Mayor to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement and to transfer the subject immovable property unto the WPPJ in accordance with said Agreement.

It is understood by the Governing Authority that the WPPJ shall bear all expenses associated with the effectuation of the respective Cooperative Endeavor Agreement and subsequent donation including but not limited to title preparation, surveys of subject property should the same be required, recordation fees, title examinations, and any other costs or expense which may be necessary to accomplish the intended goal stated herein.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall be binding and shall become effective thirty (30) days after the first publication in the official journal of the City of Minden.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Minden on this 2nd day of June, 2025, by the following vote and upon motion and second of Carlton Myles and Michael Roy, respectively:

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

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Ordinance was passed and thereafter presented to the Mayor on the 2nd day of June, 2025, and approved by him and filed on the date above written.

Melaney Langford, City Clerk

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Ordinance was approved by me, signed, and enacted on this 2nd day of June, 2025.

Nicholas A. Cox
Mayor for City of Minden

June 11, 2025
Minden Press Herald

ORDINANCE NO. 1157

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REENACT THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF MINDEN, STATE OF LOUISIANA, CHAPTER 22 – BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS: ARTICLE III, BUILDING CODE: SECTION 22-52. – MOBILE AND MANUFACTURED BUILDINGS AND HOMES

AN ORDINANCE amending and reenacting Chapter 22 of the Minden Code of Ordinances, Buildings and Building Regulations: Article III, Section 22-52. for clarification as provided herein.

WHEREAS, Article III, Building Code: Section 22-52. – Mobile and Manufactured Buildings and Homes, is to be revised to allow exceptions for the placement or relocation of mobile and manufactured homes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Minden, in legal session convened, that Chapter 22 of the Minden Code of Ordinances, Buildings and Building Regulations: Article III, Building Code: Section 22-52. – Mobile and Manufactured Buildings and Homes, be amended and reenacted as provided herein to read as follows, to-wit:

ARTICLE III.

BUILDING CODE

Section 22-52 – Mobile and Manufactured Buildings and Homes.

Any Mobile or Manufactured Home placed or relocated within the city limits shall be no more than ten years of age at the time of placement or relocation.

Exception – In Mobile Home parks, which are zoned R-6 TRAILER PARK – MOBILE HOME, enforcement of this age requirement may be at the discretion of the park owner/management.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid, illegal, or unconstitutional, the remainder of this Ordinance and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall be binding and shall become effective thirty (30) days after the first publication in the official journal of the City of Minden.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that it is the intention of the City Council and it is hereby ordained that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Code of Ordinances, City of Minden, Louisiana, and the sections of this ordinance may be numbered to accomplish such intention.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Minden on this 2nd day of June, 2025, by the following vote and upon motion and second of Andy Pendergrass and Michael Roy, respectively:

AYE(S): Carlton Myles, Levon Thomas, Michael Roy, and Andy Pendergrass
NAY(S): None
ABSENCE(S): None
ABSTENTION(S): Latasha Mitchell

Nicholas A. Cox, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melaney Langford, City Clerk

June 11, 2025
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ORDINANCE NO. 1156

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REENACT THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF MINDEN, STATE OF LOUISIANA, APPENDIX A – ZONING: ARTICLE 2, GENERAL PROVISIONS: SECTION 2.12 – HOME OCCUPATIONS PERMITTED AND ARTICLE 25, DEFINITIONS

AN ORDINANCE amending and reenacting Appendix A of the Minden Code of Ordinances, Zoning: Article 2, Section 2.12, and Article 25 for clarification as provided herein.

WHEREAS, Article 2, General Provisions: Section 2.12. – Home Occupations Permitted, is to be revised to remove outdated titles and add lodging houses to the list of home occupations.

WHEREAS, Article 25, Definitions, is to be revised to define Bed & Breakfast; redefine Boarding House; redefine Dwelling, Duplex; redefine Dwelling, Multiple-Family; define Lodging House; redefine and rename Mobile Home Trailer; and redefine Parking Space.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Minden, in legal session convened, that Appendix A of the Minden Code of Ordinances, Zoning, Article 2, General Provisions: Section 2.12 – Home Occupations Permitted, and Article 26, Definitions, be amended and reenacted as provided herein to read as follows, to-wit:

ARTICLE 2.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 2.12 – Home Occupations Permitted.

Home occupation(s) [is] defined as an accessory use of a one-family dwelling, or its customary accessory buildings, for gainful employment or otherwise involving the making or sale of goods and/or services and is permitted upon compliance with the following conditions:

The home occupation shall be incidental and subordinate to the residential use of the one-family dwelling and not more than 20 percent of the gross floor area of the dwelling.

The home occupation shall be conducted entirely within the dwelling and carried on by one or more persons, all family members and all of whom reside within the dwelling and provided that one person may be employed as an assistant, even though that assistant does not reside in the dwelling unit.

In no way shall the appearance of the dwelling or the lot on which it is located be altered or the occupation within the residence be conducted in a manner which would cause the premises to differ from its residential character either by the use of colors, materials, construction, lighting, and signs. There shall be no emission of vibrations, noises, odors, dust, smoke, or other pollution detectable outside the dwelling by the sense of normal human beings.

The home occupation shall not involve the use of advertising signs on the premises, or any other local advertising media which calls attention to the fact that the dwelling is being used for home occupation purposes, except for contact information on telephone and internet listings, provided, however, that an unilluminated sign, no larger than four inches wide and 18 inches long, listing the practitioner and the type of home occupation may be provided.

No traffic shall be generated by such home occupation in greater volumes than would normally be expected in residential neighborhoods and any need for parking generated by the home occupation shall be provided on the lot. Said off-street parking including resident parking shall utilize no more than 600 square feet of driveway. The home occupation shall not involve the use of commercial vehicles for delivery of materials, supplies and/or equipment to or from the premises, nor shall the parking of equipment, not normally domiciled within a residential area, be allowed either on the lot or adjoining public streets.

There shall be no outside storage of any kind related to the home occupation.

Exterior display of products is not permitted.

(aa) Following are examples of uses that may qualify under the above conditions as home occupations; provided, however, that home occupations are not limited to those listed below:

Professionals such as architects, engineers, draftsmen, and other similar professionals;

Office for salesman, real estate agent, sales representative, manufacture’s representative, insurance agent, contractor;

Dressmaker, seamstress, tailor;

Music or dancing teachers, provided that the instruction shall be limited to no more than four students at a time. There shall be no electronic amplifications of sound;

Jewelry making;

Artists and sculptors;

Authors and composers;

Home crafts, such as model making, rug weaving and lapidary work;

Lodging House, commonly known as a Bed & Breakfast, limited to two bedrooms made available for individual short-term rentals. A sign no more than two feet tall and three feet wide bearing the house name and address may be placed on the property.

Other similar uses as approved by the Building Official in accordance with standards provided herein.

(bb) The following uses and/or occupations, by the nature of the use and/or a pronounced tendency towards rapid growth of the use, could impair the character of the residential neighborhood. The following are examples of uses which shall not be permitted regardless of meeting the standards of section 2.12(a) through (g).

Animal hospitals or the care (boarding) of animals not owned by the resident(s);

Appliance repair;

Barber shops and beauty parlors;

Clinics;

Schools of any type or day care centers except day care centers/home nurseries providing care for fewer than five children;

Private clubs;

Renting of equipment such as tools, trailers and vehicles;

Antique shop;

Gift shop;

Auto or motorcycle, boat or trailer and similar repair and/or paint shops;

Radio and television repair;

Upholstery and furniture repair;

Cabinet making;

Other similar uses which may, in the opinion of the Minden Planning Commission, cause an impact on the residential neighborhood as determined by standards provided herein.

To obtain a certificate of use and occupancy, the applicant shall obtain, from the City Occupational Licensing office, a home occupation questionnaire form. The completed form shall be returned to the City license office for processing and approval/disapproval. Whereas a certificate of use and occupancy and the appropriate occupational license will be issued within seven working days from the date of submission. Said certificate and license shall be renewed annually upon compliance with conditions and be subject to revocation for failure to comply with applicable conditions. Lack of compliance with annual renewal of the certificate of use and occupancy and license and/or lack of compliance with enumerated conditions of this ordinance or statements proffered in the home occupation questionnaire shall make said certificate and license subject to cancellation. Applicants whose applications are denied by the City Clerk’s office and/or Building Official may appeal to the Minden Planning Commission. Appeals must be made in writing within ten days of the denial. The appeal shall be heard at the next available planning commission meeting.

ARTICLE 26.

DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this ordinance, certain terms and words are hereby defined. Words in the present tense shall include the future, the singular number shall include the plural and the plural the singular, the word “structure” shall include the word “building,” and the word “shall” is mandatory and not directory.

Accessory Building. A subordinate building, attached to or detached from the main building, the use of which is incidental to that of the main building on the same lot.

Alley. Any public way set aside for public travel, which provides a secondary means of access to property abutting thereon.

Bed & Breakfast. See Lodging House or Boarding House.

Boarding House. A building arranged or used for lodging for up to 16 occupants, for compensation, with or without meals, and is not occupied or regulated as a single-family unit. Boarding houses are regulated as commercial property.

Buildable Area. The area of that part of the lot not included within the yards or open spaces herein required.

Building. Any structure designed or built or used for the support, enclosure, shelter, or protection of persons, animals, chattels, or property of any kind.

Building, Height of. The vertical distance from the established average sidewalk grade or street grade, or finished grade at the building line, whichever is the highest, to the highest point of the coping of a flat roof, or to the deck line of the mansard, or to the mean height level between the eaves and ridge for gable, hip, and gambrel roofs.

Dwelling. Any building or portion thereof designed or used exclusively as the residence or sleeping place of one or more persons.

Dwelling, Single-Family. A single building designed for, constructed, or any construction or alterations for, or occupied exclusively by not more than one family; provided, however, that such building is attached permanently to the ground and is not equipped with axles or wheels.

Dwelling, Duplex. A single building designed for, constructed, or any construction or alterations for, or occupied by not more than two families, with separate culinary and bathroom facilities for each family; provided, however, that such a building is attached permanently to the ground and is not equipped with axles or wheels.

Dwelling, Multiple-Family. One or more buildings designed for, constructed, or any construction or alterations for, or occupied by three or more families, with separate culinary and bathroom facilities for each family; provided, however, that such building is attached permanently to the ground and is not equipped with axles or wheels.

Family. One individual or more persons related by blood or marriage occupying a premises and living as a single housekeeping unit, or a group of not more than four persons living together by joint agreement and occupying a single housekeeping unit with a single culinary facility on a nonprofit cost-sharing basis.

Garage, Public. A building or portion thereof other than a private garage, designed or used for equipping, servicing, repairing, hiring, selling, or storing motor-driven vehicles.

Lodging House. A one-family dwelling where one or more occupants are primarily permanent in nature with a limited number of rooms available for rent, individually.

Lot. A parcel of land occupied or to be occupied by one principal building and its accessory buildings, including the open spaces required under this ordinance, and having its principal frontage on an officially approved street or place.

Lot of Record. A lot which is a part of a subdivision, the map of which has been recorded in the office of the clerk and recorder and/or the assessor’s office; or a parcel of land which became legally established and defined by deed or act of sale on or before the date of adoption of this ordinance.

Mobile or Manufactured Home. A vehicle equipped for use as a dwelling and designed to be hauled along a highway. The removal of wheels and placing on a solid foundation does not change the classification of a mobile or manufactured home.

Nonconforming Use. A land lawfully used, and/or structure legally existing and/or used at the time of adoption of this ordinance, or any amendment thereto, which does not conform with the height, lot area, yard requirements, or use regulations of the district in which it is located.

Parking Lot. An open space which is used for temporary parking of automobiles and other vehicles.

Parking Space. An all-weather surfaced area enclosed in the main building or in an accessory building, or unenclosed, having an area of not less than 180 square feet exclusive of driveways, permanently reserved for the temporary storage of one automobile and connected with a street, place, or alley by an all-weather surfaced driveway at least eight feet in width which affords unobstructed ingress and egress for automobiles.

Street. A public way set aside for public travel which affords the principal means of access to abutting property. The word “street” shall include the words avenue, road, highway, and thoroughfares, or any other similar terms.

Structure. A combination of materials forming a construction which requires more or less permanent location on the ground and includes, among other things, buildings, stadiums, platforms, radio towers, sheds, storage bins, fences, and display signs.

Structural Alteration. Any change in the supporting members of a building, such as bearing walls, or partitions, columns, beams, or girders or any substantial change in the roof or in the exterior walls, excepting such repair as may be required for the safety of the building.

Tourist Court. A group of buildings designed for guest rooms or dwelling units intended primarily for automobile transients, each unit having a separate entrance opening out-of-doors or into a foyer, with parking space provided on the lot for use by guests of the court, operation of such courts to be supervised by a person in charge at all hours. Tourist courts include auto courts, motels, motor courts, motor hotels and motor inns.

Trailer Park. Any area where two or more trailer coaches are parked for living and sleeping purposes with flush toilet and bathing facilities provided on the site and which includes any structures, vehicles or enclosures used or intended for use as part of the equipment of such trailer court.

Yard. An open space on the same lot with a principal building, open, unoccupied, and unobstructed by a portion of a structure from the ground upward, except as otherwise provided herein.

Yard, Front. An open space extending across the front of the lot between the side lot lines, and being the required minimum horizontal distance between the street and the nearest part of the principal building, including covered porches. On corner lots the front yard shall be provided facing the street upon which the lot has its lesser dimension.

Yard, Rear. An open space extending across the rear of a lot between the side lot lines, and being the required minimum horizontal distance between the rear lot line and the nearest part of the principal building, including covered porches. On both corner lots and interior lots, the rear yard shall in all cases be at the opposite end of the lot from the front yard.

Yard, Side. An open space between the building and the side lot lines and being the required minimum horizontal distance between a side lot line and the nearest part of the principal building including covered porches.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid, illegal, or unconstitutional, the remainder of this Ordinance and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall be binding and shall become effective thirty (30) days after the first publication in the official journal of the City of Minden.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that it is the intention of the City Council and it is hereby ordained that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Code of Ordinances, City of Minden, Louisiana, and the sections of this ordinance may be numbered to accomplish such intention

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Minden on this 2nd day of June, 2025, by the following vote and upon motion and second of Andy Pendergrass and Levon Thomas, respectively:

AYE(S): Carlton Myles, Levon Thomas, Michael Roy, and Andy Pendergrass
NAY(S): None
ABSENCE(S): None
ABSTENTION(S): Latasha Mitchell

Nicholas A. Cox, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melaney Langford, City Clerk

June 11, 2025
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ORDINANCE NO. 1155

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REENACT THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF MINDEN, STATE OF LOUISIANA, CHAPTER 6 – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

AN ORDINANCE amending and reenacting Chapter 6 of the Minden Code of Ordinances, Alcoholic Beverages: Article I, Sections 6-1., 6-4., 6-5., 6-5.1., 6-7.1., and 6-8.; Article II, Sections 6-16, through 6-19., 6-21, through 6-23.1., 6-25, through 6-26., 6-28., and 6-30.; Article III, Sections 6-51, through 6-56.; Article IV, Sections 6-71, through 6-90.; Article V, Sections 6-91, through 6-93, and 6-95, through 6-98.; Article VI, Section 6-107.; and Article VII for clarification as provided herein.

WHEREAS, Article I, In General: Section 6-1. – Definitions is to be revised to define, redefine, and remove certain terms; Section 6-4. – Penalty for False Statement is to be removed; Section 6-5. – Closing Hours is to be renumbered Section 6-4., renamed Hours of Operation, and redefined for different classes of retail dealers and restaurants; Section 6-5.1. – Hours of Operation of Special Events Temporary Alcohol Permits is to be renumbered Section 6-5.; Section 6-7.1. – Drinking in Public Places is to be renumbered Section 6-8.; and Section 6-8. – Bottle Club, Private Club, Definitions; Hours; Prohibited Acts is to be renumbered Section 6-9. and revised to redefine Bottle Club. All sections are to be renumbered as necessary.

WHEREAS, Article II, Dealer’s Permit: Section 6-16. – Required

is to be renumbered Section 6-20, and revised to outline the requirements for obtaining a permit from the City of Minden; Section 6-17. – Separate Permit Required for Each Business Location and Section 6-18. Notice of Application are to be removed; Section 6-19. – Application is to be renumbered Section 6-21, and revised to remove subsections (b), (c), and (d); Section 6-21. – Certification of the Police Department, Section 6-22. – Qualifications of Applicant, and Section 6-23. – Interposed Persons are to be removed; Section 6-23.1. – Misstatement or Suppression of Fact in Application is to be renumbered Section 6-23, and revised to elaborate on false statements and set a fine for violation of this section; Section 6-25. – Proximity to Churches, Schools, etc. is to be revised to remove subsections (b), (c)(2), (d), (g), and (h); Section 6-26. – Retail Alcohol Permit Classifications; Permit Fees is to be renamed Alcohol Permit Classifications and Permit Fees and revised to outline classifications; and Section 6-28. – Personal Nature of Permits, Necessity of Display Penalties; Transferability and Inheritability and Section 6-30. – Renewal are to be revised to replace outdated terms. All sections are to be renumbered as necessary.

WHEREAS, Article III, Prohibited Acts on the Permitted Premises; Grounds for Suspension or Revocation; Section 6-51. – Acts Prohibited on Premises; Suspension or Revocation of Permits is to be renamed Acts Prohibited on Premises and revised to state that prohibited acts are set forth in Louisiana State Law; Section 6-52. – Additional Cause for Suspension or Revocation of Permits and Section 6-56. – Revocation or Suspension Hearings; Dispositions are to be removed; Section 6-53. – Authority to Grant, Refuse, Suspend, or Revoke Alcohol Beverage Permits is to be renumbered Section 6-52.; Section 6-54. – Penalties, Fines, and Terms of Imprisonment is to be renumbered Section 6-53.; Section 6-55. – Administration of Alcohol Beverage Laws is to be renumbered Section 6-54. All sections are to be renumbered as necessary.

WHEREAS, Article IV, Alcohol Beverage Operator (ABO) Card is to be removed.

WHEREAS, Article V, Hearings; Suspensions, Revocations, and Denials; Section 6-91. – Authority to Suspend or Revoke Alcohol Beverage Permits and Cards, Section 6-92. – Hearing and Notice; Appeals Process for All Permits Suspended, Revoked, or Denied, Section 6-93. – Procedure at Hearing; Contempt, Section 6-95. – Basis for Determination by City Council to Suspend, Revoke, or to Deny Permit Card, Section 6-96. – Recovery of Cost Hearing, Section 6-97. – Decisions to Deny, Suspend, or Revoke Permits or Cards Final Unless Appealed and Reversed, and Section 6-98. – Appeal of Decision to Deny, Suspend, or Revoke Permits or Cards are to be revised to remove language about Alcohol Beverage Operator (ABO) cards. Article V is to be renumbered Article IV.

WHEREAS, Article VI, Alcohol Beverage Control Board (ABCB): Section 6-107. – ABCB Hearings, Dispositions is to be revised to remove language about Alcohol Beverage Operator (ABO) cards. Article VI is to be renumbered Article V.

WHEREAS, Article VII, Minimum Age is to be renumbered Article VI.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Minden, in legal session convened, that Chapter 6-2 of the Minden Code of Ordinances, Alcohol Beverage, be amended and reenacted as provided herein to read as follows, to-wit:

ARTICLE I.

IN GENERAL

Section 6-1. – Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Alcoholic Beverage Permit means a permit require by and issued pursuant to the provisions of this chapter.

Bar or Cocktail Lounge means an establishment for the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on or off the premises. Snack foods or other prepared food may be available for consumption on the premises as an ancillary use. Generally, in accordance with this chapter, any restaurant where sales of food items make up less than fifty percent (50%) of all gross sales is considered a bar.

Beverage of High Alcoholic Content means alcoholic beverages containing more than six percent alcohol by volume.

Beverage of Low Alcoholic Content means alcoholic beverages containing not more than six percent alcohol by volume.

Bona Fide Private Club is defined as a voluntary, incorporated or unincorporated association of persons for purposes of a social, literary, political, or other noncommercial nature which is patronized only by its members and any guests of whom have been specifically invited by and accompany such members. No fee or donation shall be required for admittance to the club. This would not preclude the assessing of annual or monthly membership dues for its members. Equitable ownership of such club must be held exclusively by its members. It must be nonprofit in nature, in that it must not be designed primarily to pay dividends on invested capital nor incomes to its members. After the issuance of the permit, the holder thereof must at all times meet the requirements of this section in order to be considered a bona fide private club.

Food Service Establishment shall mean an establishment which meets the following criteria:

The establishment prepares food for human consumption, either for individual service or for a group of people, whether consumption is on or off the premises and regardless if there is a charge for the food.

The term 'food service establishment' does not include:

Private homes where food is prepared or served for individual family consumption;

Private clubs where food is prepared and served exclusively for member consumption;

Religious or charitable food sales;

A bar or lounge that serves beverages only;

Temporary establishments such as a venue that is rented on a temporary basis for events; Seasonal establishments such as farmer's markets;

Nursing facilities;

Public, private, or parochial schools; and

Bed and Breakfast operations.

Handle means sell, use, distribute, store, consume, or otherwise handle.

Premises or Premises to Be Licensed means the building or that part of the building as defined in the application for the permit in which beverages of alcoholic content are sold, except in cases where such beverages are regularly sold or served outside the building, the terms shall also include such outside area.

Public Possession means the possession of any alcoholic beverage for any reason, including consumption, on any street or highway or in any public place or any place open to the public, including any wholesale or commercial business, lounge, club, or night club which is de factor open to the public. "Public possession" does not include the following:

The possession or consumption of any alcoholic beverage:

For an established religious purpose.

For medical purposes when prescribed or administered by a licensed physician, pharmacist, dentist, nurse, hospital, or medical institution.

In private residences.

The sale, handling, transport, or service in dispensing of any alcoholic beverage pursuant to lawful employment of a person at least 18 years of age by a duly licensed manufacturer, wholesaler, or retailer of beverage alcohol.

Public Streets, Parks, and Highways means any public street, highway, alley or other public right-of-way or publicly owned park, playground, or parking lot, including any parking lots owned, leased, or controlled by any federal, state, parish, or municipal government.

Restaurant means an establishment:

Which operates a place of business whose purpose and primary function is to take orders for and serve food and food items; and

Which may serve alcoholic beverages in conjunction with meals; and

Which is capable of serving food through the taking of orders, preparing and serving any and all menu items during all hours of operation, except that after 10:00 p.m. must be capable of serving all items from the menu or only items from the appetizer or starter section of the menu; and

Which has a minimum seating capacity for 32 patrons to be served at tables; and

Which maintains separate sales figures on alcoholic beverages and upon review of a monthly compilation of said sales figures, more than half of all gross sales must be generated by food items; and

Which operates a fully equipped kitchen used for the preparation of uncooked foods for service and consumption of such foods on the premises; and

(7) The establishment has been certified by the local health department showing compliance with all health and sanitary requirements.

Retail Dealer means every person who offers for sale, exposes for sale, has in his possession for sale or distribution, or sells alcoholic beverages in any quantity to persons other than licensed wholesale or retail dealers.

Section 6-4. – Hours of Operation.

Permissible hours to sell, serve, handle or dispense beverages of low, or high alcohol content within the city. Determined by retail alcohol permit classification.

Class A Retail Dealer:
Monday thru Sunday – 11:00 am until 2:00 am the following day.

Class A-R Restaurant:
Monday thru Sunday – 10:00 am until 2:00 am the following day.

Class B Retail Dealer:
Monday thru Saturday – 7:00 am until 11:00 pm
Sunday – 12:00 pm (noon) until 10:00 pm

Class C Retail Dealer:
Monday thru Saturday – 7:00 am until 12:00 am (midnight)
Sunday – 12:00 pm (noon) until 10:00 pm

Section 6-5. – Hours of Operation of Special Events Temporary Alcohol Permits.

(a) Special event temporary alcohol permits issued may be for three consecutive days only.

(b) Permissible hours to sell, serve, handle or dispense alcohol for special event temporary alcohol permits. The permit holder is hereby permitted to sell, serve, handle or dispense alcohol beverages with high and/or low content for on-premises consumption within the city between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 midnight on any day of the week.

(c) The special event temporary alcohol permit is not for the purpose of serving alcohol beyond the hours of operation and closing hours of any establishment as provided under the provisions of the City Code or any applicable special use permit issued in accordance with any other applicable ordinances of the city.

Section 6-8. – Drinking in Public Places

It shall be unlawful for any person to possess any alcoholic beverage in the City in any "open container" on any parking lots, streets, sidewalks, or other public places as defined herein, except (i) during special city approved community events as to which a special event permit has been issued by the City and only within the area specified in the permit, or (ii) on the portions of a sidewalk adjacent to a restaurant establishment which beverage has been served to a patron of the restaurant establishment seated at a table of the restaurant establishment who has ordered a food item from the menu of the restaurant establishment.

Section 6-9. – Bottle Club, Private Club; Definitions; Hours; Prohibited Acts.

Definitions. The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this section, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this subsection, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Bottle Club means any establishment in which the owner/operator or his employee does not sell, serve, handle, dispense or store alcoholic beverages, but patrons are allowed to consume alcoholic beverages on the premises either from the patron's own store, stock or supplies of alcoholic beverages or from any other source, and the establishment's main business transactions (admission fees) are not related to alcoholic beverages.

(a) Private Club means an organization with limited and restricted membership which either:

Is nonprofit in nature and classified as exempt from the payment of state and federal income tax; or

(2) Charges members dues or other charges for membership of at least \$50.00 per month; requires that the dues of any member must be fully paid in order to be a member; and exists for a fraternal, educational or social purpose.

(b) Bottle Clubs; Prohibitions.

It shall be unlawful for any bottle club to permit or admit any member of the public to such establishment, or part thereof, between the hours of 12:00 midnight on Sunday until 6:00 a.m. the following Monday.

The owner/operator of any bottle club shall remove all patrons and members of the public from the premises by 12:01 a.m., and all doors to such premises shall be locked and closed and the establishment shall not be reopened until after 6:00 a.m. the following morning. The owner/operator and his employees or agents may enter the closed premises for the purpose of cleaning, taking stock or other work within the establishment.

(3) It shall be unlawful for any bottle club to permit members of the public to remain in the parking lot of such establishment for more than 30 minutes after the closing of such establishment.

(c) Private clubs. Private clubs and/or individuals who allow nonmember, general public entry; alcoholic consumption on the premises; and charge a fee or something of value for entry to such establishment shall be subject to the same operating guidelines for bottle clubs as specified in subsection (b) of this section.

Section 6-10. – Section 6-19. – Reserved.

ARTICLE II.

DEALER'S PERMIT

Section 6-20. – Required.

All persons shall annually obtain from the city a permit as provided in this article before engaging in the business of dealing in beverages of high or low alcoholic content.

All persons applying for or holding a city permit shall poses a current Louisiana Alcohol and Tobacco Control Permit of comparable classification.

No person shall do any act for which a permit is required by this article unless such person holds the proper city permits.

Whoever violates this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500.00 or imprisonment of not more than 60 days, or both.

Section 6-21. – Application.

Applications for Retail Alcohol permits or renewals shall be on the form prescribed by the city and shall contain the full name of the applicant, his social security number, his federal employer identification number, if applicable, his Louisiana Department of Revenue business account number, if applicable, his correct home address, and an accurate description and correct address of the premises wherein the business or operation is to be conducted, which address shall be considered the proper address for all notices to the applicant or permittee required by this Chapter.

Section 6-22. – Administrative Issuance.

Upon the application for a permit as provided in this article, the city clerk, after a proper investigation, including consultation with the chief of police or his designees, may issue the permit when it meets all of the requirements of this article and other applicable laws. However, if the city clerk, or his designee, denies the application or refuses to take action on such application within 30 days of receipt of the application, such action or inaction shall be final, subject only to review by the court as provided in the Louisiana Alcohol and Tobacco Control Law.

Section 6-23 – Misstatement or Suppression of Fact in Application.

Any misstatement or suppression of fact in an application or accompanying affidavit is a ground for the denial, withholding or suspension of a permit in the manner provided in this Chapter.

No person shall knowingly make any false statement or provide any false information in their application for an alcoholic beverage holder's permit.

Whoever violates this section shall be punishable by a fine of not more than \$500.00 or imprisonment of not more than 60 days or both.

Section 6-25. – Proximity to Churches, Schools, etc.

No permit shall be granted under this Chapter in contravention of any municipal ordinance adopted pursuant to the zoning laws of the state or the City of Minden.

No permit shall be granted for any premises situated within three hundred feet or less, as fixed by the ordinance, of a public playground, of a building used exclusively as a church or synagogue, public library, school, or full-time day care center as defined in R.S. 17:405(A)(4), or correctional facility housing inmates, including but not limited to a halfway house. This distance shall be measured in a straight line from the nearest point of the property line of the church or synagogue, public library, school, or full-time day care center or correctional facility housing inmates, including but not limited to a halfway house to the nearest point of the premises to be licensed.

The provisions of this Section shall not apply to registered pharmacists or licensed drug stores, licensed under the laws of the state of Louisiana who are permitted to sell alcoholic beverages by prescription only, either of high or low alcoholic content under Chapter 1 or Chapter 2 of Title 26 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.

Should any premises licensed to deal in beverages of low alcoholic content be located within a distance less than that provided by a municipal or parish ordinance pursuant to this Section from property which is purchased or acquired after the license was obtained for the construction, erection, movement, or development of a public playground or a building used exclusively as a church or synagogue, public library, school, full-time day care center, or correctional facility housing inmates, including but not limited to a halfway house, such subsequent purchase or acquisition shall not be grounds for the revocation, withholding, denial, or refusal to renew the permit on said premises either by state or local authorities.

For the purposes of this Section, "public library" shall mean a public library which is located in a permanent structure and is open to the public for three or more days per week.

Section 6-26. – Alcohol Permit Classificcate sale.....\$100.00

Class A Retail Dealer:

Alcohol is sold on premises for consumption on premises. Shall be staffed by a bartender whose primary duty is to open and/or prepare beverage alcohol for consumption on premises. NO person under the age of eighteen is allowed on premises.

Low Alcohol Content Only.....\$75.00
Low & High Alcohol Content.....\$500.00

Class A-R Restaurant:

Must meet "Restaurant" requirements as defined in this chapter Section6-1.

Low Alcohol Content Only.....\$75.00
Low & High Alcohol Content.....\$500.00
Class B Retail Dealer:

Alcohol is sold in factory sealed containers for transportation and consumption off premises only. Primary business may be other than the sale of alcoholic beverages. High alcohol content sales are not allowed at locations which sell motor fuel.

Low Alcohol Content Only.....\$60.00
Low & High Alcohol Content.....\$500.00

Class C Retail Dealer:

Alcoholic beverages are the principal commodity sold for off-premise consumption only. Does not sell motor fuel. Does not employ or allow persons under the age of eighteen on the premises. May sell frozen specialty beverages in closed containers prepared for transportation and consumption off-premises only.

Low & High Alcohol Content.....\$500.00

Fees will be prorated as follows: If the license will be valid for six months or less, the permit fee will be reduced by fifty percent.

Section 6-28. – Personal Nature of Permits; Necessity of Display Penalties; Transferability and Inheritability.

The following shall apply to permits issued under this Chapter:

Permits are valid for only one year unless revoked or suspended.

(2) The permit is not transferrable, assignable, or heritable. The permit must be returned to the office of the city clerk or surrendered to an agent of the city clerk within five days of closure, when the ownership of the business is transferred or the business is terminated. When the ownership of the business is transferred, the new owner shall be allowed to continue to operate using the transferor's permit until a new permit is issued or denied, if the new owner notifies the office of the city clerk of the transfer within five days of the transfer and applies for a new alcoholic beverage permit within fifteen days of the transfer of ownership. If the permit holder is a corporation or limited liability company, the permit holder shall notify the office of the city clerk of any changes in the officers, directors, managers, shareholders, members, or persons previously qualified to conduct or manage the business within fifteen days of the date of such changes. The notification shall include the suitability documents and information for each new individual required to possess the qualifications of the applicants. However, in the event of the dissolution of a partnership by death, the surviving partner or partners may operate under the partnership permit. The office of the city clerk shall be notified of any changes to the licensed business premises which increase or decrease the previously approved licensed business premises prior to any such changes.

(3) Receivers and trustees in bankruptcy may operate under the permit of the person succeeded.

(4) When the location of a place of business is proposed to be changed, the proposal shall be received and must be approved by the issuing authority before such action is taken. The change of location shall be noted on the permit by the issuing authority and the permit shall be invalid unless the notation is made.

(5) The permit, in addition to any other permit required to be displayed, shall be posted in a conspicuous place on the licensed premises so as to be easily seen and read by the public. No other signs or notices, except those required by state or federal law, shall be required to be displayed by the retail dealer.

(6) A partnership may include a surviving spouse not separate in community and that spouse may operate under the partnership permit for the remainder of the term.

(7) A partnership, corporation, or any other authorized legal entity recognized under the laws of the state of Louisiana may include a spouse who has a regime of separation of property, pursuant to Civil Code Article 2370, and may include a spouse who owns the interest in the partnership, corporation, or legal entity as that spouse's separate property, pursuant to Civil Code Article 2341 and that spouse may operate under the permit of the partnership, corporation, or other legal entity for the remainder of the term after final conviction of the other spouse for any felony not directly related to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law permit.

The failure of a retail dealer to publicly display his permits, as required by Paragraph (a)(5) of this Section, shall be grounds for the withholding, suspension, or revocation of the dealer's retail permit.

Section 6-30. – Renewal.

Persons holding permits under this article shall file an application for renewal of such permits for the ensuing year and pay the permit fees which are due on January 1st of each year. Permit fees will become delinquent on or after March 1st of each year.

Except as otherwise provided by law, persons holding permits under this Chapter, whether state or local, shall file applications for renewal thereof for the ensuing year in the manner provided with the City Clerk. Anyone filing his renewal application after the date set shall be charged a delinquency penalty of twenty-five percent over and above the regular fee. If a permittee fails to make his application for renewal by the end of the term, his application may be denied and the City Clerk may, without notice or hearing, suspend his right to do business.

Any applicant who makes his application for renewal before the end of the permit period shall continue business under his old permit unless it has been suspended or revoked or the new permit withheld or denied.

Renewal permits may be withheld or denied on the same grounds and in the same manner as an original permit.

ARTICLE III.

PROHIBITED ACTS ON THE PERMITTED PREMISES; GROUNDS FOR SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION

Section 6-51. – Acts Prohibited on Premises.

Prohibited acts are as set forth in State Law R.S. 26:286.

Section 6-52. – Authority to Grant, Refuse, Suspend, or Revoke Alcohol Beverage Permits.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter, the city council may in lieu of, or in addition to revocation or suspension of a permit issued under the authority of this chapter, impose the following schedule of fines to be paid into the city treasury for:

The first offense, \$500.00;

The second offense which occurs within three years of the first offense, \$750.00; and

The third offense which occurs within three years of the first offense, \$1,000.00.

The revocation or suspension of a permit is in addition to and not in lieu of, or limitation of any other penalty imposed by law.

For the purposes of this section, the term "offense" shall mean each violation of this chapter which the council finds has occurred. More than one offense may be considered by the council in a single hearing.

Section 6-53. – Penalties, Fines, and Terms of Imprisonment.

In addition to action taken by the city council in suspending, revoking, fining, or denying any license, permit, card, or application covered by this chapter, any person convicted in a competent court of jurisdiction, of violating any provisions of this chapter shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500.00 or imprisonment for not more than six months, or both, and each day's violation shall constitute a separate offense.

Officers and agents held responsible for corporate violations. The officers or agent in charges of any corporation for which license or permit may have been issued hereunder shall be subject to the prosecution for any violation by such corporation, and upon conviction shall be punished as provided above.

License holder, agent, employee or servant, subject to same fine. Any permit holder, agent, employee or servant of same violating any of the provisions of this chapter, upon conviction, shall be punishable as provided above.

Section 6-54. – Administration of Alcoholic Beverage Laws.

(a) The city council, in its discretion, may serve as the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board (ABCB), or may by resolution, establish a separate independent ABCB and shall appoint five members of two year terms. A member whose term has expired shall continue to serve until his or her successor is appointed in the manner as herein provided.

(b) In the event of death or resignation of a board member prior to expiration of his or her term, a successor shall be appointed for the unexpired term in the same manner as the deceased or retiring board member was appointed, and shall take office immediately upon appointment. Such successor board member shall be eligible for reappointment to a full term.

(c) No person shall be appointed to the ABCB unless he or she is a resident of the city.

(d) Members of the ABCB shall administer the laws governing the alcoholic beverages as enacted by the State of Louisiana and the City of Minden. The ABCB shall have no legislative powers.

(e) The city council may terminate the ABCB by resolution.

Section 6-55. – Section 6-90. – Reserved.

ARTICLE IV

HEARINGS; SUSPENSIONS, REVOCATIONS AND DENIALS

Section 6-91. – Authority to Suspend or Revoke Alcohol Beverage Permits.

The city council, or the ABCB appointed and given authority for the purpose of refusing permits, giving suspensions, revoking permits, for the sale and handling of beer or other alcoholic beverages.

Section 6-92. – Hearing and Notice; Appeals Process for All Permits Suspended, Revoked, or Denied.

(a) Before any alcoholic beverage permit holder is suspended, revoked, or when an application for an alcoholic beverage permit has been denied and the applicant has appealed to the city council, the permit holder shall be entitled to a hearing. No such permit or application shall be denied, suspended, revoked unless the aggrieved person has appealed and such a hearing has been held, and a majority of the city council votes for such denial, suspension or revocation. The decision of the city clerk in denying the permit or card shall remain in effect unless and until the city council votes after such hearing to reverse the decision of the city clerk. In cases in which the city council reverses the decision of the city clerk in denying a permit, the city clerk shall issue the permit and note on it the approval by the decision of the city council and the date of such decision.

(b) A notice shall be served upon the applicant or holder of the permit stating the time and place of the hearing to be held by the city council. The hearing shall not be less than ten or more than thirty calendar days from the date such notice is received, except that in the case of the denial of a permit or card, if the applicant request an earlier hearing, the city council may hold the hearing earlier. The notice shall enumerate the causes for withholding, suspending or revoking the permit and shall be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the applicant or holder of the permit at the address of his place of business, as given in his application for the permit, or it may be served on him in person by an officer or employee of the city. In the case of revocation or suspension of a permit, the notice shall subpoena the holder of the permit to appear and show cause why the permit should not be suspended or revoked, or a fine imposed.

Section 6-93. – Procedure at Hearing; Contempt.

(a) The city council may administer oaths, issue subpoenas for the attendance of witnesses and the production of books, papers, accounts and documents, and examine witnesses and receive testimony at the hearing for suspensions, revocation, or denial of permits under this chapter.

(b) If any person fails to comply with a subpoena issued by the city council, or if a witness refused to testify in any matter regarding which

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